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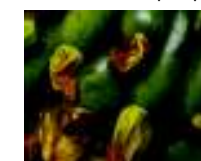


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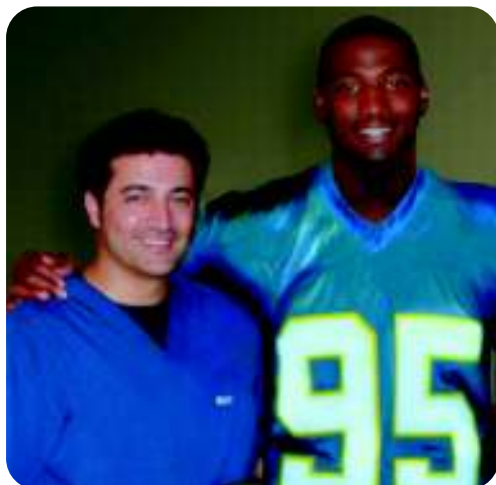
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UNDER THE RADAR

Coming clean Del Mar investment advisor **Herbert W. Morgan**, nominated to



Herbert Morgan

the San Diego city retirement board by Mayor **Jerry Sanders** and confirmed by the city council in April of this year, has filed an amended financial disclosure statement revealing the identity of three clients who are sources of income greater than \$10,000 each. Morgan, who joined the board on May 4, had initially declined to disclose the names, arguing that federal securities law protected the privacy of his clients. "To the best of my knowledge none of those customers will make, participate in making or in any way attempt to influence a governmental decision," he wrote on a state-mandated disclosure statement, dated June 2.

"Eight clients are individuals. To the best of my knowledge, none of the clients has any interest financial or otherwise related to [the retirement fund]. One client is an institution. The institution does not have any business or desire to do business with [the retirement fund] or the City of San Diego." In a June interview, Morgan said that he would have

to resign from the board if required to disclose the names, adding that he needed to shield their identities for competitive reasons.

Following a reporter's inquiry, **Roman Porter**, executive director of the California Fair Political Practices Commission, told Morgan in a July 7 letter that state law required him to reveal the clients of the firm, Efficient Market Advisors, LLC, whether or not he quit the board. "Please be advised that failure to comply with the reporting provisions of the Act can result in a fine by the Commission of up to five thousand dollars per violation."

After some back-and-forth with the commission, Morgan agreed to amend his report to comply with state law. Filed on August 31, it names **Robert Bozick**, **Christa Mueller**, and Sand Hill Advisors, LLC, as sources of income that exceed the state's \$10,000 threshold as of the date of his taking office. Sand Hill describes itself on its website as "a leading wealth management firm in the San Francisco Bay Area with over \$800 million in assets under its direction" that provides "comprehensive, individualized services for high net-worth clients, including individuals, families, charitable organizations and select institu-

tions." The company says it provides "access to alternative investments including private equity, hedge funds, natural resources and private real estate." The two individual clients were not further identified, and there was no explanation regarding why only three clients, not the nine previously mentioned, were disclosed. The FPPC says the others apparently didn't exceed the \$10,000 threshold. Reached by phone this week, Morgan, a Republican who backed **John McCain** during last year's presidential race, said he amended his filing after discussions with the FPPC. "I did it because I'm a rule follower. I agree with the rule of law."

Exploring Chula Vista **David Butler**, appointed the County's interim assessor-recorder-county clerk by the board of supervisors last March, is exploring whether to run for election. On October 7, he filed a candidate intention statement with the registrar of voters. When they gave him the job, the supervisors added \$30,000 to the salary, bringing Butler's salary to \$190,570.

... **Marco Gonzalez** and his Coast Law Group have agreed to pay a \$500 fine resulting from his failure to file a lobbying disclosure report for the first quarter of 2009 until

July 24, almost three months after it was due. "The report ultimately filed by Respondent disclosed that during the first quarter of 2009, Respondent lobbied five City Officials on behalf of two clients concerning various municipal decisions," according to a stipulation agreement he signed with San Diego's Ethics Commission. According to the most recent filings, the Coast Law Group represents the Surfrider Foundation, San Diego Coastkeeper, and Friends of Rose Canyon. Gonzalez is the brother of **Lorena Gonzalez**, secretary-treasurer and

CEO of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council. ... The practice of behesting, wherein state legislators tell their fat-cat donors which nonprofits to contribute to, is alive and well. In June of this year, Republican assemblyman **Nathan Fletcher**, a part-time surfer, got the Walgreen Co. to give \$5000 to the San Diego chapter of the Surfrider Foundation to "support environmental protection."



Marco Gonzalez



Nathan Fletcher

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San Diego's Loss Is...You Know

By Don Bauder

Economists say the United States should export its expertise. Scam Diego is doing just that. A couple of rascals who honed

their skills in San Diego are now polishing them in other cities.

Alfred Louis "Bobby" Vassallo blew into San Diego in 1994 and dropped names of his supposed friends (such as Prince Albert of Monaco) and promised to give money to the San Diego Opera, getting named to its board in the process. But the money didn't come. He told investors that his company, Presto Telecommunications, had business ties to blue-chip companies and had a valuable license that would make it Latin America's premier communications provider. He took in \$11 million, but he spent only 16 percent of

it on the business; much of the rest went for his personal luxuries. In time, the Securities and Exchange Commission nailed him for fraud and four



Bobby Vassallo

years ago told him to pay almost \$2 million, which he has not done, according to court records.

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Rebecca Holden

mother, Jo Alice Lochmiller, was sentenced to three years around the same time, and his elder brother, Stephen Reid Lochmiller, had been sent up for four years in 1984. The firm had been promising investors up to 24 percent interest on real estate investments. One of the capers that got them in trouble was

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By Rosa Jurjevics

A few years ago, after moving out of a condo in a desirable San Diego neighborhood, Jacquelyn and Dave Quinonez

found themselves in a bind. Their landlord, someone Jacquelyn describes as being at first only a "little weird," was withholding their rental deposit, first for 30 days (illegal in the State of California, which requires landlords to return security deposits within 21 days) and then indefinitely.

"We [then] received a certified package with a long list of 'repairs' he made to the place, including replacing lightbulbs in the recessed lighting throughout the place," Jacquelyn says, "at a crazy

checks and why they totaled only \$77.70. For two weeks, we received ten more checks per day, same amount, same memo line, which we divided up into three piles — [ones] written to me, written to my husband, [and] written to both of us."

Their ordeal finally over, the Quinonezes decided to let the atrocious behavior go.

"We were just happy to be done with that crazy landlord!" says Jacquelyn.

Attorney Steven R. Kellman, who has been practicing



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if you know the property owner's name, but there are options for those who don't want to do the legwork themselves. *Defaultresearch.com* offers, for a fee, lists of notices of default. For \$199.99 per county, you can get a quarterly foreclosure report. There are cheaper options, however; according to *all-foreclosure.com*, the lowest-priced subscription fee is for *foreclosure.com* (\$40 a month), and the highest is Retran (\$99

doesn't work, send a politely worded letter. If this, too, fails, you can play hardball by calling the City and requesting a building inspection.

With the advice of a lawyer or at your own risk, there is a further step that can be taken.

"Tenants may also withhold rent to obtain needed repairs," says Bernadette Probus, the lead housing attorney at the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, which assists those with low income

in obtaining legal assistance.

She warns, however, that this can result in an eviction notice.

"There are landlords that will attempt to retaliate," cautions Probus, who has been practicing law for over 20 years. "Besides beating them a few times at trial, there is no way to micromanage landlords who retaliate against tenants who are assertive."

When battling landlords in court via the Legal Aid Society, she says, one must be "patient and persistent," as the agency handles over 500 calls per month.

Kellman advises people who are moving out of a rental unit to have a professional cleaning service scrub the place down. If you do it yourself, he warns, the landlord can redo the job and charge you for it. With a cleaning service, you get a receipt.

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hourly rate he came up with based on what a handyman would charge."

The Quinonezes eventually took the landlord to court — and won — but he managed to be problematic still.

"A few weeks later we received ten checks for \$7.77 each with 'White Trash Pay-out' written on the memo line of each check, numbered one through ten," says Jacquelyn. "We were shocked and confused — and, of course, angry, especially my husband, who is not even white — and wondering why he sent so many

ing renters' rights law for over 20 years, runs the website *TenantsLegalCenter.com*. He advises that you "do a little bit of investigation before you move in."

These days he recommends checking the property for a notice of default, which indicates an owner is behind on the mortgage payments and the building may be foreclosed upon. The default notice is filed with the San Diego County Recorder. You can check online for a notice of default, in the Grantor/Grantee Index,

a month) in order to see and search listings.

Either way, checking for a notice of default is an important part of the process, says Kellman. "It's amazing how easy you get into a lease, and it's because they're on the verge of losing their house," he says.

If the place checks out and you go ahead with your rental, there are some things to keep in mind. One of the most common hassles with landlords is over repairs. First, Kellman says, make oral contact with the landlord and request repairs. If that

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Why Someone Would Do This

Chollas View — This morning, October 14, a maintenance worker at Chollas Lake discovered a Muscovy duck clinging to life — it had been shot five times with a crossbow. One of the arrows had pierced its head.

"We have no idea why someone would do this," says Lieutenant Daniel DeSousa of San Diego



County Department of Animal Services. "It was not done for food but was instead a horrific and malicious act of animal cruelty."

The injured duck was immediately taken to the county animal shelter in Linda Vista for treatment. According to DeSousa, the goal today was to remove the "bolts" or arrows.

"The duck survived the initial surgery to remove the bolts and will be under the care of an avian specialty veterinary hospital for the time being," says DeSousa. In a couple of days, the bird will undergo further surgery to repair the damage.

No witnesses to the incident have come forward, notes DeSousa. "We are hoping that someone saw something or overheard something or knows a person that has a crossbow and uses similar bolts." DeSousa explains that if authorities can find the person who did this, the charges would be felonies. "They would be looking at time

in state prison," he adds.

The care for the bird will be paid for by a fund established last year after a dog was savagely beaten at the U.S./Mexico border. According to DeSousa, assuming the bird survives, it will likely go to a rescue group or sanctuary.

By Cindy Winslow, 10/14

Broken Promise

Downtown San Diego — Last month on September 15, the San Diego City Council rejected two sites — an East Village warehouse and a parking lot in Balboa Park — for the annual temporary winter shelter, voting 5-2 (one councilmember was absent).

It was a short-lived victory for the East Village because on October 13, the city council approved the same location it did a year ago: a privately owned East Village site on Island and 15th Avenue.

