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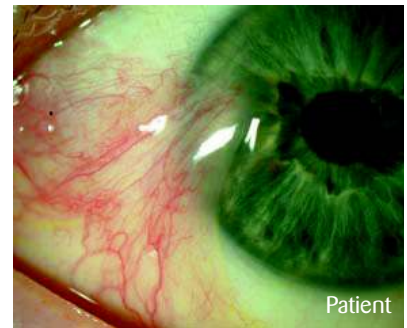
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Hidden agenda When longtime *Union-Tribune* senior editor **Lorie Hearn** departed the paper this summer to set up the nonprofit Watchdog Institute for investigative reporting, the project was billed as a way of saving local journalism “in an era of shrinking resources.” After two rounds of layoffs at the paper totaling 304 workers, new *U-T* owner Platinum Equity said it would put up an undisclosed

amount of cash for the institute, thereby outsourcing the bulk of its enterprise-reporting chores to Hearn and her

tiny staff of two reporters and a “data specialist.” “It seemed like a winning situation all around, and I couldn’t see why we wouldn’t give it a shot,” **Paul Bridwell**, the *U-T*’s “restructuring officer,” told a writer for the *American Journalism Review* in August, noting that Hearn and four others on her “investigative team” were not being replaced. Bridwell said the paper was “largely underwriting” the institute’s salaries, though Hearn added that a local donor whom she wouldn’t name was also kicking in seed money and that she was pitching the institute’s wares to other unnamed media outlets besides the *U-T*.

But the institute also has close ties to San Diego State University, where it intends to locate its offices and use student interns. Documents recently obtained from SDSU under the state’s Public Records Act raise questions about just how journalistically independent Hearn’s operation will be.

“The relationship between the Institute and San Diego State University will be mutually beneficial,” says a proposal presented to a July 15 meeting of the school’s Academic Deans’ Council regarding the collaboration agreement. “Work produced by the Institute will further the University President’s goal of having the University be a leader in setting the agenda for a regional ‘civic society.’ Some of the Institute’s projects, for example, will stimulate dialog, facilitate discussion and broker solutions for major problems facing the San Diego and border region.”

Exactly what university agendas are to be set and solutions brokered by the institute were not specified. SDSU and its president **Stephen Weber** have long been at odds with campus neighbors and city government in battles over commercial redevelopment and university expansion and are now dickering behind closed doors with Mayor **Jerry Sanders** over possible development at City-owned Qualcomm Stadium, which could prove

especially lucrative — and contentious — for the school. According to the institute’s pitch document, “The executive director and staff will choose the topics for reporting, although a specific media outlet may become involved in topic selection when the Institute has a contractual arrangement with a particular media outlet.”

Hiring at the institute appears to be Hearn’s call, at least as of last month. On August 17, journalism school director **Diane Borden** emailed Hearn, observing that the *Voice of San Diego*, an online news site that was the first to embark on nonprofit reporting here, “seems to be making a big deal about the *U-T*’s layoff last week of **David Hasemyer**. I wasn’t sure whether he was going to be part of your team?” Replied Hearn: “No, Dave isn’t going to be part of the Institute. As always, there is much more to the story than what the *Voice* reports, particularly when the story is written by a long-time friend. Actually, I’m very sorry Dave wouldn’t be a good candidate for us. We can talk more some time....” Borden did not respond to a telephone message left at her office.

Bombs away A subsidiary of a company run by an Aleut shareholder-owned Alaska Native village corporation based on remote Saint Paul Island in the Bering Sea, 800 miles west-southwest of Anchorage, Alaska, is being sued by U.S. Secretary of Labor **Hilda Solis** for jeopardizing safety at Camp Pendleton. According to the suit, filed in federal court here September 3, Bering Sea Eccotech, Inc., was operating an ordnance-disposal facility at the Marine base under contract with the government. In June 2007, the suit says, technician **Jonathan Molnar** was fired after complaining about “lax safety procedures.” Molnar “witnessed explosions resulting from these unsafe procedures,” claims the government, which asks for unspecified damages. ... The Environmental Health Coalition, whose executive director **Diane Takvorian** lost out on the City of San Diego council’s coveted appointment to the Port Commission earlier this year, has written a letter to the Chula Vista City Council promoting ex-mayor **Steve Padilla** as that city’s representative on the panel. “As a former Coastal Commissioner, Steve knows intimately what it takes for projects to succeed at the state level,” according to the letter. Three years ago, Padilla lost his reelection bid to current mayor **Cheryl Cox**.

— Matt Potter

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Vegas Pays Do-Gooders Well

By Don Bauder

In San Diego, those who do good do not do well — from an income standpoint, that is. The professions devoted to helping

people down on their luck, such as social work, are not at all remunerative. But there is some justice in the world: workers who specialize in causing people to be down on their luck, such as casino employees, do even worse financially than the do-gooders. (Of course, the casino workers help create a social problem, gambling addiction, which provides more work for the do-gooders.)

Here’s something that appears to be an economic anomaly: financially, do-gooders make more money in Las Vegas, known as Sin City, than they make in San Diego. But gambling employees do better in San Diego

than in Las Vegas, the center of the gaming industry.

In short, the wages of sin



are lousy even in sin’s hometown. And the wages of those who try to conquer sin are higher in the city that brags

about its vices.

The average wage in the San Diego–Carlsbad–San Marcos area (the San Diego metropolitan statistical area, or the county, as defined by the federal government) is \$47,250 a year. That’s not high, since the cost of living is 36 percent above the national average, according to the American Chamber of Commerce Research Association, whose data are distributed by the Council for

Community and Economic Research. Often San Diego’s cost of living is more than 50 percent above the national average.

San Diegans are squeezed by a boa constrictor: incomes are moderately above the national level, but the cost of living is very steep. That’s

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All Aboard for the Fairgrounds

By Moss Gropen

This story isn't about me!" Richard Eckfield, who's been on a three-year crusade to get a train stop built at the Del

Mar Racetrack, is adamant. "It's a much larger issue." But Eckfield's relentless dedication, the single-mindedness with which he's pursued his quarry, tell a different tale — the tale of a retiree and his wife who've spent many of their waking hours, not to mention \$15,000, to advance a project that they feel is vital for the health of Thoroughbred horse racing.

Richard Eckfield, at 72, is a vigorous man with a pile

etor, it turns out, is not only a friend of Eckfield's but a racehorse owner as well — a fact that typifies the couple's connections to the well-heeled horsey set and to Del Mar racing in particular. (Ironically, Eckfield is neither a horse owner nor handicapper but works as an usher at the Del Mar meet.)

In 2006, while dining with Dr. Steven Buttgenbach, the then-Del Mar track veterinarian, Carlsbad denizens



Trestle over the San Dieguito Lagoon

County weeklies such as the *Carmel Valley News*, *Del Mar Village Voice*, and *Rancho Santa Fe Review*. Throw in meetings and photo ops with local politicians, testimony before various governmental boards, as well as constant emails, letters, and phone calls, and the picture

require replacement of the trestle across the San Dieguito River. Built in 1916, the structure, just south of the proposed platform site, is, according to Eckfield, "probably held up by barnacles." Double tracking from the platform north to the Solana Beach station would also be necessary; without parallel north and south tracks, the already interminable delays — caused when a train must pull off onto a siding to allow an oncoming train to pass — would be exacerbated. Additionally, due to topographic, environmental, and right-of-way complications, it is likely that a tunnel would need to be built — perhaps under Del Mar.

With evangelical zeal, Richard Eckfield (Helen defers to his vocal lead) trumpets his contention that the project would not only improve access to the races and the fair but help San Diegans conserve oil and reduce air pollution by taking cars off the road. He also cites a safety angle. "I see people after the races who are extremely drunk. And when they have the reggae concerts, they smoke so much pot that they can't stand up straight." Taking this "something for everyone" stance, the Eckfields maintain that the proposed train stop has "no downside." If so, why hasn't it come to fruition? When

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Helen and Richard Eckfield

of snow-white hair, matching goatee, and piercing blue eyes. His voice booms with enthusiasm — and, at times, frustration — when he talks about the project, which has been part of the fairground's master plan since 1985. I meet him, along with his wife, Helen Nielsen-Eckfield, at Champs Pub and Deli on Miramar Road; the propri-

Richard and Helen Eckfield seized upon the notion that if a train stop were ever to grace the Del Mar Fairgrounds, as it had decades before, it would be by dint of their will. Since then, the Eckfields' efforts have been incessant, spelled out exhaustively in their column "Savvy Seniors, Frugal and Active," which appears in small North

of a crusader emerges.

In 2008, the Eckfields persuaded two San Diego-area consulting firms to work on an anonymous, pro bono basis to analyze the project. Their studies confirm what generally all the players agree upon — namely, that an increase in rail traffic generated by a new seasonal, permanent platform would

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Salad a Casualty

Tijuana — Caesar's Restaurant on Avenida Revolución, reputed to be the spot where Caesar salad was invented, has closed its doors after more than



Ensalada César

80 years in business.

The Tijuana daily *Frontera* reported that the restaurant shut its doors on Monday, September 14, a victim of the collapse of the city's tourism industry and a severe economic crisis that continues to grip the formerly bustling downtown district.

Business leaders report that some 60 percent of Avenida Revolución's restaurants, shops, bars, and discos have closed in recent years — more than 200 establishments altogether.

On Monday morning, reported *Frontera*, chairs, desks, tables, pots, pans, and electrical equipment were being moved out of the restaurant and onto the sidewalk in front of the business.

By Bob McPhail, 9/16

Comments

1. This sucks! I'm glad we got to experience the 'original' Caesar at least once, as well as the tableside guac.

By SDaniels
2:03 p.m., Sep 16

Social Host Comes to Carlsbad

Carlsbad — "We don't want our young children to become addicted to alcohol; addiction to alcohol makes a person crazy,"

said an elderly female during the Tuesday, September 15, Carlsbad city council meeting. The statement came minutes before the mayor and council unanimously agreed to enact a law that penalizes parents and adult hosts of parties for providing alcohol and other controlled substances to minors.

The "social-host" law gives police officers the authority to charge parents or party hosts with a misdemeanor infraction that could result in a \$1000 fine and up to six months of jail time.

Carlsbad was one of the few cities that didn't have a social-host law in place. By 2006, all 19 cities in San Diego County, except for Carlsbad, Del Mar, and Chula Vista, had enacted social-host laws.

By Dorian Hargrove, 9/16

Zodiac Smuggler

Imperial Beach — At about 4:15 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15, U.S. Customs and Border Protection intercepted a boat about one mile off of the Imperial Beach coast, just south of the pier carrying ten



duffel bags stuffed with marijuana.

Because of the suspicious behavior, the interdiction vessel (with three agents aboard) stopped the nine-foot rigid-hull inflatable Zodiac. Besides the two persons onboard (a 19-year-old male resident of El Cajon and U.S. citizen, and a 35-year-old Mexican male), agents saw ten duffel bags on the boat's deck.

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not true in many other metro areas. Houston has an average wage of \$42,880, but its cost of living is 10 percent below the national average. Dallas is at \$42,900, and its cost of living is almost 8 percent below the national average. Closer to home, San Jose's cost of living, like San Diego's, is frequently more than 50 percent above the nation's, but the average wage is \$64,310. Tech pays well and is a larger percentage of total employment than it is in San Diego. Sacramento's average wage is just a hair below San Diego's, but its cost of living is only 19 percent above the national average.

In San Diego, do-gooders' pay is generally below the county's average. Last year's data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that in the county, the average rehabilitation counselor makes only \$37,000 a year. Substance-abuse and behavioral disorder counselors make \$37,420; mental health and substance-abuse social workers make \$40,550; marriage and family therapists make \$50,020; health educators make \$38,010; home health aides \$23,540; psychiatric aides \$27,480; and members of the clergy \$49,040.

Preschool teachers gross only \$28,810, although elementary and middle school teachers do better: around \$67,000. Those teaching adult literacy and remedial education bring in only \$39,820.

Then there are the workers who claim they relieve people's sorrows but get an argument from those who insist that they exacerbate societal problems. San Diego bartenders average only \$21,460, despite the spirits that they lift. Reporters in the media gross \$42,770 and their editors \$46,390 — both making below-average wages, or exactly what they deserve,

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in many cynics' eyes.

By comparison, dentists gross an average of \$124,720, physicians and surgeons \$202,250, aerospace engineers \$100,710, lawyers \$128,610, college physics teachers \$101,490, and corporate chief executives \$191,920. (Remember, that is an *average* for corporate chieftains — including big and small companies. The annual mean for chief executives of the 500 largest companies is \$10.4 million, according to AFL-CIO Pay-Watch data. Paul Jacobs of San Diego's Qualcomm made \$17.4 million last year, according to PayWatch. Semptra's Donald Felsing grossed \$11 million, SAIC's Kenneth Dahlberg \$5.8 million, Jack in the Box's Linda Lang \$5.8 million, Sequenom's Harry Styli \$4.8 million, and ResMed's Kieran Gallahue \$5.2 million. Walter J. Zable, 93-year-old head of Cubic Corporation, grossed \$1 million last year.)

Now let's look at salaries in the county's gambling casinos: dealers make \$26,140, gambling surveillance officers \$31,510, sports book writers and runners \$29,080, and change makers and booth cashiers \$23,240.

Believe it or not, gambling employees do much worse in Vegas (although the Vegas dealers get juicy tips and a lot of money passes under the table). Dealers average \$14,690 a year, almost \$12,000 less than in San Diego. Sports book writers and runners make \$22,110, almost \$7000 a year less than in San Diego. Cashiers and surveillance officers make a bit more in Sin City than in San Diego.

But Vegas pays its do-gooders more than San Diego does. Mental health and substance-abuse counselors make \$57,070, or about \$20,000 more than in San Diego. Vegas health educators gross \$62,960, or almost \$25,000 more than their counterparts in San Diego. Members of the clergy rake in \$58,510 a year, almost

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\$10,000 more than they make in San Diego. (Quickie Vegas weddings must be remunerative for those of the cloth. Or perhaps local citizens and visitors have more reasons to seek divine forgiveness, particularly following a weekend.)

Therefore, in Vegas, sin seems to pay off better for those trying to thwart it than those promoting it. The average salary for all industries in Vegas is a mere \$38,720; it certainly appears that the low gambling pay contributes to that meager sum. Vegas does have one advantage: its cost of living is only 8 percent higher than the nation's average.

The fact that do-gooders are so well compensated in Vegas, while the gambling industry folks seem to go penniless, appears to be an economic abnormality. A few years ago, it wouldn't have been surprising that gambling employees in Vegas were underpaid. It was the only game in town — or almost only. Where else would a blackjack dealer go? But now that casinos are all over the country, one would think that the Vegas workers would go elsewhere for higher remuneration — say, to San Diego (unless those Vegas tips and under-the-table payments are really huge). Similarly, do-gooders, seeing the juicy pay in Vegas, would probably invade, bringing salary levels down.

But maybe supply/demand economics doesn't explain this riddle. This may be nature's symbiosis at work. A symbiotic relationship is one that is mutually beneficial for both participants — like the human providing sustenance and the dog providing love and affection. Vegas bookmakers and runners provide a bevy of fleeced residents and visitors to the social workers, who in turn provide much-needed services to the casino employees who do the fleecing but empty their pockets enjoying the pleasures of Sin City. ■

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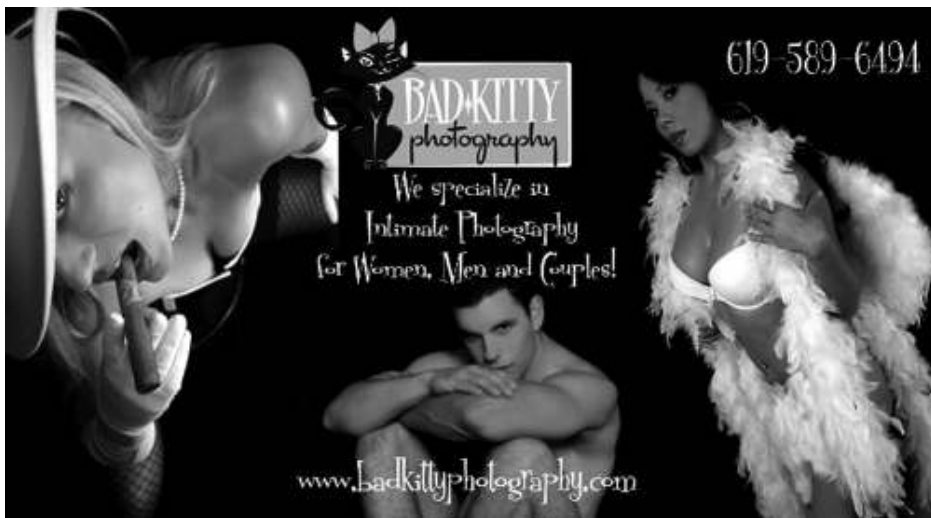
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pressed, they say that the reasons are a bit murky but that the powers that be are “preoccupied” with other things, including a much-criticized proposal to construct a condo-hotel, health club/spa, and other enterprises on the fairgrounds. This discussion inevitably leads one to the question: Who runs the fairgrounds? The answer is the 22nd District Agricultural Association, or Fair Board, as it’s colloquially known — a low-profile (some would say secretive) but high-powered state agency led by a nine-member board of directors appointed by the governor. In San Diego, the public face of the Fair Board is its executive director, Tim Fennell, better known to most San Diegans for his rejected raise request than for his role in carrying out the wishes of the directors.

When I mention Richard Eckfield to Tim Fennell, he bursts out, “I don’t even want to be in the same article with him.” Although Fennell says that a fairgrounds train stop is indeed a worthwhile project that he and the Fair Board support, he fairly bristles when I bring up Eckfield’s ongoing accusations. Fennell calls Eckfield a “self-promoter” who “lacks credibility” and “who claims to be many things.” I pose the central question to Fennell: Why the delays? He responds by saying that it all boils down to a lack of funding; he pegs the total project cost at about \$80 million. When I quote Eckfield’s estimate of a “few million dollars,” Fennell responds dismissively, saying that “Eckfield doesn’t know what he’s talking about.”

As it turns out, the Eckfields have dogged Fennell and the Fair Board members by attending the monthly meetings held at the fairgrounds. They characterize the meetings as self-congratulatory sessions in which well-connected, wealthy

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appointees do next to nothing for the public good. “It’s like the court of Versailles — you know, ‘Let them eat cake.’” Eckfield suggests that the Fair Board members, such as Russ Penniman of Rancho Santa Fe, are so inextricably tied to lucrative real estate development that, no matter what Fennell says, the board’s priorities are, at the least, incongruent with the best uses of this high-priced piece of state-owned land. Fennell vigorously denies allegations of incompetence or favoritism and implies that Eckfield’s passion is part of a personal vendetta against him. (Russ Penniman did not return phone calls for this story.)

Despite his discomfiture with the board’s governance, Richard Eckfield notes with enthusiasm that even Tim Fennell — in a phone conversation recorded on Eckfield’s answering machine in 2007 — has elucidated “even more reasons” why the train stop is a good idea. For his part, Fennell has suggested that year-round attendance at the fairgrounds — whether for an orchid exhibition, gun show, or any other nonracing event — would be enhanced by giving single-car families, not to mention the car-bereft, the opportunity to get to the venue. Eckfield concedes, however, that even without the potential benefit for fair attendees, he’d still be in favor of the project. And, he admits, no studies have been undertaken to quantify the hoped-for upswing in attendance and resultant revenues.

To sort out the various cost projections, as well as clarify the engineering issues inherent to the project, I seek out Linda Culp, a senior project manager for the San Diego Association of Governments (Sandag). Like almost everyone else with whom I speak, Culp is in favor of the train stop but makes the point that building it isn’t quite as simple as Richard Eckfield believes it to be. To begin with, there’s

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a veritable Gordian knot of governmental agencies and jurisdictions involved, including Sandag (the lead agency), the Fair Board, the City of Del Mar, the North County Transit District, the California Coastal Commission, San Diego County, and a few others. According to Culp, cost — she says that Sandag places it at some \$88 to \$90 million — has been the principal culprit in the delays. To that end, Culp says that her organization has applied to Washington for federal stimulus funds earmarked for the two costliest and most crucial infrastructure components of the project — the replacement for the old trestle bridge and the mile or more of double tracking. Culp is optimistic that the application will be approved and that the rail stop will be completed in five to ten years.

Del Mar mayor Crystal Crawford also says she’s on board, noting that both Thoroughbred racing and the San Diego County Fair are essential to Del Mar’s identity. She notes, however, that the train stop has been “just one of many items on Del Mar’s infrastructure-improvement wish list.” Although she appreciates the Eckfields’ efforts, she points out the obvious hurdles faced in moving forward with the project. Among those, she says, are the evident environmental concerns regarding the San Dieguito Lagoon, a “sensitive” area whose wealthy neighbors may, she notes, object to the degradation of the “viewshed” that will occur when the railbed is raised by at least six to eight feet.

Although not as critical of the City of Del Mar as he is of the Fair Board, Eckfield characterizes Crawford’s position as “lip service,” saying that the mayor “works for Sandag.” Crawford refers me to Jacqueline Winterer, one of her mayoral predecessors, for an additional perspective. Winterer, who is president of the Friends of the San Dieguito

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River Valley and who takes credit for having spearheaded efforts to preserve local wetlands, labels Richard Eckfield a “single-issue guy in a very complex matter,” who tends to minimize the difficulties of the project. She also notes that the project has never come up for a vote among Del Mar residents. When asked to comment on local opposition to the rail stop, she recommends I chat with a woman whom she describes as being “just as extreme” an opponent as Eckfield is a proponent.

For Sharon Feierabend, a Del Mar resident, Sandag and its allies aren't bureaucratic obstructionists but, in fact, enablers and promulgators of a “ridiculous project” that is not only a “waste of taxpayers' money” but a venture that would degrade the quality of life for locals. She says that she's “never heard of” Richard Eckfield

and that “he must be a Johnny-come-lately.” But like the Eckfields, Feierabend is a feisty retiree with a lot of time on her hands, quite a bit of which has been spent during the past five years “researching” the issue. An Iowan who followed her husband to Del Mar in the early 1960s, she takes pride in having pushed for Del Mar's incorporation, as well as in playing a vital role in “saving the lagoon.” Her objections to the project form a long, eclectic, and occasionally disjointed litany — centered not on the platform itself but on the rail improvements needed for the anticipated increase in train traffic along the route.

“I am so irate at the Del Mar City Council and Sandag. They want to spend millions of dollars on this old diesel technology and build a tunnel under Del Mar; they haven't even done soil studies to see if it's viable. Also, it's a proven fact that rail-

roads create tiny metal shards, which people living near the tracks inhale.” Feierabend (who fervently champions the use of buses) hates trains, and if she had her way, the entire railroad line along San Diego County's coast would be uprooted in favor of a bike path. Calling the Coaster “a complete fiasco,” she says that only about 2500 commuters currently use the train and that the rail line's location, hard on the Pacific, inherently precludes the level of use that would justify the cost because “no one lives to the west except for the fish.”

For Eckfield, the track-side train stop is not only a means to get more people to the races but a symbolic blow in favor of mass transit. “I'm a history guy. Do you remember the Red Cars?” Eckfield, who grew up in Pasadena, recalls with fondness the era in which a light rail system crisscrossed the greater Los Angeles area. Eckfield's nostalgia for this

long-defunct mass transit system is accompanied by an equally intense antipathy toward the automobiles that rendered the Red Car network a relic. Decrying the Southern California car culture, he vigorously castigates “people who drive ten-mile-per-gallon Hummers at 80 on the freeway.”

More immediately though, Eckfield longs for the day when Thoroughbred owners and big-time horseplayers from Orange and Los Angeles counties can take the train directly to the track without using “the stinky old double-decker buses” that currently ferry them a mile or so from the Solana Beach stop. He also feels that it's urgent that far-flung race fans — the folks who rent tony condos for thousands per week during the meet — be inconvenienced as little as possible. To that end, he mentions an acquaintance from Chicago who complains of the “noisy buses” and “drunken partiers” who

spoil the serenity of his Cedros Avenue race-meet hangout.

To the extent a controversy over the rail stop exists, Joe Harper, who has been lauded extensively for his stewardship as president of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, takes an upbeat, conciliatory approach. Although he welcomes anything that would draw more fans to the track, he says that Del Mar — the economy notwithstanding — is far from suffering these days.

He points out that Del Mar “does three times the business of other tracks with the same product.” Moreover, Harper says that the double-decker shuttle buses from the Solana Beach station have worked well and that he's heard no complaints. “The rail stop would be nice, but we've gotten along well without it for decades.” When I ask him to comment on Fennell, he says, wryly, “I never disagree with my landlord.” ■

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Upon further inspection at the Harbor Island public dock, CBP officials discovered that the duffel bags were filled with bundles of marijuana — a reported 329 pounds, worth an estimated \$200,000.

By Peter C. Salisbury, 9/19

Gangsta Zone

Tijuana — At least six clubs have shuttered their doors in recent months because of the waning tourism business. But, according to daily newspaper *El Sol de Tijuana*, those bars haven't stopped doing business.

Jack Doron, president of a consortium of Tijuana business owners, told the newspaper, “There are locations that have been closed that are being used to hold clandestine parties where they cater to young people. The busi-

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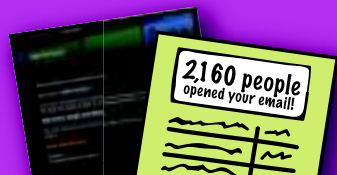
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nesses are located on Avenida Revolución and on some cross streets."

At least one bar was discovered by police on Sixth Street. Minors were reportedly caught boozing it up and engaged in risqué dancing.

"So far, nothing has been done and [bars] are allowed to operate," says Doron.

The illicit bars reportedly play reggaeton music, said Doron, including songs by Puerto Rican singer Daddy Yankee — not popular with parents because of his explicit and violent lyrics. Also disturbing to parents of the minors who frequent the illicit clubs is the popularity of a risqué dance called the *perreo*.

In a story published earlier this month, the daily *Frontera* reported that metal doors intended to seal off closed bars had

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been forcefully pried open and that the places were being used for all-night parties and raves.

By Bob McPhail, 9/19

Weak Fifty

Santee — At noon on September 17, a customer attempted to purchase two packages of cigarettes at the Circle K store on Mast Boulevard. The customer's 50-dollar bill was tested for counterfeit three different ways by the clerks, who refused to accept it. The "customer" rejoined his companion in an awaiting car.

Another customer jotted down the license number of the car and followed the duo to the Santee Donuts Shop at Cuyamaca Street and Mast, where the same man again attempted to pay with the 50-dollar bill. Again it was rejected. The witness called 911 and contacted the sheriff's.

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The crime-fighting citizen then followed the duo to the Target store in Trolley Square. Shortly thereafter, three undercover units from the sheriff's department arrived, debriefed the witness, and deputies went inside the Target and witnessed the man attempting to pay with the highly suspect 50.

Both men were arrested as they exited for three counts of attempted burglary (entering a building with the intent of committing a crime) and other offenses.

By William Howell, 9/18

Bypassing Bylaws in Golden Hill

Golden Hill — The Greater Golden Hill Maintenance Assessment District's oversight committee is getting a makeover. The Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation will replace 8 of the 12 members serving on the

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ming came back in July, when several members of the district's oversight committee successfully lobbied San Diego's city councilmembers to cut next year's assessment (\$488,000) in half, claiming that rollover funds from previous years should be spent before new assessments were collected.

It's because of their effort, says Barbara Houlton, a member of the district's oversight committee that supported the reduction, that the development corporation is reconfiguring the oversight

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committee — her position included.

By Dorian Hargrove, 9/18

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Karen Guarnotta, 9/17

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The two suspects fled in an unknown direction. Police responded to the scene and requested a translator for the victim. Because of a language barrier, the victim could give only a cursory description of two Hispanic males.

Police searched the area,

including nearby Horton Plaza, but were unable to find the perpetrators.

Nearly 30 minutes after the incident, with the aid of a translator, police released a more detailed description of the suspects: a Hispanic male, 5'7", wearing a black shirt, blue jeans, long hair, mustache, and a beard. The other suspect is a heavysset Hispanic male with no facial hair, 5'7", wearing a white shirt and black pants.

By Nathaniel Uy, 9/17

Don't Tow My Home

Loma Portal — "There will be no more predatory towing in the streets of San Diego," said district attorney Bonnie Dumanis at a news conference on August 21, 2006. Clark Waters shakes his head. He has now fired his second salvo in small-claims court to recover damages from an attempt this summer to tow his motor home (sandiegoreader.com/news/2009/jul/08/city-light-2/).

At his first court appearance on August 27, Waters recovered \$235 from the owner of Midway Towne Center in Loma Portal. A Coastal Pride Towing company driver had collected the amount to release Waters's vehicle in the shopping center's parking lot. The judge also awarded Waters \$150 because a Heritage Security Services guard allegedly cracked the motor home's side door.

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Who Were They?

Re "But After All, He Was a Man" ("City Lights," September 17).

I have been reading the Reader on and off for well over 20 years, and this is the first time I have written. I feel very much the same way the author does. I have not seen this exhibit, nor do I intend to. I'm not against it. I'm sure it would be interesting and fascinating, but ultimately sad. I do wonder who these people are: What are their names? Were they fathers, mothers, good, bad? Where are they from, etc. Without the personal stories, it reduces the impact this exhibit could have. It would enrich each person and enrich our own lives to

have a more personal human connection. Otherwise, it dehumanizes them. It shows a lack of respect. I do feel they should have a proper place to rest after their current journey is over. I am not a religious person, but I do appreciate and understand the small gesture the author made to show she had been there and to acknowledge that he was more than a curiosity to her. I felt like doing so in my own mind. Miss Donaldson brought me there with her. I applaud the author's humanity, because after all, he really was a man.

Mike Allen
via email

Where Have You Gone?

Your Janice Donaldson goes to the Natural History Museum, admitting her guilt after spying on Plastic Man's genitals ("But After All, He Was a Man," "City Lights," September 17), and then emits a pious reminder that this dead semimortal "was, before anything, from God." Later, to make sure we get it, she says, "(T)hank God...because in my mind even a plastinate needs a funeral service."

This prayer for political recognition of her god comes after the Reader's cursing of those damned foreign pedi-

cabbies ("Pedicab Wars," Cover Story, September 10) and praise for lukewarm machos carrying empty political guns ("They Carry Guns," Cover Story, July 16). Damn! If it weren't for the regular appearances of Don Bauder, I'd have sworn y'all are working for the Republican National Committee. I want my Reader back!!!

Bob Dorn
via email

Authentic Q

We are flattered that Naomi Wise wrote about us in the barbecue portion of this article (Restaurant Review, September 17). I only wish she would come in and try our food right out of the smokers. Naomi says in the article

that she was writing her article based on take-out food that was brought to her. How long was that food sitting in the car before it got to her? We do a very good job here, and we are doing it authentically, unlike most others in town. Reviews can make or break a restaurant. Please come back and give us a review that is fair. Come in and taste what we have to offer. You and the rest of this city will be quite impressed with what we are doing: barbecue, the way it is intended to be.

Brett Nicholson
Brett's BBQ

They're No Angels

I'm responding to the comments made about "Pedicab

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All about Steve — Romantic comedy starring Sandra Bullock, Bradley Cooper, and Thomas Haden Church, directed by Phil Traill.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Baader Meinhof Complex — Uli Edel's docudrama on the German radical terrorist organization of the 1970s, with Moritz Bleibtreu, Martina Gedeck, Bruno Ganz.
(FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 9/25; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Big Fan — A man-child who lives and breathes the New York Giants, still at home with his mother in his mid-thirties, gets his ass kicked at a strip club by his favorite player: a true test of loyalty. Some amusing bits and pieces (the rough drafts of his nightly sports-talk phone calls and the stumbling delivery of these over the air), but not sharpened to much of an edge or much of a point. Most of the time it's hard



Big Fan

to know whether the movie is even meant to be a comedy, despite having the pudgy stand-up comic Patton Oswalt in the lead role, and despite the gleeful ridicule. With Kevin Corrigan, Marcia Jean Kurtz, Matt Servitto, and Michael Rapaport; written

and directed by Robert Siegel. 2009.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 9/25)

Bright Star — Jane Campion's retelling of the ill-fated love affair between the poet John Keats (Ben Whishaw) and Fanny

Brawne (Abbie Cornish).
(LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 9/25)

The Burning Plain — Directorial debut of the screenwriter of *Babel*, *21 Grams*, *Amores Perros*, Guillermo Arriaga, firm in

the belief that no story is so hokey it can't be saved by being fractured, shattered, re-assembled out of order. (The connection between two widely separated time zones would have been easier to make if not for the seemingly migrating moles on the throats of two actresses sharing the same role.) Well-rooted camerawork by Robert Elswit and some striking locales in New Mexico and Oregon. Charlize Theron, as a self-abuser and self-abaser, makes the most, probably too much, of her many minutes on screen. With Kim Basinger, Jennifer Lawrence, Joaquim de Almeida, José María Yazpik, Robin Tunney, and John Corbett. 2008.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs — Computer-animated children's fantasy in 3-D, co-directed by Phil Lord and Chris Miller.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Crude — Joe Berlinger's documentary on the legal battle of the Ecuadoran little man against Big Oil.
(KEN, 9/18 THROUGH 24)

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

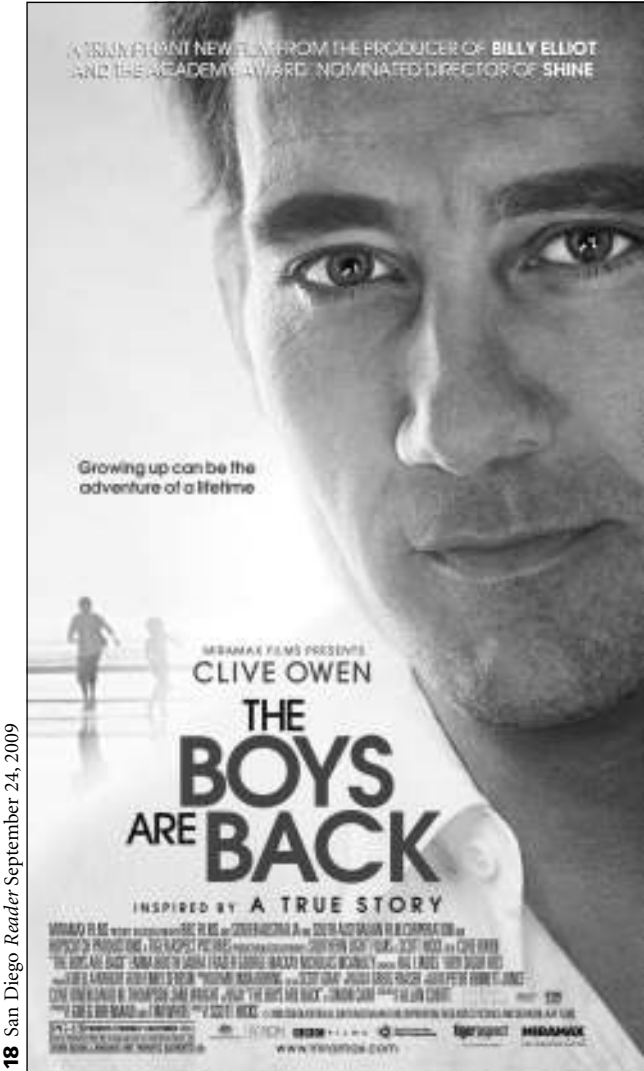
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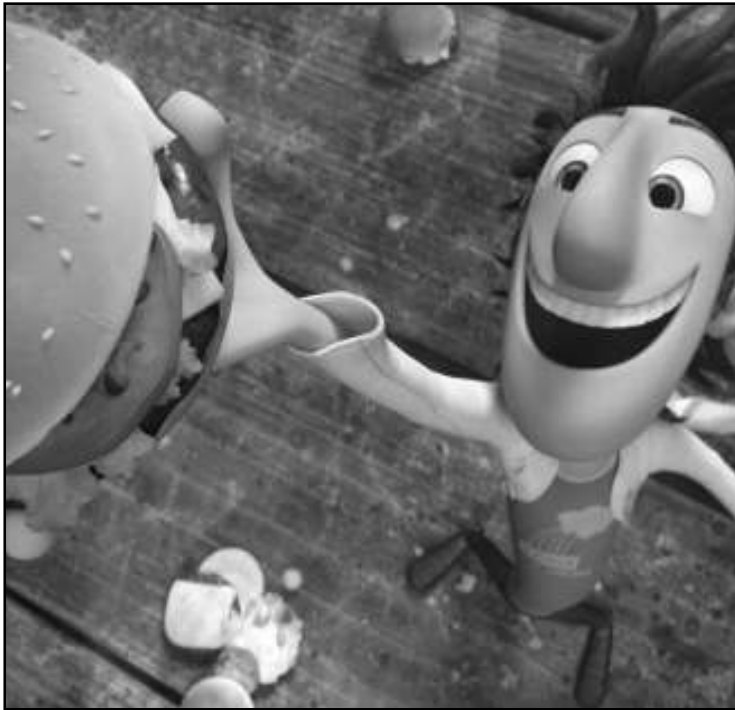
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Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Dr. Strangelove — Stanley Kubrick’s scattershot spoof on the military in the push-button age. Several of the players — Sterling Hayden, George C. Scott, and Peter Sellers in two of his three roles — have their own assigned areas well under control, while Kubrick darts helter-skelter in eagerly salivating pursuit of comedy material of all kinds and all qualities. 1964.

★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, FROM 9/25)

Extract — Mike Judge, the *Office Space* man, never mind the Beavis and Butt-head man, goes blue-collar at a food flavoring factory, where his fund of observations of workers on the job proves skimpiest. The owner and central character comes close to a complete cipher, although Jason Bateman’s flat-tire facial expressions serve as an adequate cover. Around him are more players than Judge can juggle — Kristen Wiig, Mila Kunis, Ben Affleck, J.K. Simmons, Clifton Collins, Jr., Gene Simmons, others — but at least two of them look likely to survive as memorable: the dim-witted, frosted-haired junior gigolo (Dustin Milligan) and, even likelier, the obtuse intrusive neighbor (David Koechner), guarding the adjacent driveway no less zealously than Cerberus the gate of Hades, incapable

of cutting the conversation short, picking up the pace, or hearing the pleas of his prey: “Well, I’m not going to keep you long.” 2009.

★ (GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Fame — Remake by Kevin Tancharoen of the 1980 youth musical, with Kelsey Grammer, Bebe Neuwirth, Megan Mullaly, as well as newcomers. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/25)

The Final Destination — To the chain of chain-reaction predestined deaths — fourth installment in the series, even numbers directed by David R. Ellis — is added the amenity of 3-D, which transforms the people into 2-D paper dolls slotted into the middle distance, air in front and air behind. A lot of gore, and a little waiting, in barely an hour and a quarter. Bobby Campo, Shantel VanSanten, Haley Webb, Nick Zano, Mykelti Williamson. 2009.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14)

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 madden-

ingly 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 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; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA PALOMA, FROM 9/25; MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Flame and Citron — Fact-based tale of the Danish resistance in WWII, with Mads Mikkelsen and Thure Lindhardt, directed by Ole Christian Madsen. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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)

Gamer — Futuristic action film starring Gerard Butler and co-directed by Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor. (GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14)

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 com-

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puter-generated cartoon, dead and deadening on arrival. It comes to a bitter end when a sequel is pledged: “You know, Duke, this has only just begun.” Gulp. 2009.
● (MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14)

The Hangover — Sledgehammer comedy about four buddies (Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis, Justin Bartha) who go to Vegas for a bachelor party and wake up the morning after with no memory of the night before, a tiger in the bathroom, a baby in the closet, and the mystery of a missing bridegroom. Boys will be bores. With Heather Graham, Ken Jeong, Jeffrey Tambor, and, as himself, Mike Tyson; directed by Todd Phillips. 2009.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

I Can Do Bad All by Myself — Director and star Tyler Perry reprises his Madea persona, with Taraji P. Henson. 2009. (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM



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I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell — Guy comedy with Jesse Bradford, Matt

Czuchry, and Traci Lords, directed by Bob Gosse. (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; FROM 9/25)

The Informant! — Matt Damon as a real-life corporate whistleblower, directed by Steven Soderbergh. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/25)

Inglourious Basterds — Quentin Tarantino takes no more than the risible ti-

tle 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 you. 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 VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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

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The Hangover

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)

Jennifer's Body — High-school horror written by *Juno's* Diablo Cody and directed by Karyn Kusama, with Megan Fox and Amanda Seyfried.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Julie and Julia — As per its punchy sub-head, this is “based on two true stories,” parallel stories of feminist self-determination, set half a century apart, then and now. One focuses on Julie Powell, self-made blogger, daily chronicler of a year-long project to cook her way through volume one of *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, 365 days, 524 recipes. The other 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 parodied to perfection, but softened and molded into a rounded, humanized, full-service screen character. We want at all times, not just half the time, to be with Julia; and we should probably be grateful to writer-director Nora Ephron, whose title comes from Powell's blown-up blog but whose source material expanded to encompass Child's autobiography, that we have Julia-slash-Meryl even half the time. It could have been less. Stanley Tucci, Chris Messina, Jane Lynch. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN

DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Love Happens — Romance in Seattle with Jennifer Aniston and Aaron Eckhart, directed by Brandon Camp.

