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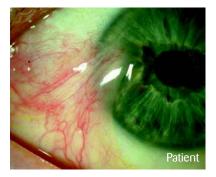
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Musical cash When it came to raising and spending campaign money, it was a busy



first half of 2009 for termedout Democratic assemblywoman **Lori Saldaña**. She spent the \$11,898 remaining in her 2008 reelection kitty on a variety of miscellany, including a \$500 contribution to the 2009 campaign of L.A. city councilman Paul

Lori Saldaña

Koretz; \$273 for a staff lunch at the 4th Street Grille in Sacramento; and \$1004 paid to the Altarum Institute of Ann Arbor, Michigan, for "reimbursement — airfare, women conference forum." (Altarum bills itself as a "nonprofit health systems research and consulting organization serving government and private-sector clients.")

During the same period, over in her "Lori Saldaña for Board of Equalization 2010" committee, the assemblywoman raised \$1600 from the Pechanga Indian tribe. Saldaña spent that money, along with the committee's previous cash balance of \$3482, on more miscellaneous expenses, including \$158 to cover a fund-raising-related bill at La Crema Winery, \$144 for a staff dinner meeting at Pizza Nova, and \$791 for "appetizers only" at Pyramid Brewery in Sacramento.

Meanwhile, through her "Lori Saldaña for Senate 2012" committee, Saldaña raised \$21,775 and spent \$15,169; the funds were contributed by big corporations and other special interests, including AT&T, the California Nurses Association, Consumer Attorneys PAC, and Genentech. She gave \$1000 of the loot to San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council Committee on Political Education and then spent much of the rest on personal items, including a \$2650 "seminar" at the JFK School of Government in Cambridge, Massachusetts; \$453 to Jet-Blue for airfare to Boston for a "women in government" conference in May; and \$1450 at Cambridge's Charles Hotel.

Saldaña tapped yet another of her political committees, her Assembly "office holder" account, for \$3658. Contributors to that committee included the California Tow Truck Association and the California State Council of Laborers PAC. Expenses included \$172 at Spataro restaurant in Sacramento for a "meeting to discuss fundraising" and a \$500 contribution to the ACLU Foundation of San Diego.

As it turns out, Saldaña apparently doesn't intend to run for either the state senate or the Board of Equalization; instead, she announced late last month that she will take on **Ron Roberts** in his presumptive reelection bid for the Fourth District seat on the county board of supervisors next year.

But Saldaña isn't the only one with multi-

ple campaign committees. Notes the state's Fair Political Practices Commission in a recent news release, "Candidates and potential candidates for state offices in elections slated for 2010, 2012 and even 2014 raised more than \$60 million in the first six months of 2009." It adds that "While this practice is legal, it can often be difficult to ascertain the total amount raised or spent by a given candidate because of their ability to maintain multiple committees." Another local with a big campaign balance is former Democratic assemblyman Howard Wayne, who at the end of June reported having \$81,481 in his "Wayne for State Senate 2012" committee, according to the Secretary of State's website. Wayne has declared for next year's race to succeed Donna Frye on the San Diego city council.

Phoning it in Upon his exit from the



Arnold Schwarzenegger, Plescia gets a cool \$128,109 a year

and hear appeals of rulings by the state's 205 unemployment law judges. But earlier this month ---when the board met in Sacramento in response to criticism by the governor that it was moving too slowly to resolve a backlog of 82,500 cases only two members showed up in person. Four others, including Plescia, according to the San Francisco Chronicle, used phone hookups, a practice the governor has criticized in the past. Meanwhile, Plescia has filed papers closing down the campaign committee he set up to run for lieutenant governor next year.

Brown-out Ex–Democratic state senator Steve Peace, now working for ex-Padres owner

> John Moores, gave \$6500 last week to the campaign fund of Attorney General Jerry Brown, expected to run for governor next year. On July 29, Sempra Energy, a longtime Peace ally, also kicked in \$6500.... In April, Kim Craig, Steve Peace deputy chief of staff to Demo-

cratic state senator **Denise** Ducheny, picked up a Padres ticket worth \$96

in admission and drinks from AT&T, according to the company's recent lobbyist filing.

- Matt Potter

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Clearing the Bases

By Don Bauder

Back in 1998, then–Padres majority owner John Moores promised that if taxpayers would pour more than \$300 million

into a ballpark, he would produce teams that were competitive. Maybe he meant that he could produce teams whose juicy profits would be competitive with those of comparable teams rolling in publicly subsidized moola. Now the Padres are slashing payroll and drawing crowds that are smaller than in the 2001–2003 years, when fumbling, stumbling, penny-payroll teams played at Qualcomm Stadium, which, Moores assured gullible San Diegans, was a facility that the team "physically cannot survive" in for economic reasons.

A little context is in order. San Diego County is the 17thlargest market in the United States. After Moores bought

about right for a market this size. But in some years, such

the team in late 1994, the pay-

roll was generally between

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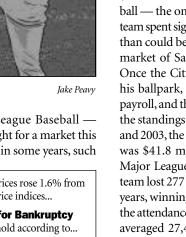
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as this year and several previous ones, the payroll has been among the lowest in baseball. Entering this season, the Padres' payroll at \$43.7 million was the secondlowest, number 29 of 30 teams. Now, with the continued dumping of top talent, it's probably the lowest, and it will probably be the lowest in the next three years because by trading star pitcher Jake Peavy alone, the team should be shedding \$48 million in payroll.

Moores played a clever ---if ethically dubious - game. In 1997, the payroll was \$34.7 million, 18th in the majors. The next year, when the team was enticing voters to give it a fat subsidy, the payroll jumped to \$45.4 million, 14th in baseball — the one time that the team spent significantly more than could be expected for a market of San Diego's size. Once the City anted up for his ballpark, he slashed the payroll, and the team sank in the standings. Between 2001 and 2003, the average payroll was \$41.8 million, 26th in Major League Baseball. The team lost 277 games in those years, winning only 209. But the attendance at Qualcomm averaged 27,400 a game ---about 3000 more than the continued on page 8



of five appointees of Governor George Plescia in taxpayer funds to attend monthly meetings

I Blow Smoke On Your Law

By Dorian Hargrove

Sitting on a park bench at Prescott Promenade on a hot July afternoon, John stares at a brawny tattooed man in his

50s smoking a cigarette under a "No Smoking" sign.

"Who knows what this guy would do if I went up to him and told him to put that cigarette out," says John, as he waves a copy of El Cajon's nosmoking ordinance in the air. "People don't respect the law anymore. They've never respected this one."

For some residents, the law that prohibits smoking in public — in parks, restaurants, bars, places of employment, and common areas of hotels and apartment buildings — is ineffective and unenforceable, and it serves no purpose other than as bragging rights for local politicians.

"I've seen people light up right in front of cops, and the cops don't even ask them to put it out. Look at this guy," says John, a 15-year resident of El Cajon who doesn't want to give his real name. "He doesn't care because no one is going to enforce it."

Since March 2008, when the law's grace period ended, not one citation has been issued for smoking in public.

The reason isn't that the law has stopped everyone from lighting up — far from it but that the law is "self-enforcing," meaning it is up to employers, property owners, and other citizens to ask smokers to extinguish cigarettes if they pose a "positive danger to health and a cause of material annoyance, inconvenience, discomfort, and a health hazard."

If the smoker refuses to put out the cigarette, the complainant can either find a police officer or file a civil action against the smoker.

For John, asking people to

put out their cigarettes is as good as telling them to slow down and drive the speed limit. And filing a civil action is even more outlandish.

"Usually when I approach someone smoking, they tell me that they have a right to smoke where they want and there is nothing I can do about it. Their response is always some type of 'I don't give a damn' attitude. If it's a law, it needs to be enforced by the police and the City, not the people it's supposed to protect."

Second-term councilmember Gary Kendrick, the man behind the ordinance, is sitting in a shaded area outside a sandwich shop at the cor-





El Cajon councilman Gary Kendrick

ner of Main Street and Magair trumps the right to smoke." Kendrick started thinking nolia. He says the law isn't about enforcement or the about a public ban on smoking back in 2003, when his number of citations issued: it's about public health, social council office received comtrends, and turning El Cajon plaints about secondhand into a "family-friendly" city. smoke at car shows and out-"I believe everyone has the side retail centers.

right to bear arms, but I don't

think they have the right to fire

into a crowd," Kendrick says.

Around the same time, Kendrick had an altercation with a smoker at a playground where he took his son to play. "This guy lit up a cigarette, and his smoke was blowing over to my kid. So I asked him to put it out, and he said no. I started thinking more about the dangers of secondhand smoke and the need to protect our citizens, most important, our children."

Within four years, the City had enacted the toughest antismoking regulations in the county. The first, a 2004 law, aims to end underage smoking. Tobacco merchants pay a fee, currently \$675 per year, to fund compliance checks and administrative hearings, held when alleged violators challenge fines. The second law, the smoking ban, went into effect in September 2007.

"Society's norms are changing," says Kendrick. "We're going from a smoking society to a nonsmoking society. So we're just legislating the direction that society is already headed. I think this will be a legacy for this city council for years and years. We're saving *continued on page 10*

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Pedicab Crackdown *Downtown San Diego*—Less than ten days before the August 29 date for the enforcement of new pedicab regulations, some pedicab drivers are already catching the eye of lawenforcement officers.

Late Thursday night, August 20, just after 11 p.m., about six pedicab drivers waiting for passengers on the corner of Sixth Avenue and L Street were approached by a pair of police on bicycles. The police officers stopped to ask for identification and ended up writing citations.

When asked if the drivers were getting ticketed for not having insurance or proper ID, the police officer writing the ticket responded, "No. They're getting a ticket for parking in a red zone."

The pedicab drivers, who all appeared to be foreigners, declined to comment on their citations. One driver countered with his own question and asked, "Do you want a ride?"

By Nathaniel Uy, 8/23 **Comments**

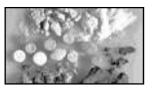
1. I work in downtown. These people are pests! slowing down traffic and charging outrageous prices.

By kwete 12:53 a.m., Aug 24



2. I'd love to see a "high speed" chase between the bike cab and the bike cop, with an officer on a horse catching up and kicking the guy out of his pedicab. On a side note: *Reno* 911 has just been cancelled. Officer Jim Dangle posted something on his site or something that said "I guess I'll have to retire the shorts."

> By JoshBoard 2:36 a.m., Aug 24



Party Time?

Tijuana — On Friday, August 21, possession of small amounts of recreational drugs was decriminalized in Mexico. People found holding under a specified amount of marijuana, cocaine, heroin, crack, methamphetamines, and LSD will not be subject to arrest but will be advised to seek medical treatment.

In Mexico, anybody can be stopped by the police and be obliged to undergo a revisión precautiva (precautionary inspection), during which every pants pocket, bag, wallet, purse, sock, and shoe - indeed, every bodily orifice can be searched for anything that might be illegal to possess. These searches can be done by any lawenforcement official at their whim. This will not change because knives and weapons are still prohibited, as are larger amounts of drugs.

The amount of drugs that may be possessed is limited to five grams of pot, half a gram of coke, 50 milligrams of heroin, 40 milligrams of methamphetamines, and 0.015 milligrams of LSD. The law goes into effect

By T.B. Beaudeau, 8/22

Interest in the Sky Julian — On Saturday, University August 22, almost 400 curious stargazers descended on Menghini Wincontinued on page 112



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continued from page 6 Padres are attracting now, even though the team slashed average ticket prices 27% before this season began.

Once the Padres occupied Petco Park in 2004, Moores stepped up spending. Between 2004 and last year, the payroll averaged \$64.1 million a year, around 18th highest of the 30 teams. The team's performance improved greatly. Then Moores slashed the payroll by \$30 million this year. The team is back in the cellar. There is not a symmetri-

cal relationship between a team's payroll and its on-field performance, but there is a definite correlation. With a payroll of \$40 million or under, the Padres are last in their division. The first-place team, the Los Angeles Dodgers, have a payroll of \$100.4 million. The two teams battling for second place in the standings, the San Francisco Giants and CITY LIGHTS

Colorado Rockies, have payrolls of \$82.6 million and \$75.2 million, respectively. The fourth-place Arizona Diamondbacks have one of \$73.5 million.

Moores bought control of the Padres in late 1994. Since then, according to data from Forbes, USA Today, and the former Financial World magazine, the team has done very well financially. Between 1994 and this year, the value of the team shot up 372% to \$401 million. That percentage jump compares favorably with other teams in the National League West division: Colorado, 239% to \$373 million; San Francisco, 406% to \$471 million; and Los Angeles, 423% to \$722 million. Arizona joined the league later, and its figures aren't comparable.

Look at the 1994–2009 percentage increase in the Padres' value compared with those of teams in similar cities: Atlanta, 365% to \$446 million; Minnesota, 329% to \$356 million; Oakland, 180% to \$319 million; Toronto, 135% to \$353 million; and Seattle, 433% to \$426 million.

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Historically, the Padres have spent little. Between 1995 (Moores's first year) and this year, here are the percentage payroll increases of the comparable teams: Atlanta, 113.9% to \$96.7 million; Colorado, 140.5% to \$75 million; Minnesota, 166.5% to \$65.3 million; San Francisco, 136.6% to \$82.6 million; Los Angeles, 227.8% to \$100 million; Seattle, 189.2% to \$98.9 million; Oakland, 73.0% to \$62.3 million; Padres, 68.7% to \$43.7 million; and Toronto, 61.6% to \$80.5 million.

Two teams in the West Division of the National League are located in large population areas: the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants. Last year, the Dodgers had \$224 million in revenue and the Giants \$197 million. The Rockies, Diamondbacks, and Padres have similar-sized markets: each had about \$167 million in revenues last year. What about last year's allimportant operating income, or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization? According to *Forbes*, only the Rockies at \$24.5 million topped the Padres at \$22.9 million in the National League West. The Giants were at \$22.4 million, the Dodgers at \$16.5 million, and the Diamondbacks at \$3.9 million.

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Some claim that the Padres' debt burden is onerous. Not comparatively. According to *Forbes*, the ratio of Padres debt to the value of the team is 60%; the Dodgers' ratio is 58%, and Arizona's is 51%. The San Francisco Giants are at 28% and the Colorado Rockies at 21%.

While they have been jettisoning payroll, the Padres have been collecting \$10 million to \$14 million a year in revenue sharing, according to Rodney Fort, sports economist at the University of Michigan. The big-market teams like the New York Yan*continued on page 10*



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kees, which enjoy fatter revenues, distribute money to lower-revenue teams such as the Padres. The recipients are supposed to spend the money on improving the product on the field. Some say the owners pocket the money. "The teams always say that they are spending it on the product, but nobody ever shares any data with us, and it's clear they won't," says Fort. (Major League Baseball keeps its figures secret.)

With near unanimity, journalists attribute the severe slashes in the Padres' payroll to the bitter divorce battle between John and Becky Moores, who together owned more than 80% of the team. The team has now been sold to Jeff Moorad and a group of investors in a deal that will take more than five years to consummate. Moorad is chief executive and theoretically calling the shots, but the payroll slashing continues. Moores remains chairman. Some wonder if the divorce is an alibi, not the reason for the cuts. For one thing,"It would seem to be in the best interests of both of them [John and Becky Moores] to keep the team as valuable as they can," says Fort.

Sports economist Mark Rosentraub, also at the University of Michigan, helped the Padres set up the deal for the ballpark and adjoining real estate. "I have been so depressed. I like both of them," says the economist. He thinks the Padres may be on a youth movement, or trying to build a team with young, low-priced talent."Perhaps they want to go very young very fast to ride the economy out and be ready when the economy comes back in two or three years."

Or there could be another explanation. Moores is said to have accumulated \$700 million to \$1 billion on the real estate deals in the ballpark district — a suggestion he denies. We know that he amassed \$650 million selling off Peregrine Systems stock before the fraud-plagued colCITY LIGHTS

lapse and paid very little for those shares. He put some of the profits into the ballpark and will be paying a comparatively tiny sum back to aggrieved investors. It certainly looks as though he has made a good bundle on the team and the real estate bonanza given to him by the city council. He now spends his time in Texas. If this is what happened, it won't be the first time in the history of the West that someone rode into town, raked in big bucks, and rode out.

Smoke on your law

continued from page 7 lives."

Regarding complaints about the lack of enforcement, he says, "There's never 100 percent compliance with any law. But it puts an added pressure on the other smokers because they don't want to break the law."

As if on cue, a man carrying a large duffel bag walks past the table holding an unlit cigarette. He stops five feet away and lights up.

"Most people are responsible smokers, and they won't smoke around other people," says Kendrick in a slightly louder voice, trying to get the man's attention. Seconds later, a thin plume of smoke reaches the table.

"Most people obey the law, but as you can see, there are always some that don't."

To encourage more residents to obey the law, the City asks businesses to set aside designated areas for their clientele and employees to smoke. According to the ordinance, "smoking outposts" should be at least 20 feet from a doorway or access point to a parking structure or retail area. The City has set up two outposts on public property.

One of them — a shadeless, five-by-ten-foot patch of dirt with a cement receptacle for cigarette butts — is located behind the Downtown Cafe, near the corner of East Main Street and Sulzfeld. Less than 20 feet away, 30-

year-old El Cajon resident

Kevin Robinson stands in the shade, taking a drag from his cigarette.

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Robinson says he heard about the City's ban on the news but hasn't given it much attention. "It's a joke," he says. "I can see if it was at a playground or at a parade, but out in the open? You can't tell a grown man he can't smoke. If the City's going to start banning stuff, is alcohol next? I would say that's a bigger issue."

Asked why he isn't smoking at the outpost, Robinson says he has no idea what that is. He walks over to see what one looks like and laughs.

"Look at this," he says, pointing to the patch of dirt. "Is this a joke? This is all done to appease the councilmembers so they can feel good about themselves."

But for Dr. John Pierce, head of the Cancer Prevention and Control research program at the UCSD Moores Cancer Center and chair of the World Health Organization's research arm on tobacco-related cancer, the policies are a breath of fresh air. Pierce has coauthored a review for WHO on the effectiveness of nonsmoking policies, to be published this month. Writing on the subject in a July 2008 Lancet article, he and coauthors concluded that "smoke-free policies substantially decrease second-hand smoke exposure." The article recommends "that governments enact and implement smoke-free policies."

"Implementation of such policies can have a broader population effect of increasing smoke-free environments," reads the article. "Not only do these policies achieve their aim of protecting the health of non-smokers by decreasing exposure to second-hand smoke, they also have many effects on smoking behavior, which compound the expected health benefits."

Adds Pierce in a July 29 email: "The issue is protection of non-smokers in particular. [Some people] are particularly vulnerable [to secondhand smoke] and small exposures can create signifi*continued on page 112*

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A Punch, No Pipe

Q-Ball is full of sh** with his story about getting hit from behind by a steel pipe at the 4th&B show on August 8, 2009 ("Rack 'Em," "Blurt," August 20). I saw him get in the face of a girl who was fighting with one of their band girls. Next thing I see is a guy come up to the front of Q-Ball and punch him in the face with his fist, not a pipe. He got knocked down, which made him hit his head — no steel pipe. He should pick on girls his own size. Good luck finding one who is 300-plus pounds! That's it.

> J. Nast via email

Disease And Fire And Rats

This letter is in response to Joe Deegan's "An End to the Evil Euc" ("City Lights," August 20). I live in Scripps Ranch, and I have no use for eucalyptus trees. Many of them in the area are diseased, nothing grows around them, they spring up like weeds, they are infested with rats, and their roots permeate sewer lines.

Contrary to your opinion, they are fire hazards. The seedlings that sprout around them burn like brush, and they are filled with flammable oil. They did have an impact on the 2003 Cedar Fire, and the fire department is correct when it identifies them as a fire hazard. I witnessed 75-foot flames during the 2003 fire, and that wasn't from brush burning. Large forests of eucalyptus

trees burned in the recent fires in Australia. I've talked to the horticulturist for the City of San Diego, who considers eucalyptus trees to be an unnatural, destructive vegetation.

My homeowners' insurance has been canceled three times, and it cost me a fortune. I attempted to put up solar panels to help with the energy crisis; however, the 60-foot trees growing in my neighbors' yards cast a shadow on my roof, which would have reduced the efficiency of the solar panels. As far as I'm concerned, Scripps Ranch is a victim of the "evil euc."

Ron Harris

via email

Hooray For Us

Well, I really don't know where to start here. You have published an article ("The Park After Dark," "City Lights," August 13) and two letters (August 20) that regard my business on the corner of Fifth and Elm Street in the Banker's Hill area.

My family has owned City Liquor House for over 25 years, and the business has been here for over 60 years.

You wouldn't believe the customer service that we give to our customers here; I can't even believe what I am reading in this article and these letters. I can sit here and write you for days explaining the good things that we have done and continue to do for all our customers, including the homeless.

Yes, we are in the alcohol and tobacco retail industry, and that is what puts the food on our table in my household. My family has been in the business for over 75 years. As far as I know, it is not illegal to sell alcohol to anyone who is over the age of 21 and is not intoxicated.

My store also sells many other things that are not alcohol or tobacco related, such as frozen dinners, fresh deli sandwiches, soda, candy, canned foods, soups, coffee, eggs, milk, medicine, cheese, tortillas, health drinks, health bars, crackers, lottery, cereal, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, cat food, dog food,

shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, and many, many other things that we carry in inventory to satisfy our 600 daily satisfied and happy returning customers.

Actually, just as I had expected when I read the article, first I laughed for about five minutes, but then I realized how many other people in this area would feel the same as I, which is to strongly disagree with it. Of course, everyone is entitled to their own opinion, and with all respect, I am all for it!

However, there are many things to consider here as far as why the homeless are at the park. I have run this business myself for ten years now and always ask some of these individuals how they became homeless. Many stories are similar and involve divorce and other things like drug addiction and layoffs from work, etc., etc.

I find myself lying in bed at night just thinking of a way to help all these people find a new beginning; over the years I see most of them as my friends, and you would be amazed at how intelligent some of these guys are. They are just stuck in way too deep of a hole and, I guess, just have given up.

Almost all of them are at church every Sunday. I have watched over 400 of them turn their lives around at the new Rescue Mission on First and Elm since it opened about five years ago. It is amazing what most of these people have done with their lives with the help of the mission. They have moved on and still call to update me on their status and still come in if they are ever in the area.

I have done my best and still do to give the homeless positive feelings and keep them strongly encouraged to fight hard and change their lives for the better.

Now, as far as the "mystery" writers that are writing about this story, they should maybe go take a look in downtown, and they will find ten times the homeless sleeping on sidewalks and in front of apartments and condominiums camped out. Far continued on page 60

SportingBox

BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

The Silver Wink



The Prince Phillip Silver Wink trophy

• you think there are 1000 active winkers in the country?" I'm speaking to Rick Tucker, 54, collector, historian, webmaster, and former pairs champion of the North American Tiddlywinks Association (NATWA). Said group is holding their national singles tournament in Washington, D.C., this weekend.

Tucker says, "*Active* is a key word here. I would say there are probably 100."

"Twenty minutes of Google was long enough to appreciate that tiddlywinks at your level requires skill, but you must get an odd look or a laugh when people first learn you're a winker."

"It's certainly part of the aura of the game," Tucker says. "People consider it a childish, simple-minded game without any skill or value."

"How did you come to it?"

"I started at MIT 35 years ago. I happened to be temporarily housed in what was the center of winking at the time. So, I started winking as well. I've played ever since. NATwA was formed in 1966. Basically, it includes all the winkers in the U.S., and there are some in Canada. The British one is ETwA."

"Why MIT?"

"There have been a number of starts and stops, but in terms of MIT, there were two people who started tiddlywinks," Tucker says. "One went to Cornell and one went to MIT. The Cornell player, Severin Drix, found a tiddlywinks set in a box of Trix cereal. The enduring team at MIT started in 1966 with Ferd Wulkan, who was Severin Drix's friend. They decided to form teams and compete against each other."

And now, 43 years later... "How do you play the game?"

"There are two key elements," Tucker says. "One is putting your winks into the pot. The other is covering your opponent's winks — it's called *squopping*.

"Modern winkers can reliably pot 90-plus

percent anywhere from an inch to the cup to ten inches away. Some people are very natural at potting — particularly new players. Squopping is something they have to learn. Squopping has a variety of different types of shots; it's not just shooting one wink on top of another. If you already have one wink on another wink, you can manipulate it, you can move it as a group, move it to cover other winks, or move it to free your winks from piles. You can also shoot *gromps*, *bristols*, *piddles*, and *boondocks*.

"A boondock is sending — usually it's your opponent - far away. You keep your winks close to the action. The shots that usually win games are squops. But, in the last 15 years there has been more of a push, particularly from some British winkers, to focus on trying to pot out. They take very high risks. They're usually successful because once you have six winks free — not in piles or squops — and if they're within ten inches of the cup, some people can make all six straight off. If you're the opponent and you realize that someone may have that opportunity, you've got to go right at them. That's where the excitement comes in. You have the tension and risking something to get the most points."

I'm feeling it. "Say, somebody from San Diego is in D.C. and goes to the tournament. What would he see?"

"Since this is a singles championship," Tucker says, "it will be a competitive tournament. We have our tables, three-by-six foot with felt on them, cups in the middle. As the game progresses, unless there's an imbalance of skill or errors, people won't pot; they'll maintain territory, they'll start squopping, and piles may build up."

"So, there's no advantage to potting out early?"

"Not at all," Tucker says. "You want to control when you pot out. If you accidentally pot, it's considered a disadvantage. Once a wink is in the cup it stays there and can't be used for any tactics or defense. Having a one-wink advantage can be valuable."

"Other shots?"

"Boondocking is sending your opponent to the boondocks. A bristol is holding your squidger vertically and shooting, usually two winks or a small collection of winks, causing them to jump and cover another wink. It's named after Bristol University. A similar shot, called a gromp, is like a bristol, but the squidger is held in a different way — it's slicing through the winks so that they both move to cover another wink. To piddle is to slice out a wink, usually your own or a friendly wink that's inside a pile and covered."

"Tell me you guys have a trophy for this."

"We have a number of trophies in the United States," Tucker says. "The British have a variety of trophies. The best known was donated by Prince Phillip — the Prince Phillip Silver Wink."

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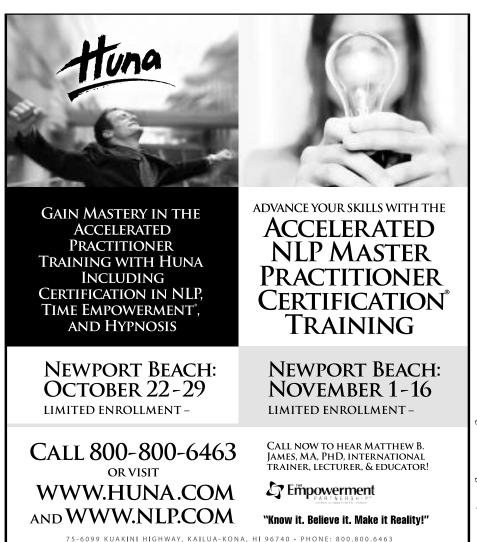
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The Russians Have **Come, the Russians Have Come**

Politics hardly enter into it, or are kept forcibly out of it.

he latest offering of "alternative" cinema at the Reading Gaslamp comes up easily to the Landmark caliber. Which, in light of such recent specimens as Captain Abu Raed, Shrink, and The Stoning Soraya M.,

isn't necessarily saying all that much. And I mean to say more. Max Färberböck's A Woman in Berlin, opening Fri-

of the conqueror, and ΜΟΥΙΕ the pragmatic survival EW DUNCAN SHEPHERD

day, dramatizes a wartime diary published at the end of the Fifties by "Anonyma," who according to the printed coda remains anonymous to this day. (Curious, since the Internet seems to know full well that her name was Marta Hillers.) Another passage in the coda tells us by way of explanation that her account of the Russian occupation after the fall of Berlin provoked an outcry in Germany, no word on what it might have provoked in Russia.

methods of its victims. A well-travelled journalist fluent in Russian, the published diarist and circumspect narrator of the action ("Where do I start? What are the right words?"), is the subjective center of the story, an unfamiliar screen face (Nina Hoss) something like a sobered-up Tuesday Weld gripped with a ferretlike ferocity, her mashed lips in a fixed expression of

Far from the juvenile wish fulfill-

ment of Tarantino in Inglourious Bas-

terds, Färberböck narrows his gaze to

a single neglected facet of the war, the

ancient and abiding practice of mass

rape as one of the unquestioned spoils

distaste. Off in the margin, witnesses to the passage of time and the march of history, are two luminaries of the New German Cinema, new circa 1970, now



preamble, "How many?" - and we who might have stepped out of a Com-

understand fully what she's talking about. This is treacherous territory, and a misstep comes all too readily: the tender little piano plink-plink in the background as prelude to the first rape, and the addition of yearning strings for the brutish follow-through. Politics, perhaps rightly, hardly enter into it, or are kept forcibly out of it. The

old and gray: Rudiger Vogler, most tightly connected to the films of Wim Wenders, and Irm Herrmann, even more connected to those of R.W. Fassbinder: "Careful," she tries repeatedly to protect her dinner table from the heedless invaders, "it's mahogany!"

The protagonist's eventual arrangement with the chiselled and lacquered Russian commander (Yevgeni Sidikhin) munist propaganda poster, a "pact with the devil" to insulate her from taking on all comers (pun sternly discouraged), is a war-story commonplace. But the narrowness of focus and the wealth of rub-your-nose-in-it circumstantial detail go beyond the common. One woman can bump into an old friend in the street and ask without



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giddy party scene at the outset, effervescent with the confidence of the Master Race, runs into an abrupt juxtaposition after an unspecified time-jump: the advance of the Red Army into the streets of Berlin, the tanks and troops coming into view through the dissipating white dust of a pulverizing air raid. There's no answer, midway through the movie, to the Russian major's query to his sex slave, "Are you fascist?" At that point and countless others, it's not hard to see why Tarantino might choose to take refuge in the aesthetic detachment of his own imagination.

Färberböck's tough-minded nonjudgmentalism does not exactly find its purest expression, its kindred spirit, in the grab-bag vacillation and noncommitment of the visual style. His willy-nilly switches in approach - the breathless unveiling of the above-mentioned Russian presence in the streets followed immediately by a disjointed montage of combat clichés, the firmly planted dramatic up-shot alternated with the hand-held scramble, the taut deepfocus composition set beside the mushy telephoto compression - give the spectacle a gumminess as treacherous, in its way, as the subject matter. The soaring interest of one image offers no assurance against the plummeting interest of the next. In the arena of style, Tarantino beats Färberböck to a pulp.

Cold Souls, a lower-caliber Landmark offering, now entering its second week at the Hillcrest, is off the same wall as *Being John Malkovich*. Paul Giamatti, being Paul Giamatti, is feeling the burden of his soul in the course of rehearsals for a stage production of *Uncle Vanya*, unable to locate the requisite lightness of touch. At the suggestion of his agent, the dyspeptic actor tries an option he had never before heard of, though it's

been written up in The New Yorker and listed in the Yellow Pages: soul removal and temporary storage. The resulting lightness, plus emptiness, plus ennui, only worsens his portrayal, so he tries the stopgap solution of renting the soul of an anonymous Russian poet. (The Russians are world leaders in soul trafficking.) By the time he decides he wants his own soul back, it - the exact likeness of a chickpea — has been stolen and transplanted into a Russian TV soap-opera actress under the misapprehension she was getting the soul of Al Pacino (who's not, let's be clear, in the movie). "She," huffs Giamatti in his finest and funniest line reading, "could ruin my soul."

Synopsis cannot help but overplay the zaniness. Writer and director Sophie Barthes, whether or not burdened by her own soul, likewise lacks the requisite lightness of touch. An oatmealgray image, a whisper-quiet sound level, and a drifting plot propulsion combine to immerse any whimsicality into a miasma of angst and anomie, more suited perhaps to an adaptation of a Camus novel. Even a fantasy, or especially a fantasy, will be expected to some degree to define its terms, to give the audience in this instance an idea of what a soul consists of, what constitutes its purview, what differentiates it from, say, the prefrontal cortex. It's apparent from Giamatti's performance that he was given no idea either.

The month-long free outdoor film series, Que Viva! Cine Latino, opens with Carlos Saura's *Fados* next Wednesday night at 7:30. (Additional information: 619-230-1938.) The Food Pavilion at Otay Ranch Town Center scarcely sounds like the ideal venue, and I'm sure that DVD is not the ideal format, so I hesitate to say — but oh, what the hell — that this was not only my favorite film at last spring's San Diego Latino Film Festival but came as close as any film has ever come to changing my life. If, that is, the subsequent purchase of a double-digit number of fado albums, a couple of them straight from Portugal, is any measure. (Never mind the double-disk DVD of Fados from Spain.) I haven't quite yet, however, taken to scarfing sardines or swigging Madeira, and a passing motorist would never guess that the nondescript Toyota tooling along the San Diego roadways was filled with the sounds of Mariza, Carminho (both featured in the film), Cristina Branco, Mafalda Arnauth, Ana Moura, Katia Guerreiro, and the sainted Amália Rodrigues my own private world, Little Lisbon.

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Adam — 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 con centration, and even though Dancy's details are the more ostentatious (the blindman's lack of eye contact, the panic attacks, the tantrums, the nonstop spiels), Byrne more than holds her own through ordinary human warmth and engagement. It's a standoff 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

drifty snowfall at, or just prior to, the climax. Written and directed by Max Mayer. 2009. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4: HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA

JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Answer Man — Relationship comedy with Jeff Daniels as a reclusive self-help guru, Lauren Graham, Olivia Thirlby, and Kat Dennings, written and directed by John Hindman. (GASLAMP 15, FROM 8/28)

The Awful Truth — Screwball comedy, screwed down more tightly than most, about a divorced couple who take the long way around to realizing how good they had it. By the beautifully crafted finale, the only



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Grossmont Center 10 5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)

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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15 2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) The Final Destination (R); G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13); The Hangover (R); Shorts (PG)

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Chula Vista 10 Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



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Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262) District 9; The Final Destination; G-Force; G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra; Halloween II; Inglourious Basterds; Julie and Julia; Ponyo; Post Grad; Shorts; Taking Woodstock; The Time Traveler's Wife

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) District 9; The Final Destination; 500 Days of Summer; Funny People; G-Force; G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra; The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard; Halloween II; The Hangover; Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince; Inglourious Basterds; Julie and Julia; Orphan; Ponyo; Post Grad; Shorts; Taking Woodstock; The Time Traveler's Wife; The Ugly Truth

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NATIONAL CITY

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Plaza Bonita 14 3030 Plaza Bonita Raad (858-558-2262) District 9 (R); The Final Destination (R); G-Force (PG); G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13); The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard (R); Halloween II (R); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG); Inglourious Basterds (R); Julie and Julia (PG-13); Orphan (R); Post Grad (PG-13); Shorts (PG); Taking Woodstock (R); The Time Traveler's Wife

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO Escondido 16 350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)

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River Village 6 5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



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NORTH COASTAL

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Plaza Camino Real

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things standing between them are an unsecurely closed door and a napping cat. And as long as you accept that Cary Grant and Irene Dunne are made for each other, and poor Ralph Bellamy is made for ridicule, there's nary a bump in the road. Directed by Leo McCarey. 1937. ★★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/27 AND 28, 8:30 P.M.)

Cold Souls - Reviewed this issue. With Paul Giamatti, David Strathairn, Emily Watson, Dina Korzun, and Katheryn Winnick; written and directed by Sophie Barthes. (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Dial M for Murder — Frederick Knott's theatrical thriller, forever a staple of provincial playhouses, comes to the screen under the aegis of Alfred Hitchcock. Its cinematization, however, depends not so much on any overt attacks on its staginess and talkiness as on the simple imposition of 3-D; and not so much on any visible ministrations by its director as on his mere reputation. With Grace Kelly, Ray Milland, and Robert Cummings. 1954.

★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/29 AND 30. 8:30 P.M.)