In case problems arise with the first location, the alternate site is planned to be on 13th and F Street, also in the East Village. Prior to the Tuesday, October 13, city council meeting, several East Village community members were encouraged by the East Village Association to voice their concerns regarding the placement



of the shelter for the third consecutive year in their neighborhood.

"Last year we were promised it would not be located in East Village again. We simply will not allow you to renege on that promise," said East Vil-

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lending money for the purchase of Palm Springs homes with artificially inflated values. One of those homes had belonged to Elvis Presley.

Philip Lochmiller is now in deep trouble in Grand Junction, Colorado. The state's securities commissioner has charged that Lochmiller has been selling unregistered — and fraudulent — securities in the same kind of mortgage business that got him sent to the slammer for his San Diego activities. Through a Colorado company called Valley Investments, Philip Lochmiller promised investors 12 to 16 percent annually. The money would be used to buy or develop land. But the company lied to investors on many counts, says the state, and the court-appointed receiver says it looks like a Ponzi scheme, to wit, "Investor funds were not being used as represented, but rather primarily used to pay debt

service to prior and existing investors."

Investors were promised that lots would be appraised by professionals. But the receiver finds no evidence of appraisals and adds that investor names were often forged. The state securities commissioner makes the same charges, noting that often the liens on a property greatly exceeded its value. And, says the commissioner, Philip Lochmiller did not inform investors of his felony securities-fraud conviction in California.

The FBI is investigating the matter and has set up a hotline for irate investors — again, many elderly. Meanwhile, Philip Lochmiller has closed down the business and moved to nearby Loma, says Gary Harmon, who has been following the case for the *Grand Junction Daily Sentinel* and can't get the defendant to respond to him, even in court.

And where is Philip's

brother Stephen, who was the boss at Lochmiller Mortgage? Well, he is in Sacramento, heading a company called Online Fulfillment, which purportedly helps those operating websites to hook up with search engines more readily. Stephen did not return my call. I could not reach Philip. His lawyer did not return my call but has stated publicly that his client was not running a Ponzi scheme but rather ran up against a real estate market in which prices collapsed.

Bobby Vassallo didn't return two of my calls either. He claims to be a telecom expert with City Wireless Consulting, which appears to be based in the Austin area. He sends out news releases touting his own expertise: "Wireless consulting comes from experience, not from equipment vendor's promises," he sneers, warning customers not to be "sold a bill of goods."

He should know about

that topic. According to the Securities and Exchange Commission, he wooed more than 800 investors to plunk money in Presto by saying he had business relationships with AT&T, Sprint, MCI, and Qwest and was a partner with Cisco Systems and Unisys. But it was all false, said the agency. And the Mexican license he touted had no value. He was told to cough up \$1.26 million for his ill-gotten gains plus \$120,000 in civil penalties, \$602,000 in receiver expenses, and almost \$24,000 in interest. The money hasn't come in.

Vassallo had a 6275-square-foot house at 1329 W. Muirlands Drive in La Jolla. The receiver got court approval to sell it, but Vassallo and his wife fought the move up and down the court system. In February of 2007, federal judge Irma E. Gonzalez ruled that the house would have to be sold. It was peddled the next month for \$3.68 million, but there was a pile of debt on it. It is not clear if Vassallo sold because of the court judgment or sold on his own. It is also not clear if the receiver netted money on the sale, given the debt on the property. The receiver, Thomas F. Lennon, and his law firm have not replied to requests for information.

Now, in addition to spewing out advice on telecommunications, Vassallo has become a self-professed expert in philanthropy. He doles out advice on a bunch of websites, calling himself "Dr. Vassallo," the title he claims to have been awarded for an honorary degree from a Mexican institution. On one of his sites are these words: "We want to thank Dr. Bobby Vassallo for his generous donation to this site. Bobby Vassallo is a renowned expert on post-earthquake trauma to urban areas." Hmmm.

The same Bobby Vassallo who got a seat for himself and his wife on the San Diego Opera board by pledging to give \$100,000 for a 2002 opera, then reneging, is now an expert on philanthropy. On one of his sites he advises donors to be certain that "the person you make smile is not the president of a charity, but the intended recipient of your gift. While you are writing your check, that president might be flying around on the foundation's jet, sipping martinis, heading for the foundation's yacht. It happens, I've seen it. Donate wisely." Hmmm again.

Vassallo has had connections in offshore financial institutions in such pirate coves as Grenada, Nauru, and the Isle of Man and busi-

ness affiliations with one chap promising investors 250 percent a year (yipes!) and another pledging 300 percent a week (call the cops!).

He was once married to Hollywood's Rebecca Holden, a singer-actress who has had significant roles in TV shows such as *Knight Rider* and *General Hospital*. Vassallo claimed to be her business manager. "He cleaned out my bank account," she says. After walking away from the marriage, she concluded he had stashed the loot offshore. "His supposed doctorate is laughable. He has a way of making everybody think he is their best friend; then he charms and deceives them." ■

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Probus says to make sure to do an exit inspection when moving out of the property.

Keeping good records — receipts for repairs and cleaning services, written agreements with the landlord — is key. The landlord will have documentation, and as Probus mentions, repairs can't be validated without receipts. If you enter into a legal battle with nothing, according to Kellman, things may not go your way.

"Files beat talk," he says.

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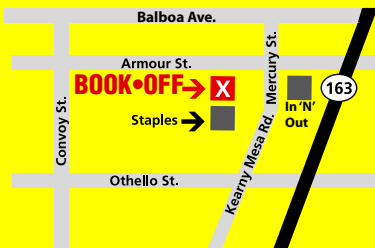
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that you do not rent from a lunatic is to check out the apartment building on sites like *apartmentratings.com*. This site is free to use and to post to, and it has hundreds of reviews of apartments, condos, and other types of units across the country. A simple search will determine if yours has made the list. The drawback? Many of the reviews are anonymous, eliminating the possibility of dialogue, and there's no way to know if a claim is true.

There are also sites like the Rental Protection Agency (*rentalprotectionagency.com*), which allows individuals to file landlord complaints and generate "free" landlord reports. Sites like these, however, often require fees and don't have enough information on file to suffice as a resource.

If your building is run by a property management company, there's a chance it is listed on the popular peer-review site *yelp.com*. Apartment buildings are also reviewed, with ratings ranging from one star out of five (Melrose Canyon Apartments) to five out of five (Bayview Apartments).

However your research is conducted, the most important thing for a renter is to know your rights. If they are violated, actions can be taken and, as daunting as legal battles may seem, there is hope.

"Most cases," Probus says, "settle without going to trial." ■

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lage association president David Hazan in a letter addressed to the city council.

The association forwarded the same letter to everyone on its mailing list, which includes East Village residents, business owners, and homeowners. In the letter, Hazan suggested: "Rather than finding a location for The Shelter, The East Village Association strongly supports the hotel/motel

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ter without the significant impacts that The Shelter has on a neighborhood."

Despite the association's efforts, the city council voted 6-2 to bring the site back to the East Village. The council also voted to allocate \$718,000 for the shelter program.

By Nathaniel Uy, 10/18

More Downtown Construction

Downtown San Diego — More than two years after Congress approved funding for a new federal court-



Architect's rendering of new federal courthouse

voucher program presented by Councilman Young. We believe this program would effectively provide shel-

house in downtown San Diego, the contract for the \$295.7 million project was awarded to Hensel Phelps Construction of Irvine.

On October 1, the first day of the 2010 fiscal year, Senator Barbara Boxer and U.S. Representative Susan Davis announced the award of the project.

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Streets, at the site of the former San Diego Hotel, which was demolished in 2006. According to government officials and the construction company, about 2000 new jobs will be created by this project.

By Steve Horvath, 10/15

Comments

1. The current federal courthouse is a very nice place — not some old run down building — it

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is not lacking for security either.

I know they needed more space (and judges), but I think the feds need to stop building palaces for the federal judges — we don't need A level buildings for courthouses.

I hope everyone takes a look at Las Vegas's new (fairly) federal court-

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Dogface

How asinine ("Off the Cuff," October 15)! If Alan C. didn't want his picture in the paper, you should not have used him in "Off the Cuff." Hiding his face with a dog shows stupidity. Shame on the Reader!

Bill Bartkus
via email

Worse Than Baghdad

In response to the letter "Bridge Survivors," Octo-

ber 15 issue, I applaud the Persauds for daring to visit Tijuana. As a result of my September Tijuana robbery, I had to take out a loan at over 800 percent interest. (Four hundred and sixty percent, mentioned on page 6 in Matt Potter's "Under the Radar"? I wish!)

I was not the only one assaulted and robbed, if you've read previous issues of the Reader. The full danger of visiting Mexico has not been fully covered in the press, and cannot be, as comments about Mexico and Canada are not covered under free speech nor free press laws. TV-6 CW news got permission to run a story about the overcrowded Tijuana morgue and the tourist bodies rotting outside for lack of space. I suggested last October that Tijuana was more dangerous than Baghdad and was arrested as a result. The court ruled that although "free press" laws did not apply, as a published tourism author, I had an obligation to inform my readers. (The other things not covered by free press laws

include obscenity, profanity, defamation, libel, false calls for help, and various religious secrets.)

John Kitchin
via email

I Right The Wrongs

Mr. Sanford: The Barry Manilow concert at the Sports Arena was postponed earlier this week, giving you plenty of time to make a note of it in your "Blurt" article (October 15). So why didn't you?

Mark Rafferty
via email

Jay Allen Sanford replies: The Reader is a weekly (rather than daily) paper, so last week's "Blurt" column was already typeset and at the printer before I received notice of the cancellation.

Got The Picture?

I was wondering if there was any chance of getting back "Picture Story." As a long-time San Diegan, I always looked forward to those. If there's any chance of getting it back, that would be great.

Kenny Lane
via voicemail

"Picture Story" will resume soon, running once a month.
— Editor

Good News From The South

Re "Please Don't Tell Anyone That Old Surfers End Up Here" (Cover Story, October 8).

Fantastic article!! I am a transplant who has lived (and surfed) in San Diego for the past year but has always been wary of adventuring south to Baja California. Reading books like *In Search of Captain Zero* and *West of Jesus* fuel my surf-adventure spirit, but the media manages to always throw water on my fire. It's great to hear positive news from south of the border, and I hope to see Steve and others in the lineup soon!

Nicholas Foster
via email

Great X2

Re "Please Don't Tell Anyone That Old Surfers End Up Here" (Cover Story, October 8).

Great article and story.
Tom Church
via email

WHOA, YEH!