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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 sufficient innovation in design is the emblematic Smiley Face that signals the computer's

“mood,” or alternatively a Frowny Face, Quizzical Face, or Noncommittal Face, every bit as expressive as the Jack-in-the-Box of fast-food TV ads. It's quite astonishing how even the most modest-budget science fiction now approximates the nonpareil special effects of the Kubrick monument of forty years ago. 2009.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

My One and Only — The coming-of-age of George Hamilton (the septuagenarian executive co-producer), in the guise of dark-haired but short-nosed Logan Lerman, installed behind the wheel of a new El Dorado, to ferry his precociously out-and-proud gay brother (Mark Rendall) and his addlepat Southern-belle mother (Renée Zellweger, speaking under her breathy breath, her mouth never far from a pucker) in her flight from her faithless second husband, a travelling bandleader, and into countless encounters with other varieties of swinish manhood, en route from New York to Los Angeles in 1953. False, lifeless resuscitation of the period, so dully lit

and colored (under director Richard Loncraine) as to make you pine for Fifties Technicolor. To project *The Big Heat* at a drive-in in Cinemascope(!) may not be a big thing, but it's an indication. Kevin Bacon, Chris Noth, Nick Stahl. 2009.

● (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10, FROM 9/25; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14, FROM 9/25)

9 — Post-apocalyptic computer cartoon by Shane Acker, set in a rusty, dusty, color-deprived future. “But life,” intones the rumbling narrator at the outset, “must go on,” even if only in the form of Lilliputian cloth-doll automatons hounded by Brobdingnagian mechanized cutlery. The realistic graphic style displays an endless devotion to tactility — the gunnysack skin of the automatons, the grainy wood, the weathered metal — and since the line between live action and computer animation continues to narrow and to blur, it would be no problem to populate the very same terrain with flesh-and-blood people instead of their disembodied voices (Elijah Wood, John

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Pandorum — Outer-space thriller with Dennis Quaid, Ben Foster, and Cam Gigandet, directed by Christian Alvart.

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Paris — Multi-character French film by Cédric Klapisch, with Juliette Binoche, Fabrice Luchini, Romain Duris, Albert Dupontel.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/25)

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 dominated at first by jellyfish and soon turning up a school of human-headed wiggles 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



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★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10, FROM 9/25; LA COSTA 6, FROM 9/25; MISSION VALLEY 7, FROM 9/25; MISSION VALLEY 20; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The September Issue — R.J. Cutler's documentary version of *The Devil Wears Prada*, a revealing inside look at the putting-together of the year's fattest issue of *Vogue*, what turns out to be history's fattest issue ever. The bleeding and sweating, the fighting and dying, over the tiniest details will retain a degree of fascination no matter how trivial the details. (E.g., cover girl Sienna Miller's teeth, hair, etc. How does she dare show her face in public?) From a certain angle, the more trivial, the more fascinating. Editor-in-Chief Anna Wintour, Meryl Streep's counterpart, is touted as "the single most important figure in the fashion industry" and "the most powerful woman in the United States," yet she remains, with

or without sunglasses, somewhat remote and inscrutable — behind a severe, face-hiding bob, like curtains closing on her nose — while never receding into Streepian caricature. Her long-time and less-groomed associate, Creative Director Grace Coddington, confides much more to the camera, and rallies much more sympathy to her causes. 2009.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Sorority Row — Serial killer on campus, with Briana Evigan, Rumer Willis, and Carrie Fisher, directed by Stewart Hendler. (CHULA VISTA 10; MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15)

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Surrogates — Futuristic murder mystery starring Bruce Willis and Radha Mitchell, directed by Jonathan Mostow. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN-TEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/25)

Taking Woodstock — Ang Lee, evidently still banking on the critical goodwill since *Brokeback Mountain*, whips up some innocuous nostalgia around the milestone music festival of the summer of 1969, a fortieth-anniversary fictionalized addendum to Michael Wadleigh's official *Woodstock*, complete with imitative split-screen effects. This docucomedy, so to call it, never gets near the music — no nearer than the emblematic mud slide — so that the movie lacks a proper payoff, unless you can count the paint-by-computer acid trip or (cashing

in a *Brokeback* dividend) the homosexual coming-out. It lacks, to put a finer point on it, a sense of purpose, a *raison d'être*. A few feigned tensions arise along the way — Mafia buttinskies, inhospitable townsfolk, congested traffic — but nothing to derail the prevailing love-in. We get our fill, never fear, of “far out” and “cool” and “groovy” and “heavy,” and we get a handful of hind-sight drolleries: “Can you believe it? A dollar for water!” Imelda Staunton, a bulldog in two-toned glasses frames, claims the limelight from both the protagonist (her on-screen son) and a supporting cast of half a million, in the part of a Russian Jewish immigrant who, as proprietress of the mom-and-pop El Monaco Motel, pinches pennies on a pathological scale (one dollar per towel), an irresistible candidate for a hash brownie. A yardstick, that brownie, of the filmmaker's docile conventionality. With Demetri Martin, Henry Goodman, Liev Schreiber, Jonathan Groff, Eugene Levy, Emile Hirsch. 2009. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

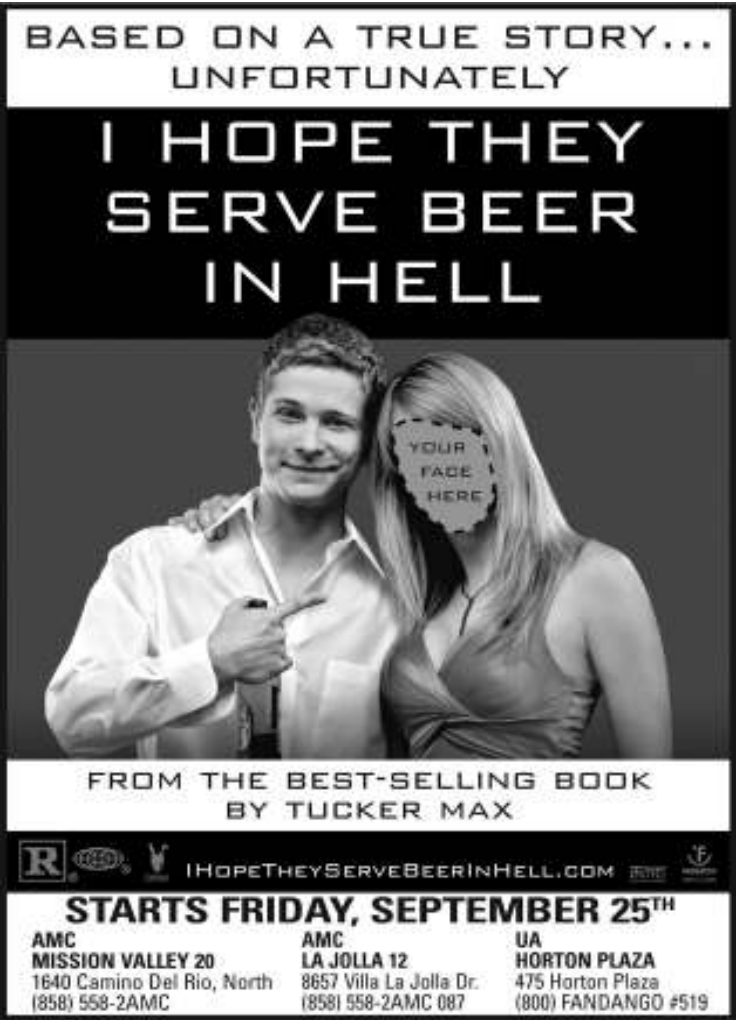
The Time Traveler's Wife — Lifetime Channel science fiction to do with a passive time-tripper who has no control over his departures or arrivals (leaving behind a pile of clothes and taking with him only his birthday suit) and no power to alter events. One can't be sure that these rules are strictly adhered to. The lifelong love affair that begins with a naked adult man and a six-year-old 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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14)

24 City — Jia Zhangke's blend of documentary and fiction to chronicle the demise of a Chinese factory-city. (GASLAMP 15, FROM 9/25)

The Ugly Truth — Cool-blond control freak and dark hairy caveman (Katherine Heigl, Gerard Butler) in a conflict of philosophies, personalities, and sexualities, behind the scenes at a Sacramento TV morning talk show. The road to the predictable and inevitable is paved with, among other things, a pair of vibrating panties, the remote control in the wrong hands at the wrong time. Hard to imagine Katharine Hepburn or Jean Arthur at that

spot in the road. With Bree Turner, Eric Winter, Cheryl Hines, and John Michael Higgins; directed by Robert Luketic. 2009. ● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Whiteout — South Pole suspense film with Kate Beckinsale, Gabriel Macht, and Tom Skerritt, directed by Dominic Sena. (HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16)



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2:40, 3:50, 5:10, 6:25, 7:45, 9:00, 10:20; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:45, 4:10, 7:25, 11:05 Sun. (11:35) 3:05, 6:20, 9:35; **Jennifer's Body** (R) Fri. (11:30) 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35 Sat. (11:30) 2:05, 4:30, 9:35 Sun. (11:30) 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Julie and Julia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 1:40, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35 Sun. (10:25) 1:15, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55; **Love Happens** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:05) 12:40, 3:15, 5:50, 8:25, 11:00 Sun. (11:25) 2:10, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00; **9** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 12:25, 2:50, 4:55, 7:10, 9:40; **Pandorum** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:15, 2:55, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45 Sun. 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30; **Surrogates** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00) 12:05, 1:25, 2:25, 3:40, 4:50, 6:05, 7:05, 8:30, 9:25, 10:50, 11:45 Sun. (11:00) 12:10, 1:25, 2:25, 3:40, 4:50, 6:05, 7:05, 8:30, 9:20; **The Time Traveler's Wife** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:35) 3:35, 8:35 Sun. 2:30, 7:35

Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)

EAST COUNTY
EL CAJON
Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
All about Steve; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs**; **District 9**; **Fame**; **The Final Destination**; **Gamer**; **G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra**; **Halloween II**; **I Can Do Bad All by Myself**; **The Informant!**; **Inglourious Basterds**; **Jennifer's Body**; **Love Happens**; **9**; **Pandorum**; **Sorority Row**; **Surrogates**; **The Time Traveler's Wife**

LA MESA
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)
All about Steve (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 6:40, 9:20; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 7:15, 9:45, (2:40) 12:15; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 6:45, 9:15; **District 9** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:05) 6:55, 9:40; **Fame** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:15) 7:00, 9:50; **I Can Do Bad All by Myself** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:30) 7:05, 10:25; **The Informant!** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:35) 7:30, 10:15; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:20) 6:50, 10:10; **Jennifer's Body** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:25) 7:45, 10:20; **Julie and Julia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 6:35; **Love Happens** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:45) 7:20, 10:05; **9** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:50, 5:05) 7:25, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:50) 5:05, 7:25, 9:55; **Pandorum** (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:45, 5:20) 7:55, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:20, 7:55, 10:35; **Sorority Row** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:50) 9:35; **Surrogates** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 12:40, 2:35, 3:00, 4:55, 5:15) 7:10, 7:40, 10:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 12:40, 2:35, 3:00) 4:55, 5:15, 7:10, 7:40, 10:00, 10:30

SANTEE
Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Inglourious Basterds (R); **Jennifer's Body** (R); **The Proposal** (PG-13); **Surrogates** (PG-13)

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

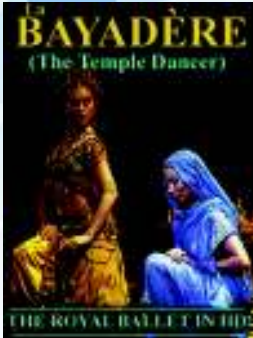


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Otay Ranch 12
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (858-558-2262)
All about Steve (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:00, 9:25; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 11:30) 1:15, 2:00, 3:40, 4:30, 5:55, 8:15, 10:25 Sun. (10:45) 1:15, 2:00, 3:40, 4:30, 5:55, 8:15, 10:25; **Fame** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 2:05, 5:00, 7:45, 10:10; **I Can Do Bad All by Myself** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; **The Informant!** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:20) 3:00, 6:15, 9:35 Sun. 3:00, 6:15, 9:35; **Jennifer's Body** (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:45, 5:20, 7:55, 10:35; **Love Happens** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **9** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 1:25, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 9:55; **Pandorum** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 2:20, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; **Surrogates** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 11:45) 12:45, 2:10, 3:10, 4:35, 5:35, 7:05, 8:05, 9:30, 10:20

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road (858-558-2262)
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Rancho Del Rey 16

1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street)
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All about Steve (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:50) 7:05, 9:25; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG) Fri. (12:25, 2:35, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:35) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; **District 9** (R) Fri. (1:25, 4:10) 6:40, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:10, 6:40, 9:20; **Fame** (PG) Fri. (12:50, 4:35) 7:15, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:50) 4:35, 7:15, 9:45; **500 Days of Summer** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:20) 6:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:20, 6:50; **I Can Do Bad All by Myself** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:55) 7:10, 9:50; **The Informant!** (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:05) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:05, 7:20, 9:55; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 6:30, 9:50; **Jennifer's Body** (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:05, 5:30) 7:55, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:30, 7:55, 10:15; **Julie and Julia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:40) 6:45, 9:35; **Love Happens** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:25) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:25, 7:00, 9:40; **My One and Only** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:45) 6:55, 9:30; **9** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 3:00, 5:05) 7:25, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:05, 7:25, 9:30; **Pandorum** (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:40) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:40, 7:40, 10:10; **Sorority Row** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:20p.m.; **Surrogates** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:30, 10:00; **Whiteout** (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:15) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:15, 7:35, 10:05

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
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NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14
3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262)
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG); **Fame** (PG); **The Final Destination** (R); **Gamer** (R); **G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra** (PG-13); **Halloween II** (R); **I Can Do Bad All by Myself** (PG-13); **The Informant!** (R); **Inglourious Basterds** (R); **Jennifer's Body** (R); **Love Happens** (PG-13); **9** (PG-13); **Pandorum** (R); **Sorority Row** (R); **Surrogates** (PG-13); **The Time Traveler's Wife** (R); **Whiteout** (R)

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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FALLBROOK

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



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No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.
No 10 am-3:45 pm shows Mon.-Thu.

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **Fame** (PG) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Surrogates** (PG-13) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:30; **Pandorum** (R) (11:45 2:15) 5:00 7:30

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No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
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VISTA

Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive
(760-945-7469)
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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
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DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road
(858-646-9420)



Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **Fame** (PG) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Surro-**

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Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



The Baader Meinhof Complex (R) (10:00 (12:00 3:30) 7:00 10:15; **The Informant** (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **September Issue** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Julie and Julia** (PG-13) (10:45 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:15
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
500 Days of Summer (PG-13); **Inglourious Basterds** (R)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga)
(760-599-8221)



Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **Fame** (PG) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Surrogates** (PG-13) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:15 7:30 9:45; **Love Happens** (PG-13) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:45 10:15; **The Informant!** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; No 10:15 Sun.; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) (10:00 4:00) 10:00; No 10:00 am Sat. & Sun.; **Ponyo** (G) (1:15) 7:15; **Thomas and Friends: Hero of the Rails** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only; **La Boheme** 10:30 am Sun. only;
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue
(760-806-1790)



Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) (12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30 ; **The Final Destination 3D** (R) (11:45 2:00) 4:15 6:30 8:30 10:45; **Fame** (PG) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; Will also play at 10:00 am Wed. only; **Surrogates** (PG-13) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:30; **Pandorum** (R) (12:00 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Jennifer's Body** (R) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:45; **The Informant!** (R) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **I Can Do Bad All By Myself** (PG-13) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:15 10:00; **9** (PG-13) (11:15 1:30 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Gamer** (R) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 6:00 8:15 10:30; No 6:00 & 8:15 Thu.; **All about Steve** (PG-13) (11:30 2:15) 4:45 7:15 9:45; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) (12:00 3:45) 7:00 10:15; **District 9** (R) (11:45 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; No 11:45 Sun.; **Thomas and Friends: Hero of the Rails** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only; **La Boheme** 10:30 am Sun. only; **Barber of Seville Opera** 7 pm Thu. only;
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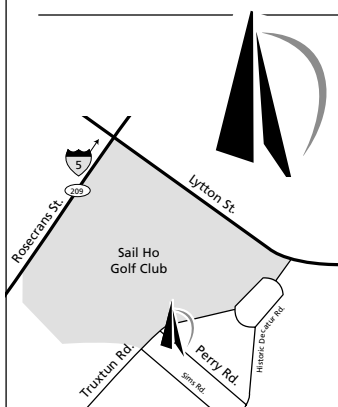
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Hey, Matt:

Why does all seafood smell the same, even though it comes from such different kinds of animals (mollusks, arthropods, vertebrates)? Okay, so maybe it doesn't all smell exactly the same, but similar. The only thing all those creatures have in common is that they live in seawater and that "seafood smell" does not smell like seawater.

— Ernie Bornheimer,
Lemon Grove

"Ask him where he buys his fish," Matthew.

No, Grandma. What's the dif?

"Because I don't want to make a mistake and shop there, that's why. If I understand what he means, 'seafood smell' is no good. Once fish smells like fish, it's only good for plant food."

Well, you're the brains of the culinary outfit here, so I guess I gotta take your word for it. So, what's wrong with fish smelling like fish?

"Fish, shrimp, clams, whatever, straight out of the sea smell like their environment — seawater. Salty high tide. Once they've been out for a while, we're talking low tide.

"Whatever kind of seafood — whatever combination of feet, claws, shells, fins — they're all made of the same type of protein (different from mammal protein), which is why a very fresh clam doesn't smell so different from a very fresh flounder. And when they're very fresh, you've gotta get your nose right down into them to smell anything at all because they're pretty much sterile. Smells are caused by vapors, and fresh fish don't have much in the way of vapors.

"Fish don't start smelling like fish until we start handling them and transfer some bacteria or molds onto the flesh and until the muscle meat starts breaking down. Now you've got vapors. At first it's not so bad. A salty air smell with a little bit of fish — just enough so you know you're not in the detergent aisle or something. Seafood flesh decomposes faster than, say, beef because of the type of protein it is. And think about this: seafood spends most of its time in cold water, which means any bacteria in its system has to be pretty tough and efficient. Once they're out of the water and getting toasty, it's a microbe festival. And microbes in decomposing flesh give off lots of vapors.

"Oh, Matthew, that baked Alaska was for dinner!"

There's plenty left. Chill, Grandma. Don't get your microbes in a twist. *Ha-ha-ha.* Uh, you're not laughing. C'mon, Grandma, lighten up.

"Do you care about this, Matthew? Should I even bother to continue?"

Heck, no, I don't care. But Ernie does, so I guess that means I've gotta listen. So go ahead. Warmed-up fish?

"Fish smell is made of a combination of ammonia and sulfur, and trimethylamine, which comes from the decomposing protein. Lemons or vinegar help cover the trimethylamine smell, which is why we've traditionally served fish with lemon.

"Fish that eat other fish have good fish-digesting microbes in their guts. When we fish those fish out of the drink, well, the microbes can't tell the difference between dinner and a dead host, so decomp again is pretty quick and efficient. In other words, seafood was made to smell, I'm afraid. That also explains why, when you're fishing, you should gut your catch ASAP, to keep digestive bacteria away from the flesh.

"Oh, Matthew, what are you doing now? Are you still trying to figure out how to use that cell-phone camera? Are you listening at all?" Yeah, yeah, sure. But I'll tell you, I've only got maybe two more minutes left on my meter and after that I'm dust. Does Ernie really need all this information?

"Maybe not. But I'm sure Ernie would love to hear the story about how you went to answer your phone the other day and ended up taking a picture of your ear.

"Smell is so important in gauging the freshness of fish that the feds actually employ squads of fish sniffers to smell imported seafood before it hits the market. These sniffers rate what they smell on a scale of 0 to 100. One hundred is pretty much poison. Hey, Matthew, how about applying for one of those jobs? It's skilled, white-collar work. A lab coat has a white collar, right? And it's got to be better than this annoying job you have now."

Oh, yeah, I'll get right on it. Manipulate my résumé to make it look like I've got experience. Well, the *Reader* office is pretty ripe, does that count?

"They're smelling for the bad components they officially call 'fishiness, oxidation, mustiness, yeastiness, sweetness, sourness, cheesiness, rancidness, cardboard, sulfur, and ammonia.' That's quite a trained nose to sort out all those smells."

They should hire basset hounds.

"Don't get smart, Matthew."

No worry there, Grandma.

"Well, anyway, they're starting to develop machines to do the sniffing and sorting. I wonder what kind of job a laid-off fish sniffer would qualify for?"

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SportingBox

BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

This. And That.



Norv Turner

The Box has taken the pledge to stop writing Chargers Suck columns, and I think a fair-minded person would have to say I've held up my end of the deal. That's not easy when Norv Turner is the head coach. So, I should warn you I'm making an exception this week. For the greater good.

Sunday's play-calling was quintessential Norv and says everything you need to know about why he's been a failure as a head coach everywhere he's been a head coach (Washington, Oakland, and San Diego). Who else, with the ball on their opponent's five-yard line, ten seconds left in the half, behind eight points, two downs to work with, would call for a field goal? On *third* down?

Norv took charge of a 14-2 Chargers team on that bleak, vile day in February 2007, when the Spanos brain trust announced the hiring of yet another incompetent head coach. Turner has managed to turn that jewel of a team into the 8-8 slug we saw last year and through two games this year.

I was thinking about Norv while watching *Monday Night Football*, enjoying Peyton Manning as he put together another comeback, his 37th fourth-quarter comeback. Indy ran 35 plays in that game. Miami ran 84. Indy had possession for 14:53. Miami held the ball for 45:07. And yet Indy wins off a 48-yard Manning pass to Pierre Garcon with 3:18 to go (a win later sealed by Antoine Bethea's end-zone interception). And you *knew*, going into that last drive, Manning would find a way to score.

Someone said that the only man who ever held Michael Jordan under 20 points was Dean Smith, Jordan's college coach at North Carolina who insisted on playing traditional basketball. Yes, it's ugly, but it's only a small exaggeration to say that Norv Turner is the only coach who could keep Peyton Manning from coming back to win a game in

the fourth quarter.

In other news, Roger Clemens is on Twitter, writing the same inane bullshit as everybody else: "hey cool stuff. My friends have a place there. I need to come and golf down there!!!" But what's interesting is he's only got 878 followers. You could do as well if you'd open an account and accept all the spam that comes your way.

Minnesota beat Detroit 27-13 and Brett Favre started his 271st game, a new NFL record. The nation will now turn its attention to other matters. But listen up, people, the Favre question is still on the table. To wit: Is he all monstrous ego, or is he all monstrous ego who can still play? Check back after Thanksgiving for the answer.

The Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) lost another tournament. This one is the Michelob Ultra Open at Kingsmill. Anheuser-Busch will not be renewing its sponsorship, which seems particularly ominous since Anheuser-Busch owns the Kingsmill Resort and Spa. At least they used to before they were bought by not-a-household-name InBev. The PGA Tour played there for 22 years, handing it off to the LPGA seven years ago. It was a big tournament on the ladies' tour, a \$2.2 million payday, voted by the players as their favorite event in 2007 and voted fan favorite by fans in 2008. The LPGA 2009 prize money (\$50 million) is \$10 million less than it was in 2008. There were 34 events in 2008, 27 in 2009, and so far, only 17 events are under contract for 2010.

Commissioner Carolyn Bivens recently resigned after 15 of the tour's best players (Lorena Ochoa, Paula Creamer, Cristie Kerr, Morgan Pressel, Suzann Pettersen, Se Ri Pak, and Natalie Gulbis, among others) wrote a letter to the tour's board of directors asking that Bivens be gone. The LPGA is the oldest, continuously operated women's professional sports organization in the country. Founded in 1950. They'll make it. TV money will pay the bills, but I hate to see the tour fall so far, so fast.

Something is going on with the 49ers. Their defense reminds me of the Chicago Super Bowl 20 team: every player is after it on every play. The defense is very fast and very aggressive. Day and night difference from what has gone before. Remarkable. The Niners are 2-0 this season, have won 6 of their past 7 games, 7 of 11 since Mike Singletary took over as head coach.

Looking at the NFC West, the Niners have already beaten two division rivals — one was last year's NFC champion, and they beat those guys at their house. Arizona won the division with a 9-7 record last year. San Francisco can win this conference.

And here's a little something to take home with you: The Raiders have won three of their last four games.

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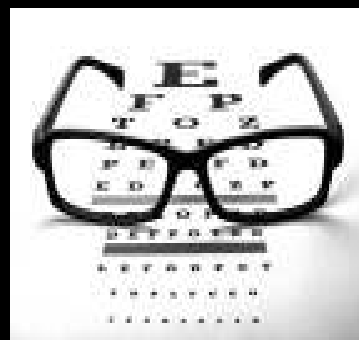
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the red zone

By Anthony Gentile



Francis Parker running back Kenny Brookings leaves Mission Bay defenders in his wake

Game of the Week: Cathedral Catholic at Helix

Posted September 19, 2009, 1:32 a.m.

Dons make statement with blowout of Highlanders

Despite entering this season as two-time defending Division III champs, Cathedral Catholic feels they have been disrespected. But after Friday night's dominating 41-19 win at Helix, it'd be hard not to give the Dons their due.

"We felt we haven't really gotten much respect from schools around the county, and we just wanted to prove to everyone out there that we could beat one of the elite teams in the county," said Cathedral Catholic quarterback Max Brewer, "and not only beat them but beat them badly."

Comments:

1. Well, I guess it's time to give Cathedral a little more respect, which they've earned with 24 consecutive wins, many over highly rated opponents. But if there is a weak spot, Cathedral needs to work on their punting game — too many shanks so far this season.

By JustWondering 12:59 p.m., Sep 19, 2009

Bishop's stuffs La Jolla Country Day in final minutes

Posted September 19, 2009, 12:17 a.m.

Knights beat rival Torreyes by one

The Bishop's School and La Jolla Country Day are only six miles apart. On Friday afternoon at La Jolla High, they played even closer than that. The Knights stuffed a Torreyes two-point conversion attempt in the final minutes and held on to win 14-13.

"It means a lot to our guys. They played hard; they played the way we wanted them to, hard-nosed and fighting until the end," said Bishop's head coach Joel Allen. "That's the way these games are won — usually in the trenches."

Bishop's dominated the line of scrimmage forcing La Jolla Country Day to nearly abandon their running game. Even so, the Torreyes drove 63 yards in the fourth quarter to make it a one-

point game when QB Derek Hatfield hit tight end Mical Bailey for a 17-yard touchdown.

After the touchdown, the Knights were called for a personal foul, which put the ball at the one-yard line for the conversion. The Torreyes elected to go for two, but running back Montell Allen was stuffed by a host of Bishop's defenders inches short of the goal line.



La Jolla Country Day quarterback Derek Hatfield brought down from behind by Bishop's linebacker Alec Fisher

"I thought we did punch it in," said La Jolla Country Day head coach Jeff Hutzler, "but that's not the way the ref saw it."

Mission Bay outruns Francis Parker

Posted September 18, 2009, 12:40 a.m.

Baxter runs for four touchdowns in Bucs win

Against Francis Parker on Thursday night, Mission Bay's Dillon Baxter spent the entire second quarter on the sidelines because he felt nauseated. For the other three quarters, Baxter made the Lancers feel the same way.

Baxter rushed for 323 yards and four touchdowns on runs of 46, 46, 17, and 71 yards. He also threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Ray Herring in the third quarter. Mission Bay remains undefeated at 3-0. For the Lancers (2-1), the 43-28 loss snapped a 14-game winning streak.

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by Barbarella

The Detailer

Housework, if it is done right, can kill you.

— John Skow

David emitted a little grunt each time he advanced, making it only a few inches at a time as he faced the wall and scooted along on his behind, his legs crossed before him. Beads of sweat gathered on his smooth head, and a few dark spots appeared on the back of his shirt. I stood behind him and felt a twinge of guilt with each grunt. “There must be an easier way to clean those baseboards,” I said.

I’d already suggested affixing a wet rag to the end of a stick or using one of the brush attachments for the vacuum. But David was impervious to my counsel. Now he craned his neck to look up at me, his face an exasperated scowl, and snapped, “When cleaning, there’s the easy way and there’s the *right* way.”

As long as there’s no visible filth around (i.e., dishes in the sink, gunk on the counter, dust bunnies on the

floor), I think everything’s hunky-dory. That doesn’t mean I don’t appreciate an extensive scrub...as long as someone else is doing the scrubbing. And it’s not as if David was getting some kind of high from scouring the place from top to bottom. It’s just that, as with everything he approaches, from cooking to formulating travel itineraries, he’d

rather do it himself than see it done wrong.

When I told David of our friend Carolyn’s impending visit, I offered to hire a professional to help make our place guestworthy. I’d even put out a call to friends for recommendations. Not that I would ever refer to a hired hand as “the help,” of course. In fact, I learned during my inquiries that “maid” is no longer an acceptable title for “she who comes to clean the house.” One can’t even assume it will be a “she” — equal opportunity and all that — for which, as a “woman on top” sort of gal, I am wholeheartedly down.

My friend Kerry, who has a man-woman team, calls them “cleaners.” But that didn’t sound right to me — cleaners are the guys who are called in after a hit to make sure the forensic team’s ultraviolet lights don’t pick up any traces of blood. So, if “cleaner” makes me picture Harvey Keitel in *Pulp Fiction*, and “maid” is now akin to calling someone a wench, what *was* acceptable? I asked friends on Facebook for suggestions. “Housekeeper” seemed to be

the most popular but a bit highfalutin for someone who’s just cleaning and not receiving packages or answering the phone. I appreciated the political correctness of Al’s “domestic assistant,” which I upgraded to “domestic engineer”; almost as good as Eric’s “sanitary improvement specialist.” Another common term, right up there with “housekeeper,” was “cleaning lady.” But, again, there’s the gender issue. I guess “cleaning person” could work, but I wouldn’t want to insinuate that cleaning is all that person does in life.

I was amazed to discover, during my search for a suitable word, the number of people I know who use a regular cleaning service. Friends spanning all income brackets manage to include cleaners in their household budgets. It’s one thing for my friends in Rancho Santa Fe and Del Mar to keep a staff of helpers, but for my friends who teach elementary school or style hair or have office jobs, it’s a luxury that requires sacrifices in other areas.

Three times I have paid for someone to clean our place. The first time doesn’t really count because it was my friend Stephanie who did the cleaning — though she appreciated the gesture of the small handful of cash I could afford, she enjoyed the work too much to be considered a hired hand. Performing a good compulsive scrub-down is for Stephanie what receiving a spa facial is for me.

The second time I hired someone it was through a Merry Maid-like temp agency. I had requested someone who spoke English. I wondered if the dispatcher was trying to teach me a “careful what you

wish for”-type lesson, because the woman who showed to clean my place spoke excellent English — but she wouldn’t stop talking. She had that tweaked-out gift of gab, making me wonder what she did with all those cleaning products in her off hours. By the time she left, I was as exhausted as if I’d been the one toiling away for two hours.

The third time, I decided to go with a higher-end condo-cleaning service that had been recommended by neighbors. Because David feared some of our art was vulnerable to becoming the casualty of a vigorous cleaning, he used wide blue masking tape to demarcate a no-go zone around certain areas. We instructed the team (this time we were sent two people) not to tread past the blue tape. Less than 30 minutes later, we watched — me baffled and David horrified — as the woman barged right into two separate cordoned-off sections, nearly scraping an exposed photograph and thrashing a string of large paper lanterns that had wrapped around the head of her mop, thus completely ruining the light display that had taken David hours to construct.

As soon as I mentioned to David that I had been gathering recommendations from our friends and acquaintances who indulge in paid assistance, I could see on his face that he was recalling our disappointing experiences. I expected him to balk at me, to remind me how our money had been wasted those last two times. Instead, his features relaxed and his eyes fixed on an idea located somewhere over my left shoulder.

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company?" he asked.

"What, like with cars? Yes, that's what I'm talking about, hiring help," I said.

"No," said David. He walked across the room to fetch his laptop and, with a gleam in his eye, consulted Google. "You know," David said as he searched, "like someone who would go around with a Q-tip. Or, there — see that?" He pointed to a white spot on the wall where the miso-red paint had been nicked. "Someone who would come in, see that, and just automatically touch it up. A detailer."

"You mean someone like you," I said.

"Exactly, just like..." David closed his laptop, reality confiscating his dimples.

"You know what I'm thinking?" I said.

David nodded. "Doesn't exist," he grumbled.

"Doesn't exist," I said.

When he was finished buffing the baseboards, washing the windows, scrubbing the stove, and

power washing the patio, David took a break. "Looks great," I said, handing him a cold soda. "Want to go on a picnic tomorrow?"

"Are you kidding me?"

David squawked. "There is at least two more full days of cleaning to be done. I have to do the floors, both bathrooms, the inside of the windows upstairs..."

His voice trailed off, and he shook his head. Then, under his breath, he muttered, "I am so alone." ■

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Crasher

SHOTSKI!

by Josh Board

I went to a pool party in San Marcos in August that began with a morning visit to a Stone Brewing Company beerfest. I showed up after everyone had made it back to Heidi's house.

I walked into a room completely darkened except for a TV on which the video game Rock Band was being played. I watched a few people playing along to the Go-Go's before heading to the backyard.

A bartender had been hired and was busy serving the crowd. One woman walked up to throw something away and was confused by the various recycling bins set up.

I was confused when someone yelled "shotski!" I thought there might be a Polish guy at the party until I saw a ski that had shot glasses glued to it. They were filled with tequila, and six people downed the shots at the same time, as the bartender tipped the ski.

I heard that Heather had hired the bartender after seeing an ad on craigslist. I asked him about the laws involving private parties. He said, "I'm licensed through the ABC." He started to explain how it works when a party has people under 21, but



Left: *The "Shotski!"* — a ski with shot glasses attached
Right: Heather (left) and friend

he had to make margaritas for a group of women.

I wanted to ask him about the tip jar he had set up. It seems to me, if they hired him to make drinks and paid for the alcohol, partygoers shouldn't feel obligated to give a tip.

A guy was doing flips into the pool. His wife kept telling him not to. A few others did

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want to help you.
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cannonballs. And since this wasn't the biggest backyard, a lot of people got soaked. One guy yelled, "You're getting my hat wet!"

I was worried about my cell phone and camera, and a person nearby said, "I had my cell phone ruined a few years back when I got thrown into the pool. It was \$100 to replace it."

A few people were sitting in the Jacuzzi while one person brought them beers.

I told Heidi this was the perfect house for a party. She said, "Yeah, that's what we thought when we moved in."

A few other women came up for margaritas, and a guy that appeared drunk started talking about all the calories in margaritas. He then talked about the dangers of alcohol. After a woman gave him a weird look, he said, "Hey, I just want to help you. I love people." He stumbled away.

One guy without a shirt

approached me and sarcastically said, "Cool shades." I had a pair of clip-ons attached to my glasses. I started to talk about how I usually wear my contact lenses, but before I could explain more, he interrupted, saying, "I have one word for you: lazy."

I asked, "What's lazy about that?" He said, "No. Lasik, not lazy. I got it, and now I can buy these five-dollar shades and life is good."

Me and another guy started talking about the Lasik horror stories we've heard, and the guy who'd had the surgery said, "That's BS. It's just like vasectomies: they go well for everyone, but you meet that one guy who had a testicle swell up the size of a beach ball and you say you're never gonna have it done. Yet, you can talk to a thousand guys that have never had complications."

I heard the women in the Jacuzzi yelling to a woman named Rose. I thought it was someone that had just shown up, but it was the person closest to the bar. They needed more drinks brought to them.

There were a few canopies set up for shade, and they had a ping-pong table. A funny list of rules was posted on the back

door; it stated that no furniture was to be thrown into the pool, no throwing ladies into pool, no hanging out in the front yard...and something about immoral behavior. One woman told me, "That stems from an incident last year. We had a bunch of girls making out in the pool. Somebody may have been bothered by it. I think the guys were just staring in amazement."

I met one guy who'd thrown a party I attended in La Mesa. He reminded me about his greyhounds. He told me he had a Cuban cigar he'd give me. I asked how he got it, and he said, "I stuffed them in my hiking boots. I took all the rings off them. In customs, all they said to me was, 'Welcome back.'" I told him I'd drive to La Mesa to pick up the cigar.

The most interesting couple I met was a deaf woman and her boyfriend. He told me that they met at a bar in North Park. Because he's a translator, they were able to communicate. I looked at her and said, "You're lucky he's good-looking. The one guy in the bar that you could have a conversation with..." She laughed, interrupting me to say, "I can talk and read lips. And there's nothing



CLINICAL RESEARCH

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Researchers at Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital are currently enrolling men and women in inpatient and outpatient studies.

Eligible participants may receive all study-related care at no cost, and may be reimbursed for time and travel.

Participation is confidential and trials are safely conducted under the supervision of experienced physicians and research specialists.

To learn more, call the Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital Clinical Research Center at **(858) 694-8350**.

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wrong with writing notes back and forth, either."

We ended up talking for 45 minutes about movies, parties, and other topics. At one point, he said to me, "I went to a party that these deaf people were having. I showed up, and you couldn't hear a thing. They didn't have music playing. It was so strange." She smiled and told me, "I do go to concerts. I can feel the bass." She also men-

tioned a reggae artist that does sign language while he sings. An hour later, as I was eating peanuts at the bar, she walked by dancing perfectly to the beat of the music that was playing.

I met a woman who talked about her husband, who worked for a company in Carlsbad called Gunnar Optiks that does a lot of work with famous musicians. She talked about parties she'd been

to with clients of theirs, like 50 Cent. When I asked her what it was her husband did exactly, she said, "Ask him yourself."

I couldn't, though. He was in the room playing the Rock Band video game. ■

Crash your party? Call 619-235-3000 x421 and leave an invitation for Josh Board.

For more stories by this author, go to sdreader.com.



Participants Needed for Learning and Memory Research Study

Who can participate?

- Healthy males and females between the ages of 55 and 80
- No major medical or mental health problems
- No history of alcohol or drug problems

What is involved?

- Participants are asked to come to the San Diego VA Medical Center and take computerized and paper/pencil tests that will evaluate memory and attention
- Three appointments over 2-3 years; each appointment lasts approximately 2-3 hours
- Receive \$10/hour for participation

When will this take place?

- Each appointment will be made to accommodate your schedule, including nights and weekends
- Please call for further information and to determine whether you are appropriate for the study

If interested, call Robin Ellam: 858-552-8585 ext. 5593

Principal Investigator: J. Vincent Filoteo, Ph.D.

VA San Diego Healthcare System and University of California San Diego

Do you have Type 2 Diabetes?

Profil Institute for Clinical Research is looking for adults with Type 2 Diabetes to participate in a research study.

To qualify, you must:

- Have Type 2 Diabetes
- Be 18 to 65 years of age
- Managing Diabetes with metformin alone or in combination with other anti-diabetic medications, not insulin
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You may be compensated up to \$4,500 for your time and travel. 19 overnight stays will be required.

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We need participants:

- 18-65 years of age and in general good health
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Qualified participants will receive:

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THERAPEUTICS
CLINICAL RESEARCH

I always pictured myself in California.

After my boyfriend Aaron received job offers in Oklahoma City, Topeka, and San Diego, we decided we would head to the land of fruits and nuts.

Within a few weeks, we had loaded up our station wagon with boxes of belongings, our dog, and our four-month-old son for the cross-country trek. We were giddy with excitement.

The decision was even easier for us after the previous year spent attending Aaron's bizarre family functions in the suburbs of Kansas City.

At Christmas, his Uncle Bill had seated his anatomically correct doll, with Pamela Anderson breasts, at the dinner table. She was wearing a Santa hat. Uncle Bill had been playing with dolls for years, long before *Lars and the Real Girl* came out in 2007. In Uncle Bill's family room, there was a shelf with dozens of porcelain dolls.

"It's kind of creepy that your Aunt Linda has so many dolls in here," I whispered to Aaron.

"Those are Bill's," he said.

"If we want to raise our kid to be normal," I said, "we need to move, pronto."

* * *

The first friends Aaron and I meet in San Diego want us to go bike riding. It's September, and we are invited — at 8:00 in the fricking morning — to join these folks on a ride around Mission Bay. I become nervous when I notice the spandex they wear and the enormous water bottles strapped onto their ten-speeds.

My brand-new Walmart four-speed bike, with its comfy seat cushion, might not cut it for this particular outing.

At first, the ride is tolerable. Then we come upon the looming Mission Bay Bridge, which promises serious

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San Diego
became
a beautiful
blonde

I wanted to put a hit out



on his sleazy new ladyfriend.

Do You Have A Non-Healing Wound Or Sore On Your Leg?



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We need participants:

- 18 years of age or older
- With three or fewer leg wounds

Qualified participants will receive:

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- Study-related examinations and therapy at no cost
- Compensation for time and travel

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or email us at info@therapeuticsresearch.com

calf-muscle injustice. After a few minutes the incline gets to me, and I am huffing and puffing, sweating and swearing. I lag embarrassingly behind and nearly vomit. When I finally catch up, I manage to snarl to Aaron through clenched teeth, "We will never hang out with these people again!" I am from Chicago. Ten-year-olds own bikes.

Adults do not. For fun, we drink Old Milwaukee from plastic cups and attend baseball games. We do not wake up early on weekends to take painful bike rides. We are sensible and embrace beer bellies.

But Aaron is slowly falling in love with San Diego. The city has turned into a beautiful blonde, much more

adventurous than I am. She shows him new hobbies, like surfing, scuba diving, and kayaking. I want to put a hit out on his sleazy new ladyfriend.

I make it clear just how much I dislike San Diego. That's why I am shocked when Aaron says that he wants to stay put. He even goes so far as to describe, in detail, the beach condo we will own when he eventually retires.

"Here? You want to stay here in San Diego?"

He has been seduced.

So, with the optimism of first-time buyers, we start our search for a home. One warm Saturday afternoon, our realtor gives us the address to a condo in Santee.

"That's a little out there," I say to Aaron. "Didn't some kid go on a shooting rampage in Santee?"

He tries to remain optimistic, even after the

RESEARCH STUDIES

research study related to

Congestive Heart Failure

VA San Diego and UCSD researchers are conducting a new gene therapy study in men and women with congestive heart failure (CHF).