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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 Boltt, and Vanessa Haywood; directed by Neill Blomkamp. 2009. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10;

DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Final Destination — Supernatural thriller in 3-D, with Bobby Campo, Shantel VanSanten, Nick Zano, Krista Allen. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT 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: POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/28)

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 music 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 — Zooey 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. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14: FLOWER HILL 4:

HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24: TOWN SOUARE 14)

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 paceless, desultory, two-and-a-halfhour comedy-drama centered around a terminally ill comedian played by and modelled 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 syn-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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIS SION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra - Like Transformers, this enterprise - this franchise — 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



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The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard -

Write hard, direct hard, act hard, Laugh light, if at all. Neal Brennan's high-pressure capitalist satire, on a travelling team of mercenary car salesmen summoned to Temecula for a Fourth-of-July blowout, takes continual leave of sense and senses in pursuit of jokes. With Jeremy Piven, Ving Rhames, David Koechner, Kathryn Hahn, Jordana Spiro, Ed Helms, James Brolin, and a cameo (or three) for co-producer Will Ferrell. 2009.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA, FROM 8/28; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Halloween II - Writer-director Rob Zombie supplies a sequel to his own remake, with Scout Taylor-Compton, Malcolm McDowell, Brad Dourif. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS MONT 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; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/28)

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 PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

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-halfhour 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 oppo-

site of economical storytelling, and the exasperated spectator can but concur with the character who declares at the curtain, "It was all a waste, all of it." Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Michael Gambon, Alan Rickman. 2009. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18: HORTON PLAZA 14: MIS-SION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

The Hurt Locker — Fictitious countdown of the final six weeks in the twelvemonth tour of an army bomb squad in Baghdad. The living and working conditions in a color-free wasteland appear perfectly credible, and the quasi-sciencefictional details of the job - the spaceman protective suits, the remote-control bombsniffing 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 middesert, 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 combatfootage filmmaking style of jostles and jars to the camera, punchy zooms, whiplashing pans, and a chronic shaky hand, not neces sarily 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 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

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Pearce, Ralph Fiennes, David Morse. 2008. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Inglourious Basterds — Quentin

Tarantino takes no more than the risible title from Enzo G. Castellari's Dirty Dozen knockoff of 1978, and respells, misspells, that. (Did he ponder Basturds as possibly funnier?) Much of the movie, a revisionist revisitation of the French theater of operations in the Second World War, is unapologetically, unsanctimoniously silly. Yet the revisions give you plenty to chew on. You need no extraordinary expertise to realize that Tarantino has played fast and loose with the facts of how and when the Third Reich fell, has indeed set sail into a parallel universe. The size of the falsification (a Big Lie about the foremost perpetrator of the Big Lie) is the difference between just another sneaky Hollywood falsification and a brazen joke on all such falsifications. It perhaps goes without saying that Tarantino's treatment of Nazis is not motivated by any sense of horror and outrage (never mind sanctimony) over the philosophy of Aryan supremacy, the death camps, and so on, much less by any desire to "understand," but solely by the need of a universally acceptable villain. He wants to do nothing more to Nazis, nothing worse, than to conventionalize them, fictionalize them, Knowingly nudging his depiction beyond the silly and into the campy, he lures you onto the battlefield of aesthetics, safely away from politics. Once there, he's got you where he wants vou. Where his movie can better repel attack. In the end - at the close of two and a half hours — it stands as arguably his best-made to date, scene after scene meticulously shaped and timed, not to mention gleamingly photographed by Robert Richardson. While he is serious where it counts — the architectonic solidity, the painstaking precision, the creative flair, of the camera angles and compositions - he is also funny wherever he chooses, picking his spots and racking up an impressive ratio of successes to attempts. Brad Pitt,

Christoph Waltz, Mélanie Laurent, Daniel Brühl, Diane Kruger. 2009. ★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 rapidfire 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 Jannucci 2009 ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

It Might Get Loud - Davis Guggenheim, the ignored director of An Inconvenient Truth (all glory to Al Gore), essays a different sort of documentary, arranging a "summit" of electric guitarists, Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin, The Edge of U2, and Jack White of the White Stripes and the Raconteurs. Not much comes of the meeting of minds and fingers, but the individual background stories are not without interest (especially the childhood footage of Page and Edge). All of which tends, however, to point up the arbitrariness of the selection: why not Beck? Clapton? Slash? But as long as you can abide the sound of the instrument - the title serves fair warning - you should have no major cause for complaint. 2009. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/28)

Julie and Julia — As per its punchy subhead, this is "based on two true stories," parallel stories of feminist self-determination, set half a century apart, then and now. One focuses on Julie Powell, self-made blogger, daily chronicler of a year-long proj-





ect to cook her way through volume one of Mastering the Art of French Cooking, 365 days, 524 recipes. The other focuses 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 paro died 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.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION WARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 - supported if not upstaged by a talking computer called GERTY 3000 (smarmy voice of Kevin Spacey) instead of HAL 9000. A suffi-

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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 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. ★ (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

A Perfect Getaway — A passable timewhiler 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. 2009

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Ponyo — Hayao Miyazaki further postpones his announced retirement three feature films earlier, and appears to reverse the slippage of his hand-drawn purism into corner-cutting computer animation, reverting to a simpler, less congested style than in Spirited Away and even more Howl's Moving Castle. His famous sensitivity to nature is immediately on display with the plunge into a teeming underwater world domi-nated at first by jellyfish and soon turning up a school of human-headed wigglies identified eventually as goldfish, one of whom nurses an overwhelming urge to become head-to-toe human (which means, high on the list, to eat ham) and to escape the dominion of her inexplicably humanoid father: "If you could only remain innocent and pure forever." Some lip service gets paid to the precarious ecological balance, but no

narrative developments quite live up to the apocalyptic rhetoric. A modest fairy tale of personal liberation (fashioned loosely after The Little Mermaid of Hans Christian Andersen), with its ambiguous father figures and idealized mothers, proves nevertheless to be compelling enough on its own; and the sustained climax rises sufficiently high with the coming of a typhoon, the slanting rain and bending wind, the swelling whale like waves, the flooding of a landscape we have come to know well, the navigating of the roads by fish in place of cars, and the presto-change-o transformation of a toy boat into a serviceable little putt-putt to navigate the surface. With the voices of Tina Fey, Liam Neeson, Cate Blanchett, Matt Damon, Noah Cyrus (little sister of Miley), and Frankie Jonas (little brother of the Jonas Brothers). 2009.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGH-LANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Post Grad — Thick-laid comedy with Alexis Bledel as an honors graduate of fictitious Creston U., who, unwelcomed in the job market, struggles to escape the embarrassments of her family (Michael Keaton, Jane Lynch, Carol Burnett). The viewer can sympathize, but he can also choose to escape sooner. With Zach Gilford, Rodrigo Santoro, and J.K. Simmons; directed by Vicky Jenson. 2009.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Shorts — Nonlinearity for kids. Aggressively cute, garishly bright family fantasy mashes together, in no particular order, a magical multicolor Wishing Rock, gherkinsized aliens, a giant booger, a telepathic baby, Siamese-twin spouses, among other things. Respectable cast above the tot level: Leslie Mann, Jon Cryer, Kat Dennings, William H. Macy, James Spader. Written, directed, photographed by Robert Rodriguez. 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 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Taking Woodstock — Ang Lee's re-creation of the 1969 music festival, with Demetri Martin, Imelda Staunton, Eugene Levy, Emile Hirsch, Liev Schreiber.



(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CEN-TER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/28)

Thirst — Tortured priest turned tortured vampire: better to suck blood through the plasma tube of a comatose hospital patient than straight from the vein. Slickly done Korean horror film from Chan-wook Park, kinkier even than the vampire norm, but overlong and uneven, with some dopey comic touches at the low end and some serious sex at the high end: a love doubly forbidden, whether with priest or beast. Kangho Song, Ok-vin Kim. 2009. ★ (KEN, THROUGH 9/3)

The Time Traveler's Wife — Lifetime Channel science fiction to do with a passive time-tripper who has no control over his departures or arrivals (leaving behind a pile of clothes and taking with him only his birthday suit) and no power to alter events. One can't be sure that these rules are strictly adhered to. The lifelong love affair that begins with a naked adult man and a six-yearold girl seems to have potential as a metaphor of female loyalty and male inconstancy, but despite the ardent efforts of Rachel McAdams (especially) and Eric Bana, the potential gives way to gloss and goo. Directed by Robert Schwentke. 2009. ★ (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; TOWN SQUARE 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 mass — 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-manalone" soliloquy). With Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Tyrese Gibson, and Ramon Rodriguez; directed by Michael Bay. 2009. (GASLAMP 15)

The Ugly Truth — Cool-blonde 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. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

A Woman in Berlin — Reviewed this issue. With Nina Hoss, Yevgeni Sidikhin, Irm Herrmann, Rudiger Vogler, and Roman Gribkov; written and directed by Max Färberböck.

★★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 8/28)

Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg — Aviva Kempner's documentary portrait of television trailblazer Gertrude Berg. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 8/28)



BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

Days and nights like that will turn a San Marcos ice cream truck driver into a sniper.

There was a desert wind blowing that night. It was one of those hot dry Santa Anas that come down through the mountain passes and curl your hair and make your nerves jump and your skin itch. On nights like that every booze party ends in a fight. Meek little wives feel the edge of the carving knife and study their husbands' necks. Anything can happen. You can even get a full glass of beer at a cocktail lounge.

— Raymond Chandler, Red Wind

"Weekendsville." It's a word I saw on the TV screen during a commercial for, I think, barbecue supplies. I liked it, though the word was followed by "Togethersville," which could give you diabetes - at least put you off your franks and burgers. Weekendsville evokes a place where we all reside between Friday afternoon and Sunday night. The trouble with Weekendsville, even in San Diego, during mid- or

late August (even into October) is that it is located in that sargasso of time known as the dog days.

Given, dog days in San Diego are relatively benign. But Raymond Chandler, talking about the desert winds in Los Angeles, could as well have been describing a barroom on El Cajon Boulevard or a kitchen in a Huffman apartment on any summer night right here.

Santa Anas — dry, electric, and nerve-wracking — are the flip side of Southern California's imitation of the Philippines, when the air turns into a damp, too-warm, and choking blanket over the face of an old man in a greenhouse. Days and nights like that will turn a San Marcos ice cream truck driver into a sniper on a downtown rooftop.

Scallop-studded nimbus clouds the color of necrotic flesh and bruises invade from Mexico, reminding us that our malls and our pools are built on their sweat and their dead and that we owe for the flesh. Beneath this dirty cotton ball quilt, the frail, argent-haired, and aged woman on the 901 bus catalogs silent ways to kill, with lifeless eyes trained on the shaven-haired, swarthy, and tattooed boy.

New moon on the 20th. A scimitar in the sky like a threat from the east. A sideways Cheshire-cat grin above a reprieve of an ocean breeze intimates a promise to be broken before 8:30 a.m. the following day.

The fourth panhandler doesn't deserve your response to "Spare change?" You see a man wearing a do-rag and a T-shirt that reads, "Don't Ask Me Shit," and for the first time in your life you consider wearing such a shirt. The sweat from your hairline descends from your brow, your sunglasses slide down your nose. You stab them upward until you give up and remove them. *Maybe the do-rag as well*, you think, *maybe you'd wear the do-rag*, too.

An SUV pulls in front of you too quickly as you step off the curb. Its license plate is from the 50th state (or is it the 49th?). "North to the Future."

"Go back to Alaska, dipshit!" You're shouting in the street and hearing it as if from a stranger. "And take me with you!"

On the back porch, you look up at the scimitar

and Cheshire moon surrounded by stars like scat-

tered and static sparks. The ocean breeze again offers

an unwelcome hope for a cooling trend you know

will not come. The air conditioner labors that night, creating only a puddle beneath it but little relief in

the bedroom. You turn from side to side, revolving

the pillows to find a cooler side to either of them.

Sleeping, after a fashion, you dream of snorkeling

Friday, will be what your coworker calls "another egg-

fryer, yessiree." Momentarily you're grateful that this

is casual Friday at the office, but you're grateful for

little else (aren't you?) as you blink into the sun and

feel its clammy early-morning touch on your skin, like

a companionable hostage-taker. You think about lighting the first cigarette of the day, but already there

You recite to yourself, as you have since late June, for the first but not last time that day, "This too shall

seems to be too little air on the planet.

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By 7:30 a.m. there is every indication that today,

through cooking oil.

pass."



twinkie who seems astounded at the string of humid days and nights in this part of the world and who has just said, "I guess anyone who complains is spoiled, heh-heh." The blonde says, winking both eyes and shrugging both shoulders, "Well, I love it! I just love summer! I think most of us do." "Well, heh-heh, we're certainly blessed here," the twinkie says. His smile, you think, is faltering.







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by Barbarella

Language...has created the word "loneliness" to express the pain of being alone. And it has created the word "solitude" to express the glory of being alone.

— Paul Johannes Tillich

As I stood to one side of the San Diego Civic Theatre's multi-door entrance and watched the theatergoing throng, I shifted from stiletto to stiletto as a sense of uneasiness crept through my body. In my many imaginings of how the evening might go, never once had I envisioned feeling awkward. *It's odd*, I thought, *to be among hundreds of people, all gathering for the same event, and to feel so alone.*

I hadn't been to a Broadway show since 2005, when I went to see the debut of *Spamalot* in New York. Despite his enthusiasm for singing along to *Dr. Horrible* with me, David had little interest in going to see *Wicked*. He's

"I'll go if you really want me to," he had said when I asked him. (That's code for "Please don't make me do it.") drama guy, whereas I cannot resist all things histrionic (and sparkly). "I'll go if you really want me to," he had said when I asked him. (That's code for "Please don't make me do it.") But I was determined to see the show, as I'd enjoyed the book on which it was based and love musicals. As it is with horror movies, pedicures, and hiking, David's disinterest did not deter me

never been much of a

DIARY OF A DIVA

Flying Solo

from making my own plans.

I went online and searched for two tickets while mulling over which friend I might ask to accompany me. After several searches and no luck finding any seats in my preferred section for any night a full month out, I was ready to give up. But when my friend James mentioned he and his wife were planning to attend the show that very week, it was all the incentive I needed to abandon the idea of bringing a date and refine my search to just one seat, a move that expanded my options. In fact, when I clicked "best seat available," one appeared in the first row, and I grabbed it.

When it comes to doing things alone, I'm not averse so much as unaccustomed. There are benefits to flying solo. When attending parties, I prefer to drive alone to avoid any conflicts associated with my wanting to leave

earlier or later than others (excluding David, whose easygoingness transcends conflict). I am not put off by the idea of arriving alone to events at which I may not know anyone. Because I am almost as gregarious as my dear dad, I can appreciate how arriving to such galas companionless makes it a breeze to meet people.

But no pro exists without a con — as cool as I am with my solitude in some situations, I am daunted by it in others. I've taken myself out to dinner, most often while traveling for work. Dining out sans company can be a lonely affair; between courses or while waiting for the check, boredom and impatience have me tapping my fingers on the table. While eating, my eyes tend to roam, and I must avoid getting caught staring at fellow diners. The vigilance required for such an endeavor can be exhausting. When the food is terrible, there's no one to hear my kvetching, and when it is fabulous, no one to whom I can offer a bite. Eating is an experience I prefer to share.

I can only remember one time I sat alone in a theater — when I went to see *Thoroughly Modern Millie* with my dad and we sat in different sections. When seated beside someone I know during a show, I frequently look their way, to "check in." That time, without anyone around me, I was free to lose myself in the production without the unspoken obligation I usually feel to share my attention between the stage and the person next to me. With that experience in mind, and the knowledge of how lucky I was to score a great seat on short notice, I was eagerly anticipating my girl's (emphasis on the singular) night out.

I arrived at 7 p.m., half an hour before the show. I retrieved my ticket from will-call. I texted my friends. Then I stood. After a few minutes of trying not to look suspicious, I approached a makeshift bar in search of something to occupy my hands. I scoffed aloud when I witnessed the paltry pours and noticed that each shot-glass of wine cost more than the entire bottle from which the sips originated.

After the wine-purchase fail, I retreated to my previous spot, off to the side and out of the way. Fortunately, I remembered my iPhone, that wonderful contrivance that can instantly transform the pathetic into the preoccupied. After fishing it out of my purse, I stared at the device's screen, trying to figure out what to use it for. I didn't want to surf the net or check my email, as the antisocial nature of those activities seemed incongruous with my surroundings. I scrolled to my favorite contacts page and tapped on my sister Heather's name. As everyone around me was talking to someone else, a phone call seemed just the thing to do if I were to blend in.

By the time James and Alice appeared, the crowd was already crushing its way into the lobby. Ironic, that once I had actual people to talk to, it was the last thing I wanted to do. I have a strict preshow countdown checklist and a perpetual anxiety about the unknown, which meant I had to get inside as soon as possible, in case there were lines to the restroom, in case I had trouble finding my seat, in case a hundred other "what-ifs" flitting about my neurotic noggin manifested themselves, all of which might result in me missing the show.





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Crasher

DANGEROUS BIRD

by Josh Board

ran into Nick Simmons, the son of Kiss bassist Gene, at Comic-Con. I told him I caught the episode of his reality show on which he sang. I told him he had a good voice, and he thanked me and invited me to a surprise gig a couple of days later at the Hard Rock Hotel downtown.

The night of the party (for Radical Comics), I walked up and heard a guy trying to get in. He mentioned a company name "plus four guests." The security guy said, "We don't have company names on here, just the names of people admitted." The guy trying to get in was mad. The doorman finally looked at me and asked for my name. My guest and I had no problem getting in.

The place was packed, and there were lots of free drinks and appetizers. I grabbed a piece of pizza that had some funky toppings, and we looked around. Lots of gorgeous women with boob jobs and none of the nerdy folks I had seen earlier in the day at the Con. The place was so crowded, we left after 20 minutes, which was a mistake: I found out the next day that Kiss singer Paul Stanley and Gene got onstage and performed.



Left: Chris on left; Nadia, 2nd from right; Right: Boobie beer bong

party earlier that afternoon. And the breasts there were real. The party in Encinitas was called a "BBQ for Boobies."

Nadia told me I could bring my little dog. I pulled up as the party was starting, and there wasn't much of a crowd. I decided to walk the dog around.

After about 15 minutes walking down the 101, I ran into a

"Each Thanksgiving you hear a horror story."

woman named Mary. She had a dog that looked like mine, and she owned a dog-grooming place At least I had gone to a great called Grateful Dog. I decided I'd take my dog there to get washed and groomed while I was partving.

As we walked back to her shop, she told me about how she got her pooch.

"In December, someone saw this little dog being thrown out the window of a car on the 78 [freeway]. They brought him in to be groomed, right when I was about to close. The next day, there was a benefit for the Humane Society. My parents in Chicago were going to adopt him, but the dog got really sick. I took him to the emergency room I was going to keep him until he got well. He was only six pounds. Then I decided to keep him. He plays so well with my other dog." The party crowd was bigger

when I got back. I talked briefly with Nadia. She has a degree in journalism and writes concert and CD

reviews. She's drifted a bit more into marketing because it pays the bills.

We started talking about our favorite bands. Someone playing a horseshoes type of game overheard us and said, "Bright Eyes they have the best songs ever."

A few other people brought up the band the Expendables, saying that a friend plays bass for them. Then, everyone was chiming in with their favorite bands. One guy said, "I love Brandi Carlile. And Feist. It seems all the music I'm listening to these days [is performed by] females."

Then a few people talked about how local singer-songwriter Tristan Prettyman lived nearby, and they wanted to find her and invite her. I went over to grab a brownie.

They had a jar at the party and were asking for ten-dollar donations. I put a ten in there and wondered if they would've had a bigger party if they weren't asking for donations.

A few surfers walked by and asked if they could crash the party. They were told they needed to donate. One put his hands into his board shorts and said he didn't have any money. They talked briefly with someone over the fence before moving on. Just then, a woman pulled up who had heard about the party. She just wanted to drop money off, and as she was putting it in the jar, someone talked her into staying. She grabbed a beer and seemed to enjoy herself.

As more people showed up, the games became popular. A few people were getting ready to play Twister and beer pong was going, but one guy was getting frustrated explaining the rules to his teammate.

One guy was frying a turkey. I asked him how dangerous it

"Well...if you go on YouTube, you'll see some crazy disasters from people doing this, and each Thanksgiving you hear a horror story. But I've been doing this for a long time. It tastes so much better, keeping all the juices in. You just have to know what you're doing. Also, the thing isn't cooking all day."

They had some great music at the party. I heard Wolfmother, M.I.A., the Stones, 311, and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs during one 30minute stretch.

I heard that someone had shown up with a boob cake. I glanced over to see someone using a dolly. I said, "Wow...they must be Dolly Parton-sized." Someone corrected me with "Oh, no...that's the second keg they're





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going to bring in. The cake is smaller."

There was a cute three-year-old named Sage walking around. I thought she had a balloon in her hand. When she tossed it to someone, I saw it was an inflatable boob.

I went back over to the turkey. I heard the cook say, "You fry it three and a half minutes per pound."

A few people were talking about Michael Jackson's death. One of them said, "Halloran, on 94/9, did the coolest thing. He said that he immediately called Rick Rubin to ask if he could play the Beastie Boys song 'I'm Down,' since Jackson had the rights to the Beatles' song sampled in it. The song had been banned. Rubin told him to go for it, and so he played it."

One guy said, "That makes me gain so much more respect for Halloran." Another responded with "It

sounds to me like he just wanted to name-drop."

I was confused, since I have heard that song on the radio before but never read about it being banned.

As I was leaving, the turkey guy started yelling, "The bird is done! You're not gonna leave here without trying any."

I told him I hate eating fried foods because I'm watching my weight. And fried turkey sounded gross. He kept insisting. At so many parties, people want me to try a drink they mixed or a weird food they cooked. At least this wasn't a cow eye or chocolatecovered hissing cockroach. I tried a piece of turkey and thought it was okay. But it needed mashed potatoes and gravy. ■

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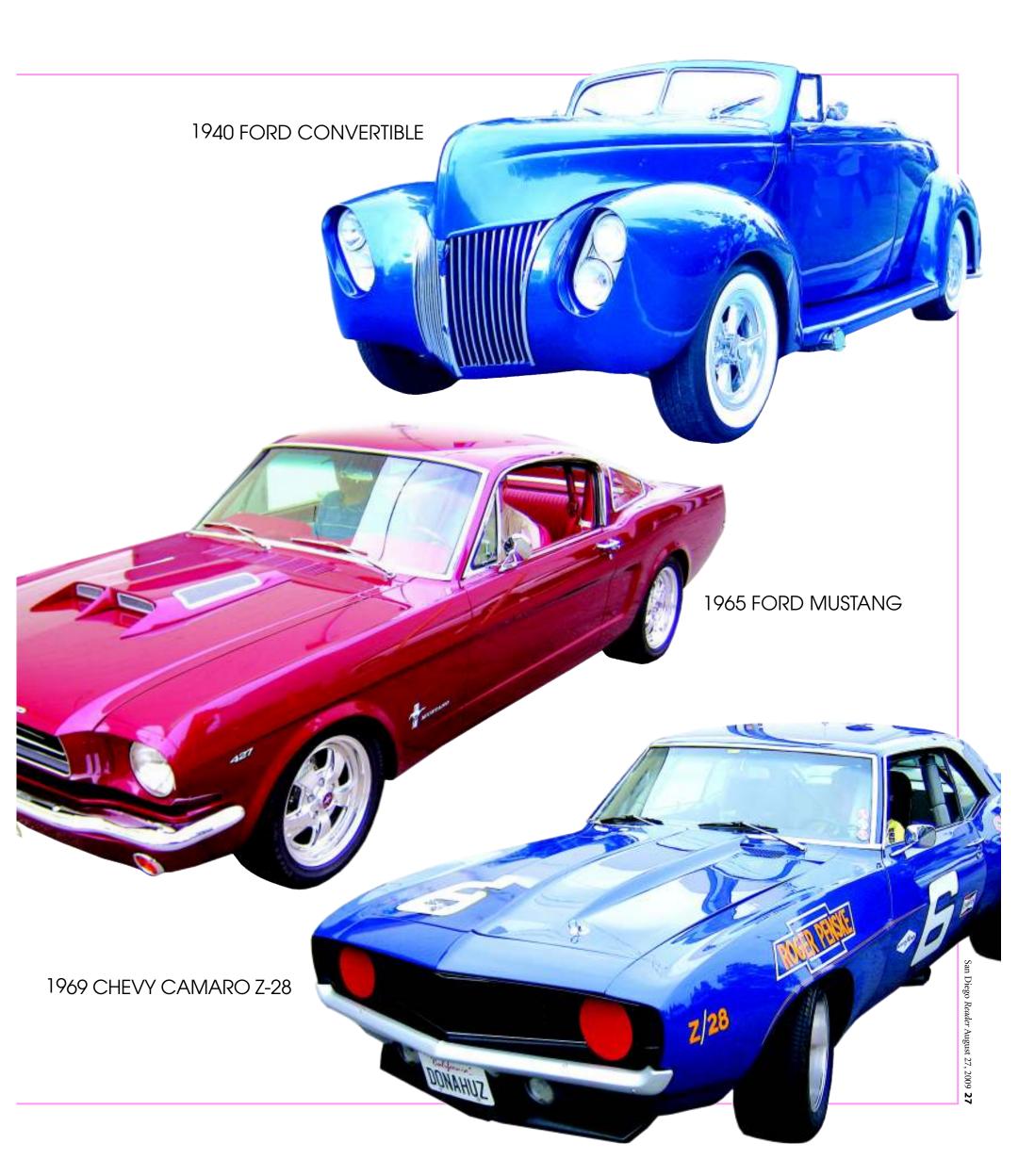


As I write this, *Transformers 2* has just finished taking in over \$200 million in five days. One of the main characters in that film is a robot who disguises himself as a 2009 Chevy Camaro — a car designed to rouse fond memories of the Muscle Car era, when Detroit was the automotive world's equivalent of ancient Rome. Another robot goes about as a Corvette concept car. Yay for American cars!

As I write this, Chrysler — makers of the throwback-style Dodge Magnum, Dodge Charger, Dodge Challenger, and Chrysler 300 (along with the less "Anybody can do this," says Hawkins. "It's just money and time."

recent PT Cruiser) — is settling into its new status as a property of Fiat. General Motors is lurching through bankruptcy. And Ford is inexplicably tinkering with the front and rear ends of its own entry into the Remember When Muscle Car Dreamscape: the briefly awesome new Mustang. Boo for American cars!

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alongside its '70s forbear, does raise the question of whether Dodge is still an American car.) Yes, most of them are over 30 years old, but this is Southern California, an automotive paradise where moths and rust may not enter in. It's almost enough to make a body quote Faulkner: "The past isn't dead — it isn't even past."

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Around 7:30 p.m., as the summer light begins to fade, people begin to gather at the back of the Prescott Promenade. They are here to see Charger Steve and the Cajon Cruise girls present this week's gold-cup trophies to the beautiful machines selected as winners under this week's theme of "Too Cool." (Other weeks' themes include "NASCAR Up Close," "Cajon Speed Week," and "Hall of Flames.") "It's purely what we like, the People's Choice awards," explains one judge. There are no hard and fast criteria, "though Steve will tell us certain sorts of cars to go and find." Tonight, for example, "We were told to find something classic and unmodified for one of our winners. And we were told to find a motorcycle."

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to the crowd, loping across the staging area, boostering for all he's worth. There is music (Steve Miller Band) and a raffle (SeaWorld tickets), and then Charger Steve begins to summon the winners, one by one, for their moments of glory before

Salter is a hot-rodder, not a purist.

the people gathered 'round, when all the time and effort and expense are made worthwhile.

Well, not really. The applause and the trophy and the photo op are more of a tip of the cap — "It's nice to be noticed." It's not the reason why these people do what they do. It couldn't be — what they do is way too much for that. What is the reason? Read on.

Mark Salter, 56 '51 Chevy Deluxe Mark Salter found his car on eBay. "Some guy in From '49 to '51 was a transition period, where they were still using some of those fat fenders."

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had taken it as collateral

from some guy that owed

him money and was try-

ing to get rid of it. I called

him, found out what was

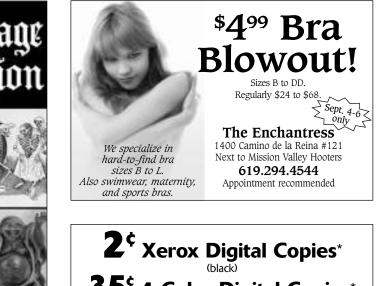
going on with it, and

bought it. I loved the

lines — the flats, the curves.

I love the fat-fender cars.

When Salter got it, the Chevy hadn't run in 18 months. "It had some drive-train issues. Over the course of the last four years, I've done body work, suspension work...this vear was motor work and a little bit on the interior." It's not so much restoration as tinkering and tweaking - Salter is a hotrodder, not a purist. "All my drag-racing influences are under the hood. I like a car to look one way but



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sound another. Most '50s cars wouldn't have side exhaust, which is why I painted it black. It's there, but it doesn't draw your eye."

He's not nearly finished working on it but then, he's not in any hurry. "Most guys who are true hot-rodders, their cars are never done. A friend of mine saw the car and said, 'Give me a call when you're finished.' I just laughed and said, 'It's never finished.' You're always changing something. If you think it's finished, you sell it, buy something else, and start the whole thing over again."

Dan Sutton, 30 1937 R35 BMW motorcycle

"I'm not actually what you might call a connoisseur of cars," explains Sutton. Rather, "I teach sophomore world history at West Hills High School in Santee. I'm the weird teacher who comes dressed in vintage suits with wide ties, or in uniform. I do really hands-on, interactive kinds of history things. I've got one room in my house that looks like a quartermaster's — more World War II memorabilia than I can shake a fist at. I've got another room that's set up so that it looks like it's from 1935. Even the light switch is pushbutton instead of toggle. My wife is into vintage clothes as well, so it's a shared addiction. That helps."

The addiction shows in Sutton's ability to accessorize his ride. Everything strapped onto the back of the bike is "original German Army, the common gear that an average infantryman would have had: ammo canister, gas-mask canister, knapsack...in World War II, if you had a vehicle, you lived out of it." The leather saddlebags, he grants, are Polish reproductions (less expensive), and his heavy leather gloves were worn by British dispatch riders during WWII, not Germans — but at least they fit with the purpose of the single-cylinder R35

His unmodified motorcycle — just what Charger Steve ordered! — is one more part of his collection, more an artifact you can ride than anything else. "I really enjoy talking about it, giving people the history. I mean, it went through the Second World War; it still had the original German nomenclature plate on the front fender. It gives me a chance to enlighten people. The first thing they do is say, 'Whoa! Is that a Nazi motorcycle?' They always get the notion that if you were a German soldier. you had to be a Nazi. Something like three percent of the German population were card-carrying members of the Nazi Party. I have fun educating them — it's the teacher in me."

Mind you, it's not that Sutton wouldn't love to own a car from the '30s or '40s. It's that he just bought a house. The motorcycle, brought over from Lithuania to Oregon and auctioned off to Sutton on eBay, cost him a reasonably sane \$3200. Five years later, it's just about road-ready, "though I'm still working the kinks out. I'm still working on getting the third and fourth gear to go in because there's one bolt on the shifting tower that controls that, and the threads are just worn. Because it's a single cylinder, it vibrates to hell, and screws are coming out."

Getting the thing from a barn in Oregon to Main Street in El Cajon was something of a history lesson in itself, starting with the paint. "When I got it, it was painted black. Somebody had literally applied it with a brush. Typical Eastern European, Soviet Bloc — 'We don't have anything, so use bubble gum and make it run.' I started sanding it down, and below the black paint was Russian Army peagreen. The Russians were notorious for reusing captured German vehicles. Below that was German Army Panzer gray. They used it from the beginning of the war until about 1943, when they realized it didn't really blend in well with Russia and North Africa and switched to Ordinance Tan. And below that was the factory-applied BMW black paint. Originally, there was a white pinstripe all around the frame and fender - very Art Deco. And half the bike was chrome. But for the army, you want everything painted as flat as possible, so that you don't glimmer in the sun and draw attention to yourself."

Sutton eventually found a Chula Vista autopaint shop that could match the color on his old Mauser cleaning kit. He borrowed a compressor and laid on a new coat of Panzer gray but not before he made a few more discoveries. "It was a rustedup pile of crap when I got it, and when I sat down with it, I realized it was a classic Eastern European chop-job: a mixture of pre- and postwar BMW parts and a Zündapp rear drive and rear wheel. Joe Schmoe Soviet-guy had literally bent the frame out, cut extra holes, and taken a hacksaw to it to make sure he could fit in a rear drive from this other German motorcycle company. BMW stopped making this model in 1940; they made only about 15,000. The postwar parts

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were there because at the end of World War II, the Soviets captured one of the BMW factories that made the R35, and they started manufacturing the motorcycle under the BMW name. West Germany ended up suing the Soviet government to make them stop, so the Soviets renamed it the EMW factory and made minor modifications to the parts." Not that Sutton is complaining — by continuing the model, the Soviets helped ensure that today, eBay Germany would have plenty of what he needed to fulfill the historian's dream of making history come alive. Or at least getting it up to 45 mph.

Ray Dowd, 66 '40 Ford convertible (among others)

"Ray's Wherehouse" reads

the sign on the steel-sided building with the dilapidated jalopy lolling in the rock lawn out front. Inside, however, nothing is dilapidated. Inside, everything is clean and in fine condition, from the high stacks of model cars still in their boxes to the pool table to the golf cart to the desk to the four cars that take up about half the floor space. "That's a '34 Chevy," says Dowd, settling in behind his desk and pointing to the car nearest me. "I bought it from the DEA — long story, I won't bore you with it. In the corner is a '32 Ford. Next to it is a '40 Ford" — the Viper-blue convertible he brought to the Cruise. "And next to that is a Corvette that I bought new [in 1997]." The four cars amount

lection; the rest resides in an identical building behind this one. "I've always had an interest in cars," he says. "As a youngster, myself and a friend would sneak out of church to go lift the hoods on the cars in the lot and try to identify the parts. I enjoy working on them. I enjoy looking at them. To me, some of them are art form follows function." He gestures toward the model cars. "I enjoy reflecting on the styles as they evolved over the years; it's a kind of little mental exercise. And I enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded people."

The "like-minded" part is key because at the end of the day, this is a hobby, and there's only so far the gawkers can see into the hobbyist's world. "The evening you were

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in El Cajon," Dowd says, "my neighbor was there. He brought his '37 Cord — just beautiful. Fresh from a two-anda-half-year restoration. No one paid much attention to it. They didn't know what it was, thought it was a foreign car. But if he was in the presence of other, similar people, they would appreciate it. They would be all over the car. So again, it depends on who, when, where, what."

What it isn't is a business. Dowd takes me on a tour of the workshop that houses his other cars; outside, it looks just like the showroom building, but inside, there's a hydraulic lift and all the rest of it. Up on the lift is a '27 Model T; next to it is a '56 Pontiac Safari wagon. He gives the wagon a pat. "It's entertainment for me. When you see a car for sale and it says, X amount invested... invested? You spent it. To date on this car, I have receipts for about \$65,000, plus endless hours of work from me and endless more hours from others. I still have roughly \$15,000 to money on dog shows when the dog dies, it's all over. A hobby's a hobby. Never made a dime on a car in my life, and I've had quite a few."

The business part comes earlier, when the hobbyist's own desire starts in bleeding money in pur-

"Never made a dime on a car in my life."

spend — wheels, tires, interior, and detail work. The way I've modified it, I would be very lucky to get \$40,000 for it. So I would take a big hit if I sold this junk, but again, what's a dead dog worth? Nothing but memories. The people that spend all the

suit of a dream. "Some would say a hot-rodder's goal was to have a '40 Ford and a '32 Ford," says Dowd, who owns both. "The '32 was the first production car after the Model A, and in '33, Ford changed some things around. The '32 has always been popular

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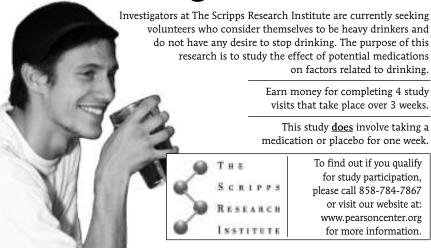
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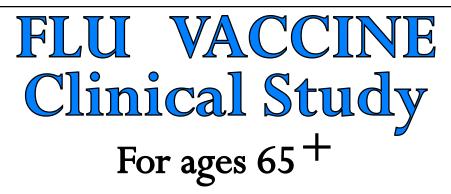
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To Learn More Call Toll Free: **1-877-500-eStudy** (1-877-500-3788) for a number of things, racing being one of them — drag-racing and salt-racing. Also, more or less, the '40" - understandably. Among the winners at the Cruise, the '40, with its gorgeous curves and bulges, drew more *ooh*s and *aah*s than anything, except maybe Dana Hinkle's Plymouth DeSoto Firesweep (see below). "The goal way back then was to have a Ford vehicle with a Chevy motor in it. The Chevy engines, relatively speaking, were inexpensive and very reliable. That was basically the standard for hot rods - lightweight, inexpensive, designed to go fast on a budget." But now, all that has changed. "There's no budget any longer in this stuff. It's multiple billions of dollars in annual business."

Dana Hinkle, 53 '58 Plymouth DeSoto Firesweep (among others)

"My dad always worked on cars," recalls Hinkle as we survey his gleaming garage and even more gleaming car collection. "Something happens when you're young, and you get turn into another garage for three more cars. I'm not going to have any more than that. I'm not." The assurance seems aimed as much at himself as at me.

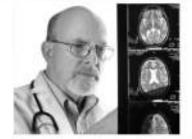
While Dad worked on cars, young Dana built models from Ed Roth's Rat Fink collection — "these crazy-looking hot

"You can buy a car that somebody's put \$100,000 into for around \$30,000."

influenced. I got it bad. Some guys have one or two cars. But if I can afford it, I'll just keep building them, and I don't really want to sell. I can fit six in here, and I've got an older shed that we're going to rods and monster models. I've got a collection in the game room that's pretty wild — I love Rat Fink." The Fink himself — bloodshot ratty eyes bulging, tongue flapping in the breeze from between his

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Have you ever had a head injury or concussion?



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fangs — appears everywhere: on posters, on creepers, even rendered in crystal and standing on the rear dash of Hinkle's DeSoto Firesweep.

Let's concentrate on that Firesweep, shall we? The other cars offer a parade of wonders — from the solid Zebrano hardwood bed he's having installed in his '32 Ford truck, to the 15 hides it took to lovingly wrap the interior (including the roll bar) of his '56 Pro Street Chevy in buttery leather but the long, lilac Firesweep is what he brought to the Cruise.

Through the internet, Hinkle knows a DeSoto expert who "thinks there are probably 200 of these left in the world, and probably 50 really nice ones. You can't buy parts for this car. They don't want to make parts for a car when you might sell two a year. Luckily, this car came with everything on it. Originally, I had gone up to Escondido to look at a guy's '70 Challenger, and he had this up in his driveway. I had never seen one before, and I just fell in love and bought it. I drove it home the next day and disassembled the entire car." The engine was rebuilt and the guts were in good shape, but otherwise, it was time to start over

"Sometimes, you can buy a car that somebody's put \$100,000 into for around \$30,000. But normally, I can't buy a car that's finished; I'd have to tear it apart and do what I want to do with it." (In fact, the Firesweep didn't come in for a whole lot of modifying, not when you consider the custom chrome radiator in the Chevy, or its rear frame, narrowed to allow for the fat rear tires. On the Chevy, "It's all custom.") The Firesweep was red; it took

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book after book of paint samples, and no small amount of discussion with his wife (who prefers horses to cars), to settle on lilac mist and pearl white. "And I didn't like the stock interior, but I didn't want to do it in leather — this is tuck-and-roll vinyl, like you would have had in the '60s. Also, there's a guy in Poway who restores steering wheels. He made me a new one"— a two-toned hula hoop girded with chrome — "and it made the car."

"I can be really anal when I'm building this stuff," admits Hinkle. "I'll take an extra year. All the bolts on this door interior

are chrome. I'll get a list of bolts, measure them, and have them fabricated by a company that makes chrome bolts. There's this guy in Australia who is the only person in the world

It would have looked terrible, especially the way they're stacked against the chrome. I was so thankful to get it from this guy. It took him five months..." Looking at those three red

"What I should have put on the license plates is 'Second Mortgage.' "

who makes taillights for all these weird cars. He pours them. They would have been impossible to find, and the old ones are all cracked and dark red.

tumblers rising up in a line from the chrome exhaust port at the bottom of the tailfin, it's easy to agree: "...but it was worth it."

RESEARCH STUDIES

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- And are otherwise healthy

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"I am so scared about this car now," he sighs. "If it gets hit...you can't buy trim. You'd have to spend months finding parts," even with the internet on your side. "You'd probably buy a whole other car if you could find it," just to have a backup fender or suchlike. "But I still take it

out and drive it. It's too much fun to keep in the garage. This is a 4000pound car, no seat belts, and it just floats. I say it's like driving a sofa. I'll take a Sunday drive, put on my old hat, roll down the windows, and listen to the oldies."

It sounds like a perfect recipe for nostalgia,

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but it's not all about recapturing the past. "I'm trying to influence my son. He's going to like cars. Here comes my mechanic right now," he says, noticing the 11-yearold towhead heading up the driveway with the day's mail. "He's my helper. He does a lot of wrenching; he's got good dexterity with the ratchets and screwdrivers. He's good at taking things apart; he loves it. You know, it's like any kid — 'Come on, let's work on the cars.''I don't want to.' But then when he gets out here, it's 'Dylan, can we take a break?' "

Tim Hawkins, 51 1965 Ford Mustang

"Anybody can do this," says Hawkins. "It's just money and time."