Re "Please Don't Tell Anyone That Old Surfers End Up Here" (Cover Story, October 8).

LOVE IT!
Derrick R. Grahn
via email

Good Dog

I am a writer-reporter specializing in Baja animal rights issues. I found the "Dogs' Deathbed Gift" article ("City Lights," October 8) to be informative and accurate.

However, the article leaves the reader with a rather bleak picture of the fate of most homeless Baja dogs.

Things have changed, much for the better, in the last ten years. Thanks to the tireless devotion of a number of groups and individual rescuers, thousands of these Baja street dogs have found their way into wonderful new homes in Mexico and the United States. There are dozens of American and Mexicans living in Baja who have literally devoted their lives (and all their money) to getting these homeless pets off the streets and rehabilitating them. Readers would be happy to know that there is a lot of love and devotion here in Baja for these dogs and cats. Tijuana and Rosarito governments are now actively helping promote animal-welfare issues. The City of Rosarito tops the list, with a monthly free sterilization program, free dog-training

programs, and special pet events just for kids, like "Run with Your Dog." Rosarito Channel 6 even has a weekly pet-care program featuring Rosarito's *perrera* and spay/neuter clinic director Joaquín Villaseñor.

In Tijuana, the Humane Society of Tijuana sponsors regular low-cost and free monthly spay and neuter clinics and special mange and tick clinics.

Thanks to the devotion of many animal rescuers and activists, Baja is now a place where these dogs face a much brighter future. However, until the day when the sterilization clinics can bring the pet overpopulation under control, people like Donna and Marlene and Joaquín will be their angels waiting for them at the end of the line.

Vivian Marlene Dunbar
via email

Pay It Forward

Don Bauder's article "Make the Victim Pay" ("City Lights," October 8) only tells part of the story regarding SDG&E. A joint application has been filed with the PUC (A0908020) by SDG&E, Southern California Edison, and Pacific Gas & Electric to allow the utilities to finance the costs of future wildfire damages as they are incurred and pass on those costs to ratepayers. The costs include satisfying wildfire claims, legal expenses, and insurance premiums, all to be paid by the ratepayers. The utilities claim that compliance with safety rules is not realistic and wildfires are an inherent cost of service. This is an attempt to not only



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have the victims pay for past mismanagement and negligence; SDG&E wants the ratepayers to also pay for future mismanagement and negligence by the utilities.

Name Withheld
by Request
via email

Toys? No, Cartoons

I must have missed Duncan Shepherd's review of *Toy Story* when the movie first came out. Obviously, it's been resurrected for the current 3-D release.

"From Disney, the self-proclaimed First Fully Computer-Animated Feature Film: reason enough to disdain it on general principle. Reason in particular, and in plenty, is provided by the horrible forms of the figures — closer to Puppertoons, Claymation, Gumby, Speedy Alka-Seltzer, and the Pillsbury Doughboy than to the Disney family of cartoon characters."

So, he objects to the characters because they look like toys?

It seems to me Mr. Shep-

herd must have missed the point of the movie. I would have thought the title was a dead giveaway, but...alas...

Ellen Smock
via email

Way Off The Mark

I don't know whom to accredit for choosing "Do You Live Close to Snoop Dogg?" as a cover story (July 30), so I'll address both Victor Rice and the brilliant visionary who finalized this article for solidifying the negative projected stereotypes of minorities in San Diego. As if the lax, slang-riddled style wasn't enough of an indication that the writer was a barrio native, there were numerous insinuations that made it apparent Rice was hip to his local guidelines of survival via ignorant urban perpetualism (i.e., references to preprogrammed rivalries based on educational districts/individual alma maters and cultural innateness to harbor hostile opposition towards authorities).

This exposé had me, a 23-year-old Hispanic San

Diego native, perplexed on two fronts. One: as a journalistic voyeur based on high-lighting San Diego (focusing on local culture and tourism) and as a writer who explores our current economic situation as a catalyst for illegal activities, how would shedding the negative light this article spotlighted benefit our community? In fact, one would think it would have an adverse effect, resulting in less business and more "thuggish-victims" running amuck with no other choice at survival. The second conundrum that Rice's piece spawns is the age-old urban chicken-egg debate; which came first — the victim or the thug? Is the thug a victim of new-age societal laissez-faireism, or is society the victim of an affluence of misguided individuals trying to get rich quickly at the expense of those who have attained legitimately? I'm going to put my money on the latter.

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majority of the people involved in these activities choose to take this path knowing and/or having already experienced firsthand the brutal consequences at stake. I'm not ignorant or desensitized to the tragic realities of my surroundings but rather infuriated that in print it seems as if Rice seeks sympathy for choosing a lifestyle that the majority of America not only deems morally unacceptable but also avoids any affiliation with. Furthermore, Rice attempts to blame societal disposition on one's residential location — another unsubstantiated argument since each American has free will to reside in

any U.S. zip code they desire. Yet even without the means to move, no one has a predestined limit of potential simply because their surrounding community has a rap sheet of post-statistical irrelevancies on record. It's quite apparent that it is not our leisure-seeking visitors that are out of touch with San Diego, it's Rice that is out of touch with reality. The bigger picture is simple: your state of existence is a cumulative product of past decisions made. Thus no one is a victim of circumstance, just a product of their chosen chance.

I suppose my biggest disappointment in this whole

blunder is the blatant exploitation of what may be a promising influential voice for a cultural group that makes up a significant portion of our local population yet rarely has an opportunity to be heard by a demographic as diverse and influential as yours. It almost seems as if Rice's opportunity to offer a fresh take on our local currents was intercepted and diverted into a cliché pigeonholed street testimony of a helpless, misunderstood, unprivileged inner-city youth preprogrammed for failure. Even more shocking is that after (assumed) proofreading, it seems as if no one redirected Rice on track to a more

relevant piece of contribution. To add fuel to the fire, the *Reader* then selected this non-cohesive rant to be the feature piece of a literary publication that serves the whole community and is distributed for free at a plethora of local, high-traffic businesses. A front-page invitation for anyone of toddler height to marinate his or her inquiring mind with a rich non-fiction short executed eloquently with treats like "hell yeah, nigga," "clean-ass," and "smoke a blunt right before school." BRAVO! I commend your attempt to add flavor to your publication; unfortunately, I must inform you it seemed to lack any sense

of taste.

PS: I've traveled at least annually out of state, and I've never been asked how close I live to Snoop Dogg. Ever.

Andre Trujillo
via email

Semi-Great

I'm in San Diego visiting family. I see on page 36 (October 15) you have the *Reader* ranked as number one in the average number of pages, which is impressive to a point. But when you look at your paper, you realize that probably 70 percent of your content is ads, so it's a little much ado about nothing. Actually, whenever I read your pub-

lication I'm always impressed by the number of ads, especially the superficial ones for all this cosmetic surgery and that kind of nonsense. So to keep it in perspective, there are much better alternative weeklies around than you guys, as much as I do rely on you somewhat for reviews and things when I'm in my hometown of San Diego. But just keep it in perspective. You're not that great.

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Diary of a Diva
Published Oct. 14

By *antigeekess* 5:26 p.m., Oct. 14, 2009

Glad to hear your dad is taking care of himself and that his innards are so pink and lovely. Most old-school military types would rather croak than go see a doc.

Mine did. Colon cancer, 20 years ago.

Get that colonoscopy, guys.

Straight From the Hip
Published Oct. 14

By *antigeekess* 6:35 p.m., Oct. 14, 2009

"Dominant members of the troop of the noisemaker's mother will actually hit, chase, bite, or throw stones at her until she gets the baby to shut up. A nice fantasy for people who travel by plane or eat out in restaurants a lot, I'd guess."

Or shop anywhere, anytime. Or go out in public at all.

I thought you were going to say they'd just kill the kid...er...baby monkey. Cool that they take it out on the parent, where the blame belongs.

Those monkeys are on to something.

Sporting Box
Published Oct. 14

By *PJFaur* 5:52 p.m., Oct. 14, 2009

If you're interested in a serious but entertaining read about cryonics, try Yale-educated Phoenix lawyer Robert Begam's novel, *Long Life*? It's a good read that examines the scientific, religious, ethical and legal issues surrounding cryonics. You can learn more at <http://www.robertbegam.com>.

By *SDaniels* 5:45 p.m., Oct. 15, 2009

Thanks for the link. I am totally confused by what is depicted here. It looks like a clay bust (minus the bust)...

By *SDaniels* 6:10 p.m., Oct. 15, 2009
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ted_Williams

I include the Wiki link because the link in #1 is to a work of fiction that does not treat Williams' story. It is unfortunate that Williams' son (now himself deceased

and frozen) and daughter decided after his death, with a forged document, to preserve his head cryogenically. This is apparently counter to Mr. Williams' last wishes, which were to have his body cremated and ashes scattered. Now, as Mr. Daugherty points out, his head is a macabre joke, capitalized (sorry for that pun) upon by many.

Mr. Daugherty's "he was a man once" seems to echo Jeanette Donaldson's recent story title, "But after all, he was a man." If the title choice was influenced by Donaldson's story on an anonymous donor for Plastination, I submit again that there is a big difference here, morally and ethically. The man who became a plastinate planned on this kind of preservation and display of his body as a teaching tool — see the rest of my response to the story at: <http://www.sandiegoreader.com/news/2009/sep/23/letters/#comments>

By *monaghan* 10:16 a.m., Oct. 16, 2009

Beautiful column, Patrick.

I was a college student in Boston in 1960 and knew enough about Ted Williams from my older brothers to go see him play a game in his last season at old Fenway Park. It was a brilliant day, we sat in the low grandstand, and what was most remarkable about the experience was that all the fans in rows around us were Downs syndrome children from a famous Boston-area institution for the disabled.

By *SurfPuppy619* 2:30 p.m., Oct. 16, 2009

That better not be a pic of Ted Williams' head or I am going to be bent out of shape.....

By *PistolPete* 3 p.m., Oct. 16, 2009

I could be wrong but I'm fairly certain that is his head, SP.

By *SDaniels* 3:17 p.m., Oct. 16, 2009

Uh, follow the first link, gentlemen, rather than wondering. There are multiple pictures of Mr. Williams' head — a horrible violation of his final wishes...

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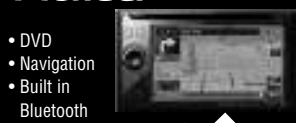
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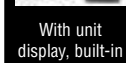
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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Which One Survives?