You may be eligible if you:

- Are a male or female veteran aged 18-80 years of age
- Have a 3-month or longer history of heart failure
- Have not been hospitalized for CHF in the past 4 weeks
- Do not have severe angina

Participants will be provided compensation for time and travel at a rate of \$20.00 per visit. Study-related medical care and study-related medical tests will be provided at no cost. Study participation is expected to last at least one year.

For more information:

Please call the research coordinator at (858) 642-3552.



Participate in Our Research Studies

Do you suffer from Bipolar Depression?



You may be eligible to participate in a clinical trial for the treatment of Bipolar Disorder.

Excell Research is currently enrolling for both inpatient and outpatient study.

Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

Compensation of up to \$1000 will be provided for time and transportation.

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Do you have a history of depression?



Are you currently taking antidepressants that don't seem to be working?

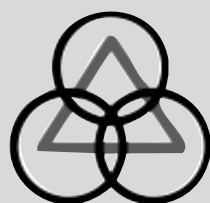
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MAJOR DEPRESSION

If you are one of the 15 million adults affected by depression, you may be eligible to participate in a research study of an investigational depression medication now being studied.

You must be:

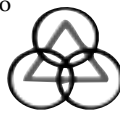
- 18-65 years of age
- Currently diagnosed with depression
- Symptoms greater than 2 months

Qualified participants will receive at no cost:

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

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SYNERGY CLINICAL
RESEARCH

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

Synergy Research is participating in a nationwide study evaluating the effects of a once-a-day nutritional drink on individuals with mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease.

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

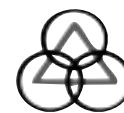
What will you be asked to do? You will be asked to consume a nutritional drink once every day for a period of 6 months. During this time, you will be regularly monitored and tested by study staff for any changes in your memory and thinking abilities.

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

- Clinically diagnosed with mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease
- Taking an FDA-approved medication for Alzheimer's disease (Aricept, Exelon, Razadyne, and/or Namenda) for the past 4 months
- 50 years of age or older
- Not previously diagnosed with vascular dementia, Huntington's disease, Parkinson's disease, or seizures
- Not living in a nursing home
- Able to have a caregiver or study partner be with you during all study visits and telephone calls

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

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Do you have TYPE 2 DIABETES?

We are looking for men and women between 18 and 70 years of age who have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes.

If you have been on a stable treatment regimen for at least 3 months, taking only Metformin for your type 2 diabetes, you may qualify to participate in a clinical research study to test an investigational new study drug.

Qualified participants will receive at no cost:

- Study-related physical exams • Study medication
- Study-related laboratory tests • Compensation for time and travel

For more information, contact us at:

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Is DIABETES causing you PAIN in both legs or both feet... for at least the past 6 months?

If so, please contact us about our medical research study of an investigational medication for pain in both legs or both feet caused by diabetes.

Qualified participants:

- Are 18 to 70 years old • Have pain in both legs or both feet caused by diabetes
- Have experienced this pain for at least the past 6 months

Qualified participants will receive all study-related care, evaluations and medication at no charge.

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Do you or someone you know suffer from OSTEOARTHRITIS OF THE KNEE OR HIP

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Do you experience URINARY STRESS INCONTINENCE?

Characterized by the loss or leakage of urine during activities such as:

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- Lifting, straining or other stressful activity

If you, or someone you know, are suffering from these symptoms, we are seeking women, 18 years of age or older, to take part in a post-approval study to evaluate the long-term safety and effectiveness of a treatment of stress incontinence. To learn more about the study, please contact:

Saad Juma, MD

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Sprained ankle pain patch study

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

To be eligible for this study, you must:

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

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

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

To learn more about this local study, please contact:

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desolate strip malls and the never-ending ride down side streets. We pull into a parking lot off a busy road and notice two shirtless little boys running around with plastic guns. I lift an eyebrow and give Aaron a look. He sighs.

Our realtor is a young guy with slicked-back hair and shiny, black leather shoes. His keys jingle in harmony with his steps. We walk slowly behind him. He comes to a door with faded paint.

"This is it!" he says with the over-enthusiasm of an unemployed actor.

Inside, the carpet is filthy, and the kitchen apparently hasn't been updated since the early '80s. There is a tiny box-

like living room and a rectangular dining room that could, maybe, if we are lucky, fit a card table. There is a smell resembling raw sewage ineffectively covered up with air

make my way toward the master bedroom and wonder if a queen-size bed would even fit. Sensing our disappointment, the realtor is relentless. "You can walk to the gro-

We could buy a mansion in the Midwest for the price of one of those small condos.

deodorizer.

"It has three bedrooms and a community pool with a hot tub!"

Our realtor's voice is filled with so much unnecessary pep that I want to punch him. I

cery store!"

I look out the window and see a barefoot kid wandering aimlessly around the sidewalk. In the distance is a rusty pool gate. Everything appears dusty.

RESEARCH STUDIES

Type 2 Diabetic Volunteers

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

Duration:

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

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

Inclusion Criteria:

- Males or females aged 35 to 70
- Diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes
- A1c 7.0% to 10.0%
- Body Mass Index (BMI) less than or equal to 45 kg/m²
- You must be taking Metformin for at least 12 weeks at a dose of 500mg or greater OR Metformin greater than or equal to 500 mg plus a sulfonylurea (such as Glyburide and Glipizide or Prandin, Januvia)
- If you are a woman of childbearing potential you must agree to use an adequate method of contraception to avoid pregnancy

For more information, please contact Catherine DeLue at 858-552-8585 ext. 6740. Qualified participants will be compensated for participation up to \$1,400.



ARE YOU TOO SHY?

- ☒ Do you get **VERY NERVOUS** around people?
- ☒ Do you **FEAR** being the center of attention?
- ☒ Do you **AVOID** going to social events and meeting new people?

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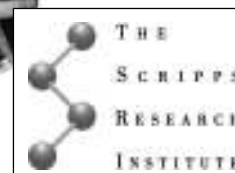
Heavy drinkers not seeking treatment



Investigators at The Scripps Research Institute are currently seeking volunteers who consider themselves to be heavy drinkers and do not have any desire to stop drinking. The purpose of this research is to study the effect of potential medications on factors related to drinking.

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

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



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

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

For Newly Diagnosed Type 2 Diabetes

Robert R. Henry, M.D. and his associates at the Center for Metabolic Research at the VA San Diego Healthcare System are currently looking for patients to assess the safety, tolerability and effectiveness of an investigational drug in patients with Type 2 Diabetes.

You may qualify if you are:

- Male or female between the ages of 18 and 74, with Type 2 Diabetes
- Not currently taking diabetes medication or taking metformin (glucophage) only to control your diabetes
- Willing to participate in a research study for up to 5 years
- Are currently in good health (other than your diabetes)
- Not pregnant or planning on becoming pregnant
- Willing to receive study drug injections under the skin

If you are eligible and choose to participate, all study-related medical care and study drug will be provided at no cost. Compensation is provided at each study visit.

If interested please contact the Research Coordinator at: 858-552-8585 ext. 2884



Does major depression change your outlook?

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

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

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

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

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



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

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See our website: www.ari-inc.com



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

If you or someone you know is:

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

If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be eligible for our research study! If you qualify and choose to participate, you may receive an investigational study medication. You will also receive physician consultations, study-related medical examinations, laboratory evaluations and follow-up visits all at no charge.

Health insurance is not required and compensation for time and travel is provided.



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Although there is no cure for schizophrenia, research is under way to find new treatments. The ASPIRE study was created to evaluate a new investigational long-acting medication.

If you (or someone you know) are between the ages of 18 and 60 and have schizophrenia, you may be eligible to participate in the ASPIRE research study.

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Department of Psychiatry
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Are you living with Depression?

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

You may qualify for this study if you are:

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

Participants will receive:

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



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- **Smoking Cessation**

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Hand Eczema?

Therapeutics Clinical Research, a center of excellence in dermatological care, is conducting a clinical research trial of an investigational medication for hand eczema (also known as hand dermatitis).

We need participants:

- 18-75 years of age
- with hand eczema lasting at least six months

Qualified participants will receive:

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- compensation for time and travel

No insurance required.

Conveniently located in Kearny Mesa.

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We look at a few more places. Most of the complexes resemble inner-city projects, and all share the same brown, speckled carpeting, tiny bedrooms, and sticky-faced children whose parents are nowhere to be seen.

On the drive home, Aaron lets out a long, weary sigh. I remind him that we could buy a mansion in the Midwest for the price of one of those small condos. After seeing the sad look on his face, I can't continue.

We decide to stop

looking. Renting in East County is perfectly acceptable for now. We both agree that when our son is school-age, I will go back and get a degree. We can buy a house when

Christmas cards are glossy photos of them standing in front of beautiful homes with large sweeping yards. Aaron tries to reassure me with the fact that they

I am living in the ghetto version of *Melrose Place*.

I am working full-time.

By the end of that year, most of our friends in San Diego have moved away to buy affordable houses in other parts of the country. Their

have to wear layers of clothing and bundle their kids up in boots and snow pants. They don't have the opportunity to go snorkeling in February.

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Attn: Heavy Drinkers

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

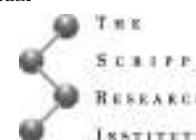
Is your current alcohol use causing problems with your family, your work, your life?

If you want to stop drinking, The Pearson Center for Alcoholism and Addiction Research is conducting a clinical trial to help you reach that goal.

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

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Menstrual Migraine Headaches

*Wishing your period
would never come?*

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

To possibly qualify:

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

Participants may receive at no cost:

- Study-related examination and consultation with a board-certified physician
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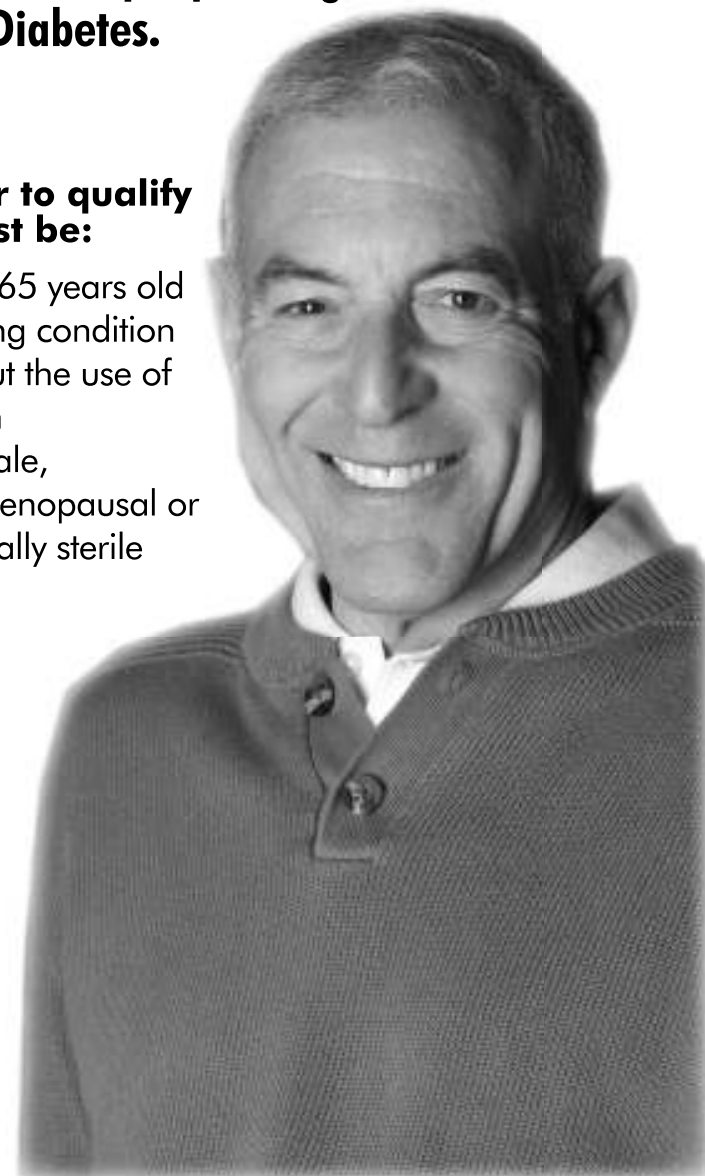
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The woman who moves in next door to us in Spring Valley is unnaturally petite. I am afraid that if I bump into her she will break. In the middle of the night, there are persistent knocks at her door, shortly followed by a strange smell, best described as a combination of burnt plastic and Skittles. She always has friends over. They hang out in the stairwell. They are getting in the way of my sleeping pattern. I want to yell at them to shut the hell up, but I am afraid of these people. The guy a few doors down clues me in on the neighbor's crack

habit.

There is an elderly woman who lives above us. She is Italian and missing nearly all of her teeth. She picks the mint that grows around our patio where our dog routinely pees. One afternoon, she walks to the

the pool, waiting for the fire truck. I am tired of apartment life. When Aaron gets home from work, I tell him that we could've died. He says I am being dramatic. I probably am.

There is a mom and her newborn baby in the

My mom clutches her purse whenever we leave the apartment.

grocery store, forgetting to turn off her stove. I smell the smoke and hear the persistent beeping of her fire alarm. There is smoke coming out of her windows. I call the fire department. I remove all sentimental items from our apartment. I sit with baby Andrew, my dog, a box of our stuff, and our rolling filing cabinet near

apartment across from us. Her military husband is deployed. She is having an affair with the dude who lives by the pool. Things get ugly when the husband arrives home from overseas. They end up moving. I am living in the ghetto version of *Melrose Place*.

The people at the far end of our complex have

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three kids. The little ones are always knocking on my door. They spend more time at my apartment than their own. They get taken away by Child Protective Services.

There is a shooting across the street at the Blockbuster. It's broad daylight when it happens.

"They didn't die, they were only shot," Aaron reassures me.

Most of our neighbors are dysfunctional. Some are crazy. It seems as if Aaron and I are unable to escape dysfunction. It has followed us from Kansas. This is not what I envisioned when we decided to move to San Diego.

A year later, after the birth of my second son, my parents come for a visit. I notice that my mom clutches her purse whenever we leave the apartment. She constantly and neurotically reminds me to lock the doors. They are from the 'burbs. The only crime they see is their neighbors breaking the homeowners' association rule by not mowing their lawns. My mom appears to be in a perpetual state of anxiety. I would've found it comical if I weren't so insulted. Before flying home, Mom sits us down and insists that we move. Now.

Eventually, we do move. We find a cute rental in El Cajon with a nice yard. It even has a swing set. Our neighbors are normal, annoyingly normal. Within a month, I am bored out of my mind. I miss my crack-head neighbor, the pyro granny, and the mistress. There is something wrong with me.

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We were so anxious to escape the Midwest that we didn't have a plan for what to do when we arrived in San Diego. Our first apartment was a Motel 6 room that overlooked a parking lot and

smelled like vomit and popcorn. Remembering a 20/20 episode about semen and other nasty body fluids found on hotel comforters, I found it nearly impossible to sleep. I scoured the news-

papers daily for an affordable apartment that would accept Bela, our 70-pound chocolate Lab. I envisioned living steps from the beach in a cute house with flowers and a wrap-around porch. I

was dismayed to discover how much we would have to shell out to rent a dirty studio apartment within walking distance to the waves. In Kansas, we had lived in an adorable old Victorian

two-bedroom apartment for \$385 a month. I couldn't imagine paying more than \$500.

After a lengthy search, we ended up in our Spring Valley apartment, surrounded by

run-down strip malls with 24-hour check-cashing stores. Still, I thought our apartment was charming.

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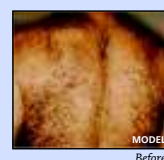
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ceiling inside amazing. "Look, it glitters." I had the ridiculous optimism of a true Midwesterner.

Even after three cars were stolen from our parking lot, I still believed. I was the neighborhood mom. Hordes of kids descended upon our apartment when school let out. I supplied them with endless Freeze Pops. They watched cartoons on our Toshiba and entertained my son, who was just learning how to crawl. I was lonely, my only contact to the outside world was grade-school kids. It was depressing.

I was homesick. I was having a tough time adjusting to a life thousands of miles away from my family and friends. We only had one car, which Aaron took to work, so I was home-bound all day with our infant son. I called my

friends, sister, and mom in tears almost daily. I knew I was miserable when I started missing Aaron's crazy family.

Back in Kansas, Aaron's dad was spotted routinely around town, mostly at the courthouse, wearing an adult-sized Halloween bumblebee costume, complete with antennae and stinger. He was protesting what he called an illegal sting operation that had landed him behind bars. He was continually featured in the *Kansas City Star's* weird-news columns.

"Maybe we can live by my family in Chicago," I offered.

"Your family is just as whacked," Aaron scoffed.

My family was morbidly normal in comparison to Aaron's. Sure, my sister had an unhealthy obsession with Ralph

Lauren. My brother liked to wear plaid pants and old-man hats. My pale, Irish-brogued father was part of a Native American flute group. We were artistic, not crazy. The most bizarre thing my mom had ever done was vote for Ross Perot, and my dad had the occasional habit of walking around in European man-sandals. None of them cuddled with life-sized dolls.

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We go back to the Midwest to get married. There is no way I am exchanging vows under palm trees surrounded by bikinis and board shorts. Instead, we opt for an outdoor wedding in the Henry Lake Forest Preserves outside of Chicago.

On another trip to Kansas to visit Aaron's family, Uncle Bill tells us

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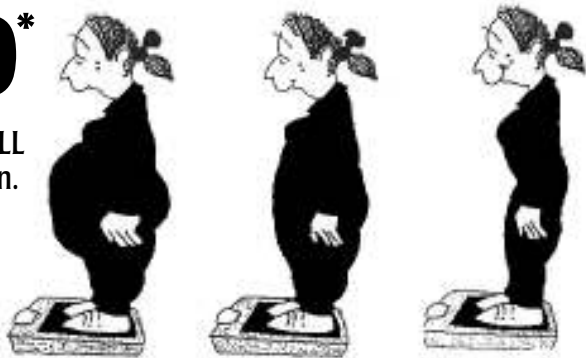
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a little bit of the unexpected. Where, San Diego, is the mystery? The city is becoming a boring boyfriend who has wanted me to meet his parents ever since the first date. I am looking for something a little more reckless.

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I will never forget the first time I witnessed rain

in Southern California. Groups of people cowered under the shabby awning of my local grocery store. They were holding newspapers over their heads and making mad, frantic dashes to their cars.

"I think I'll wait it out," exclaimed a woman standing next to me.

It was drizzling. It was the most hilarious thing I have ever seen. Did these people think that this was acid rain? Were they afraid they would melt? I was starting to learn that people in San Diego were opposed to variety. The thing that bothered me most was the lack of trees. Where were the forest preserves and sweeping prairie grass? I hated palm trees. With their anorexic trunks, they were an insult to arborists everywhere. Palm trees can't even

provide adequate shade from the sun that is always shining.

The truth was that Aaron never wanted to leave San Diego, and I had not yet loosened my grip on my Chicago roots. I wanted a Christmas-card landscape, with a sturdy house looming in the background. But slowly, I came around to Aaron's way of thinking. Slowly, I turned my back on the Midwest.

Now, people no longer crack up over my nasal drawl. I accept the cardboard pizza. I've learned how to surf and even have a tanning-salon membership. I get a sick sense of satisfaction when my Midwestern friends tell me how California I am.

When I visit Chicago, I complain about the bitter cold and can barely tolerate the wind. The thought of

waking up early to scrape snow off my car windows and having to keep track of miscellaneous gloves and mittens is just too much. If that means giving up my dream of owning a home, I gladly will.

* * *

We are still renting. We are the ugly stain on our block, the only family on a pristine street who hasn't forked over more than half a million dollars to buy our own place. We have taken over someone else's.

When our new neighbors bought their houses, they were greeted with freshly baked cookies and invites to barbecues. When we moved in, we got dirty looks and were told all about how the last tenants hosted loud parties. We were reminded that this is a "quiet neighborhood."

I always envisioned myself owning a house by the time I was 30. It was going to be pale blue with flowers neatly planted in rows. I would have a huge yard with teak patio furniture and a master bedroom with a walk-in closet. I saw this all in the fantastic brightness of my future.

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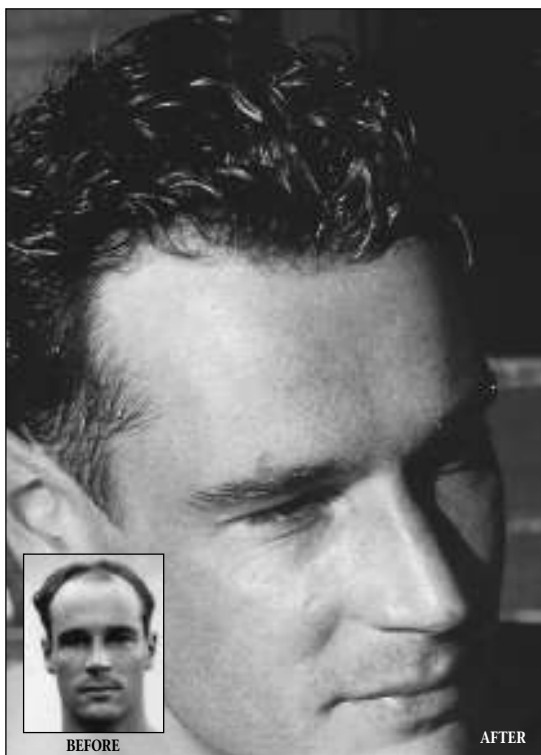
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rental house in Tierrasanta barely holds our family of five. Our neighbor is an elderly man who picks through the bottles in our recycling and reprimands us when our kids leave their toys outside. Our dog has dug up the patch of grass we call a yard.

I have started taking classes at the community college nearby. I attend in the mornings, while my kids are at school. I am usually the oldest one in the class, with the exception of an elderly woman with a cane (in anthropology) and an obnoxious Marine (in history). There is a boy in English composition who owns a shirt that says, "Your mom goes to college." I hate that kid.

My son's soccer coach recognizes me one morning on my way to class.

"I didn't know you taught here."

"I don't, I take classes."

"Oh," she says, not bothering to hide the shock in her voice.

I see the future looming like a disaster waiting to happen. Aaron reminds me about the house we will buy when I finally have a job. He is the optimist and so cheerful when he says this. I am starting to feel the pressure. I am terrified that I too will end up with a crazy career. Maybe not sex-doll construction, but something far more remedial. What if I wind up an aging waitress with saggy skin and exposed cleavage, a grocery-store bagger, or worse, a Walmart greeter? I try to come up with an inventory of my skills. I have none. I start to panic. ■

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The *Sun*, and San Diegans in September 1918, ignored welling statistics on the east coast and in Europe. "San Diego is full of colds, just now," said the *Sun*. To avoid infection: steer clear of "secretions of the nose and throat passages, conveyed on handkerchiefs, towels, cups, and mess-gear." If you come down with the flu, just "treat it as a bad cold," and be sure

to "take Dover's Powders." The story, which promised "All the Facts About Spanish Influenza," was actually an advertisement.

"We simply fail to regard influenza with the degree of seriousness it deserves," writes Pete Davies in *The Devil's Flu*. "We confuse it with the common cold, and we talk about a 'flu bug going round' as if it were no more than the viral equivalent of an itch or a scratch. Yet just [90] years ago, it killed maybe two percent of all the people in the world."

Around the time of the *Sun* ad, sailors at the Balboa Park naval-training camp and soldiers at Camp Kearny came down with the flu. Medical authorities at Kearny assured San Diegans that the symptoms were "the common garden variety." They attributed the first deaths to complications from other causes. By early October both facilities, along with Fort Rose-

crans and North Island, went under quarantine.

On October 10, Dr. Peter Remondino, 62-year-old president of the health board, wrote an article in the *Union* pleading with people to take the virus seriously. This disease, he said, "is more virulent and more murderous than any epidemic the nation has yet experienced."

Remondino urged San Diegans to give doubtful cases "the benefit of the doubt, as if [they] were full of bacilli, as an innocent-looking Picardy retreat may be full of nests of Prussian machine guns."

Led by Remondino, on October 13, the Board of Health recommended closure of public amusements indefinitely — theaters, churches, dance halls, schools, libraries, movie houses. They also had the fire department set up stations where people could have their throats sprayed with quinine bisul-

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phate. At least some San Diegans heeded the advice: the booth at Horton Plaza ran out of the bitter-tasting “Aunty Flu” remedy almost daily.

On October 18, the Board of Health “insisted” that San Diegans wear gauze masks when going outside. These were easy to make: cut a square of fine mesh, white gauze, 14 1/2 x 14 1/2 inches; fold in four thicknesses; tie the mask snugly around the head; tape down exposed corners. Though many who worked with the public donned them, most San Diegans treated the masks, the *Union* reported, as a “joke.” The board could only recommend or insist. The power of enforcement lay with the city council.

On October 20, San Diego had 329 total cases of the flu and 11 deaths. Four days later: 488 and 18. During that time, Harry Smelser of Fallbrook went to San Diego for jury duty. He developed flu symptoms. His wife

Dot came to care for him. Harry recovered. Dot caught the virus and died.

An editorial in the *Union* on October 21 said that while masks were okay for Greek tragedy, today “only highwaymen, burglars, and holdup men wear them professionally.

“We sincerely regret,” the editorial concluded, “that some of the young women in public employment are compelled to wear these masks. We miss their pretty faces.”

On November 17, the virus — at the time restricted to downtown and the waterfront — began to wane, and the Board of Health lifted the restrictions against public amusements. Twelve days later, 100 new cases appeared, including eight deaths in two days. Dr. Remondino, known to all as “Rem,” came out of retirement. He turned the Old Mission Brewery, at the foot of Washington Street, into an emergency isolation

hospital. According to historian Jerry MacMullen, who was one of them, “Rem proudly related that he did not lose a single patient.”

Throughout 1918, the flu pandemic competed with the “War to End All Wars” for attention. Headlines with three-inch letters — five, for the Armistice on November 3 — elbowed influenza statistics onto the second page. Even though, as John M. Barry writes, the flu “killed more people in 24 weeks than AIDS has killed in 24 years,” and even though the most common victims were often the healthiest, including pregnant women, the virus never shook its status as *la grippe*, three achy days and home free.

The city council’s reticence to enforce regulations struck the health board like a virus. Coroner Schuyler Kelley and Dr. W.W. Crawford resigned out of frustration. “This is not the time to stand from under,” Dr.

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Ernest Chartres-Martin scolded Crawford. "This is the time to see the city through. I'll see the council damned before I resign."

On Saturday, November 30, Chartres-Martin and Remondino, both of whom were recovering from the flu, met with fellow members John Buerkle and newly appointed Senator Leroy A. Wright at Remondino's home. They wrote a two-pronged emergency resolution: quarantine schools, churches, and public amusements; give the Board of Health the power to enforce the edict. On Monday, they brought their proposal to the city council.

The meeting, scheduled for 10:00 a.m., didn't begin until almost 11:00, since council members were attending the funeral of William Dougherty. The son of Councilman James Dougherty had died of the flu.

"We are unable to cope with the situation as we ought," Dr. Chartres-Martin told the assemblage. Therefore, the board wanted to make the quarantine official.

After reading the proposal, Councilman Walter P. Moore moved its adoption. This was a surprise, since Moore boasted that if he had to wear a mask, he'd burn a hole for his cigars. No one seconded the motion. They tabled the resolution by unanimous vote.

"There was not a word of comment by health authorities or members of the council," wrote the *Union*. "The crowd departed, leaving the council to its regular business."

That afternoon, Dr. Chartres-Martin telegraphed the State Health Board demanding the authority to enforce—not merely "authorize"—closing public places. When Chartres-Martin received no answer, he sent another.

Prominent San Diegans weighed in. "We should back the health board," wrote George Marston. "A quarantine would do no good," countered James H. Holmes,

manager of the U.S. Grant Hotel, adding that the previously closed schools, churches, theaters, and "unnecessary" public gatherings had suffered enough.

Mayor Louis Wilde: "There is a class of people

blind and indifferent to the death and sick rate, apparently unconcerned about everything else but nickel nursing and sight-seeing. If we cannot put life and health above dollars and pleasure for a few days, we had better

abolish the Bible and the Constitution."

On December 4, Dr. F.F. Gundru, vice president of the State Board of Health went over the city council's head and authorized a quarantine in San Diego. But

what kind? The specifics were unclear.

On December 5, at 10:00 a.m., the city council, health board, and local businessmen held a meeting. A crowd packed not only the third-floor chambers, but also the

lobby and down the long hallway, where coughs and sneezes echoed. Councilman Thomas J. Fisher ordered anyone not involved in the "flu question" to leave immediately. Such an assemblage, he said, constituted a

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health hazard. No one moved.

Two attorneys, representing business interests, advocated wearing masks “under certain conditions” and opposed a general quarantine. Speaking for the Board of Health, Dr. Chartres-Martin argued for enforcement of the partial quarantine, and the wearing of masks, but opposed a general closing of all businesses.

Councilman Will Palmer advocated all or nothing. Partial enforcement was “discriminatory legislation.” The day before, he said, theater managers in Los Angeles filed a class action suit against the state.

“The quarantine has been of no value,” said Roland Dowell, representing the motion-picture operators. “And perhaps some of the doctors are rather glad to have an epidemic, as I’ve heard they’re charging ‘flu’ patients \$5 a visit, and other patients only \$3.”

“That’s a low down, dia-

bolical lie!” shouted Chartres-Martin, leaping to his feet. “If this man will meet me on the street and repeat his statement, he’ll be in the hospital, or I will!”

When others grabbed him, Chartres-Martin shook free, took a deep breath, and said: “In the last seven days, we have had over 600 new cases and 42 deaths. We’re doing our best to cope. It’s time the council did its share!”

Councilman Fisher: “We would jeopardize our bonds in supporting a partial ordinance. I say we go the full limit with a quarantine.”

The health board’s newest member, Senator Leroy A. Wright, rose to speak.

Councilman Moore objected. Wright was not a physician, he said: only MD’s should be on the board. Sensing a stall tactic from the liquor lobby’s number one advocate, City Attorney Cosgrove acknowledged that the appointment of a “layman

is legal.”

Wright demanded urgency. A partial quarantine wasn’t enough. “People are dying every day... I beseech you, then, to go farther. Unless you act at once, you are not doing your duty. You should do *something*.”

Dr. Chartres-Martin suggested drawing up a different resolution, limiting the quarantine to specific sites.

When the council rejected the proposal, Chartres-Martin vented: “The council will do nothing not approved by the theater managers! If such is the case, there’s no use in the health board trying to do anything.”

Councilman Fisher proposed a complete quarantine, with full legal enforcement, effective at midnight. “Slam the lid,” he said, pounding the table with his fist. The council adopted the proposal unanimously. Fisher ordered a call to the State Board of Health for com-

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That morning, San Diego looked like a ghost town: no streetcars, few autos parked at curbs, fewer pedestrians. Forty people who refused to wear masks received five-dollar fines, laid down by the police’s “flu squad.” The newspapers printed every offender’s name.

On December 9, the health board lifted the quarantine, but ordered San Diegans to wear gauze masks outside their homes until Christmas Eve.

Between October 8, when Dr. Remondino wrote his warning in the *Union*, and December 9, 3337 San Diegans came down with the flu; 202 died.

QUOTATIONS

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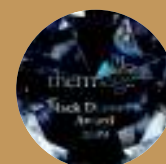
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Wars" (Cover Story, September 10). These J-1 visa students are not the angels that everyone thinks. They overcharge their customers \$30, \$40, \$50 a person. They run red lights and stop signs and don't obey any of the traffic laws — with customers on board. They steal from our stores. Case in point: three of the Russian kids that were here for the summer doing the pedicabs were arrested for stealing stereo equipment from Fry's. That was on the news the other night. I've done the pedicab business for five years now. I've seen all the damage these kids have done.

Also, in reply to Mr. Schmidt from last week, I've never broken any laws in Mexico. Also, I'm not a racist, just a hardworking person who is frustrated about his business.

Guy Harinton

Downtown

Pedicrap

The article on pedicabs was a waste of words and paper ("Pedicab Wars," Cover Story, September 10). Get rid of them.

Zondra Schmidt
via email

Evangelical Parallel

Re the article on the minister Aimee McPherson in the September 10 and 17 editions ("When Sister Aimee Came to Town," Feature Story). Having read Sinclair Lewis's *Elmer Gantry*, which was later made into a motion picture back in 1960, there is such a parallel to the whole evangelical movement in his book consistent with the article that appeared in the *Reader*. I mean, it's just phenomenal, and Lewis was, of course, an extraordinary, gifted writer.

Thank you so much for such a beautiful publication.

James Willis

Chula Vista

A Table For None

I'm the epitome of open-

minded thought. Voted for Obama, loved Cash for Clunkers, supported the stimulus package, voted no on Prop. 8, think the Demos should ram an uncompromising health-care reform plan down the throat of the Limbaugh/Beck/Joe Wilson crowd, and am a proud resident of the 92101.

But try as I might, my efforts in trying to be "down" with the pompous, self-important, condescending, supercilious, arrogant, hipper-than-thou, self-aggrandizing gasbag that is Naomi Wise are failing miserably.

And after her review of Truluck's (September 3), I'm tossing in the proverbial towel. It's pretty obvious (at least to me) that since this establishment was one of those heathen suburban-style chains, she was going to trash it, no matter what, and had made up her mind from the time she emerged from bed that morning. If Truluck's had offered the same menu, had the same

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ambiance, had the same patrons, but the place had been in a part of town over-ridden with the urban-come-lately sect (North Park, Hillcrest, East Village, Kensington), she would have been raving about the joint for three issues. Hey, there was no need to repeat you're not a fan of chains—we heard you the first time! Of course, her chain-hatred doesn't preclude her from shopping at Whole Foods, I'll bet.

Worse yet, what was the point of mentioning that many of the diners were, uh, corpulent? Never mind that making fun of someone's physical appearance is a capital crime in my book; would she have penned a review of a University Avenue restaurant and said, "All the men here appeared to be gay"? Yeah, right.

What we really should do is put together a collection of Wise's reviews and force every Guantánamo Bay prisoner to read them — twice. That

would be a torture program only Dick Cheney could love.

Tony Cooper
Downtown

No Free Eats

I'm calling in response to Naomi Wise's food article on Truluck's restaurant (Restaurant Review, September 3). I've been reading your publication for quite a while and actually have a friend who waits tables there, and I understand that people who write columns have to be opinionated and whatnot, but I just thought it was pretty tacky—I found out that Truluck's was contacted by Naomi Wise and she said that she wanted to do an article on them and they said that they weren't interested. And I can tell that obviously Naomi Wise—or I should say "Unwise"—took offense to that and it was sorely reflected in her review of the restaurant. I've dined there. I know plenty of people who have. They aren't classified as fine dining; they're classified

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So I just think that when someone doesn't give you guys a free meal that your little girl who does her food reviews who obviously doesn't know what she's talking about should just take it in stride and not think that just because it's the *San Diego Reader* that everybody should give her a free meal for her obviously skewed opinion. I unfortunately haven't always agreed with her, which is fine, but now even more so, probably won't take anything that she says as worth anything since she's a big baby and obviously the things that she said really shouldn't be said about anybody, whether you like them or not, just out of good taste.

Pete Green
via voicemail

The Reader pays for Naomi Wise's meals at restaurants that she's reviewing. She interviews chefs or management after she's eaten at the restaurant. Her brief call to the receptionist at Truluck's before eating there was solely to ask how long the summer "Date Night" special would run. — Editor

Tourist Trapped

You had, I guess, a reader submit a blurb about Palm Springs ("Gather No Moss: Travel Stories and Tips From Our Readers," September 3). She must be on crack. I live in Palm Springs, and telling everyone

that Rick's and Tyler's are "a must" and Las Casuelas (locals only) is "amazing" is outrageous. She needs her head and taste buds looked into. There are much better restaurants that are less touristy and more reasonably priced than those price-gougers. Las Casuelas sucks. Rick's is in the north end and overpriced, and Tyler's, ahh, it's okay (overpriced). The only thing that she did get right is Elmer's. Great food at a good price.

If you really want someone to write about Palm Springs, let me do it. I know what I'm talking about. She makes the valley look bad.

Gordon Hatch
via email

No Ordinary Party

I am in shock by Josh's inaccurate reporting of our party ("Crasher," August 27). With all the negative comments, he made it sound like this was just another college summer party, when in fact it was the complete opposite. Nadia and I, along with three other women, will be participating as a team in San Diego's "2009 Breast Cancer 3-Day" walk, supporting the Susan G. Komen foundation. Our intention for our fund-raiser party was to raise money and bring awareness to the cause of ending breast cancer for good!

We would like your readers to know we had a very successful turnout at our fund-

raiser event and received many generous donations by both friends and strangers. As a team, we have already raised over \$3400 to help fund important breast cancer research, education, screening, and treatment.

If anyone would like to learn more about the three-day breast cancer walk or even donate online, they can by visiting our team's 3-Day website, the3day.org/site/TR/Walk/SanDiegoEvent2009?pg=team&fr_id=1298&team_id=91990.

It is amazing what we, as a community, can achieve!

Jessica Reif
Believe-age in
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via email

Josh Board responds: Nothing I wrote was inaccurate. The problem with writing about parties for a CD release, an art or charity event, etc., is that the organizers think everything I write should be about plugging the cause. That's not what I do. I describe what I see. I left out that fewer than ten people were at the party the entire time I was there. I figured that was irrelevant, although I did speculate as to why more didn't show up (regarding the donation). I wish them the best of luck raising money for a good cause.

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worries in El Cajon ("I Blow Smoke on Your Law," "City Lights," August 27). If you want to make El Cajon a family-friendly place, why not start with the security guards at every convenience store. Almost every one has been robbed at gunpoint, has had items stolen, or has hoodlums/homeless citizens standing out front. Now why isn't that a bigger concern than petty smoking!

If it's health risks, then let's make a law that citizens have to have a physically fit body. But we can't do that because we have a choice to do whatever we want to our body. Right?

Why not investigate citizens on welfare each month, so we can make sure they're not just taking hard-working taxpayers' money?

Please! Write about at least one of these topics I have mentioned. I assure you results by review.

Tyler James
via email

Far Out

Your new rule that only the first 100 correct puzzle solvers are published and eligible for a T-shirt is not fair to those in outlying areas of the county because we do not have access to the *Reader* until a day after those closer to your delivery company. I have seen the *Reader* in some areas on Wednesday, whereas those in outlying areas do not have access to it until late Thursday afternoon! How about publishing the puzzle on your website as well? This would even things out more.

Richard Hutchings
via email

All entries — not just the first 100 — are eligible for the T-shirt. We print only the first 100 entrants' names with comments in order to give the production staff enough time to get them typed and in the paper. (The Reader is moving toward Wednesday delivery to all areas of San Diego by November.)
— Editor

Culture Comes To Fallbrook

This note comes to say *thank you, thank you, thank you* for sending the *Reader* to Fallbrook! In one day, I ran across it in two places. Over the past ten years, we have driven to Escondido or San Marcos each week to pick up this weekly. My husband prefers "holding the paper in his hands" rather than using the internet. We love to read the reviews of theater and movies, and we were also interested in music when Jonathan Saville was reviewing for you. We hope, in the future, that you will be able to sustain a music critic once again.

I want you to know how much we appreciate you thinking of us up here in Fallbrook. We may be at least 50 minutes away from downtown San Diego, but many of us visit the city and environs each week and depend on the *Reader* for the information we need.

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Rambo Tow

I would like to thank the *Reader* and reporter Joe Deegan for publishing my story of being towed at Midway Towne Center on June 3, 2009 ("Eat Here and Get Towed," "City Lights," July 9).

I have now won a small-claims court case against Midway Towne Center with a substantial settlement by proving that they acted illegally by towing (or just about) my motor home while I was there to eat at Denny's restaurant.

I would like to encourage all drivers to read Sections 22658 and 22953 of the California Vehicle Code. These sections are written specifically to protect the

public from predatory towing and collusion with security companies, who in the past have used ridiculous and flimsy excuses to come into private parking lots and tow away and impound vehicles and then charge excessive fees to release them. The problem is that, even with the new laws, they are still doing this. The public needs to familiarize themselves with these two vehicle codes and keep a copy in their glove

compartments so they won't fall victim to very costly towing and impound charges after a tow truck gets hold of their vehicle on some trumped-up excuse.

One very important section of 22658, (g)(1)(B), reads: "Upon the request of the owner of the vehicle or that owner's agent, the towing company or its driver shall immediately and unconditionally release a vehicle that is not yet removed from the private property and in transit." In other words, the vehicle is not legally in the driver's possession until he tows it off the property. If I had known this when my vehicle was illegally towed at Midway Towne Center, I would have called the police and explained that the driver was committing a misdemeanor. I did not know the

law, so when I asked them to release my motor home, they refused until I paid them \$235.

It is my hope that my experience will help others from being victimized by Rambo-type security guards who may be getting a kick-back from the towing companies. The security employee at Midway Towne Center came pounding so hard on my motor home door that he cracked the window frame, and the judge awarded me \$150 to replace that frame. When I showed that frame to Mr. Bernard, the owner of Midway Towne Center, he said to just put some stuff in the cracks and, though it won't look good, it will stop water leaks. He bragged that he can tow a vehicle five minutes after it arrives at Midway Towne Center, but it's

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Mad Men on Netflix. I go drink for drink with the ad men. The dog lays on my feet. I scratch his dry nose, but it does not disturb his slumber. I pause the dvd and head to the Turf club. It is packed for a Wednesday. I order MM on the rocks, and I am forced to sit at a table staring at the bar. I convince myself all the women in the bar are lesbians. I cheer to the last thirteen years and smile. Mary walks into the scenery.