Money: "What I should have put on the license plates is 'Second Mortgage.' I will never get the house paid off, but I've got a nice car to play with. I got to the point in my life where my wife was making decent money ---both people have to work full time now if you've got a family and want to have any kind of decent living at all. If it wasn't for her having a good job and making decent money, I probably wouldn't be able to do this."

Time: The June 10 Cajon Cruise "was my first outing with the car," says Hawkins. "Just a couple of days before, I had done the last step, which was getting the front end aligned. Before that, it took about six months of working 2 hours in the afternoons after work and probably 12 hours on the weekends." And before that, "I had it in a shop here in El Cajon for about a year and a half. The guy stripped everything down to bare metal — top, bottom,

inside and out — and did all the repairs that were needed, any rust spots or spots that needed filling. Then he painted it."

"This would be called

can put in air-conditioning and power everything, make it just like a Cadillac — they'll make kits to do anything you want. The only thing that I don't

modification, but there are hints of it, starting with the bumped-up hood scoop and its four airintake grills. "That's to direct colder air into the

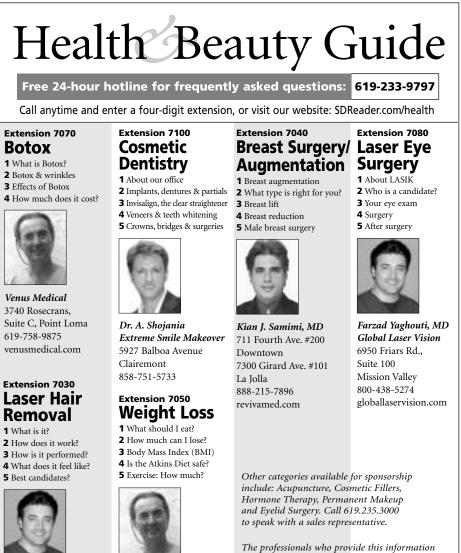
"I'm trying to influence my son. He's going to like cars."

a restomod," says Hawkins of his classic Mustang. Except it's not quite totally classic, which is why it's called a restomod. "It's been restored, but modified, so that it's non-stock. You can build these cars any way you want to. You

really like is modifying the body, putting on these flared-out kits so that you can't really tell what kind of car it is. But then again, that's the nature of it to each his own."

Hawkins hasn't gone too far in the realm of

intake of the engine. Supposedly, it gives it a little bit more power. But also, the engine I have in there now rises above where the stock hood would close. Originally, this came with a 289 V8 engine. What I have in here now is actu-



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ally a Ford 351 stroked to 427 cubic inches, so it's got about 550 horsepower."

Not that you would... "That's way overkill for what I'll ever need; I just wanted something that would sound rumpety. I'm not going to be racing or screaming around the streets. The fastest I've gotten this thing up to was about 65 while going home on the freeway. I'm not a speed freak, and I'm almost 52. I'm getting to the point where I don't want to crank this thing up to 160 and have a tire go out. It might be fun, but is it worth dying for? I don't think so." A beefier engine meant that he needed a beefier transmission and a beefier rear axle. And while "the original little steel wheels would have worked fine, they would have looked kind of funky with a big old hot-rod motor." So he got beefier wheels.

Why this car? "My parents had Fords," Hawkins says. "My first car was a Ford, a '67 Ford Galaxie. I got it for \$250, and it got me where I needed to go. And I've always liked the Mustang, since I was a kid, seeing them drive around the streets in the '60s. I got to the point in my life where I was able to build myself a nice car, and I just went ahead and did it. I didn't want to wait until I was retired and end up out here with a walker and a cane trying to put something together."

John Mayhew, 35 '70 Dodge Charger R/T

"Guys will come by at the shows," says Mayhew, "and I'll be sitting in my chair next to the car. They'll look around, and they'll look at the car, and after about five minutes, they'll ask, 'Is this your car?' "

It's a fair question,

seeing as how the Charger is older than he is. More importantly, seeing how a man born in 1973 came of age in the '80s, an era that spawned, among other horrors, the Dodge Aries K. The nostalgia factor gets complicated: How does a man born in that unhappy time ever learn to love American cars? "I like that old school," explains Mayhew. "My wife says I should have been born in the '60s, because I like all that kind of stuff. And I've always liked the Charger; I think it was from watching Dukes of Hazzard. By the time I was 25 and found this one, I had just gotten married. But my wife had been helping me look for years, and when she saw the deal this one was, she let me buy it." "This one" was factory Plum Crazy purple, with a white vinyl top and one less year on it than the General Lee.

And here's where the nostalgia factor gets not only complicated but intensified: Mayhew turns out to be a fairly strict originalist. "A friend of a friend told my brother about a guy who was retiring in Arizona and was selling his Charger. I called him up and told him I was looking for something original and unmolested. He had it in a barn. There were some cracks in the vinyl on the top, and the white on the interior is not really white anymore, but for the period it came from, it was in really good shape. He had already committed to another guy, but that guy showed up and said that he was going to pull the 440 engine out and put in a hemi. The owner liked the fact that I wanted the car in its original state, so he sold it to me."

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of his dream, Mayhew promptly got his Dukes on. "Some kids in a Honda were messing around near me. At first, I thought, 'Let 'em mess around,' but then they got a little too close to the car. So I hopped on the 8, and when I looked down, we were doing 125. I didn't even realize the car is so big and heavy and smooth that when you're doing 90, it feels like 50. But that was an accident." Still, it inspired him to put on new bushings, nice modern ones made from polyurethane. "I didn't want to be doing 100 mph and lose a tire or something." He saw his way clear to putting on a three-inch exhaust "to give it a little throat," and after much agonizing, he put on some wider rims. "On the big car, the

original six-inch rims looked like little cookie cutters, and it didn't handle that well. You can spin out when you take off or slide when you go around a corner." But even there, he can claim nostalgia: "I think that the *Dukes*' ing for a used windshieldwasher bottle right now. A brand-new bottle would stick out like a sore thumb." And when you're sold on preserving instead of replacing/restoring, you get into a whole other realm of caretaking.

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car had the American Racing rims even back then."

Otherwise, it's all original, all the time. "Whenever I have to replace a part, I try to find an original, hunting junkyards and stuff like that. I'm actually look"Before I had my son, I'd get home at six, eat dinner, and be out in the garage until 10:00. I remember going underneath the ashtrays to detail the car. I rolled under and painted the undercarriage. Someone had painted the gas tank

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black, and it looked kind of cruddy. So I sanded and repainted and painted the tank straps purple just to kind of set them off a little bit. Because the rear of these cars picks up a little bit, you can see all of that, so I dressed it up."

And once she's dressed up, where does she go? "In the car-show season, I drive it a couple of times a week — El Cajon and La Mesa. I'll go up to Escondido every once in a while. In the wintertime, if I do drive it, I'll just take it up the freeway a little bit and come back, just to keep the juices flowing. I don't drive it anywhere other than to shows. Otherwise, it's hidden in the garage. In ten years, I've probably put 5000 miles on it."

Richard Como, 72 '29 Ford

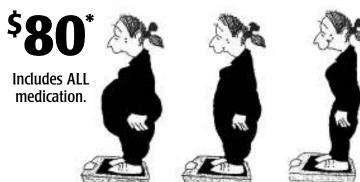
Well, not exactly. More like a homemade version of a '29 Ford rat rod. Explains Como, "I had built a '54 Chevy pickup and gotten it to where it was pretty finished. It was painted and polished and shiny, and you had to watch where you parked it and everything. I kept looking at these little rat rods buzzing around, and I thought, 'Man, I need something I can just get in and enjoy.' And I wanted to build one from scratch."

A rat rod is basically a cobbled-together hot rod."The rat rods kind of evolved out of what they called the Track T — people would take the old T Models, put a streamlined front end on them, and race them." The rat-rodders glommed on to the

notion of composite race cars but didn't limit themselves to any particular model. "They'd get the engine out of one old car and the frame out of another. Sometimes, they'd stick on a pickup cab for a body. They didn't have any money; they just had a little talent for building." Como decided to

emulate the rat-rodders, except most rat-rodders don't build their own frames or bend their own bodies. Says Como, "You can't build the rims and the engine and the transmission, stuff like that. But the brackets, the frame, the sheet metal, the dash, the hinges — all that, I built myself. I used to do a little mechanical drawing — my background is in carpentry. I sat down in the evenings and drew out what I wanted the car

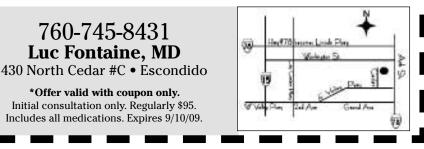
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The sheet metal was the other big challenge, all those compound bends. You take a good, sturdy bench and a beanbag filled with either sand or little steel pellets. Then you get the right body hammer and start beating on a piece of sheet metal, stretching and bending."

As for the parts he couldn't build: "I got the rear end out of an old wrecked Camaro. I took the taillights off a trailer and put LED inserts into them. I salvaged the steer-

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ing column out of an old forklift. And I traded some tools for the transmission and the Chevy engine. I knew the guy who built the engine — Smiling Ed Hail. He used to race at El Cajon Speedway, has an engine shop on Wintergardens Boulevard. The shop's still there, but he passed away about two years ago." The whole restoration took Como about six months and \$4000.

The result is a lot of fun. "There's no power steering," but because it's so light, that's not much of a problem. "And it's very quick from the stop sign, because there are only about five pounds of car weight per horsepower. For comparison, a Corvette has about ten pounds per horsepower. I once had it close to 100 mph — but it was in a controlled area. Mostly, I go and see friends, take it to shows. The first Saturday of every month, there are five or six car clubs that meet for breakfast at Hometown Buffet in El Cajon. I've been in mine, the Road Ramblers, since I was 19; the club's been around since '37. A lot of the guys will bring their cars, and a lot of the guys I've known since high school."

One of those guys owns Mark Motors Ford in El Cajon. "He's interested in old cars; being a Ford dealer, he's seen the gamut" — and the older stuff is what holds the owner's interest. Como's, too. "I can remember when I was a kid — even when I was a young man — we would get excited about the new models hitting the showroom floors. Because they were different. You'd go down to Mark Motors Ford, and they'd have a date in September or October when the new

models were coming out, and there would be a crowd. That's gone. I can look at a '32, a '33, or a '34 and tell you exactly what year it is, by the hood, by the whole shape of it. I can't do that anymore. I look at a new Ford or Chevy truck, I can't tell what year it is. They've all been designed and built in a wind tunnel. I think General Motors, to use

one example, got to the point where they were out of touch, and they weren't building what the people wanted."

Como's everyday drive is a black '02 PT Cruiser,

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a retro-style car that he thinks "damn near hit the mark. They made a retro look — running boards, fenders — and they made it affordable. The Chevy HHR was retro, but it was something like \$42,000. It was a two-seater — a second car, not a car you buy with a family. I'd like to have had one, but I'm not going to spend \$42,000 for a car that sits in the garage."





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Pat Donohue, 46 '69 Chevy Camaro Z-28

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Years later, Pat and his brothers John and Michael decided to pay a little homage. "The '69 Camaro was basically our favorite car, and with our last name being Donohue and our dad knowing Donohue, we decided to build one. We started going down to Coronado, where the original Penske Camaro races once a year. We went down four years straight, taking pictures and movies, and then we replicated as best we could."

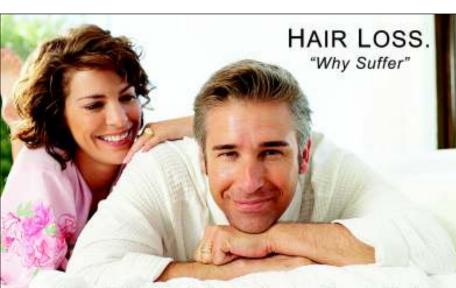
They found their '69 in a friend's backyard; the man traded it for a paint job on his truck. (Pat is co-owner of Rodon Automotive Inc. in El Cajon; the shop specializes in custom bodywork.) "Over a four- or five-year period, we didn't do anything but collect the parts — swap meet here, eBay there. Then, in 2005, we got into it hot and heavy. It took us about a year and a half to finish."

Verisimilitude accounted for at least one chunk of that time. "The car had really good quarter panels on it, which is

rare for a '69 Camaro. Usually, they're rotted out. But we wanted to flare them out over the wheels, just like on the real race car. It took me a good half hour of standing next to the car to get the nerve to cut perfectly good quarter panels off of a '69 Camaro. But I did it. We moved the wheel well out to where we wanted it, and then we put the quarter back on. And then, to make it fit, we had to cut it and trim it and weld it — heat it and move it and let it cool. There's probably 90-100 hours of work just in those quarter panels."

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At least, until something breaks. "We work the bugs out on the racetrack. We've had oil leaks, oil-pressure problems, fuel problems...We finally got all the bugs out last time. We probably put 70 laps on the car, and it's still running. So I'm happy with that." And every now and then, he'll bring it down to the Cajon Cruise, just to let folks marvel at those flared quarter panels, swelling out along the car's backside, "Sunoco Camaro" emblazoned in sunflower yellow across the bright blue bulge.

Blast from the Past in Chula Vista

"Look at this guy," said one middle-aged white man to another, throwing a sidelong glance at the jacked-up Lincoln Town Car, sparkling in pinstriped purple glory as it rolled through El Cajon, high above its tiny wheels. "There's nobody down here like him." This was not a compliment, but the hostility was directed

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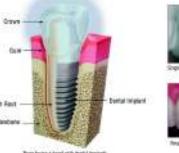
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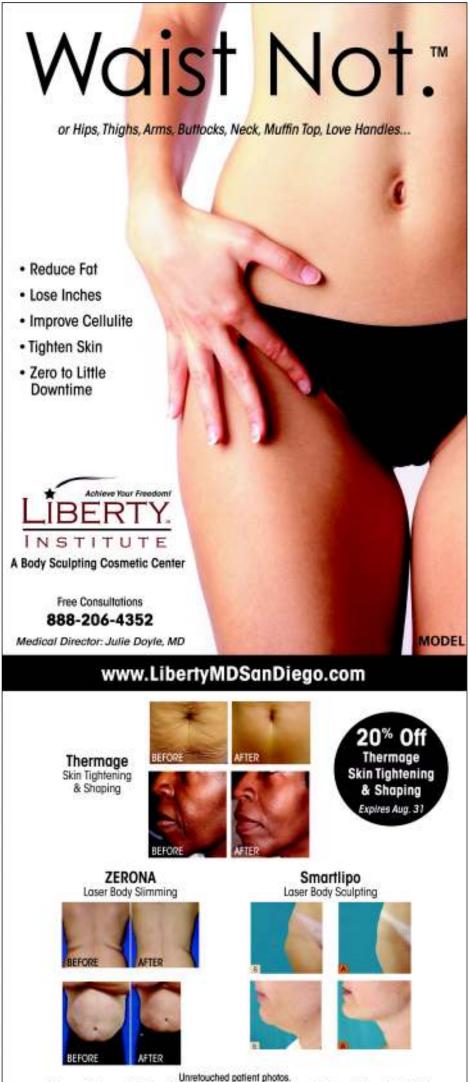
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less against the driver's race than against his sense of What May Be Done to a Car. Sure, you saw your curiosities in El Cajon a Porsche with a Corvette engine, a '69 Camaro V8 Coupe "recreated" into a Z-28 R/S that is "possibly more fun to drive than the original" - but mostly, the cars displayed a basic fidelity to the maker's intentions. Not everyone was a strict originalist, but very few people seemed out to have their way with history.

I saw that Lincoln again a week later at the Blast from the Past Car Show, held Tuesday nights from 5:00...8:00 p.m. on Third Avenue in downtown Chula Vista. This time, there were plenty of people down there "like him." I beheld pickups lowered almost to the

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street, their beds cluttered with the hydraulics required to start them bouncing on their way, a brand-new Chrysler 300 outfitted with front doors that swiveled forward and up instead of opening out. More flames, more primer, more ratty interiors (the ride's the thing), and definitely more cars from the '80s to go along with the generally younger crowd. An '80s car may not be a thing worth restoring to its original glory, but restoring was not always the name of the game here. There were plenty of Restored Glories, including some Pontiacs and Lincolns unlike anything I saw in El Cajon. But there was also a sense of experiment, of appreciation unmoored by tradition — perhaps not unlike that felt by the first tinkerer who thought to put a Chevy engine in a Ford car. A sense of things being rethunk — why shouldn't an SUV's cargo space be given over to a sound system? Why shouldn't my Impala ride with its nose way up in the air? Also: way more old VWs, including a charmingly mottled bug with "California Special" emblazoned on its sloping hood.

Cruising Grand in Escondido

El Cajon may boast the largest car show in Southern California, but my bet is on Escondido's Cruising Grand for most moneved. I'm thinking July 19 was Pantera night, judging by the 30 or so I saw lining one side street, casually jockeying for attention even as they were

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collectively eclipsed by a single orange Ford GT (you can't see the stars when the sun is shining). Oh, and the other side of the street was lined with Shelby Cobras. The whole thing came off as an embarrassment of riches. Long lineups of classic Camaros and Mustangs, one after the other, so that their beauty became almost commonplace. A special exhibit of minicars, including a 1946 midget racer built by San Diego's own Solar Aircraft Company. A restored Highway Patrol car, complete with Tommy Gun in the front seat. The restaurants hummed with activity, the band played excellent oldies covers, and there were free snocones

So opulent was the display that it almost came as no surprise to find a dented and dingy '51 Ford panel truck — with ten used motors in its past and a million miles to its credit — set up as a kind of protest against autophilic excess. Laminated sheets of paper taped to the body told the truck's history and served notice: "Understanding the difference between this truck and all of the other vehicles here today — this truck has been, and is, my main transportation from 1960 until now...All of the cars here today have a history!! Unfortunately, it has been lost in the shuffle of being bought and sold again and again. Ask anyone here today, and all they can tell you is what they paid for their vehicle. The real value has been lost!!!...All of the 'trailer queens' started out with the premise of 'I would really like to fix up an old car and drive it and have fun with it!!' However, as time and car shows and cruise nights

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thing about the way the cars tuck in diagonally between the trees planted just off the curb.) But it's my show, full of automotive wonder and variety and summoning the denizens of my community to come out and browse and chat and maybe get a margarita at Por Favor. Which is pretty much the point.

— Matthew Lickona



Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Dare, PART 3



A SPECULATION. John W. Collins had nothing left. One of San Diego's most beloved citizens and president of California National Bank, Collins lost his wife and two children in a boating accident in 1890. Eighteen months later, his partner, David Dare, embezzled \$200,000 and ran off to Europe. The bank folded. Collins swore he was innocent. To show good faith, he gave his \$85,000 lifeinsurance policy to help repay creditors. On March 3, 1892, thinking he was going to prison in Los Angeles, Collins sat on the bathroom floor of his hotel suite, put a .38 caliber muzzle in his mouth, pointed upward, and — could hell be worse? — pulled the trigger.

"Mr. Collins thought he was to have his preliminary hearing here," hotel manager Ed O'Brien told reporters. "I think the sudden notification that he would have to go to Los Angeles...had a great deal to do with the rash act. "The deputy mar-

"The deputy marshal was with him at the time." O'Brien added, "We are at a loss to know where he obtained the pistol. The room was searched carefully and I am certain no weapon was there." For over a century, two questions have haunted Collins's suicide: 1) Where did he get the gun? 2) Was it loaded?

A rumor swept through San Diego that Collins had faked his death. Friends allegedly whisked him onto a boat so he could join up with Collins was interred at Mt. Hope Cemetery, a "human-sized" box took a sea cruise.

And the body at the cemetery? "Just a dummy," said Simon Manasse. Born in Old Town in 1874 (his father, Moses, ran a store across from the battlefield at San Pasqual), Manasse was

REPORTS OF A DARK SIDE SPUN HIS REPUTATION FROM SUNLIGHT TO MIDNIGHT.

Dare, his partner in crime, in Europe. U.S. Custom House records, some say, have a strange entry: Shortly after interviewed in 1957. Collins, he said, "had to escape some way to get...money left in the bank, so they made a

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statue out of wax," buried it, and he "went to Europe." Collins tried to return 40 years later, says Manasse, "and I don't know whether he got back or not."

"History or folklore?" asks historian Jerry Mac-Mullen. "How they took care of the legal paperwork on that one is something you'll have to figure out for yourself."

When Collins took his life at the Brewster Hotel, the clerk called Dr. Fred Baker to come at once. Baker found Collins on his back, in the bathroom of suite 39, a still-smoking revolver in his right hand. Blood oozed from Collins's nose and mouth, covering his pallid forehead and forming a crimson splotch on the carpet. At least four other men, among them Judge T.K. Wilson and Deputy Marshal Rebling, watched Baker unbutton Collins's black vest and feel for a pulse. Nothing.

"He is beyond all human aid," the doctor said, "he is quite dead."

Four men followed Collins's casket to the San Diego Undertaking Company, at Fourth and F.

The next day coroner M.B. Kellar held an inquest on the cause of death. He and seven jurors went to view the body. Outside the parlor, an official swore them in. They entered a hushed room, flanked by somber drapes, where the slightest sound popped like gunfire. Collins lay in an open casket, hands crossed at his waist. His lips and nose were black as coal. The bullet, said the coroner, remained lodged in his brain. As the jurors walked single-file around him, one observed that the 43-yearold looked years older. "The face, which was wont to light with a smile for every one," was empty. To verify the suicide, the coroner opened Collins's mouth. Powder burns had also blackened the tongue.

The group returned to the courthouse. The coroner, two doctors, and the seven jurors testified that the cause of death was suicide.

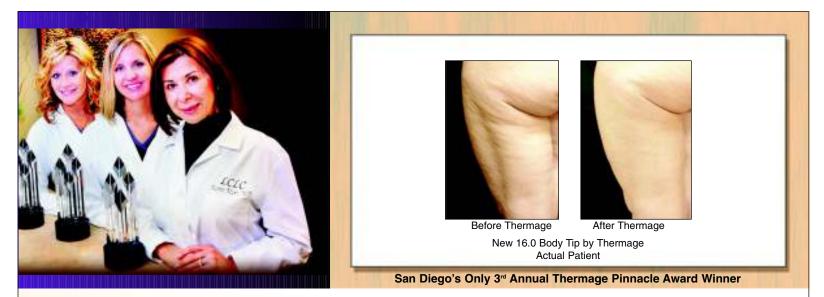
John W. Collins was dead, indeed — doornail dead.

Given all he suffered, it's difficult to see why he'd consider running away. He'd lost his family, business, reputation, wealth, friends (it hurt his "very sensitive nature," wrote the *Union*, when no one would pay his \$50,000 bail). Convinced he was headed to prison, Collins lost hope of redemption. Everywhere he turned, a door slammed with iron finality. In the end, he had but one means of escape.

Collins and David Dare resembled Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Collins, the churchgoing family man, had been a beacon for San Diegans after the land boom of the 1880s busted. And when his family died, the city embraced him even more. The shady, articulate Dare played on peoples' hopes like a flim-flammer. When authorities identified him in Italy, Dare wrote his sister that he'd been ill for three months and that, as soon as he was well, he'd gladly return to San Diego and 'fess up. He never did. But did Collins have

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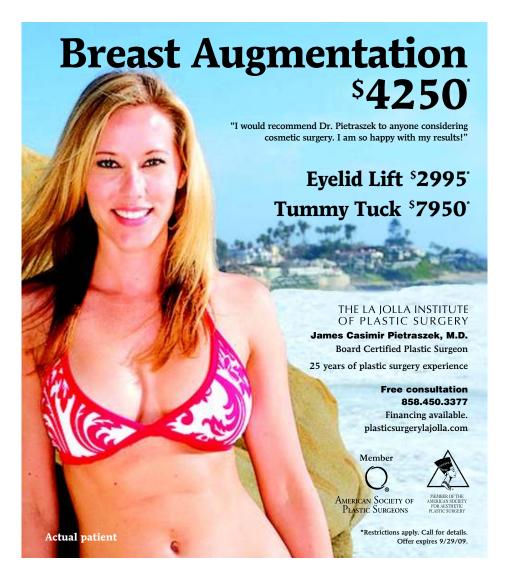
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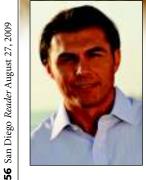
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The witch hunt began the day after Collins died. The San Diego Union printed a story it had previously kept quiet, because "publication might have seriously interfered with the strenuous efforts being made toward the bank's resumption."

Collins was born and raised on a farm near Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania. M.E. Post, a family friend from Cheyenne, Wyoming, noted that the young man had a good business sense. In 1870 Post hired the 21year-old as a clerk in his bank, the only one in Cheyenne. Collins soon earned high marks for industriousness and efficiency. He also became so Dare Castle, on Cheyenne's "Millionaire's Row."

In 1880, Post became Wyoming's territorial delegate to Congress. He served four years. While Post was away, Collins became, in effect, the bank's manager.

COLLINS QUIT. HE VOWED TO NOT ONLY START HIS OWN BANK, BUT TO RUIN POST'S.

popular with customers that Post promoted him to the prestigious position of cashier.

During this time Collins became friends with David Dare, a sign-painter who specialized in enlarged photographs in crayon. They worked on several projects together, and Collins loaned Dare the money to build a pretentious stone house, When Post returned in 1884, he found his institution flourishing. As a reward, Collins demanded if not equal status with Post, then at least to be a shareholder.

Post said no. Collins had run things "in his own interests," and Post would never promote him.

Collins quit. He vowed to not only start his own bank, but to ruin Post's.

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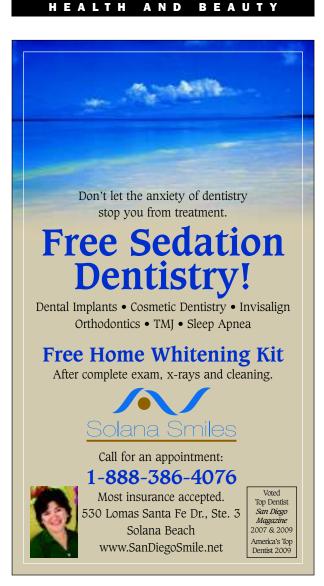
After Collins died, the Union's inflammatory revelations gave San Diegans a much-needed scapegoat during the city's first economic depression. The L.A. Times joined in: Collins's "suicide will be taken as a confession of guilt." Condemnation by the press closed the case in the public's mind. Collins had been as two-faced as Dare all along.

And quite possibly insane. Two days after the

suicide, the *Sun* interviewed Deputy Marshal Rebling. He guarded Collins at the Brewster and heard his story many times. "When the people understood the matter," Collins told Rebling, "they would pity rather than blame" him. Collins was so adamant about his innocence that Rebling "questioned the soundness of his mind."

We'll never know what Collins would have said in court. A revolver silenced his testimony. The trail of the weapon, however, opens up other paths — and schemes.

Collins had matching ivory-handled pistols, his monogram engraved under the cylinders. For years he kept them in a polished wood box lined with red velvet. Since he was often out of town, he loaned one to the bank for protection. The other remained on his third-floor suite at the Brewster, where he'd lived since his family died.





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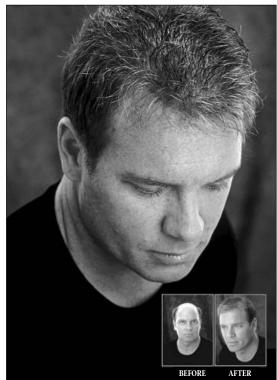
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When marshal George

E. Gard arrested Collins, rather than put him in jail, where his life would be in danger, Gard confined him to the Brewster. Deputy Rebling often searched the rooms for guns and poison. Collins wouldn't attempt an armed escape, both men were certain. But he might try to end his life.

Suite 39 had an elegantly furnished sitting room, a bedroom and bathroom, each separated by heavy portieres. In the bathroom, to the right of the washstand, was a 30-inch deep wardrobe where Collins hung his clothes above a strip of Brussels carpet. Rebling inspected the leather sofas, the odd bric-a-brac, the handsomely carved chiffonier. He frisked the clothes on hooks in the bathroom. "I searched every nook and corner in the rooms," Rebling testified in court, "almost constantly.

"I haven't the least idea how he secured that pistol. One thing I do know, it was not in any pocket of his clothes that hung in the rooms, unless it was placed there by some outside party just prior to the suicide."

Rebling paused, then blurted, "We think we can put our hands on the man who knows more about how that pistol came in Mr. Collins's pocket... than he cares to tell."

The court didn't pursue this lead.

At the trial, George O'Brien, former cashier at California National, said he feared Collins would kill himself. On the day before the suicide, O'Brien begged Collins to hand over the ivory-handled revolver. Collins did so, O'Brien said, "with reluctance." O'Brien said he found "another old weapon" in the suite. He left with both.

But if Deputy Rebling checked the suite "almost constantly," what were two pistols doing there? Or were they?

O'Brien had other worries. He'd been suspended from California National on suspicion of fraud. As cashier, O'Brien took orders from Collins, as did O'Brien's brother, Harry, the head bookkeeper. Collins had been in San Francisco for most of October. On the 13th and 14th, O'Brien credited Collins with \$20,000 and \$25,000. When the bank suspended operO'Brien brothers, that is, who ran the Brewster Hotel: George, Harry, and Ed.

A speculative scenario: At 11:30 a.m., on March 3, Collins lunched at the Brewster with U.S. attorney general H.H. Hart, who'd come to investigate the case, and brigadier general E.J. Mur-

COLLINS TURNED WHITE. HE HAD AN HOUR TO PACK AND LEAVE SAN DIEGO.

ations, on November 12, 1891, Collins had only \$11,420.90 in his account. Somehow, along with the \$200,000 that Dare had embezzled, for which Collins was held responsible, \$33,029.10 had disappeared.

Did Collins steal the money for his own interests? Or was this an example of his "liberal" management, an under-the-table loan to a friend — to John C. Fisher, say, to complete his Opera House (which went into receivership shortly after Collins died)? If Dare hadn't run off and the bank didn't close, the loan would have been repaid, and no one would have been the wiser.

In the many court proceedings that followed, lawyers drew a blurry line between Collins's "irregularities" and "frauds." On some off-the-books loans, Collins had Harry O'Brien write "special" in red ink across the top of a blank certificate. In a court of law, these unwritten, gentlemanly agreements constitute embezzlement.

When Collins was away, George O'Brien ran things and, says a legal brief, "committed wrongful acts," including false certificates of deposit and suspicious withdrawals totaling \$45,000. Harry became a suspect as well.

Instead of worrying that Collins might attempt suicide, the O'Brien brothers may have prayed that he would — the three ray. Ed O'Brien and Deputy Rebling stood by as the trio shared Civil War stories. Collins, fascinated, draped one leg over the arm of his chair.

At 1:30, Marshal Gard entered. Sad troubles, he whispered to O'Brien: Collins must go to Los Angeles on the afternoon train. Gard escorted Collins to a first-floor parlor, sat him down, and broke the news. Gard neglected to say that the move was for protection, since death threats had increased. Assuming it meant prison, Collins turned white. He had an hour to pack and leave San Diego.

Gard returned to his office. Before Collins went upstairs, he urged Ed O'Brien to phone his brothers: have them raise bail money, and ask — no, beg! — Gard to delay the trip. Then Deputy Rebling led Collins back to his suite. Not long after, Collins downed a glass of whiskey, went into the bathroom, locked the door, and stopped the pain.

While Marshal Gard was at the Brewster, suite 39 was empty. That's maybe five minutes, not much time to climb three flights of stairs, unseen, and place the revolver in a double panel under the bathroom washstand, where Collins kept other valuables. But since the plush Brewster had San Diego's first hotel elevator, time was not a factor.

Who planted the gun?

It could have been Ed O'Brien or Napoleon Lewis, the bellboy summoned to Collins's room a few moments before the shooting for unnamed reasons or Joseph Edwards, Collins's valet, who claimed to have seen the gun in the wardrobe two days earlier.

The motives could range from desiring relief for a long-suffering friend to silencing a star witness ----or both. Someone, possibly Ed, may have nodded to the shaken Collins, just before he went upstairs, that release was soon at hand

George O'Brien returned with welcome news: Collins wouldn't have to go to Los Angeles that day. But he was five minutes too late. Friends bemoaned the cursed timing. In hindsight, it may have been by design.

In the summer of 1892, Marshal Gard and Deputy Rebling arrested George and Harry O'Brien for sign-

ing "straw notes" while at California National. "Both brothers stood high in the regard of everybody," writes Herbert Hensley, "and anything wrong in their department was generally felt to be only technical."

Neither O'Brien went to prison. In fact, wrote the L.A. Times in 1895, "Out of the skullduggery and dishonesty there has not come a single criminal prosecution."

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1. Judge D.C. Collier: "The disaster is simply due to a liberal management which stopped at nothing for the benefit of San Diego." 2. San Diego Union: Collins had "but two alternatives, the degradation of a prison cell [or] rest and quiet in the grave."

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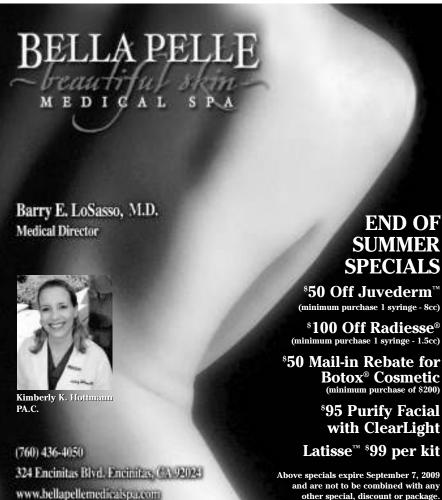
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good to be friends with Uncle Sam!

Also, to the writers who think more people should have been interviewed, I couldn't agree with you more. Then you would probably see how many people know us really well and would stand behind the business.

I would probably say on a scale of 0-100 percent that 5 percent of the people that know this business do not like it, and again, everyone is entitled to their own opinion.

I am really disappointed with these publications, and so are many of our customers that live in the higher-end part of downtown/Banker's Hill/Little Italy/Cortez Hill/ Hillcrest. Therefore, we will be submitting many letters written by all of our supporters, and I assure that they will easily deliver a knockout punch to the small number of these nonsupporters.

> Chris K. via email

Unhip

In order for the Reader to remain relevant, it has to keep on top of the local music scene. Judging from your recent mistakes, it seems like you guys might as well hang it up.

First you have an article on the Howls and you run a photo of the Howlers ("Blurt," July 23). Give me a goddamn break. Can you not tell the difference between these two completely different-sounding bands? Is it that their names are similar and they are both from North County means it's close enough to confuse the two?

And then you have the breakup of the Hostile Comb-Over ("Blurt," August 6). That's not much of a story to begin with, but the writer doesn't even bother to report that the real reason for the breakup is because Ben Johnson is in another touring band — the Long and the Short of It — and can't be in both.

> This is weak, guys. Phil Chatfeild Ocean Beach

Quiz Popped

What happened to the "Reader Pop Quiz"? I opened up this week's Reader after missing the past two, and there isn't even mention of the "Pop Quiz"! What happened? That was one of my favorite parts of the Reader! I hope you bring it back. At least explain why you cut it from the lineup.

> Charlie via email

Secret Winners

I was curious as to why the "Pop Quiz" was canceled. I am more puzzled by the fact that the winners of that last "Pop Quiz" were never revealed! (I'm assuming they were never paid, either.) In any event, is there a possibility that we may get a chance to see who actually won? Theda Collins

via email

The final "Pop Quiz" ran July 30. Winners are listed in this week's paper. We eliminated "Pop Quiz" to make room for the introduction of new features. — Editor

Special Needs Nation

I was shocked to see you allowed a comment on your website from someone named PistolPete who wrote that he doesn't want to see America become like the retarded kid down the block.

As the mom of a child with special needs, I was shocked not only by this comment but by the fact that you allowed it. Why is it that comments like this go undetected? Is it because you think that people living with special needs wouldn't get it or be able to read it anyway? Shouldn't their feelings come into account?

I wrote a response and asked PistolPete if he classifies each neighbor or only the "retarded ones," and I used words like "kike," "spic," and the N-word. Funny that your auto censor told me to watch my language regarding the N-word. I can only hope that you teach the auto censor that demeaning language like the word "retard" should go the same way as the N-word and not be permitted.

H. Jacobs via email

And based on my experience (I've been married

reviewer. Duncan Shepherd misses the mark always. He doesn't understand the movies' target audience. This time it's The Hangover, which is the best movie I've seen in years. He gave it a dog. The other one was Funny People, almost a perfect movie he gave one star to. He reviews for what he likes. Nobody cares what he likes. You need to review for the target audience.

Missed The Target

I've been reading your movie

reviews for years. I strongly

suggest you find another

Jim Hall via voicemail

Local Eats Revealed

Wow!

Thanks for breaking down the restaurant listings by neighborhood rather than by general area! Now it's easier to find places close to home or work.

S. Stockton University City

Give Puzzlers A Chance

I agree with the comments I've seen that the new policy of publishing only the first 100 correct puzzlers is totally unfair. Many of us do not get our Readers until the afternoon. Others have real jobs and cannot waste time during the day doing crosswords.

Maybe you could take the first 50 Thursday and then the first 50 in the fax machine Friday morning. (Those sent after close of business Thursday.)

At least that would give some of us a chance.

> Dean Petty via email

Comments from Reader Website

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

Diary of a Diva Published Aug. 19

Posted by bohemianopus on Aug. 19, 2:34 p.m.

This is great! You have pretty much "nailed" all the secrets to a successful relationship.

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36 years), you both have the ingredients required to bake a delicious, long-lasting relationship. Topped with whipped cream. Pat

Cover Story Published Aug. 19

Posted by MatthewHenrickson on Aug. 19, 5:46 p.m.

Thank you so much for including me in this article. You were someone who really developed my interest in poetry (I had progressed from 10th grade) and really got me into it. You weren't just a regular teacher, you sought out my personal interest, who I was and TAUGHT me that way, not just as another student.

As a first year teacher you got some tough shots, but as a teacher your methods were beyond what I had. You weren't a teacher with a tenure that took it for granted and got through the day. You weren't happy UNLESS you reached someone and made a difference, and that is what school is lacking, and was when I was in high school. 90% of my teachers didn't offer the time you did.

Congratulations on a brilliant cover story and thank you so much for influencing my life and of course, including me in this story! Matthew Henrickson

http://www.wordsofapoet.com :P

Posted by ryan444123 on Aug. 19, 10:54 p.m.

I agree with Matt, the one thing I RARELY see as a current high school student is a teacher who is willing to reach out above and beyond. Many teachers only work hard until tenure, and then do not give a crap about kids. To them, its just a place to pick up a paycheck and health insurance. We need to get rid of tenure, or the teachers who abuse it.

Praise to the teachers who deal with hard conditions, I feel for you. I live in a suburb of Detroit, MI and even in the suburbs kids are bad. I was bullied relentlessly, until a teacher intervened. Sure, they helped, but I had to go to court and force the Principal of the school to testify for a court ordered personal protection order. This SHOULD NOT happen! Teachers and students should feel safe, but hopefully things will improve.