Doug Flutie

While wandering 200 TV channels, I came upon a United Football League game on Versus, which, by the way, is a legitimate sports network (Tour de France, NHL, IndyCar, MMA, second-tier college football, for openers). Versus does all right. And there's Doug Flutie doing color commentary, and Doug's doing all right with color commentary. I decide to stick around for ten minutes and mock the game.

The Las Vegas Locomotives are hosting the Florida Tuskers. (Three of four UFL teams are connected to their cities in name only. The New York team lives and practices in Florida. The San Francisco and Las Vegas teams live and practice in Casa Grande, Arizona, flying to their games on game days and returning to Arizona that night in order to avoid hotel costs. Over the entire 2009 season, the California [San Francisco] Redwoods will spend three days and zero nights in California.)

This Locos/Tuskers game is played at Sam Boyd Stadium before a small group of relatives and those few others without gas money to make it to a casino buffet. I'm exaggerating, but not to the extent the UFL does. Attendance figures were announced at 14,209. The *Las Vegas Review Journal* reported that attendance was less than one-third of that.

And yet this is a good game, better than the XFL...much better than I thought it would be. I wind up seeing all of it. Tuskers won 29-15. Their quarterback Brooks Bollinger passed for 310 yards, three touchdowns, was 24 for 32 overall. Players knew what they were doing; coaches knew what they were doing. It was fun to watch.

The UFL is strange at first look. Four teams, six-game regular season, and half the league qualifies for the championship game. Their season opens and closes in the midst of the college football season, the NFL season, base-

ball playoffs, and World Series, start of the NBA season, start of the NHL season, finish of NASCAR Sprint Cup...in other words, the UFL competes with every big-time sport the country has to offer.

Some look at this and say, "How?" Others wonder, "Why?" Here's the UFL money breakdown, at least if you believe all the sums are accurate — which I don't, but it's a place to start. Each team owner throws down \$12 million, and the league adds another \$12 million. Four owners, one league, equals \$60 million. The UFL has a two-year broadcast agreement with Versus for \$70 million, which, upon closer examination, seems to mean the UFL is paying Versus to broadcast their games. The league is also broadcast on HDNet, a cable-television network known only to a forgotten demographic.

The UFL started out with a \$6 million salary cap, projected average ticket price of \$20 (NFL average is \$72.70), and the hopes and dreams of one corporation, two investment bankers, and the husband of the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Frankly, things haven't gone that well, and this is aside from those god-awful uniforms and team logos. Now throw in the zero dollars spent on advertising and promotion — you get the picture.

MediaPost reports that the UFL debut game was seen in 220,000 homes while that week's Tuesday-night NHL game was seen in 405,000 homes. Considering that the country hates hockey almost as much as it hates soccer, this is not a good number.

And it's probably not a great sign that two tickets for the UFL inaugural game (Las Vegas vs. San Francisco) could be had for free if you made a \$10 bet at the Station Casino sportsbook. Or you could purchase them online for \$7 to \$42.

Ron Kantowski, a *Las Vegas Sun* columnist, wrote, "But anybody who pays \$42 for a ticket when you can get two free ones just for betting \$10 on Florida and laying the points needs to have his helmet examined." The Locos have since repriced most of their tickets to \$10.

Contrast this with another new professional football league. This one has a franchise in San Diego. Talking about the San Diego Seduction, one of ten teams in the Lingerie Football League. Their Eastern Conference consists of teams in Philly, Chicago, Miami, New York, and Tampa. Western Conference has teams in Dallas, Denver, L.A., Seattle, and San Diego. The league plays a 20-game season running from September to January. Playoffs and championship game are in February. It's indoor, 7-on-7 tackle football.

The Seduction plays at the Sports Arena and tickets go for \$28 to \$125. Most women are movie-star beautiful, they are dressed in very tight panties, bare belly, bra, accessorized by shoulder, elbow and knee pads, plus helmet.

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An artist to the core, he could do nothing else but approach criticism as art.

If I had to read it cover to cover before reviewing it, there's no telling when I would have leave to speak of *Farber on Film: The Complete Film Writings of Manny Farber*. Issued on the first of this month by the Library of America at a list price of \$40.00, the book runs to 824 pages including index, textual notes, and biographical chronology, but not including the thoroughgoing twenty-four-page Roman-numeralled introduction by the editor, Robert Polito.

Honestly I don't know where the book's reviewers have found the time. They must not be under compulsion to see *Zombieland*, *Whip It*, *Couples Retreat*, *Law Abiding Citizen*, *Where the Wild Things Are*, etc., must not be baseball or football fans, must not have taken a three-week vacation just prior to the publication date. And in view of the smallness and slenderness of the typeface, the high-contrast printing on the whitest paper known to man, the density of each page, and the piece-

meal nature of the text, to say nothing of the dazzlements of the critical insights and turbulent prose, the book does not lend itself to lengthy reading sessions. Small doses are advised. All in all, I might

do better to content myself with a simple announcement of publication in place of a review. A little over a year

after the critic's death at age ninety-one, the book is here. As self-recommending a title as there ever was, it is a treasure.

Over the years, it should be said, I had read most of it, almost all of it, before. During my senior year at Columbia, and after taking part in an extracurricular writing workshop taught by Farber at the School of Visual Arts, when I was serving as a small voice in the selection process for his only previous collection of criticism, the thornily titled *Negative Space* (Praeger, 1971), I can recollect vividly a file-box of clippings of his early work, 1942-47, at *The New Republic*—property, I believe, of his friend Donald Phelps, who had



Manny Farber ca. 1948

earlier published a sampler of Farber's criticism in an issue of *For Now*, the littlest of Little Magazines. Though Farber was dismissive of the contents of that box, I yearned to dig into it. It lay tormentingly out of reach.

Only one of those pieces made the cut for *Negative Space* (they take up over 300 pages in the new collection), but a couple of years later when I was

a teaching assistant to Farber in the Visual Arts Department at UCSD, I would spend long hours in the library stacks searching out his reviews in bound volumes of *The New Republic* as well as later years of *The Nation* and *The New Leader*, filling in the background to the criticism I had been reading hot off the presses at *Cavalier*, a girlie magazine, and at *Artforum*

in the second half of the Sixties. (The future would hold a fruitful final period of collaborations with his wife, the artist Patricia Patterson, for Francis Coppola's *City* magazine and *Film Comment* in the mid-Seventies.) It's so much more convenient to have all this material pulled together into a single package.

Even if Farber in his last years would



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express some private regret about the quantity of his work that was gone with the wind (until Polito gathered it from the four corners), the absence of *New Republic* pieces from *Negative Space* — a kind of best-of anthology, anchored by the epochal “Underground Films” and “White Elephant Art vs. Termite Art” — is not hard to comprehend. In their tone and rhythm and vocabulary, as well as in their more conventional form and viewpoint, can be detected the influence in particular of Otis Ferguson, his immediate predecessor at the magazine, and also James Agee, his counterpart at *The Nation* throughout those years. And one obvious use of the complete new collection is as a companion to existing collections of Ferguson and Agee, invaluable reference works when watching (or better, *after* watching) old movies on TCM.

It is highly salutary to read what was written about such movies before any ossification of critical orthodoxy. The close-up and in-context view of, let’s say, *Casablanca* from Farber and from Agee will offer a truer perspective than its placement on a pedestal in spot number two on the AFI list of the 100 Greatest American Movies. Observes Farber: “Bogart’s humanitarian killer, who was disillusioned apparently at his mother’s breast, has to say some silly things and to play God too often to be as believably tough as he was in his last eight pictures.” The titles of the articles alone can be priceless: “Blaboteur” for *Saboteur*, “Tinkle” for *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, “Hamburger Hell” for *The Postman Always Rings Twice*.

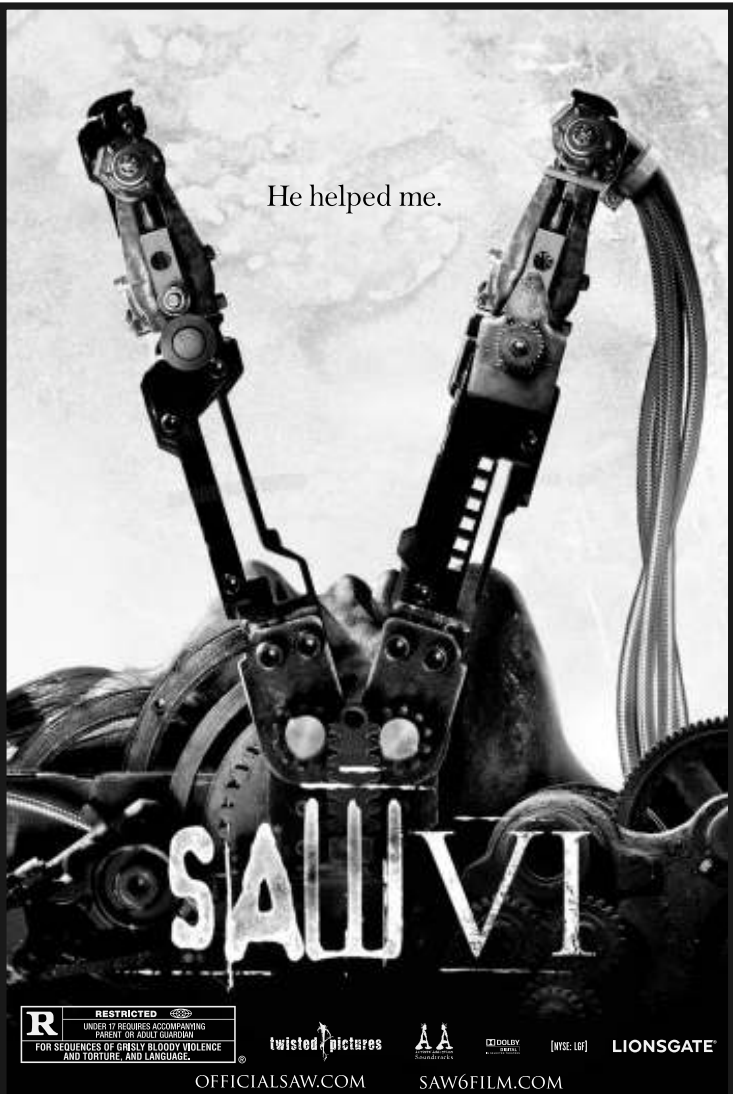
As I work my way through it, and if I can control the urge to skip around willy-nilly, part of the narrative of *Farber on Film* — distinct from whatever might have been unfolding on screen, WWII, the expansionism of Broadway and television, the decline of the Hollywood studio, the evaporation of the “B,” the French New Wave, the New Germans — is unavoidably the struggle of separation from Ferguson and Agee, the discovery or the invention of the critic’s individual voice, the staking-out of his own territory. Nevertheless, even after calculating that his first review saw print just a month after his twenty-fifth birthday, few allowances need to be made. Already in those first weeks he was noticing in Jean Gabin “a precocious underlip which drips words off in a personal sort of way” and in Humphrey Bogart the appearance of “holding back a mouthful of blood.” Twenty-five years later he was well and truly flying solo, scouting out terra incognita, doing loop-de-loops like no