Read the rest of this blog at SDReader.com/August1

SECOND PLACE

Author: thestoryteller
Neighborhood: Escondido
Blog: Writing to Remember
Entry: "Confessions of a Cutter"

Grandma glared at my bloody forearm and shouted, "Sam, come in here!" It was close to midnight, a late hour for my 80-year-old grandpa, but he came running down the hall. He gaped when he saw the trail of blood on the carpet. While Grandma called 9-1-1, he held my cuts under the bathroom faucet. "I don't want to live anymore," I cried. "I'm a burden to everyone." "No, you're not," he replied. "We want you to live." I fought him, spattering blood on the toothpaste, the mirrors and Grandma's white rug. "Put pressure on the wounds," Grandma shouted from the bedroom. "And make her sit down, in case she faints." By the time paramedics got there, her white towels had turned crimson. I had made 34 cuts to my arm in all...

Read the rest of this entry

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THIRD PLACE

Author: singleandawesome
Neighborhood: Ocean Beach
Blog: The Single Life: Random Adventures in Awesome
Entry: "Hell to the No"

What happened to the days when people used to call you to chat on the phone? Our technologically advanced world is slowly making the dating scene a place of passive safety where men and women become boys and girls. We date without our senses. We text without hearing, we date online without seeing, touching or feeling the energy or the other person. When we finally get to the date, we make sure it's actually a non-date like coffee or drinks so we don't have to sit awkwardly and come up with scintillating conversation for one hour or more. All this makes me wonder what may be then happening in the bedroom as a couple continues this entanglement with each other bereft of sensuality and passionate risks. I have discovered that

the technologically advanced dating world is not for me. I know this is old fashioned and I know I don't clearly understand the repercussions of saying this, but I want to be asked out on a proper date via phone or face to face interaction. I.e., a text message is an inappropriately rude way to ask a grown-ass woman out on a date.

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Cover Story

Published Sept. 16

Posted by whyigotahaveid on Sept. 17, 6:48 p.m.

i lived in cliaremont as a boy, roamed the canyons all the way to the bay. then to linda vista roamed the streets at night.

then mira mesa , the malls .utc. icehouse.

finally east san diego at 16 years of age.

how fun the alleys were.

many a great treasure was found. fruit to be picked hanging over fences, seeing men tinker with thier hot rods, older men polishing their classic cars. stopping to chat.

Posted by kriketx on Sept. 20, 6:43 a.m.

Alex's article has made me appreciate my morning walks more than ever. I have always enjoyed walking the alleys over the streets. My dog knows every house that has a dog living there and I have learned so much about the personalities of the people that live in your zip code. The front is usually a facade, but the back is who they really are.

I live in Dallas, TX, and even though we have many alleys they seem to have no comparison to the ones described in this article. Or... maybe I just haven't explored enough of them. I'm inspired.

Who knew (I didn't), that cities actually promote their alleys as a tourist attraction.

It is a quarter to nine (in the morning). I'm going to fill up my travel mug with

coffee and jump in my Smart-Car and head out of my neighborhood in search of interesting alleys. Then I am going to plan an interesting alley-side of my own house. A description of my character. It is time to let my neighbors know who I am. It would be great if I will inspire the rest of my neighborhood.

City Lights, by Janice Donaldson

Published Sept. 16

Posted by refriedgringo on Sept. 17, 10:41 p.m.

They can toss my dead body into a large sack and pitch it into a dumpster for all I care. Or feed my corpse, piece by piece, to some endangered species like the California Condor. I just don't want an open casket funeral. I picture at least one person saying, "He looks so peaceful."

What a crock! I'm not peaceful, dammit! I just died, I'm mad as hell!

I'm also unsure about having a grave site for fear of the number of people that would want to dance on it ;)

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Your Week

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Thursday | 24

TASTE OF DOWNTOWN

If you didn't get your fill of new-to-you food during Restaurant Week, here's another opportunity. This small-er jaunt ranges from the Gaslamp Quarter to Little Italy with 50 restaurants offering tastes of the world on a self-guided walking tour. Bon appétit! See **FOOD & DRINK**, page 71.

SWEET SKULLS!



As Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) approaches, it's time to start thinking about how you want to display your skulls. Learn the basics of crafting and decorating sugar skulls, as well as a brief history of the Mexican holiday during this class led by Maryann Luera and Ana Ibarra at Vintage Religion. See **SPECIAL**, page 70.

Friday | 25

CELEBRATE THE LOWLY LIMA BEAN!



This persecuted legume is being put on a pedestal for an evening of lima-bean appreciation. First, a talent show (in which all acts must incorporate the bean in some way), then tequila tastings, and, on Saturday, a lima bean cookoff. It's lima-licious! See **SPECIAL**, page 66.

TIME TO SCREAM!

Del Mar "Scaregrounds" hosts their annual Scream Zone, boasting the "House of Horror," a haunted hayride through haunted barns on the race-track, and "The Chamber," which is billed as the "largest spinning tunnel in San Diego." Open now through Halloween. See **SPECIAL**, page 70.

Saturday | 26

COMFORTABLE TO RIDE, THRILLING TO WATCH

Witness the grace and poise of the American saddlebred and Morgan horses during this open house with equestrian demonstrations, games, crafts, and pony rides for children at Majestic Farms. See **SPECIAL**, page 67.



COMMUNITY WHEAT HARVEST

Who knew there was enough rainwater in San Diego to grow a crop of wheat? Normal Heights artist David Krimmel invites you to a community harvest of his organic crop: separate the wheat from the chaff, winnow, grind the wheat berries into flour, and take home wheat berries. See **SPECIAL**, page 67.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: CULTURE ON THE BORDER

Sunday | 27

CULTURE ON THE BORDER

Travel from the Bayfront trolley station to the U.S.-Mexico border in San Ysidro for "Trolley Dances 2009," presented by the Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater and the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System. A cast of 50 performers will dance site-specific choreography. See **DANCE**, page 71.

DOWNSIZING!

It's miniature, mateys! Explore the San Diego Maritime Museum's new exhibit of miniature ship models, many of which took years for master model-builders to create. Kids can build their own mini paper sailboat to take home. See **FOR KIDS**, page 72.

Monday | 28

MIDDLE-EASTERN DRUM AND BELLY-DANCE CLASS

Frank Lazzaro teaches a *doumbek* (goblet-shaped drum) drumming class for all levels, which will be followed by Sabrina Fox's tribal belly-dance class, dancing to the beat of live drumming. See **SPECIAL**, page 70.

Tuesday | 29

HUMAN SONG IN BIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE: THE SINGING BRAIN

Many creatures sing, from the small bird to the massive whale...and so do we. Aniruddh D. Patel of the Neurosciences Institute speaks on the nature of music from a biological perspective and its relationship to the songs of other species. See **LECTURES**, page 77.

Wednesday | 30

¡QUE VIVA! CINE LATINO

Media Arts Center San Diego hosts a Latin evening, beginning with an *Arte Latino* exhibition, live music, short films, and then a screening of the feature film: Woody Allen's *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*, starring Javier Bardem, Penelope Cruz, and Scarlett Johansson. See **FILM**, page 71.



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View of the Virgen de Quito

Quito, Ecuador

By Valerie Middleton
Nestled on the eastern slopes of the Pichincha volcano lies Quito, Ecuador's mountainous capital city. This Andean jewel is rich in culture, history, and life, making it a can't-miss destination for South America-bound travelers.

Getting a view of Quito from above is as easy as taking the Teleferico cable car 4000 meters up the Pichincha volcano. The gondola takes you to a bird's-eye view of Ecuador's picturesque capital. At this

altitude you'll even be above the Virgen de Quito, a giant aluminum angel that watches over the city.

For the best view of Quito within the city, visit the Basílica del Voto Nacional, which boasts beautiful stained glass and architecture. If you aren't fearful of heights, catch panoramic city views at the top of the church by making the climb up a series of iron bars. You'll also get a great shot of the Virgen de Quito between the church's twin clock towers.

The Plaza de San Francisco is one of the city's iconic squares, as well as the spot to people-watch. On one side of the square you'll find Homero Ortega P. & Hijos, who sell elegant, high-quality Panama hats at reasonable prices. Plaza Foch in the Mariscal district is the place to find a hot nightspot, trendy place to grab a bite, or hip bar. This is Quito's nightlife hub.

I found Swissotel an ideal place for my stay in Quito. My favorite part about

this hotel was the fact that I was constantly greeted with a glass of *canelazos*, a hot cocktail with cinnamon, sugar, and lime. Besides the complimentary *canelazos*, the concierge was hospitable and informative. Rooms were large and comfortable, with views of the city set against the Andean slopes.

Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica

By Derek Ray
I highly recommend stopping in Manuel Antonio if you're visiting Costa Rica. The town offers a verdant rainforest teeming with wildlife and hiking trails adjoining a picturesque beach.

It's worthwhile to hire one of the guides that hang out around the entrance to the forest. My guide seemed to have a sixth sense in detecting a sloth or howler



Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica

monkey I never would have seen on my own. He brought a telescope that I was able to focus my digital camera on to get some wonderful shots. I could even see the expressions on the faces of the animals.

After the trek through the forest, I walked along the beach and enjoyed the sunset. The beach along the rainforest was virtually uninhabited. Walking further north, away from the forest, I encountered a mixture of tourists and locals, but it was still relatively uncrowded. A soccer game was in progress on the sand, and families sat in quiet appreciation of the sun setting in the Pacific. A tremendous rain fell that night, a reminder that we were indeed in the tropics.

It struck me that Costa Rica — and Manuel Antonio, in particular — is a place to let the burdens of life melt away, at least for a few days. I subsequently visited the cloud forests of Monteverde and the lazy, tranquil seaside village of Montezuma; Manuel Antonio, however, stood out as a slice of Costa Rican paradise.

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k1kid01: Timing is everything — this shot was taken from the top of the Atomium, built for the 1958 Brussels World Fair. Catch a glimpse of this zipliner's view!



recyclite: A marmot warily taking refuge in the safety of a crevice, Wind River Mountains, Wyoming



Bryant_Le: In the heat of the sun, Palm Desert



sanso66: What are the odds that this cobra still has his fangs? (Delhi, India)

OUTDOORS

Late September or Early October signals the beginning of Santa Ana winds, which may continue intermittently through the winter. Early Santa Anas are often responsible for coastal San Diego's hottest and driest days of the year. Records show that 62 percent of the days at Lind-

bergh Field with 90° readings or higher have occurred during the months of September and October. The desert-like days are a consequence of dry air from a high-pressure area centered over Nevada or Utah moving across southern California's coastal mountains toward a low-pressure area offshore in the Pacific Ocean. West of the mountains the air sinks as it rushes toward the coast, heating (by com-

pression) about 5½ degrees Fahrenheit for every 1000 feet of descent. During a full-blown Santa Ana, gale-force winds rake the foothills downwind of the mountain passes, and San Diego's coastal communities often experience temperatures that are among the nation's highest.

Escaping the Heat of this season's first couple of Santa Anas will not be easy — if you can't be inside air-conditioned buildings, that is. Along the coastline, where temperatures may reach the 90s, taking a dip in the surf solves the problem. Inland, the furnace-like heat is moderated only by increases in altitude. Head for the highest elevations of the county — the mile-plus heights of

the Palomar and Laguna Mountains, for example. You could climb a couple of the county's loftiest peaks: Cuyamaca Peak (6512') in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, or Boucher Hill (5438') in Palomar Mountain State Park. On peaks such as these during a Santa Ana-wind episode, the thermometer registers about 25-30 degrees lower than in the lowlands. Since the early phase of a Santa Ana sweeps away atmospheric water vapor and air pollution, hundred-mile vistas in every direction may be yours to enjoy.

The Smoggiest Days of the Year are most likely to occur during the next two months. Persistent temperature inversions (warmer air

overlying cool marine air) are frequent this time of year. These inversions conspire with the mountainous topography of East County to trap locally generated air pollution under a low-lying lid. During the worst episodes, San Diego County's coastal area is the hapless recipient of additional smog sneaking down from the Los Angeles Basin. This often occurs when a Santa Ana wind condition begins to weaken: L.A. smog blown offshore by a Santa Ana may get pushed back our way when the normal sea breeze returns.

San Diego's Coastal Sage-Scrub Vegetation is now at the very nadir of its growth cycle. Shades of gray and yellow have replaced the bright greens that carpeted many of the still-wild coastal hillsides up until April or May of this year. Sometime within the next several weeks, the first substantial autumn rain will shatter the usual summer drought, and our "summer-deciduous" vegetation could bounce back in a matter of days.

Audubon Society Bird Walk Bring binoculars and drinking water to explore Tecolote Canyon. 858-581-9944. Saturday, September 26, 9am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Basic Birding Tom Troy leads basic birding program with emphasis on identifying birds by sight and sound and using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides. Directions: 760-967-6915. Saturday, September 26, 8:30am; free. Buena Vista Audubon Society Nature Center, 2202 S. Coast Hwy. (CARLSBAD)

Chaparral 101 Begin your day on a trail-guide-led walk through native chaparral; connect to old California. Learn names, habitats of some of our region's wild citizens. 619-668-3281. Saturday, September 26, 9:30am; Sunday, September 27, 9:30am; Wednesday, September 30, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Crazy Coot Calls Laugh, learn on nature walk by the lake led by trail guide trained to connect you to native landscape through facts and lore. 619-668-3281. Saturday, September 26, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Desert Garden Tour Bizarre trees, cacti, succulents showcased when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden. 619-235-1122. Saturday, September 26,

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Explore One of the Best Places See SD's native flora during plant walk led by members of California Native Plant Society. Leaders will identify native plants of local environment, explain plants' adaptations to our annual months-long drought. Meet at end of Calle Ryan. 619-297-2957 or 858-759-4769. Saturday, September 26, 10am; free. Manchester Preserve, Calle Ryan at El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Help Restore a Habitat Help plant native vegetation for the variety of birds and other wildlife calling this area home, and construct brush boxes and straw wattles to be used this rainy-season to control erosion and loss of habitat throughout reserve uplands. Wear long pants, boots or sturdy shoes, hats; gloves and tools provided. RSVP: 619-682-7210. Saturday, September 26, 9am; free. Border Field State Park, 1500 Monument Road. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

In Search of Orb Spiders Will Bowen leads outing with possibility of spider, bat, and owl sightings. Bring a flashlight. 858-484-3219.

Saturday, September 26, 7:30pm; free. Sorrento Valley trailhead, 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

More Walk, Less Talk Naturalist Simone Green leads brisk four-mile hike on variety of trails. 760-839-4680. Saturday, September 26, 8am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

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, September 25, 6:30am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Trash Pickup in López Canyon Help clean trash out of natural areas in López Canyon. 858-538-8066. Sunday, September 27, 9am; free. López Ridge Park, 7245 Calle Cristobal. (MIRA MESA)

Where Is Inspiration Heights? During the 100th anniversary of this subdivision, explore "the storied history of Inspiration Heights. From Villa Orizaba, the first house in Mission Hills, to the recording of the Johnston Heights and Inspiration Heights subdivision maps, learn about the first families that settled here and the development that followed." Guided walking tours depart every 15 minutes. 619-497-1193. Saturday, September 26, 1pm; \$10-\$15. Mission Hills tour, 1955 Sunset Boulevard. (MISSION HILLS)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Rosarito-Ensenada Bike Ride This 50-mile bicycle ride follows route along Pacific Coast and inland through rural countryside from Rosarito Beach to Ensenada. Finish Line Fiesta follows in Ensenada. Passports required. 877-434-1919. Saturday, September 26, 10am; \$50. Rosarito Beach Hotel, Boulevard Benito Juárez #31. (BAJA)

SPECIAL

"Blessing the Children" Earthdance San Diego 2009 "is in alignment with the International Day of Peace, uniting over 200,000 people (360 locations in 60 countries) through the universal language of dance and music to support global peace and humanitarian causes," in Petco Park's "Park at the Park." Vendor village, informational booths, children's play area, live art displays. Music by DJs Behrouz, Thee-O, Spekrfreks, Morgan Alexander, Samer, Eva Kim, Ideal, many others. Proceeds benefit Green Wave and NextAid. 619-795-5000. Saturday, September 26, 12 noon; free-\$10. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

"Books and Bites" Program sponsored by Warwick's Bookstore, promising lunch and discussion with novelist Laura Dave, who will discuss, sign her latest book, *Divorce*

Party. With purchase of *Divorce Party*, lunch tickets are \$20. Required reservations: 858-454-0347. Friday, September 25, 12:30pm; \$20. Burgundy Grill & Wine Bar, 830 Kline Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Bridal Toast, It's a Party!" Bride-to-be? Bring your party, mother, mother-in-law, or friend to toast with you during afternoon of music, sweet treats, champagne toasts. Vendors on hand offering services, products. 619-922-6846. Sunday, September 27, 3:30pm; free. Diesel Salon, 4222 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

"North County Has Talent" Karaoke competition open to singers of all ages. Saturday, September 26, 11am. McDonald's — Encinitas Town Center, 1064 North El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

"Planning and Democracy" Discuss this work by Friedrich von Hayek with San Diego Great Books group. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, September 26, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Sketching and Watercolor: Journal Style" Be inspired to record your life, your trip, or daily adventures in an illustrated journal as you spend a meditative day drawing, sketching with artist Jane LaFazio, who will "guide you through basic drawing, inking, and watercolor painting." Class is geared for beginners, but all levels are welcome. Continental breakfast. Fee: \$95 plus \$15 materials fee. Required advance registration:

760-436-3310. Saturday, September 26, 9am. California Center for Creative Renewal, 1905 Crest Avenue. (ENCINITAS)

"Sunday's Art in the Alley" Local artists display and sell their work in Artist's Alley, "behind" this gallery. 760-757-5524. Sunday, September 27, 10am; free. JC Gallery & Studio, 212-C N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

"Surprised by Joy" Awards ceremony for 13 artists working in variety of styles participating in digital art show. Viewing continues through October 17. 858-273-1480. Saturday, September 26, 3pm; free. Saint Mark's United Methodist Church, 3502 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day Many, many museums in the county (including Ocean-side Museum of Art) offer free admission for two with valid Museum Day Admission Cards, available in the September issue of *Smithsonian Magazine* and online: <http://microsite.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/>. 760-839-4120. Saturday, September 26, 10am. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

A Time to Sue? Is there a moral aspect in America's proclivity to sue? Consider the topic with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, September 24, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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cousins to the llama, during National Alpaca Farm Day sponsored by East County Alpaca Breeders of San Diego. On Saturday, see alpacas on display, spinning and fiber arts demonstrations, fiber project for kids, vendors, "alpaca composting 101 with free samples," barbecue. Many ranches will be open for tours on September 27 (check website for more details). 619-990-7143. Saturday, September 26, 10am; free. Jamul Feed Store, 13966 Campo Road. (JAMUL)

Ancestors Day Celebration of tenth anniversary of museum includes speech by Supervisor Di-anne Jacob, performances by soloists of Martin Luther King Jr. Chorale, mariachis, dancers and singers from Palm Middle School, bagpipers from Lemon Grove Fire Department, Irish step dancers, birthday cake. Enjoy fun in Civic Center Park (surrounding the museum). 619-460-4352. Saturday, September 26, 2pm; free. Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, 3185 Olive Street. (LEMON GROVE)

ArtSplash Festival 2009 Celebration of arts centered around European tradition of chalk art street painting, transforming Armada Drive (above Flower Fields). Fine arts, arts activities for all ages, entertainment, food. Taste of Art-Splash promises food from local restaurants (\$20). 760-436-2828. Saturday, September 26, 10am; Sunday, September 27, 10am; free. Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive. (CARLSBAD)

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What are you reading?

Megan: "This summer, I've been reading a lot of chick-lit — books about girls and their adventures with their careers and with men. I'd been reading more serious stuff for school, so it was just kind of nice brain mush. I just bought *Four Blondes*, by Candace Bushnell, and I just finished *The Washingtonienne*, by Jessica Cutler. I didn't like the main character as a person, but she was fun to read about — really fun, selfish, and self-indulgent — having affairs with married politicians so she could pay her rent. It's based on a true story."

Benjamin: "I just finished *The Monkey Wrench Gang* by Edward Abbey; I really loved it. It's about eco-terrorists who go around trying to save the Southwest from development, blowing up bridges, sabotaging bulldozers. I'm from the Southwest, and you can tell that Abbey really cares about his subject. He's a beautiful descriptive writer, and I really liked his imagery. Right now, I'm reading *The Iliad* because I never got to it in school, and I've got to

fill in the gaps. I feel like I managed to take all the English classes that read all the silly books."

What did you like or find memorable about the books?

Megan: "The memorable scenes in *The Washingtonienne* are, um, kind of sexual."

Benjamin: "I like Achilles because I kind of like his arrogance — not that I identify with arrogance! I like how human and petty the gods are — really jealous and temperamental. I think it's hilarious."

Do you have a favorite author?

Megan: "No."

Benjamin: "Richard Brautigan. I think he was popular in the '60s, but I don't want to call him a beat writer. When I first read him, his was the most original writing I had ever encountered — very simple and to

What's That You're Reading?

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the point, with no extra fat. But very vivid — you don't miss anything."

What book has been most life-changing for you?

Megan: "*Lolita* by Nabokov wasn't life-changing, but I really liked it. I liked his writing, how you could kind of feel sympathy for Humbert even though you felt it was wrong to feel for him."

Benjamin: "*The Abortion*, by Brautigan. There's a specific chapter where he writes about

the love these two people have for each other. The way he speaks about this woman is just so tender and caring; it's really moving. The story is about the woman getting an abortion and their journey before and after. They just endure it. It wasn't this cheesy, 'Oh, they had a revelation.' He writes about it in terms of how difficult it was."

Do you read magazines or newspapers?

Megan: "When I go to my parents' house, I read the *Wall Street Journal*. But it's expensive. I read the *New York Times* online."

Benjamin: "At our school, they give the *New York Times* and *USA Today* away for free; when I go, I always pick them up. But I get most of my news from the radio."

Do you talk to your friends about reading?

Megan: "We have a book club. We talk about what we liked and didn't like, what spoke to us. A lot of times, after you read a book, you want to comment on it. If someone else has read it, it's fun to bounce ideas off of each other."

Benjamin: "I talk to my mom a lot. She's a big reader, and I inherited my Brautigan books from her. I tend to automatically have respect for her opinion about a lot of things, though I'm sure there are some things we've disagreed on."

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Axe Throwing Like a Viking! Norwegian Fish Club Odin and Sons of Norway Lodge host Viking Festival 2009. Viking log toss competition, axe throwing, battle cry competition, Viking battles and encampment, music by Highland Way, arts and crafts, foods. Two-

day pass: \$11. 760-724-6592. Saturday, September 26, 11am; Sunday, September 27, 11am; free-\$7. Norway Hall, 2006 East Vista Way. (VISTA)

Cabrillo Festival Two-day event opens 16th-Century Spanish soldiers' living history encampment. Historian Joseph Sánchez — superintendent of National Park Service's Spanish Colonial Research Center and Petroglyph National Monument of Albuquerque, New Mexico — presents illustrated lecture "Filipinas and the California Coast, 1512-1793." Concert by

Navy Band Southwest Brass Ensemble, Kumeyaay Wildcat songs by Jon Meza Cuero and the Aukas, more. 619-557-5450. Saturday, September 26, 11am; free. Cabrillo National Monument, 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive. (POINT LOMA)

Cabrillo Festival Continues Head to Ballast Point for music, dancing, kids' activities, and foods of Native Americans, Mexico, Portugal, and Spain, as well as Kumeyaay basket-making and acorn preparation demonstrations, and 16th-Century Spanish soldiers living history encampment.

Cabrillo's landing reenactment on Ballast Point begins at 1pm. 619-557-5450. Sunday, September 27, 11am; free. Naval Base Point Loma, 140 Sylvester Road. (POINT LOMA)

Cannons Will Be Used! Cannon battles promised in San Diego Bay between the revenue cutter *Californian* and the privateer *Lynx*, and you may spend an afternoon sailing along on board. Battles may be seen from sites around bay (free). 619-234-9153 x101. Saturday, September 26, 1pm; \$40-\$65. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrate the Lowly Lima Bean! Why should lima beans be the most hated of all vegetables? Events begin with talent show on September 25. All acts will incorporate a lima bean in some way. Evening gets underway with tequila tastings by El Duende Tequila. Tickets: \$15.

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Check-In Time at Haunted Hotel Experience all kinds of scares in this hostelry. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays except October 26 and 27. 619-696-SCARE. Fridays, 6pm; Saturdays, 6pm; Sundays, 7pm; Wednesdays, 7pm; through Saturday, October 31, \$14-\$24. 10 and up. Haunted Hotel, 424 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Comfortable to Ride, Thrilling to Watch Experience the grace of American saddlebred and Morgan horse during open house promising equestrian demonstrations, games, crafts, pony rides for children. Meet accomplished show horses and riders; see riding, driving demonstrations. Veterinarian Dr. Tad Bender plans talk on equine nutrition. Between demonstrations, children may take private ten-minute riding lesson (by reservation). Riding reservations: 760-732-0334. Saturday, September 26, 9am; free. Majestic Farms, 1679 Sunset Drive. (VISTA)

Community Wheat Harvest Normal Heights artist David Krimmel has grown an organic crop of

wheat on his .003 acre using rainwater for irrigation. Experience a community wheat harvest with Krimmel; separate wheat from chaff, winnow, grind wheat berries into flour, and take home wheat berries. 619-533-3974. Saturday, September 26, 10am; free. Kensington-Normal Heights Library, 4121 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

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

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, September 25, 6pm. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Fall Festival Friends of the Rancho host open house with tours of the adobe and art gallery in celebration of 20th anniversary of City of Vista's purchase of Rancho Buena Vista Adobe. 760-941-7639. Sunday, September 27, 12:30pm; free. Rancho Buena Vista Adobe, 640 Alta Vista Drive. (VISTA)

Family Solar Day Learn about solar and the environment

through hands-on exhibits, solar experiments, solar cooking demonstrations, coloring contest for kids, food, games, experts to answer questions, more. 858-244-1177. Sunday, September 27, noon; free. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

Get Involved What kind of park should go next to the Orange Library? Dog park? Community garden? Bring your comments when city staff presents preliminary plans for Southwest CV Civic Association meeting. Dr. Ramez Farah, M.D., will talk about cancer prevention. 619-425-5771. Monday, September 28, 6:45pm; free. MAAC Charter School, 1385 Third Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

Hit the Street (Fair) Mira Mesa street fair promises crafters, vendors, international food court, entertainment on two stages including Hawaiian and Philippine dancers as well as popular bands and vocalists, K-9 dog demonstrations, static military displays, more. 858-566-2261. Saturday, September 26, 10am; free. Mira Mesa street fair, Camino Ruiz at New Salem Street. (MIRA MESA)

House of Germany Take in music, dance, cultural costumes when organization hosts lawn program. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. Sunday, September 27, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)


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Alpine Gemütlichkeit Dancers (6:45 & 7:45 pm)

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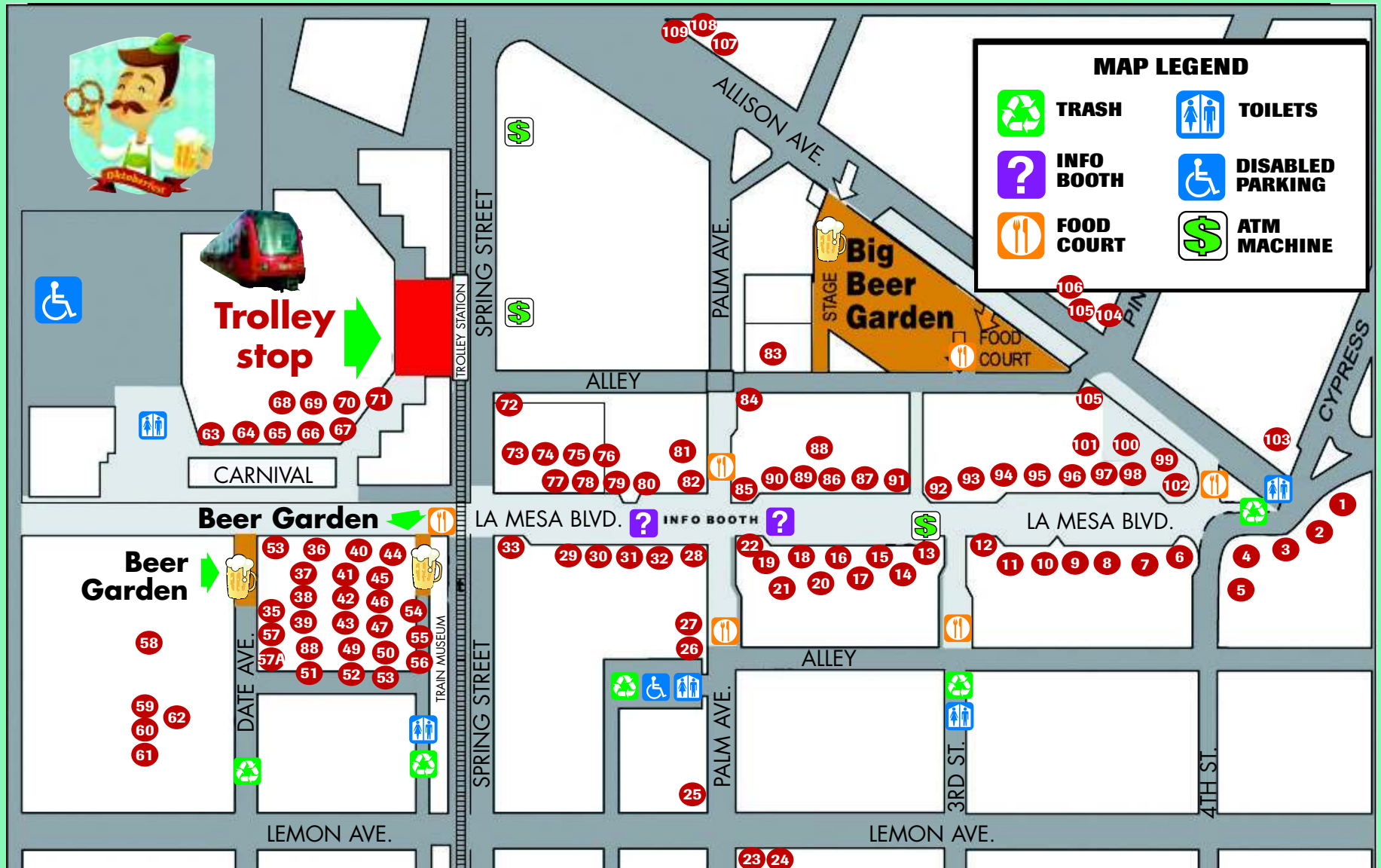
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Julian Arts, Wine, and Music Festival Julian Arts Guild hosts festivities with work by many area artists working in a variety of media; samples of locally grown and produced wines (tasting: \$5); entertainment by Faultline, Jake's Mountain, Tribal Mountain Gypsies, Bonny Jean, Manda Mosher, Blue Creek. Bring lawn chairs. 760-765-1857. Saturday, September 26, 10am; Sunday, September 27, 10am; free. Menghini Winery, 1150 Julian Orchards Drive. (JULIAN)

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

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. Wednesdays, 5pm; through Wednesday, September 30. Sophie's Gallery, 109 Rea Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Quilted with Love North County Quilters' Association hosts 24th annual show and auction; "lovingly handmade" quilts of all sizes on display, and then on to the auc-

tion block (at 12:30pm). Vendors, crafts. Bidding numbers are free. Saturday, September 26, 9am; free. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Sweet Skulls! Maryann Luera and Ana Ibarra lead class, promising brief Day of the Dead history, symbolism of sugar skulls, and their use in altars. Learn basics of crafting and decorating sugar skulls; each student leaves with completed sugar skull. Required reservations: 619-280-8408. Thursday, September 24, 6pm; Saturday, September 26, 2pm; \$20. Vintage Religion, 3821 32nd Street. (NORTH PARK)

Take the Haunted Trail This "all-outdoor haunted attraction," follows mile-long trail through twisted grove of pines and gnarled oaks. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays except October 26 and 27. 619-696-SCARE. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 7pm; Sundays, 7pm; Wednesdays, 7pm; through Saturday, October 31, \$14-\$24. 10 and up. Marston Point, Laurel Street at Sixth Avenue. (BALBOA PARK)

Time to Scream! Del Mar "Scaregrounds" hosts annual Scream Zone, boasting "House of Horror" with rooms filled with "terrifying scenes and scares," haunted hayride through haunted barns on racetrack, and "the Chamber," promising "the largest spinning tunnel in San Diego." Call to confirm hours, open dates: 858-755-1161 x2855. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 7pm; Sundays, 7pm; Mondays, 7pm; Tuesdays, 7pm; Wednesdays, 7pm; through Saturday, October 31, \$14-\$27. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

What Up, Dog? Dog-friendly scavenger hunt exploring Gaslamp Quarter's "offbeat and quirky hot spots." Prizes awarded to winning team and "most valuable pooch." Reservations: 619-917-6037. Saturday, September 26, 10am; \$50. Gaslamp Quarter. (DOWNTOWN)

Who Is Pineda Covalin? Find out during "Early Evening" fashion show featuring designs inspired by traditional Mexican cul-

tural motifs by Mexico City-based Pineda Covalin. Evening promises music by La Pura Pulpa from Mexicali, food from Rosarito, wines from Baja wineries including San Rafael, Tanama, Valmar. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x106. Friday, September 25, 6pm; \$15-\$20. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Beyond Words: Music of Transcending Beauty" Camarada chamber ensemble presents opening concert of season with selections by Damase, Schubert, and Schulhoff performed by Beth Ross Buckley (flute), David Buckley (violin), Travis Maril (viola), Erin Breene (cello), Jeremy Kurtz (bass), Dana Burnett (piano). 619-231-3702. Friday, September 25, 7:30pm; \$20-\$25. Saint Paul's Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

"Fantasia" Chamber music series features Art of Élan, under leadership of Kate Hatmaker and Demarre McGill. 619-232-7931. Tuesday, September 29, 7pm; \$10-\$25. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Noteworthy Duo" Concert Hour Series continues when flutist Lisa Schroeder and guitarist Michael Nigro perform music from their latest recording, *Between Flute and Guitar*, featuring Argentine compositions by José Luis Merlin, Jorge Cardoso, others. 760-744-1150 x2316. Thursday, September 24, 12:30pm; free. Palo-

mar College Performance Lab (room D-10), 1140 West Mission Road. (PALOMAR COLLEGE)

Carlsbad Music Festival Sixth installment of festival commences with concert on September 25 by California E.A.R. Unit. Program includes selections by John Luther Adams, Daniel Wohl, Ryan Brown, Matt McBane, Keer il Makan, Yannis Kyrakides.

Saturday begins with lecture-demonstration "of his innovative guitar techniques and unique approach to creative music making" by Fred Frith (2pm). The Calder Quartet takes stage at 8pm to play selections by composers Daniel Wohl, Charles Punchatz, Ted Hearne, Jason Treuting, and Leos Janacek.

Festival concludes on Sunday when Fred Frith, the Calder Quartet, and California E.A.R. Unit convene at 2pm for program of works by Frith. 760-809-5501. Friday, September 25, 8pm; Saturday, September 26, 8pm; Sunday, September 27, 2pm; \$8-\$25. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Former Civic Organist Jared Jacobsen in concert. 619-702-8138. Sunday, September 27, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Mini-Concert for Lunch Harpsichordist Alison Luedicke performs. 858-454-5872. Monday, September 28, noon; free. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

Schantz Organ and Music Series Concert organist Delbert Disselhorst performs music by Buxtehude, Lidon, Walcha, Bach, Mendelssohn, Sanders, Boëllman, Strayhorn, and Mulet on 38-rank Schantz pipe organ. Offering. 760-753-6582. Sunday, September 27, 4pm. San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. (ENCINITAS)

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fundraiser. 619-260-1622. Saturday, September 26, 8pm; \$50-\$500. Qualcomm Hall, 5775 Morehouse Drive. (MIRA MESA)

“Milonga Nocturna” Dance to “some of the best Argentine tangos” played by Sabah. 858-565-9575. Saturday, September 26, 9pm; \$10. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

“The Jam” Swing Dance Community dances continue with Groove Room (for West Coast and blues dancing) and Rhythm Room (for East Coast, Lindy Hop, shag, jitterbug), and more. Evening begins with dance lessons for beginning and intermediate dancers. 858-565-9575. Friday, September 25, 8pm; \$8. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Ballroom and Latin Dance Classes Classes meet for ballroom dance (7pm), Latin dance (8pm). Beginners welcome. Fee: \$10 per single class, \$8 if paid monthly. 858-248-0593. Tuesdays, 7pm; \$8-\$10. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Belly-Dance Show Mimi the belly dancer entertains. 858-784-0515. Saturday, September 26, 8pm; free. Ali Baba’s Cave, 10921 Roselle Street. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Cajun and Zydeco Dancing Zydeco lesson and dance. Beginners’ dance lessons at 7pm; open dancing to recorded tunes 8pm. 619-857-8409. Tuesdays, 7pm; \$5. Tio Leo’s, 5302 Napa Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Culture on the Border “Trolley Dances 2009” presented by Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater and Metropolitan Transit System. Annual site-specific dance tours begin at Bayfront trolley station, travel to U.S.-Mexico border in San Ysidro. Cast of 50 performers will dance site-specific choreography by Peter Chu, Swiss choreographer Elfi Shaeffer Shafroth, Miroslava Wilson of Tijuana’s Pendulo Cero, Kim Epifano of San Francisco Trolley Dances, and Jean Isaacs. Reservations: 619-225-1803. Saturday, September 26, 10am; Sunday, September 27, 10am; free-\$30. Bayfront trolley station, 750 E Street. (CHULA VISTA)

Dance Oktoberfest Annual international fest sponsored by In-

ternational Folk Dancers of Balboa Park. Saturday promises “learn to dance workshops.” Dance festival on Sunday boasts costumed dancers performing dances from all over world. Folk arts, crafts, clothing sales, German food available. 619-422-1584. Saturday, September 26, 1pm; Sunday, September 27, 12:30pm; free. Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Dine and Dance Guest caller is Deb Comly, and the More the Merrier makes music for contra dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage at 8pm. Bring your instrument and sit in with the community band. Beginners’ dance workshop: 7:30pm. Optional potluck supper at 6:30pm; bring food/beverages to share. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, September 26, 6:30pm; \$8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

English Country Dancing Judee Pronovost calls for English country dancing. Beginners’ instruction at 6pm 858-676-9731. Sunday, September 27, 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Have Fun, Get Fit, Make Friends Learn to square dance with Ocean Wavers Square Dance Club. For singles, couples, families. 760-724-2262. Thursday, September 24, 7pm; \$4. Vista Townsite Center, 642 Vista Village Drive. (VISTA)

Hot Salsa Party Dance night away with salsa, bachata, merengue, and salsa, hosted by DJ El Hombre Misterioso. Class at 8pm (free); dancing starts at 9pm. Parties planned fourth Saturday each month. 858-270-7100. Saturday, September 26, 8pm; \$10. Cheek 2 Cheek Dance Studio, 4360 Morena Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Latin and Ballroom Craze Dance party for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays swing, Latin, ballroom, and nightclub. Dance lesson in cha-cha. Open dancing: 8-10:30pm. First time free. 619-275-3533. Tuesday, September 29, 8pm; free-\$7. Pattie Wells’ Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Learn to Belly Dance Leilainia teaches mixed-level belly-dance classes every Thursday. 619-884-7707. Thursday, September 24,

7pm; \$10-\$15. California Ballet, 4819 Ronson Road. (KEARNY MESA)

MTV Hip-Hop Ruben “Fusion” Monet — known from MT and who has worked with Beyonce and Missy Elliott — leads hip-hop classes for adults (Wednesdays) and children (Saturdays). Registration: 858-451-3775. Saturdays, 11am; Wednesdays, 6:15pm; through Wednesday, September 30, \$60. Dance Motions, 12120 Alta Carmel Court, Suite 410D. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Neighborhood Dance Party Carmel Ranch dance party promises refreshments and socializing. Swing lesson (7:30pm), party (8:15pm). Fee: \$7 for party only; \$15 for swing lesson and party. 858-451-3775. Thursday, September 24, 7:30pm; \$7-\$15. Dance Motions, 12120 Alta Carmel Court, Suite 410D. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Nightclub Fridays Learn nightclub dances including two-step, salsa, cha-cha, and merengue. 858-451-3775. Friday, September 25, 7:15pm; \$15. Dance Motions, 12120 Alta Carmel Court, Suite 410D. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Swing Karaoke Firehouse swing dance (8-11:30pm) boasts swing karaoke by DJ Carl Flores. All ages. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, September 30, 8pm; \$5-\$8. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Woman’s Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER’S HILL)

Waltz Workshop Graham Hempel teaches “a favorite couples dance,” hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. 619-283-8550. Saturday, September 26, 4pm; \$5. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

FILM

“¡Qué Viva! Cine Latino” Woody Allen’s 2008 film *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*, starring Javier Bardem, Penelope Cruz, Scarlett Johansson, is featured during series hosted by Media Arts Center San Diego. Evenings begin with “Arte Latino” exhibition, live music (6:30pm); followed by screening of short films and feature film (7:30pm). 619-230-1938. Wednesday, September 30, 6:30pm; free. Otay Ranch Town Center, 2015 Birch Road. (CHULA VISTA)

Adventureland Film Forum screening of Greg Mottola’s “spunky excursion into growing up absurd” starring Jesse Eisenberg and Kristen Stewart. 619-236-5800. Monday, September 28, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Black Orpheus Commemorate 50th anniversary of this classic Oscar-winning film by director Marcel Camus. Composer, pianist, essayist, poet, professor Delores Fisher of SDSU leads audience discussion after Sunday Matinee series screening. In Portuguese with English subtitles. 619-236-5800. Sunday, September 27, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Bushi no Ichibun (Love and Honor) International Film Series gets underway with Yoji Yamada’s 2006 film, in which “a young swordsman loses his eyesight and his wife, and fights for vengeance and honor.” Screening takes place in room 204; film repeats at 7pm on Oceanside campus. In Japanese with English subtitles. 760-944-4449 x7758. Friday, September 25, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Knocked Up “Cinema social” combines “eclectic film choices,” food, drink, light conversation at hotel’s poolside lounge and theater (outdoors). Reservations: 619-226-6100. Wednesday, September 30, 8pm; free. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

Kobe Doin’ Work Spike Lee’s 2009 flick goes into the world of sports, following Kobe Bryant from his arrival at Staples Center through team meetings, pregame warm-ups, the game itself, end of his day as he drives home. 858-534-8497. Wednesday, September 30, 8pm; \$8. The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Le Tango des Rashevskis Enjoy this 2003 comedy when screened for Cine Club of Alliance Française. In French, English, Hebrew. Donation. 858-550-0144. Friday, September 25, 7pm. Alliance Française de San Diego, 6640 Lusk Boulevard, Suite 104. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Un Viaggio Chiamato Amore Stefano Accorsi and Laura Morante star as poet Dino Campana and writer Sibilla Aleramo in director Michele Placido’s 2002 film, screening for San Diego Italian Film Festival. Suggested donation: \$5. 619-238-7559. Thursday,

September 24, 7pm. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Back to the Classroom *Dead Poets Society* (1989), starring Robin Williams, is showcased during ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. Evenings include prefilm (5:30pm) and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, September 30, 5:30pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

More Love and Honor International Film Series begins with Yoji Yamada’s 2006 film *Bushi no Ichibun*, in which “a young swordsman loses his eyesight and his wife, and fights for vengeance and honor.” Screening takes place in room 3601. In Japanese with English subtitles. 760-944-4449 x7758. Friday, September 25, 7pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

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"Goodness Is Delicious" Taste of Asia 2009 promises food prepared by 15 local restaurants from different Asian cultures, entertainment, crafts. 858-775-8949. Saturday, September 26, 11am; \$15. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

"Heart-Healthy Wine Tasting" Enjoy 25 "elegant French wines provided by Aliane Wines," whose "experts will discuss the heart-health benefits of wine, myths of red versus white wine, how much is too much," more. Then learn about heart function when touring "Body Worlds" exhibition. 877-946-7797. Friday, September 25, 6pm; \$40. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Mission Bay Wine Festival Enjoy wine tastings from more than 50 wines of prominent wineries from Napa, Sonoma, Oregon, Washington State, Temecula, and international growing areas. Event includes "sumptuous menu of food pairings." 858-539-8666. Saturday, September 26, 1pm; \$55-\$60. Catamaran Resort, 3999 Mission Boulevard. (PACIFIC BEACH)

More Savory and Sweet Delights Indian cooking series led by traditional Indian cooking expert Man-

jula Jain continues with cooking demonstrations of puri paneer and raita. Fee includes food tastings, demonstration, recipe book, spices. Nonmembers also receive two tickets to Mingei International Museum's exhibit "Sonabai — Another Way of Seeing." Reservations: 619-239-0003 x133. Tuesday, September 29, 5:30pm; \$65-\$80. Bloomingdale's Fashion Valley, 7057 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

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What's Cooking? Culinary arts students host five-course dinners in Culinary Arts patio dining area near student center. Dinners include appetizer, intermezzo, entrée, dessert, coffee service; vegetarian meals available. Dinners are fundraisers for students to compete in state and national culinary competitions, as well kitchen maintenance, equipment, supplies. Reservations: 619-644-7550 or 619-644-7549. Thursdays; through Thursday, November 5, \$15. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

FOR KIDS

"Fairytales and Superheroes" Acting 4 Fun creates, performs

montage with improvisational theater games, scenes, more. Audience participation and family fun encouraged. Creative play-based class for kids and their parents. Pay what you will. 760-403-9103. Sunday, September 27, 2pm. Performing Arts Workshop, 1105 Second Street. (ENCINITAS)

Kamishibai Time These "paper dramas" evolved from street storytelling, a popular entertainment in Japan from 1920s-1950s. Experience Japanese folk tales told in English using a traditional *kamishibai* stage. Participants will make a *chochin* (paper lantern). 760-753-7376. Friday, September 25, 10:30am; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Lyle the Crocodile Enjoy the tale of the Primms, who find a crocodile in the tub of their new apartment in New York City, when San Diego Junior Theatre in La Jolla presents this show based on Bernard Waber's book series. Production boasts cast of 20 youths. 619-239-8355. Friday, 7pm; Saturday, 2pm and 4pm; Sunday, 2pm and 4pm; through Sunday, September 27, \$11-\$13. Firehouse YMCA Community Center, 7877 Herschel Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Jungle Grapevine Debut author and renowned artist Alex Beard plans reading, signing, interactive art class for his new kids' book. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, September 29, 4pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Three Little Pigs Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales focus on the pigs "and other funny stories." 619-544-9203. Thursday, September 24, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, September 25, 10am and 11:30am;

Saturday, September 26, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, September 27, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Downsizing! Explore museum's new exhibit of miniature creations of historic origins, many that took years to build. Kids can build their own miniature paper sailboat to take home as a souvenir during fall family day. Sign up for a short cruise on San Diego Bay aboard historic *Pilot* (\$3). Adults pay regular admission; children (under 13) must be accompanied by adult to enter free. 619-234-9153 x101. Sunday, September 27, 11am; free-\$14. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Extraordinary Elephants Ride bus to "Elephant Odyssey" exhibit to explore zoo's newest exhibit with KinderNights teachers. Discover elephants of past and present, make an elephant "fossil." Fee does not include admission to zoo. Required reservations: 619-557-3969. Friday, September 25, 6:30pm; \$12. 3 and up. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Kids Need an Expo! Enjoy exhibits, shows, presentations, demonstrations, activities, vendors, games, more during San Diego Kids' Expo for "entire family." 619-459-9329. Saturday, September 26, 10am; Sunday, September 27, 10am; \$7. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Princess by the Sea Party Dress as your favorite princess, make crafts, "eat food fit for only a princess." Dine with Miss San Diego and "San Diego's Outstanding Teen," have your photograph taken with them. Space availability, reservations: 619-723-1005. Saturday, September 26, 1pm; \$25.