Posted by sdbargainmama on Aug. 20, 12:22 a.m.

I worked in different capacities in the public schools for years, I can relate to much of what I read here. I think we all know of a few teachers that so profoundly touched our lives; how great it would be to find them and let them know how so.

~Stacey Ross Posted by TAV1 on Aug. 20, 10:19 p.m.

Wow, what honest writing! I am also a teacher and would have been so tempted to paint a prettier picture of my worst moments.

Ms. Finlayson's willingness to level with us - as well as her clear, excellent prose - makes this a really powerful read.

Don't you want to hear the rest of her stories? I do.

Posted by Braukuche on Aug. 21, 7:38 a.m.

I've been teaching for 14 years now, currently at a continuation school in North County, so I think I have a pretty good idea of what it is like to teach in today's classroom. This story was pretty accurate and I think does a good job in relaying how tough it is to teach today's students. Kids today are just a reflection of the broader society, and today's society is so screwed up that it is almost an untenable situation in the schools yet teachers are expected to compensate for years of parental and societal neglect. Witness some of the comments here, as though teachers should be expected now to not only teach effectively but also parent other people's kids. Some teachers do, and in my experience to the detriment of their own family life and sanity. That might explain the high teacher drop out rate and the interestingly high number of kids we get at continuation who's parents are teachers. I think we as teachers do a damn good job given the situation; kids from broken homes, kids from households where the parents have low to no educational skills, transient populations, etc etc, issues teachers 30 years ago when US society was much more stable, did not, by and large, have to deal with. So, for all the "educational experts" out there, go sit in a classroom for a week and show us all how it is done instead of sitting in your offices with other adults musing on the "correct" way to teach.

Posted by estelag88 on Aug. 22, 10:09 p.m.

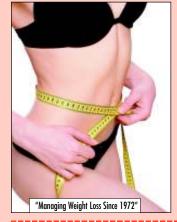
My name is Estela and I was in your 10th grade english class at Morse. It was refreshing to have a teacher who wore her heart on her sleeve. I remember you always let us know EXACTLY how you felt. Your actions encouraged me to stand up and say what I really felt.

-Thank You.

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Thursday | 27

TASTE OF MAINSTREET INTERNATIONAL FOOD

FESTIVAL Sample offerings from 36 restaurants for \$25. Evening also features the Rods & Woodies classic car show and several live music performers, includ-

ing Backwater Blues Band, Jamaican Steel, Tropical Breeze, Russell Castiglione, and more. See **SPECIAL**, page 68.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY PANEL

From Abigail Adams to Hillary Clinton, women have come a long way in America. A panel of prominent feminists invited by the San Diego Democratic Club will discuss currentday issues on the 89th anniversary of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote.

See **LECTURES**, page 72.

Friday | 28

SHODO EXHIBITION

Students of master calligrapher Sankei Sakai exhibit their works of *shodo*, the 3000-year-old art of writing *kanji* (Japanese characters) on *washi* (Japanese paper) with brushstrokes. See **SPECIAL**, page 66.

WESTERN NITE IN FALLBROOK

It's a festival free-for-all, including live

music by Night Riders, *baile folklórico* (think folk dancing), a climbing wall and big slide for kids, beer and wine for grown-ups, a vintage-car show, and a chili cook-off. See **SPECIAL**, page 68.

Saturday | 29

STREET PARTY FOR HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL

To celebrate 75 years of promoting global awareness through travel, the San Diego chapter is throwing this party featuring live jazz by David Patrone Quartet. Also, ice cream, raffles, and

brief seminars on how to pack, how to fix a bicycle, and how to travel "green." See **SPECIAL**, page 68.

WORLD OF DANCE TOUR

If dance were software, this "urban dance" competition could be called Electric Boogaloo 3.0. More than 50 local groups, as well as dancers from MTV's *America's Best Dance Crew*, will compete on multiple stages, and booths will hawk "urban streetwear." See **DANCE**, page 70.

Sunday | 30

RIDE TO THE RACES

Hop on your Harley and head to Del Mar with fellow bikers during this motorcycle ride to the racetrack. Register at 9 a.m., enjoy an early lunch



(barbecue at 10:30 a.m.), and then it's "kickstands up at noon" to arrive *en masse*, biker style. See **SPECIAL**, page 66.

AVEDON AND CALDER FESTIVAL

Bring the whole family to participate in art-making activities inspired by the work of artists Richard Avedon and Alexander Calder during the "Target Free Family Day and Festival" at the San Diego Museum of Art. See **FOR KIDS**, page 70.

Monday | 31

LIZARDS AND SNAKES!

Learn all about lizards and snakes during this "Ant-Sized Adventures" tour led by Linda Hawley. Songs, hands-on materials, short

trail walks, and crafts help kids (aged 2–5) and parents

appreciate these indigenous creatures. See **FOR KIDS**, page 70.

Tuesday | 1

CHILDREN OF ARMENIA



Journalist and attorney Michael Bobelian will discuss and sign his book about a 77-yearold "terrorist bent on revenge," subtitled *A*

Forgotten Genocide and the Century-Long Struggle for Justice. See IN PERSON, page 71.

Wednesday | 2 ROBOTIC WARFARE

Scientists are seeking ways to

make robots with human brains, and the world of ethics becomes ever more gray. The Center for Ethics in Science and Technology sponsors

this panel discussion about U.S. military drones and robots sent in place of human soldiers to reduce American casualties. See **SPECIAL**, page 66. Reader August 27,

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The easygoing descent of the South Fork Trail doesn't take much effort. You simply put one foot in front of the other and let gravity do the rest. The well-graded trail descends (or ascends if you'd rather get more exercise and reverse the directions given here) some 2000 feet in elevation, in between Angeles Crest Highway and the South Fork Campground near the town of Pearblossom in the Mojave Desert.

Narrow, but seldom steep, the trail follows a natural, swaying contour as it curves around more than a dozen ravines indenting a steep canyon wall. South Fork creek (a tributary of Big Rock Creek) murmurs far below, accompanied by the doleful trills of canyon wrens.

The one-way version of the hike is not difficult, but it does involve a car shuttle or a drop-off-and-pick-up arrangement. Here are driving directions for the two trailheads:

SOUTH END: Exit Interstate 210 at Angeles Crest Highway in La Canada Flintridge. Drive 39 miles north and east to the Islip Saddle trailhead, at mile 64.1 on Angeles Crest Highway.

NORTH END: From the Antelope Valley Freeway (Highway 14) south



Sugar pines, South Fork Trail

of Palmdale, exit at Pearblossom Highway. Follow Pearblossom Highway for 14 miles to the small community of Pearblossom. At Pearblossom, turn right on Longview Road. Go south 2.5 miles and turn left (east) on Fort Tejon Road. Drive 2.1 miles to Valyermo Road and turn right (south). Continue 2.9 miles and turn right on Big Rock Creek Road, Drive 3.5 miles more and look for the dirt-road turnoff for South Fork Campground, on the right. Continue one mile into the campground itself.

The shortest way by car between the two trailheads is via Angeles Crest Highway and Big Rock Creek Road, to the east of South Fork Trail.

From the upper trailhead (Islip Saddle) follow the trail contouring to the north, not the sharply ascending Pacific Crest Trail, which climbs northwest toward Mount Williamson. Traffic noises fade quickly as you begin descending through a heterogeneous forest of Jeffrey pine, sugar pine, incense cedar, live oak, and bigcone Douglas fir. As you descend, the high-country forest thins; pinyon pine, manzanita, mountain mahogany, and blue- and white-blossoming ceanothus clothe the dry and rocky slopes.

The trail loses elevation faster than the South Fork creek, so by 4.4 miles you'll be traversing a sheer slope only 200 feet above the stream. A couple of short switchbacks at 4.9 miles take you down to meet the alder- and sycamore-shaded creek. Cross over to the other side and continue walking through South Fork Campground until you reach the trailhead parking area just below (north of) the campsites.

South Fork Campground is one of Angeles National Forest's more pleasant and secluded drive-in campgrounds. During April and May, flannel bush, or fremontia, blooms on the broad, alluvial terraces along the creek, opposite and

downstream from the campground. Considered one of the showiest of California native plants, the fremontias here stand up to 15 feet high and bear thousands of large, waxy, yellow flowers. If you have time for

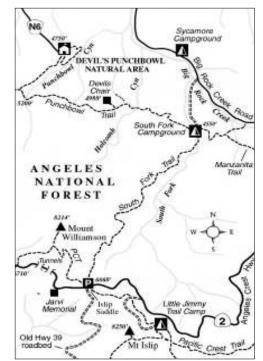
further exploration, climb southeast from the campground on the Manzanita Trail about a half mile to some beautiful sandstone outcrops. Or, head northwest on the Punchbowl Trail to the Devils Chair viewpoint, which overlooks a vast landscape of tilted sandstone slabs thrust upward and sideways by millions of years of seismic activity.

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

SOUTH FORK TRAIL

Hike one-way from the Angeles Crest to the edge of the Mojave Desert.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 160 miles Hiking length: 5.2 miles Difficulty: Moderate



OUTDOORS

Warm Water Temperatures, into the 70s Fahrenheit over the past several weeks, won't last much longer. As fall approaches, shorter days and increasingly





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619-766-4480 SacredRocksReserve.com oblique solar radiation will mean that less and less energy will be supplied to the ocean waters offshore. These waters will soon be shedding more thermal energy than they receive, thereby keeping the coastal area comforably balmy for several weeks after the end of the summer-vacation season. Don't give up on the beach after Labor Day — the water's often still quite warm, and the beaches are relatively uncrowded.

Shore Birds migrating southward are beginning to arrive in San Diego County. Through fall and winter various ducks, sandpipers, and plovers will be spotted in increased numbers in the county's coastal wetlands. Best bird-watching spots include the Tijuana River estuary, south San Diego Bay, the San Diego River flood channel, Peñasquitos Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon, Batiquitos Lagoon, and Buena Vista Lagoon.

The Planet Jupiter simply dominates the early-evening eastern sky as August draws to a close. As seen by the naked eye, Jupiter appears as a gleaming yellowish pinpoint of light. High-power binoculars, if held steadily enough, can reveal a barely discernable disk flanked by up to four tiny "stars" in a straight line. Those are the four Galilean satellites, or moons, discovered and described in 1609 (almost exactly 400 years ago) by Galileo Galilei. A small telescope easily shows all four satellites, assuming one or more of them are not either directly in front of or behind Jupiter itself. Jupiter will remain a good telescopic target in the evening sky through the end of 2009.

Watchers of the Dawn Sky this weekend (August 28-30) will notice the bright, so-called winter stars — especially those in the constellations of Orion, Taurus, and Gemini — rising in the east just before first light. Currently the planet Venus is amid that group, blazing brighter than any true star of the nighttime sky. The reference to "winter stars" stems from the fact that these same constellations are prominent in the evening sky during the winter months.



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"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 29, 9:30am; Sunday, August 30, 9:30am; Wednesday, September 2, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

"Rattlers and Common Plants" Naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads moderately strenuous 3.5mile hike and discusses how to identify potentially dangerous rep-

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tiles, their habitats, and plants along the trails. Bring water, wear hiking boots. 760-839-4680. Saturday, August 29, 7:30am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

"Summer Twilight Walk" Trail guide helps illuminate the changes that occur in nature at dusk. Starts from Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station. Reservations: 619-668-2748. Saturday, August 29, 6:30pm; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Basic Birding Tom Troy leads basic birding program with emphasis on identifying birds by sight and sound and using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides. Directions: 760-967-6915. Saturday, August 29, 8:30am; free. Buena Vista Audubon Society Nature Center, 2202 S. Coast Hwy. (CARLSBAD)

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Grand Canyon

Grand Canyon Secret: North Rim

By Jennifer Kim

Show your kids the Grand Canyon without the traffic and crowds...in high summer season? Yes, it's possible! Travel to the less-visited North Rim of the Grand Canyon and enjoy views that will hush even the most jaded, tech-induced teenager into an awe-inspired stupor while beholding one of nature's grandest creations.

We camped at DeMotte Forest Service campground, located on the gorgeous Kaibab Plateau, where fields of wild grasses seem to go on forever, the mule deer graze contentedly, and there's even a general store across the road where you can buy s'mores supplies!

The North Rim entrance is only seven miles south of here. Visit the Grand Canyon Lodge first, take in the view from the porch (snag a comfortable rocking chair), or make dinner reservations and enjoy your window table (if you're lucky) in the dining room. You may want to stay in a cabin at the lodge instead of roughing it at a campsite.

We hiked to Point Imperial, where

we caught a view of smoke rising from a nearby fire. A somber occasion, but part of the experience here, where nature rules above all.

Inca Trail, Machu Picchu By Maggie Chen

Signing up to hike the Inca trail to Machu Picchu seemed easy enough: pay some money, sign up a couple months ahead, and hit the gym. After all, they said that any reasonably fit person would be fine doing the four-day/threenight, 26-mile hike at altitudes over 12,000 feet.

The first day (aka the easiest day) killed us. My friends and I wound up being last — dragging an hour behind everyone else. As the days progressed, so



did our lag time. An hour behind became three hours, and the rest of our group no longer waited for us to get to camp before eating.

When we finally passed Dead Woman's Pass, we assumed it would be smooth sailing from there, but no such luck. The only thing we wanted at that point was to get to Machu Picchu without requiring a rescue mission. (Actually, what we really wanted to do was jump off the cliff.)

Our guide, who was designated to be in the back with the stragglers, was full of patience and encouraging words, such as, *"Vamos a la playa,"* which has become my and my friends' most hated phrase. Yes, we did eventually make it, but next time, I'm taking the train!

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Meera: Taken at an elephant sanctu ary in the state of Kerala, India. This ten-year old elephant was getting its daily bath.



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PeterNeubauer: Wonder Lake, located in the Eastern Sierras just outside of Bishop, California. A favorite backpacking destination with an elevation of 11,500 feet.



misshottie45: Barrel room at a win ery in Santa Barbara



spooks69: In the "center" of Machu Picchu.

ralist. "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)

Mystery Walk Naturalist Kathleen Flanagan leads fast-paced, 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 28, 6am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO) Nighttime Hike Naturalist Mike Kelly leads moderately paced loop walk to Carson's Crossing. Participants have "good chance of encountering mule deer, owls, bats, and more." Park and meet by kiosk. 858-484-3219. Friday, August 28, 7:30pm; free. Peñasquitos Creek Park, 8021 Park Village Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Summer Twilight Walk Experience the many changes occurring at dusk during trail guide-led educational walk. Reservations: 619-668-2748. Saturday, August 29, 6:30pm; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE) **Tour del Día** Offshoot Tours offers an hour-long guided stroll highlighting the Park Palisades area of Balboa Park. 619-235-1122. Saturday, August 29, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

SPECIAL

"Apartogether" Opening for exhibition of work by Nola Figen, a former animator who creates "large figurative paintings," and Cheryl Griffiths, who works in media including oil sticks and printmaking, focusing on "the natural world as well as its degradation." Show ends September 30. 760-753-7376. Tuesday, September 1, 9:30am; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Art of Fashion" Fashion Careers College and Timken host event showcasing "modern interpretations of the clothing worn in 13 European masterpieces from the permanent collection of paintings at the Timken Museum of Art." Models will stand *en tableaux*, showing costumes in front of the works of art. Informal modeling promised throughout evening. 619-239-5548 x100. Saturday, Au-

gust 29, 6pm; \$25-\$75. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Ashtanga Improv and Music" Class by Maria Zavala will "break away from the traditional Ashtanga sequence." DJ Jah Son accompanies. For students with knowledge of primary series of Ashtanga yoga. 760-632-7093. Saturday, August 29, 2pm; \$25. Ashtanga Yoga Center, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Suite 218. (CARLSBAD)

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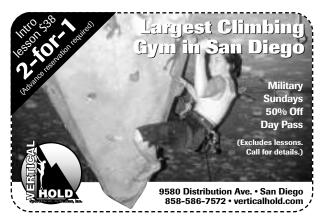


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"The Art of War, by Sun Tzu. I was joining the Marines, and I was in here for a book on the history of the Marines. I saw The Art of War, read the back cover, and thought it looked interesting. Now I'm reading through it a second time, picking out certain stanzas.'

What did you like about it?

"I've always had the mindset of, 'Let's try to think critically before jumping in, get all the information and then choose.' You can read The Art of War and use it in your everyday life. There's a really good stanza that says, 'You can win one hundred thousand battles, and that is still not as skillful as being able to avoid the battle in the first place." A real victory comes without actually having to use guns — by using diplomacy. If you disagree severely with a coworker or a manager at work, instead of getting all anxious

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What's That You're Reading?

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inside, calm down and think about the situation, about what benefits both of you. Most people just think, This is what I want; they never take the other person's side into

But what if war is unavoidable?

account.'

"The book says, 'Know your enemy, know yourself, and you will always be victorious.' So if you don't have enough men, don't even try. But if you do have enough men, place them in the right places. The book says to know Mother Earth's condition, because she's always changing, and she's relentless. Hitler tried to invade Russia, and the ground froze, and his troops weren't ready for the winter. If your army is in the wrong place — if it gets hit by a hurricane or something — then you're not winning that war."





Compare it to other books you've read. "I read a lot of American history. There's

a book by David McCullough called 1776, about our revolution, and it's really, really good. It's an in-depth look at how they were just trying to fight the taxes and the way the

British were overstepping their boundaries, and they could not come to a conclusion without war. General Washington really didn't want to be the commander. He was, like, 'All my guys are untrained, I don't have any gunpowder, it's the worst time of the year...' There were thousands of deserters, people saying, 'I have to get back to my farm and my family, and my contract is almost up.' Washington needed his men to rally around an idea, to make them think a certain way. People used the taverns for political talk, and he used them to rally the men around the idea of revolution — 'We don't need a mother country. Let's start our own.'" What magazines or newspapers do you read?

"I really like *Guitar World* — I'm a very...intermediate guitar player. I'll read the articles that teach you techniques. The ones where they're asking someone, 'Oh, you have a new album coming out, what's it about?' aren't really interesting."

Do you talk about reading with your friends?

"With my girlfriend. They usually boil down to, 'How come you like that?' She loves the *Twilight* series, and she made me read the whole thing. I think it gets ridiculous at some points, but the writing is really good, so I usually get into conversations about the writing. I think the author has a way of bringing the characters to life."

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

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signings by local authors, including Richard Carrico (Strangers in a Stolen Land), Richard Halsev (Fire, Chaparral and Survival in Southern California). Benefits East County Magazine. RSVP: 619-698-7617. Saturday, August 29, 4pm; \$25. Heritage of the Americas Museum, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

"Fall Constellations" Take "digital tour" of night sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show, then view real sky through telescopes after show (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. Wednesday, September 2, 7pm and 8pm; \$9-\$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Fifth Annual Art of Photography Show" Opening reception gala and awards ceremony for 111 winners of competition. This year more than 16,000 entries were received from 57 countries. Charlotte Cotton, curator and head of the photography department at Los Angeles Museum of Art, served

as judge. Exhibit ends November 1. 858-793-0900. Saturday, August 29, 6pm; free, Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza, (DOWNTOWN)

"Karma Yoga for a Cause" Allday event includes vegetarian lunch, silent auction, classes such as "Transformation 101," Thai Massage, Acro Yoga. Benefits Shakti Rising. 858-455-0364. Thursday, August 27, 9am; \$75. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Ouail Gardens Drive, (ENCINITAS)

"Knitting 101" Introductory class series concludes with instruction in "fingerless mitts." Fee for first class is \$20, includes a materials kit; pav \$10 for subsequent classes "if you purchase materials at Clever Knits or \$15 if you bring your own materials." Materials list, registration: 760-806-6744. Thursday, August 27, 6pm; \$10-\$20. Clever Knits, 214 South Indiana Avenue. (VISTA)

"Kruise 4 K-9's" Labrador Harbor fundraiser starts with motorcycle cruise from Spoons Grill & Bar in Oceanside (2725 Vista Way), ends at winery, Lunch, raffles, DJ. Donation: \$25. Saturday, August 29, 8am; \$25. 18 and up. Menghini Winery, 1150 Julian Orchards Drive, (JULIAN)

"Path to Liberation" Meditation with Sujantra. 619-640-4438. Sunday, August 30, 12 noon; free. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue, (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Ride to the Races" Join motorcycle ride to Del Mar Races. Registration at 9am, barbecue lunch 10:30am, "kickstands up at noon." Price includes entrance to races. Event benefits Aseltine School, 858-616-6999, Sunday, August 30, 9am; \$40. San Diego Harley-Davidson, 5600 Kearny Mesa Road, (KEARNY MESA)

"Robotic Warfare" U.S. military drones and robots acting in place of human soldiers may reduce American casualties, but what are the ethical hazards? Center for Ethics in Science and Technology sponsors panel discussion with audience participation. 619-238-1233. Wednesday, September 2. 5:30am; free, Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Sunday's Art in the Alley" Local artists display and sell their work in Artist's Alley, "behind" this gallery. 760-757-5524. Sunday, August 30, 10am; free. JC Gallery & Studio, 212-C N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

An American Dream Preview reception for exhibition by Gregg Jabs. Exhibition ends January 10, 2010. Free for members, \$10 general. 760-721-2787. Saturday, August 29, 5pm. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way, (OCEANSIDE)

Shodo Exhibition Students of master calligrapher Sankei Sakai exhibit their works of shodo, the art of writing Japanese characters with brushstrokes. 619-238-0801. Friday, August 28, 10am; Saturday, August 29, 10am. San Diego Japanese Christian Church, 1920 E Street. (GOLDEN HILL)

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. Exhibit continues through August on main floor, west wing, of Geisel Library. 858-822-5758. Thursday, 7:30am; Friday, 7:30am; Saturday, 10am; Sunday, 10am; Monday, 7:30am; through Monday, August 31, free. UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

All Things Nancy Drew! Does

Barbecue at the Hostel Free barbecue helps celebrate 75-year anniversary of San Diego's Hostelling International chapter. RSVP: 619-338-9981. Friday, August 28, 6pm; free. Hostelling International — Point Loma, 3790 Udall Street. (POINT LOMA)

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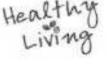
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Discriminating? "Is Reverse Discrimination Discrimination?" is subject when P&R Discussion Group gathers. 619-370-1027. Thursday, August 27, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Doggie Café Take your friendly, on-leash dog to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. One dog per human handler. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. Friday, August 28, 6pm. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Grand Summer Festival Street festival features American Muscle Classic Car Show, food, kids' area, over 300 vendors. 760-945-9288. Sunday, August 30, 9am; free. San Marcos, Via Vera Cruz at San Marcos Boulevard. (SAN MARCOS)

House of Panama Lawn program to "promote Panama's diverse culture, customs, and food." Regional foods offered for sale. 619-922-8112. Sunday, August 30, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BAL-BOA PARK)

Medicinal Marijuana Forum Hottest debate topic in Chula Vista is whether to approve medicinal marijuana dispensaries. Five civic groups sponsor forum with speakers from various perspectives, including dispensary owners, police, health department, with questionand-answer period to follow. 619-307-3460. Thursday, August 27, 5:30pm; free. Chula Vista Civic Center Library, 365 F Street. (CHULA VISTA)

Middle-Eastern Drum and Belly-Dance Class Doumbek drumming class for all levels taught by Frank Lazzaro (6-7pm), followed by tribal belly-dance class taught by Sabrina Fox with live drumming (7-8pm). \$12 per class. 760-703-1487. Mondays, 6pm; \$12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Personal Totems Choose from gallery's tiles, glass, dishes, beads, shells, or bring your own items, to create a mosaic "totem." Fee: \$15 per class, or \$55 for every Wednesday of month. Reservations: 619-593-2205. Wednesday, September 2, 5pm. Sophie's Gallery, 109 Rea Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Pottery Sale Clay Artists of San Diego sponsor sale of original works by local artists. 858-472-0807. Saturday, August 29, 10am; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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Travers, director of Booth Historical Photograph Archive, demonstrate how to conduct research in the library, ways to properly identify source materials that may help in research projects during this research library open house. 619-232-6203. Saturday, August 29, 2pm; free-\$6. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BAL-BOA PARK)

Story Time and Concert Carlsbad City Library Learning Center, which provides literacy, bilingual and home-work help services, celebrates one-year anniversary with open house, family story time at 5pm, live music by En Fuego starting at 5:45pm, refreshments. 760-931-4500. Thursday, August 27, 5pm; free. Carlsbad City Library Learning Center, 3368 Eureka Place. (CARLSBAD)

Street Party for Hostelling International Hostelling International-San Diego celebrates 75 years of promoting global awareness through travel. Live jazz by David Patrone Quartet featuring Danny Weller on bass. Ice cream, raffle, brief seminars on how to pack, how to fix a bicycle, how to travel "green." RSVP: 619-338-9981. Saturday, August 29, 1pm; free. William Heath Davis House Museum, 410 Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Suffrage Day Parade and Ball Women's History Museum and Educational Center commemorates Women's Equality Day with Second Annual Suffrage Parade beginning at 4pm at the Kate Sessions statue (on Sixth Avenue side of Laurel Street Bridge). Participants are encouraged to bring "Votes for Women" signs. Parade proceeds across bridge to Balboa Park Club lawn in the Palisades area of Balboa Park for lemonade social. Parade is free.

"Thrifty Thirties"-themed ball takes place at Balboa Park Club (6-9pm) Guests encouraged to dress in "Thirties" costumes. Join in "soup line," marathon dance contest, bake sale, get "arrested" for violating Prohibition. Appearance by "Bonnie and Clyde." Sue Palmer Orchestra provides musical entertainment. 619 233-7963. Saturday, August 29, 4pm; free-\$30. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Taste of Mainstreet International Food Festival The 20th annual festival promises food samples from 36 restaurants, cooking demonstration by Bridget Bueche. Live music at spots along Highway 101 by Backwater Blues Band, Semisi and FulaBula, Tropical Breeze, Creede Johnson, Peter Hall, Russell Castiglione, Jamaican Steel Drums. 760-943-1950. Thursday, August 27, 6pm; \$25. Downtown Encinitas

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Mainly Medieval" Civic organist Carol Williams performs concert with House of Scotland Pipe Band and combined choirs of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral of San Diego for final Summer International Organ Festival of season. 619-702-8138. Monday, August 31, 7:30pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Music of the Doors: A Rock Symphony" Tribute to the Doors — promising tunes including "Hello, I Love You," "Break on Through (To the Other Side)," "L.A. Woman" — when live rock band performs with San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops series. Evening concludes with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Thursday, August 27, 7:30pm; \$15-\$75. Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Sunday, August 30, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Late Summer Pops Concert Coastal Communities Concert Band performs music from Glenn Miller to Gershwin. Also "Dancing Around the Nursery," a medley of familiar nursery rhymes set to music; old standard "I'm Confessin"; and trumpet duet of "Gypsy Earrings." General, \$15; seniors, students, \$12. 800-988-4253. Sunday, August 30, 2pm. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Ragtime Piano Concert Eric Marchese plays ragtime from the year 1909, including compositions by Scott Joplin and others. The "fun-filled" program promises pieces such as "Bowery Buck," "That Poker Rag," and "Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland." Benefits Sunshine Brooks Theatre. 760-529-9140. Saturday, August 29, 8pm; \$15. Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

Summer Pops Concerts Grammy award-winning vocalist and songwriter Melissa Manchester graces stage with San Diego Symphony. Evenings conclude with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Fri-

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DANCE

"Cutting-Edge" Country & Swing Workshops in West Coast swing, two-step, followed by open dancing with DJ. Pizza and soda included. Couples and singles welcome. 619-275-3533. Saturday, August 29, 7pm; \$8. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

"Fifties Dance Party" Learn to do the jitterbug. 858-451-3775. Thursday, August 27, 7:30pm. Dance Motions, 12120 Alta Carmel Court, Suite 410D. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Let's Cha-Cha!" Month-long class focuses on cha-cha for beginners. \$40 fee covers four classes. 858-451-3775. Thursdays, 6:30pm; through Thursday, August 27; 18 and up. Dance Motions, 12120 Alta Carmel Court, Suite 410D. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Summer and Spice" Ballroom dance show features styles from waltz to hip-hop. Promised: appearance by one of top 10 dancers from *So You Think You Can Dance*. 858-565-9575. Saturday, August 29, 7pm; \$25. Dance for 2, 7528

Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Argentine Tango Tango lesson, followed by DJ-hosted social dance (10pm to 1am). Fee for social dance: \$7. For singles and couples of all ages. 619-393-1974. Friday, August 28, 9pm; free. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Back-to-School Salsa Party Salsa dance benefits nonprofit program Dancing After School. Lesson for beginners, 7:15pm; intermediate, 7:50pm. Rest of evening is open dance featuring DJ Jessie "La Mafia," DJ Victor, live music by Luna Llena, dance performances. 619-200-7124. Friday, August 28, 7:15pm; \$10-\$15. 18 and up. Schroeder's at Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey Street. (CLAIREMONT)

Belly Dance Show Mimi the belly dancer entertains. 858-784-0515. Saturday, August 29, 7:30pm; free. Ali Baba's Cave, 10921 Roselle Street. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Live Music Swing Dance Firehouse Swing Dance offers lesson at 8pm, followed by dance party at 8:30pm. Pete Jacobs Quintet plays. All ages welcome. \$15, cash only. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, September 2, 8pm. San Diego Woman's Club, 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

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Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30pm; dances taught and called to live music 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, August 28, 7:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

World of Dance Tour "Urban dance" competition features more than 50 local groups, as well as dancers from MTV's America's Best Dance Crew. Multiple stages, clothing booths featuring "urban streetwear." Tickets \$25 in advance, \$40 at door. 562-714-2195. Saturday, August 29, 3pm. San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

FILM

"Dive-in Theatre" "Cinema social" combines "eclectic film choices," food, drink, light conversation at the hotel's poolside lounge and theater located outdoors. This week, take in Fletch. Reservations: 619-226-6100. Wednesday, September 2, 8pm;

free. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

Beyond Organic Film documents "story of a farm battling for survival in the face of suburban development near Santa Barbara," compares traditional agriculture with "the trend to megafarms." Doors open at 6:30pm. Followed by discussion. 760-758-2410. Friday, August 28, 7pm; free. Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1600 Buena Vista Drive, (VISTA)

Militainment. Inc. Activist San Diego presents documentary film subtitled Militarism & Pop Culture that asks how war has become glamorized, how that has culturally conditioned us. 714-595-6912. Saturday, August 29, 7pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street, (HILLCREST)

The 39 Steps at Sea La Jolla Playhouse hosts screening of Alfred Hitchcock's hit comedy film in conjunction with its own stage version. Film screens aboard the antique upper deck of the steamship Berkeley. \$13 general, \$8 children. 619-234-9153. Friday, August 28, 8pm. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

The 39 Steps in Balboa Park La Jolla Playhouse hosts screening of Alfred Hitchcock's hit comedy film in conjunction with its own stage version. 619-238-7559. Thursday, August 27, 7pm; free. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Laurel and Hardy in WWII Saps at Sea Tent of Laurel and Hardy fans of all ages gather for film Great Guns (where a butler and a chauffeur follow their employer into the Army), the Three Stooges' No Dough Boys, shorts, cartoons, cake, punch. Donation: \$6. 619-417-9032. Saturday, August 29, 6:30pm; free. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3902 Kenwood Drive. (SPRING VALLEY)

Part Happening, Part Film Installation The alt.pictureshows short-film showcase returns with "smart, provocative short films guaranteed to delight, engage, and challenge moviegoers." Guests "dip in and out of rooms at will to sample everything from quirky comedies to thoughtful documentaries." Room themes include "Funny Boneyard IV: Drama Queens and Global Village Idiots Unite (Again)," "The Tragic Kingdom of Reynold Reynolds," "The Wailing Wall, Disc IV," more. 858-454-3541. Thursday, August 27, 7pm; free-\$5. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Put the Candle Back! Enjoy Young Frankenstein, Mel Brooks's 1974 ode to silliness starring Gene Wilder, Teri Garr, Cloris Leachman, Marty Feldman, Madeline Kahn, Peter Boyle when "Classics of Comedy" series hosted by Lyric Opera San Diego concludes. 619-239-8836. Sunday, August 30, 2:30pm; Wednesday, September 2, 7pm; \$7-\$9. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Surf Like a Girl California Surf Museum screens documentary The Women and the Waves, which explores the lives of women who "have chosen to paddle headfirst into the male-dominated sport of surfing." 760-721-6876. Tuesday, September 1, 7pm; \$10. Grace Theater, 102 North Freeman Street. (OCEANSIDE)

FOOD & DRINK

Barbecue Party Learn tips of trade from "barbecue experts," enjoy barbecue meal. Event cosponsored by food website Sally's Place. 858-551-4227. Sunday, August 30, 1pm; \$25. Bubba's Smokehouse BBQ, 888 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Beer Tasting and Dinner San Diego's Airdale Brewing Company offers pints, paired with fourcourse menu by chef Peter Harbison. Reservations: 619-713-6900. Tuesday, September 1, 7pm; \$25. 21 and up. Hoolevs Irish Pub & Grill, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. (LA MESA)

Tomato-Basil Festival and Potluck San Diego Food Not Lawns invites you to taste different types of tomatoes and basils, watch cooking demos for gazpacho, pico de gallo, pesto. Bring vour own tomatoes to share, covered dish. 619-508-0374. Saturday, August 29, 4pm; free. City Heights Performance Annex, 3791 Fairmount Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

FOR KIDS

Pepper's Favorites II Pepper the orangutan presents his "favorite skits, songs, and the story of a child who won't go to bed" when Puppet Express takes the stage. 619-544-9203. Thursday, August 27, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Friday, August 28, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Saturday, August 29, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, August 30, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Air Guitar Contest Join air guitar fun, watch film School of Rock

4999. Wednesday, September 2, 8:30pm; free. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Avedon and Calder Festival

Participate in art-making activities inspired by work of artists Richard Avedon and Alexander Calder during Target Free Family Day and Festival. Enjoy performances, artist demonstrations, tours. 619-232-7931. Sunday, August 30, 12 noon; free. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

Find the Coyote Mingei International Museum invites families to join a treasure hunt. Each participating family gets a printed guide (also available in Spanish) leading them to spots in the museum where they may find pictures of "Fuego the Coyote." Those who complete the hunt get a prize. Family admission \$5, individuals \$3. 619-239-0003. Sunday, August 30, noon. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK

Lizards and Snakes! Kids (ages 2-5) and parents learn "fun facts about lizards and snakes with songs, hands-on materials, short trail walks, and take-home craft" during "Ant-Sized Adventures" led by Linda Hawley. Reservations required: 619-582-6261. Monday, August 31, 10am; Tuesday, September 1, 10am; Wednesday, September 2, 10am; free-\$9. 2 and up. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)



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GALLERIES

"Lifting the Spirit" Reception for multimedia exhibition by members of the Coastal Artists. Closes Wednesday, September 30. 858-720-2400. Thursday, August 27, 5:30pm; free. Solana Beach City Hall, 635 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Momentum" Opening reception for painter James Verbicky. Exhibit ends September 30. 858-459-0836. Saturday, August 29, 6pm; free. Madison Gallery, 1020 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"The Art of Clifford Bailey" Opening of exhibit of paintings by Clifford Bailey, who will demonstrate, discuss his work. Exhibit closes September 23. 760-730-9166. Thursday, August 27, 5:30pm; free. Ivanffy-Uhler Gallery, 565 Grand Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

"Theobald and Zinn" Opening reception for exhibition of paintings by Gillian Theobald, Ollie Zinn. Exhibit ends September 17. 619-644-7299. Tuesday, September 1, 7pm; free. Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (GROSSMONT COLLEGE)

"Transports of Form" Opening reception for painting, "kinetic sculpture" work by Bret Barrett. Exhibit ends September 23. 619-563-9770. Saturday, August 29, 6pm; free. Art of Framing Gallery, 3333 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS) **Bryan Snyder Solo** Opening reception for exhibit of work by Bryan Snyder, who uses drip technique on canvas, sculpture. Live music by Matt Gose, catering by Señor Grubby's. Exhibit ends September 30. 760-521-8713. Saturday, August 29, 7pm; free. Snyder Art and Design, 2695 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

Off Track Reception for paint artists Grace Swanson and Diane Dudek and photo artists Cindy Gary, Bruce Stewart. Exhibit ends September 30. 760-560-6897. Saturday, August 29, 5pm; free. Off Track 2 Gallery, 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

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"3AM" Where have you been at 3am? So Say We All invites you to share the story. Prescreened story-tellers offer five-minute true stories, audience votes for winner. Then put your name in hat for chance to tell your own. 619-887-2856. Saturday, August 29, 8pm; \$5. Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"One Tribe" "A soulful journey of ancestry, humanity, and transformation through Afro-Modern dance, poetry, and monologues," by transcenDANCE Youth Art Project and MetZin Man Edutainment Productions. 619-255-3812. Friday, August 28, 8pm; Saturday, August 29, 8pm; \$10-\$15. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

Children of Armenia Journalist and attorney Michael Bobelian discusses, signs his book, subtitled A Forgotten Genocide and the Century-Long Struggle for Justice. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, September 1, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Bangkok, Etc. Timothy Hallinan discusses, signs his international thriller *Breathing Water.* 858-268-4747. Thursday, August 27, 7pm; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Tumbling for Charity Charlie Tamayo, who represented Cuba in 2000 and 2004 Olympics, performs, along with collegiate gymnasts, YMCA teams. \$5 general, \$3 children. Benefits YMCA community programs. 858-496-9622. Saturday, August 29, 1pm. Toby Wells YMCA, 5105 Overland Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

Ukulele and Hula Bill "Tappy" Tapia, at 101 "the oldest working musician in the United States," draws from his career as a successful jazz guitarist as he turns to the four-string uke. Playing with him is Pat Enos; dancing by Le Polynesia Halau. Doors open at 6:30pm 760-721-6876. Saturday, August 29, 8pm; \$25-\$35. Grace Theater, 102 North Freeman Street. (OCEANSIDE)

Urban Fantasy Jeanne Stein discusses, signs her vampire novel *Retribution.* 858-268-4747. Saturday, August 29, 2pm; free. Mysteri-



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LECTURES

"Open-Ocean Aquaculture" Mark Drawbridge, senior research scientist at Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute, discusses plans for demonstration fish farm off the San Diego coast, ways to increase food supply, for Life at Mira Costa group. At 2:30, Rhea Amid explains the origin and significance of Ramadan, the Islamic fasting period. 760-721-8124. Friday, August 28, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"World Travel on a Budget III" Laura Kuebel, a veteran of backpacking through Europe and traveling other continents, leads work-





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Composting Workshop Learn to get started, balance greens and browns, and more. Led by representatives of San Diego Food Not Lawns, Victory Gardens San Diego. 619-508-0374. Saturday, August 29, noon; free. City Heights Farmers' Market, 4440 Wightman Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Exit Planning Nancy Fagan, licensed marriage and family counselor, leads workshop for those who want to leave their spouse. Bring pen and paper, develop "a plan of action for a better post-divorce life." 858-863-3380. Saturday, August 29, 9am; \$55. Divorce Help Clinic, 11622 El Camino Real, Suite 100. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Faulconer on Downtown San Diego City Council president pro tem Kevin Faulconer discusses downtown area in lunchtime "Sound Bites" series sponsored by Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC). Bring your own lunch. Event is in Downtown Information Center, at Horton Plaza above CVS/pharmacy. 619-235-2222. Tuesday, September 1, noon; free. Westfield Horton Plaza, 324 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

Health-Care Discussion Two speakers and short video on topic "Health Care Is a Human Right, Fighting for Single-Payer Health Care." Take part in discussion that follows. Sponsored by International Socialist Organization (ISO), Green Party, Health Care for All. 619-865-0621. Thursday, August 27, 6pm; free. City Heights Recreation Center, 4380 Landis Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Japanese Tansu In illustrated talk titled "Art, Tradition and Utility," Sandi Calabough of the San Diego Museum of Art's Asian Arts Council discusses the chests of drawers that are intertwined with Japanese history. Council members free; general \$10, students \$5. 619-543-9810. Thursday, August 27, 10:30am. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Mystery Writing Workshop Join group Sisters in Crime (men welcome, too!) for all-day workshop. Presenters Doug Lyle, M.D., Carolyn Wheat cover plotting, deconstructing the crime, crafting the scene, and more. Bring scenes with you for critique, or share scene written at workshop. Cost does not include lunch. Reservations: 760-505-7037. Saturday, August 29, 9am; \$60-\$80. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Women's Equality Day Panel Panel of "prominent feminists" discusses current-day issues. Event marks anniversary of women gaining the right to vote with the passage of 19th Amendment. Sponsored by San Diego Democratic Club. 619-200-8194. Thursday, August 27, 6:30pm; \$65-\$75. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

SPORTS

And They're Off! Del Mar Thoroughbred Club horse racing meet runs through September 9. Handicapping seminars offered Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays. "Donut Day" planned August 29; take in morning workouts with free doughnuts, coffee, orange juice, appearances by jockeys and trainers (free).