one else. “All physical matter,” he wrote of *Point Blank*, to take a random example, “seems to be coated: buildings are encased in grids and glass, rooms are lined with marble and drapes, girls are sculpted by body stockings, metallic or velour-like materials. A subtle pornography seems to be the point, but it is obtained by the camera slithering like an eel over statuesque women from ankle across thigh around hips to shoulder and down again. Repeatedly the camera moves back to beds, but not for the purposes of exposing flesh or physical contact. What are shown are vast expanses of wrinkled satin, deep dark shadows, glistening silvery highlights. The bodies are dead, under sedation, drugged, or being moved in slow-motion stylistic embraces. Thus, there’s a kind of decadent tremor within the image as

though an unseen lecherous hand were palming, sliding over not quite human humans.” And so on and so on. With his painter’s eye — and indeed his painting career began before his writing one and extended more than three decades after his last piece of criticism in 1977 — Farber in his written descriptions would particularize, individualize, personalize his subjects in the way that Monet or Van Gogh, or for that matter Farber himself in his painter’s hat, would particularize a flower. You can make out what kind of flower it is, but over and above that it’s a Monet or a Van Gogh or a Farber. It’s all his. An artist to the core, he could do nothing else but approach criticism as art. (His actual art criticism, outside the compass of the present collection, remains scattered to the winds.) If in the early years he would overuse

a short-hand critical standby such as “hackneyed,” he already understood instinctively that a critic can’t himself be hackneyed: he can’t complain of triteness and formula in a trite and formulaic manner — plot synopsis, cast list, sprinkle of evaluative adjectives — as if the setter of standards isn’t himself to be held to any. No American film critic can hold his head higher in keeping up and constantly raising the standard in his own work, eventually developing something quite unprecedented in its fluid and fluctuant present-tenseness. This last was partly the effect of the closeness and immediacy of his observations and descriptions, and partly the effect of an unabated processing,

a refusal to reduce and to settle, an embracing of the multiplicity of the experience, an open-endedness and undecidedness, a complete immersion. Even as his prose admirably exemplifies his own ideals in art, he will on occasion fall prey to the occupational hazard of projecting those ideals, imposing those ideals, onto movies he champions, undeserving though they could be. An occupational hazard, that, for any critic, but even more hazardous the way Farber practiced the occupation. Not only does one not always see it his way; one doesn’t always see what he sees. Which, granted, makes him of uncertain utility as a “guide,” in the common concept of the function of a critic. Yet a major reason he stands as



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such a hero to other critics is doubtless because he implicitly, and without recourse to the crutch of first person, made the critic into the protagonist, an explorer, a pathfinder, a grappler, a battler, a full participant in the spectacle. A movie in a vacuum is not yet a movie; it needs a viewer to fill the vacuum. Farber moved the critic from an aisle seat ever deeper into the screen. When he can't guide, he can goad. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Astro Boy — Computer-animated superhero fantasy with the voices of Nicolas Cage, Samuel L. Jackson, Kristen Bell, Charlize Theron, Freddie Highmore. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION

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Bright Star — As recounted by Jane Campion, unusually taking sole screenwriting credit in addition to directing, the ill-starred love story of John Keats and Fanny Brawne is such as to make us ask ourselves when we last had on screen a love story we could believe in. (*In the Mood for Love*, maybe? 2001?) That, or more exactly the believability part of it, is truly saying something when the principal characters are so prone to recite poetry extemporaneously, not only the poet who wrote it — the perfect Platonic ideal of the Poet, or at any rate the Romantic incarnation of him — but also the smitten one who, having invested in a copy of *Endymion* “to see if he’s an idiot or not,” has committed his words to memory: incontrovertible evidence of love. This is a closely observed affair, followed with patience and fascination, from spark to flame, a bonding of hearts with no assistance from lower organs, what once went unashamedly and today goes blushing by the name of True Love. Campion can often be candidly carnal, as in *Sweetie*, *The Piano*, *Holy Smoke*, and *In the Cut*, and she certainly here is highly sensual, making great play of birdsong, breezes, snow, rain, gauze curtains, flapping sheets on clotheslines, a roomful of butterflies, a human nest in a treetop, and while the inevitable Vermeery white light is nothing to get excited about, the color loses none of its vividness and precision for its paleness and delicacy. But the expressions of passion per se have been strictly limited to things like tender touches, first kiss, love letters, fetishistic fondling, and the physical pain of separation. The dirty deed is never approached, unless you can see a symbol in the needlework of the heroine, a cutting-edge fashionista of the early 19th Century, inspiration for some delightful period costumes. Abbie Cornish,



The Stepfather

Ben Whishaw, Paul Schneider, Kerry Fox, Edie Martin, Antonia Campbell-Hughes. 2009. ★★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Bronson — Fact-based British prison film starring Tom Hardy and directed by Nicolas Winding Refn. (KEN, 10/23 THROUGH 29)

Capitalism: A Love Story — Michael Moore’s overview of the American economy is, needless to say, not a love story. “Capitalism is an evil, and you cannot regulate evil.” In other words, Capitalism: A Horror Story, the moral of which might best be summed up as capitalism, no; democracy, yes — a tricky distinction for simpletons who think the only alternative to capitalism is totalitarian communism. Moore’s shtick as the schlumpy crusader, the Lieutenant Columbo of the Radical Left, has gotten a little tired, or maybe it’s just Moore himself who has gotten tired, but in any case he now seems less funny and less inclined to be so than in the past. And as the wit and the invention have thinned, the whine and the sneer in his voice have proportionately thickened. He has still dug up some treasures of found footage (an educational doc-

umentary on the fall of Ancient Rome, a Ronald Reagan cowboy film, a newsreel of the near-death FDR proposing his Second Bill of Rights), and he engineers some amusing juxtapositions in the editing room, yet the vast bulk of his movie divides into arbitrary anecdotes of human interest, on the one hand, and on the other a rehash of a subject already well and recently covered, the Meltdown and the Bailout. More simply, economics is by nature a dull subject on screen, and Moore has managed insufficiently to enliven it. 2009. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Cirque du Freak: The Vampire’s Assistant — Paul Weitz’s supernatural adventure with John C. Reilly, Josh Hutcherson, and Chris Massoglia. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/23)

Coco before Chanel — Well-dressed tedium. Writer and director Anne Fontaine

presumes your interest on the grounds that the dark-eyed orphaned heroine will go on to renown as Coco Chanel. With Audrey Tautou, Benoît Poelvoorde, Alessandro Nivola, and Emmanuelle Devos. 2009. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Couples Retreat — New Age relationship counseling in a tropical paradise, a stale, routinized, loveless marital comedy. With Vince Vaughn, Jon Favreau, Jason Bateman, Malin Akerman, Kristin Davis, Kristen Bell, Faizon Love, Kali Hawk, and Jean Reno; directed by Peter Billingsley. 2009. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Damned United — Oddly focussed docudrama, riddled with capriciously off-balance compositions, on a disastrous interlude in the illustrious career of English football manager Brian Clough, his runaway ambition and runaway confidence in his rivalry with fellow manager Don Revie (“I wouldn’t say I’m the top manager in the country, but I’m in the top one”), leaving the upbeat ending to a printed coda. Michael Sheen’s cranked-up performance in the lead is riveting if even more narrowing. With Timothy Spall, Colm Meaney, and Jim Broadbent; written by Peter Morgan; directed by Tom Hooper. 2009. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

District 9 — Neo-apartheid in South Africa: a million ghettoized extraterrestrials from a stalled spacecraft over Johannesburg. The documentary affectations, discontinued at convenience, make it seem initially a joke rather than a reality. And not a funny joke, either. The aliens — pejorative as well as descriptive term, “prawns” — are well visualized, and the *Fly*-like metamorphosis of a human into a partial prawn achieves a high degree of disgustingness. With Sharlto Copley, David James, Nathalie Boltz, and Vanessa Haywood; directed by Neill Blomkamp. 2009. ★ (LA PALOMA)

An Education — Older-man-adolescent-girl affair in Sixties England, with Carey Mulligan and Peter Sarsgaard, directed by

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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 skimpier. 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)

Good Hair — Documentary with comedian Chris Rock on African-American hair care, directed by Jeff Stilson.
(HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 10/23)

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.
● (GASLAMP 15)

The Informant! — Steven Soderbergh, working from fact, details an impenetrable case of corporate skullduggery blown open by an ambiguous black-hatted whistleblower: a kind of anti-Hitchcock suspense comedy, grudgingly putting any cards at all on the table, keeping the surprises coming only by keeping us in the dark, flouting the Master’s tried-and-true method of fully briefing us. (It’s also anti-Hitchcock in its rosy, fuzzy, vaporous image.) The hero’s meandering stream-of-consciousness narration (“I like my hands. I think they’re my favorite part of my body”) gives us constant clues as to the variety of nut we are dealing with; and the exclamation point in the title, the anachronistic Groovy Sixties lettering, and the chipper Marvin Hamlisch background music, all to ensure that we know this is a comedy, seem outsized for the actual level of amusement: seldom laugh-out-loud but often lip-twisting. Matt Damon puts up some surprisingly strong competition for future William Macy roles, in a stick-on mustache and a crimped hairpiece which he waits an hour and a half to tug at, giving up all pretense of fooling anyone, and waits all the way to the epilogue to remove altogether. Scott Bakula effortlessly upstages him as the flat-haired, furrowed-browed straight man, a straight-arrow FBI guy. Luckily for Damon, Bakula is much off-screen. 2009.
★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Inglourious Basterds — Quentin Tarantino takes no more than the risible title from Enzo G. Castellari’s *Dirty Dozen* knockoff of 1978, and respells, misspells, that. (Did he ponder *Bastards* as possibly funnier?) Much of the movie, a revisionist re-visitation 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.
★★★ (LA PALOMA)