Scripps Park, 1133 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

GALLERIES

"2009 Faculty Exhibition" Reception for show of work by the many talented art faculty members of SDSU. Closes Saturday, October 10. 619-594-5171. Friday, September 25, 6pm; free. University Art Gallery at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

"All San Diego County Art Show" Awards reception for 29th annual exhibition, on view through Sunday, October 11. 858-459-1196. Sunday, September 27, 2:30pm; free. La Jolla Art Association Gallery, 8100 Paseo del Ocaso, suite B. (LA JOLLA)

"Crude Gestures" Reception for one-day show of new paintings and drawings by Jessica Hulburt and Flick Yoli. 619-519-4738. Saturday, September 26, 7pm; free. Ice Gallery, 3417 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Into the Frying Pan" Reception and open studios event for graduate review exhibition, continuing through Tuesday, September 30, in Flor y Canto and Everett Gee Jackson Galleries. 619-594-6511. Friday, September 25, 6pm; free. Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Recent Acquisitions to the Permanent Collection" Opening reception for exhibition of pieces from permanent art collection, including new additions to "Erika and Fred Torri Artists' Books Collection." Aside from artists' books, works have been acquired from exhibiting artists. Also opening: "Wendell Kling: A Piece of the Moon World." Kling is an artist, musician, performer, sculptor, art teacher, animator, among

other things; exhibition includes shadow boxes incorporating interactive sound, stop-action animation, transformation of rotunda windows. Both close Saturday, November 7. 858-454-5872. Friday, September 25, 6:30pm; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

"Colina Fest 09" Crawford High School students and International Rescue Committee present festival and benefit concert. Proceeds support Crawford High School Scholarships and the DREAM Act. 619-641-7510 x256. Saturday, September 26, 2pm; \$6. Colina Del Sol Park and Recreation Center, 5319 Orange Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Comedy Picante" Latino comedy show feature Don Hefty, Luis Banuelos, Rene Garcia. Hosted by Aurelio Bocanegra. 619-708-7975. Sunday, September 27, 8pm; \$12-\$15. 21 and up. 809 Lounge, 503 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Impossible Visions" Sebastian presents "his magical dinner show," with guest J. Sanchez. Dinner: 6pm; show: 8pm. Reservations: 858-344-6981. Wednesdays, 6pm; \$20. The Comedy Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

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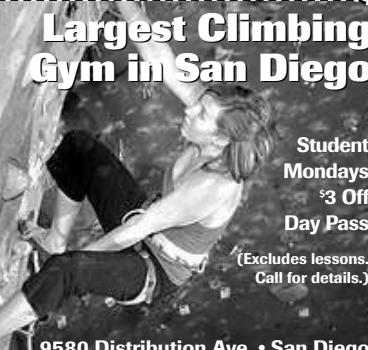
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"PMS BS" "The 'mermazing' Carol Jones performs high dives into midlife's physical, mental, and spiritual special effects." Piece is loosely based on her book *Moonlighting in a Wrinkled Birthday Suit*. RSVP: 619-688-1234. Sunday, September 27, 2pm; \$12. One Heart One Mind Center for Spiritual Living, 10225 Barnes Canyon Road suite C-100. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

"Sing Out for Single Payer" Matters of Controversy series promises "updates on the current

bills in Congress...learn what you can do to get real health care reform passed." Musicians Jason Lockett and Eric Schwartz will take part in "sing out." Also on tap: reading of *Ladies for Single Payer*, a new play by Anita Simons. Requested donation: \$10. Reservations: 858-459-4650. Friday, September 25, 7:30pm; First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

"The Piano Man" Terry Davies pays homage to Elton John and Billy Joel, backed by ten-piece band. 800-988-4253. Friday, September 25, 8pm; \$20-\$50. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

America Libre Suspense author Raul Ramos y Sanchez signs his new book. 858-268-4747. Thursday, September 24, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Claire-

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Fitzgerald and Hemingway: Works and Days Acclaimed biographer Scott Donaldson visits shop to discuss and sign his new book. "Through the provocative arguments of Scott Donaldson...affinities between these two authors become brilliantly clear." 858-454-0347. Tuesday, September 29, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Love Soup Anna Thomas, author of *Vegetarian Epicure*, offers soup samples, discusses her work, signs books. 858-454-0347. Thursday, September 24, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Mouse Guard Mastermind Eisner Award winner David Petersen signs *Mouse Guard Fall 1152*, *Winter 1152*, and *RPG Guide*. 858-278-0371. Wednesday, September 30, 4pm; free. Comickaze Comics and Books, 5517 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

The Philosophical Baby Child psychologist/author/philosopher Dr. Alison Gopnik discusses her latest book and focuses on latest findings in neuroscience, including development and function of the infant brain. 877-946-7797. Thursday, September 24, 4pm; \$13-\$25. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

This Side of Jordan Historical novelist Monte Schulz discusses, signs books. 858-268-4747. Wednesday, September 30, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Wrestling with Our Inner Angels Author Nancy Kehoe discusses her book, role of faith and spirituality in treating mental illness. Kehoe is a nun in Society of the Sacred Heart and clinical instructor in psychology at Cambridge Health Alliance. Signing follows. 858-270-8642. Saturday, September 26, 9am; free. Open Door Books, 4761 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

ABBA-Fab Share in this "ABBA experience," a tribute show with performances by Anne Davies and Chelsea Faulds. 800-988-4253. Saturday, September 26, 8pm; \$20-\$50. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

An Up-and-Coming Virtuoso! Flamenco guitarist Oscar Guzman performs both traditional and new innovations of flamenco music in Creative Arts Complex studio A. 760-795-6815. Sunday, September 27, 2pm; \$8-\$10. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Comedy on the Crest Improv sketch comedy show by members of Comedy Under Construction. 858-550-8088. Wednesdays, 8pm; through Wednesday, November 18, \$5. 14 and up. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Family-Friendly Comedy Night Host Kerri Pomarolli joined by "top names in Christian comedy" — Carlos Oscar, Geoff Brown, Kristin Weber. Tickets include barbecue dinner in garden,

"roaring clean comedy." 760-721-7777. Saturday, September 26, 6pm; \$11. New Venture Christian Fellowship, 4000 Mystra Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Hilarious, Shocking, Surreal San Diego State creative writing professor and acclaimed poet Marilyn Chin discusses and signs her new novel, *Revenge of the Mooncake Vixen*. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, September 30, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Magee Park Poets Jill Moses and Claudia Poquoc read from their work. Open reading follows. 760-602-2026. Sunday, September 27, 2pm; free. Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Meet an Unorthodox Principal Ben Chavis and co-author Carey Blakely will discuss, sign their new book, *Crazy Like a Fox: One Principal's Triumph in the Inner City*. Chavis is principal of Oakland's American Indian Public Charter School. 858-454-0347. Monday, September 28, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Mystery Author Wendy Hornsby signs *In the Guise of Mercy*. 858-268-4747. Saturday, September 26, 2pm; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Ocean Beach Comedy Headliner Steven Kendrick, Jesse Egan perform. Open-mike comedy at 6pm, show at 7pm. 619-222-6822. Friday, September 25, 6pm; \$5. Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

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

Wine n' Writers Tango book club convenes with Jennifer Coburn, author of "four chick-lit novels" including *Tales from the Crib* and *The Wife of Reilly*. Talk followed by book signing; books available for purchase. 619-564-7700. Wednesday, September 30, 6pm; free. Tango Wine Company, 2161 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

World Literary Series Literary reading by short story writer Stephen-Paul Martin, author of *The Possibility of Music* and other books. Reading takes place in Grand Salon (room 113) of M. Gordon Clarke Field House. Parking fee. 760-750-8077. Thursday, September 24, 7pm; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

LECTURES

Adventures in Bird Conservation Glenn Olson discusses conservation work of Audubon California, National Audubon's bird conservation work across America, and new initiatives across flyways and throughout Western Hemisphere during San Diego Audubon Society meeting. 619-682-7200. Friday, September 25, 7pm; free. Joyce Beers Com-

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Art Talk: Sarah Oppenheimer Artist Sarah Oppenheimer discusses her work on view in "Automatic Cities: The Architectural Imaginary in Contemporary Art" exhibition. Oppenheimer's complex architectural installations explore ways individuals navigate constructed space. Included in regular admission (\$10). 858-454-3541. Saturday, September 26, 4pm. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Discovering Artists" "Perspectives from Curators, Collectors, and Artists" offered by panelists Mark Quint, Wendy Wilson, Olivia Luther, Patricia Patterson. Explore facets of contemporary art collecting, following the artist's journey through galleries, private collections, museums. Included in museum admission (\$5 general). 760-839-4120. Saturday, September 26, 4pm; California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

"Ethics and Science" Dr. Michael Kalichman of UCSD addresses San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry. 619-421-5844. Sunday, September 27, 7pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"Firescaping with Native Plants" Learn essentials of fire-wise landscaping using native plants with Greg Rubin, owner of California's Own Native Landscape Design. Plant identification, selection, grouping, care. Reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Tuesday, September 29, 6pm; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Human Song in Biological Perspective: The Singing Brain" "Homo sapiens is the only species that speaks, but just one of many species that sings." Aniruddh D. Patel of the Neurosciences Institute focuses on biology of human song and its relationship to songs of other species. 619-255-0203. Tuesday, September 29, 6:30pm; \$5-\$10. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"H₂O 911!" Concerned about current water shortage? Join Vickie

Driver for "fast and furious introduction to dealing with our water shortage." Learn simple steps for saving water and money inside and outside the home. 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, September 26, 1pm; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Meet the Press" How are the arts covered by local press? What constitutes good arts writing? Discussion in conjunction with "Ag-itprop: Brain Trust" exhibit with panelists Seth Combs, Keli Dailey, Patricia Frischer, Pam Kragen, moderator Kevin Freitas. 619-337-4891. Saturday, September 26, 6pm. Art Produce Gallery, 3139 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

"Memories Are Made of These" End-of-quarter social planned when LIFE at MiraCosta meets in room 1068; members will share one object which has meaning for their lives as a keepsake. 760-721-8124. Friday, September 25, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"Mulch, Compost, Fertilizer!" Landscape designer Jan Tubiolo focuses on "Taking Care of Your New Water Smart Garden." Learn maintenance principles, seasonal tips. Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Wednesday, September 30, 6pm; \$25-\$35. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Nutrition Solutions for Common Challenges During Cancer Treatment" Lecture by Vicky Newman, M.S., R.D. 858-822-2236. Thursday, September 24, 11:30am; free. 18 and up. Y1 Studios, 1150 Seventh Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Organized Crime, Militarization, and Human Rights" Sigrid Arzt, former technical secretary of Mexico's National Security Council, discusses Mexican federal government's recent efforts to fight drug cartels, challenges that resulted from trying to balance public safety with respect for human rights during President Felipe Calderón's administration. 858-822-6756. Tuesday, September 29, 5pm; free. Institute of the Americas, UCSD, 10111 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

"Reach Your Full Potential" Workshop on college and career choices offered by Grossmont College Career Center in room 627 (adjacent to Student Center). Topics include informed decision-making for college major and career plan, self-discovery. Reservations: 619-644-7614. Thursday, September 24, 11am; free. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

"Really Reliable Recall" Frustrated when Spot won't "come when called"? Remedy problem during workshop. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. Saturday, September 26, 9am; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

"Socialism: What It Is and Why We Need It" "The word 'socialism' has returned to the mainstream of American political debate." Discuss idea of socialism, socialist strategies for changing the world during meeting sponsored by International Socialist Organization. 619-865-0621. Thursday, September 24, 6pm; free. City Heights Recreation Center, 4380 Landis Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)



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Artistic Legacy of Sadequain Pakistani artist Sadequain provides topic when his nephew Salman Ahmad speaks for Atheist Coalition of San Diego. 619-342-7388. Tuesday, September 29, 6:30pm; free. North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street. (NORTH PARK)

"The Boy in the Chimney" Elizabeth Miller presents "A Case Study in Decomposition" when 18th seminar in forensic sciences is offered by San Diego Museum of Man in zoo's Otto Center. Seminar features crime experts, physical anthropologists discussing the many methods, techniques, procedures used to help solve crimes, identify unknown human remains, determine causes of death. Other topics: "Pig Knee Miss-Identified as Human," "A Tale of Two Women," "Unusual Cranial Fracture Patterns as a Result of Gunshot Trauma," more. Registration: 619-239-2001. Saturday, September 26, 9am; \$50-\$75. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Education of a Freedom Lawyer" Attorney Arthur Campbell reads, discusses his book *Trial and Error: The Education of a Freedom Lawyer*, relating his experiences as a trial attorney in Washington D.C. from the defense and the prosecution's perspectives. 619-531-3900. Thursday, September 24, noon; free-\$5. San Diego County Public Law Library, 1105 Front Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Way of the Dream" Video presentation by Jungian analyst Marie-Louise van Franz, as well as discussion led by local analyst, planned by Friends of Jung. 858-291-9811. Friday, September 25, 7:30pm; \$15-\$20. Mueller College, 6160 Mission Gorge Rd., 3rd floor. (GRANTVILLE)

"Toss the Turf: Less Water, Less Grass, More Fun!" Vickie Driver presents short course in turf removal. Tips for evaluating soil, tuning up irrigation system, ideas for "a beautiful low-water landscape in lieu of lawn." Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, September 26, 9am; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Unexpected Journeys" Fall seminar offered by North San

Diego County Genealogical Society. Speakers Dorothy Miller, Wayne Anderson, Margaret Read, Carol Baird address variety of topics. Registration: 760-599-9958. Saturday, September 26, 9am; \$15-\$20. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"Van Gogh and Cézanne" Art history lecture series with Linda Blair focusing on "the art, the meaning of art in their lives, and the possible relationship between their burdened personalities and the art they produce." Registration: 858-454-5872. Tuesdays, 7:30pm; through Tuesday, October 13, \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Wines of Georgia" Wine expert Barbara Baxter plans lecture and "wine-tasting experience of Georgian wines in conjunction with Getty Villa exhibition 'The Golden Graves of Ancient Vani.'" Required reservations: 858-454-5872. Wednesday, September 30, 7:30pm; \$25-\$30. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

All Things Korean (Art) In illustrated talk, Hyonjeong Kim-Han — curator of Korean art at Los Angeles County Museum of

Art — discusses opening of new Korean galleries at LACMA and current "Your Bright Future: 12 Contemporary Artists from Korea" exhibition. 619-543-9810. Thursday, September 24, 10:30am; free-\$10. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Ancient and Powerful! "Is your home creating an invitation for love and romance?" Discover ways to "attract the best possible romance and enhance the relationship you are already in" during event led by certified feng shui practitioner Amanda Collins. Reservations: 619-236-8369. Thursday, September 24, 7pm; \$30-\$40. Numero Water Boutique, 1660 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Bulbs — Now! Learn about fall bulbs during gardening class. 619-224-8271. Saturday, September 26, 9am; free. Walter Andersen Nursery — San Diego, 3264 Enterprise Street. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Fall Bulbs Learn what to plant this autumn during gardening class. 858-513-4900. Saturday, September 26, 9:30am; free. Walter Andersen Nursery — Poway, 12755 Danielson Court. (POWAY)

Finding Funding City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture hosts workshop to inform public about application and review processes for "FY 2011" funding for arts and culture programs. Workshop topics include eligibility requirements, eligible programs and services, how to apply, funding restrictions, matching requirements. Learn about the Creative Communities San Diego Program (CCSD). RSVP: 619-236-6788. Wednesday, September 30, 2:30pm; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Friendly Natives See, touch, smell some drought-tolerant plants — such as salvias and California natives — when landscape designer Doug Kalal presents "Thirty Great Drought-Tolerant Plants for Your Garden." 619-200-7066. Wednesday, September 30, 6pm; free. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Gallery Walk and Talk Artist Gregg Jabs discusses techniques and iconography in his exhibition "An American Dream." Installations "present social and personal narratives that explore the delicate balance between collective identity and individual response." 760-435-3720. Thursday, September 24, 7pm; free-\$5. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

HIV/AIDS Information via Computer Medical library faculty from Pacific College of Oriental Medicine lead instructional workshop to teach patrons skills to access information about HIV/AIDS online. Learn to use widely available and authoritative online resources to answer questions about HIV/AIDS, gain information about clinical trials, current treatment and guidelines, alternative therapies, FDA-approved and investigational drugs, other news. 619-533-3972. Monday, September 28, 6pm; free. North Park Library, 3795 31st Street. (NORTH PARK)

Immigration and Finances Seminar led by "qualified immigration attorneys," on hand to answer questions. Bring your documents, list of questions. 858-874-3266. Saturday, September 26, 11:30am; free. Oceanside Library, 330 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

Know Nautical Jargon? How about safe harbor navigation, coastal piloting, knotting, aids to navigation, safe boating? San Diego Sail and Power Squadron hosts eight-week safe-boating course. Nominal charge for course materials. Registration: 619-475-9773. Tuesday, September 29, 7pm. BSA Youth Aquatic Center, 1750 Fiesta Island Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Meet a Medical Intuitive Caroline Sutherland presents "The Body Knows...The Spirit Knows," answering questions and doing "spot readings from the audience." 760-753-5786 x851. Thursday, September 24, 7pm; \$15-\$20. Seaside Center for Spiritual Living, 1613 Lake Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Meet the Monarchs Leana Bulay from Monarch Program talks about types of monarch butterflies found in SD County during Friends of Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve meeting. Learn about native plants that attract these creatures. 760-749-5320. Saturday, September 26, 10am; free. Valley Center Library, 29200 Cole Grade Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

Sogetsu School Ikebana Learn basics of Sogetsu style ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement) from Yumi Rakers. Materials list upon required advance registration. Fee: \$15 per session, or \$40 for three sessions. Registration: 619-232-2721. Tuesdays, 9:30am; through Tuesday, October 27, \$15. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Songwriter Wannabe? Musician/poet/professor Brandon Cesium leads songwriting workshop. Students learn basics of collaboration, creation, revision and write two songs by end of session. Cesium is author of *Driven into the Shade*. Enroll: 619-677-3308. Saturday, September 26, noon; \$40. Perelandra College, 8250 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

SPORTS

Bike, Socialize, Make Friends! Urban bike and social club party ride to Padres versus Dodgers baseball game. Ride kicks off at Adam Avenue Bicycles, heads to Hamilton's Tavern in South Park "for a little pit stop," proceeds to Petco Park (game starts at 7:05pm). Plan to bring money for libations, purchase of tickets. 619-885-8188. Tuesday, September 29, 5:30pm; free. 21 and up. Adam Avenue Bicycles, 2606 Adams Ave San Diego. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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Bolts vs. Dolphins San Diego Chargers host Miami Dolphins. Game broadcast on CBS. 800-745-3000. Sunday, September 27, 1:15pm; \$54-\$98. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Brain Tumor Walk Eighth annual event starts with registration (8am), program and activities (9am-noon) at Hospitality Point (1400 Quivira Way). Select 5k walk, family activities. Participants encouraged to raise funds to support brain tumor research, patient services at National Brain Tumor Society. 866-455-3214. Saturday, September 26, 8am; free-\$35. Mission Bay Park, Vacation Isle, off Ingraham Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Dolls versus Girls! San Diego Derby Dolls take on Santa Cruz Derby Girls during flat-track roller derby competition in Wyland Center Hall. 619-589-0890. Saturday, September 26, 8pm; free-\$20. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Everyday Heroes 5k This 5k walk/run is fundraiser for Everyday Heroes program. Participants take part in three-mile trip along Embarcadero. Registration: 858-715-8005. Saturday, September 26, 7am; \$30. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

Fall Dressage Show San Diego chapter hosts show. 858-481-9085. Saturday, September 26, 8am; Sunday, September 27, 8am; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Fishing Fun Catch and release bass fish up to seven pounds. Fishing for all ages. 619-442-9891. Friday, September 25, 6pm; Saturday, September 26, 6pm; Sunday, Sep-

tember 27, 6pm; \$10. Cottonwood Golf Club, 3121 Willow Glen Drive. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Hilly! Bicycle to Ramona by way of Del Dios with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders. Expect 75 miles of pedaling. Bring money for lunch in Ramona. 619-473-8513. Sunday, September 27, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

NSSA Open #1 National Scholastic Surfing Association hosts competition at south harbor jetty. Free for spectators. 760-378-0899. Saturday, September 26, 7am; Sunday, September 27, 7am. Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Padres vs. Dodgers San Diego Padres host the L.A. Dodgers. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Tuesday, September 29, 7:05pm; Wednesday, September 30, 7:05pm; \$7-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Parks in Many Places! Join Knickerbikers for 20-mile bike ride from Balboa Park to North Park and Adams Avenue (coffee stop at Lestat's), South Park, Golden Hill, to Brickyard for lunch, up to Mission Hills and Balboa Park. Ride starts in organ pavilion parking lot. 858-272-4710. Saturday, September 26, 9am; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Rob Machado Surf Experience Surfing contest for boys and girls, along with King of the Reef and Queen of the Reef competition and Cardiff Green Expo. 760-436-0431. Saturday, September 26, 8am; Sunday, September 27, 8am. Cardiff State Beach (Seaside), S. Coast Hwy. 101, north of West Plaza Street. (CARDIFF)

SoCal Buell Riders Benefit Ride Motorcycle "mystery ride" promises "everything from tight corners, fun sweepers, and fast straightaways," benefiting Buell privateer racer and SoCal Buell Riders member Shawn Higbee. Ride will be 143 miles long, of intermediate difficulty, 3.5 hours long, ending with barbecue, pool party, auction. Minimum donation: \$1. Meet up in front of Starbucks. Required advance registration: 858-652-4032. Saturday, September 26, 8:30am; 18 and up. Starbucks — Scripps Ranch, 10625 Scripps Poway Parkway San Diego, CA. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Spreckels Cup Tournament San Diego Polo Club hosts competition. Preliminary matches at 1:30pm, feature match at 3pm. Parking: \$5. 858-750-6841. Sunday, September 27, 1:30pm; \$10-\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Embarcadero Urban Trees 6 Public art exhibit of 30 "urban trees" along North Embarcadero on Harbor Drive (between cruise ship terminal and Hawthorn Street). Artists were supplied with a 12-foot-tall pole placed in a concrete planter to serve as tree's base; artists alter the pole by attaching materials to create their sculptures. 619-686-6200. Along Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Kellogg Library at CSU San Marcos "Earth from Space" features 20 satellite images from the Smithsonian Institute. Pieces offer "rare views of events such as dust storms, wildfires, volcanic eruptions, and hurricanes...accompanied by text explaining satellite imagery and remote-sensing technology." Closes Saturday, December 19. 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Rd., 760-750-4378. (SAN MARCOS)

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 contemporary resonance beyond specific historical events." Exhibition includes pieces by Dennis Oppenheim, Vito Acconci, Chris Burden, Maria Fernanda Cardoso, Russell Crotty, Lewis de Soto, James Drake, Charles Gaines, Ann Hamilton, Jim

Skalman, others. Through Sunday, September 27.

"Octagon" (named for eight-sided 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 well-known masterpieces. Closes Sunday, October 4.

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

The interface between nature and urban technological culture is explored in "Jo Whaley: Theater of

Insects." Over the last 25 years, Whaley's photographs have ranged from allegorical nudes to a 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)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 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)

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People Who Died “San Diego will always have a special place in my heart as the place I began my career in rock ‘n’ roll,” expressed the late author Jim Carroll 20 years ago. It was in an interview this reporter did for SDSU’s *Daily Aztec*. Carroll — a published poet in the *Paris Review* while still a teen, who later wrote of his high school days as a jock and street-hustling junkie in his acclaimed *Basketball*

Diaries — gave several San Diego readings in those years, from SDSU’s Backdoor to a tiny downtown dive called Saigon Palace. By then, Carroll had wound down his band-fronting, highlighted by his punk-pop single



PUNK-POET JIM CARROLL, R.I.P.

the *New York Times*, “I met him in 1970, and already he was pretty much universally recognized as the best poet of his generation...sophisticated and elegant.”

Smith first brought Carroll to a microphone as a band rocked behind him at San Diego’s California Theatre on May 15, 1978. Smith convinced a visiting Carroll to perform after the original opener was scrapped.

who taught me how to write poetry ten years ago, and we’re gonna do somethin’... In one minute, we’re gonna have Jim Carroll.”

Robert P. Laurence gave the show a mixed review in the *San Diego Union*: “Backstage, onstage, and in front of the stage, chaos reigned most of the night, delaying the start of the concert for an hour and a half and contributing to an atmosphere of near-violence that Smith herself seemed to encourage, then wave away. As a performer, she seemed unable to make up her mind whether to be a poet, a rock ‘n’ roller, comedian, or demagogue.”

In his Jim Carroll obituary last Monday, concertgoer Tom Yamaguchi blogged about that night. Smith, who had fallen off a stage the year before and broken her neck, “decided the best way to avoid another injury was to allow fans to stand directly under the stage.... [It] did not sit well with the fire marshal. He threatened to shut down the concert.”

And the backstage drama? “What happened was, the opener was Les Dudek, this California guitar dude [arguably most famous for dating/backing Cher],” explained Carroll. “His roadies had fought with Patti’s roadies...so she kicked him off the bill. And then she said to me, ‘Jim, c’mon...’”

— David Stampone

More Pig-Head Press

Burning of Rome used five impaled pig heads as props during their set at the 2009 San Diego Music Awards.

“It’s pretty creepy,” says a fellow performer and one of the night’s award-winners. “I don’t know if pig heads are SDMA-friendly. It’s not something I’d want to have my kids see.... But I guess some of the bands go to great lengths to publicize themselves.”

SDMA executive director Kevin Hellman says this about the animal carcasses that dripped blood while BoR

anything to support the meat industry.” But worse than that, he thought that the band looked as if it was trying too hard to get attention. “This was so silly. [Pig heads onstage] has been done before.”

Travis Ryan is the lead singer with the vegetarian death-metal band Cattle Decapitation. Over its seven years as a touring band, Ryan says his band has been hit with “vegan pussies” heckles from the crowd.

“It’s kind of cheesy,” says Ryan, an attendee. “So many

of their Lord of the Rings stage montage. “Pigs were in keeping with that. Some people were definitely grossed out by it, but I think most people understood it on a theatrical level.” He said his band will not do it again, but if they had the night to do over, they would have hoisted the hogs again. “I think people are more talking about the SDMAs as a bad thing in general. *CityBeat* puts it on, and they even have bad reviews in their own paper complaining that Slightly Stoopid, who won artist of the year, didn’t even have any new music that came out this year. It seems like a popularity contest rather than something that has anything to do with what’s going on with the music scene in San Diego.”

Was Burning of Rome trying too hard with its creepy carnage? “If anything, I think you can try too little. Ask [Ryan] if he remembered any of the other performances that night.”

— Ken Leighton



ROME ROLLS WITH PIGS ON POLES

played: “This was a band that was just doing what a lot of bands do: finding a way to get publicity. I’m sure bands have done crazier things. What did people say when Ozzy Osbourne bit the head off of a bat?”

“Pigs are smarter than dogs,” said another musician. “I find it deplorable to do

bands have done that. It didn’t seem to mesh with what they were doing onstage. After their set, they pulled the heads off of the mike stands and showed them to everybody in the crowd as if to say, ‘Hey, look at me.’”

Burning of Rome drummer Lee Williams says the porcine props were just part

Wacky Music Market

The guys in new-wave band Lights On are working hard to turn fans on to their retro British synth-pop sound. Lucky for them, the licensing company they hired last year is just as diligent.

In the past six months, the band’s licensing company has placed Lights On songs

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the inside track blurt

“People Who Died.”

James Dennis Carroll, 59, died on September 11, 2009, in his native Manhattan — reportedly by heart attack at his desk. His close friend, rocker-poet Patti Smith, told

A bootleg of that entire Patti Smith show exists, complete with Carroll’s set.

Smith addresses the lively crowd at the start, explaining the evening’s improvised lineup: “There’s a guy here

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on three ABC television shows, and another of the band's songs will appear in upcoming film *I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell*. Each placement brings in anywhere from \$4000 to \$8000.

The last placement, the one they are most proud of, came recently, during the August 29 episode of HBO miniseries *Hung*, a

show about a Detroit high school basketball coach who turns tricks for extra cash. During a rock-climbing scene, "Wild at Heart," a song from Lights On's debut EP *Waiting for the Heart to Beat*, played in the background.

"We were definitely excited. This is a cool show...a little racy...and, ultimately, not cheesy," wrote

singer-guitarist-keyboardist Timothy Hines in a September 2 email.

"It was background music for the most part but still pretty cool."

Since hiring the licensing company, the band has been

pleased with the results. "The music supervisors in Hollywood run a small incestuous circle and take a liking to upcoming bands that are cheap for hire," writes Hines. "But, it pays well. It just adds another log to the fire of trying to build a buzz in this wacky music market."

And as the band records their second EP, due out this October, they await to hear what might be the biggest song placement yet, a song for the second installment in

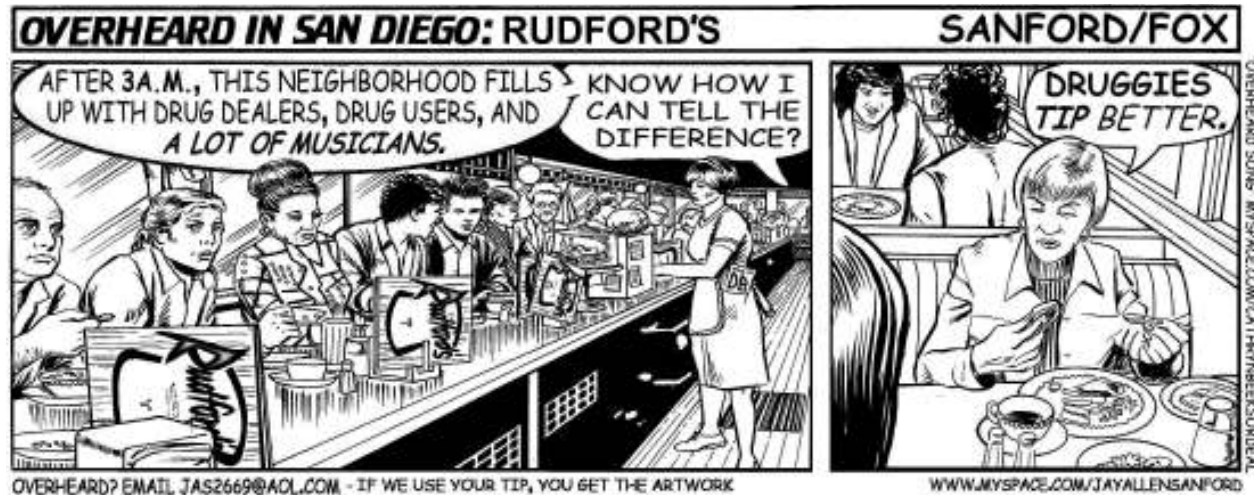


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the teenage vampire movie saga *Twilight: The New Moon*.

"That would be a huge deal," writes Hines. "But, we'll see."

Catch Lights On playing Friday, October 9, at the Whistle Stop with Hotel St.



George. And in November, they will open for Swedish indie act Peter Bjorn and John at House of Blues here and in L.A.

— Dorian Hargrove

Record-Release

Roundup Honest Iago's album-release party for *Straight on 'Til Morning* happens Thursday, September 24, at Dream Street. "People can expect a lot of instrument switching with horns and electronics and such," says singer-guitarist Nick Norton, who recently moved to London. "We've spent the past two years writing and recording in three countries and several states, with us sending stuff to each other in San Diego, Irvine, London, Paris, Portland, and Boston. A few times, we actually jammed on Skype."

Moxy Bullets were about to break up before recording

their self-titled debut, due October 2 on Rdub Recordings. "All of us were pretty much over the band," says singer-guitarist Mark Polydor, "and Rey [Puente, drums] was already playing

We'd all fiddle with the EQ and volume and shout things like 'Needs more bass' or 'Turn the treble down on those guitars,' as if any of us knew what we were talking about." The release party is



INTERNATIONAL ACT HONEST IAGO JAMS ON SKYPE

in another group." Recording reinvigorated the hard rockers. "All five of us would pile into the producer's truck so we could hear how the mix sounded on a car stereo."

October 8 at Canes.

Folksy jazz duo the Turtle Project plan a release party for their EP *Songs of Trifle* at Lestat's on October 3. "Rob Dee and Chad Cavanaugh

will be performing a comical original song about the Turtle Project," according to bassist Jim Krooskos, who also plans to have Dee join him for a cover of the Predicates' song "Taco Bell."

Cathryn Beeks's *Mood Swings*, produced by Jeff Berkley, will be out in mid-October. "I laid down rough versions of around 20 songs I'd written over the past three years," says Beeks, "and we decided on 12 of those, plus a Paul Simon cover and a few others."

Also in October, expect an EP from Family Wagon, new albums from the Black Heart Procession and Switchfoot, and a collection of cover songs from Greg Laswell.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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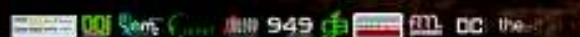
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Thursday 24

"We do hardcore right." That throwback punk-rock supergroup you've been hearing about, **Rats Eyes** (ex-Locust, -Sirhan, -Combover, and -Bloodflowers), rocks Bar Pink with proggy fusion foursome **Schmaltz** (ex-Creedle).... Windy City wunderkind **Stanley Jordan** and his trio finish up a two-night stint at Anthology tonight. The jazz guitarist's latest Blue Note pressing is called *State of Nature*.... Belly Up bills an evening with the pride of Paragould, Arkansas, **Iris DeMent**. The folkie flower child is an artist's artist whose plainsong parables are better known from the likes of Natalie Merchant, Merle Haggard, John Prine, and Steve Earle. DeMent's Grammy-nominated *My Life* (1994) is a folk-rock staple.

Friday 25

Get far out for five bucks at Soda Bar Friday night as Jersey noise-pop quartet **Titus Andronicus** takes the club with **So So Glos**. Andronicus's Beggars XL Records debut *Airing of Grievances* stands as one of the more exciting collections to wreck ears this year, pounding Pavement's haphazardry into East Coast barroom rockers "fueled by blue-collar frustration and beer." The So So Glos are a Brooklyn export that eschews that hood's artifice for "renegade rock and roll." Check the Space takes from their last full-length *Tourism/Terrorism* for a primer. Like-minded locals **Sunday**



TITUS ANDRONICUS AT SODA BAR

Times and **Weatherbox** will set the stage... If you miss the door at Soda, Soma fills a side-stage bill with A-list locals **Get Back Loretta**, **Thieves and Liars** (playing a CD release), **Long Live**

Logos, **Silent Comedy**, **Misc. Ailments**, and the **New Archaic**. That's a big ticket for under ten bucks, teens.... Al Jourgensen's (Ministry) other '80s industrial act, the **Revolting Cocks**, will penetrate Brick by Brick behind this year's Sex-O *Olympic-O* and its hopeful remix *Sex-O MiXXX-O*.... Else: Nashville roots crew **Old Crow Medicine Show** rolls the wagons into 4th&B.... L.A. ambient experimentalists **Normandie** invade Bar Pink.... **Long and Short of It** and the **Postals** deliver melodic metal to Ken Club.... And rehabilitated emo act the **Get Up Kids** have a pop-punk play date at House of Blues.