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(September 7) is Jockey Photo Day. Season concludes with Party in the Paddock on September 9. 858-755-1141. Thursdays, 2pm; Fridays, 3pm; Saturdays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; Wednesdays, 2pm; through Wednesday, September 9, \$6-\$10. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Bike the Bay Enjoy a noncompetitive community bike ride for all levels of riders on a scenic, primarily flat ride around the San Diego Bay via the Bayshore Bikeway. Riders travel through Coronado, Imperial Beach, Chula Vista, National City, as well as over the Coronado Bay Bridge. Benefits the SD County Bicycle Coalition. 619-977-2989. Sunday, August 30, 7am; \$55. 12 and up. Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

Fernando Gutierrez Memorial Cup San Diego Polo Club hosts competition and "7th Chukker Party." Preliminary matches at 1:30pm, feature match at 3pm. Parking: \$5.858-750-6841. Sunday, August 30, 1:30pm; \$10-\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Padres vs. Nationals San Diego Padres take on the Washington Nationals. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Monday, August 31, 7:05pm; Tuesday, September 1, 7:05pm; Wednesday, September 2, 12:35pm; \$7-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Snorkel with Sharks! Adventures among harmless leopard sharks, guitarfish, and smoothhound sharks during outing

hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Saturday, August 29, 8am; \$30. 10 and up. La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro. (LA JOLLA)

Tuesday Night Racing Velodrome bicycle racing season continues with racing in many categories. Racing is open to all riders with an appropriate track bike and sufficient track-racing experience. Free for spectators. 931-233-5749. Tuesdays, 6:30pm; through Tuesday, September 29, free. San Diego Velodrome, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Up for a Century? Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders to peddle 100 miles through Camp Pendleton to San Clemente and back. Bring driver's license for entry on base, money for lunch. 619-426-8192. Sunday, August 30, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center "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





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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, explores "how the vision of one local gallery has contributed to the commonwealth" and 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 Mac-Connel, Julian Opie, Ryan McGinness, Manny Farber, and Patricia Patterson. Through Thursday, December 31. 340 North Escondido Blvd., 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

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casing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars. Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11am, 2:30pm) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. 31123-1/2 Highway 94, 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

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-

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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)

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

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 sizescale, 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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mingei International Museum North County 155 West Grand Ave., 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown Works in "Attempt to Raise Hell" are said to "range from poetic meditations on life, death, and religion to political responses that have a contem-





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porary resonance beyond specific historical events." Exhibition includes pieces by Dennis Oppenheim, Vito Acconci, Chris Burden, María Fernanda Cardoso, Russell Crotty, Lewis de Soto, James Drake, Charles Gaines, Ann Hamilton, Jim Skalman, others. Through Sunday, September 27.

"Octagon" (named for eightsided cages in which mixed martial arts fighters compete) presents photographs by Kevin Lynch, who was given access to document the Ultimate Fighting Championship mixed martial arts athletes, both ringside and behind the scenes. Centerpiece of exhibition is "monumental grid of before-and-after photographs of the competitors prior to and following their matches." Closes Sunday, September 27. 1100 and 1001 Kettner Blvd., 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

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

New Americans Museum in NTC Promenade 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 102, 619-255-8908. (POINT LOMA)

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).

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)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove "Messages from the World:

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

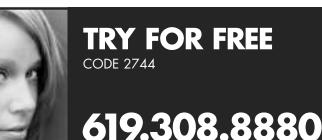
Reuben H. Fleet Science Center Decades of NASA research and color photography from robotic spacecraft illuminate "Giant Worlds: A Voyage to the Outer Solar System," a three-dimensional, interactive exhibition continuing through Monday, September 7. Exhibition consists of 20 individual exhibits filled with interactive experiences, models, and murals revealing "the grandeur of these amazing planets."

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

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.

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft, including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from



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the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS Yorktown, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane; 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

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

San Diego Maritime Museum Sailor's Davs offered Wednesdavs through August 26. Guests experience activities such as rope making, moving cargo, raising and lowering sails, more. Children may participate in scavenger hunt to learn about history.

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

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

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

San Diego Museum of Man "Skull Stories: The Art of Ancient Surgery" marks "the first time the museum will use an entire collection of its own artifacts for an exhibit display." Trephining, or removing a piece of bone from the skull, is oldest surgical procedure known from antiquity; skulls exhibiting different degrees of healing after trephination will be displayed, as well as skulls that have been trephined using different techniques. Trephination tools, instruments such as obsidian blades, tumis, chisels also displayed.

The "Retablos" exhibit features retablo art of Peru, originating as a popular religious art form during the Romanesque period. Retablos

are small portable altars. Exhibition shares information about people who make them: how the events and traditions around them have influenced their lives, specifically featuring Andean artist Nicario Jimenez Quispe. Closes Sunday, January 24.

"Gods and Gold: Ancient Treasures from Mexico to Peru" showcases museum's collections of Mexican, Central American, and South American archaeological objects. Rare gold and jewelry, exotic figurines, intricate stonework, and pottery from the ancient world are on display, as well as a crystal skull, on loan from a private collector. Through Sunday, September 13.

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

San Marcos Historical Society Museum 270 West San Marcos Blvd., 760-744-9025. (SAN MARCOS)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park Commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between

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the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Rd., 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Timken Museum of Art "Palekh: Icons to Souvenir Boxes to Icons" is exhibition of works steeped in "rich cultural tradition of the Russian village of Palekh, one of the great icon centers of the 18th and 19th Centuries." Show displays traditional icons and folk handicraft of decorated papiermâché black lacquer boxes. Through Sunday, October 4.



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619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

display. 29200 Cole Grade Rd., 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

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

Women's History Museum 2323 Broadway, Suite 107, 619-233-7963. (GOLDEN HILL)

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An Epitaph for East Memphis Slim When Memphis session player and producer Jim Dickinson passed away at age 67 from heart complications on Saturday, August 15, few

being "pressured by the record company to find a 'name' producer. After being turned down by Tom Waits and Keith Richards, Nixon contacts [Jim] Dickinson. Luckily Dickinson turns out



music fans may have realized how vast his résumé was one that included work with several notable San Diego

to be a fan and kindred spirit. [Soon] Nixon heads to Memphis to record an album with Dickinson. Learns the



PLAYER-PRODUCER JIM DICKINSON (1941-2009)

musicians. In May of 1988, Mojo Nixon's career was on the upswing and, as stated on his website's timeline, he was

joys of Graceland on mushrooms, local wrestling shows, blues jams in Mississippi, and church with Rev. Al Green." The result was *Root Hog*

or Die, with Dickinson on keys as East Memphis Slim; he's seen playing in Nixon's popular Elvis tribute video "(619) 239-KING." Nixon returned to do his 1990 Otis album with Dickinson.

On their 1998 RFTC album, Rocket From the Crypt worked with Dickinson (contributing piano and Hammond organ), who regaled the attentive young musicians with tales of producing the Replacements' *Pleased to Meet Me* (1987) and Big Star's Third/Sister Lovers (1974). RFTC went to Memphis and got Dickinson's piano stylings on 2001's *Group Sounds* for the closer "Ghost Shark." As the album's press sheet stated, "Jim plays Jack Nitzsche to Speedo's Lee Hazelwood and everyone descends into a tale of lost sacred ritual."

Before either of those acts, though, singer-guitarist Javier Escovedo of South Bay punk 'n' roll pioneers the Zeros worked with Dickinson when he produced the eponymous debut album for the True Believers, the Texasbased '80s band Escovedo cofronted with brother Alejandro. "He just had a good warm vibe about him but also a tough, seen-it-all vibe, too," recalls Escovedo.

"He played piano on a few songs, [but] we were known as this big three-guitar army...so he didn't want to mess with that too much.... I dug him.... I had always hoped we could work together again. [And] he got one of our songs onto the Blue City movie soundtrack. It's mainly...Ry Cooder songs except for a Johnny Cash song and a Javier Escovedo song [True Believers' "Marianne"]. Very cool. And he made it happen." – David Stampone

The Case of the **Blue Violin**

Jennifer "Spags" Spingola and her blue violin have been around the world. The flying V, sixstring electric violin was made for her nine years ago by Wood Violins of New York. "It's one of a kind. There has never been one made with that finish." She's backed Twisted Sister's Dee Snider and opera tenor Nick Palance on the road. She's played Europe and Africa on USO-style tours backing country singer Brian Space. Locally, Spags plays with Dave Matthews tribute band Stepping Feet. She thought her band was messing with her when they played R.T.'s Longboard Grill

in P.B. on May 21. "I brought in my gear and set it to the side of the stage just like I do every night. I wait for the lead singer to set up his gear, then I set up. I looked down to where my gear was supposed to be, and it wasn't there. For a good hour I thought the band was playing a joke on me. I pulled them all aside separately and asked them if they were playing a joke. They all said no, but I still wasn't convinced. Then I asked the manager if the band was all in on the joke." It was no joke. Someone

pened. I looked in my trunk

pear.... Whoever took it has

to me. It was like losing my

only child. I couldn't get out

depressed. After three months,

I'm just now feeling normal."

police report. "Pawn shops

She says she has filed a

of bed for days, I was so

it would magically reap-

aren't very nice. They say there is not much they can do since it doesn't have a serial number.... It's so obviously a one-of-a-kind, I don't know where anyone would go to try and sell it. This happened to someone else. Three years later the owner found someone trying to sell it on the internet. So, there's still



SPAGS AND HER BEDAZZLED BLUE VIOLIN

walked off with her violin that hope." Spags was able to borrow night. Total loss: \$5000. "One of the bows is worth \$1000.... another instrument made by It took me until the next day Wood Violins and has not to accept that it actually hapmissed any gigs. She's currently backing country at home countless times as if singer Danielle Tucker on a new project. "When I went back [to no idea how devastating it was

Longboard's] the next day to hang [missing violin] flyers, the manager said someone else's vintage guitar just got stolen the week before. Our keyboard player, Jeremy Miller, had his keyboard stolen about

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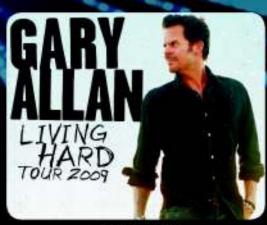
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a year ago from their parking lot. Some people think somebody is targeting the people who play at Longboard's. It could be a random person. I'd hate to think that it would be someone I know."

Anyone with info should contact *SteppingFeet.com*. Spags and Stepping Feet appear August 28 at Anthology.

— Ken Leighton

What Do You Tenori-On? "I heard about the Tenori-On when it was being testmarketed in the U.K. in 2007," says Eric Van der Wyk, aka King Tet, reportedly the ninth person in the U.S. to obtain the experimental Japanese instrument whose name means "Sound in the palm of your hand."

"It's a synthesizer and a looping sequencer and a 16-part multi-timbral MIDI controller," says Van der Wyk, "on an eight-inchsquare polished magnesium frame with 16 rows and 16 columns of LED buttons. These 256 buttons are what you play, and they light up as you play them, so the instrument is a vehicle of light and sound. Each button represents an internal sound, so there are 256 different instruments including three user banks that allow you to create custom instruments as well."

The Tenori-On was invented by Toshio Iwai, a Japanese video-game designer who'd previously designed the musical puzzle game Elektroplankton for Nintendo DS.



KING TET SHREDS THE TENORI-ON

"It's like having a 16-track studio with a different musician on each channel," says Van der Wyk, best known locally as a banjo player and for his audio restoration firm King Tet Productions. "In performance, up to 16 differ-



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and other parts of Australia I

everything you create can be

King Tet's new album is

called What Do You Turn On

"People are a little bewildered

— Jay Allen Sanford

when they see it in action."

The City Needs Me

Gregory Page, one of San

Diego's most prolific singer-

songwriters, says he plans to

stay put even as many artists leave town for New York and

L.A. "It seems that we have an

exodus. If everybody moves

away, our scene will go to

shit. The city needs me. It

is about to release his 21st

album. "It's in the spirit of

old jazz, like Billie Holiday

He just returned from a

two-month tour of Australia.

Some dates were with Steve

Poltz. He headlined the oth-

and Louis Armstrong."

needs all of us." Page says he

When You Tenori-On?

saved."

had never been to before." Page agreed to play November 9 as part of the Acoustic Evenings at the Athenaeum series. Last week, he backed out because he found out the Athenaeum asks for a \$2 cut from each CD

he would sell at his

show. "The CDs cost me \$6 each. It seems like [taking a cut] is such a conflict of what they stand for. The Athenaeum is such a beautiful space. I wouldn't agree to give any venue a nickel of my CD sales. CD sales are my bread and butter. Nobody gets a cut of my lifeblood."

The Athenaeum Music & Arts Library was La Jolla's original public library and is now run by a nonprofit organization. Its mission statement says it is "exclusively devoted to music and art," presenting concerts, exhibi-



tions, and lectures. The Acoustic Evenings series pays artists at least \$50 per performance for about a half-hour set. The series has in the past featured Jack Tempchin, Mike Keneally, Eve Selis, and Robin Henkel.

"We've always done that with all our artists," says Kristina Meek, the Athenaeum's public relations director. "We take a portion of their sales to cover our costs for the cost of the person selling [CDs] and for the space. We give the artist the option to raise the cost of their CDs \$2 [to cover the venue surcharge].... [Page] is the first person who has ever expressed a problem with it.... We are a nonprofit."

The November 9 lineup at the Athenaeum is now Sara Petite, Lisa Sanders, and Chris Zach. — Ken Leighton

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l'm a '70s Girl

"I think the worst [gig] was when I was forced to sing the Mary Tyler Moore theme."

achael Gordon's sound, style, and her very life play like something out of the late '70s.

Musically, she says, "I'm into all sorts of things.

There's some garage rock, some power pop, and some folk. I grew up in the '70s, so there's all those influences from AM radio."

Since having had a moderate hit record in Germany and airplay on the BBC, Rachael has been mining that groovy decade for girl-group gold. "I started doing shows with a group called the Sleazybeats," she says. "We played covers and originals, and we did a birthday song to Phil Spector on a tribute album." She also recently recorded tracks with classic-rock survivors Foreigner.

Rachael is currently a solo act backed by a rotating roster of notable locals, including Bart Mendoza (the Shambles), Hector Penalosa (the Zeros), Joel Kmak (the Beat Farmers), Mike Kamoo (Static Halo), Ray Brandes (the Tell-Tale Hearts), and Ron Silva (the Hitmakers).

Despite the all-star accompaniment, she says gender can still be a problem with promoters. "It's very hard to get someone to stop looking at your ass and listen to what you're saying...believe it or not, it's still considered pretty wild to be a girl fronting a rock band. Occasionally you'll see a girl fronting a punk band, but that doesn't count." Asked about her worst gig, Rachael says, "It

wasn't great being called a 'Nancy Sinatra wannabe' in a *San Diego Union-Tribune* review — I think the worst was when I was forced to sing the *Mary Tyler Moore* theme at a coffeehouse."

Alas, when you're living out an episode of *That* '70s Show, that's the kind of kneesock nostalgia people are going to expect.

EARLY INSPIRATIONS?

"Seventies music had a big impact on me — especially stuff like Heart, which can go from acoustic to Zeppelin in no time. The Runaways were a great one, and Joan Jett's solo stuff. A.J. Croce is my brother-in-law, so definitely him, and my dad was a musician too. He played with a few San Diego bands in the '60s and '70s."

BEST SLEAZYBEATS GIG?

"Definitely a show at the Garage, where we were the only band that had a smoke machine. We packed the club and had a real shtick, with matching outfits. We got an awful lot of attention. Then again, we always did."



HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR MUSIC?

"I'm known as a pop singer, and my first records

were very bubblegum, with a '60s and late-'70s

sound. I guess I could describe those as a mixture

of the Peanut Butter Conspiracy and Blondie,

though I kind of went into more of a country

pop thing, much like Buckingham Nicks or early

"That would be a turntable, with a Quicksilver

WORST PICKUP LINE EVER USED ON YOU?

"In a bar? Hmm. 'Nice toilet,' which I guess was

WHAT'S ON YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Linda Ronstadt."

Messenger Service album."

supposed to mean 'nice ass.'"

STAR TREK OR STAR WARS?

"Neither...I hate science fiction."

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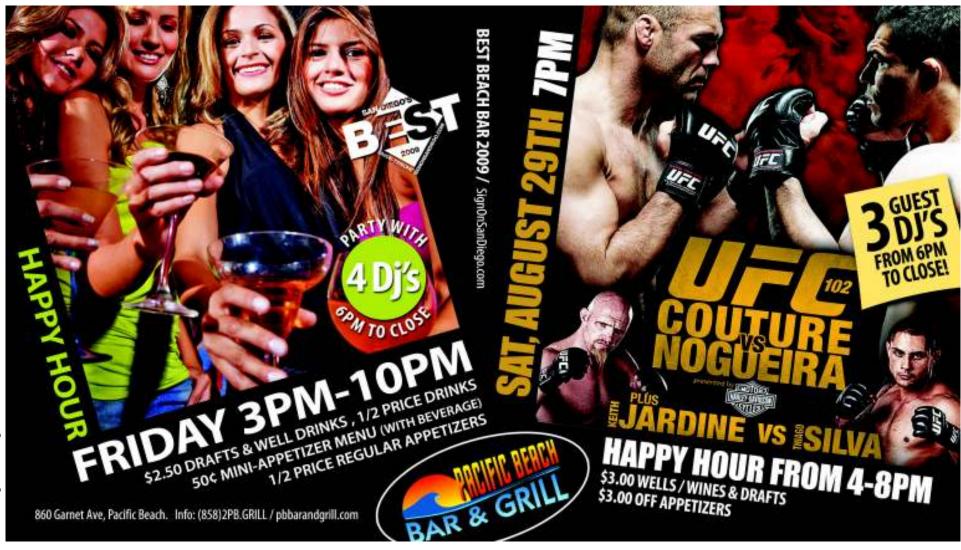
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SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

"I like running out into the ocean and swimming at night alone — in my birthday suit or whatever I'm wearing — just to get my head together, because it feels good. Then I'll get out and lay in the sand and drink whiskey. It makes me feel like there isn't anything I can't do. And there isn't."









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Saturday, 7:30pm — Balle de Verano. With El Compa Chuy y los Cuates de Sinaloa. Latin.

8Teen Arts and Cultural Center: 3925 Ohio St., North Park. *Friday*, 7pm — A Scribe Amidst the Lions. With the Touchies. Alternative/experimental/rock. \$8.

Alpine Inn: 2225 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-5172. *Thursdays*, 7pm — Kemosabe. Covers/pop/rock. Free. *Friday*, 9pm — Stone Wolf. Rock. *Saturday*, 9pm — Rockstreet. Covers/standards/rock. Free.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. Thursday, 7:30pm — The Neo Groove Trio. Funk/jazz. \$15. Friday, 9:30pm — Stepping Feet. A tribute to Dave Matthews band. \$15. Friday, 7:30pm, Saturday, 7:30pm and 9:30pm - Strunz & Farah. Jazz. \$28-\$34. Sunday, 7:30pm — Peter Sprague. A tribute to Stevie Wonder. Covers/R&B/soul. \$10-\$18. Tuesday, 7:30pm - Natalie Cole. Jazz/soul. \$98-\$125. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Terence Blanchard. Jazz. \$30.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194. *Thursday*, 9pm — Mannequin Men. With Davila 666 and Slab City. Garage/psychedelic/rock. Free. 21 and up. *Sunday*, 10pm — Normandie. Rock. Free. 21 and up. *Sunday*, 10pm — The Box Elders. With the Anasazis. Indie/pop/rock. Free. 21 and up. *Wednesday*, 10pm — Red Hot Wednesday with Robin. Featuring DJ Artistic and No Sucker DJs. Techno. Free. 21 and up.

Bare Back Grill: 624 E St., Downtown, 619-237-9990.

Thursday, 7pm — Rob Hastings. Acoustic. Free.

Beachside Grill: 215 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-433-8850. Friday, 8pm — Hazmat. 21 and up. Saturday, 8pm — Raiz Muzik. With Good U Shood. Reggae. \$7. 21 and up.

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

Thursday, 9pm — Llabia. With the Starline Theorie and DJ Robin Roth. Rock. 21 and up. *Friday*, 9pm — Turbo Teen. With DJ Andrew Decade, Rawkerz, and Headshake. Rock. \$5. 21 and up. *Saturday*, 9pm — Finding Fiction.

With DJ Morgan Young. Indie. \$5. 21 and up. *Sunday*, 9pm — A Fight for Fame. Battle of the bands. With DJ Yalda. \$5. 21 and up.

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

481-8140. *Thursday*, 9pm — JJ Grey. With Mofro. Country/rock/soul. \$16-\$18. 21 and up. *Friday*, 9pm — Richie Spice and Spanner Banner. With World Anthem and DJ Carlos Culture. Reggae. \$22-\$24. 21 and up. *Saturday*, 4pm — The Tailchasers. Country. 9pm — Danger Kitty. Rock. \$10-\$12. 21 and up. *Sunday*, 4pm — Survivors Showcase. Featuring Laura Roppe, Michael Tiernan, Alyssa Jacey, and Danielle Tucker. Pop/rock. \$10-\$12. 21 and up.

Monday, 9:30pm — Club Up and Up. Featuring Heavy Young Heathens and Jamuel Saxon. Electronica/rock. \$6. 21 and up. *Tuesday*, 9pm, *Wednesday*, 9pm — Israel Vibration. With Giant Panda Guerilla Dub Squad. Roots/reggae/ soul. \$23-\$25. 21 and up.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-9300. *Wednesday*, 9pm — V Child. Rock. Free.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-2989. *Thursday*, 9pm — Heavy Glow. With Dropjoy. Reggae/rock. \$5. 21 and up.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. Friday, 7 pm and 9:30pm Grandview. Punk. 21 and up. Saturday, 8pm — Lexington Field. With the California Celts, the Cameron Highlanders Pipe Band, and Just Like Jenna. Celtic/punk/ rock. \$10. Sunday, 8pm — Marcy Playground. With guests. Alternative/rock. \$15. 21 and up. Monday, 9pm — The Cherry Poppin' Daddies. With Silent Treatment and Pushin Rope. Rock/ska/swing. \$10. 21 and up. Wednesday, 9pm — The Carlos Blues Experience. With Machete and Aquatribe. Blues/rock. \$5. 21

and up. **Café Sevilla:** 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-5979. *Thursday*, 9pm — Walter II and Orquesta Rumbaney. Salsa/Latin/ tropical.

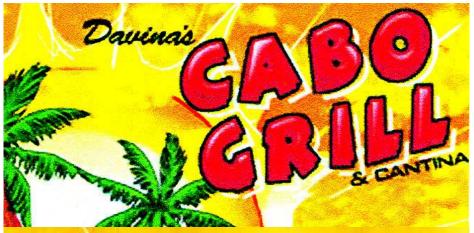
Sunday, 7pm — Gene Perry y Afro Rumba. Latin/jazz/salsa. *Tuesday*, 9pm — Martin Toledo. With his 12-piece *orquesta*.

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The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. Thursday, 8pm — The Warlocks. With the Morning After Girls and Gliss. Rock. \$10. 21 and up. Friday, 8:30pm — Cash'd Out. A tribute to Johnny Cash. Country/ covers/standards. \$15. 21 and up. Saturday, 8:30pm — No Age. With Crocodiles, Wayyes, PENS, and Grafitti Island. Rock. \$15. 21 and up.

Sunday, 8pm — The Gift/Curse. With Mutantspaceboy and John Meeks. Experimental/rock. Free. 21 and up.

Monday, 8:30pm — Gary Wilson. With James Pants and Ikah Love. Experimental/indie/rock. \$8.21 and up.

Tuesday, 9pm - Bad Veins. With Love Like Fire and guest. Indie. \$8. 21 and up. Wednesday, 8:30pm — The Boxing

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La Mesa, 619-465-4190. Saturday, 9pm — Taters Invaders. Blues/funk/jazz. Free.

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Friday, 8pm — Loose Generation. Reggae/rock. Saturday, 2pm — Still Smokin'. Rock. 8pm — Stone Senses. Reggae/rock/soul. Sunday, 6pm — Roots Covenant. Reggae.

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club: 2260 Jimmy Durante BL. Del Mar. 858-755-1141.

Friday, 3pm — Super Diamond. A tribute to Neil Diamond. Free.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344. Friday, 9pm, Saturday, 9pm -West of 5. Covers/rock.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Calexico leaders Joey Burns and John Convertino have been playing in their signature mariachi-indie-rock-experimentalspaghetti-western-film-noir-soundtrack style since the early '90s, when they were part of the all-instrumental combo Friends of Dean Martinez. But that doesn't mean they haven't changed over the years. Once they took the name Calexico in the middle of that decade. they began slowly working more vocal-oriented songs into their act. And as their popularity grew, so did the number of relatively straightforward pop songs they played. It's hard to say which came first, the pop or the popuIron & Wine and Garden Ruin on their own. The albums had their moments, but both seemed a bit anonymous. They were the only albums in the Calexico catalog that did not feature the distinctive cover art of Victor Gastelum, and the music, too, lacked the qualities that made the rest of Calexico's work so identifiable. With last year's Carried

to Dust, Gastelum was back, as were many of the players from 2003's Feast of Wire. Carried to Dust is more song-oriented than Calexico's earliest work, but the instrumental passages and dramatic arrangements suggest that Burns and Convertino have finally come to terms with the fact that their experimental side is their stronger suit, and they can leave the singer-songwriter stuff to



the Iron & Wines of this world. For a while, Calexico's more conventional songs seemed at odds with their unconventional style. Here, when a song emerges from the atmosphere-heavy sound, it seems to come naturally.

CALEXICO: Street Scene, Friday, August 28. \$65; two-day pass, \$122.

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and Three Spoke Wheel. Rock. Embarcadero Marina Park South: 206 Marina Park Way. Downtown. Thursday, 7:30pm — "The Music

of the Doors: A Rock Symphony." Tribute to the Doors.

Friday, 7:30pm, Saturday, 7:30pm Melissa Manchester with San Diego Symphony. Evenings conclude with fireworks. 619-235-0804. \$15-\$75.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000. Friday, 6:30pm — Gray Ghosts. With Gregory Page, the Howls, Animal Spirit, and guests. Pop/rock. \$8-\$10. Saturday, 6:30pm - Bleeding Through, With Carnifex, Miss May I, Motionless in White, Adestria, and I Am the Heart Attack.

Hardcore/metal/punk. \$13-\$15. Sunday, 6pm — The Summer Set. With Eye Alaska, Radio Racer, Somato Sensory, and the Goodnight Anthem. Pop/rock. \$10.

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

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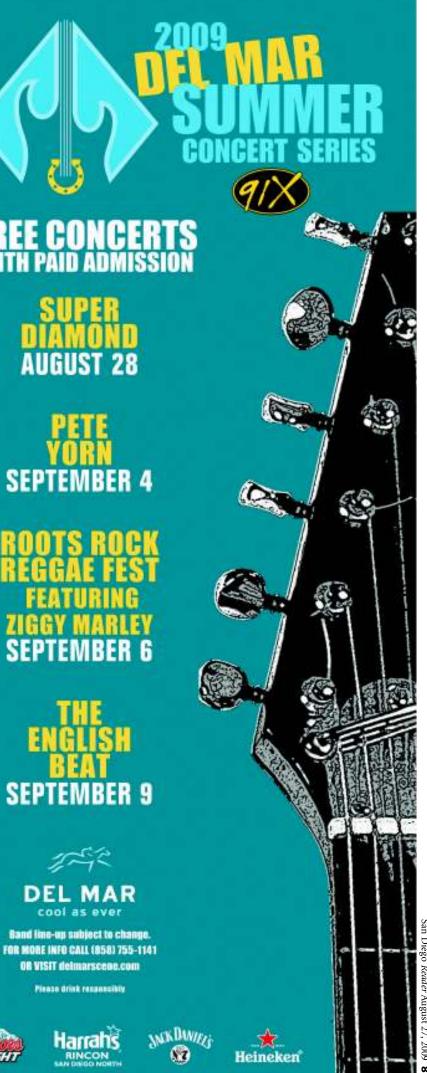
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House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.

Thursday, 7pm — Ryan Cabrera. With Derek Evans. Pop/rock. \$19. 8pm — World Music Night. World. \$12. 21 and up. *Friday*, 8:30pm — Pyromania. A tribute to Def Leppard. Covers/ rock. \$10. 21 and up. Saturday, 7:30pm — San Diego Rocks. Rock. \$12. 21 and up. Wednesday, 6:30pm — Bushwalla. With Steph Johnson and On the One. Blues/rock. \$20. 21 and up.

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Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Saturday, 7pm — Les Dudek. Rock. \$15. Sunday, 8pm — Bradley Leighton and His Soul Collective. Jazz. \$12.

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Friday, 7pm — Dave Koz. With Brian Culbertson and Peabo Bryson. Covers/funk/jazz. \$68. Sunday, 7:30pm — Susan Tedeschi. Blues/soul. \$42.

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

7778. Thursday - Goodnight Gilbert. With guests. Alternative/indie/rock. Friday, 8pm — The 383s. Alternative/punk/rock. Saturday, 8pm — Cattle

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BY DAVE GOOD

When Wired magazine gave Girl Talk a Rave Award in 2007, I think Gregg Gillis was still working his day job as a biotech engineer, jetting off to weekend concerts around the globe, his coworkers unaware of his growing celebrity. Girl Talk started out as Gillis programming little samples and loops with his laptop into party tracks for the amusement of himself and his friends. In this way he made new music from old music, and it caught on. Possessed of an encyclopedic ear for music, Gillis's gift is such that he knows which radio-baked pop opposites will mash up into artsy combinations. Such music wasn't around in the analog world — Karen Carpenter bleeding

one of her timeless iconic hits all over a Boston chartbuster with beats from 50 Cent laced in? Not likely.

Old-school D Is who actually touched vinyl started this trend back in the '80s when — thanks to the rocksteady beats of disco music and variable-speed turntables - they learned to spin one record over the top of another by matching beats and slip-cueing records. In time, the tools of the trade changed to computers and software.

The urge is to call Gillis a DJ. but he is not. He is a

laptop artist, even though the DJ booth is the cultural space that he occupies. And while his laptop may be doing the heavy lifting, Gillis himself is a wild man in performance, doing hand flips, flogging the mix table, dancing around in his underwear, and crowd-surfing to his own creations sampled from pop hits and songs that

GIRL TALK

may have been samples to begin with. Gillis maintains that he has no actual musical skills. but in a virtual world, he knows how to make music.

GIRL TALK: Street Scene, Friday, August 28. \$65; two-day pass, \$122.

Decapitation. With Intronaut. Chanauk, Slaughterbox, and Operation Downfall. Metal. Wednesday, 7pm — Meldrum. Metal.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge,

619-284-2848. Saturday, 10pm - The Stitches. With Walter Lore and the Widows. Punk/rock. 21 and up.

Kitima Thai Cuisine: 406 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-298-2929

Tuesdays, 6:30pm - Charlie Blue. Blues/soul.

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

Thursday, 9pm - Frankie Dee & the Funk Natra Band, Funk/soul. Friday, 9pm — King Fish Turner Band.

Saturday, 2pm — Ghost Riders. Covers/pop/rock. 9pm — Bill Magee. Blues/soul/rock.

Lamb's Players Theatre: 1142 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-0600.

Sunday, 7pm — Last Sunday Cabaret. Featuring Season Duffy, Jon Lorenz, Leonard Patton, Colleen Kollar Smith, Deborah Gilmour Smyth, Joy Yandell, and G. Scott Lacy. Jazz/standards. \$15-\$45.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.

Thursday, 9pm - Matt the Electrician. With Jess Klein and Jordan Reimer. Acoustic. \$8. Wednesday, 8pm - Benjamin Winter and the Make Believe. Folk/indie.

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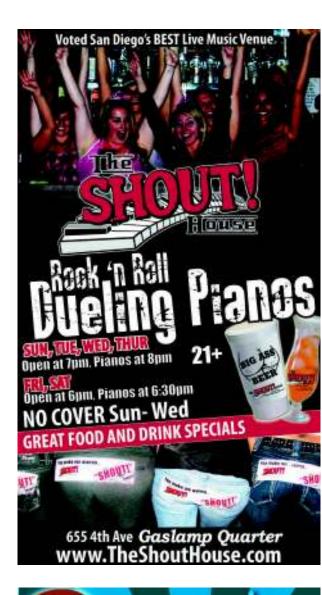
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Downtown, 619-814-6375. Thursday, 7pm — David Patrone Jazz. Free

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050. Friday, 9pm — Sofa Kings. Rock. Saturday, 9pm — Hear No Evil. Rock.

North University Community Library: 8820 Judicial Dr., La Jolla, 858-581-9637. Monday, 6:30pm — The Peter Rutman Band. Blues/jazz. Free

O'Connells Pub and Nightclub: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-276-5637. Friday, 9pm — Without Papers. With Bedpost Buzzards, River Bottom Rockers, Full Blown Stoned. and Platypus Egg. Rock. 21 and up. Saturday, 9pm — Spero Lumina. With Heavy Cessna, Londons Falling, Die Sabotage, Dead Record, and Medicine for Madison. Alternative/metal/rock. 21 and up. Tuesday, 9pm - Listen on Mute. With Pallor of Ash, Hum Raschah, and the Flowerthief. Rock. 21 and

Oceanside Museum of Art: 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-

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Friday, 9pm - Rockandy and DJ Dam. Rock. Free. 21 and up.

Onyx/Thin: 852 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-235-ONYX. Thursday, 10pm — Amber Ojeda. Hip-hop/jazz. Free.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252. Tuesday — The Pretenders, With Cat Power and Juliette Lewis.

Alternative/indie/rock. Patrick's II: 428 F St., Downtown,

619-233-3077. Thursday, 9pm - Missy Andersen. Blues/soul/funk. Friday, 9pm - Catherine Denise Blues Blues Saturday, 9pm — Family Style. Blues/rock. Sunday, 9pm - Len Rainey & the Midnight Players. Blues/jazz. Monday, 9pm — 3rd Degree Blues. Blues. Tuesday, 9pm — Chet Cannon & the Committee, Blues. Wednesday, 9pm — 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band. Blues/funk

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819 Friday, 8pm — The Original Latin Legends. Featuring Tierra, El

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Prescott Promenade: 211 1/2 East Main St., El Cajon.

Friday, 6pm - The Coolrays. A tribute to the Beach Boys. Free.

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Prospect Bar & Lounge: 1025 Prospect St., Suite 210, La Jolla, 858-454-8092. Tuesday, 5:30pm - Rob Hastings.

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436-3036. Thursday, 5:30pm — Peter Sprague. With Leonard Patton and Gunnar Biggs. Covers/jazz.

Queen Bee's Art and Cultural Center: 3925 Ohio St., North Park, 619-255-5147. Thursday, 7pm — Long Live Logos. With the Color of Glass. Wintercolour, Tan Sister Radio, and Mouthful of Snow. Alternative/pop/rock.

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Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.

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Round Table Pizza: 1161 East Washington St., Escondido, 760-489-0191

Tuesday, 7pm — First Tuesday. Featuring rotating local bands. Bluegrass/folk.

The Salty Frog: 992 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-1120. Friday, 9pm — BlueFrog. Blues/rock. 21 and up.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171. Saturday, 8pm — Ricardo Ariona. Latin. \$70-\$90. Tuesday, 8pm - Pedal to the Metal Tour. Featuring Mudvayne, Black Label Society, Static X, Suicide Silence, Dope, and Bury Your Dead. Hardcore/metal/rock.

San Diego Wild Animal Park: 15500 San Pasqual Valley Rd., Escondido, 760-747-8702. Saturday, 2pm — The City Limits

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Stockdale's: 6523 University Ave., College Area, 619-265-1494. *Friday*, 6pm — Fred Heath. Blues/jazz. Free.

Terra: 3900 Vermont St., Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Thursday, 6pm — Robin Henkel.

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Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. Thursday, 9:30pm — SO3. Alternative rock. Friday, 9:30pm — Slim Crowbar & the IOUs. Rock. Saturday, 9:30pm - Agave. With Joey Harris and the Mentals. Jazz/Latin/rock.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-955-8525. Saturday, 9pm — Nick Z. With Tori Roze & the Hot Mess and Fearmia. Acoustic/indie. \$5. 21 and up.

Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St., Linda Vista, 619-542-1462. Friday, 9pm — "The Revolution Won't Have a MySpace." Featuring local musicians. Saturday, 9pm — Giant Peach.