The Invention of Lying — High-concept comedy with and from Ricky Gervais, co-writing and co-directing with Matthew Robinson. It’s set in an alternative universe where everyone by nature tells the brutal truth (even advertisers: “Pepsi, When They Don’t Have Coke”), until the brutalized short portly hero, unable to make his rent, makes an evolutionary leap to deceit, and goes on from there to invent religion. The concept is certainly cheeky, if uncertainly funny, but the *de rigueur* romance takes it into sappy platitudes on skin-deep beauty and inner worth. With Jennifer Garner, Rob Lowe, Tina Fey, Louis C.K., Jonah Hill, Jason Bateman, Jeffrey Tambor, and uncredited cameos for Philip Seymour Hoffman and Edward Norton. 2009.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)


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 Racon-

teurs. Not much comes of the meeting of minds and fingers, but the individual background stories are not without interest (especially the childhood footage of Page and Edge). All of which tends, however, to point up the arbitrariness of the selection: why not Beck? Clapton? Slash? But as long as you can abide the sound of the instrument — the title serves fair warning — you should have no major cause for complaint. 2009.
★ (GASLAMP 15)



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; GASLAMP 15)

Law Abiding Citizen — Disgust with the justice system drives a “brain,” a diabolical omnipotent technological wizard, to punish the people who insufficiently punished the people who raped and murdered his wife and daughter. The humble flatfoot hits the



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nail on the head: “Un-fucking-believable.” With Jamie Foxx, Gerard Butler, Bruce McGill, Colm Meaney, Leslie Bibb, and Annie Corley; directed by F. Gary Gray. 2009. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

More Than a Game — Kristopher Belman’s sports documentary on LeBron James’s high-school basketball team. (MISSION VALLEY 20)

Munyurangabo — Rwandan political drama from American filmmaker Lee Isaac Chung, with Jeff Rutagengwa and Eric Ndorunkundiye. (GASLAMP 15, FROM 10/23)

New York, I Love You — *Paris, Je*

T’Aime crosses the pond. A multi-director box on bonbons, undeveloped little vignettes of male-female relations in the Big Apple. The ghostly segment by Shekhar Kapur stands out from the rest for stylistic reasons, the pallid palette, the persnickety compositions, the oval mirror frame within the frame. Natalie Portman, Hayden Christensen, Rachel Bilson, Andy Garcia, Bradley Cooper, Orlando Bloom, Robin Wright Penn, Chris Cooper, Ethan Hawke, Maggie Q, Julie Christie, Shia LaBeouf, Olivia Thirlby, Anton Yelchin, James Caan, Drea de Matteo, Eli Wallach, Cloris Leachman; directed by Fatih Akin, Yvan Attal, Allen Hughes, Shunji Iwai, Wen Jiang, Joshua Marston, Mira Nair, Brett Ratner, and Portman. 2009.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 au-

tomatons, 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 C. Reilly, Christopher Plummer, Jennifer Connelly, Martin Landau). The engulfing visual experience provides sufficient distraction from, or compensation for, the rudimentary conflict of rebels against machines. 2009.

★ (PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Notorious — Alfred Hitchcock’s high-rent spy romance, in romantic Rio de Janeiro, maintains an atmosphere of crackling sexual tension, with Ingrid Bergman as a loose liver wooed (too well) by a suave American agent, and propelled, against both their better wishes, into squeamish wedlock with a Nazi. Cary Grant, Claude Rains, Louis Calhern; script by Ben Hecht. 1946. ★★★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 10/22 THROUGH 24, 7:30 P.M.)

Pandorum — Two astronauts wake up from hypersleep to find themselves more or less in the middle of a video game, greased martial artists versus slimy mutants, for the fate of humanity. Dark, incomprehensible topography and action, bone-rattling sound effects and music. With Ben Foster, Dennis Quaid, Cam Gigandet, and Antje Traue; directed by Christian Alvart. 2009. ● (GASLAMP 15)

Paranormal Activity — Young San Diego couple purchase a camcorder to document the “entity” — diagnosed by a psychic as a demon, not a ghost — that has haunted the female on and off since girlhood. Dirt-cheap digital horror film builds, not too high, to some effective *frissons*. The fixed-position camera during sleeptime approaches almost a structuralist rigor. Capably acted by Katie Featherston and Micah Sloat (in the roles of “Katie” and “Micah”); written and directed by Oren Peli. 2009. ★★ (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Paris — Multiple storylines encircle many facets of the French capital. The city looks splendid; the not very compelling characters (the brink-of-death Romain Duris excepted) keep getting in the way. Several liberating bits of dance, strictly gratuitous.

With Juliette Binoche, Fabrice Luchini, Albert Dupontel, François Cluzet, and Mélanie Laurent; directed by Cédric Klapisch. 2008. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Saw VI — The horror continues, with Tobin Bell, Costas Mandylor, Betsy Russell, and Shawnee Smith, directed by Kevin Greutert. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/23)

A Serious Man — At bottom, the Coen brothers’ most “personal” work. To be sure, they’ve never been reduced to hired hands. They’ve always had the good fortune to be able to make the films they wanted to make, films that reflected their personal tastes and personal attitudes and personal interests and personal viewpoints. Still, in the strict autobiographical sense, this one must be acknowledged as extra personal, set as it is in the Minneapolis suburb of their adolescence (Jefferson Airplane on the soundtrack to fix the date, 1967), in a Jewish household headed by a university professor with a son on the brink of his bar mitzvah. The filmmakers bring to their subject the unkind eye of the caricaturist. They demonstrate an acute and excruciating body awareness, the girth, the ear hair, the sebaceous cyst on the neck, the protagonist’s half squat at the classroom blackboard, his outthrust butt, his pant cuffs riding up to his calves. And their subtly bulging face shots and torso shots, fronted and centered, approach the freak-show aura of the photographs of Diane Arbus. The parade of surnames has a Dickensian grotesquerie all its own: Gopnik, Finkle, Marshak, Nachtner, Schlutz, seldom a simple Shapiro. And the three rabbis of three different generations are hilariously ineffectual in three different ways. But to complain that the character portraits are not rounded, are slanted, would be to complain that a caricaturist is not a classicist, that Daumier is not Ingres. This is, it bears stressing at this point, a personal film. It is also — unexpectedly enough, as unexpected as the superstitious Old Country folk tale of the prologue and its old-fashioned 4:3 aspect ratio — a religious film, a film concerned not just with the specific religion of Judaism and its whole exotic lexicon, but with broader religious questions, universal inquiries into life’s mysteries: what have I done to deserve this? what have I done with my life? what ought I to do?

what am I here for? Joel and Ethan Coen have long and lately devoted themselves to the vast panoply of human stupidity. Stretching out now, stretching back to *Barton Fink*, they have chosen to reassure us, although “reassure” doesn’t sound quite right, that an intelligent, educated, well-meaning, and would-be serious man is no less at a loss. Michael Stuhlbarg, Sari Lennick, Richard Kind, Aaron Wolff, Fred Melamed. 2009. ★★★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

The Stepfather — Over-obvious suspense film, resurrecting the unctuous psycho from the 1987 original, tips its hand immediately and slows its predictable progress (to a dissatisfying new ending) only to ogle the body of the husky-voiced sex doll, Amber Heard. With Dylan Walsh, Sela Ward, Penn Badgley, Paige Turco, and Jon Tenney; directed by Nelson McCormick. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Surrogates — Vicarious living, virtual living, through flawless androids, so that this indeterminate future often bears an eerie likeness to a Ross Hunter production at Universal Studios *circa* 1959: “Life... only better.” The basic situation is confusing enough without the murder mystery and the experimental zap gun that fries not just the brains of the robots but those of the distant humans hooked up to them. What’s clear is the science-fiction fundamental of dehumanization and rehumanization. With Bruce Willis, Radha Mitchell, Rosamund Pike, Ving Rhames, and James Cromwell; directed by Jonathan Mostow. 2009. ★ (OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Tim Burton’s The Nightmare before Christmas — More accurately Henry Selick’s *Tim Burton’s The Nightmare before Christmas*, Burton having had the idea for it and then having turned it over to Selick, a specialist in three-dimensional stop-motion animation. As so often in that medium, the aesthetic plane, quite distinct from the financial plane, is not sufficiently higher than that of Mr. Potatohead. The hero, Jack Skellington, a/k/a The Pumpkin King, looks unfortunately like Whitley Strieber’s extra-terrestrial in a pinstripe suit and on stilts. And his many, varied, and grotesque cohorts are first and foremost a manifestation of Hollywood’s besetting vices of overabundance and overindulgence: too many, too varied, too grotesque. Another, more basic, manifestation of these is the mere fact that the film is a feature and not a short. Because it is a Disney film, of course, and an animated film, there seems to be some immutable law that it must have songs, songs, and more songs — written (and some of them sung) by Danny Elfman, but sounding more like Andrew Lloyd Webber in search of a melody (“I don’t believe what’s happening to me./ My hopes, my dreams, my fantasy!”). These musical interludes are no doubt the greatest offenders in the torture-rack stretch to feature-length, but the gaudy displays of wealth and expenditure run them a close second. In its bare bones, the premise seems viable enough. Completely separate towns, according to Burton’s fantasyland geography, are responsible for planning and carrying-off the separate holidays on the calendar, until one year the Halloween mastermind gets it into his head to abduct Santa Claus and usurp Christmas. There is some dark-toned fun (not darker than TV’s *The Simpsons* or than Charles Adams’s *New Yorker* cartoons, and not more fun, either) when the revised Christmas



plans begin to go awry. And by and by there's a traditional and respectable fairy-tale message to do with accepting yourself as you are. The delivery of that message, however, and for that matter the setting-up of the basic premise, are garbled in the extreme. One does not envy parents who must try to explain the thing to their young. 1993.
★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; RIVER VILLAGE 6; FROM 10/23)