Saturday 26

The Adams Avenue Street Fair kicks off Saturday with beaucoup cool stuff t'do. Recommend you



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catch this year's SDMA Lifetime Achievers the **Zeros** Saturday night at 8p on the 33rd Street stage and go to the web address for the rest: adamsaveonline.com.... If you're still standing, go drone with **Om** at Casbah. The doom-metal duo is out to tout their "departure" disc *God Is Good*. It's bassist-vocalist Al Cisneros's first record with new drummer Emil Amos and first for indie elitists Drag City. It is what it is. Loud. Primordial. **Lichens** and **Archons** on the bill.... L.A.'s alt-rock experimentalists **Autolux** are fine-tuning their sophomore set *Transit Transit*. Get a preview when the trio joins **Mini Mansions** and the **Dabbers** in a Casbah-curated show at Soma.... The **Sian Alice Group** will bring the Brit pop-tronica to Bar Pink. L.A. indie kid **Nico Stai** sets the stage.... The Milgaten boys' **Vision of a Dying World** has a CD-releaser at Soda Bar. The

psych-folk act's new one's called *I Will Not Fear What I Don't Understand*.... Celtic-rock quintet the **Young Dubliners** play a jig gig at Belly Up.

Sunday 27

Ché Café continues its Disorientation Fest Sunday night with plucky troubadours **Cole Miller**, **Doug Paisley**, and **Dusty Highway** from Coronado. (I didn't think they let the kids play music on that side of the bridge).... There's gonna be a Texas twofer at Radio Room Sunday night as the Lone Star State's **Tagalongs** and **Bass Line Bums** split a bill with locals **Mice** and **Mocking Birds**. It's all that high-octane pop punk that the kids like.... Soma stages the "Squash the Beef" (!) tour, starring *So You Think You Can Dance* **Gavin Dance**. The Sac-town screamers are out in support of their latest and, according to the experts, "most accessible" collection, *Happiness*. He doesn't sound happy. **Emarosa**, **Of Mice and Men**, and a couple other beef-squashing bands are on the bill.



THE HORRORS AT CASBAH

Monday 28

SanFran band the **Dodos** land at Casbah Monday night for the club's Anti-Monday meet-up. The psych-folk duo's *Visiter* (Frenchkiss) was a pleasant surprise last year, climbing crit lists quickly and convincingly with its acoustic art-punk quirk, freak-folk layers, and classic-rawk bravado. Two guys! They kill it live, too. I haven't heard the new one, *Time to Die*, but the Space takes suggest the heavy hand of production. Kiwi crew the **Ruby Suns** will set the stage with woody psych-folk sing-alongs.... Indie-pop quartet **Portugal**. **The Man** visits Belly Up behind *The Satanic Satanist*, a less conceptual, more traditional pop-rock record for the Alaskan act. Take a taste at myspace.com/portugalthemanager. **Drug Rug** and **Robert Francis** set the Solana Beach stage.... Funky soul brothers the **Styletones** step into Bar Pink, where they hold down most Monday nights.



PORTUGAL. THE MAN AT BELLY UP

Tuesday 29

British buzz band the **Horrors** haunt Casbah Tuesday night. The fuzz-pop five-piece has been enjoying some critical acclaim for their sophomore step-up *Primary Colours*. Take one part JAMC, one

part MBV, mix well, tour the world. Garage-rocking Costa Mesans **Japanese Motors** pull into the club first.

Wednesday 30

Couple of hump-night hits this week as NYC dream-pop dame Yuki Chikudate and her band **Asobi Seksu** (means "casual sex" in Japanese) hit on Casbah with *Hush*, their latest "shoegaze with gloss" crit pick available via Polyvinyl. Up-and-coming Swedish folkies **Loney Dear** and **Anna Ternheim** also on the bill.... "I Got Soul, I'm So Wasted." Beauty Bar styles an electro-clash club night around Oakland act **Wallpaper** (aka Eric Frederic, who drops his debut disc *Doodoo Face* this week. (Yeah, you read that right.) Dago dance-punx the **Attack** and **Black Barbie** up first.

— Barnaby Monk



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

Thursday, 7:30pm — Stanley Jordan. Jazz guitarist. \$28.

Friday, 7pm — The Anthology House Band. Jazz. \$5.

Friday, 9:30pm — Chris Chambers & the Tilted Kilt. With Rolling the Stones and Purple Popcorn.

Covers/hip-hop/rock. \$25.

Saturday, 7:30pm and 9:30pm — Keiko Matsui. Jazz. \$29-\$36.

Tuesday, 7pm — The Anthology House Band. Jazz. \$5.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Gregory Page. With Lisa Sanders and Berkely Hart. Acoustic/blues/soul. \$10-\$24.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-454-5872.

Monday, 7:30pm — Robin Henkel. With Wes Davis and Anna Troy.

Blues/rock. \$10-\$15.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.

Thursday, 10pm — Schmaltz. With Rats Eyes. Rock. Free. 21 and up.

Friday, 10pm — Normandie. Rock. Free. 21 and up.

Saturday, 4pm — The Sian Alice Group. With Nico Stai.

Experimental/rock. Free. 21 and up.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Om is a metal band — sort of. I should just get that out of the way first, because otherwise the following is going to seem misleading. Okay, here goes: Om's new album is called *God Is Good*. Bandleader **Al Cisneros** has described the songs on the album as "personal prayers" to a higher power. The opening track, "Thebes," is more than 19 minutes long, much of it made up of drones reminiscent of Indian classical music. The vocals don't start until three minutes and 28 seconds into the song. There isn't a solid drumbeat until after the six-minute mark, and there's no distorted guitar until almost nine

minutes have passed. Well, actually, it's a bass. There's no guitar in Om. Yes, this is a (sort of) metal band with the occasional sitar, but no guitarist.

Cisneros has been working toward this sort of thing since the early '90s when he was the bassist in Sleep, a San Jose stoner metal band with a sound so dark and sludgy that Black Sabbath sounds like the Archies in comparison. When Sleep broke up, Cisneros and drummer Chris Hakius formed Om as a bass-drums duo. (Sleep's Matt Pike went on to form High on Fire.

Sleep reunited briefly earlier this year for two shows at the All Tomorrow's Parties festival in England.)

Om has always had a quasi-religious quality to their music that's worlds away from typical stoner rock fare, but *God Is Good* is a



OM

bold step further. After Hakius left in early 2008, **Emil Amos** joined on drums, and Om has gone deeper into the mystic, turning metal into a kind of meditation.

OM: The Casbah, Saturday, September 26, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$13.

Beachside Grill: 215 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-433-8850.

Friday, 9pm — Rootsicali. With Sand Section. Reggae/ska. \$8.

Saturday, 8pm — Pacific Dub. With Stone Senses and Lil Hitt. Dub/reggae. \$8. 21 and up.

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

Thursday, 8pm — Iris Dement. Country/folk. \$22-\$24. 21 and up.

Friday, 9pm — The Black Seeds. With John Brown's Body. Reggae.

\$15-\$17. 21 and up.

Saturday, 1pm — Get Back Loretta.

With Endoxi and Long Live Logos. Rock. \$10-\$12. 21 and up.

Saturday, 8pm — The Young Dubliners. With Jim Hitchins.

Blues/funk/rock. \$22. 21 and up.

Monday, 8pm — Robert Francis. With Drug Rug and Portugal. The Man. Alternative/indie. \$12-\$14. 21 and up.

Wednesday, 9pm — Red Octopus. With Black Hondo and DJ James Barak. Rock. \$6. 21 and up.

Belo: 919 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-9200.

Thursday, 9pm — Pitbull. Hip-hop/reggaeton.

Friday, 9pm — The Black Seeds. With John Brown's Body. Reggae.

\$15-\$17. 21 and up.

Saturday, 1pm — Get Back Loretta.

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: 7007 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-295-2464.

Friday, 7pm — David Patrone. With Sky Ladd and Grant Clarkson.

Jazz/lounge. Free.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-9300.

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Saturday, 7pm — Kim Evans. Acoustic/blues/rock. Free.

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Tuesday, 8pm — Tantric. With Aranda and Vayden. Rock. \$15. 21 and up.

Cardiff State Beach (Seaside): S. Coast Hwy. 101, north of West Plaza St., Cardiff, 760-633-2740.
Saturday, 3pm — Zach Ashton. Pop. Free.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday, 8:30pm — Kelli Ruddick. With Gregory Page, Berkley Hart, Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra, and FooU. \$15. 21 and up.
Friday, 8:30pm — Dillinger Four. With Riverboat Gamblers, Arrivals, and Tiltwheel. Indie/punk/rock. \$12-\$14. 21 and up.
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Sunday, 8pm — Drug Wars. With the Old In Out and Northern Towns. Punk/rock. Free. 21 and up.
Monday, 8:30pm — The Dodos. With the Ruby Suns. Indie. \$12-\$14. 21 and up.
Tuesday, 8:30pm — The Horrors. With Japanese Motors. Rock. \$15. 21 and up.
Wednesday, 8:30pm — Asobi Sesku. With Loney Dear and Anna Ternheim. Indie/pop/rock. \$12. 21 and up.

Catamaran Resort: 3999 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-539-8635.
Saturday, 1pm — Mission Bay Wine Festival. Featuring Toquali. World. \$55.

Centro Cultural de la Raza: 2125 Park Bl., Balboa Park, 619-235-6135.
Sunday, 6pm — La Bruja. Hip-hop/reggaeton. \$10.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B St., Downtown, 619-235-0804.
Tuesday, 8pm — Wynton Marsalis and Jazz at Lincoln Center. Jazz. \$36-\$76.

Davina's Cabo Grill: 212 North Tremont St., Oceanside, 760-637-2450.
Saturday, 2pm — Gregory Michaels. Funk.
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Wednesday, 8pm — Big Rye & the Mercenaries. Rock.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
Friday, 9pm, **Saturday**, 9pm — FX5. Covers/standards/dance.

Dublin Square: 554 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-5818.
Friday, 8pm — Cole DeGenova & the People's Republic. Funk.

Embarcadero Marina Park North: 849 W Harbor Dr.,

Downtown.
Sunday, 1pm — Kim Evans. Acoustic/blues/rock. Free.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill: 5046 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.
Wednesday, 9pm — Tribal Theory. With Hii Roots, DJ R2, Old Devil, Deaf Zero, and many more. Reggae/rock. Free.

Georges on Fifth: 835 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-0444.
Thursday, 8pm — The Mar Dels. Covers/standards/rock. Free.

Hard Rock Hotel: 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 866-751-7625.
Friday, 8pm — Sugar Ray. With Dirty Heads and Aimee Allen. Pop/rock.

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Java Joe's at Café Libertalia: 3834 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-9360. *Thursday*, 8pm — The Gregory Page Show. Acoustic. *Friday*, 8pm — Joey Harris. With Anna Troy. Blues/country/rock. *Saturday*, 8pm — Trophy Wife. Alternative/rock. *Sunday*, 8pm — Happy Ron's Open-Mike Night.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Rd., San Marcos, 760-471-7778. *Friday*, 8:30pm — Keith Murray. Hip-hop. *Saturday*, 8pm — Styrophome. Indie/progressive/rock. *Monday*, 8pm — Edguy. With Luna Mortis, Epicurean, Sentinel, and Aventale. Rock.

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Too bad for San Francisco's **Dodos** — some critics were not happy with the changes that producer Phil Ek brought to their sound on *Time to Die*. They whined that Ek cleaned up the rough edges, thereby losing some of the band's earlier voltage. But having just gotten familiar with the Dodos and their sound, I am not burdened by such complaints. *Time to Die* is passionate, unanticipated, and welcome during a phase in rock history that may be remembered as the time when almost all indie rockers sounded alike. The Dodos are inventing a music that sometimes sounds rough and unfinished, even primitive, like a first take in a studio.

Drummer **Logan Kroeber** uses a stripped-

down kit and injects a tribal vibe with his Dennis Wilson-meets-the-Surfaris ceaseless tom-tom trouncing. It follows that **Merik Long's** acoustic guitar has to be jacked way over the top to keep up with that. Only two acoustic instruments, some singing — and already the ears have a lot to handle. And this year the Dodos added a vibraphonist, who is also handy with the effects pedals. Psychedelic folk? Not really. Call it folk music on dope, and never mind the critics.

For whatever reason, psychedelic folk (a '60s phenom) saw a revival during this decade. The Dodos are deconstructionists of that sound. But having been raised on the traditional, I'm wanting to hear the sounds of a bass guitar and some keyboards, instruments that the Dodos find no use for. I admit, it took some getting used to — but this stripped-down version of the American garage band utilizes the negative space created by the absence



DODOS

of the familiar to set up little pools of tensions in need of resolve. The effect does not repel but rather draws a listener in to ponder lyrics like "We spoke today to a jury/ You can see the doubt in their eyes/ Our words are trained to the angry/ There was nothing left to change their minds."

DODOS: The Casbah, Monday, September 28, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$12 advance; \$14 day of show.

With the Strikers, the Watchmen, and the Frighteners. Punk/rock/ska. 21 and up.

Ocean House: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. *Thursday*, 6pm — Ukulele Society of America. Surf. Free. *Friday*, 9pm — Idle Train. Covers/standards. Free.

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Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252. *Friday*, 8pm — Ana Gabriel. Latin/pop. \$65-\$85. *Tuesday*, 12:30pm — The Willovealot Band. Funk. Free.

Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship: 1600 Buena Vista Dr., Vista. *Sunday*, 7pm — Randi Driscoll. Pop/rock.

Paper Moon Music: 4051 Voltaire St., Point Loma, 619-341-0552.

Sunday, 6pm — The Music of Django Reinhardt. Featuring Patrick Barrogain and Lou Fanucchi. Acoustic/jazz/world.

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Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.
 Friday, 8pm — Alejandra Guzmán. Latin/rock. \$55-\$80.

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RT's Longboard Grill: 1466 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030.
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Riley's Music Lounge: 2901 Nimitz Bl., Point Loma, 619-255-8635.
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Popular Songs

CD Review
 by Andrew Hamlin

Yo La Tengo's 12th album, *Popular Songs*, runs 72:49. Alpha Centauri lies 4.37 light years away. You should arrive there as those squirking noises fade out at the end of "And the Glitter Is Gone."

So, we have an album-as-conceptual-mix-tape (check the cover) made for one

very long trip, during which rolling down windows would be inadvisable and any neighboring vehicles couldn't make out their impeccable musical taste anyway. Tengo's previous recording project, *Fuck-book* as the Condo Fucks, was all revved-up covers of Nuggets-era garagery. *Popular Songs*, though all originals, sound like other people's songs. "Tax-man" with a hint of Wilson Pickett? "Periodically Double or Triple" and "If It's True" — Motown bass and strings? Only the trio's singing, warm but thin, pricks the illusion.

And the trippy stuff brings back Neil Young and Crazy Horse's slow-burn jams; Velvet Underground live; and "We Will Fall," that Stooges tune with an absent backbeat, pseudo-Egyptian invocations, and the ambiance of spending Saturday night trapped inside a giant bong. I do not own a giant bong, I have no spaceship, and I'm not sure yet whether such arrayed influences/tributes shall accrete to transmit an altogether new signal. In the meantime, I sign off on this one as an amazing sound-track to watching a tree in its prime of life, with its awesome indifference to spaceship-builders, under a gray sky deciding whether to rain.

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Family Time

Concert Review
 by Michael Caldwell

Hundreds of kids had their parents in tow for an acoustic concert by Ziggy Marley, who was supporting his new children's album *Family Time*. Without pausing to address the sold-out crowd, Marley took the stage and began strumming chords on his guitar. As a father, Marley must have known he was competing with naps and snacks.

Parents familiar with *Family Time* sang along with the lyrics — "Since I have no wings, I'm going to sing, sing,

sing" — while many children took turns spinning and swinging on the adjacent play-ground. Shade was scarce, but the mood among the clustered families was positive and conversations erupted throughout — sometimes rendering Ziggy and his four bandmates little more than background music for those not in front of the stage.

When Ziggy left after a 50-minute set, the crowd seemed stunned and insisted he come back for more. "I thought the kids needed a nap," Marley quipped before offering a captivating smile and singing his father's "Redemption Song" and his own "Love Is My Religion." Ziggy's daughter, sitting on stage, and most of the audience sang along.

Seats: General admission

Show date: September 5, 2009

Venue: New Children's Museum, Island Avenue



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Rosie O'Grady's: 3402 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-284-7666.

Friday, 9pm — The Rhythm Jacks. R&B. Free.

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.

Thursday, 8pm — Britney Spears. Pop. \$55-\$499.

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Dr., Downtown.
 Sunday, 1pm — The Cat-illacs. Rock. Free.

Second Wind (Magnolia): 8528 Magnolia Ave., Santee, 619-596-8350.
 Sunday, 9pm — October Burning.

With Fuzz-Huzzi. Alternative/pop/punk.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
 Friday, 7pm — Get Back Loretta. With Thieves and Liars, Long Live Logos, the Silent Comedy, Misc. Ailments, and the New Archaic.

Alternative/pop/rock. \$9.
 Saturday, 8pm — Autolux. Rock.
 Sunday, 6pm — Dance Gavin Dance. With Emarosa, Of Mice and Men, Tides of Men, and Of Machines. Screamo/metal. \$14.

Stage Saloon: 762 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-696-9436.

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Syrah Wine Parlor: 901 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-4166.
Friday, 8pm — The Nena Anderson Trio. Acoustic/country/jazz. Free.

Tango Del Rey: 3567 Del Rey St., Clairemont, 858-794-9044.
Monday, 8pm — The Ian Tordella Group. Jazz. \$5-\$10.
Wednesday, 7pm — Cat Jefferson & Friends. Jazz. \$5-\$10.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.
Thursday, 9:30pm — SO3. Alternative/rock.
Friday, 9:30pm — The Dirty Dishes. Rock.
Saturday, 9:30pm — The Nards. Americana/pop/classic rock.

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Thursday, 9pm — Skyline Union. With the Predicates and Royal Campaign. Rock.

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Friday, 8pm — Pullman Standard. With Bedford Grove. Pop/rock.

U-31: 3112 University Ave., North Park, 619-584-4188.
Wednesday, 9pm — Josh Damigo. With the New Archaic, Defamation League, and DJ Skull Crusher. Country/pop/rock. \$5. 21 and up.

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Rd., Valley Center, 866-843-9946.
Saturday — The Beach Boys. Surf rock/pop.

Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park: 5005 Willows Rd., Alpine, 619-445-5400.
Saturday, noon — Magic 92.5 Block Party. Featuring Teena Marie, Lisa Lisa, and Debbie Deb. Funk/soul/R&B. Free.

Vision Center for Spiritual Living: 11260 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Tierrasanta, 619-303-6609.
Sunday, 10am — Peter Mayer. Folk/rock.

WaveHouse Bar & Grill: 3125 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-228-9283.
Thursday, 9pm — Citizen Cope. Folk/hip-hop/soul. \$25-\$27.

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Sunday, 5pm — Bob Bartosik. Jazz. Free.

The Wit's End: 420 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-4848.
Friday, 8pm — Veronica May. Acoustic/folk/pop.
Saturday, 8pm — Escape Rhythm. Alternative/blues/covers. Free.

WorldBeat Cultural Center: 2100 Park Bl., Balboa Park, 619-263-7911.
Tuesday, 8pm — The Twinkle Brothers. With Roots Covenant. Reggae/ska. \$15.

UPCOMING SHOWS

4th&B: 345 B St., Downtown, 619-231-4343.
October 10 — Rodrigo y Gabriela.
October 17 — Gogol Bordello.
November 6 — Enrique Bunbury.

AcousticMusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
October 1 — Jolie Holland.
October 10 — Willy Porter.
October 11 — Eliza Gilkyson.
October 17 — Kelly Joe Phelps.
October 22 — Tony Furtado.
October 24 — The Ditty Bops.
October 25 — Catie Curtis.
October 30 — Tim Flannery.
November 6 — The Battlefield Band.
November 11 — Hot Buttered Rum.
November 14 — Peter Mulvey.
November 21 — Ambrosia.
November 28 — Po' Girl.
December 4 — Tom Russell.
December 13 — John Gorka.
January 7 — Al Kooper.
January 23 — Barry McGuire.
February 6 — Eric Bibb.
February 9 — Fred Eaglesmith.
February 12 — Chris Smither.
March 5 — Ellis Paul.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
October 1 — World Party.
October 2 — Floyd FX.

as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Civil Unrest**
Song: **"Delusion of Truth"** (from the CD *Ravaging the Purity*)
Heard by: **Mike Adams**, South Bay



Mike A.

It's pretty good; I'd like to hear more of them. It's close to generic metal, but it's better than that. It's something I'd listen to more often than not. Believe it or not, they reminded me of Dethklok.

They're a metal band that have a cartoon on *Adult Swim*. The drummer was really good. It sounded like he was using a double [bass] pedal. The guitarist was amazing. I couldn't hear the bass too well, but that's to be expected. The vocals kept a confident tone, and he didn't lose what he was trying to do. I'd say this band has about a 60 to 70 percent chance of being successful. I'd probably be working on my car listening to this music.

Artist: **Misc. Ailments**
Song: **"Brand New Day"** (from the CD *Neural Vandalism*)
Heard by: **Mike Pond**, Normal Heights



Mike P.

I don't feel any way about it, really. I wouldn't pay for it. It reminded me a little bit of Boilermaker, a band I saw in high school in the mid- to late '90s. It sounded like them and Linkin Park. They were

trying to be tough and sensitive at the same time. I didn't like the sound on the vocals. They seemed like they've played together for a long time. It was clean. I'm not into that style of music, though; I like a more dirty sound. A song has to get you right away, and it just didn't do anything for me. It was only one song, but if that's their sound, I've moved on from that. I'd give them a generous three out of ten.

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Artist: **Sir Splendid**
Song: **"Hardcore Carnivore"** (from the CD *Diamond Dreams*)
Heard by: **Hypnos**, North Park



Hypnos

It reminded me of the heyday of Gothic. It kind of reminded me of Fields of Nephilim. I wished I had discovered them first. It was excellent. I like the harmonics with the bass guitar. The vocals were spooky.

There were male vocals and female vocals. I would watch them live. I'd describe the mood of the song as mellow. I'd be leaning back in my La-Z-Boy rocker smoking a cigarette or maybe a blunt to that song. I was grooving on that song. I'd give it a ten out of ten.

October 2 — Radio Latina Salsa Party.
October 3 — Charmaine Clamour.
October 6 — The Anthology House Band.
October 7, October 8, October 9 — Shawn Colvin.
October 10 — Mindi Abair.
October 13 — The Anthology House Band.
October 14 — Randi Driscoll.
October 15 — Earl Thomas.
October 17 — The Eldar Djangirov Trio.
October 17 — Johnny Polanco.
October 21 — Charles McPherson.
October 22 — California Transit Authority.
October 23 — Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers.
October 24 — Michael Burks.
October 27 — The Anthology House Band.

October 29 — NovaMenco.
November 4, November 4 — Jean-Luc Ponty.
November 5 — Tyrone Wells.
November 6 — Over the Rhine.
November 7 — Bill Champlin.
November 19 — Jake Shimabukuro.
January 29, January 30 — The Legendary Count Basie Orchestra.
Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-454-5872.
October 5 — The Jazz Pigs.
October 19 — Michael Sellers.
October 19 — Joe Rathburn.
November 2 — Jaeryoung Lee Jazz Trio.
November 9 — Gregory Page.

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October 2 — '80s Fever.

October 3 — Alan Iglesias & Crossfire: A Tribute to Stevie Ray Vaughan.
October 6 — Little Feat.
October 7 — Steve Poltz & the Cynics.
October 8 — Groundation.
October 9 — Super Diamond.
October 10 — Cash'd Out.
October 12 — Steve Earle.
October 15 — Federico Aubele.
October 17 — Buju Banton.
October 19 — Our Lady Peace.
October 20 — Bob Mould.
October 21 — Grizzly Bear.
October 22 — Poncho Sanchez.
October 23 — Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.
October 28 — The Tragically Hip.
October 30, October 31 — The Nightmare Before Halloween.
November 2 — Minus the Bear.
November 4 — Dinosaur Jr.

November 6, November 7 — The English Beat.
November 11 — Loud & Rich.
November 12 — The Raveonettes.
November 13 — Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations.
November 14 — Keller Williams.
November 15 — Pinback.
November 17 — They Might Be Giants.
November 18 — David Lindley and John Hammond.
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November 20 — West Indian Girl.
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December 13 — Average White Band.
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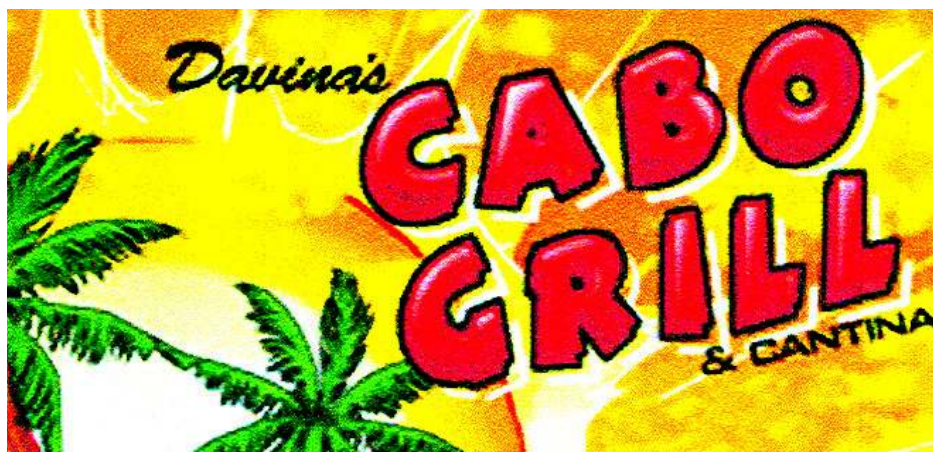
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 October 11 — These Arms Are
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 October 14 — The Jesus Lizard.
 October 16 — The Soft Pack.
 October 17 — The Black Heart
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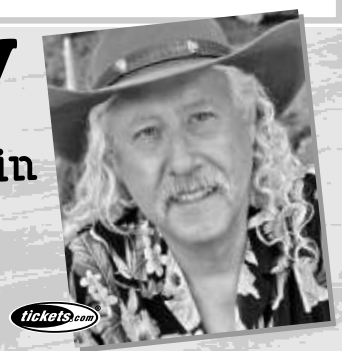
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ALLIED GARDENS

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The Coyote Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 wells, beer, margaritas. \$3 off appetizers.

Fenway's Sports Bar & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm; 10pm-midnight: \$3 domestic, house wine. \$3.50 margarita, Cape Cod.

Greek Village: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-7:30pm: 1/2-off beer, wine by the glass, wells.

COLLEGE AREA

Casa Machado: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.75 domestic, \$3.75 margarita, wells. Free nachos and quesadillas.

Marie Callender's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1.95 draft, \$2.50 well, \$3.50 house margarita. 1/2-price appetizers (in bar only). Saturday-Sunday, \$2 Bloody Mary/mimosa w/ purchase.

CORONADO

Primavera Ristorante: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off all drinks; \$2 off daily food specials. Wednesday, 5-7pm: Wine night: 1/2-off all bottles, incl. champagne.

DEL MAR

Bully's Del Mar: Monday-Thursday, 3-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$3 bottle beer, \$3 domestic pints, \$4 microbrew pints, \$4.50 wells, \$6 wine by glass. 1/2-off appetizers. Friday, 3-

7pm: \$3.00 bottle beer, \$3 domestic pints, \$4 microbrew pints, \$4.50 wells, \$6 wine by glass. 1/2-off appetizers. Sunday, 10pm-midnight: \$3 bottle beer, \$3 domestic pints, \$4 microbrew pints, \$4.50 wells, \$6 wine by glass. 1/2-off appetizers.

Shimbashi Izakaya: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$5 cocktails, \$5 glass of wine, \$3 draft beer. Sake & appetizer specials. Saturday-Sunday, 12-7pm: \$5 cocktails, \$5 glass of wine, \$3 draft beer, 1/2-off Asahi & Sapporo. Sake & appetizer specials.

DOWNTOWN

The Bitter End: Every day, 5-7pm: All drinks, bottles of wine 1/2-price.

Bondi Bar and Kitchen: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 select beer, wine, spirits.

Café Sevilla: Monday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price mojitos. Tuesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price wine bottles. Wednesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price martini. Thursday, Sunday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price sangarita. Friday-Saturday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price garabato.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.50 wells. 1/2-off appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, 9am-5pm: \$3.50 wells. 1/2-off appetizers.

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. Thurs-

day, 4pm-close: \$3 Jäger, wells, drafts, bottled beer. \$3 lobster tacos. Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, wine, drafts. Saturday, 8-10pm: \$5 premium liquors.

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GRANTVILLE

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HILLCREST

Cafe Eleven: Every day, 2-6pm: \$4 house margaritas, \$3 wells, house wine, bottled beer. \$3 appetizers: shrimp cocktail, stuffed mushrooms, thai chicken skewers, more.

Café Bleu: Every day, 3-7pm: \$5 wines, specialty cocktails, \$6.50 specialty martinis, food specials.

Wine Steals: Tuesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 Bud Light on tap, \$3 wells. Saturday-Sunday, 1/2-price bottles of wine.

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottled beer, \$3 wells, domestic pints. Free munchies.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$1.25 off draft, \$1 off glass of wine.

Pampas Argentine Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 beer/wells. \$4 margaritas/wine specials. \$2.50 empanadas (bar only).

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

Kensington Cafe: Every day, 3-7pm: \$3 all beers, \$4-\$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under \$5.25.

The Kensington Club: Every day, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 fine wine. \$5 appetizers.

LA JOLLA

Beaumont's: Every day, 4-7pm: \$3-5 cocktails, wine, beer.

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Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

La Jolla Brew House: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, house drafts. \$4 house wine. \$5 premiums.

The Shores Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: Five for \$5 menu food/drink specials. Sunday, 3-7pm: \$7 glass, \$25 pitcher red/white sangria.

LA MESA

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm; 10pm-close: \$1.50 off drafts, \$1 off all mixed drinks, bottled beers, glass of wine.

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LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells. \$2.50 domestics. \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Imperial.

The Calypso Café: Every day, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

LINDA VISTA

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Tio Leo's: Monday, 3-7pm: \$3 pints. \$4 wells, margaritas. Tuesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: Monday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine specials. \$8 margaritas. \$9 martinis.

Illume Bistro: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 draft, \$5 wells, wines, \$7 martinis.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: \$1 off pints, \$2 off tall beers.

Wine Steals: Wednesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

MIRA MESA

The Filling Station: Monday, \$2 kamikazes. Wednesday, premium beer \$3.50/pint. Saturday, \$3 Bloody Marys. Sunday, \$3 mimosas.

Mira Mesa Lanes: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$7 pitchers. \$3 import pints, \$10 pitchers. \$2.50 wells. \$3.50 chicken strips, chicken wings.

MISSION BEACH

Canes: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2.50 beer of the month. \$3 wells, margaritas. \$4 margarita (keep shaker). \$4.95 fiesta nachos, \$3.95 cheese quesadilla, \$4.95 Southwest spring rolls.

Sandbar Sports Grill: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics/drafts, wells, \$1 off premium beers/wine by the glass, \$3 off pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers. Friday, 4-9pm: 1/2-off all drinks.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: Every day, 2-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$3 bottles.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS

Air Conditioned Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 7-9pm: Everything 1/2-off.

Blind Lady Ale House: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-6pm: \$20 60-oz. pitcher local beer and margherita pizza. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11:30am-6pm: \$20 60-oz. pitcher local beer and margherita pizza.

Triple Crown Pub: *Saturday*, 12-5pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off beer pitchers. *Sunday*, 12-2am: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off beer pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Apertivo: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-6:30pm: \$3 glass of wine, imported beers. *Sunday*, all day: \$2.75 glass of wine.

Craze Burger: *Every day*, 3-6pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers of beer, \$3.99 select glasses of wine. \$2.99 bratwurst, \$3.99 turkey burger.

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Monday-Thursday*, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles. *Friday-Sunday*, 10am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

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OCEAN BEACH

Dream Street Live: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.

Portugalía: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 10pm-1am: \$3 domestic beer, \$5 wine; \$4-\$10 food specials.

The Vine: *Every day*, 4-6pm: 1/2-price entire wine and specialty beer list.

Winstons: *Monday-Saturday*, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

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Hana Japanese Restaurant: *Every day*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off cocktails.

Harney Sushi: *Thursday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

OLD TOWN

Harney Sushi: *Wednesday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

Wine Cabana: *Monday*, till close: \$5 off Malbec. *Tuesday*, till 7pm: 1/2-price appetizers. *Wednesday*, Girl's Night Out: complimentary chocolate fondue. *Thursday*, till 7pm: \$3 beers, 1/2-price appetizers. *Friday*, Cabana Magic Show (usually monthly). *Saturday*, till 7pm: \$3 beers, disco with DJ & PJ. *Sunday*, till close: \$4 Sangria, live jazz at 5pm.

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Moondoggies Pacific Beach: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 3-7pm: \$2 wells, house wine. \$3 imports, microbrews. \$2 off all drafts.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: *Tuesday*, \$2.50 Mexican bottled beer, \$3 frozen margaritas. *Wednesday*, \$2 off all drinks, \$2 beers. *Thursday*, 8pm-close: \$2 wells, drafts, 1/2-price drinks. *Friday*, 3-10pm: \$2 drafts, wells, 1/2-price drinks. *Saturday*, 4-10pm: \$3 wells, wine, drafts.

Sinbad Café: *Every day*, 4-8pm: \$1 drafts, \$1.50 wells, shots, \$2 imports. \$3.50 appetizers. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

POINT LOMA

The Boathouse: *Every day*, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 house margaritas (\$3 Cuervo Gold), \$3 beer of the month, \$4 wine of the month.

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SAN MARCOS

The Jumping Turtle: *Monday*, 11am-close: PBR \$2.75/pint, \$6.75/pitcher. \$5 cheeseburger w/ fries or salad. *Tuesday*, 11am-close: \$2 Corona, Pacifico, margaritas. 3pm-close: \$2 tacos. *Wednesday*, 11am-close: \$4 drop drinks. \$6 monster sandwich w/ fries or salad. *Thursday*, 7pm-close: \$3 Jäger, \$2.50 Bud Lime. 3-11pm: \$5.00 chicken wings. *Friday*, 5pm-midnight: \$5 Long Islands. \$5 12-inch two-topping pizza. *Saturday*, 11am-close: \$3 Orange Patron, Tanqueray. \$5.75 Reuben sandwich w/

fries or salad. *Sunday*, 11am-close: \$2.50 Bloody Marys. \$5 Hole-in-One ham sandwich w/ fries or salad.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 8am-11am: \$1.50 drafts, wells.

SOLANA BEACH

The Fish Market: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-9:30pm: \$3.50 wells, discounted beer & wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadilla. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11am-4pm: \$3.50 wells, discounted beer & wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadilla.

Pacific Coast Grill: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$5 gold margaritas, \$1 off draft, wells, wines by the glass, 25% off wine bottles.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: *Every day*, 4-6pm: 2-for-1 drinks, \$9 hookahs.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

SOUTH PARK

Alchemy: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.

Hamilton's Tavern and Café: *Every day*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Gulf Coast Grill: *Monday*, all night: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine. *Tuesday-Sunday*, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3.95 wells, drafts, wine.

VISTA

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Don't cry for Laurel. It has gone to a far better place. Reincarnated as Cucina Urbana, you can now hang your hat (on the back of your chair) without a preprandial wardrobe change or bank-balance inspection. It's a place where you can eat very well, a little or a lot, for a little or a medium price. A place to take weekend guests just off the Friday-night plane for a pre-midnight welcoming nosh. Where you feel as if you could drop in and have some fun with food. But sorry, it's been packed since Day One, so for prime dinner hours at a table (unless you'd rather wait for a barstool), better reserve a day ahead. It's crowded because it's a restaurant the city has been needing and craving for a very long time. Its format reminds me strikingly of San Francisco's beloved Zuni Café and its ilk: it's a big, handsome "little neighborhood restaurant," with neighborhood prices for uptown food.

The cuisine is putatively Italian but a radical departure from both the Gaslamp's pricey (and chancy) *alta cucina* and the checkered-tablecloth joints. Restaurateur Tracy Borkum had a better idea, and chef Joe Magnanelli (carried over from Laurel) was the right guy to bring it to fruition. The playful array of classy trattoria food offers a vast, supremely flexible choice of snacky starter dishes (which can become main dishes), plus smart lists of pastas and entrées, emphasizing seasonal vegetables and interesting combinations. I'd like to eat my way through the whole menu, it is so *not* boring.

Sweetening the pot is the wine pricing: You can wander among the racks or pick from the wine list, and all bottles are priced at retail plus \$7 corkage (a clever idea nicked from Ed Moore's Third Corner in O.B. and Encinitas). That's the best lure of all — my summer cruise through bargain dinners at serious restaurants demonstrated that wine costs often dwarf food costs for even the cheapest bottles on the list.

Let's get ambiance out of the way before we



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hunker down to the food. The old Laurel was all white and creamy and grand; going down the staircase to the subterranean dining room, I always felt like Bette Davis making her big entrance.

Now it's urban-Mediterranean, with lots of wrought iron (including solid banisters for getting down those stairs, although you won't need your spindly heels here anymore), tables clothed with brown paper, walls with intricately patterned orange wash. Informal settings include a small lounge a half-flight down from the street, with high tables and barstools, or a long bar at dining-room level.

Along the interior side of the dining room is a wine "store" with tall racks of bottles. Banquettes line the room's edges; the regular chairs are hard but ergonomically comfortable, with good straight backs. The lighting is dim and the noise level high,

but at least there's no awful piped-in music. The feeling is civilized but so informal we nearly invited the couple at the next table to join our dinner party. (Later, just before they left, the gent gravely

clinked wine glasses with us in a farewell toast.)

This time, our "family-style" dinner was for an actual family: my friend Fred, his lively mom

Flo, and his sister Kathy, a wine-lover. We started with a round of creative cocktails. (On the old website, these were listed at half-price on Thursdays. No longer true, alas.) Flo did well with the "Italian Screw" (a sprightly screwdriver variant) and took the teasing about the name with good grace. Our other choices ("Lavender Sidecar," "Socialite," and Sangria) all had interesting twists but were so cloyingly sweet they soon bored us.

The first category of appetizers is "vasi" —

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Cucina Urbana

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505 Laurel Street (at Fifth Avenue), Banker's Hill, 619-239-2222, sdurbankitchen.com.

HOURS: Tuesday–Saturday 5:00–10:00 p.m., with light dishes and pizzas Friday–Saturday until midnight; Sunday 5:00–9:00 p.m.

PRICES: Small appetizers and spreads, \$5.50–\$7; antipasti and salads, \$9.50–\$13.50 (plus \$10 more for "family size" salads to serve four); large appetizers and pizzas, \$12–\$14; pastas, \$15.50–\$18.50 (plus \$18 for "family style" to serve up to four); entrées, \$15.50–\$20; desserts, \$7.50–\$9.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Creative, playful Italian food, emphasizing light, shareable dishes in numerous formats. Exciting wine list, all bottles \$7 corkage over retail price. Full bar, inventive but sugary cocktails.

PICK HITS: Chicken liver paté, fried squash blossoms, soft polenta with nightly ragu, pizza, goat-cheese ravioli, braised black cod. "Good bets" too numerous to list.

NEED TO KNOW: Wheelchair lift and handicapped parking slot just past front door of garage on Fifth Avenue (sign: Laurel Staff Parking). Be careful at bathrooms: third door is busy service door (wham!). Happy-hour specials 5:00–6:00 p.m. Very noisy but not painfully so. Hog heaven for lacto-vegetarians.

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mini-Mason jars filled with spreads, served with baguette and whole-grain toast slices. (As at all other Borkum restaurants, there's no table bread unless you order it specifically or order something that comes with it. Tracy feels that table bread fills people up before they get to the real food.) The chicken-liver paté, topped with "shallot marmalata," proved exemplary — the richest,



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Another odd category is “boards” — the evening’s bruschetta or a cheese and *salumi* array (some Italian, some local) or our choice, creamy polenta topped with the day’s *ragu*. A server arrived with potfuls of polenta and *ragu* and a small wooden board, which she set on the table. Then she ceremoniously spread the coral-colored red-pepper polenta over the board, drew a line down the middle, and spooned on the evening’s garnish, a stew of bacon chunks and caramelized onions. (Other evenings, the *ragu* might be oxtails, short ribs, etc.) This combination was wonderful. (I’m rationing out the little leftovers inch by inch, as a nightly treat.) It was Kathy’s favorite to that point — until the squash blossoms arrived to blow everything else out of the water.

The blossoms, from the antipasti array, are those huge yellow flowers on your zucchini (or other squash) plants, and Mexican and Italian gardener-cooks are smart enough to recognize that the male blooms (which pop up a few days ahead of the squash-bearing females) make great stuffable eating. Here the filling is angelic, creamy, herbed ricotta. Even better was the edible cooking lesson: a couple of inches of tender stem remained attached to each blossom, which kept the petals from shriveling and shredding (a problem when you try to DIY with the flowers alone). The stems tasted like artichoke hearts, and the dressings — both purple-basil pesto and a floaty, tangy “cured lemon dressing” — were ideal dips for flowers, cheese, and stems alike. (My sole complaint: four people, three blossoms. Some

restaurants, e.g., Vela most recently, quietly add an extra of whatever-it-is for a foursome, especially if the group orders a lot, as we did.)

Kathy, whose husband is Italian-American, mentioned her disappointment with the doughy weight of most restaurant *gnocchi*, so we decided to try Cucina’s ricotta *gnocchi* antipasto. They were creamy, airy, held together by a millimeter’s worth of a pasta-like coating, and came with a zesty sauce of sage brown butter with parmigiano. They certainly passed the test.

I love stuffed squid as a concept, and usually as a dish: it’s an open invitation for a good cook to exercise some inventiveness. Here, the grilled sheathes were filled with chorizo. I anticipated mild, tight-grained Spanish chorizo, chopped and dispersed among bread crumbs or rice and/or minced tentacles and vegetables. Instead, it was coarse-ground, highly spiced Mexican-style chorizo served straight up, with a texture so dense and flavor so strong it obscured the calamari. The accompanying “Sicilian caponata” sauce was amusing, with tiny squid tentacle clusters amid the minced sautéed onions, peppers, and capers. The olive-oil aioli underneath went nicely — or would have, with a less overwhelming stuffing. With a lighter filling this could be a spectacular dish.