Rock. U-31: 3112 University Ave., North Park, 619-584-4188.

as i hear it

Artist: Tiawnee feat. Mr. Splif

Song: "School Girl Crush" (from the CD Young Love)

Heard By: William, San Diego



Personally, I can respect hip-hop and rap music, but that song didn't really have a lot of composition to it. The beats were poorly made, and it was edited together a little rough. The vocals seemed a lit-

tle amateur, and the lyrics were kind of ridiculous, to be perfectly honest. They were about having a schoolgirl crush on a guy, but it wasn't catchy at all. The rapping didn't match up with the beats. My cousin's a rapper, and he makes the beats himself, so I can understand the composition that it takes to make a good song, and that song was super-duper amateur. I'd give that song a 5 or 6 out of 10 just because they did put work into it.

Saturday, 9pm — Disco Villains, WIth Loud Noises, Cats from Japan, and Andrew Decade. Electro/indie. \$5, 21 and up.

VFW Hall: 136 Chambers Rd., El Caion.

Saturday, 9pm - Dannicus Live. Hardcore/metal/punk. \$5. Viejas Casino: 5005 Willows

Rd., Alpine, 800-847-6537. Sunday, 6pm — Big Country Showdown. "Country cover band

Artist: I Vomited a Rainbow Song: "You Always Break My Heart" (from Diinni Demo) Heard By: Enzo Jardel, National City



The song had a mellow feel to it with a kind of retro-Beatles sound. It was very relaxing. It just sets you in a good mood. There was a lot of strings and synthesiz-Enzo ers. It was very echoey. I know the lyrics were

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about love and romance, but as far as trying to describe what he was singing about, I couldn't quite get it. There was too much reverb. I could see that song being a part of a commercial or a soundtrack. That would be a good song for long drives to clear your mind. I would rate that song at an 8 out of 10.

Artist: Hello Drama Song: "Here She Comes Again" (from myspace.com/hellodramaticmusic) Heard By: Bob Pratt, Golden Hill



It's pretty catchy. I really liked it. I like that style of techno. It's kind of like the Chemical Brothers or Paul Oakenfold. It's not all just beats; there're words to it and whatnot. It was a song

about chicks. I think 94.9 might play that because 91X has gone too commercial. They're the only ones playing anything decent nowadays. If they pick [this song] up it might go big. That would be a good song for exercising. Techno and exercising always go together. It was a pretty uptempo song. I'd give that song a 7 or 8 out of 10

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AcousticMusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. September 10 — Cheryl Wheeler. September 18 — Pieta Brown. October 1 — Jolie Holland. October 10 — Willy Porter. October 11 — Eliza Gilkyson. October 17 — Kelly Joe Phelps. October 24 — The Ditty Bops. October 25 — Catie Curtis. October 30 — Tim Flannery.

Adams Avenue: 32nd Street & Adams Ave., Normal Heights. September 26, September 27 — Adams Avenue Street Fair. Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. September 3 — Alphonse Mouzon Jazz Project. September 4 — Bettye Lavette. September 5 — Tito Puente Ir. Orchestra. September 6 — Toquali. September 8 — The Anthology House Band. September 9, September 10, September 11 - Corea, Clarke & White. September 15 — The Anthology House Band. September 16 — Charles McPherson. September 18 — Oleta Adams. September 18 — Haute Chile. September 19 — War. September 22 — The Anthology House Band. September 23, September 24 -Stanley Jordan. September 26 — Keiko Matsui. September 29 — The Anthology House Band. September 30 — Gregory Page. October 2 — Radio Latina Salsa Party. October 3 — Charmaine Clamour. October 7, October 8, October 9 — Shawn Colvin. October 10 — Mindi Abair. October 16 — Michael Burks. October 23 - Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers. Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194. September 3 — Drew Grow and the Pastors' Wives. September 4 — Bartenders Bible.

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Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. September 3 — The UK Subs. September 4 — Sprung Monkey. September 10 — House of Zombie. September 11 — Bankers Hill. September 12 — Catburlesque Kittens. September 18 — Chelsea Girls. September 19 — Hell on Heels. September 25 — The Revolting Cocks. September 26 - Lost Boys Reunited. September 29 — Datarock. September 30 — Hip-Hop DJ Gong Battle 2009. October 3 — Bernard Fowler. October 8 — Moher. October 14 — The Devil Makes Three. October 16 — Kittie. October 27 — Koffin Kats. October 31 — Halloween Bash. Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk. Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

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October 23 — Daniel Johnston. October 25 — Peaches. **The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. September 3 — The Heartless Bastards. September 4 — Glass Candy. September 5 — Deadbolt. September 5 — Deadbolt. September 6 — The Thermals. September 9 — Southern Culture on the Skids. September 11 — The Silent

on the Skids. September 11 — The Silent Comedy. September 12 — Soul Savers. September 15 — Monotonix. September 17 — The Charlatans September 20 — Joey Cape. September 21 — The Pains of Being Pure at Heart. September 22 — Amazing Baby. September 23 - Sondre Lerche. September 24 — Kelli Ruddick. September 25 — Dillinger Four. September 26 — Om. September 28 — The Dodos. September 29 — The Horrors. September 30 — Asobi Sesku. October 3 — David Bazan. October 4 — School of Seven Bells. October 9 — ... And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead. October 14 — The Jesus Lizard. October 16 - The Soft Pack. October 17 — The Black Heart Procession. October 24 — Blind Pilot. October 31 — The Night Marchers. November 8 — The Revival Tour.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B St., Downtown, 619-235-0804. *September 29* — Wynton Marsalis and Jazz at Lincoln Center.

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Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600. 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.

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club: 2260 Jimmy Durante Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-1141. *September 4* — Pete Yorn. *September 6* — Reggae Festival. *September 9* — The English Beat.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Dr., Downtown, 858-270-7467. September 3 — Brett Sanders Soul Jazz. September 4 — The Great Guitars

of Jazz. September 5 — The Rob Mullins Trio.

September 6 — Labor Day Weekend Caribbean Blast. September 19 — The Gilbert Castellanos New Latin Jazz Quintet. September 23 — The East West Quintet.

October 13 — Pierre Bensusan.

Hard Rock Hotel: 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 866-751-7625. *September 25* — Sugar Ray.

Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100. September 11 — Gary Allan. October 4 — Vince Gill. October 31 — Alice Cooper.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. September 3 — Yahir. September 4 — Mitchel Musso. September 5 — North Park Invasion. September 9 — Paolo Nutini. September 10 — Shwayze. September 11 — Enanitos Verdes. September 12 — Maximo Park. September 12 — Maximo Park. September 15 — Colbie Caillat. September 15 — Colbie Caillat. September 16 — The Gaslight Anthem.



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November 21 — Say Anything. November 22 - The Black Crowes December 9 - Skinny Puppy.

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Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437. September 4 — Jinx and Jezzebelle. September 11 - Rachael Sage. September 16 — The Buddy Wuddy Blues Show. September 17 - Ernie Halter.

Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947. October 17 — Snow Patrol.

October 21 — Rob Thomas Pechanga Resort & Casino:

45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819. September 18 — Train. September 19 — John Legend. October 2 — Lee Salonga

October 8 — Kenny Rogers. October 23 — Rob Thomas.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171. September 6 — AC/DC. September 24 — Britney Spears. October 17 — Wisin y Yandel. October 18 — Barry Manilow.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. September 4 — The Mars Volta. September 5 — Plane Without a Pilot. September 11 — One Drop. September 12 — Vanguard. September 14 — The Arctic Monkeys. September 18 — Every Time I Die September 19 — Hello Marquee. September 20 — Erin McCarley. 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 13 — The Black Dahlia Murder. October 15 - Passion Pit. October 16 - Yo La Tengo. October 24 — Boys Like Girls. November 5 — The Dropkick

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Murphys. November 11 — Attack Attack. November 19 — Finch and Bless the Fall

Spreckels Theatre: 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500. September 10 — David Cook. September 18 — Sheryn Regis. October 17 - Rodney Carrington October 20 - Monsters of Folk

Sushi Performance & Visual Art: 390 11th Ave., Downtown 619-235-8466 October 6 — John Bischoff. November 3 - James Moore and Pablo Gomez. December 1 — G.E. Stinson.

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Rd., Valley Center, 866-843-9946 September 12 — Three Dog Night. September 15 — James Taylor. September 26 — The Beach Boys. October 3 — The Temptations and the Four Tops. October 9 — REO Speedwagon

Viejas Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947. September 18 — The Killers October 9 — Pearl Jam and Ben Harper.

Viejas Casino: 5005 Willows Rd., Alpine, 800-847-6537.

September 6 — Big Country Showdown Finals.

Vieias Casino Concerts in the Park: 5005 Willows Rd., Alpine, 619-445-5400. September 10 — 2009 San Diego Music Awards.

October 3 — Brooks & Dunn. WaveHouse Bar & Grill: 3125

Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-228-9283. September 19 — Gregory Isaacs. September 24 — Citizen Cope. October 10 - The Dark Star Orchestra. November 18 — The Disco Biscuits.

The Wit's End: 420 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-4848. September 12 — Nautical Disaster. *September 13* — Sharon Hazel Township. September 19 — Northern Towns. September 25 — Veronica May. September 26 — Escape Rhythm.

WorldBeat Cultural Center: 2100 Park Bl., Balboa Park, 619-263-7911. September 29 — The Twinkle Brothers.

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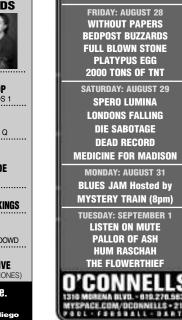




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Gaslamp Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells. Sunday, all day: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells.

Jewel Box: Monday, \$2 PBR drafts. Wednesday, 6pm-2am: \$5 Jäger bombs w/military ID. Thursday, 8pm-2am: Industry Night. \$3.75 calls. Must show apron/pay stub.

The Local: Monday, 4pm-close: \$3 Bud Light, Miller Lite. \$6 burgers. Tuesday, 4pm-close: \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Dos Equis. \$2.50 chicken/steak tacos. \$3 lobster/fish tacos. Wednesday, 4pm-close: \$10 big pitchers. \$2 BBQ pork slider, corn dogs. Thursday, 4pm-close: \$3 Jäger, wells, drafts, bottled beer. \$3 lobster tacos. Friday. 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, wine, drafts. Sat urday, 8-10pm: \$5 premium liquors.

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Pampas Argentine Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 beer/wells. \$4 margaritas/wine specials. \$2.50 empanadas (bar only).

Shogun Kobe Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: 30% off sushi and rolls (no giant clams, fatty tuna, or sea urchin). 30% off sake and beer.

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: Monday-Thursday, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/draft beer.

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Kensington Cafe: Every day, 3-7pm: \$3 all beers, \$4-\$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under \$5.25.

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The Aero Club: Every day, 2-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$3 bottles.

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Sail Away

"Hotel restaurant" used to be shorthand for "What's that slop you're eating?" — back in the era of moldy "colonial" inns and all-one-mold "family" chains (remember Howard Johnson's Motor Inns?). But not now, and certainly not here, where hotels constitute about half of San Diego's culinary hot spots (e.g., 1500 Ocean, A.R. Valentien, Arterra, El Bizcocho, Nine Ten, Quarter Kitchen, et al.). While many stand-alones have had to scrimp on ingredient quality and staff to survive the slump, major hotels still partially subsidize fine in-house restaurants, as they do in European and Third World capitals — as both an attraction and a convenience to high-paying room guests.

Say hello to Vela (Latin for "sail") at the sparkling new Bayfront Hilton. My posse and I found it a kick and a half. We loved the food, ambiance, and service and loved the value — even the à la carte menu is reasonable by current standards, as are the wines. Starters, especially, were so rewarding that, as we left, we were talking about returning for "scenery breaks," grazing-meal minigetaways — big pleasures, no pressures. "This would make a great first-date spot," said Samurai Jim's horndog evil twin. "Share some appetizers and desserts, bring another bottle out to the patio, watch the moon, get a room…"

The bayview dining room (one floor down from the lobby, by escalator or elevator) is huge, bright, air-conditioned, and thoroughly soundproofed, so even as it filled up with conventioneers, it never got loud. When I stepped out to the patio, I saw (and heard) about 30 little kids in matching blue bathing suits run squealing joyously toward the pool — maybe a day camp? (Certainly not typical resort guests' blasé offspring, who probably have pools at home.) Above the pool, a huge screen projected videos of undersea life. On this inlet of the bay, speedboats were speeding in from wider waters. From certain angles, you could see Coronado and the bridge. A few people



DINING

NAOMI WISE

lounged at umbrella tables outside the restaurant windows. It seemed a playground for the blessed.

I was lured by enthusiastic but somewhat overstated emails from the publicist. She promised a

great view (totally true) and a monthly changing "exotic" prix fixe (true only the first week of the month). She promised an "early bird" inexpensive prix fixe (not!)

and also free valet parking. (True only if you possess the secret Vela decoder ring, which we didn't. See "Need to Know" for the procedure.) She could win the title of Most Promising PR Pro, but once the dishes started coming, I didn't care because her most important promise came true: really good food. And something she didn't even know about: a spirit of kindness and generosity, what New Orleans residents call lagniappe, "a little something extra." (To be a bit sexist: Restaurants managed by women — in this case Susan Carré seem to get the lagniappe concept more often than other restaurants. I'm thinking of Lisa Redwine, the sommelier who became manager at dear, departed Molly's, another place with a sense of generosity; she's now at the Shores.)

The bargain prix fixe (\$36, \$50 with wines) is not an "early bird" but an "early in the month"

bird. From the first through the seventh, chef de cuisine Adam Bussell prepares a four-course dinner on the theme of "Epicurean Explorations," featuring a monthly

changing national cuisine and its wines. Adam is a local guy, trained at the CCA in San Francisco and subsequently mentored by the great Jimmy Boyce (at the Phoenician in Scottsdale) and by Michael Mina of San Francisco's Aqua (Adam opened the Laguna Beach location for him). In August, the prix fixe featured Spain; in September, it will be Chile. (I may return on my own dime for this, since the only other Chilean food I can revisit here is at Berta's in Old Town.) These "explorations" allow Adam to stretch out and show his stuff and for diners to enjoy his creativity. He and German-trained executive chef Patrick Dahms share credit on the regular menu.

Vela ★★★ (Excellent)

Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel, 1 Park Boulevard at Harbor Drive, 619-564-3333, *hiltonsandiegobayfront.com*.

HOURS: Breakfast 6:30–11:00 a.m.; lunch 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.; dinner 5:30–10:30 p.m. PRICES: Starters, \$12–\$16; entrées, \$18–\$36;

desserts, \$6. Four-course "Epicurean Explorations" international meal first week of each month, \$36 (\$50 with wines). **CUISINE AND BEVERAGES:** "Farm to Fork"

cuisine of mainly local, organic ingredients enriched by luxury imports. Imaginative international wine list, many by the glass, including affordable "flights." Full bar, creative cocktails.

PICK HITS: Entire "exploration" prix-fixe menu, plus Meyer filet carpaccio; Baja white prawn escabèche; peach salad; Kurobuta pork chop; chocolate espresso; coconut puff.

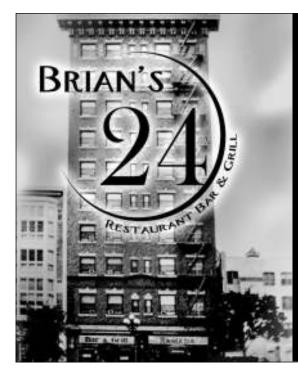
NEED TO KNOW: Most direct route to Vela website is via Google (enter "Vela San Diego"). Validated valet parking \$20. For free valet and self-parking and other discounts, sign up for Vela Society; however, website version (under "VIP card") didn't work when I tried to sign up. Panoramic bay view. Business-casual and resort-casual dress. No direct access via Park Boulevard; approach from west via Harbor Drive. A few lacto-vegetarian dishes.

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambience, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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The amuse did amuse: A tablespoonful of chopped-fruit salad (apple, peach, cantaloupe, sweet mango) hit the spot on a muggy day. The bread was fresh house-baked sourdough baguette, crusty and yeasty, accompanied by an irresistible blend of softened butter and olive tapenade.

The "Tribute to the Spanish Armada" exploration dinner didn't go down in flames like its



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namesake off the English coast (or we'd have to eat bangers and mash). It began with an heirloom tomato gazpacho shooter paired with two rectangles of tortilla española (the Spanish version of frittata), filled with tuna, potato, and olives. Neither Jim nor Dave cottoned to the gazpacho, but Marty and I, who normally aren't gazpacho fans, enjoyed it: it tasted intensely of puréed summer-ripe tomatoes with hints of other vegetables, with just a waft of sherry vinegar — like the V8 of the gods. I was the only taker for most of the *tortilla*, which, though bland despite the olives and tuna, tickled me with an interesting, spongy-fluffy texture.

The à la carte starter that made us sit up was a Baja White Prawn Escabèche. "Omigod, I haven't tasted prawns this sweet in 30 years, since I ate 'em just caught in Guaymas!" I gasped. Prawns once made shrimp cocktail a steakhouse treat, but they're rarely this thrilling anymore. All those cheap, farmed Asian shrimp are okay, but — wow, what a difference! "These taste almost like lobster," Marty said. Huge, perfectly cooked, they were plated in three ramekins over a riveting mixture of Haas avocado purée, red chili, preserved lemon, and basil, not even a bit like ordinary guacamole but depth-charged, extra-rich. And here's where the generosity comes in: three ramekins, four eaters, so the kitchen (or waitress) snuck a fourth prawn into one of the ramekins.

Marty was the first to try the Meyer filet carpaccio, and with each bite she was moaning like Meg Ryan (but quietly). When I tasted what she was having, I moaned the second verse. The beef, ethereally tender, was plated over just-right caper aioli and "micro Dijon" and sprinkled with fetal four-leaf greens (yes, the baby mustard), with intensely sweet, pickled red onion dice on the side. This was not just another carpaccio, it was *perfect* carpaccio.

Heirloom peach salad had a heap of well-dressed young greens hemmed around with wonderful peach slices mingling with thinner slices of *pata negra* — the best Iberian ham, made from a special breed of pigs fed on acorns. Lagniappe again — they could've used regular prosciutto but instead casually wafted in one of the world's most precious foods. (Most restaurants would serve a few slices solo and bankrupt you to try it.) Alongside was a bruschetta of fresh artisanal goat cheese, while the plate wore streaks of sweet and tart glazes, orange and dark red.

The matching appetizer wine on the tasting menu was a Spanish brut sparkling wine, Mont Marçal. We also ordered two flights for the rest of us, a white and a red, with three two-ounce pours each. (I suspect a little extra came in the pours, as they lasted through dinner.) Each flight was set on a paper mat giving the names and the sommelier's description. "Pacific Rim Whites" had something for every taste: Dave liked the gentle St. Innocent Pinot Gris, Jim and Marty favored the full-bodied Dutton-Goldfield Chardonnay, and I fell for the big tropical-fruit nose of the St. Lukes Sauvignon Blanc ("gooseberry, white currant, passion fruit").

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With the "Reds of Highway 101," the lush Cabernet was the overwhelming favorite. "What's this called again — John Gott?" I asked, seized by a senior moment. "Joel Gott," Dave corrected. "John Gott is Joey's mobster brother," Marty said. "Well, whatever, Gott is good!" I said. An Ash Hollow Merlot was mannerly, self-effacing. Jake Ryan Cellars Zin was the opposite — aggressive, tannic, spicy.

The Armada dinner included two entrées. The first Spanish main was gambas a la plancha, the same great prawns grilled, with lush piquillo peppers and a devastating vino blanco garlic sauce. "You have to dip the bread into this!" said Dave. "It completes the dish." He was right. The sauce was utterly sensual, an army of lightly sautéed garlic slices cooked until sweetened, but still slightly crisp, amid a jungle of freshminced herbs in a slightly thickened liquid that reemphasized those flavors. The prawns were fine, too, although more cooked than that ideal escabèche version. This came with an interesting white wine - a chewy Albarino. The waitress compared it to Riesling; I thought it had a creamy, cheesy undertone.

There was a little shrimp left to take home at the end of dinner. "Hey, throw in more gravy," said bold Marty. "And more bread!" They actually did both in fact, the chef even made extra gravy for the doggie-box. I know we weren't busted as a review party, but the waitress did pick up that we were locals falling in love with the food, who'd gladly share our pleasure by word-of-mouth. The Spanish meat course was

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and rosy, with sweet-tart roasted tomatoes, capers, anchovies, and a scattering of chopped Marcona almonds. This came with a fullbodied red Rioja.

The à la carte choices were a bit of a letdown from the scintillating starters. I forgot to specify "rosy rare" when ordering the huge grilled Kurobuta pork chop, which came pink in the center and reasonably moist but ten degrees past ideal. Accompaniments were simple, flawless: creamy polenta, pancetta, wilted greens atop the pork, and in a corner of the plate, "salty caramel," a wholly unexpected sweet butterscotch sauce.

Organic chicken breast, although boasting crisp skin, was more severely flawed by overcooking. (What's the magic word for ordering chicken cooked to the exact moment it turns from pink to white?) It was garnished with exquisite, plump chanterelle mushrooms, the reason I chose the dish — and reason enough for the dish to exist. The poached fingerling potatoes were pleasing but the fava beans a tad too firm, as were the "spring onions," which looked and tasted more like sliced leek greens needing more braising-time.

Meyer flat-iron steak was rare as ordered (not much to say about it...it's just steak). The "marble potatoes" alongside (describing size and shape, not texture) were sweet treats. The asparagus spears were skinny, maybe feral. "Thin asparagus may be chic, but fat ones taste better," Marty observed. The dips for the steak were a bright orange streak of *piquillo romesco* and a little *salsa verde*. The Armada dessert was a

Spanish-style flan, firm-textured and glazed with lemon. Either of us are. When our excellent waitress brought out the dessert tray (by pastry chef John Gilbert), we were quite undone by the spectacle, succumbing to the other three choices. A "chocolate espresso" was a demitasse filled with wonderful bittersweet chocolate pot au crème, accompanied by a tiny, nutty muffin, tasting like homemade. A coconut-lemon puff that looked like a Hostess Sno-Ball proved a grown-up version, with a lemon glaze under a waft of coconut shreds, coconut cake, and a filling of tart-sweet citrus jam. Neither of these overdid the sugar. (For that matter, the flan wasn't oversweet, either.) A much sweeter fourth choice married a dark-chocolate pastry, vanilla ice cream, and fruited cheesecake, for the sugarholics in the house.

you're a flan fan or not, and none

Then came the pour for the Armada dessert: an amazing, clearly precious sweet wine, made from dried grapes (aka raisins), called Bodegas Toro Albalá, "Don PX," Pedro Jimenez. It was so interesting, the waitress brought us the half-bottle to inspect, at our request. "Our sommelier — [Megan Yelenosky, a certified master sommelier] — will only open one of these bottles per night," she said. It tasted that rare. And remember, Armada wines were only \$14 for four pours. Generous is the word. You don't feel like you're in a Hilton, hotel of plutocrats. It's more as though the kitchen, the sommelier, the servers, and the sunset on the waters have created a special, rarefied world of grace, taste, and indulgence. As I wrote about Molly's a few years ago — don't waste this one on the conventioneers. It's for us to enjoy, too.



Dog Bar Afternoon

"Pago Pago, 4942 miles...Pacers, Just a Kiss Away"

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o I follow the crowd? Hell, yes. This one, anyway. It's Sunday afternoon, down at Quivira yacht basin. I've been wandering past boats with names such as Sonny

Daze, Bad Habit, Sea Ya, and Bad Buoys. But now my curiosity's up. People seem to be heading toward the river.

Where's everybody going? We pass the Aqua Adventures Kayak Center and round a corner.

"Oye como va, mi ritmo

Bueno pá gozar, mulata…"

Wow, a scene. Folks at outside tables under tattered umbrellas, others dancing next to a three-piece band, which is doing Santana pretty well. And in the middle, a four-sided palapa bar covered in weather-worn palm fronds. It's packed with customers.

Man. I feel robbed. How did I never hear of this? The sun-shagged umbrellas - red faded to salmon, black bleached to gray - don't give a heckuva lot of shade, but it's breezy, so nobody cares. I'm hearing guys with big voices topping each other's joke lines and quaffing brewskis with an enthusiasm that feels like "This is what we work for." Three waving palm trees sprout out through the palapa. Between them, a green, yellow, and red surfboard is painted with the name "Jake's Tiki Bar." Below, other signs nailed to the palm trunks say things such as "Mustang Ranch, \$100 from Vegas"; "Pago Pago, 4942 miles"; "Dog Beach, 50 Butt Sniffs"; "Pacers, Just a Kiss Away."

But it's the smell of grilling meat that grabs me. In the deep shade of the palapa, a gal lifts the lid on a barbecue and flips the patties, letting out

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with faces carved into them dangle like shrunken heads ("Your Mama," says one). Stanchions with heavy ropes wound around them share space with cork floats and fishnet that's got model

sharks caught in it. I see the gal, Lisette, is operating with a mobile kitchen here. Roll-out barbecue, carry-out cooler for the meat patties, and a portable draft-beer dispenser with two beers on tap — Budweiser and Beach Bum Blonde Ale, whatever that is

a waft of beautiful smoke. Gets my nostrils

bar. Nice, varnished wood counter. Coconuts

So, hey. Plonk myself down on a stool at the

"This only happens Sunday afternoons, with the beer and music and all," says Darrell, the guy on the stool to my left. "We've been coming to this for, oh, 15 years. Me, I like the beers. Food? It harshes my mellow."

Another guy, R.D., begs to differ. "Next to Ruby's and Hodad's and maybe Cheers in Ramona, these are the best burgers in town." Whatever...with Lisette tossing the four-

ounce patties on the grill and flames leaping up at them as the fat drips down, I'm hooked. But someone says they have more stuff inside, so I make a quick inspection. It's the simplest of delis: a counter, a TV, racks of beer and soda-coolers. Wall menu offers sandwiches for \$4.95, hot dogs for \$3.60, and chili-cheese dogs for \$5.60. A breakfast English muffin with egg and cheese goes for \$3.95, and a salad is \$4.25. They even have a Monday-night spaghetti dinner for \$4.50, "made fresh right here, from 5:00 p.m. till close,"

says Jim, the owner.

So, okay, better selection inside, but nothing to beat the smoke, the music, the palaver of the palapa scene outside. So I'm back at my stool, trying to catch Lisette's attention in all the hubbub. A little chalkboard lists the choices out here. Hamburgers are \$5.25, cheeseburgers \$5.50, a double-cheeseburger's \$6.25, a grilled chicken patty goes for \$5.25, and a hot dog or spicy link costs \$3.60. That's it. I ask Lisette for the doublecheeseburger. "Something to drink?" she says. I look around. Draft Buds go for \$3.75 (small) and \$4.75 (large), and the Beach Bums are \$4.25 and \$5.25. I go for the large Beach Bum.

Turns out it's Budweiser's attempt at a "craft" beer. Pretty bland, in other words. But here, in this atmosphere, who cares? Lisette delivers my double-cheeseburger. Two patties with lots of melted pepper-jack cheese, sesame bun. Uh, that's pretty much it. She sees me looking under the lid.

'The sides are at the deli," she says. And so they are, on a shelf outside: lettuce, tomato, ketchup, relish, mustard, red onion...suddenly, we have a burger here. I notice a rosy-cheeked older guy beside the fixin's shelf, elbows in the air, hooped over a scarlet-and-yellow mess of hot dog. "That's Dad," says this gal Julie, here with her sister Leslie. "He's been coming for 20 years. For the dogs."

I take my burger back and chomp in. The best thing? The beef patties, seared crunchy out-

side but with juiciness inside and the slightly burnt flavor. Killer-diller. Darrell sighs. "I love this place. We used to call it the Dog Bar because you could bring your dog and no one complained. Still can. Hell, 'Jake's Tiki Bar'? Jake was the owner's German shepherd."

Gotta go. Back among the slapping yachts' halyards and snapping terns, it all feels like some wild dream. Then the wind picks up. It carries a scraggy chorus of voices singing.

'Son, you're gonna drive me to drinkin' if you don't stop drivin' that hot...rod... Lincoln."

The Place: Jake's Tiki Bar at Mission Bay Deli, 1548 Quivira Way, Mission Bay, 619-223-5056 Type of Food: American

Prices: breakfast English muffin with egg, cheese, \$3.95; sandwiches, \$4.95; hot dog, \$3.60; chili-cheese dog, \$5.60; "Ville de Paris" salad, \$4.25; Monday-night spaghetti dinner, \$4.50; hamburger, \$5.25; cheeseburger, \$5.50; doublecheeseburger, \$6.25; grilled chicken burger, \$5.25

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Alpine

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite burning under freshcut 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.

Café Français La Belle Claude 7th Street #8186-A, Tijuana. A family with their own farm outside town runs this chic Parisian outpost offering farm-made jams and cheeses, *panini*, *ciabattas*, an excellent French-dip sandwich, flaky dessert empanadas, and French påtisserie to go with the genuine Cuban coffee. Inexpensive. **El Cid** Lopez Mateos #993, Ensenada, 646-178-1809. Gourmet Mexican cuisine with unique specialties: Crisp quail with rose petal sauce proves delicious, and seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Moderate.

La Leña Boulevard Agua Caliente #11191, Tijuana, 664-686-2920. Opengrill *charro* food with a peaceful view. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf 'n' turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabreria*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Moderate.

Lonchería la Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Best food stall in the marketplace? Maybe. Ask for carne de puerco (pork), chiles rellenos, bistek ranchero, or higado al gusto (liver), all around \$3. Inexpensive.

Super Antojitos Fourth Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Héroes), Tijuana, 664-685-5070. The house special, *mole poblano*, has complex, delicious house-made mole sauce with an enchilada, eggs, rice, beans, tortillas. Also delicious: stuffed pastries, pork rind gorditas. Inexpensive.

Banker's Hill

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. **Hane** 760 Fifth Aye. Banker's Hill.

endary Sushi Ota is more comfortable, with bilingual chefs at the counter exercising impeccable craftsmanship, emphasizing pristine rolls and sashimi, not party rolls. The *omakase* sashimi platter offers Ota's most popular and showy creations. Moderate-plus.

Campo

Campo Diner 1367 Dewey Pl., Campo, 619-478-2888. The burgers are made from Black Angus beef, so they cost more. But there are deals, too, like the huge The Works omelet and the robust lunchtime homemade soup of the day. Inexpensive.

Cardiff

Besta-Wan Pizza House 148 Ab-

erdeen 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

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.

O'Sullivan's Irish Pub of Carlsbad 640 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-4072. Above-average pub grub, especially the moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, salads, and housebaked brown bread. Noisy interior, serene patio out back. Inexpensive.

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. Try German and American dishes like Big John's allyou-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish. Inexpensive.

Chula Vista

Jimmy's 1198 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-427-7161. Also 9635 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, 619-448-8994. Familyfriendly restaurants offer a six-page plastic menu of good old-fashioned American food — huge breakfasts, big dinners like steak with all the trimmings, homemade desserts. Inexpensive.

City Heights

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-284-4215. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the filling Vietnamese beef-noodle soup meal. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodles with seafood and assorted vegetables. Inexpensive.

Trieu Chau 4653 University Ave., City Heights, 619-280-4204. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Inexpensive.

Clairemont

Buga Korean BBQ Restaurant 5580 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Clairemont, 858-560-1010. Aside from the BBQ meats and generous free side dishes, treats include simmered black cod in spicy sauce, miso soup with pork, stone pot *bibimbap* (rice casserole), *mandoo* dumplings. Moderate.

Coronado

Chez Loma French Bistro 1132 Loma Ave., Coronado, 619-435-0661. In a charming, historic cottage, this bistro offers classic French bourgeois cuisine, plus some lighter, modern dishes. Don't miss Normandy-style onion soup with apple cider. Prix fixe dinners moderate, à la carte expensive. **Clayton's Coffee Shop** 979 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5425. The food

Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5425. The food is all American: steak and eggs, veggie omelets, old-fashioned waffles, sandwiches both hot and cold. Dinner specials include pork chops and homemade meat loaf with gravy. Inexpensive.

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. Fun "aloha" atmosphere with a bay view. Herbed artichoke appetizer and fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk are tasty, and the tender roast beef is USDA Prime. Moderate.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill 1107 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5280. Try Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread loaf or corned beef and cabbage with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Raucous inside, but escape on big heated patio. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Peohe's 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-437-4474. Fabulous seaside venue, silly with Hawaiian decor, featuring steakand seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia beurre blanc. Expensive.

Del Mar

Del Mar Rendezvous Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-2669. Longtime restaurateur Mark Sun came out of retirement to try out a new concept of contemporary Asian tapas and Chinese entrées made over with prime ingredients — clean, creative, and greaseless, with a wide choice of wines. Moderate to expensive.

Iris Food and Spirits 2334 Carmel Valley Rd., Del Mar, 858-259-5878. Seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine, bolder and more complex than at the original, now-closed La Jolla branch. Cuisine is designed to accompany an interesting, affordable wine list. Moderate.

L'Auberge Del Mar 1540 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-793-6460. Gorgeous seaside resort (renovated in 2008) offers a modern dining room and heated patios to enjoy fine, creative cooking, combining "slow food" craftsmanship and the latest technical tricks to display the bright seasonal flavors of local veggies, sustainable seafood, and natural meats. Expensive.

Market Restaurant and Bar 3702 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-523-0007. Chef-owner Carl Schroeder is all about seasonal, local, organic — and inspired culinary imagination. Menu changes but is always exciting. The vibe is "nice neighborhood restaurant" — diners have a good time here. Expensive.

Pacifica del Mar 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-792-1803. Fresh fish and organic produce enliven fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. Extremely noisy bar area. Expensive to very expensive.

Downtown

Athens Market 109 FSt., Downtown, 619-234-1955. Owner Mary Pappas serves huge portions of honest Greek home cooking (lentil soup, *spanakopita*, meaty gyros), in a classy white-tablecloth atmosphere. Inexpensive to moderate.

Bondi Bar and Kitchen 333 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-342-0212. Huge,







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raucous Australian gastro-pub with splashy, fun decor, offering Aussie brews and amusing appetizers. Culinary style resembles California-fusion, but spicier, with exotic homeland ingredients. Moderate, some entrées expensive.

Darband Fifth Avenue Grill 1556 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-230-1001. Good, fresh Persian cooking, popular with local Persians. Tasty dishes include Khoresh Bademjan (baby eggplant and beef stew), Barg (marinated beef tenderloin with rice), and the vegetarian plate. Kebabs star, as do yogurt-y, cucumber-y, minty flavors. Inexpensive.

De'Medici Cucina Italiana 815 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-7228. Sinatra atmosphere, cool street patio. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive.

Dirty Del's 499 Tenth Ave., Downtown, 619-677-3789. A cozy neighborhood watering hole near the ballpark has half a dozen tables and half a dozen sports screens, and serves big, interesting sandwiches. Inexpensive.

East Village Tavern and Bowl 930 Market St., Downtown, 619-677-2695. Big, noisy sports bar/bowling alley with creative pub grub until 2am nightly. Imagine three New York strip steaklets, caramelized onions, and melting Gorgonzola tucked into a Hawaiian sweet bun. Or try a *Panino Cubano* or herbbrined chicken wings. Inexpensive.

Gaslamp Pizza 505 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-7542. This joint comes alive around 2am, serving good thin-crusted pizzas (vegetarian, BBQ chicken, and chicken pesto are best-o) plus wings, "halapeno peppers" and big salads to revelers seeking post-revel ballast. Inexpensive.

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Ave., Downtown, 619-239-5478. Stick to their Hakka specialties, like the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in the tender centers, resembling meat-flavored roasted marshmallows. Mainly inexpensive.

Harbor House 831 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-1141. This twostory Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters to tourist families and conventioneers, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to watch the sailboats over a margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Moderate to expensive.

JJ's Sunset Deli by the Bay 200 Marina Park Way (behind the Convention Center), Downtown, 619-237-1070. JJ's delivers one heckuva harbor view plus an ambitious menu running from rib-eye steak sandwiches to a pork chop plate and sometimes a half-rack of BBQ baby back ribs. Inexpensive.

Mediterranean Café and Lounge 1352 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-515-2233. They serve a panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food until 3 or 4 am. Best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Inexpensive to moderate.

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza offers an elegant homeyness and sense of comfort. The Cal cuisine is good, including excellent grilled calamari. Moderate to expensive.

Pauly's Pizza Station 1050 Park Bl., Downtown, 619-231-0300. Pauly hides inside a convenience store at the City College trolley stop, making flavorful, East Coast thin-crust pies with some creative toppings — plus breakfast pizzas and calzones for when Friday night turns into Saturday morning. Open late to very late. Inexpensive. Pierre's Place 1404 Fourth Ave.,

Downtown, 619-727-4700. Toussaint School's student-run restaurant offers pizzas and interesting dishes like Florentine breakfast *panini*, Tuscan chicken *panini*, and the Italian Special (toasted Italian roll with salami, ham *capicola*, provolone). Inexpensive.

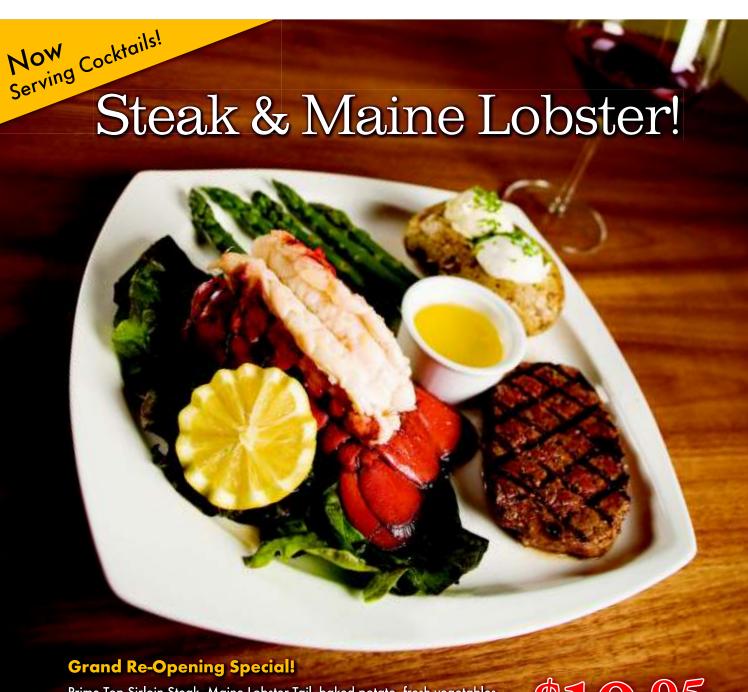
Rama 327 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-8424. Ravishing upscale decor and chefs from top Bangkok restaurants offer a special experience. The menu includes some rare authentic dishes like chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork. Moderate. **Red Pearl Kitchen** 440 J St., Downtown, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes and veggie side dishes tend to be tastier. High-moderate.

Rei Do Gado Churrascaria 939 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-8464. Skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue of many meats). The buffet (included in meal price) includes side dishes, salads, fruit, and hot entrées like seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but comfortable flavors. Moderate. Sidebar Deli 225 Cedar St., Downtown, 619-525-1444. Cal Western students clamor for lunch specials like spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread. Also breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches, French dip sandwiches, California wraps. Inexpensive.