Toy Story — From Disney, the self-proclaimed First Fully Computer-Animated Feature Film: reason enough to disdain it on general principle. Reason in particular, and in plenty, is provided by the horrible forms of the figures — closer to Puppets, Claymation, Gumby, Speedy Alka-Seltzer, and the Pillsbury Doughboy than to the Disney family of cartoon characters. (Must we now include this with *Snow White*, *Pinocchio*, and the rest, in the studio's animation library?) The premise — the activities, the feelings, the rivalries of as-

sorted toys when their owner is out of sight — cannot bear much thinking about; the gags are rapid-fire and sophisticated; the few Randy Newman tunes do not bog things down; and the end is mercifully not far off. With the voices of Tom Hanks (as Woody the pull-string cowboy) and Tim Allen (Buzz Lightyear, battery-operated Space Ranger); directed by John Lasseter. 1995.
★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Toy Story 2 — A sure bet to be enjoyed by all who enjoyed the first one. And endured by most others. The central theme of the built-in obsolescence of children's toys — Woody, the pull-string cowboy, has suffered a torn shoulder and is retired to the shelf while his owner goes off to summer camp without him — gives rise to some difficult, even painful, questions on aging, mortality, the instability of relationships, the impermanence of love, and the like. ("Do you really think Andy is going to take you to *col-*

lege? Or on his *honeymoon?*") The easy answers will doubtless be more soothing the younger you are. Parents, in consequence, are to be cautioned not for their kids' sake, but for their own sake. On another front, the advances in computer animation since the original *Toy Story* are plain to see, particularly in the depth of field (including at times an artificially blurry foreground), the openness and airiness of the space, and the lifelikeness of some of the human figures (all the way to nose hairs and a bad comb-over). Sometimes it is hard to know, or to remember, what you are looking at. This development, if you are old enough to be unsoothed by the aforementioned easy answers, is apt to be too fraught with misgivings and forebodings (where will it lead? where will it end?) to be entirely enjoyable. With the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Joan Cusack, Kelsey Grammer, Wayne Knight; directed by John Lasseter. 1999.
★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Where the Wild Things Are — A very realistic live-action little boy, acting out at suppertime and running away from home in a Halloween animal costume, sails across the sea to an all-brown imaginary land of giant hirsute Muppets, where he confronts hard truths about his own irrationality and impracticality. Spike Jonze's free-hand adaptation of the sketchy Maurice Sendak children's picture book is aimed more at the knowing adult than at the tot, but even the knowing may gag on urpy imagery that, for all its painstaking detail and unstinting production, continually recalls such indigestibles as *The Neverending Story* and *Labyrinth*. With Max Records, Catherine Keener, and the voices of James Gandolfini, Chris Cooper, Catherine O'Hara, Paul Dano, and Forest Whitaker. 2009.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18;

PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)
Zombieland — Nerdy, neurotic Jesse Eisenberg, the unluckiest Texan, narrates a postmodern post-apocalyptic road trip through a population of secondhand flesh-eating zombies, in the company of the only three surviving humans east of Bill Murray's mansion in Beverly Hills: the Twinkie-craving Woody Harrelson and two scamming sisters, Emma Stone and Abigail Breslin. Smart-ass comedy, not to say smart, forgetful as it is of its own rules and logic. Directed by Ruben Fleischer. 2009.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Showtimes subject to change.
(Bargain showtimes in parentheses.)

CENTRAL

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)
Amelia (PG); Astro Boy (PG); Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG-13); Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG); Couples Retreat (R); The Invention of Lying (PG-13); Julie and Julia (PG-13); Law Abiding Citizen (R); Saw VI (R); The Stepfather (Not Rated); Where the Wild Things Are (PG); Zombieland (R)

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
Amelia (PG); Astro Boy (PG); Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG-13); Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG); Couples Retreat (R); Law Abiding Citizen (R); Paranormal Activity (R); Saw VI (R); The Stepfather (Not Rated); Toy Story (G); Toy Story 2 (G); Where

the Wild Things Are (PG); Zombieland (R)

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
Amelia (PG); Astro Boy (PG); The Boys Are Back (PG-13); Extract (R); From Mexico with Love (PG-13); The Hangover (R); I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell (R); The Informant! (R); It Might Get Loud (PG); Jennifer's Body (R); Julie and Julia (PG-13); Love Happens (PG-13); Moon (R); Munyurangabo (Not Rated); Pandorum (R); Zombieland (R)

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Capitalism: A Love Story (R); Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG-13); Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG); Couples Retreat (R); Good Hair (PG-13); The Invention of Lying (PG-13); Law Abiding Citizen (R); Paranormal Activity (R); Saw VI (R); The Stepfather (Not Rated); Where the Wild Things Are (PG)

KENSINGTON

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Bronson (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (5:00) 7:15, 9:30; Sat. & Sun. (2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
Astro Boy (PG); Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG-13); Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG); Couples Retreat (R); The Invention of Lying (PG-13); Law Abiding Citizen (R); Paranormal Activity (R); Saw VI (R); A Serious Man (R); The Stepfather (Not Rated); Where the Wild Things Are (PG); Zombieland (R)

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Amelia (PG) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50 Sat. & Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50;
New York, I Love You (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00; Sat. & Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Paris (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:10) 8:00; Sat. & Sun. (11:30) 2:20, 5:10, 8:00; Bright Star (PG) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Sat. & Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
Call theater for program information.

MISSION HILLS

Cinema under the Stars
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Notorious (Not Rated) Thu.-Sat. 7:30

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
Amelia (PG); Couples Retreat (R); Where the Wild Things Are (PG)



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2630 Via de la Valle • Del Mar

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Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Nightmare before Christmas 3D (PG) (10:15 12:15 2:15) 4:15 6:15 8:30 10:45; No 10:15 Sat. & Sun.; No 8:30 Tues.; **Amelia** (PG) (10:30 1:15 4:00) 7:00 9:45; **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Couples Retreat** (PG-13) (10:45 1:45) 4:30 7:30 10:15; No 10:45 Sun.; **Asian Film Festival:** Visit <http://www.scaff.org> for schedule; **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only; **Castor et Pollux Opera** 10:30 am Sun. only
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Mon.

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
Amelia (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:05) 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25 Sun. (11:05) 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:15; **Astro Boy** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:15 Sun. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10; **Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:40) 1:25, 4:15, 6:55, 9:35, 12:05 Sun. (10:40) 1:25, 4:15, 6:55, 9:35; **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:05, 3:25, 5:45, 8:05, 10:15; **Couples Retreat** (R) Fri. (10:35, 11:20) 1:20, 2:05, 4:05, 5:05, 6:50, 7:55, 9:45, 10:35 Sat. (10:35) 1:20, 4:05, 5:05, 6:50, 7:55, 9:45, 10:35 Sun. (10:35, 11:20) 1:20, 2:05, 4:05, 5:05, 6:50, 7:55, 9:45; **Good Hair** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:55; **Law Abiding Citizen** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 11:45) 1:35, 2:25, 4:10, 5:00, 6:40, 7:30, 9:15, 10:05, 12:00 Sun. (10:55, 11:45) 1:35, 2:25, 4:10, 5:00, 6:40, 7:30, 9:15, 10:05; **More Than a Game** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 12:35, 3:00; **Paranormal Activity** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 12:25, 2:10, 2:50, 4:35, 5:20, 7:00, 7:45, 9:25, 10:10, 11:50 Sun. (11:40) 12:25, 2:10, 2:50, 4:35, 5:20, 7:00, 7:45, 9:25, 10:10; **Saw VI** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 11:50) 1:30, 2:20, 4:05, 4:50, 5:30, 6:30, 7:20, 8:00, 9:00, 9:50, 10:30, 11:30 Sun. (11:00, 11:50) 1:30, 2:20, 4:05, 4:50, 5:30, 6:30, 7:20, 8:00, 9:00, 9:50; **The Stepfather** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 11:15) 1:10, 1:50, 3:45, 4:30, 6:20, 7:05, 9:05, 10:00, 11:40 Sun. (10:30, 11:15) 1:10, 1:50, 3:45, 4:30, 6:20, 7:05, 9:05, 10:00; **Toy Story & Toy Story 2 in 3D Double Feature** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 2:15, 6:10, 10:00; **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10) 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40 Fri.-Sat. (11:55) 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20 Sun. (11:55) 2:30, 5:10, 7:50; **Zombieland** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:25) 12:30, 2:45, 4:55, 7:15, 9:30, 11:55 Sun. (10:25) 12:30, 2:45, 4:55, 7:15, 9:30

UPTOWN
Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
An Education (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05 Sat. & Sun. (11:45) 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; **New York, I Love You** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45 Sat. & Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; **A Serious Man** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55 Sat. & Sun. (11:35), 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; **Coco before Chanel** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25), 7:00, 9:35 Sat. & Sun.: (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; **The Damned United** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (4:15) 9:25 Sat. & Sun. (11:05), 4:15, 9:25; **Fuel** (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 6:50 Sat. & Sun.: (1:40) 6:50

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Adventures in Wild California (Not Rated) Fri. 3:00p.m. Sat. 11:00, 3:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 3:00; **Amazon: An IMAX Film Experience** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Island of the Sharks** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Mummies 3D: Secrets of the Pharaohs** (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00p.m.; **Under the Sea** (G) Fri. 1:00, 5:00 Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 1:00, 5:00

EAST COUNTY
EL CAJON
Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Capitalism: A Love Story (R); **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG); **Couples Retreat** (R); **Fame** (PG); **The Invention of Lying** (PG-13); **Law Abiding Citizen** (R); **Love Happens** (PG-13); **9** (PG-13); **Paranormal Activity** (R); **The Stepfather** (Not Rated); **Surrogates** (PG-13); **Toy Story** (G); **Toy Story 2** (G); **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG); **Whip It** (PG-13); **Zombieland** (R)

LA MESA
Grossmont Center 10
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
Amelia (PG); **Astro Boy** (PG); **Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant** (PG-13); **Couples Retreat** (R); **Law Abiding Citizen** (R); **Paranormal Activity** (R); **Saw VI** (R); **The Stepfather** (Not Rated); **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG); **Zombieland** (R)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO
Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Saw VI (R) Fri. (12:30, 3:00, 5:20) 8:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:20, 8:00, 10:30

SANTEE
Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Astro Boy (PG); **Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant** (PG-13); **Couples Retreat** (R); **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG)

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



Stan Helsing (R) Fri. & Sat. 10 pm, Sun.-Tues. 8 pm; **Saw VI** (R) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 6:00 8:15 10:30; **Astro Boy** (PG) (12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:15; **The Vampire's Assistant** (PG-13) (11:45 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Paranormal Activity** (R) (11:30 1:45 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) (11:15 12:30 2:00 3:00) 4:30 5:30 7:00 8:00 9:30 10:15; No 10:15 Fri. & Sat.; No 8:00 Sun.-Tues.; **Law Abiding Citizen** (R) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:45 10:30; **The Stepfather** (PG-13) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Couples Retreat** (PG-13) (11:00 1:30) 4:15 7:15 10:00; **Zombieland** (R) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:30 10:45; No 8:30 Tues.; **Barney: Jungle Friends** (G) 10 am Sat. only; **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
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Otay Ranch 12
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
Astro Boy (PG); **Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant** (PG-13); **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG); **Couples Retreat** (R); **Law Abiding Citizen** (R); **Paranormal Activity** (R); **Saw VI** (R); **The Stepfather** (Not Rated); **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG); **Zombieland** (R)