Pizzas are substantial, about 12 inches in diameter. I chose the odd topping of pancetta, poached egg, potato, scallion, and *besciamella* sauce. The crust was thin and chewy, New York-y, but there was only one egg (a bit overcooked) on the whole pizza. Without yolks spilling all over the surface, what remains is potatoes, ba-

con, toast, a bit of gravy — a crucially abridged Denny’s Grand Slam. Given a Mulligan, I’d go instead for the topping of figs, pecans, and Gorgonzola, or a pure Margherita (plum tomatoes, housemade mozzarella, fresh basil).

The starters weren’t served in this order but in two mixed courses. Our fabulous waiter, Kevin, tried to slow down the kitchen for us (seeing how we were savoring our food and conversation), but when he wasn’t looking, a runner brought the second batch prematurely, and a buser robotically attempted to remove the first bites well before we were done with them. When he grabbed the jar of precious chicken liver, I grabbed it right back, along with the toast slices from the serving plate. At that point, he developed second thoughts about kidnapping the polenta board, perhaps because Kathy and I were glaring at him and reaching for our table knives.

With an exciting wine list selling for retail (albeit higher retail than, say, Trader Joe’s), you can afford adventure. For the first course, I chose a weird white, a Malvasia from Kenneth Volk (Santa Barbara), with a big, floral, tropical nose, partly because I’m into Santa Barbara whites — but mainly because I loved the name, sounding like an evil queen in a Disney movie. A great first sip, but over time, it proved too sweet. Kathy prefers reds and is a fan of Paso Robles wines (anything but Pinot Noir). Under the heading “Funky Stuff for Wine Geeks and Cork Dorks” (meaning blends) was a Tablas Creek Paso Robles Syrah-Grenache fake-Rhone blend. I passed the tasting honors to Kathy, who found it a bit “strong” freshly

opened. Just as I was about to ask Kevin the Wonder Waiter to decant it, he offered. It opened up beautifully, rich and mellow and easygoing. “You’re really good at your job,” I told Kevin. “I love my job,” he said. “Been doing it for 20 years, wouldn’t want to do anything else.” That’s a pro.

For a pasta, we chose the lightest possibility — ravioli stuffed with goat cheese and lemon, garnished with corn purée, spring onions, and pistachios, under a veil of basil oil. It was charming, one of Kathy’s favorites of the night. But the rest of the pasta list also sounds like a hit parade — tagliatelle with duck confit, short-rib paperdelle, linguine and clams with mint and bottarga (roe), rigatoni with genuine meat-bedecked bolognese sauce, et al. So much to explore!

From the entrées, I chose braised black cod because it’s my favorite finfish, velvety and rich in good fats. (Jewish delis sell the smoked version under the name “sable” for slightly less than smoked sturgeon.) The major criterion for judging a restaurant’s treatment of this manna is, do they cook it tender? Yes! It’s lightly dusted with minced pistachios and capers, accompanied by “smashed potatoes” (firm-tender bits of new potatoes, maybe Yukon Golds), with sweet-tart limoncello butter and a side of peperonata (sautéed slivers of red and yellow bell peppers and onion). “I love the way the food includes so many good vegetables,” said Flo, who lives in Poway. “A lot of restaurants where I live don’t pay any attention to vegetables. Here, they’re important parts of all these dishes, not just second thoughts.”

The same was true of veal piccata bedecked with sensual oyster mushrooms and a load

of white-corn kernels, with slim slices of speck (the Austrian version of prosciutto, common to Italy’s northeast border, e.g., Trieste, and the formerly Italian territory of Istria). The garnishes were good, but it’s ordinary modern veal — thinly sliced, lightly pounded, lightly floured nothingness. (Sorry, industrial farming has ruined this meat.)

After all that, dessert seemed impossible, but the table consensus favored a light sweet, and I was desperate for an espresso to help me make it through the night (of taking notes before I forgot any of it). Among numerous light choices here (pastry chef Ben Rollins offers several airy options), the one that captured us combined roasted yellow peaches and brulée’d figs with white-peach basil sorbet, mascarpone cream, and “biscotti crumbles.” All the fruits were perfect, but I was really there for the sorbet, exactly as chilly-thrilly as I’d hoped, that sneaky combo of faint sweetness and resinous herb. The espresso was reasonably good, too. All in all, this could easily become my new off-the-clock hangout, with an alluring, interesting menu and wines I can afford even on my own dime.

How Laurel Became Cucina Urbana

Laurel was founded by wine maven Gary Parker and chef Douglas Organ as a chic, downtown spin-off of their suburban, French Provincial-style Wine Sellar and Brasserie. Here, Organ served more modern French cuisine. Soon after Organ moved to Boston (about seven years ago), Parker sold Laurel to Tracy Borkum, then owner of the late Chive (and now the live Kensington Grill), who adopted the umbrella-

name “Urban Kitchen” for her enterprises, including her new catering company. (*Cucina urbana* means “urban kitchen.”) Never content to rest on her laurels, Tracy is something of the Anna Wintour of local restaurateurs — British, brilliant, driven, and demanding. After refreshing Laurel with a physical renovation, she ran through numerous chefs and format-tweaks, but nothing quite worked — the restaurant still seemed haunted by the ghostly music of a phantom Organ.

When the recession hit, Laurel was floundering as a special-occasion restaurant in leaner times. Realizing that a completely different approach was needed, Borkum evidently found inspiration in San Francisco (where she’s a frequent visitor) for models of the style of eatery she now envisioned — one that locals could regard as an anyday, everyday spot, whether for a light nosh and a glass of wine or a good meal and a couple of bottles. She renovated the space more radically this time but kept the same chef to create the less formal, more affordable, and highly flexible Mediterranean menu that marks Cucina Urbana.

Note: Due to deadline pressure, I didn’t attempt to interview Tracy Borkum for this review. Over the years, we’ve had several lengthy conversations (revealing, e.g., her enthusiasm for the San Francisco restaurant scene, where neighborhood restaurants with superior food are actually commonplace). I’ve also interviewed a number of chefs who have worked for her at Chive or Laurel. Like Kevin the Wonder Waiter with our wine, I am, I hope, making an accurate guess as to her intentions regarding Cucina Urbana. ■

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“Okay, so not exactly a starring role. I’m the guy in the gray jumpsuit with a hard hat. Kirk rides a bike past me. Two full seconds on-screen!”

So he was once an extra. But what’s true for sure is that he’s a star here at this half-underground place called Indigo — pretty much everybody seems to have come tonight because Bill the bartender is fun company.

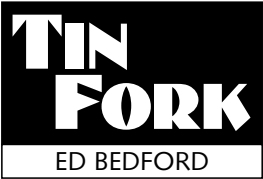
Which is good, because it’s Saturday, the loneliest night of the week, as the song says, in this little Cortez Hill place with a few tables outside, a crowd of blue booths inside, and a full-drinks bar by the entry door. That’s where a clump of us sit like *Lost* survivors, huddling from the emptiness outside.

The walls are blue, with a low white acoustic tile ceiling and pictures of jazz greats, from W.C. Handy to Satchmo. Jazz plays on the sound system.

“Something to drink?” Bill asks. He has on offer a bunch of beers from New Orleans, like Dixie Jazz Amber Light. Except that one’s \$4.50, while Miller High Life is \$2.75. No contest.

So, I slurp my Miller and lean over the menu. We’re looking at around ten bucks a plate, unless you go for New Orleans specialties like “shrimp-stuffed double-cut grilled pork chop with étouffée sauce and macaroni and cheese.” Man. Heart attack on a plate. That’s \$18.99. At the other end of the price scale, breakfast starts at \$2.79 for two eggs and cheese on an English muffin, or \$4.99 for scrambled eggs, two bacon, toast, and hash browns. Man,

wish it was morning. “Hey, here comes Robert,” says Bill. “He’s with the symphony orchestra. We get half the symphony here when they’re rehearsing.”



Two gents come and settle into a booth. Bill already knows Robert’s cocktail.

“Hey, here’s the Seacrests,” says Bill now, looking out the window.

This couple, Joshua and Julia, come in with Joshua’s Navy buddy Stewie. They live farther up Cortez Hill. “We come here two, three times a week,” says Joshua. “It’s Bill. He makes it like our family living room.”

“And hey, here’s Jack,” says Bill. Jack comes in and sits down next to me. He’s a big, solid guy, just retired from the Marines after 25 years. He’s here for a New York steak and a Vesper. (The cocktail James Bond named after the female agent he met in *Casino Royale*. It’s three parts gin, one part vodka, and a half of Kina Lillet — the French wine-and-quinine aperitif. Around six bucks, Jack says.) I see his steak comes topped with Gorgonzola butter and veggies and “garlic and goat cheese mashed potatoes.” Costs \$16.99. “Probably pay 30, 40 bucks for this down in the Gaslamp,” says Jack.

So far, I’ve got to salads and soups. Hmm... Tiffany’s Salad sounds possible: grilled chicken on a bed of mixed greens, plus cranberries, golden raisins, feta, and sesame dressing... a good deal at \$8.99 (it’s \$6.99 without the meat, \$10.99 with shrimp). And in the wraps section, everybody says the roasted vegetable with herbed goat cheese, spinach, and ranch in a wheat tortilla (\$7.99) is great. But I’m thinking gumbo, or jambalaya, since this is supposed to be N’awlins cooking here. Bubba Blues Jambalaya has andouille sausage, chicken, and onions

with a tomato base over rice for \$9.99. Then they have Creole gumbo. With chicken it’s \$10.99; with rock shrimp, \$11.99.

“So, uh, what’s the difference between jambalaya and gumbo?” I ask Bill.

“Gumbo has okra,” he says. Of course. Now I remember our neighbor Linda-the-chef telling me, “Okra’s an African plant. Ethiopian slaves brought it to America. It’s also very gummy in texture. Makes gumbo thicker and adds a kind of eggplant, asparagus flavor.”

Hey, gummy — gumbo? Coincidence?

Joshua’s talking about ordering red beans and rice with grilled chicken (\$9.99), and Stewie’s going for a Cajun cheeseburger (with pepper-jack cheese and chili aioli, \$8.99). Julia orders a California Cobb salad (with grilled chicken, bacon, egg, avocado, diced tomatoes, Gorgonzola, and blue-cheese dressing, \$8.99). Fact is, I’ve been hankering to try that Dixie Jazz Amber Light, and I’m betting it’d go with something light like a salad with chicken.

“Try Tiffany’s Salad,” says Bill. “Tiffany’s one of the owners.”

Why not? I order that. And the Dixie Jazz Amber Light.

The combo turns out great, even though I’m surrounded by New Yawk steaks to the right and luscious-looking Cajun burgers to the left.



PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

Bill

My Tiffany comes on a chic square white ceramic plate, a jungle of greens with golden grilled sliced chicken across the top. And sweet, almost oriental tastes, with the cranberries, raisins, feta, sesame.

A raggedy blues song starts playing. Stewie looks up from his burger. “That’s my hometown boy,” he says. “Stevie Ray Vaughan. He was from Wichita Falls. Like me.”

We listen and chew, we few, we lucky, this little warm blob of humanity of Cortez Hill on a Saturday night.

I ask Bill, “This what the *Star Trek* set felt like?” ■

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Baja

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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 pâtisserie 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 Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10611-A, Tijuana, 664-634-3346. Mexican haute cuisine with inventive combinations. The menu re-frames the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Inexpensive.

Fonda Roberto's Avenida Cuauhtémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Bl., next to CESUN Universidad), Tijuana, 664-686-4687. Unusual dishes from Chef Roberto's native Puebla include hua-zontle, the Aztecs' "red spinach" in chocolate mole sauce, and Dedos de Moctezuma ("Montezuma's fingers" — cactus stuffed with steak). Moderate.

La Leña Boulevard Agua Caliente #11191, Tijuana, 664-686-2920. Open-grill charro food with a peaceful view. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf 'n' turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut filete cabrería, 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 hígado 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 incor-

porates 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 2760 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-260-1411. This city branch of legendary 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.

Trattoria Positano 2171 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff, 760-632-0111. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Up- per-moderate.

Carlsbad

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza 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, es-

pecially the moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, salads, and house-baked 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 all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish. Inexpensive.

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|  <h3>Free entrée</h3> <p>with purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages.</p> <p>501 University Ave. (619) 297-7888</p> <p>Expires 10/08/09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p>  |  <h3>Free dinner entrée</h3> <p>Buy one dinner entrée, get a second of equal or lesser value free with purchase of two beverages. Not valid with any other offers. One coupon per table.</p> <p>15770 San Andres Dr. (858) 793-9695</p> <p>527 University Ave. (619) 291-7525</p> <p>Expires 10/08/09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p>  |  <h3>Free French press coffee</h3> <p>190 N. Hwy 101 (760) 230-1828</p> <p>Expires 10/08/09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p>  | <h2>Hundreds more in savings at</h2> <h1>get1free.com</h1> |
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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 cof-fay dok ko*”—fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Inexpensive.

Uncle Joe's Pizzeria 4591 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-584-2535. Flower-strewn patio, plush interior, with sandwiches named after navy bases, rich entrées like eggplant Parmesan, chicken with mushrooms, served until midnight weekends. 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.

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Clayton's Coffee Shop 979 Orange 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.

Mistral 4000 Coronado Bay Rd., Coronado, 619-424-4000. The light, healthful, Mediterranean-style cuisine (northern Italy and southern France) emphasizes seasonal ingredients, as local and sustainably raised as possible, including herbs and some fruits grown organically on the resort grounds. Romantic ambience with bay view. Expensive.

Peeho's 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-437-4474. Fabulous seaside venue, silly with Hawaiian decor, featuring steaks and seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia beurre blanc. Expensive.

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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.

Downtown

Alambres Mexican Grill 756 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-2838. Specialty is the namesake Alambres Mexico City-style taco, usually meat or fish plus bell peppers, onions, and bacon. Inexpensive.

Athens Market 109 F St., 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, 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 Khoresht 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 steaks, caramelized onions, and melting Gorgonzola tucked into a Hawaiian sweet bun. Or try a *Panino Cubano* or herb-brined chicken wings. Inexpensive.

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-7581. Faux-fusion fare. The lighter dishes are best — not a bad place to graze on appetizers or a mini-pizza when you're starved for a water view. Entrées high-moderate to very expensive.

Gaslamp Pizza 505 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-7542. This joint comes alive around 2am, serving good thin-crust pizzas (vegetarian, BBQ chicken, and chicken pesto are best-o) plus wings, “halapeno peppers” and big salads to revelers seeking post-revel bal-last. 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.

Georges on Fifth 835 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-0444. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers (“lobster martini,” oysters, tuna tartare). Expensive to extreme.

Harbor House 831 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters to tourist families and conventioners, 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 conventioners, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. Starters may include a seasonally available fried-california 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.

El Cajon

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. The salad bar is surrounded by a U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to certified Black Angus prime rib. Moderate.

Encinitas

The Bird House Grill 250 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Sa-

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vory Turkish cuisine includes generous plates like Iskender Kebab (gyros, a.k.a. döner kebab with rice, tomato sauce, rich 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 wine-bar/restaurant features exciting wine choices and wine-bar snacks. The most popular lunch item is the Cobb salad, and at dinner there's a bourbon-and-mustard-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.

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Saint Germain's Café 1010 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Not French, despite the name, but all-American. Omelets are the best-known dish — 14 three-egggers (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 Tapatia 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.

Vincent's Sirinos 113 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, like

a flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables are the season's best and sensitively treated. Expensive.

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 vegetables. Inexpensive.

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. Every night's an indoor cookout as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks, burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms. Inexpensive to moderate.

Hillcrest

The Asian Bistro 414 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The adventurous Thai-accented pan-Asian menu is served until 3 a.m. 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 bargain-price early-bird dinners some weeknights. Individual dishes inexpensive to moderate, but they can add up.

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-298-0119. Nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the street-side casual level. Mainly Sicilian-style tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella), but satisfying. Moderate to expensive.

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 fresh-grilled carne asada and *carnitas*. Rock-bottom prices.

Islander Grill 3645 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-297-3929. Exotic food from Guam includes chicken *kelaguen*, a citrus 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.

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-and-spinach 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, bare-bones eatery, specializing in Louisiana-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 top-quality meats and seafood; scenic setting. 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-and-half of turkey sandwich (with real house-roasted turkey) and Italian wedding soup will feed you all day for near-nothing. 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. Down-home 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 lime-raspberry tart. Moderate to expensive.

The Steakhouse at Azul 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.

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 week-ends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood. Upper-moderate to expensive.

La Mesa

Antica Trattoria 5654 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-463-9919. Exuberant Italian food in family-friendly atmosphere. NY expats will rejoice at cooking and hospitality to equal Manhattan favorites. Moderate (pastas) to slightly expensive.

Ciao Bella Caffè Bar e Ristorante 5263 Baltimore Dr., La Mesa, 619-337-0238. Not your ordinary neighborhood Italian joint. Exciting

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 "something for everyone" — but there's no "there" there. High-moderate.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room 7777 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-713-6777. This rambling roadhouse reincarnates the Turf Supper Club's DIY communal grill, adding side dishes and desserts to the marinated raw steaks, portobellos, etc. Under 21 from 4 to 7 pm only; no reservations. Open late. 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 of yellowtail 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 downtown, 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 Italy, 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 especially *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 lus-

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Logan Heights

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 specialty). Inexpensive.

Midway District

Country Kabob 3145 Rosecrans St., Midway District, 619-226-2524. Also 3375 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-

563-6300. The star of this reasonably priced Greek place is owner-chef Karim Latif. He's Afghan and learned Greek cooking in NYC. He always has specials, sometimes even "pay what you can." Reliable choice: Number 36, the kobeda kabob. Charbroiled. Inexpensive.

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. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Downtown. Try *penne arrabiata* with

its spicy sausage or the chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff in vast family-friendly quantities, but you're having fun. Inexpensive to moderate.

Mission Beach

Red Marlin Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina, 1441 Quivira Rd., Mission Beach, 619-224-1234. Blissful bay view, with hotel food enlivened by Chef de Cuisine Danny Bannister. Want Kurobuta pork medium-rare? He knows the secret. And his blue crab cake is all crab, minimal filler. Expensive.

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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. *Siopao* (stuffed steamed buns) make a 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. Clamorous interior, but you'll find sophisticated southern-European appetizers like hummus, fried calamari, and Span-ish-style shrimp with garlic. Entrées run to comfort food. Grazing dinners moderate, mains moderate to expensive.

North Park

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, 619-293-1688. 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, 619-293-4758. Cookies, tarts, pies, custards, puddings, and intricate cakes and ice cream fan-

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Marie's Café 3016 University Ave., North Park, 619-220-0142. Old-time diner serving generous portions. Try the three-egger breakfast omelet with Italian sausage, avocado, and olives. If Erik's smokin' up some ribs (you'll smell them half a block away), grab them. Inexpensive.

Ocean Beach

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Pacific Beach

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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 atmosphere, 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.

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Pine Valley

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Old West atmosphere, vintage American food including hefty anytime breakfasts (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 flavor 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 potatoes with pickled vegetables are tasty. Inexpensive.

Rancho Santa Fe

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San Marcos

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Santa Ysabel

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 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.

Zinc Café & Market 132 S. Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. Vegetarian menu offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant “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.

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Two on a Bench

Nat admits he makes “alterations when the truth doesn’t fit.”

The late Herb Gardner (he died in 2003) hand-wrote his plays on a Central Park bench. One day, the author of *A Thousand Clowns* watched two old men nearby, one black, one white. They would sit quietly or chuckle to themselves. Then, for no apparent reason, they’d flash into an argument so heated they’d almost come to blows. Most people wouldn’t notice them, Gardner said to himself; just cantankerous coots venting ancient bile. In fact, most people would wish they’d vanish. Gardner did the opposite: he wrote *I’m Not Rappaport* and put them on Broadway.

Eighty-one-year-old Nat and 80-year-old Midge know that, to the world around them, they’re just “ghosts” — on the margin of the master-shot, at best. And that’s fine with Midge, an African-American superintendent at a nearby apartment complex. Even at his job he prefers to remain unseen, down in the boiler room, so he won’t ruffle feathers, nor they him.

Nat Moyer’s the opposite, and it’s more than just an infantile craving for attention. In an interview, Gardner said he recalled “extraordinary...men and women, all immigrants, passionate people, who believed a great, humane kind of America existed — and when it didn’t,

they decided to make up the difference.” Nat tells stories and reinvents himself with each. Was he Hernando, the escaped Cuban terrorist? Or an attorney for the human rights organization

HURTSFOE? Nat admits he makes “alterations when the truth doesn’t fit” (Midge says he isn’t “even friendly with the truth”).

But Nat has such a gift for tale-spinning that when he confesses he’s been “just a waiter” for 41 years, you even take that revelation with a grain of salt.

Picture Murray Burns as an 81-year-old social activist, waging war against, among other injustices, the “real villain,” time. Place him with Midge, the grounded realist, and the two men with gray goatees become an octogenarian version — circa 1982 — of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza.

Only the windmills are thugs “who beat up old folks for exercise” and drug addicts and an apartment complex going co-op next month. And, unlike Quixote, who enjoys a privileged status for a while at least, society regards Nat and Midge as outcasts, in part because to a culture obsessed with youth, they represent unsightly previews of coming attractions. Nat’s convinced that if it could, society would either entomb the

THEATER REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Antonio “TJ” Johnson, Charlie Riendeau in *I’m Not Rappaport*

***I’m Not Rappaport*, by Herb Gardner**

Scripps Ranch Theatre, Legler Benbough Theatre, Alliant International University

Directed by Robert May; cast: Charlie Riendeau, Antonio “TJ” Johnson, Max Macke, Catherine Dupont, Dylan Chouinard, Julie Anderson Sachs, Reed Willard; scenic design, Amy Gilbert Reams; costumes, Lisa Burgess; lighting, Mitchell Simkovsky; sound, Jason Connors

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aged in a “home for the forgotten” or eliminate them altogether: commit “abortion at the other end.”

Rappaport loses credibility when the pair play mobsters to fool a young hoodlum. The scene lacks Quixote’s aura. Nat and Midge just look

deluded. But otherwise the play blends an unpopular theme, discrimination against the elderly, with what you could call “sit-down” comedy routines, since Nat and Midge remain on the bench, for the most part, and are very funny.

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production, is the two-sided interplay between Nat and Midge. They aren't lifelong pals. They've known each other maybe five days. When the play begins, Midge has pretty much had it with his garrulous bench-mate and is contemplating a change of venue. Charlie Riendeau and Antonio "TJ" Johnson make Nat and Midge as much adversaries as potential friends. As with old age, the end of their contact could come

unexpectedly. If Nat makes too outrageous a claim, Midge could leave, and the show'd be over.

Nat the activist tinges his sentences with socialist slogans. And when Riendeau takes off his beret, from the side he looks a lot like V.I. Lenin. Riendeau sustains Nat's intensities admirably (even through the long, and talky, first act). Also to his credit, when Nat tells his stories, Riendeau gives them an improvisational feel.

A Craig Noel Award-winner, Johnson deftly unpeels Midge's barriers. He's a reluc-

tant Sancho Panza drawn to and repulsed by Nat's flights of fancy. Johnson gives Midge practical wisdom. It's as if he has already read *Rappaport* and knows he should change benches. But, after all, Nat's stories do entertain and keep both men's spirits young.

The men live on Social Security checks "that wouldn't pay the rent for a chipmunk." But their outfits are too fresh off the rack for someone on a fixed income (especially the mobsters' designer shades). The costumes of the supporting cast could use distressing as well.

You'd swear the Scripps Ranch design team absconded with an actual Central Park footbridge and plunked it center-stage. The weathered, arched masonry's a dead ringer for the original. And the lighting in Act 1 underscores the play's theme: a slow, almost imperceptible sunset. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Coriolanus

and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

The Andrews Brothers

Welk Resorts Theatre presents Roger Bean's musical about a USO show in WWII where the top acts (including the "Andrews Sisters") fail to show, and a trio of "backstage buffoons" must save the day. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1:45PM AND 8PM THURSDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 1:45PM SUNDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM TUESDAYS, 1:45PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 8.

Cocaine Don't Live Here No Mo!

Extended Glory Productions presents this gospel stage play about "the struggle of addiction" and a "miraculous deliverance." 619-931-4440. CHOICE HARVEST CHURCH, 760 W. PALM AVE., EL CAJON. 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 5PM SUNDAY.

Coriolanus

Legend has it that Shakespeare's words flowed unimpeded from mind to pen to paper. Coriolanus, an early Roman warrior, had the same ability. In Shakespeare it's a gift, in Coriolanus a curse, since he cannot be other than himself. Greg Derelian plays Coriolanus at the Old Globe. Though he has an annoying habit of delivering most speeches as HEADLINES, his close-cropped hair and swagger give him instant stature in the modern-dress (circa 1930) production. He could trounce anyone else onstage, which is a problem since stronger opponents would have made the Roman, who fights "dragon-like," even stronger (Steve Rankin's fight choreography, usually an ally, has actors make tentative thrusts and parries, as if careful not to do harm). Darko Tresnjak, an always inventive director, devised some remarkable overlaps: battles and their consequences appear as if coming from the mind of Coriolanus's domineering mother, Volumnia. In Tresnjak's insightful reading, the

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Cyrano de Bergerac

gods answer her prayers, but in the extreme. Celeste Ciulla's haunted Volumnia watches nightmares unfold as if staring into a furnace. (Note: *Coriolanus* runs in repertory at the Festival Stage.)

Worth a try,
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25.

Cyrano de Bergerac

Okay, it's a long show — over three hours — but Darko Tresnjak's staging and Patrick Page's commanding performance make the time fly. Everyone probably knows about his nose and how Cyrano became the 17th century equivalent of a "Renaissance Man," skilled and courageous in all things save his heart's desire. One of the fascinating aspects of Page's performance: where most Cyranos accentuate the positive — the panache, the swash-buckling, the Disney of it all — Page faces the rift in the man head on. He admirably walks his own path but pays for being an absolute outsider (in a strange way, the hyperverbal, romantic Cyrano resembles Shakespeare's Coriolanus, who also excels at war and walls himself

from intimacy). And the witty Roxane (a terrific Dana Green) pays as well. The Old Globe production unfolds like a pageant. Anna R. Oliver's splendid period outfits dazzle the eye, and Christopher R. Walker's sound merits special mention. When Page whispers, every word is clear. (Note: *Cyrano* runs in repertory at the Festival Stage.)

Critic's pick.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 8PM SUNDAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27.

Dear Harvey

San Diego State Theatre presents this tribute to gay rights activist Harvey Milk, "the people he knew, the lives he changed." SDSU'S EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, 5500 CAMPANILE DR., COLLEGE AREA. 619-594-6884. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS. THROUGH OCTOBER 2.

Drink Me or, The Strange Case of Alice Times T

She's kidding, right? No, Lady Foss-mire and her Zero Population Party want to cull at least half the

world's people: all the males. Indigents, men only, are disappearing from London. Could it be a highly selective virus or, as some allege, three eerie sisters who practice witchcraft and speak only Jacobean English? Detective Fossmire, scion of Lady F. — and potentially the last of his gender — must find out. For Moxie Theatre, bedecked in Jennifer Brawn Gittings's wispy blue silk, Jo Anne Glover, Morgan Trant, and Melissa Fernandes delight as the mystical, nursery-rhyme-singing trio — some of the sweetest life-snuffers you'd ever want to meet. As long as they're onstage, innocently flitting across David Weiner's two-level London Bridge set, the production's a charmer. Nonmystical scenes have problems in the writing and staging, however. Playwright Mary Fen-gar Gail loads them with so much information that the pace bogs and the storyline disappears. In the key role of Detective Fossmire, Stephen Elton's stiff performance lagged behind the others. Kristianne Kurner, Laurie Lehmann-Gray, and Mark C. Petrich make useful contributions amid pages and pages of exposition. 858-598-7620. **Worth a try.**

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 7PM THURSDAY, 7PM FRIDAY, 7PM SATURDAY, 3PM SUNDAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27.

Godspell

Lamb's Players presents this musical, by Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak, telling parables of Jesus as found in the gospel of Matthew. Robert Smyth directed. 619-437-0600. HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVE., DOWNTOWN. 619-234-9583. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 22.

Hamlet

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I Love You Because

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Twelfth Night

modern musical remake of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, the women date unlikely men. All fall in love. Joshua Salzman (music) and Ryan Cunningham (lyrics) include almost every scene in the novel (which makes Act 1 run far too long). The energized North Coast Rep production infuses the familiar "opposites attract" cliché with attitude: when genuine feelings blossom, the quartet of allegedly in-the-know New Yorkers must drop armored poses and tough tones — and fess up. Thanks to Ric Simas's sharp direction, a game cast, and a three-piece

backup band, they do it in very funny, comical ways. ***Worth a try.*** NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27.

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4999. 7:30PM AND 9:45PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM AND 9:45PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN. **Speed-the-Plow** "I'm a whore and I'm proud of it," boasts Bobby Gould, "but I'm a *secure* whore." Gould will pay for that bargain-basement hubris in David Mamet's scathing critique of commercial Hollywood. After years in the cubicles, Gould is now head of production and must make a choice: green-light the prison-buddy moneymaker or the "artsy" novel about radiation saving the world. The choice reveals Gould's soul, or lack thereof. Although the

Ion Theatre's opening night had yet to internalize Mamet's precise/impressionistic dialogue completely, the cast showed every sign they will. Claudio Raygoza (especially when leaning humpbacked on the desk) adds Richard Nixon notes to his stark portrayal of Gould, the promoted-promoter. Though a little too harried in her early scenes, Sara Beth Morgan nicely unveils the motives behind Karen's "naïveté." And as Charlie Fox, Gould's stooge for eleven years, Matt Scott does some of his best work. Almost every word combines kiss-up fawning with four-alarm rage.

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The Taming of the Shrew Patio Playhouse gives Shakespeare's comedy an updated version, in which "Kate gets a *Mad Men* treatment." Christa Sherman directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVE., ESCONDIDO. 760-746-6669. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 4.

Things We Want In Jonathan Marc Sherman's "suicide comedy," Sty, a blackout alcoholic, recites Reinhold Niebuhr's "Serenity Prayer" with enough irony to build a skyscraper. He and

his brothers, older Teddy and younger Charlie, live in their parents' old apartment (where their father jumped out the window and, five years later, then their mother). The trio has serial addictions: to alcohol or recovery, to unreachable illusions, to love. A year from now each could flip-flop (or skydive ten floors). That said, this is one hip, and hilarious, play, especially when young Stella arrives. Shuffle the dialogue and it'd make little difference, since all four roles use an identical, deliberately literate style. But that's where New Village Arts and director Lisa Berger come in: a fine cast grounds each role in telling physicality: gestures and idiosyncrasies. Adam Brick and Tim Parker connect as Sty and Charlie. Rachael Van Wormer (is there anything she can't do?) charms as Stella. Joshua Everett Johnson leaves for New York in a month. As chronically intense Teddy, Johnson, gives local theater a masterful going-away present. ***Worth a try.*** NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 11.

Twelfth Night One of the joys of theatergoing is watching a large cast perform with no weak links. When each actor comes back on, you're glad to see them and curious about what they'll do next. The Old Globe's

Twelfth Night, directed with flair and heart by Paul Mullins, sports such a nicely honed ensemble it's difficult, even unfair, to single out individuals. That said, however, two stand out. James Newcomb's sad-eyed Feste frames the production's sprightly antics with an ancient, this-too-shall-pass wisdom. He isn't just a wise fool. This Feste could have written Ecclesiastes. Patrick Page makes Malvolio the exact opposite. Every moment is brand-new. His black hair Hitler-slicked across his forehead, Page shows that a little innocence can be a dangerous thing. Mullins smartly reset the play in the Italian Riviera in the 1950s, a choice that lets costume designer Linda Cho work in Technicolor. Ralph Funicello keeps his set static by design. The focus stays, rightfully, on terrific ensemble acting and Shakespeare's menagerie of cross-gendered, cross-gartered maniacs rendered loopy by love. (Note: *Twelfth Night* runs in repertory at the Festival Stage.) ***Critic's pick.*** OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26.

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By Joe Deegan, 9/16

No Knife Fight

Clairemont—A man armed with a knife on the 3500 block of Ashford Street was reported via police radio on Sunday evening, September 13.

A dispatcher said that a caller had contacted

police because a man was threatening to stab somebody near the Carnival Market. The man with the knife was described as an Indian male in his 40s wearing a black-and-red-striped shirt and black pants.

As police appeared on the scene, they attempted to detain a total of eight people who were believed to have been involved in the confrontation. A 5'9" Hispanic man in his 50s, wearing black shorts and a black shirt, reportedly

ran away southbound on Ashford.

Police radio reported shortly thereafter that the man got on a bike and continued to travel south. Six minutes after the call, a dispatcher asked officers at the scene if they were able to find the man with the knife and take him into custody. An officer confirmed, "Yeah. We're talking to him right now."

By Nathaniel Uy, 9/16

Comments

1. Good story, 'mano! Just

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By LaPlacaRifa48619

3:12 p.m., Sep 16

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By whyigotahaveid

9:26 p.m., Sep 16

Two Capers

City Heights — According to police radio, San Diego police were dispatched to Polk Street and Marlborough Avenue at about 2:40 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, in connection with a fight involving about 20 people.

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the units responding to the scene, "The fight originally started at 42nd Street and El Cajon Boulevard and moved over to Polk Street and Marlborough Avenue." The reporting party told the dispatcher, "The victim was at her house in the 4100 block of Polk Street."

When an officer arrived at the scene, he told the dispatcher, "There was no fight in progress." He described the victim as

"a female juvenile from Hoover High School." A dispatcher subsequently requested a Spanish-speaking officer for the purpose of finding out what had transpired.

A few minutes after arriving at the Polk Street location, several officers were discussing an incident in the 4200 block of Polk Street that possibly involved the same group of people.

An officer told another officer over police radio, "Two different capers

are going on here. An ice cream vendor was robbed in the 4200 block of Polk by a group of black males — probably involving the same gang of people."

By Steve Horvath, 9/16

Oxygenated Septuagenarian Robber

La Jolla — A man described as being 70 to 80 years old is suspected of robbing the La Jolla branch of San Diego National Bank on Saturday, September 12.



Clad in a beige-and-black-checked blazer and wearing a black-white-and-beige-checked golf hat, the man walked into the Ivanhoe Avenue bank branch at approximately 10:10 a.m. He approached

a teller station and handed the teller a note demanding money.

Upon receiving a sum of money, the man escaped on foot. The robber was wearing an oxygen tank in an over-the-shoulder bag and had an oxygen tube affixed to his nose. The suspect is white, 6'4" tall, medium build, with liver spots on his skin. He wore a light-colored shirt and slacks as well as prescription eyeglasses.

"It's very unusual," says FBI special agent Darrell

Foxworth. "I think it's the first time this year we've had a suspect 70 to 80 years old."

By Cindy Winslow, 9/15

Comments

1. Ma...gramps got out of his room again!

The first septuagenarian with oxygen tank just THIS YEAR? What's going on over at Casa Manana?

By SDaniels

10:35 p.m., Sep 15

2. Reminds me of the father on that Brit com-

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edy Keeping Up Appearances. That guy was always streaking or pulling a sword on someone.

By tikicult 7:08 a.m., Sep 16

Dog Gone Wild

Pacific Beach — On Friday afternoon, September 18, police responded to reports of a vicious dog running loose and biting someone in Pacific Beach. When police arrived at the parking lot on the cor-

ner of Ingraham and Gar-net (in front of the Staples store), the dog jumped through the open window of a parked black Dodge Ram van. Hitched to the van was a 34-foot Avion "fifth wheel" camper.

The security guard at the San Diego Credit Union branch next door to the Staples reported that the van and trailer had been parked in the same spot for three weeks. Police tried unsuccessfully to subdue the dog, who remained in the van bark-

ing. Two other dogs could be heard barking from within the camper.

At about 4:00 p.m., two county animal-control officers arrived. They were able to capture the dog using a Ketch-All pole and transfer him to their truck. Police then had to break into the camper so that the officers could enter and check on the welfare of the other two dogs. Those dogs were also removed using Ketch-All poles. All three dogs appeared to this reporter

to be healthy, well-cared-for German shepherds. The van and camper were gone from the parking lot by the following evening.

By Laura Meldrum, 9/20

Tunnel Vision

Coronado — The Coronado Tunnel Commission met on September 10 to discuss the next step in its proposal to build a 1.4-mile underground tunnel that would redirect military traffic between the bay bridge and North Island naval base.

Resistance to the plan has come from the Navy (which cites concerns about terrorism), residents, and nonresidents employed in Coronado, who would help pay for the project with a minimum five-dollar toll.

"It's an eye-opener on how much resistance there is," said Tom Ritter, the new assistant city manager, describing his introduction to the project. Ritter replaces Jim Benson, a tunnel supporter who argued that Coronado's

congestion problem is San Diego's problem as well.

What Ritter calls "a very interesting half-a-billion-dollar project" has yet to receive any outside funding, yet the commission has inched along and nearly completed the environmental phase of the project. Completion now depends on the Navy and Caltrans reaching consensus on option 4B, in which the tunnel would open off-base.

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With plans to begin construction mid-2010 (according to coronado.ca.us/tcp_web/timeline.asp), the commission is preparing to launch a

public-outreach campaign.

By Sheila Pell, 9/15

Comments

1. Are these guys idiots or what. How the hell can we possibly afford to do this?

By SanDiegoParrothead

2:08 p.m., Sep 17

Home Is Where the Cheap Rent Is

Tijuana — "The loss of employment in the United States and the impossibility of paying rents over a thousand dollars a month has prompted many fam-

ilies to change their residence to Tijuana, where they can pay rents between 400 and 600 dollars," reports *El Mexicano*.

According to real estate agents, in the past few months there has been an increase in *emigrados* (Mexican residents with legal permission to work in the U.S.) who have moved to Tijuana in search of a house. Even though Tijuana rents are high compared to the rest of Mexico, those who have lost their jobs can still afford

to rent here with their unemployment insurance, said the report.

By Bob McPhail, 9/20

They Saw Nothing

Mira Mesa — Police are investigating what they believe to be a gang-related stabbing that occurred behind an apartment complex on Camino Ruiz on Friday, September 18.

According to police radio traffic, just before 10:30 p.m. a Hispanic male and two female juve-

niles were walking on Flanners Drive near Mesa Verde Park when a car full of Asian males approached them and issued a gang challenge to the male. The passengers from the vehicle then supposedly chased the group to a nearby apartment complex, where a fight ensued and the 18-year-old Hispanic male was stabbed.

Just after midnight, police received a telephone call from a nearby hospital regarding a patient

that was seeking treatment for a head wound. The patient, described as a Vietnamese or Lao male, claimed that he injured himself while skating. Police radio chatter implicated the patient as a possible part of the "Asian half" of the stabbing incident.