Soleil @k 660 K St., Downtown, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioneers, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. Starters may include a seasonally available fried-calamari salad and crabby crabsticks. Moderate to expensive.

The Strip Club 340 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-3140. It's DIY grilling here; no minors admitted. You can take the USDA Choice steaks up a notch with spice blends and sauces. Other choices include burgers, chicken, ahi, shrimp, and kebabs. Inexpensive to moderate.

Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen Westgate Plaza, 1055 Second Ave., Downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your Aunt Martha for a genteel lunch that looks ritzy, costs little. Best deal is the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with seafoods. Inexpensive.



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Encinitas

The Bird House Grill 250 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Savory Turkish cuisine includes generous plates like Iskender Kebab (mixed-meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, house-made yogurt) and *kofte* (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). Inexpensive.

Firefly 251 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. Spacious winebar/restaurant features exciting winechoices and wine-bar snacks. The most popular lunch item is the Cobb salad, and at dinner there's a bourbon-andmustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts and weekend brunches are strong suits. Moderate to expensive.

Firenze 162 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd., Encinitas, 760-944-9000. Gorgeous rooms and outdoor patio, offering heaping platefuls of multiregional Italian cuisine (including two dozen meatless selections) and affordable Italian and California wines. High-moderate.

El Q'ero 564 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. The fare includes empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. Moderate.

Saint Germain's Café 1010 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Not French, despite the name, but all-American. Omelets are the bestknown dish—14 three-eggers (or Eggbeaters by request). Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veggie choices). Inexpensive.

Escondido

A Delight of France 126 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-746-2644. This French bakery is a delight indeed, offering authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including true Parisian-style almond croissants studded with nuts and laced with almond paste. Inexpensive.

La Tapatía 340 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare done low-salt and healthy style in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. Moderate.

Golden Hill

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway, Golden Hill, 619-231-0716. Also 47th and Market, Chollas View, 619-262-6052. Regular Mex dishes served, but the soaring specialty is Seven Seas Soup, a big bowl of savory red broth clunking with giant crab legs, clams, fish chunks, shrimp, octopus, and vegeta-bles. Inexpensive.

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Hillcrest

The Asian Bistro 414 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The adventurous Thai-accented pan-Asian menu is served until 3 am. Don't miss the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named Jumping Jarvis. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate.

Bite Bistro and Wine Bar 1417 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-2483. Modern Mediterranean tapas are most of the menu, cleverly cooked and assembled into interesting bargainprice early-bird dinners some weeknights. Individual dishes inexpensive to moderate, but they can add up.

Celadon 3671 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The entrées offer sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go to the chef's specialty menu to find the rarest. Among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee duck* or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, pineapple fried rice. Moderate.

Chipotle 734 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-209-3688. Several San Diego locations. This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves to the original vision: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades, including freshgrilled carne asada and *carnitas*. Rockbottom prices.

Islander Grill 3645 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-297-3929. Exotic food from Guam includes chicken *kelaguen*, a citric salad resembling ceviche and brilliant coconut shrimp. Stews are flavorful: The saucy pot roast is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam. Inexpensive.

Hana

Khyber Pass 523 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. Fascinating Afghani cuisine. Don't miss the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamarod chalow*, a spicy lamb-andspinach stew. Moderate.

Sushi Itto 441 Washington St., Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Also 409 F St., Downtown, 619-237-1037. This is *Mexican* sushi. Nearly all party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado; most include hot spice and some fake crab (surimi), too. Inexpensive.

Yakitori Yakyudori 3739 Sixth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-692-4189, Yakitori are Japan's little skewers of grilled or fried goodies, each marinated and/or garnished to flatter its nature — great for grazing. Chicken-skin salad, fried tofu, skewered pork with *shiso*, chicken heart, and octopus fritters are among the standouts. Inexpensive to moderate.

Imperial Beach

Big Kahuna's 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-5224. A mini chain, but with true Hawaiian roots. Go for the baseball-mitt size Big Kahuna Burger or the Killer Kalua pork sandwich — the pork comes straight out of the *imu*, the traditional Hawaiian underground oven. Inexpensive.

Kearny Mesa

Crab Hut 4646 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1678. A local Vietnamese family runs this friendly, barebones eatery, specializing in Louisianoid fried seafood and boiled seasoned shrimp, crabs, and crawfish. Inexpensive to moderate. **Flavor Thai** 4768 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3750. Mock (or real) duck with green curry is great, as is the *massaman*, the potato curry. Check out the chef's specials like *ho mok* (shrimp, green-shell mussel, and calamari with veggies in red curry sauce). Inexpensive.

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. Argentine specialties feature healthy, grass-fed, grilled beef, including an Americanized version (minus organ meats) of the *gauchos*' great *parrillada mixta* (mixed grill). Good beef empanada, potatoes. Moderate.

Sunrise Super Buffet 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. Apart from all the meats, fish, shellfish, lobster (on Sundays), and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, and dragon rolls, raw oysters in their shells are a big draw. Beverages included in price. Inexpensive.

Kensington-Talmadge

Bleu Bohème 4090 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-255-4167. Classic French bistro, *très chic* but informal and noisy, emphasizes familiar favorites from the old-fashioned, French-in-America, bourgeois-cuisine restaurant repertoire. High-moderate.

La Jolla

A.R. Valentien 11480 N. Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-777-6635. California cuisine emphasizing the natural flavors of in-season produce and topquality meats and seafood; scenic setting. Very expensive. **Azul La Jolla** 1250 Prospect St., La

Jolla, 858-454-9616. The Brigantine

chain's upscale branch offers surf 'n' turf with a sea view. Big, tender steaks, reliably well-treated seafood. Very expensive.

The Cookie Lady Café and Bakery 7596 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-1640. It's soup-and-sandwich land, and good in both departments. A half-andhalf of turkey sandwich (with real house-roasted turkey) and Italian wedding soup will feed you all day for nearnothing. Inexpensive.

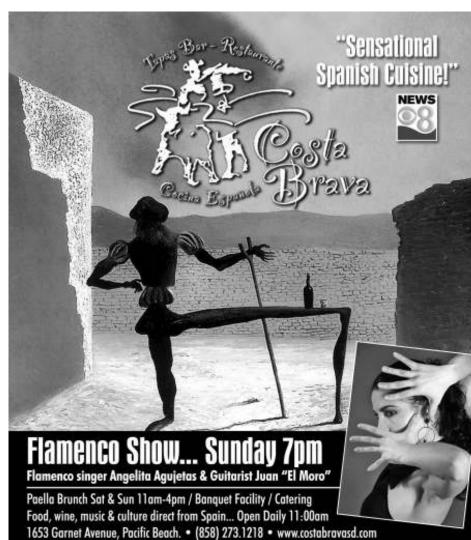
George's at the Cove — California Modern 1250 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The California Modern dining room continues to serve Chef Trey Foshee's ambitious California cuisine based on seasonal ingredients and emphasizing wild seafood, local produce, naturally raised meats and poultry. Very expensive.

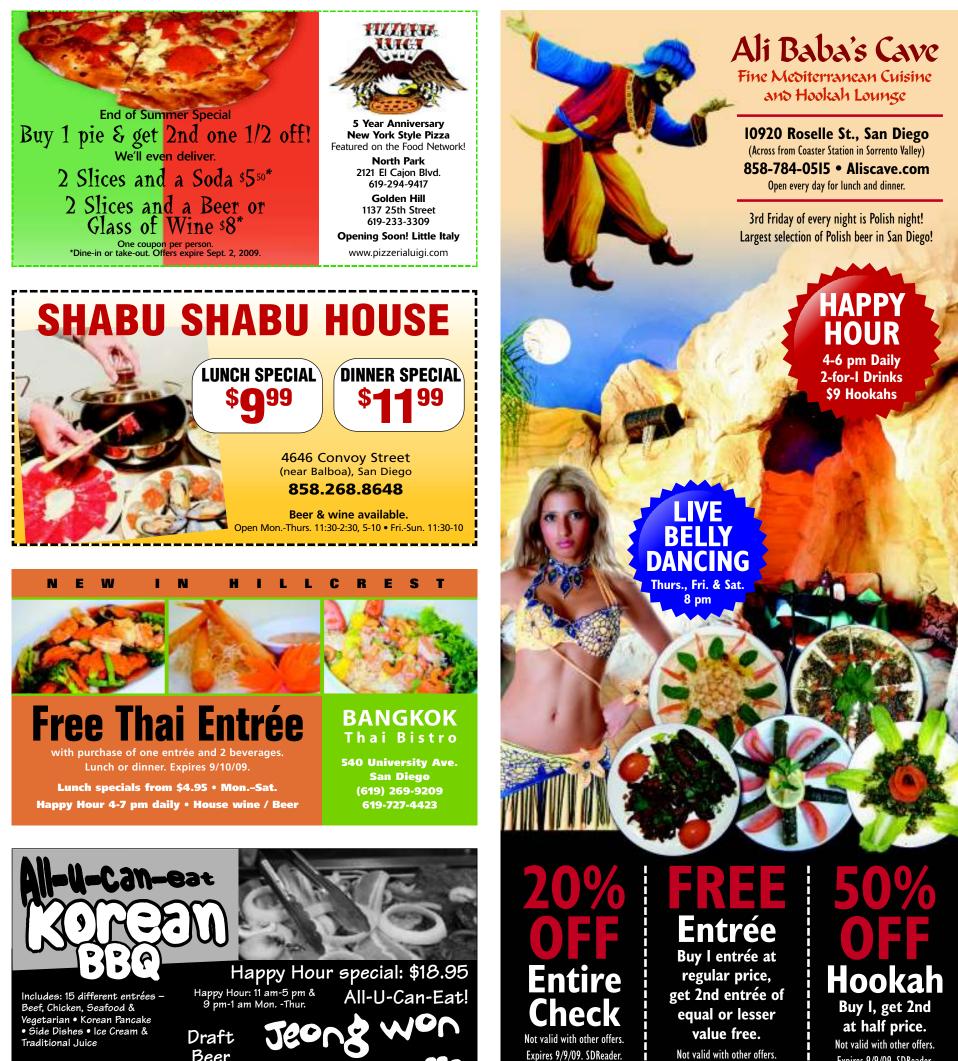
Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-7381. Downhome eatery with a pretty patio, where the ham, steak, and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as are Hot Creamy Oatmeal with strawberries, pecan pancakes, and thin, crisp waffles. For lunch, turkey burgers and the British Burger are popular. Inexpensive.

Jai 2910 La Jolla Village Drive/UCSD Campus, La Jolla, 858-638-7778. Chic Wolfgang Puck spinoff serves refined Asian fusion in beautiful woodsy setting, and you don't need tickets to L.J. Playhouse to enjoy it — it's all pure, playful pleasure. Expensive.

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Reserve for the garden patio to avoid indoor din. Exquisite, creative Italian dishes include fine sweetbreads, ravioli *al limone*, prosciutto-grilled romaine, and key limeraspberry tart. Moderate to expensive.

Zenbu 7660 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-4540. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls. Don't miss the live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood. Upper-moderate to expensive.





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dishes include Penne Ciao Bella

(salmon, shrimp, and spinach in a light

sauce), cartoccio (baked spaghetti with

seafood) and San Remo pizza (with sunny-side-up eggs). Moderate.

GIO Bistro & Wine Bar 8384 La

Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The

vast garden patio is the main draw,

however punishing the wiry patio

chairs The hit-or-miss menu of eclectic Cal-Ital-Asian-fusion offers "some

thing for everyone" - but there's no

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise

Room 7777 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-713-6777. This rambling road-

house reincarnates the Turf Supper

Club's DIY communal grill, adding side

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vellowtail with coconut milk), and corned beef with taro. Inexpensive.

Little Italy

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Hwy., Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco pink palace at the edge of down town, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky flavor. Inexpensive to moderate.

Illume Bistro 675 W. Beech St., Little Italv. 619-550-5600. California grazing cuisine with a Mediterranean accent featuring natural, sustainable, seasonal food products in simple preparations and medium-size portions, designed for sharing. Moderate.

Indigo Grill 1536 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-6802. Deborah Scott expands her original Native-American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Inexpensive to moderate, dinner moderate to expensive.

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Aficionados line up for Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and es pecially spitini - veal rolled around cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Inexpensive.

Puerto la Boca 2060 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Uncompromised Argentine cooking here, emphasizing healthy grass-fed grilled beef but also lush seafood, pizzas, and lacto-vegetarian pastas. Starters include luscious beef or corn empanadas and the filling matambre (rolled beef galantine). Moderate.

Lemon Grove

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Ave., Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. True Tennessee-style barbecue of meats and poultry slow-smoked tender over oak, plus mouthwatering Memphis-style soul food entrées and honest Deep-South sides. Inexpensive.

Taste of Polynesia 6937 Federal Bl., Lemon Grove, 619-466-6199. It's Samoan here, not Hawaiian, so be prepared for new stuff, like muli pipi (roasted turkey tail), oka (raw cubes



Additional locations in Carlsbad and Logan Heights Downtown. Try penne arrabiata with its spicy sausage or the chicken parmi-Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Ave., Logan Heights,

619-236-0470. The menu depends on what Sister Pee Wee feels like cooking. You might find big pork ribs with soulful sides or fried chicken or catfish fillet with trimmings or chitlins (her spe-cialty). Inexpensive.

Midway District

Fairouz Café and Gallery 3166 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned restaurant for Lebanese and Greek food. The menu offers lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and exotic vegetarian meals, plus daily lunch and dinner buffets. Moderate.

Mira Mesa

Buca di Beppo 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822.

JAMAICAN JERK CHICKEN BY JASON KNIBB Executive chef, Nine-Ten Restaurant

What the Chef Eats by Pamela Hunt-Clovd

I got into cooking because a chef, I should get a job I used to surf in the day and needed a night job. One day, a friend of mine

asked me to fill in at the kitchen where he worked, and it just took off for me. So, I don't know if it found me or I found it. But it made sense — my parents took me out to eat a lot when I was a kid, and I've always been into restaurants and food.

I had a lot of friends in the industry, too. One of my neighbors [in Los Angeles] worked for Wolfgang Puck. He told me that if I was serious about being there, too. So, I went to Eureka [a former Wolfgang Puck restaurant] in L.A. There I really saw myself becoming a chef. It was hard work, but it was also super fun and really glamorous — the youth, the interest, the talent. I'd look around the kitchen and think, These are people I surf with and now we're creating food together.

It's hard to say if surfing influences my food. I use a lot of fish, so in a sense it does. If I were working in the mountains, I would probably make

Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. Inexpensive.

Starlite 3175 India St., Mission Hills, 619-358-9766. The California-Mediterranean cuisine features naturally raised meats, house-made pasta and sausages, local produce. The Jidori chicken and Prime flat iron steak are knockouts; so is a toffee-chip ice cream sandwich. Nice back-patio seating. Moderate.

Venissimo Cheese 754 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-491-0708. You can get a baguette-style sandwich stuffed with cow cheese, sheep cheese, goat cheese ... fruity, moldy, runny, stinky... Any cheese in the house, same price: around five bucks. Even *Boschetto* cheese, with truffles in it. Inexpensive.

National City

Asian Noodle 1430 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-477-5390. The main dish is Filipino-style chicken soup with egg noodles - a little bland, but filling. pao (stuffed steamed buns) make a



more rustic and hearty food. Our food represents our region and the produce we have here.

At Nine-Ten, one of

our signature dishes is a pepper jelly, but my sous chef and I created it almost by accident. We were trying to make pepper water for a dish, but it was so hot we were burning our mouths. We were choking and laughing at the same time, so we kept tweaking it until we got pepper jelly. Now it's a hit on our menu.

I tend to cook at home quite a bit, too. I have a sixyear son so sometimes we

good accompaniment - or try "sweet spaghetti." Inexpensive.

Birrias, Chivos & Cheves 2401 Highland Ave., National City, 619-477-7660. Goat is what you get here, and it's good. Guadalajara style. The taste is rich but not too gamey. Inexpensive. Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q E.

Plaza Bl., National City, 619-479-6748 The pride of the place is the desserts, from the ube halea (purple yam custard) and maja blanca (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicol-ored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Inexpensive

Normal Heights

Cantina Mayahuel 2934 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-283-6292. Small room, short menu of fine, authentic mainland cooking including specials like complex house-made mole poblano and Oaxacan black mole, Chili Colorado (slow-cooked beef), or Yucatán seafood stew. Inexpensive.

Jayne's Gastropub 4677 30th St., Normal Heights, 619-563-1011. Clam-



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don't have the luxury to get out. I love ethnic foods sushi and Thai are my favorites. Mexican, too. I go in phases, and how I'm feeling influences what I cook. On a typical night I'll end up going to Chino Farms and seeing what produce they have. Then I'll make steak a lot for my son and myself and then make something vegetarian for my wife. In the winter I'll

> orous interior, but you'll find sophisticated southern-European appetizers like hummus, fried calamari, and Spanish-style shrimp with garlic. Entrées run to comfort food. Grazing dinners moderate, mains moderate to expensive.

North Park

Alexander's 3391 30th St. North Park, 619-281-2539. A spin-off of Old Venice, serving neighborhood-style Italian with Greek touches, including interesting specials and imaginative thin-crust pizzas. Loud, bright interior; sweet, dim back patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive.

Crazee Burger 4201 30th St., North Park, 619-282-6044. You'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies - each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads, German sausages, bargain wines, and serious beers. Inexpensive to low moderate.

Hawthorn's Restaurant 2895 University Ave., North Park, 619-295-1688. When this Banker's Hill restaurant moved to new digs here, the change proved positive. Mediterranean-influenced menu choices are fewer but better, with seasonal locally grown vegetables matched to the individual entrées. Expensive.

Heaven Sent Desserts 3001 University Ave., North Park, 619-793-4758. Cookies, tarts, pies, custards, puddings, and intricate cakes and ice cream fantasias. The style is rich and often fancy with choices ranging from American favorites to ethereal Euro-style elaborations. Inexpensive.

Marie's Café 3016 University Ave., North Park, 619-220-0142, Old-time diner serving generous portions, 24 hours Wednesday through Saturday, shorter hours other days. Try the threeegger breakfast omelet with Italian sausage, avocado, and olives. If Erik's smokin' up some ribs (vou'll smell them half a block away), grab them. Inexpensive.



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Mission Hills

Sausage King 811 W. Washington

St. Mission Hills, 619-297-4301 The

German couple who run this place

giana. Standard stuff in vast family-friendly quantities, but you're having fun. Inexpensive to moderate.

Mission Beach

What the Chef Eats

use our cast-iron skillet and do a lot of one-pan cooking. Often, I start out with chicken or steak and sear it. Then I work the vegetables in. Maybe I'll do a shallow braise or stew. Then I'll add in couscous or a grain. In the summer we do a lot more grilling, things like fish or jerk chicken. I personally like to serve my jerk chicken with a cold, Jamaican Red Stripe beer.

INGREDIENTS SERVES 4

jerk marinade:

- 3 whole medium-sized yellow onions, chopped 1 ¹/₂ cups fine-chopped scallions
- 6 tsp thyme, minced

3 tsp kosher salt 3 tsp brown sugar 3 tsp allspice, ground 1 1/2 tsp nutmeg, ground 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon, ground 3 tsp black pepper, ground or habanero chilis 9 T soy sauce 3 T canola oil 3 T apple cider vinegar 1 whole chicken, cut into 8 pieces jerk glaze: 1/2 cup brown sugar 1/2 cup soy sauce 1 cup jerk marinade

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Ocean Beach

Livingston's Chicken and Mexican Grill 5026 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-224-8088. "Broasted" chicken — pressure cooked in oil — is tastier and less greasy than standard fried chicken. Or try garlicky "potato Jo-Jo's," a California burrito, or pork salsa verde plate. Until midnight weekdays; 2am weekends. Inexpensive.

Ocean Beach People's Organic Foods Co-Op Deli 4765 Voltaire St., Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. Virtuous mainly vegan-prepared dishes include garlic eggplant with beet and onions tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, veggie shepherd's pie, "mango madness." Inexpensive.

Oceanside

Ruby's Diner 1 Oceanside Pier, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Mission Valley. Ruby's is part of a themed '40sdiner chain. Red-leatherette-andchrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, and that view to Hawaii. Good-sized servings — try their omelets. Open daily. Inexpensive.

Old Town

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-294-2074. The traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crabmeat, or the scampi dishes. Moderate.

Pacific Beach

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. Also 624 E St., Downtown, 619-237-9990. The Kiwi owners guarantee healthy, hormone-free, organic beef and lamb from New Zealand - mainly in burg3 whole scotch bonnet peppers

ers, from grass-fed organic beef burgers to lamb burgers with wasabi dip. Inexpensive.

Broken Yolk Café 1851 Garnet Ave. Pacific Beach, 858-270-9655. Additional locations in Chula Vista, Carlsbad, and Downtown. Breakfasting P.B.ers love this place for the sundeck the 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. Inexpensive.

Gringo's 4474 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. This noisy, popular indoor-outdoor venue is better than its name implies, with fresh, skillful cooking of slightly dumbed-down, gen-tled Mexican cuisine like you might find in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta. Moderate. JRDN 723 Felspar St., Pacific Beach,

858-270-5736. Beachfront dining room and patio, with dishes covering the waterfront, ranging from mac 'n' cheese to die for to a sexy, fruited gazpacho to swoon over. Chic, relaxed at mosphere, great grazing, youngish crowd. Entrées expensive.

Joe's Crab Shack 4325 Ocean Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474, Additional locations in Mission Valley, Oceanside, and Downtown, Buckets of crab or fried or grilled seafood in raucous, kid-friendly atmosphere. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Latin Chef 1142 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-8810. Peruvian and Chinese-Peruvian cuisine cooked with rare, authentic ingredients, including canchitos (special toasted corn kernels) to nibble instead of bread. Outstanding anticuchos (heart kebabs) and refreshing ceviches. Friendly owner gladly explains the food. Inexpensive.

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Dr. Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. This renowned sushi bar offers pristine seafood, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. And beauty, of course like the sashimi of a whole small Spanish mackerel bent into the shape of a swelling sail. Moderate to expensive.

Pine Valley

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Old West atmosphere, vintage American food

apple-cider vinegar) into a food processor and puree. The mixture should be slightly chunky and smooth. Marinade makes 4 quarts.

Pour 1 quart of marinade into a medium-size mixing bowl. Rinse and pat dry chicken. Place chicken (two breasts, two thighs, two legs, and two wings) into marinade and mix well. Marinade chicken for 24 hours.

Preheat grill (for best result use a charcoal grill.) Remove chicken from marinade (discard used marinade).

In a small pot, blend brown sugar, soy sauce,

(bulging omelets, chicken-fried steak with eggs). Their burgers are big, their chili is legendary, and the dinner rib-eye steak can make city folks swoon. Inexpensive.

Point Loma

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-226-1135. Japanese and Korean entrées such as teppanyaki (cooked in the kitchen) chicken/seafood/beef. Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and spicy Crazy Boy "krab" roll. Inexpensive to moderate.

Rancho Bernardo

El Bizcocho 17550 Bernardo Oaks Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. This deluxe resort restaurant features cutting-edge French and Asian (but not exactly fusion) dishes made with fresh. superb local ingredients and modern "molecular" techniques, producing fla-vor explosions to thrill culinary adventurers. Very expensive.

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. At this romantic restaurant with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting, the menu offers classic Gallic dishes, but ingredients and execution can be inconsistent night to night. Moderate.

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan, de-spiced for SoCal suburbanites. Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded otatoes with pickled vegetables are tasty. Inexpensive.

Rancho Santa Fe

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216.

San Marcos

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Also 417 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-434-6777. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu. The Manhattan chowder is tasty, as is their "krab" salad. Moderate.

Santa Ysabel

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ys-abel, 760-782-3656. Colorful historic roadhouse draws Harley-riding weekend day-trippers. Cheeseburgers are the default dish. Available are a "Texas-sized baked potato," salad, and squaw bread. Inexpensive to moderate.

Solana Beach

Beach Grass Café 159 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Also 1476 Encinitas Bl., Encinitas, 760-942-2741. Imaginative breakfasts are the specialty (reservations vital on weekends). Lunches and dinners feature uneven multiethnic "coastal cuisine" with good veggies. Moderate to slightly expensive. Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Ave., Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Try the La Colonia combination: just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla is delicious. Inexpensive.

Zinc Café & Market 132 S. Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. Vegetarian menu offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked egg-plant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger are tasty, too. Inexpensive.

Tierrasanta

Bud's Louisiana Café 10425 Tierrasanta Bl., Tierrasanta, 858-573-2837. Authentic NOLA favorites cooked by a friendly native, including good okra gumbo and fine roast beef po' boys to eat in or to go. The white-chocolate bread pudding is a masterpiece. No reservations; no tables for more than six. Low moderate.

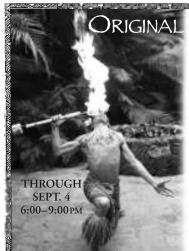
University City

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Dr., University City, 858-678-0950. This chain serves one big, fresh meal. Stuff your raw meat and veggies into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hot plate, and add noodles. Inexpensive.

University Heights

European Market & Deli 4135 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-298-8661. The most popular lunch at this Greek deli with a patio is lemon-roasted chicken, but if you love lamb, Paul's Special — Fridays and Saturdays — is the way to go. (They do offer lamb sandwiches daily.) Inexpensive.

Farm House Café 2121 Adams Ave. University Heights, 619-269-9662. At this charming spot in a near-rural corner of the central city, chef-owner Olivier Bioteau serves rustic but sophisticated French cuisine, including creative chocolates for dessert. Dinner moderate, brunch inexpensive to moderate.



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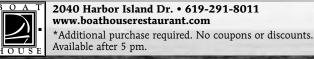
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Once chicken begins to

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cant problems."

As for ordinances such as the one in El Cajon infringing on the rights of smokers, Pierce writes, "There is no 'right' to expose others to harmful substances, and scientists have been unable to identify a safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke." But expanding or strengthening antismoking regulations would require a lot more work and public support, says Councilmember Kendrick. He's thought about pursuing an initiative to prohibit smoking inside apartment buildings, but he won't be doing that anytime soon. "I'm going to stay away from that for now. I don't think El Cajon is ready for that. Those are issues for another day."

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continued from page 7 ery armed with red-cellophane-covered flashlights and heavy jackets, all wanting to have a peek at the night sky.

The second annual Julian Starfest, a campout event, offered the opportunity to view the night sky using attendees' telescopes and included scientific talks from the directors of local observatories.

The threatening skies of earlier in the day gave way to provide spectators



with a clear viewing of the planet Jupiter and its moons, the constellations Regulus and Orion's Belt, and the Milky Way.

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Most of the Saturdayevening visitors were parents with children in tow. By Grant Madden, 8/23

Mad Mom

Downtown San Diego — As baseball fans headed toward Petco Park for the August 20 game at about 6:30 p.m., a car abruptly stopped on the corner of Tenth Avenue and J Street to unload passengers. The driver and the passenger exiting the car were approached by a traffic officer and asked to clear out of the way so traffic could keep flowing.

According to witnesses, a young male passenger described as being in his early to mid-teens — started mouthing off to the traffic-control officer. The officer then allegedly made a



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comment to the effect that the young man should have been raised better. Upon hearing the remark, the young teen's mother took offense.

"She went irate and started making a scene," said a witness. Police officers responded to the disturbance and tried to talk to the woman. She did not calm down until an officer pulled out a ticket book as if he was going to write her a citation.

By Nathaniel Uy, 8/22

San Diego Un-unified

University Heights — **On** Thursday, August 20, San **Diego Unified's school** board president Shelia Jackson stood in front of a dozen reporters and read a statement concerning superintendent Terry Grier's likely departure to run a Texas school district.

'Today, Superintendent Grier was identified as the final candidate for the superintendent position in the Houston Independent School District," read lackson

Jackson later refused to comment on allegations that school board members "muscled Grier out," as well as declining to comment on the high rate of turnover of superintendents — if Grier decides to

leave, San Diego Unified will be hiring its fourth superintendent this decade. By Dorian Hargrove, 8/22

Mutiny in the County

Poway — On August 18, councilmembers Carl Kruse, Jim Cunningham, Merrilee Boyack, and Mayor Don Higginson emerged from a late-night, closed-door city council session and called for city councilmember Betty Rexford to walk the plank over allegations that she used her pull at city hall to interfere with a neighbor's construction project.

The four-term city councilmember attempted to quell the unrest with a statement of her own: "I hope that the media and the public will not jump to a conclusion that because the settlement involved a payment to the plaintiffs, the accusations against



me were justified."

By Dorian Hargrove, 8/21 Comments

1. It needs to be noted that the lawsuit was filed in federal court as a civil rights matter. The local federal judge, in a preliminary ruling, made some strong comments about the evidence that would be taken to trial. That is, she said the case had strong merit and refused to dismiss it. Rexford was part of the settlement, agreeing to pay a part of the total award. If she really believes that "the accusations against [her] were unjustified," then why did she agree to the settlement?

The Poway City Council has generally avoided such incidents in the past. This harassment of Rexford's neighbors continued on page 114

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was a long, drawn-out affair and calls the council into discredit. While other cities in SD County have had things like this and worse, this is the first for Poway, and Powegians hope it will be the last.

By Visduh 12:28 p.m., Aug 21 2. As much as I find all the fault lies with Rexford, I don't agree that she should step down. Isn't that what the voting

process is for? We ALL

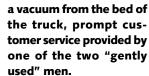
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want due process. By PistolPete 3:50 p.m., Aug 21

Yardless Yard Sale

Kensington — A sidewalk sale was staged in front of the Benjamin Franklin **Elementary School base**ball field, with items unloaded from a "gently used" blue Ford pickup





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Not more than 30 minutes after the sale began, two SDPD cars showed up, likely called by an irritated neighbor. Back into the truck went the coveted vacuum and the 25cent records.

By Kimberly Weingart, 8/22

Teens + Firecrackers Imperial Beach — On Wednesday, August 19, at approximately 1:30 p.m. (a regularly scheduled minimum day at Oneonta Elementary School), firecrackers lit at a home across the street caused a commotion as hundreds of students were leaving school.

After the campus cleared of students, a parent volunteer asked a young man leaving the home about the firecrackers. He repeatedly said, "It wasn't me!

It wasn't me!" He then got into a car and drove away.

The parent volunteer who knew the young man's parents described the incident to the man's father, who sighed. "We clean out his room once in a while and have found some M80s and firecrackers, and obviously we didn't get them all. We'll wait until the little fuck gets home and I'll talk to him, as will his mother."

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By Peter C. Salisbury, 8/20

Cut Up

North Park — A stabbing incident occurred on the corner of Texas Street and **University Avenue early** Tuesday morning, August 18. According to San Diego police radio traffic, at around 1:35 a.m., two men were seen getting into a fight in front of a 7-Eleven on University Avenue.

A police dispatcher said that the stabbing victim was heard yelling, "I'm not gay!" during the altercation. Police responded to the incident and discovered that the suspect described as a heavyset black male about 5'8" wearing dark clothing had fled the scene.

At about 1:45 a.m., a police officer patrolling the streets reported detaining a man matching the suspect's description on the corner of Texas Street and Dwight Street. The man acknowledged that he had gotten into a fight and was described by police as bloodied and pretty cut up.

By Nathaniel Uy, 8/19

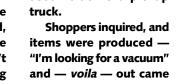
Comments 1. There is a 30-ish blond. fair-skinned man who has been homeless in Hillcrest and surrounding areas for years sometimes with a blond beard, sometimes shaven. I've witnessed him in multiple altercations, in which he invariably yells "I'm not gay!" and "You're gay!" He always seems very angry continued on page 116



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continued from page 114 and to be suffering from some kind of mental illness. Could this guy be the victim here?

Bv SDaniels 4:43 p.m., Aug 21 2. The only description I

have of the victim is that he was a black male. — N. Uy

> By lvswhatigt 8:53 p.m., Aug 21

Snuffed in a Jiff Santee — An example of the sheriffs' firefighting capability took place Friday afternoon, August 21, when a lightning strike ignited a wildfire on the hill north of Magnolia Avenue.

Within minutes after the fire was reported. ASTREA 12, a firefighting helicopter, took off from Gillespie Field. The heli-



copter landed and dropped off several firefighters just east of the fire, then went to fill up their water tank. A few minutes later, they returned and sounded their warning siren, alerting the firefighters that they were lined up to make a drop and did so, knocking out

the fire completely. By William Howel, 8/22

Hard Times

University Heights — San **Diego police responded** to a call on Sunday night, August 16, at about 11:50 p.m. near University Avenue and Park Boulevard. A man called police and said his sister was jumping in front of cars on University Avenue **between Herbert Street** and Park Boulevard. He stated she might have a knife.

The brother told a police dispatcher that the homeless 20-year-old female was diagnosed as bipolar and had quit taking her



ASTREA 12

medication. He said she had recently broken up with her boyfriend and was staying with friends

in Hillcrest. By Steve Horvath, 8/19 Comments

1. I am not surprised by the increasing amounts of mental disorders.... The ongoing recession only increases higher levels of insecurities which would cause more hormonal imbalances in the brain.

By AnotherWorld 9:30 a.m., Aug 20

What Smoke?

about 7:25 p.m. on Satur-

Downtown San Diego — At

fleet of fire trucks began to encircle the 14-story Diamond Terrace condominium located on the 400 block of Ninth Avenue in the East Village.

day, August 15, a large

"Someone thought they saw smoke coming out of the building," said a fireman holding a handheld radio on the corner of Ninth and Island. A few more radio conversations later. the man acknowledged that it was a false alarm.

By Nathaniel Uy, 8/19

Total Recall

Oceanside — Three weeks ago. Citizens to Recall Kern submitted more than 11,000 signatures to the city clerk's office. They assert that city councilman Kern's vote to cut public safety, his pro-developer tendencies, and his defense of mobile park owners looking to abolish rent control are reasons to oust him from the

Yet, for Kern, the recall effort reeks of employeeunion influence. He says employee unions have stuck a target on his back for trying to reduce the city's ballooning pension costs and for making cuts

council.

to public safety. Kern says the city's firefighters earn the second-highest wage in the county and they want him out of office before their contract expires at the end of the year.

"Our pension costs have been going up 33 percent a year for the past three or four years," said Kern during an August 19 phone interview. "It's unsustainable. The recall is a play by the labor unions to run the city council."

By Dorian Hargrove, 8/19

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In a smoky German accent, the alluring Anabella assures him that he's become "een-woll-wed."

he telephone rings. Then it *rings*. Then, like an irate brat, the phone REALLY RINGS. And you wonder: *where have I heard that progression — an everyday object grown monstrous — before*? Soon it

dawns. *Of course, Hitch.* Alfred Hitchcock loved to infuse the familiar with mystery and danger. Be it a few crows on a tele-

phone line or an off-the-beaten-track motel, you will never see those objects menace-free again. There are people, some say, who when taking a shower not only lock the bathroom door, they tilt a chair beneath the knob for good measure.

Hitchcock made objects hyperreal. Who knew that, up close, the presidents at Rushmore would be so chiseled?

The 39 Steps, a highly theatrical take on Hitch's 1935 movie, has no such on-location luxury. At the La Jolla Playhouse, the show generates effects solely from four trunks, wooden chairs, a wardrobe, and four performers doing an aerobic workout that would prove tough going for the hale and buff.

In effect, the two-act, lighter-than-air comedy thriller's an extended chase scene. It moves so fast that on a couple of occasions props miss



their cues and the actors wait — staring at each other and trying to remain calm — for a telephone to ring or fog to infiltrate the stage. These aren't technical glitches. They provide a built-in

breather and become reminders of how frenetic the pace actually is: each performer must run at least 39 steps every few seconds. The play begins in stasis.

Dressed in walnut-colored tweeds (and sporty argyle socks, no less), Richard Hannay confesses that his life adds up to zilch. Were he to die today, he says, stroking his pencil mustache, even he wouldn't miss himself. So, he decides to do something "mindless and trivial, utterly pointless": go to the theater. Next thing he knows, the footlit fantasy world launches him on a nonstop chain reaction that will test not only his mettle but also his stamina. In a smoky German accent, the alluring Anabella assures him that he's become "een-woll-wed."

In a way, the movie (and original 1915 book by John Buchan) is a kind of *Alice in Wonderland*, only Hannay goes through the looking glass of theater into the surreal world of espionage, where nothing is what it seems and, thanks to one Hitchcockian touch after another, where everyone, and -thing, becomes suspect. Can you trust your neigh-



The 39 Steps

The 39 Steps, *adapted by Patrick Barlow* La Jolla Playhouse, UCSD

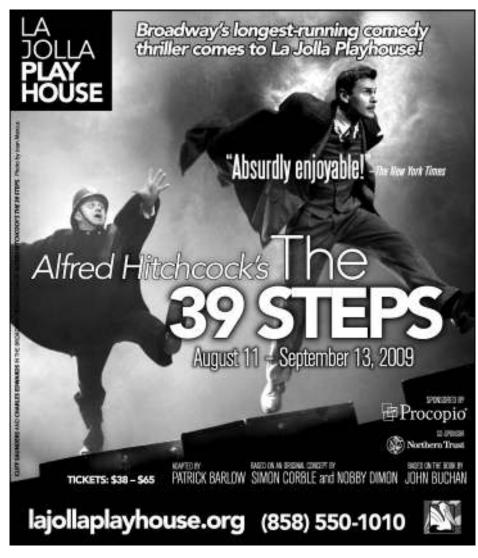
Directed by Maria Aitken; cast: Claire Brownell, Ted Deasy, Eric Hissom, Scott Parkinson; scenic and

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bor? Is your box of popcorn...safe?

It's tempting to accuse the globe-sized Master of Suspense of profound negativity. But amid this reactionary worldview, in *The 39 Steps, North by Northwest*, and others, Hitchcock always plunks an untested, unpromising hero. Somehow he pulls through, an endangered platinum blonde at his side, and goodness triumphs over escalating odds.

At the Playhouse, the four performers face an added threat: they must concoct reality as they go along. Much of the fun comes from what seem spontaneous inventions. The script threw them



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into this situation, but movies edit transitions. The actors are live. They can't just cut away and proceed anew: so how does Hannay get out from under the dead body flopped across his chair? Practical solutions often evoke the most laughs.

The movie says Hannay must escape through a window. But the production's humble budget can only afford a fairly small window frame. How Hannay (the agile Ted Deasy) climbs through it is as warped as anything in Wonderland.

The play also spoofs big effects. Hannay flees to Edinburgh on a tiny red train, choo-chooing across the stage. As he crosses a Scottish loch on Nessie's back, a silhouette of Alfred Hitchcock makes his mandatory appearance on a hillside (titles of his movies have cameos all evening, often in groaners). At the same time, the makeshift means work surprisingly well. Kevin Adams's lighting creates terrific homages to the black-and-white (and prenoir, somewhat German Expressionist) look of the movie. Faces lit from stark angles, amid gulfs of darkness, combined

with smoke so active it's almost another character, often turn the stage into the Real Deal.

How many characters do the four actors play? Estimates range from 130 to 150. And since Ted Deasy's the harassed Hannay throughout, the other three tackle the 129 (or 149) others. They make so many quick changes that backstage must resemble a sale-table frenzy at Nordys. Claire Brownell's roles range from the sultry to, in a touching portrait of a Scottish woman, the truly forlorn. Scott Parkinson and Eric Hissom flit from character to character like jumping beans. They create so many instantly credible beings, Parkinson and Hissom must dream in multiple personalities.

THEATER LISTINGS

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Starlight Musical Theatre concludes its summer season with the little orphan chosen to spend the Holiday season with "Daddy" Warbucks, much to the ire of Miss Hannigan.

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City of Angels

Kit Carson Park hosts a production of the Larry Gelbart (book) and Cy Coleman (music) musical about a best-selling detective novelist and a megalomaniacal Hollywood producer. KIT CARSON PARK, 3333 BEAR VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, THROUGH AUGUST 30.

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 THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, THROUGH AUGUST 29.

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 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.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH AUGUST 30.

The Forced Marriage

Point Loma Actor's Workshop presents Molière's comedy, directed by Hannah Ryan, at two locations: on Shelter Island (near the Japanese Friendship Bell) and the Ocean Beach Rec Center. POINT LOMA ACTORS THEATRE, 3035 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA. 619-225-0044. 6PM SATURDAY, 6PM SUNDAY.

Fully Committed

Cygnet Theatre reprises one of its most popular shows. Air traffic controllers, at least, have each other, Not Sam Pelikowski, He must make all the reservations for a posh New York restaurant. Sam is an aspiring actor lacking a "strong sense of personal entitlement" just what every irate caller has! When he first performed this oneperson show, David McBean earned a Craig Noel Award for excellence. He plays Sam and everyone else, maybe 40 people - the equivalent of memorizing a phone book and making each voice so distinctive you remember it the next time you hear it. McBean, who changes characters as fast as you can say "hold, please," is terrific. Anyone who has ever been an actor or waited tables or taken reservations (a friend of mine who books for a local hotel refers to the public, off the record, as "the beast") will empathize with Fully Committed. And, given McBean's special performance, so should everyone else. Critic's pick.

CYGNET THEATRE - ROLANDO, 6663 EL CAJON BLVD., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS 8PM SATURDAYS 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13.

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 THURSDAY, 1:45PM FRIDAY, 1:45PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 1:45PM SUNDAY, THROUGH AUGUST 30.

Leaving lowa

"Are we there yet?" "I wanna

Coke!" (or, as my younger brother

as one character, return as another, and hit their marks? John Cariani and Jeffrey M. Bender quickchange Jenny Mannis's Victorian couture (twice as fast in Act 2, sometimes within ten seconds, though momentum wanes every

shouted on similar occasions, "Yer

gunna - I'm not gunna"). Tim Clue

and Spike Manton's memory-com-

everything ever said during family

road trips of yore. What gives the

play poignancy: it also articulates

what Don Browning - the absent

son — left unsaid to his now

departed father. The play and

too over-the-top. Exaggerated

Lamb's Players production begin

squabbles don't prepare the audi-

ence for what's to come (amid the

din, director Deborah Gilmour

Smyth orchestrated impressive,

rapid-fire exchanges). Once the

two-act show settles in, it achieves a

backed by a wall of blown-up travel

brochures. Led by David Cochran

Meads, Colleen Kollar Smith, and

Heath as the kindly dad, Kerry

Kurt Norby (doubling as young

symptoms of mobile cabin fever.

thia Gerber handle the comedy.

Reith's funny-accurate outfits -

often in seconds.

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roles in Charles Ludlam's camp

homage to things that go bump,

the show would move faster but

would be less funny. Having only

two actors become men, women, a

mummy, and a werewolf - in sec-

onds, it seems - gives it more

danger than the script's deliber

Irma Vep, or young Victor, but

ately concocted shenanigans. The

question isn't so much who killed

rather: can the performers dash off

7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEP-

Paul Maley and the splendid Cyn-

and old Don) illustrate all the

better balance. On Mike Buckley's

imaginative set, a raised map of

Iowa spreads across the floor

edy catalogues just about





time one walks offstage) and handle their various parts capably. Cariani's especially good as Jane, a maid with the sweetness of a squeezed lemon; and Bender's switch from Nicodemus, the hunchbacked moon-gazer, to Lady Enid Hillcrest is so stark it prompts more than one doubletake. Paul Peterson's expert background music and dark and stormy sounds are top shelf. To use Ludlam's favorite word, Vep is deliberately "ridiculous." Taken in that spirit, it can entertain. Worth a try.

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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 helterskelter, longish farce about the onand 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 Mc-Murtry, as a doddering thespian, remains the Clown Prince of same. Sean Fanning's ingenious, eightdoor set swivels from on- to backstage. The crew that built it merits special mention.

special mention. Worth a try.

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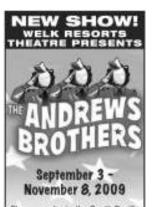
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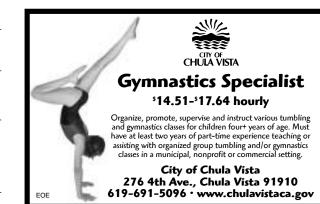
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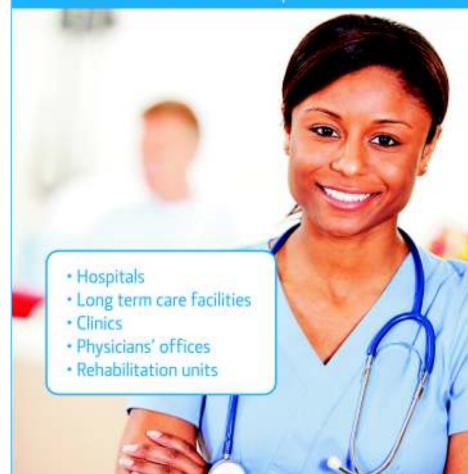
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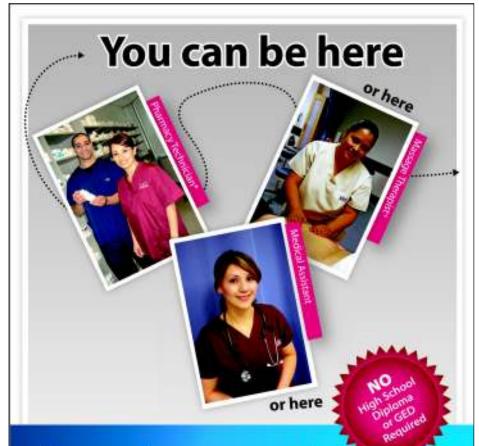
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was disappointed by my dad. He's living back East now. It's not the fact that he left my mom and my brother and sister and L Divorce happens. He just decided he also didn't want to stay in contact. And these days, it's so much easier with emails and everything else. He also wasn't very supportive. Since none of us played sports, which he loved, he seemed to just check out when it came to the activities we were involved in.

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Tierrasanta My kids. They're a disappoint-ment. Okay, I'm kidding. I just never put their Student of the Month stickers on my cars. I suppose the only family member that brought grief to the family is my uncle. He's dead now, but he milked my grandmother out of so much of her life savings. He would be unemployed for long stretches of time, and he'd always promise to pay her back and never did. It made my dad look bad when he asked about the money being paid back after my grandmother died and created tension among all of them.

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or I know one family member that

would be disappointed with me. I do have a brother that was the black

sheep of the Stevens clan. I wasn't dis-

appointed with him, but I think

everyone else was. They thought

he'd play pro football. They thought

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don't have a relationship with my family anymore. I think they were more disappointed with me. I won't go into all the details as to why, but it involved drinking, drugs, and some jail time. Usually it stemmed from things that weren't even my fault but they didn't see it that way. Maybe someday we'll reconnect. Right now, it's just not in the cards.



Brad Allen Costume Designer

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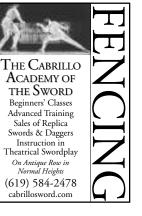
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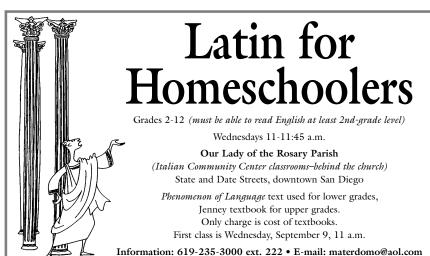
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- 1. Italian restaurant chain
- 7. Part of BYOB 10. Harris and Sullivan
- 13. Showed the door
- 14. The Beatles' "
- Leaving Home"
- 16. Part of a footnote abbr.

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

Flo Abena, Rancho Peñasquitos, 32. LT Hurwitz - Shellshock - thinks he's Ethel Merman Mary Arana, Encinitas, 32. Happy Birthday Mom and Phil! Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 32. Counting days. Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 32. The excitement is gone, same rules this week. Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 32. Thanks for Wednesday's Reader, Sue! Now off to New York! Ron Meyer, Santee, 32. Hunny, you worked too hard to give up. Love you. Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 32. Trains! Good! ...sdmem.org Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens,

32. Yelling is not debate

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18. Jolly laugh 19. Big Ten sch.

17. Come (to)

- 20. Veterinarian's office?
- 22. Sch. named for a televangelist
- 23. Plasma alternative, for
- short 24. Prefix with sclerosis
- 25. Energize 27. Hooray for Jorge
- 28. 1987 Costner role
- 29. Degrees for CEOs
- 30. Not be able to swallow
- 32. Love
- 33. Single-minded theorizer
- 34. Have a bite at the edge of one's property?
- 38. Principles
- 39. Bullpen stats
- 40. Tennessee town SE of Fayetteville
- 41. Fleischer and Onassis
- 42. Pointed attack?
- 46. Bernese peak
- 47. Actress Dianne
- 49. Earthy shade 50. Salmon-to-be
- 51. Monopolize
- 52. Willing ... or a hint to 20
 - and 34-Across and 15and 32-Down
- 54. Crosswords, say
- 55. Sch. near the Rio Grande
- 57. Still
- 58. 4 x 4, for short 59. Forerunner to Leno and
- O'Brien
- 60. Like some palms
- 61. Trip provider?
- Balls (snack cakes) 62.

Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 32. Pimp

Eddie O. Spaghettio, Coronado,

recherche! (...but I repeat myself...)

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 32. I never

Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 31. Or

bends with the remover to remove

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 31.

Anna McCutcheon, Downtown,

Jim Odell, Vista, 31. Triente y dos.

Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 31.

No river flows to the sea in a straight

31. Daniel's Painting. High quality,

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Glad I'm not a Raider fan!

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my Medicare, bro!

said "ay" in my life.

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- 63. Cardiologists' concerns
- Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 30. Nixon tried to subvert the Constitution;
- Shrub Dubya.. D. Faulkner, University Heights, 30. My bike can give your fax a aood race.

Sara Khwaia, Poway, 30. Back to school.

Julie Osburn, North Park, 30. / can't believe I blew two this year. Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 30. Annette, how do you like your new phone?

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 29. A friend in need - is a friend to avoid. Vince Cuseo, Vista, 29. This is alue - strona stuff!

Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 29. Every time history repeats itself the price goes up!

John Pertle, Santee, 29. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for eternal life.

- Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 29. You never know who you're going to meet.
- Ron Hootman, Santee, 29. Hoot 101: You're still a young man, baby. Oh oh...

Kyle Matzke, Vista, 29. Change rules, decreasing entrants, cancel puz-

zle, sounds like a plan! Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 29. Thanks for the memories, Mama.

I miss you. Tom Somich, Clairemont, 29. Gotta be fast to astound your friends

and become famous! Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 28. Go Chargers - to Super Bowl.

Craig Curtis, Escondido, 28. Summertime is almost over. Football is about to begin. Yea!

Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 28. Mars Bars are good, too!

Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 28. Back in the mix! BTW: the new rules suck

Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 28. Nicole needs a T-shirt, please Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 28.

Michael Panther, Point Loma, **28.** Be sure to wish me a happy belated birthday.

hindsight, I used to be better at retrospective.

Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 28. Coming soon! ComCom Networks.

M. Zimmermann, Vista, 28. Choosing the lesser of 2 evils is still

love New York

first to be famous is fatuous

I'm really ready to vacation and relax!

Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 28. In

Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 27. /

Bill Pischke, Ramona, 27. Being

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 27. HB lake

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Dave Small, San Carlos, 27. O Great Grantor of T-shirts, bestow upon me finery.

Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 27. Graaccciiieeee!

Manny Faria, Point Loma, 26. So good to see your face again Pooh! Love u!

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 26. www.geocaching.com Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 26.

Fast and sloppy - like my sex life! Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 26. Llfe is

short...eat dessert first. Tom Seaman, Alpine, 26. If you

don't pay the exorcist, you'll get repossessed

Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 25. Identify your dream and go for it 100 percent.

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Address: Neighborhood/City: ___ State: Circle T-shirt size: L XL Personal Message:

38. Like some goodbyes 41. Sea between Greece and Turkey 42. One who makes a point 43. It might be idle 44. Kenny G's record label

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 25, That was a nice fun filled family weekend! Bob Volimar, La Jolla, 25. Show me the T-shirts! Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 24. // at first you don't succeed, don't skydive! Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 24. Go Chargers!

Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 24. It is none Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista,

23. Shout out to Roleen! Truly one of a kind! P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 23.

Edward C. Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 21. Aya has arrived and needs a Reader T-shirt ina LI Penn

happened to the Pop Quiz? Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 18. Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 22. Last Gonna save all my money and buy a chemo next week - yeah! GTO! Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, Don Romero, Ramona, 16. Hope 21. I learn new words every week! I made it, sweet Mei Ling. William Cushing, Rancho Marjorie Stewart, Point Loma, Bernardo, 21. Thanks to everyone 16. Nicole, if law doesn't work out, for a memorable b-day. pottery is your destiny. Susan Williams, North Park, 15. It's W-A-L-E-S! Yachi da! Archie McAllister, Chula Vista, 14. Drew, you're the man. John C. Pipes, Lemon Grove, 11. Wake up, America. Nix Obama. Henry Romero, San Diego, 11. Back to the D.C. mugginess. Big Lex Torres, San Marcos, 11.

Big all over.

Gian Ghio, Chula Vista, 18. What Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville, 10. And Javne and David. Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 10. Recovery is possible. I am proof. Paul Wright, Lemon Grove, 10. Thanks for the shirt! John Halac, Escondido, 9. Go Charaers! Mark E. Jones, Clairemont, 9. Obama no! Rush si! Julie and Jacqueline Angelini, University Heights, 9. Welcome to your late 20s, sweet BD! Chris Baker, Huntington Beach, 8. Thanks for the help Susant Gerry Halpern, Point Loma, 8. I hate feeling rushed. Joe Musser, Encinitas, 8. Waive the tort and sue the contract.

Philip Paradissis, Del Mar, 8, How about a birthday shirt? Les Sherman, Pacific Beach, 8. Help! I'm having surgery today! D. Asencio Jr., Ramona, 7. Thanks SD Reader. Diana Holt, Hillcrest, 7. lo triumphe! Angela Sturman, Ramona, 7. Just can't get it in fast enough! David Campbell, Carmel Valley, 5. Quarterly glory. Makalani Dingane, Lemon Grove, 5. Padre fans: "Cellar Dwellers" Zona Wahrenbrock, San Diego, 5. Noted on Google Kelley Wilson, Santee, 5. Happy Birthday Lisa! Xoxo Kel. Michael Sheridan, San Diego, 4. Go Sounders.

Sherie Hubble, Alpine, 4.

SDGE, concerned about fire safety. replacing wood poles with wood. Leslie Wittman, Seattle, 3.

Thanks Moson for my new bike. It's a beaut!

Mairin Bailey, La Jolla, 2. My friends are astounded! And amazed! Barry Schwartz, Rancho

Bernardo, 2. Download and make it easier to do. Matt Kircher, Bonsall, 1. /ve got

nothing to lose but loneliness and patterns!

Sal Sandiego, El Cajon, 1. $\ensuremath{\mathcal{W}\!e}$ miss you, Max!

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

EASY:

Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista, **16.** Bona + Aileen = Boleen! John Pertle, Santee, 14. Eternal Life is easy: Belive in the lord lesus Christ Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 11. Oh boy. What joy. Don Bowman, Santee, 6. There goes my Wed. Nights... Good night shadow. Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 4. Check out the water conservation aarden. Christey Whitman, La Mesa, 3. Christy w/o an E loves Caroline Amanda Davis Esauire IV Simon Hubble, Alpine, 2. Where's the finger thingy showing who won the tee shirt? Skully, Diego, 1. SDM Bike night Desi' n Friends Wed. 7 till?? Alyssa Ketcham, East Village, 1. Without god doesn't mean without. Jason G. Kron, Lakeside, 1. Automakers: about my plug-in elec tric or Prius Hybrid pick-up truck...

Kimberly Carrillo, Vista, 1. Whaz Up: Mary Ann Coleman, San Deigo, 1. I love you, Isabelle

Christy Lundstrom, San Diego, 1. Puzzles- Just another reason to get a Reader!

MEDIUM:

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 16. Hi Larry and Ann Tiffany Renteria, San Diego, 13. This is my last turtle message. I love you Turtle!!! Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 12. Thanks for the Tshirt Kodukso, Poway, 12. I want to crash a clunker!! Sylvia June, El Cajon, 8. My week sucks! Doug Lukes, Serra Mesa, 7. Bernardo, 6. Weekly blood draws are a drain

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 4. Are you making a four layer sandwich?

Flo Abena, Rancho

Peñasquitos, 3. Tilde? Nanitos Record Shop, Providence Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 3. Is this soon enough to win a black Tshirt? Clancy Sloan, Clairemont, 3. Go Celtics David Campbell, Carmel Valley, 2. Quarterly Glory Robert Lindahl, Collage Area, 2. Phyllis Phyllis I love love love Phyllis Phyllis Phyllis Michael White, Clairmont, 2. Summer loving had me a blast-Grease Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 1. INBX4 Look Daddy Made It! Steve K., Ocean Beach, 1. Futile effort? C.P.S. Rules Get new Tshirts I HATE DOGS

Bernie Malihan, San Diego, 1. School is starting again. Phooey. Hi Bhurd!

Jeff Web, San Diego, 1. Puzzle Solved!

Jennifer Wesson, Paradise Hills, 1. Hi Mom!

Leslie Wittman, Seattle, 1. Happy Birthday MoSan!@ L,L

Glenn R. Walker, La Jolla, 14. Sally Lukes, Serra Mesa, 12. Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 10. Oregon's too hot Wan-Chen Wu, San Diego, 6. My mom loves gossiping over the Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 5.

100? Edvin Shahmoradian Escondido, 5. Go Raiders Rei Sheu, San Diego, 4. Keep great. Paul Wright, Lemon Grove, 4. Reader has a surf team? Amanda Garcia, Chula Vista, 3. Miss Mary Reuels U can do it too! Bruce C. Mengler, Solana Beach, 3. T-shirt? Marty Sinigatan, Point Loma, 3. Slappin' Da Bass! David Tomasin, San Diego, 3. C'mon List all the names

Duane D. Tremaine, East Village, 3. Thou art more lovely

and more temperate George Elam, Vista, 2. Too much pressure to enjoy. Make it a

100 David Campbell, Carmel

Valley, 1. Quarterly Glory Robb Dusa, Rancho Penasquitos, 1. Happy 15th Laurie Llove vou Lark Herrick, Alpine, 1. Charlie

and Cleo we miss you love Lark and Jim

EVIL:

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 17. "GrandMA" will "liveON", even with PUBLIC **OPTION!** So there GRASSLEY! Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 17. Let's go Chargers! Maybe this year? Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 17. Almost free!...SDMRM.ORG P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 17. Nice Shirt. Thank vou Michael Panther, Point Loma, 17. Obama is stealing our freedom Just kidding. Everything's fine. Gregory Parsons, Carlsbad, 17. Cooper and Zac Rule

Glenn A. Walker, Pacific Beach, 17. Getting more challenging! Clyde Christie, East Village,

16. 1: Report of commissions to assess the threat to the. Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 16. Happy Birthday Steve love of my

lifel Julio Magno, San Diego, 16. US Postal sudoku master. Hi Eileen

Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 15. ... 'til our week of looove.

Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 15. My babe works so hard for a Tshirt vet no luck

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 15. 350 varieties of shark-not counting loan and pool!

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 15. A Day Late, but hopefully not a dollar short Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 15.

Save water- fix leaks Harry Walker , La Jolla, 15. What? No rule changes this week? Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 14. Happy Birthday Michael Lebl-41 years from the Soviet invasion. Ric Witt, Clairemont, 14. // ever get another Tee, I'm having it bronzed

xoxo ect HARD: Harry, I'm tied with you Please Pretty Please

phone better than sudoku

Thurs PM Hard puzzle, in ink! Top

Give her the shirt so she'll shut up Margaret Elliott, Rancho

Tony Marsh , San Carlos, 4. She's got whatever it is, don't know

what to do

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 13. Obama is abusing the budget deficit like Sorcerer's

Apprentice! Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 13. Who got the shirts?

Mark Xitco, San Diego, 13. OKI **Delfin Bernardo, National** City, 11. Hi Alice, my wife for 34

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Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego, 3. I'm all over it!

Marichu Magana, Mira Mesa, 3. Yes we can

Jeanette Abad, Escondido, 1. Go Chargers!!

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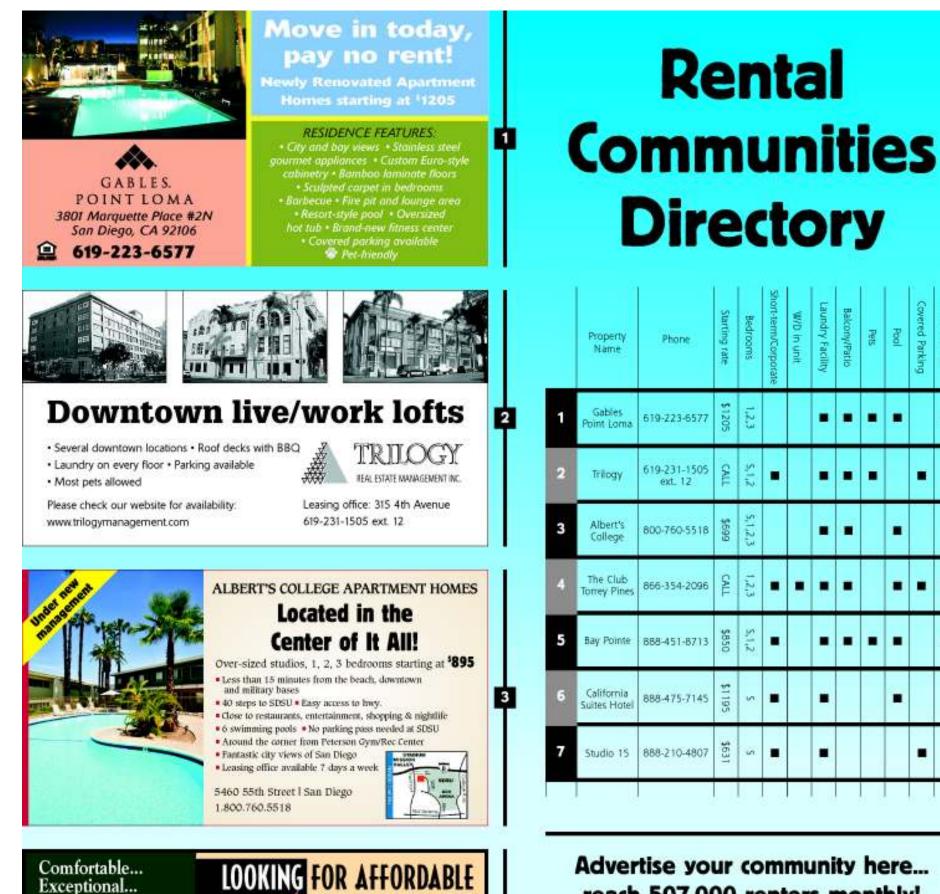
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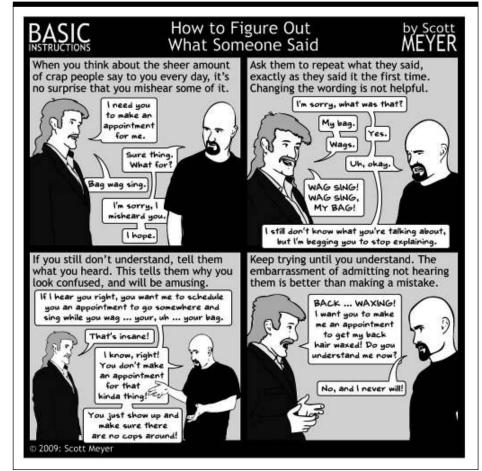
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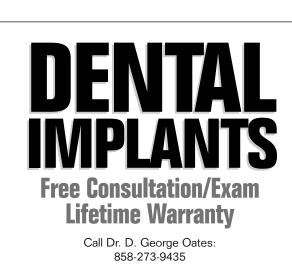
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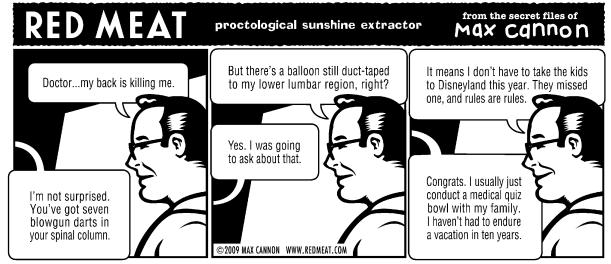
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"Is there a Résumés for Dummies?" asked my nephew Freddy. "I've been looking for a job for two months with only one callback."

I didn't have a book for him, but I did have a phone. So I put in a call to Cherie Heid of Competitive Edge Résumés (858-414-9603, sdresumes.com) and asked her

how she was better than a book (or a computer program) for creating a résumé. "A program is good for the basics — it helps you to know what format to use. The three main components for a résumé are vour contact information, your employment information where you've worked, what you've

done, what your job titles have been - and vour education.

"But," continued Heid, "the problem with a program is that it doesn't help with the human aspect. Consider a woman who is a customer-service rep, someone who answers incoming calls and helps customers with problems." Everybody knows what her job entails, "but I'll delve deeper and ask, 'How many calls did you take a day?' Suddenly, she's not thinking of her résumé, she's speaking to another human being who is asking about her, and she says, 'Gosh, actually, I was the number-one customer-service rep last year. All of my coworkers answered

50 calls a day, but I answered 75.' Now her résumé says, 'Named top representative for efficiently handling 75 calls per day vs. the average rep, who handled only 50.' Now she

stands out."

And standing out is the key. "It's important to realize that a résumé is a marketing tool to sell you to a potential employer. You're trying to get them to pick you out of hundreds of résumés. A good résumé writer can bring out all the important details that are locked in your mind. If someone comes to me with-

out a résumé, we can go straight into a question-and-answer session. If they have an old résumé, we'll start with that. Even if they say, 'I just have some notes.' I don't care about spelling or grammar — it's my job to fix it. I know how to sell and market you."

Beyond the writing,"I also guide you through

the job process. I can offer help with online job searches, show you the best websites for your field, and show you how to upload a résumé. I am into understanding the needs of my clients before I quote a price. On average, it runs \$150 to \$200, but if I have an executive for a multimillion-dollar company, it might be \$300+. And for someone straight out of high school, it might be only \$75.'

"Most people find it really hard to brag about themselves, so we brag about you."

Norman Cohn of Career Finders Résumé Service (858-271-4227, sandiegoresumes.com) also stressed the importance of standing out. "If your résumé doesn't say, 'I'm the best,'" he explained, "you're not going to get that call." How does he know? "I used to be an executive recruiter, so I've worked both sides of this business. I've read over 25,000 résumés. I know what works. We can help because we know what hiring managers are looking for and how to make it easier for a hiring manager to find it on your résumé." For example: "Most résumés include only 'what I've done.' Ours also say 'what I've accomplished.' Most people find it really hard to brag about themselves, so we brag about you." Call for specifics on price.

Finally, I spoke with Scott Sorweid at Right Foot Résumé (619-723-1329, rightfootresume.com). "I focus on custom résumé design," he said, explaining his method for making résumés stand out. "That starts by focusing on personal identity, which is

really critical today. I'll create a professional logo, usually from a person's initials. That gives the résumé a contemporary look, and it also adds a bit of color. For someone in sales and marketing, I might use red or orange. If someone is looking through a pile of résumés and runs into one of mine, they're definitely going to pick it up, which is the point of my service."

Sometimes, however, "Companies have computers that scan résumés," so it's important to have your information properly presented. "I'll most likely include a box that lists key skills, targeted for a specific position. The computer will be okay with it, and the résumé will actually get read." After that, "It's important to get your skills and achievements written in an effective way. I'll start out with highlights of your professional experience — four or five of the main accomplishments, things with quantifiable results, be it saving time or saving money. That needs to get done in the first third of the page." Prices range from \$50 (design services) to \$150 (full résumé package).

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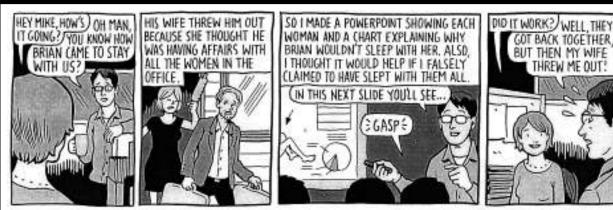
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Cultural Diversity

- The nomadic Vadi tribe, in the Indian state of Gujarat, continues to be adept at flouting the country's 18-year-old ban on snake-charming. Historically, the Vadi have taught their children, beginning at age two, to be at peace with cobras through affection and respect.

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Questionable Judgments

- A June Government Accountability Office report revealed that people on the U.S.'s suspected-terrorist list tried to buy guns or explosives on at least 1000 occasions in the past five years and were successful 90 percent of the time. One suspect managed to buy 50 pounds of explosives. Federal law treats the suspected-terrorist list as "no-fly" and "no-visa" but not "no-gun." "Pop" is a two-and-a-half-year-old Swedish kid whose "gender" is unknown to everyone, including Pop. "It" will be counseled that people do not have identical apparatus between their legs, but Pop's folks told the newspaper Svenska Dagbladet in June that they intend to ignore all cultural characteristics of "boys" and 'girls" in raising Pop. To the parents, "gender"

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Latest Religious Messages

- The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Prayer order in La Crosse, Wis., is now in its 131st consecutive year of around-the-clock praver, in shifts, at its Adoration Chapel. The sisters' ritual is based on an 1865 promise by the order's superior that if God graced their ministries with success, they would build a chapel and pray non-stop. - Ms. Dyker Neyland is one of the few parents who have successfully challenged a school board's restrictive student dress code for adolescents. Nevland persuaded the board in Irving, Texas, this spring that devout religious modesty (as prescribed in the Bible by 1 Timothy 2:9) should take precedence over the district's no-untuckedshirttails rule, in that the extended shirttail provides additional cover for her seven-year-old daughter's backside.

Smooth Reactions

- Crisis Intervention: A certain bridge in Ghangzhou, China, has become popular for suicide (12 attempts in a 45-day period in April and May), and with each incident, traffic is slowed or halted for hours while crews attempt to talk the distraught person down or perform rescues. Mr. "Chen" was on the ledge in May, according to an Agence France-Presse dispatch, but he couldn't make up his mind about jumping. One frustrated motorist, Lai Jiansheng, ended the suspense by walking up to Chen and pushing him off. Chen survived, and Lai was arrested.

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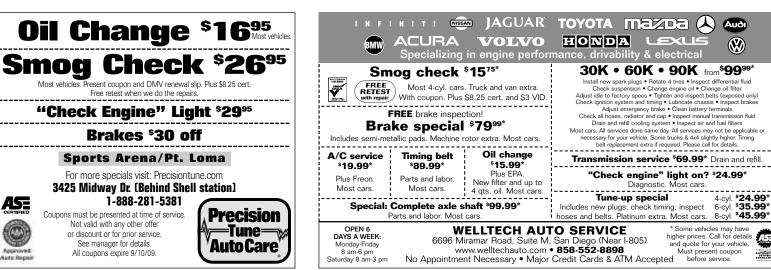
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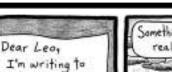
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I miss Duncan Shepherd and I'll tell you how much. I was thinking about this as I was ironing the other day, and if I ever have a boy I would not hesitate to name him Duncan, but I would never name my boy Jonathan because of how I feel about Jonathan Saville, which is yuck! So, why haven't we been seeing any Shepherd stories for so long?

- LETTERS: "MY BOY DUNCAN," Kelly Siegerson, August 30, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

With stores due to start opening next spring in downtown's new Horton Plaza shopping center, the idle days of the local transients are numbered. It is unlikely that people will return to Nordstrom if on their initial visit they have to step over a bum to get through the door. As that possibility approaches, ideas for avoiding it are as numerous as flies in Horton

BUMS," August 30, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

Late on a muggy Sunday afternoon, I met Brizzolara in a downtown bar. Like the fictional Hillcrest Club, it was one of those alcoholand tobacco-fumed dives to which sun never comes. We sat on barstools wedged into a murky corner, our backs against the wall, the long, dim room before us. The Dodgers were playing the Giants. I said to Brizzolara, "Guys in here could have stepped right out of your pages."

He laughed. "What I called the Hillcrest Club in Wirecutter was in fact the now-defunct 601 Club, an old-timers' shot-andbeer joint on University — a great bar, one of the only straight bars in Hillcrest."

— "SADNESS AND STRANGE ENDINGS," Judith Moore, August 31, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

When I was a kid growing up in the late '50s, there was a push to make pool a family game. I remember ads showing "Mom" — permed blond, high heels, and in a chemise demonstrating for Junior — redheaded, freckly-faced, about 11the correct stance for the break. Dad stood by, usually with Sis, anxious to participate, observing good, clean family fun. But it didn't work. And you don't need Freud to tell you why. Pool is not just a game. Pool is a sexy game. And sex is always there, below the surface, when people play. — "YOU AGAINST THE TABLE,"

Peter Griffin, August 25, 1994

Ten Years Ago

I ask Crooks how he found this image. In Coronado one day, after lunch with a friend, he went into a CD shop while his friend waited outside on a bench. When Crooks came out, he noticed his friend staring at an apartment house across the

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street. "Don't bother me," the other said, "I'm having a California moment." Before them was Portico, bathed in a glowing, hyperreal light. Crooks returned at the same hour the next day to photograph it. Perfect, he thought: one door is partially open. Suddenly a man appeared and shut the door. "It had to stav halfopen," Crooks says. He knocked and begged, "Excuse me, mister, but I'm a painter, and I need to photograph your front porch here with your door open, so would you mind?" - "LAST LIGHT," Thomas Larson, August 26, 1999

Five Years Ago

Three club members, including Envall, have loaned their dolls to an exhibit of some 30 pristine Barbies at the Mission Branch Library on view this month. This weekend the three will be there for a discussion and informal appraisal of Barbies that the public is welcome to bring. Envall has lent two of her num-

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ber-three Barbies from 1960. "One is wearing [an outfit called] 'Plantation Belle' — that's a pink, dotted-Swiss full skirt to the knee and a big hat. The other is in 'Sorority Meeting,' which is a brown sheath dress with a brown sweater vest and pillbox hat." - CALENDAR: "DID SHE GET A DIVORCE?"

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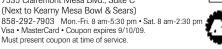
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On Friday, August 21, the Church Council for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America voted to "commit itself to finding a way for people in ... publicly accountable lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships to serve as rostered leaders of the church." This was a big deal: while there were already ELCA congregations served by clergy in same-sex partnered relationships, this amounted to an official declaration that, in the words of Gethsemane pastor Gloria Espeseth, "the church has moved" on the issue of homosexuality. "I think people in the pews are no longer willing to use pejo-

rative labels for people they know who are gay and lesbian." Not everyone was pleased with the decision. Acknowledging this in his address to the 2009 Churchwide Assembly that served as the occasion for the vote, presiding

bishop Mark Hanson quoted Paul: "Bear with one another...clothe yourselves with love...let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...teach and admonish one another in all wisdom...in the name of the Lord Jesus." He then said, "That passage gives invitation...that those deeply disappointed today will have the...freedom to continue to admonish and teach in this church.... What is absolutely important for me is that we have the conversation together."

The guiding principle, according to the resolution, was for ELCA members "to respect the bound consciences of those with whom they disagree." On Sunday, Espeseth offered this explanation: "I would think, at a minimum. what 'bound conscience' means is that those who want to keep the tradition will not be accused of being homophobic, and

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live with that kind of diversity

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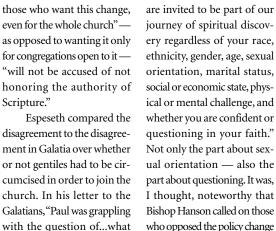
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teaching. "We've had people ask us to change our name from Gethsemane," said Espeseth. Understandably: in the garden of Gethsemane, Christ asked that the cup of suffering pass from Him; and He received no answer. "But we've had other people thank us, saying, 'I thought I just had to believe in Happily Ever After all the time.' That isn't how it works, and we do name that other part, the part about ambiguity." In her sermon, she put it this way: "Jesus did not have the opening of heaven like He did at His baptism; He did not experience power as He did

to continue admonishing and



Gethsemane **Lutheran Church** Serra Mesa

$\star \star 1/_2$	
Sermon	
content	***
delivery	***
Liturgy	$\star \star^{1/2}$
Music	
congregational	**
band	★ ★¹/:
Snacks	$\star \star 1/2$
Architecture	**
Friendliness	$\star \star^{1/2}$
Poor to satisfactory	(none)
Good	*
Very good	**
Excellent	***
Extraordinary	****

during His miracles. He simply needed to get up and go."

The sermon concerned the Jewess Esther, married to the King of Persia, who was having a "Gethsemane moment" of her own. Her cousin Mordecai was calling her to go unbidden to the king — to risk her life — for the sake of her people. His

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counsel: "Who knows whether or not it was for a time such as this that you are there?" Who knows, indeed. "Mordecai was not a prophet. He didn't say, 'I have a word from the Lord; it's all going to be okay.' Most of the time, we don't have that ... and sometimes, we'll be wrong. There are people on both sides of this issue who felt they were called by God to step up."

The singer sang a Martina McBride song: "God is great, but sometimes life ain't good/ And when I pray it doesn't always turn out like I think it should/ But I do it anyway."

The prayers of the faithful asked, "We pray that we might be empowered by Your Holy Spirit to do that which You will for us...to take a stand, to help someone face evil, to open up complexity."

What happens when we die?

"God knows," replied Espeseth.

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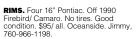
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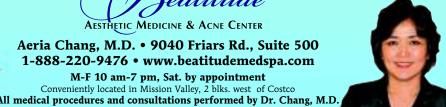


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