By Nathaniel Uy, 9/20

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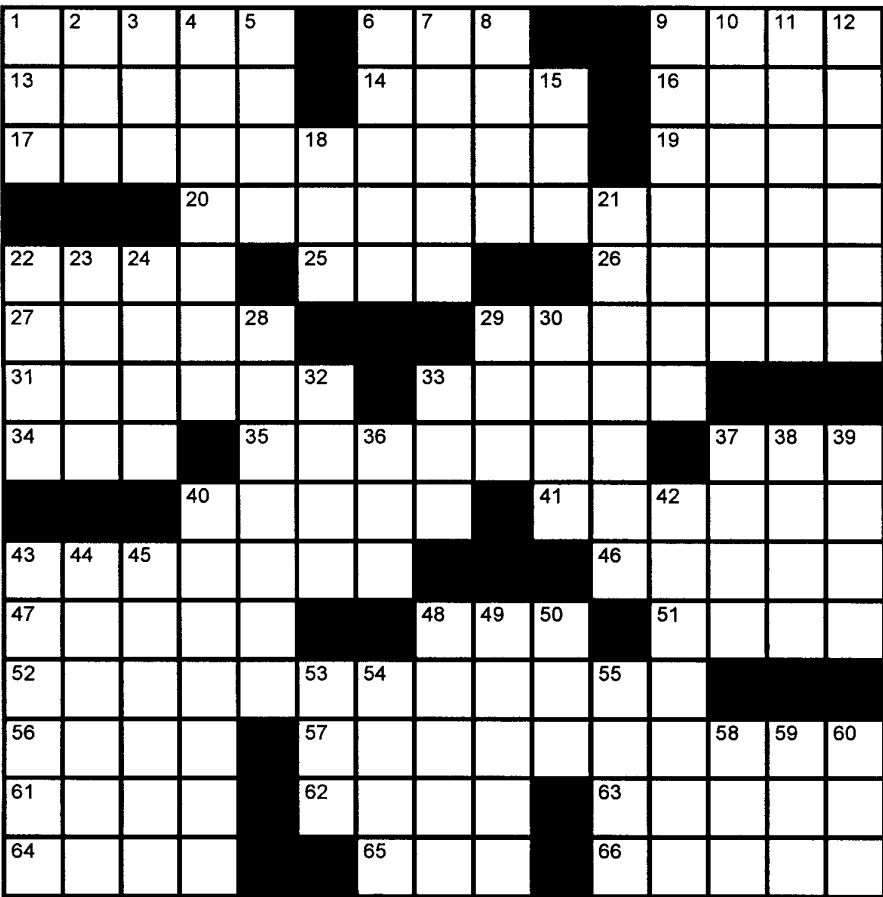
1. Forces out
6. Some ESPN highlights, in short
9. Speed ____
13. Menotti opera title character
14. Few and far between

16. Nautical leader?
17. Rhymester's supermarket purchase #1
19. Where Pres. Obama's mom was raised
20. Rhymester's supermarket purchase #2
22. "... blackbirds, baked in ____"
25. Puzzled comments
26. Glossy alternative
27. Exodus mountain
29. Stops
31. New Hampshire senator who preceded Shaheen
33. City destroyed in Genesis
34. Name on a Chinese menu
35. Rhymester's supermarket purchase #3
37. Tbsp. or tsp.
40. "... to fetch ____ of water"
41. More difficult to believe
43. Ends
46. She played Annie in "Annie Hall"
47. "Take this job and @#%#@!"
48. Prefix meaning "wrong"
51. Leaning
52. Rhymester's supermarket purchase #4
56. Best Picture of 1958
57. Rhymester's supermarket purchase #5
61. Tool for a duel
62. Japanese who won the 1974 Nobel Peace Prize
63. Residents in Anaheim's "Little Gaza" neighborhood
64. Red states?: Abbr.
65. Round Table honorific
66. 1976 Sally Field TV movie

Down

1. Doofus
2. Tinseltown's Thurman

3. Uncle ____
4. He wrote "Beware of all enterprises that require new clothes"
5. Turn on an axis
6. Garbage
7. Edna and others
8. B'way postings
9. Set one's sights
10. Flinches, e.g.
11. Desert Storm reporter Peter
12. Groups on horseback
15. Paranormal ability
18. "Get my point?"
21. "That steams me!"
22. Part of PDA: Abbr.
23. Name of 12 popes
24. "I'm ____ mood to argue"
28. ____ of (notwithstanding)
29. Atty. General's cabinet division
30. Exchange words
32. ____ Bator, Mongolia
33. Choice of sizes: Abbr.
36. Square root of IX
37. Jai ____
38. Actress Suvari
39. 36-Down: Sp.
40. States of cordiality
42. Public ____
43. Hints
44. Supplies
45. Hauer of "Blade Runner"
48. Civvies
49. "What's in ____ me?"
50. Oink spot?
53. "Treasure Island" monogram
54. Barnyard calls
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59. "The X-Files" org.
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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

Flo Abena, Rancho Peñasquitos, 36. Welcome back autumn.
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 36. Blessings, James Scott.
Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 36. Go Katrina! Star student of the week!
Ron Meyer, Santee, 36. I sure hope Britney is good!
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 36. All the bells and whistles...SDMRM.
Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 36. Remembering Grandma.
Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 36. XL for LX, plz.
Eddie O. Spaghetio, Coronado, 36. IVB143DEB! ...hold me like you'll never let me go! CIUM.

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 36. From little acorns mighty corruption grows!
Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 35. My love for you will never fade away, baby.
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 35. Kelly, I hope the sandwich wasn't too hot.
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 35. Go Chargers! Squish the fish!
Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 35. Google "paintwithdan" for quality painting at budget prices.
Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 35. Why bother...
Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 34. Puzzle's done, now for the Harley.
Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 34. President Obama's speech to Congress — a homerun for healthcare reform.

Julie Osburn, North Park, 34. Mike - I'm trying hard to win you a Reader T-shirt.
Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 34. Hope you enjoyed Legoland, Alex and Gio.
Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 33. This was a toughy, Denise!
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 33. Ignorance is no excuse - it's the real thing.
Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 33. Have more than thou showest - speak less than thou knowest.
Kyle Matzke, Vista, 33. Acorn, another honest liberal program for the hard working Americans.
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 33. 9/21 just for today, seven years again.
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 33. Bacon and eggs.

Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 32. Chargers were lucky.
Vince Cuseo, Vista, 32. Point of Parliamentary procedure!
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 32. Retinopathy - schmetinopathy!
Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 32. Happy belated birthday to Lauren, a.k.a. UGGIES!
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 32. Better yourself. Ride your bike!
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 32. I might be the coolest - but you're not the crappiest!
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 32. I ain't got time for that kind of stuff.
John Pertle, Santee, 32. Isaiah 53; Romans 5:6-8; John 20:30-31; Acts 16:31.
Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 32. A hen's just an egg's way of making another egg.

Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 31. Wake up, America. Please.
Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 31. Heartland Lions. "We Serve."
Bill Pischke, Ramona, 31. The Autumnal Equinox is orange this week.
Leslie Chase, Campo, 30. Fall casts its orange pall over all.
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 30. Show me the money.
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 30. No egg on my face - I hope.
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 30. Goodbye, and thanks for all the fish.
James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 30. Go Padres!
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 30. Good to see you here again Jacque!
Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 30. Small Bar on Park Blvd. is now open.

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 29. Support term limits for US Congress!
Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 29. Ambot lang gid.
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 29. Carpe diem!
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 29. You betcha.
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 29. C'est la veggio!
Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 29. Return our T-shirts from the Sudokus!
Ken A, Ocean Beach, 28. Why do tweakers like acid-wash jeans?
Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 28. Lead us not into temptation - we'll find it ourselves.
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 28. Prognosis: Very good.
Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 28. Keep healthcare private.

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 28.
Great show, Mr. Gregory Isaacs!
George Elam, Vista, 27. *Thanks for my second shirt. Reader rocks.*
Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 27. *Shut down ACORN.*
Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 27.
Kimberly: I love you more than words can say. —Don.
Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 27. *It is gone.*
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 26. *Hi All! Thanks!*

Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 25. *Kristine, congratulations on your big raise!*
William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 25. *Happy 10th, Hon.*
Edward C. Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 24. *Happy half-year, Aya.*
Bob Werner, Bay Park, 23. *Y30Y.*
Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 22. *Sponge Bob is sad. Missed last week.*
Jenny Hughes, Escondido, 21. *Oui! Oui!*

Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 20.
To err is human, to forgive, canine.
I.C. Garcia, Golden Hill, 19.
People, “Soylent Green” is the solution. Death Panels for everyone.
Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 19.
At the end of every crossword there is another word.
Steve Kassiotis, San Diego, 19.
Zen axe does not age - or tail exam. Eat lees haters.
Aleksa Mendive, Normal Heights, 17. *Guess who’s back.*
Rubber Chicken Research Team, Mission Hills, 16. *Good-bye to old faces, hello to new!*

Dorothy Kruse, Carlsbad, 15.
Needed Jeff’s help again!
Big Lex Torres, San Marcos, 14.
Big all over.
Sunny Nelson, El Cajon, 13.
Happy 43rd anniversary - best wishes, Mary Ann and Ron. Suzie.
Joe Musser, Encinitas, 12. *Omnia vincit keo.*
Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 11.
Back in the saddle again.
Mark E. Jones, Clairemont, 10. *Impeach Obama.*
Linda Morris, Encanto, 7. *Go Chargers!*
Zona Wahrenbrock, San Diego, 7. *An eggzasperating puzzle.*

Claire Phillips, Clairemont, 6. *I’m hoping.*
Michael Sheridan, San Diego, 6.
Healthcare just for myself.
Jennifer Vuksinich, El Cajon, 6.
It’s fall.
Chris Thelen, University Heights, 4. *Rollidup, lightidup, smokeidup, inhale, exhale.*
Eric Cash, Escondido, 3. *Even Emmett the Wolf-Dog has a huge brain.*
Jeff Newman, La Mesa, 3. *Bon-ham is God.*
Duane Tremaine, East Village, 3. *My mistress’ eyes are nothing like the sun.*

Samantha Loveira and Matt Palmer, College Area, 3. *We love our moms!*
Dan Broder, North Park, 2.
Come see Rio Peligroso at the Adam’s Ave. Street Fair!
Katie Whelan, Coronado, 2.
Thanks for the help, Sweetie. Go FTBC!
L. Barling, El Cajon, 1. *All US citizens should be Americans first, not party/”team.”*
Nanette Lehr, Rancho Santa Fe, 1. *Thanks for the help...*
Susie Stogsdill, Spring Valley, 1.
Where’s that confounded bridge?

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6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

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8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

EASY:

Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista, 18. Final t-shirt count: 2, (crossword and sudoku) Thanks, Reader!
Tristan Meyers, El Cajon, 15. 123 wind work!!
Katrina Alcantara, San Diego, 10. Happy birthday Eathen!
Don Bowman, Santee, 10. Ariving on couch, she was crying. What's wrong? What happened!
Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 8. There is a creative solution to every problem
Ellen Stoekel, Tierrasanta, 4. How many times before my t-shirt comes?
Christina Chin, La Mesa, 3. Correction to last week: Happy Anniversary LUVVY!
Sharon Dang, La Mesa, 2. Pau Hana
Pauline O'Malley, Point Loma, 2. I love sudoku puzzles
Jeffory Ross, Chula Vista, 2. wack you in the jine
Jeffrey Mease, San Deigo, 1. I love you baby doll

Becca Cates, Jamul, 1. what do tigers dream of when taking a tiger nap?
Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 1. Hello to my girl April. We gonna be okay, baby.
Peach Kay, La Mesa, 1. Amari kaeshon Dante Jhekson =G-ma loves LL

MEDIUM:

Kodukso, Poway, 16. Go Chargers, no on second thought, stay chargers!
Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 15. Lj was the dog who slid home on a sled!
Henry Chung, San Diego, 8. Not this round, but I will be number one!!
Elliott Estrine, Poway, 8. Fight on!
Bernie Malihan, Mira Mesa, 8. Go 9ers! 5 super bowl rings! Hi Bhurd
Tony Marsh, San Carlos, 8. Icream and cake, do the icecream and cake

Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 6. No transitive property in college football.
Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 5. Ah! Fresh!
George Elam, Vista, 4. Life is good. Enjoy every day someday
Molly Pillsbury, Banker's Hill, 3. I break for kittens!
Sherie Hubble, Alpine, 2. Murderers? Drunken drivers? More die from lack of medical insurance!!!
Frank Kuzinar, Carlsbad, 2. Keep our healthcare private
P.W. Robinson, San Diego, 2. Hi Von; Today medium; next week hard, or even evil!
Linda Bible, El Cajon, 1. Thank you El Cajon police for finding hit-run driver
Bonnie Conwell, Mira Mesa, 1. Chargers, Chargers, Chargers-Thanks for Sproles!

HARD:

Glenn R. Walker, La Jolla, 18. Hi to Hary (LJ)
Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 9. God bless. Mary if I give her wings, she will fly

Stuart Hesketh, Escondido, 9. Saw "Love" in Vegas- Great show!
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 9. Damn, I forgot my mantra!
Ray Hunt, Rancho Penasquitos, 8. Our grandma is the best. Love, BR, Shockey and Priest
Edvin Shahmoradian, Escondido, 7. Looks like I picked the wrong week to stop sniffing...
Duane D Tremaine, East Village, 7. My love as rare as any... Belive with false compare
Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 6. Happy birthday Amada!
Sylvia June, El Cajon, 3. Thanks SD Reader for my shirt!
D.B. Gietzen, Sunset Cliffs, 2. Five sences precive Carla: gorgeous, lyrical, jasmine, nectar, ecstasy, love
Katie Whelan, Coronado, 2. Love the t-shirt- Thanks!
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 1. Can't do evil
Michael Hess, Escondido, 1. I love my family: Kate Aiden, Ava, and Audrey
Kathryn Reid, San Diego, 1. Spencer is still the best!

EVIL:

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 21. Single Payer, Public "Intelligent" Option 4
Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 21. Ho hum lets make it 21! Go Chargers!
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 21. Where size doesn't matter...SDMRM
P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 21. Kind of smevil
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 21. Waiting for the revolution...
Clyde Christie, East Village, 20. Re Obamamaniacalnomics—Ignorance is bliss— Until the riif falls in
Julio Magno, San Diego, 20. US Postal Sudoku Expert. Hi Jane, Lisa, Ruth, John
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 19. Die V; To stop sinning sud-denly
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 19. Sorry you got punked.. ELUJAH!
Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 19. save water - fix leaks

Harry Walker, La Jolla, 19. Glenn(LJ) Hello to you and Donna
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 18. Yeah for king ludwig-bring on the ger-man beer
Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 17. One fine day
Susan Williams, North Park, 17. It's my birthday!
Mark Xitco, San Diego, 17. Thanks!
Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 16. Gone for 2 weeks. Back in the game!
Linda Kokel, Tierrasanta, 16. Happy new year
Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 16. déjà vu...
Delfin Bernardo, National City, 15. Feliz Compleano-partrona cristi gonzales
Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 15. My baby has learned to potty in the potty
Yuko T., San Diego, 15. Hi Larry Clark, Clairemont, 14. U.S.C. was pounded by the Buck-eyes, but they prevailed anyway
Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 14. OK, that was a tough one. Keep 'em coming! —DE

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Carolyn Woodbury, Chula Vista, 14. Please publish random correct answers
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 13. Term limits for US Congress
Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 13. Does Mary Bentley still play dominoes? Please call
Ed Vicino, El Cajon, 13. Save water! Shower with a friend
Susan Irwin, Ocean Beach, 12. Has your medical insurance company ever lowered your rates?

Thomas Daley, San Diego, 12. “Keep the Faith”
Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 12. I am speechless this week
Robert Bradley, Spring Valley, 10. One month till desert season
Steve K., Ocean Beach, 10. Bikeriding sudoku master’s favorite song...
Bill Petty, Bay Ho, 10. 1376 I want everyone up for Volleyball at 7 AM Sharp!

Greg Chauncey, La Jolla, 9. 2hr try W.P. Sunday Quintuple play
Raymond Land , Escondido, 9. Gloria in Excelsis! Deo!
Joe Selig, San Diego, 9. I love you Linda
Skully, San Diego, 9. Monkey boy says hi to Oldman Steve, Kitten, Goldmember, R1Rabbit.
Paul Brugger, Downtown, 8. Lindsay, happy birthday. See you next week
Karen Maegley, Sorrento Mesa, 7. Life is good today

Dennis Jardim, Oceanside, 6. Carlsbad coast looks like a sea of tilted concrete
Dan Holslin, San Diego, 5. Can’t your morals ever really suk?
Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego, 5. I’m Back
Tess C. Sutton, San Diego, 5. Have an evil weekend
Lynnette Lampton, La Mesa, 4. T-shirt please
Robert Lindahl, College Area, 4. Phyllis ur my dearest angel I love you honey bug
Anthony Marca, Encinitas, 4. Nice diversion from work!

Roger Doughman, San Diego, 3. If you pray, never give up
Rick Gildersleeve, La Mesa, 3. My pop’s the best
Jane Flemmang, Encinitas, 2. Sometimes evil is fun
G. Noser, Banker’s Hill, 2. That’s 4 of 4
Bill Vaughan, Coronado, 2. Now my wife want’s a t-shirt
Scott Babb, Spring Vally, 1. I love you Suzy
Robb Dusa, Rancho Peñasquitos, 1. My dad’s the best sudoku player Rachele, Jacob, Jessica

Bob Chase, Escondido, 1. Bull-dog rules!
B. Grailly, San Diego, 1. Thanks to the Reader for a chance of evil glory
Carolyn Kay, El Cajon, 1. Love my family thanks for t-shirt
Richard Meneley, Spring Vally, 1. Leave that vodka alone
Martin Mucciarone, Carlsbad, 1. Virtual Digits, like gears meshing together, combine into squares Haiku!

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Albert Wang

SeaWorld

Mira Mesa

I had a girl ask me out through Facebook. She was my residence counselor in college. She asked me out a year after that. We ended up seeing each other for a few months, but she was a crazy sorority girl. We barely knew each other. I call it the longest first date I've ever had. This was at the University of British Columbia.



Mel Marshall

Sales

La Mesa

Yeah, when I was at the World-fest, or whatever that's called, in Vancouver. It was in 1986, and I was in the Navy. I was standing at a bar in my uniform, and she put her hands on my chest and said, "We're dancing now." She pushed me out onto the dance floor, and I stayed with her for the next three days. God bless the Canadians.



Colleen Dowell

Business

San Jose

Well, there's a difference between women hitting on you and asking you out. If you're asking if I've ever asked out a guy, well...believe it or not, I am shy and very traditional. I think if someone is really interested in me, they should approach me and ask. People have told me it's acceptable for the woman to ask out the man, and some men like it. I could never muster up the courage. I think women that ask men out seem aggressive and probably wear the pants in the relationship. I believe in equal rights, but I didn't fight for them. I appreciate everyone who did, so don't get me wrong. But when I grow up, I wanna be a housewife.



Scott Gutting

Retail Management

Santee

Yeah, back in high school. It was to the Sadie Hawkins dance. I went and we had fun and ended up dating for a little while. That was at Mira Mesa High School. I was a senior and she was a junior.



John Fast

Sales

4S Ranch

It's a hard story to follow, but back in high school, the girlfriend of a friend of mine asked me out. She did that by putting it in a secret code in the yearbook. I never went out with her, but his best friend started seeing her on the side. That went on for three years, while she was still dating the other guy. The guy never found out and ended up marrying her. They're still married.



Robert Scorpio

Military

Mira Mesa

It was on America Online. We started messaging. I never saw a photo of her, but she said she had a pretty face but needed to lose a few pounds. On blind dates, I always have an out. And when I saw her, I thought she was ghastly looking. She looked like that Wilson sister before the gastric-bypass surgery. We were on the I-5 near Ardath and I told her I was sick and that she needed to pull over. She pulled off the road, and I pretended to barf in the pickle weed. Since they were damp, I wiped my face to make it look all sweaty.

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Wrestling with Our Inner Angels. Sat., Sept. 26, 9am-noon. Author Nancy Kehoe discusses her book and the role of faith and spirituality in treating mental illness. Signing follows. Open Door Books, 4761 Cass Street. 858-270-8642.

Community Wheat Harvest. Sat., Sept. 26, 10am. Normal Heights artist David Krimmel has grown an organic crop of wheat using rainwater for irrigation. Community wheat harvest: separate wheat from chaff, winnow, grind wheat berries into flour, take home wheat berries. Kensington-Normal Heights Library, 4121 Adams Avenue. 619-533-3974.

Clairvoyant Program Open House. Wed., Sept. 30, 7:30-9pm. Free event and demonstration on the six-month Clairvoyant Training Program. Intuitive Insights, 4455 Morena Blvd., Suite 108, San Diego 92117. 858-509-7582. www.MyIntuition.Net.

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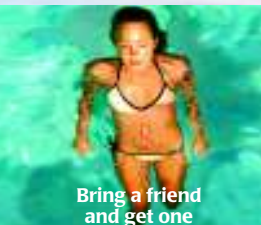
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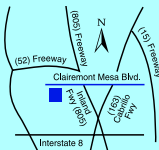
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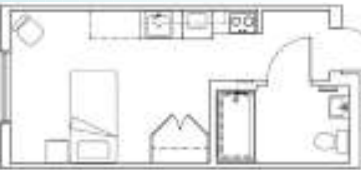
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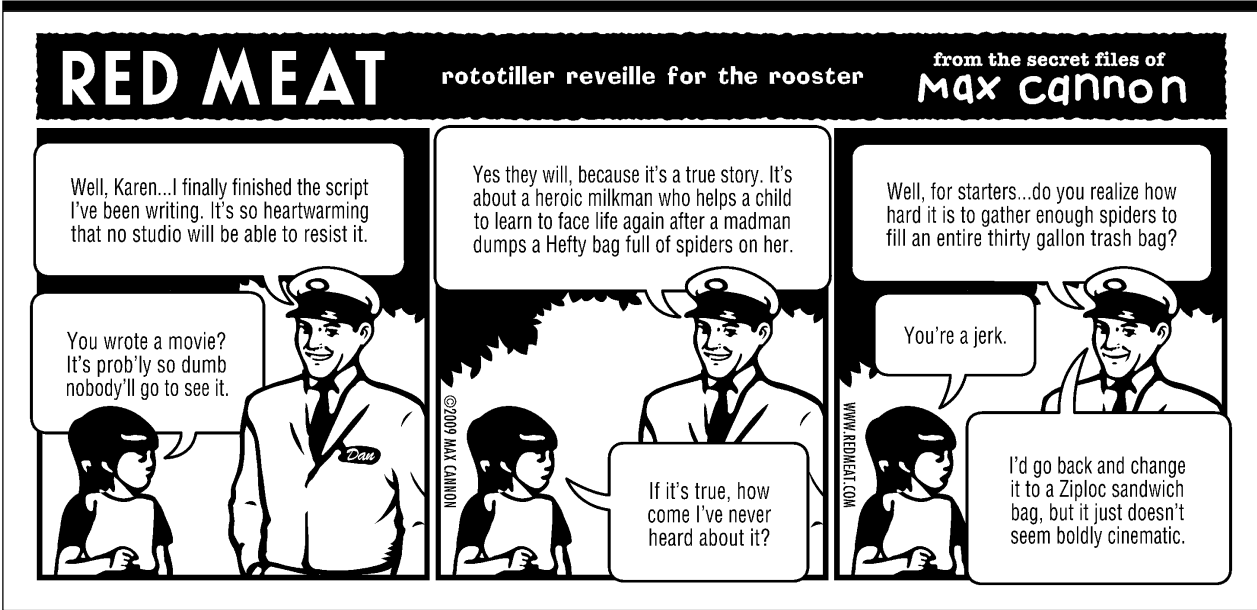
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LEAD STORY

— Japanese engineer Takuo Toda’s paper airplane was certified in May as the *Guinness Book* record-holder for the longest flight from a single folded sheet of paper: 27.9 seconds. ... In Witcham, England, in July, Jim Collins won the World Peashooting Championship, using a “traditional” instrument blowing at a target 12 yards away, but noncompeting ex-champion George Hollis once again drew the most attention with his homemade, gyroscopic-balancing, laser-guided peashooter, with which he won three previous championships.

Compelling Explanations

— When motorist Timothy Pereira, 19, rammed Christine Speliotis’s car head on in Salem, Mass., in March, there was no doubt in police officers’ minds what the cause was: Pereira was driving 85 mph in a 35 mph zone and had swerved into Speliotis’s lane. However, in July, Brandon Pereira, 17, an injured passenger in his cousin’s car, filed a lawsuit against Speliotis for negligence, claiming that if she had been quicker to get out of the way, the collision would not have occurred.

— A woman in Kansas City, Mo., told police in June that the reason she stabbed her sleepwalking 24-year-old boyfriend in the face was that she feared he would hurt her if she didn’t wake him up. (She said the man had also just finished urinating in her closet.)

Ironies

— When the tenant failed to pay \$87,000 in rent in April and May on two townhouses and a retail property at Trump Plaza in New York City, the landlord did what Donald Trump would surely do: it began eviction proceedings. However, the tenant in this case is Donald Trump’s Trump Corp., which leases the space from the current landlord, the Trump Plaza Owners co-op. Said the co-op president: “If you don’t pay the rent when Donald Trump is your landlord, he comes down on you like a hammer. Well, lo and behold....”

— In July, Mexican authorities accused one of the country’s newer drug cartels, La Familia, of murdering 12 federal agents following a 2007 debut in which it rolled five severed heads into a dance hall in a show of intimidation. According to an April Reuters report, captured docu-

ments indicate that La Familia gang members are required to attend regular prayer meetings, to never drink alcohol or take drugs, and to attend classes in “ethics” and “personal improvement.”

I Want My Rights!

— Relatives of two British convicted murderers, claiming a breach of “privacy” under the European Convention on Human Rights, filed lawsuits recently against the Greater Manchester Police over a crime-prevention campaign. High-profile gang members Colin Joyce, 29, and Lee Amos, 32, had been sentenced to long prison terms, and the GMP, trying to turn youths away from gangs, created computer images on billboards of the two men as they might look when they are released, sometime after the year 2040. Their families were outraged. (GMP reported that gang-related shootings are down 92 percent since Joyce and Amos were caught.)

— Schoolteacher Charlene Schmitz, convicted in February 2008 of using electronic messaging to seduce a 14-year-old student in Leroy, Ala., was fired and is now serving a ten-year prison sentence. However, under Alabama law, she is still entitled to draw her \$51,000 salary until all legal

issues are concluded, and Schmitz is both appealing her conviction and suing the school board for firing her. Another aspect of state law requires the settlement of all criminal issues before the lawsuit can even be addressed. The school board, with an already limited budget, must thus pay Schmitz and her replacement during the process.

Least Competent Criminals

— Lonnie Meckwood, 29, and Phillip Weeks, 51, were arrested in Kirkwood, N.Y., in June after allegedly robbing the Quickway Convenience Store. Their getaway ended about a mile from the crime scene as their car ran out of gas, even though the Quickway is also a gas station. ... Hatim Gulamhusein, 48, was arrested at Toronto International Airport in April, suspected of bringing 76 swallowed packets of cocaine into the country as a drug mule, despite a mighty effort to avoid being charged. Gulamhusein managed to control his bowels so well that it took three weeks for all the packets to pass.

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The older brother of a friend of my daughter's committed suicide last week while away at college. His whole adult life lay ahead of him, but he ended it. Needless to say, our family was sickened to hear the news. It brought into our home a subject we'd all prefer not to think about. I decided that my kids, as they near adulthood, had to know that there is help out there should they — God forbid — or a friend ever need it.

So, I did a little digging and discovered the Light for Life Foundation of Southern California (760-635-5904; yellowribbonsd.org), a nonprofit group based in Carlsbad that brings awareness about suicide prevention.

"We are not a hotline, and we don't have services," explained executive director Carol Skiljan. "We are an education-and-awareness program, a public-health approach to get-



ting the word out about suicide prevention. Our target audience is 10- to 25-year-olds and all the adults that interact with them. Basically what we are trying to do is increase health-seeking behavior; so, sort of frontloading young adults with asking for help or asking for help for their friend.

"Most of the time we are in schools," Skiljan continued, "but we have worked with youth groups, high school sports teams, faith-community youth groups, after-school programs — wherever and with whoever wants to champion us to get this information to youth and to the people that they interact with. We do full school assemblies in a gym [to get] basic information out, including warning signs and risk factors. We also do it in a health class, where it is more of a question-and-answer period. Because just about all of us have sort of a gut reaction sometimes to things that people say and we don't know what to do...we want people to take any talk of suicide seriously and to get that person help."

In San Diego County, "Suicide is the number-two cause of nonnatural death. It used to be number one, so it has gone down. In the past,

there has been about one high-school-age death by student every month in San Diego. Some people think, 'Well, look how big the county is...that is not very many suicides.' But the attempts are estimated to be anywhere between 100 to 200 for every completed suicide. And that is the issue — when attempts are not dealt with, it puts somebody at a higher risk for completing in the future; in other words, dying."

A tool the Light for Life Foundation uses is the Yellow Ribbon card. "We hand out the Yellow Ribbon cards," Skiljan says. "It's a tool, it's a way to ask for help. You can just show the card. We stress with them interaction with a trusted adult, but, of course, kids spend a lot of time with just their peers — no adults around — so that is why there is also the county-run hotline number on the card [619-641-6992; 800-479-3339]. We ask kids to think about three trusted adults and friends because the more front-loaded kids are, though it is still difficult, it's easier if they have some familiarity and know how to respond."

What are the warning signs for suicide? "There are three major warning signs, immediate danger signs where action has to be taken immediately: threatening to kill him or herself;

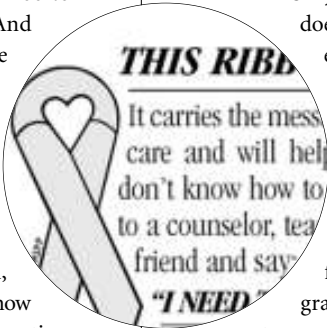
seeking firearms, pills, or other lethal means to kill; talking or writing about suicide and dying. So, with any of those, action has to be taken immediately."

Skiljan says their organization does not do referrals, but "I do encourage people to get involved with the local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness [760-722-3754; 619-543-1434] because they have a lot of family-to-family type education programs as well as peer-to-peer type programs.

"The message for everyone is that suicide is preventable, that 90 percent of the time, suicide is the result of an undiagnosed mental illness; usually depression, which is the most treatable of mental illnesses."

The Light for Life Foundation will put on a Save a Life benefit walk on November 8 starting at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street in Balboa Park. "It benefits our organization as well as the Survivors of Suicide Loss, who are folks who have lost a loved one to suicide."

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BASIC INSTRUCTIONS

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BASIC INSTRUCTIONS How to Pick Your All-Time Top Five Movies **by Scott MEYER**

When listing your top five films, number one should be easy. Pick the movie that's had the biggest impact on your life.

Number one's Raiders of the Lost Ark. It gave me my primary role model in life.

The Nazi who got his hand burned.

No, not him.

The Nazi who got caught in the propeller?

IT WASN'T A NAZI!

Well all the bald guys in that movie were Nazis!

Number two will be almost as easy. If you get stuck, think of what movie entertains you even after countless viewings.

So Belloq's your role model. Cool.

What's your second favorite movie?

The Wrath of Khan.

Solid choice! What's your favorite part?

When the hero's best friend dies.

They resurrect him in the next movie.

Yeah, I didn't like that one quite as much.

Movies three through five can be tricky, but it's worth the effort. Making the list is fun, and telling patterns can emerge.

The Incredibles, The Empire Strikes Back, and The Army of Darkness.

Notice what your top five movies have in common?

They're all awesome?

None of them are targeted at adults.

Name one awesome thing that is.

Furthermore, your friends' reaction to your list, and the lists they create will tell you interesting things about them.

Three Minutes Later:

Those are my top five movies. They're all awesome, and they are all aimed at adults.

They're all "adult films."

Indeed. Are you denying that they are awesome?

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Five Years Ago

It seemed like true love in February 2003 when megabucks Rancho Santa Fe investment tycoon Ralph Whitney paid ex-Beatle Paul McCartney a cool \$1 million to sing at a surprise 50th birthday party for his wife Wendy at Delicias restaurant. Wendy was then busy producing the *Larry King* show from a remote studio in the Whitworths’ sprawling mansion, and party guests included King and Wendy’s close chum, NBC *Today* star Katie Couric.

— CITY LIGHTS: “NOWHERE MAN,”
Matt Potter, September 23, 2004

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Thirty Years Ago

This is the way Ted Uhler commutes from his Spring Valley home to his job downtown: Uhler sets his alarm for 5:30 a.m. and hustles to get out his door by no later than six. Then he trots down Bancroft Drive over to Sweetwater Avenue, which he follows south to Jamacha Road. He runs west on Jamacha, which becomes Lisbon Street and eventually branches into Imperial Avenue. Finally, he jogs west on Imperial to Market, which he takes on the final leg west to the city administration building (he works in the city clerk’s office). The 13-mile jaunt requires about an hour and 40 minutes.

— CITY LIGHTS: “SO LONG HONEY, I GOTTA RUN,”
Jeannette De Wyze,
September 27, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Former Ku Klux Klan leader Tom Metzger is taking his white supremacist views to television. When Cox Cable began its public access Channel 24 a year ago last

May, Metzger, a Fallbrook television repairman who now heads his own 10,000-member nationwide group, the White American Political Association, sent some of his lieutenants to gather some information about the public access program and the various how-to workshops sponsored by Cox.

— CITY LIGHTS: “RACE TO BE TELEVISED,”
T.K. Arnold, September 27, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

Early this summer, I visited a coastal town in Washington state where houses in good repair on corner lots were selling for \$11,000 and jobs in the cranberry bogs paid four an hour. Over breakfast in a steamy café, we listened to a sheriff’s deputy kid the waitress, fresh out of high school, about some boyfriend she’d had who’d gotten a new girl. Insulted when we praised his county as “real peaceful and quiet,” the deputy tucked his chin in tight to his khaki chest. “We got crime,” he said.

— “MEMORIES OF MAIN STREET,”
Judith Moore, September 28, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

I can most certainly do without the gender politics. I am sick and tired of the implication that women are morally superior to men. ... And what heterosexual man in our culture has not felt objectified by some women as a wallet or as a success object?

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— LETTERS: “TRY BEING A GARBAGEPERSON,”
September 22, 1994

Ten Years Ago

In the mid-1950s a high school kid from El Cajon named Frank Zappa read an article in *Look* magazine that said Sam Goody was so good at selling records, he could unload a

copy of Edgar Varèse’s *Ionisations*. This piqued the curiosity of the restless, inventive young rocker, so he set about trying to find this extreme and unplayable piece of music. It took him a year. (Apparently there wasn’t a big call for Edgar Varèse records in San Diego in the 1950s.) When he did find a copy, Zappa was informed the record cost \$5.98. The young Zappa gave the store clerk \$2 for it. The store was no doubt glad to get the record off the shelf, where it probably had sat for years.

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: United Church of Christ
Address: 5940 Kelton Avenue, La Mesa, 619-464-1519
Founded locally: 1964
Senior pastor: Felix Villanueva
Congregation size: 225
Staff size: 5
Sunday school enrollment: around 30
Annual budget: \$350,000
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no
Dress: casual to formal (tending toward casual)
Diversity: diverse
Sunday worship: 10 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 10 minutes
Website: ucclm.org

"I didn't stay for 30 years," says pastor Felix Villanueva of his career as a Navy chaplain. "I only stayed for 21." Because of Iraq. "That conflict was what prompted me to retire. I was against the war from the beginning. I was always raising my hand and pointing out issues of justice, issues of understanding the enemy. Marine generals don't think that way. I saw myself as a missionary to the troops — these kids, 18 to 22, away from home, in a system that teaches them to kill, kill, kill. I thought that somebody had to be the voice of humanity: 'Yes, you've

been ordered to kill, but remember, you are still killing a human being.' Some commanders had a problem with it, others didn't. There are a lot of people with consciences in the military."
Before he left, he served as the head chaplain for the First Marine Division, "leading the charge" toward Baghdad. "I was in charge of 27 chaplains — Catholic priests, a Buddhist, an imam, a rabbi, Protestants of every flavor. We worked together, which was the most amazing thing. I wish the world outside could be like that. We were a team providing faith ministry to people, and we could care less what your background was."

So it was probably not accidental that the choir sang "Come, just as you are to worship/ Come, just as you are before your God" at the outset of the folksy contemporary service, held in the church hall instead of the sanctuary. Diaconate chair Joyce Gillespie explained that the "third Sunday contemporary service" was "the best format to

fill the space between now and when the church is able to make decisions about what direction we want to follow in the future." She asked the congregation to fill out a survey, which would eventually result in a recommendation by the diaconate to the church council, "and then the congregation will be involved. It's not a process that is singled out by certain people."
"Come, just as you are..." Associate pastor Mary Sue Brookshire began the prayers of petition and thanksgiving by saying, "One of the gifts of our community is that we can come and bring all we are before God. It seems that in so many parts of our lives, we feel like we have to wear masks. We have to pretend that we're not hurting, or we have to put on some kind of other person. Here, we can be honest with each other and with God. There's a basket of rocks in the back, and if something feels particularly important to you, I want you to walk back and pick up one of those rocks and just pause for a moment"

before placing the rock into a bowl that would be borne to the altar at the front of the church. "God...we give You particular thanks this morning for those fellow travelers with whom we walk. The path is not always easy, and we thank You for the strength they provide." After she prayed, many rocks plinked into the bowl.
"Come, just as you are..." Villanueva's sermon focused on the relation between Christ's promise that the first would be last with His declaration that "whoever welcomes a child...welcomes Me, and...the One who sent Me."
"Children...were considered property. He implies that in order to see God, we need to welcome those who have been devalued and rejected by society.... There are plenty of people outside the church who think that what we do is laughable...that the church's entire history is one of self-serving self-delusion. At the same time, there are plenty of people within the wider church who say that what we do here is not just

Felix Villanueva
United Church of Christ La Mesa
★ ★ 1/2
Sermon content ★ ★ 1/2
delivery ★ ★ 1/2
Liturgy ★ ★ 1/2
Music congregational ★ ★ 1/2
band ★ ★
Snacks ★ ★ 1/2
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Extraordinary ★ ★ ★ ★

I invite you to join me in becoming holy fools for the sake of the Gospel. There are too many people starving for a place that can welcome them as they are...looking for a community that can embrace them and love them and walk with them.... Amen."
Then he threw it back on the congregation: "What do you think?" And the congregation answered.
What happens when we die?
"After I retired," said Villanueva, "I became a hospice chaplain. I have witnessed people make the transition. I have witnessed the peace that comes, the assurance that there's something waiting for us. I believe there is an after-life, and I believe we all go to the same place — in that regard, I don't believe in hell. But I have no clue what it's like."
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“We got them off craigslist. Nice young couple. The woman gave us some Christmas cookies.”

Zack Wentz, primarily a drummer and vocalist, is somewhat of a minimalist with regard to band lineups — Kill Me Tomorrow is a three-man act, and the offshoot, Tender Buttons, was one person on keyboards and Zack with a mike. When Tender Buttons no longer had tender moments, Zack was open to a new side band.

“Shelby [Gubba-Reiner] and I were playing music with some friends of ours,” says Zack, “only Shelby was on drums, and I was on guitar. We started messing around before and after practice with just Shelby on bass and myself on drums and soon found we had half a song or two done by the end of every session. We seemed to finish each other’s sentences, musically...this was at the very end of 2008, just after Kill Me Tomorrow got back from Europe.”

The Dabbers were formed shortly after that. A limited-edition, self-titled 7-inch single will come out this November. “On crazy-colored vinyl,” says Zack.

When he’s not playing music or spending time behind the counter at M-Theory Music, Zack writes fiction. “Art has always been the higher priority for me, but I suppose that’s why I’ve never done terribly well with day jobs.” His first novel, *The Garbageman and the Prostitute*, was published in 2006, prefaced in 2004 by a Kill Me Tomorrow CD with the same title. He’s currently shopping his second novel and finding that publishers are reluctant to take on “experimental” fiction in the current economic condition.

As for music, “Pop is personal,” Zack says. “I like the kind that produces the sort of floaty, blissed-out, Whirling Dervish vibe — songs I can put on repeat for years, the quietly exploding shit that talks to your DNA.”

The Dabbers play SOMA September 26 and

Costa Mesa’s Detroit Bar on September 27, both shows with Autolux.

And...that mustache is real, not a prop.

HISTORY OF YOUR INSTRUMENTS?

Zack: “All of this gear is fairly new, besides Shelby’s bass rig. The Dabbers’ drum kit is actually Shelby’s.

We got them off craigslist. Nice young couple. The woman gave us some Christmas cookies she had just made, right out of the

oven. That probably sealed the deal. Craigslist people: Think ‘warm cookies.’”

Shelby: “I had just spent a ton of money being haggled at Guitar Center to buy an amp combo. My friend got ahold of me that same day to show me a bass rig he wanted to sell and introduced me to my current setup — a Road head and a giant Acoustic speaker cab for \$150. I returned the amp combo the next day, much to the chagrin of the GC dudes.”

WHAT’S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Zack: “Pussy Galore’s *Dial M for Motherfucker*, for some reason, but really I mostly just listen to the classical station at night. I’ve been listening to Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan’s *The Last Prophet* a great deal lately. Sometimes for hours on end. Easily one of the greatest singers who has ever lived.”

Shelby: “Right now I’ve been obsessed with Casiotone for the Painfully Alone. I went crazy at his merchandise stand a few weeks ago when he played at the Casbah, so I am currently rotating *Vs. Children*, *Advance Base Battery Life*, and *Answering Machine Music* in my car.”

EARLIEST CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

Zack: “Sitting in bed by myself making shadow animals with my fingers on the wall at the old

Hillsboro [Oregon] house. I had a book that showed you how to do them. My sister hadn’t been born yet, so I was younger than three. I remember the day my sister was born quite clearly, so I suppose that’s the second-earliest memory, and a much longer story.”

Shelby: “Eating handfuls of pink, yellow, and blue saltwater taffy in a strange part of town I can’t recall, given to me by a local drug-dealing hippie.”

YOUR ALTERNATE UNIVERSE LIFE OR JOB?

Zack: “Getting paid a wage that I could actually live on for what I already do seems otherworldly, at this point — making music, writing books, comics, scripts. Perhaps I can pull a bit more of that dimension into this one. I need to hang out with more theoretical physicists.”

Shelby: “Making music, art, and reading books all day. Looks like Zack and I would probably be meeting up in that alternate universe as well. Cool.”

IS “LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT” REAL?

Zack: “Blinding hatred at final parting seems to be more common.”

Shelby: “I think one’s first sight is part of the first moment, and the first moment is bound to the first few hours, and the first few hours are invariably connected to the first week, and so on. So, yes, love at first sight is possible, because it can be love at first forever, if you want it to.”

FAVORITE QUOTE?

Zack: “The art of our necessities is strange, and can make vile things precious.” — Shakespeare, *King Lear*.

Shelby: “We can learn as much as we wish, listen to the greatest masters and so on, but what we



The Dabbers

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do, what we become, is determined by our character.” — Henry Miller

BEST ADVICE EVER RECEIVED?

Zack: “My father used to always say, with regard to life, ‘You get the alternative, inevitably.’”

Shelby: “My mother’s most repeated advice is, ‘Don’t trust nobody.’ I think the double negative always appealed to me more than the actual meaning. Yet I still hear it every time someone asks to borrow something.”

FAVORITE SAN DIEGO HANGOUT?

Zack: “The Whistle Stop is where I’ll usually go if I need a beer and want to spend time with friends in public. If I go out, it’s usually to see and/or play a show, which usually means the Casbah. I feel more at home there than any other venue in the world.”

Shelby: “Mitsuwa Marketplace [Kearny Mesa] for eating sashimi, ramen, and buying random cute toys.” ■

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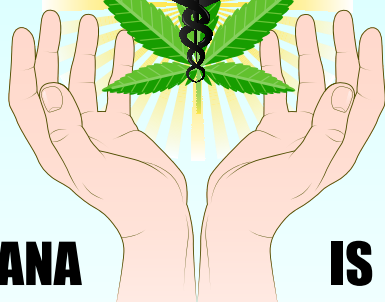


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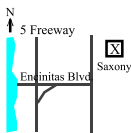
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