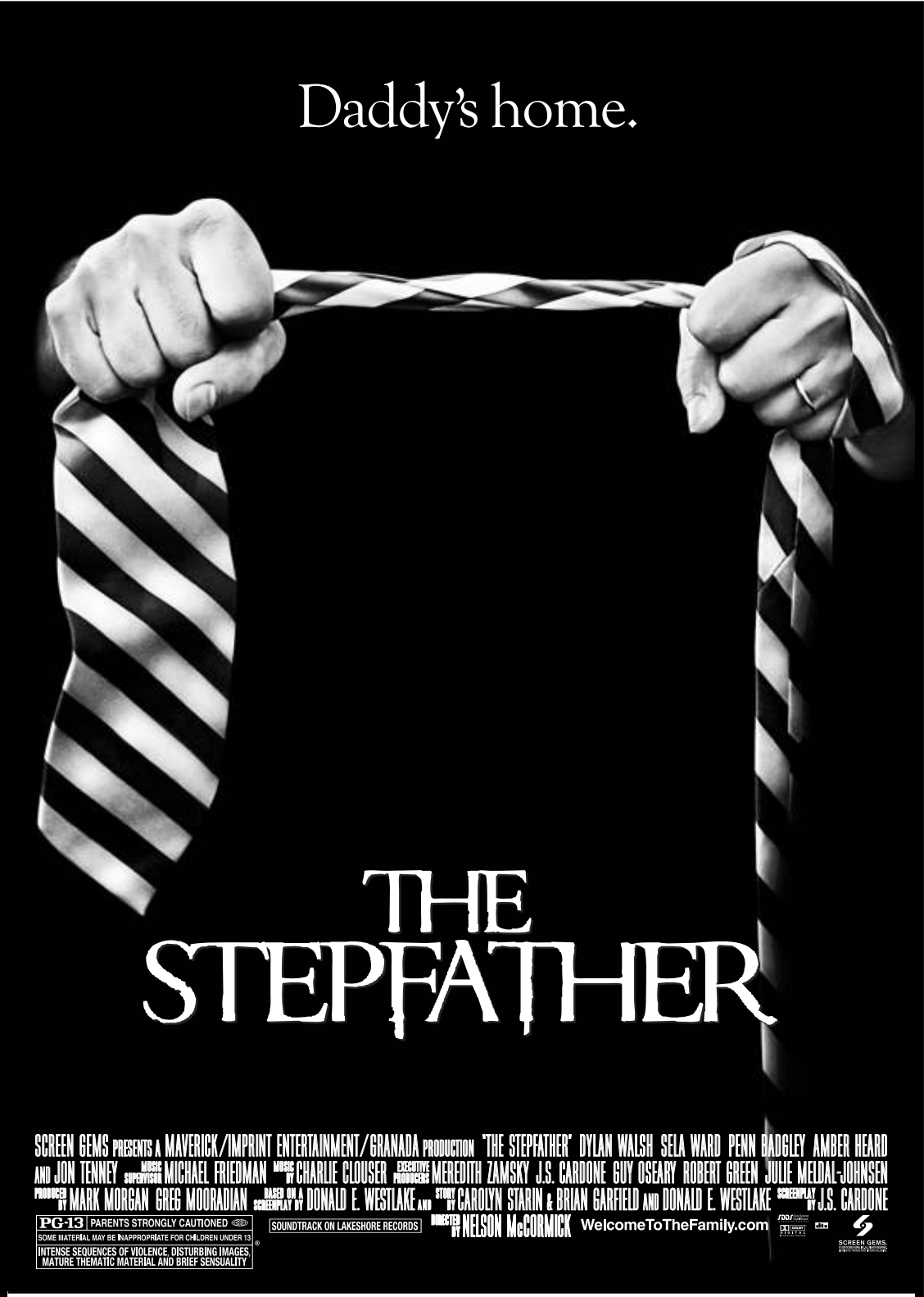
Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road (888-262-4386)
Astro Boy (PG); **Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant** (PG-13); **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG); **Couples Retreat** (R); **G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra** (PG-13); **Good Hair** (PG-13); **Law Abiding Citizen** (R); **9** (PG-13); **Paranormal Activity** (R); **Saw VI** (R); **The Stepfather** (Not Rated); **Surrogates** (PG-13); **Toy Story** (G); **Toy Story 2** (G); **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG); **Zombieland** (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
Call theater for program information.

IMPERIAL BEACH
South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY
Plaza Bonita 14
3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
Astro Boy (PG); **Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant** (PG-13); **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (PG); **Couples Retreat** (R); **Law Abiding Citizen** (R); **Paranormal Activity** (R); **Saw VI** (R); **The Stepfather** (Not Rated); **Toy Story** (G); **Toy Story 2** (G); **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG); **Zombieland** (R)

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POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:15 7:30 9:45; **Saw VI** (R) (11:00 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:30; **Astro Boy** (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:15; **The Vampire's Assistant** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Paranormal Activity** (R) (10:00 12:00 2:00 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) (10:30 11:15 1:00 1:45 3:30) 4:30 6:00 7:00 8:30 9:30 10:45; No 7:00 & 8:30 Tues.; **Law Abiding Citizen** (R) (10:30 2:15) 5:00 7:45 10:30; **The Stepfather** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; No 10:15 Sat. & Sun.; **Couples Retreat** (PG-13) (10:30 1:15) 4:15 7:15 10:00; **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
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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)
Call theater for program information.

NORTH COASTAL
CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Couples Retreat (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:10, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (11:35, 2:10, 4:55) 7:30; **Law Abiding Citizen** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:35 Sun. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00; **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:20, 4:45) 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (12:00, 2:20, 4:45) 7:15

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) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:15 7:30 9:45; No 5:15 & 7:30 Fri.; No 7:30 Tues.; **Nightmare before Christmas 3D** (PG) (11:45 1:45 4:00) 6:00

8:15 10:15; No 11:45 Sat. & Sun.; **Astro Boy** (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **The Vampire's Assistant** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Law Abiding Citizen** (R) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:45 10:30; **Paranormal Activity** (R) (11:00 1:15 3:45) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Couples Retreat** (PG-13) (10:45 1:30) 4:15 7:15 10:00; **Spookley the Square Pumpkin** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
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Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



Amelia (PG) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00; **Coco before Chanel** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **A Serious Man** (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **New York, I Love You** (R) (11:00 1:45) 7:30 10:15; **Capitalism: A Love Story** (R) 4:30
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Tues.

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
District 9 (R) Fri. 6:30p.m. Sat.-Sun. (4:00) 6:30; **Inglourious Basterds** (R) Fri.-Sun. 8:55p.m.

LA COSTA

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



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the red zone

By Anthony Gentile



Madison quarterback Lester Fontenette avoids three Morse defenders to make the option pitch

Madison Beats Morse to Pull Ahead of the Central Pack

Posted October 17, 2009

On an unseasonably warm October afternoon, Madison used a hot start to beat Morse 30-14. With the win, the Warhawks moved into sole possession of first place in the Central League.

Madison (5-1, 2-0 Central) opened the game by scoring on their first three possessions and were ahead 17-0 after the first quarter. Garrett Gallacher and Desaan Hardwick each scored rushing touchdowns for the Warhawks.

Morse (4-3, 2-1) got on the board with less than a minute into the second quarter on a Deonte Flowers 32-yard touchdown pass to James Roberts. But Madison continued their first-half onslaught, scoring two touchdowns in a five-minute span to take a commanding 30-6 lead into halftime.

The second half was more evenly played, and neither team could put up points in the third quarter. Morse made it a two-possession game early in the fourth on a Travis Johnson touchdown run but could not get any closer than that. An interception by Madison defensive back David Lamar with less than five minutes to play iced the game for the Warhawks.

Madison hosts San Diego (2-4, 1-2) next week. Morse will look to get back on track at home against Clairemont.

Game of the Week: St. Augustine at Scripps Ranch

Posted October 17, 2009

Headed into their game at Scripps Ranch on Friday night, St. Augustine had two weeks to think about their first loss of the season. The extra week was apparently more than enough, as the Saints stormed out of the gate and handed the Falcons a convincing 38-10 loss.

"We had to come out and show everyone what we were capable of. We let everybody down two weeks ago. This win was all about redemption," said Saints senior wide receiver Dana Barbaro.

It took St. Augustine (5-1, 1-0 Eastern) only 3 minutes and 17 seconds to take the game's opening drive 80 yards for a touchdown — capped by a five-yard pass from quarterback Evan Crower to Barbaro. The Saints found the end zone only 14 seconds later, when defensive back Joseph Gallo intercepted an overthrown screen pass and returned it 15 yards for a score.

"Just about everything went wrong for us," said Scripps Ranch head coach Sergio Diaz. "They beat us on offense, they beat us on defense...special teams they executed well."

The next time their offense got the ball, St. Augustine went up 21-0 on a six-yard halfback pass from running back Johnny Jackson to Barbaro.

St. Augustine will look to stay perfect in Eastern League play next Friday when they take on Lincoln (5-1, 1-0) at San Diego High. Scripps Ranch will look to get back on track when they host Patrick Henry (1-5, 0-1) in their final home game of the season.



St. Augustine cheerleaders raise their pom-poms at the end of the National Anthem

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Halloweenie



by Barbaraella

[Halloween is] overrun by grown-ups who claimed it as a holy rite in the church of perpetual adolescence.

— Lawrence Downes

Iwant to go to the party, but I don't want to have to dress up," David said.

"You know how it goes," I said. "I'm sure you won't be asked to leave if you don't wear one, but what's the point of going to a Halloween party if you don't participate in the theme? That would just make you a poor sport."

"I agree. I wouldn't feel right showing up without participating. If we go, I'll come up with something. It's just that I'm not that into costumes."

"Why? Is it too much effort?"

David, who had just spent the previous hour baking a popover from scratch and preparing homemade mochas to heighten our inaugural Sunday *New York Times* experience, scoffed at the notion. "If there was some kind of cooking-themed event, I could cook for three days, like I did for the mac-n-cheese party," he said. "Effort is not the issue."

"Then what is?" I asked.

David pondered the question, probably for the first time. "I guess I don't like makeup," he said.

I wondered how David's aversion to costumes had escaped me for all these years. Now that I thought about it, we'd only celebrated Halloween a few times together. More often than not, David would stay home while I went to my sister Heather's place in San Marcos. Halloween meant seeing my nieces and nephews in comical getups, pilfering candy from the plastic pumpkin by the front door, and participating in that age-old bartering system whereby adults exchange sugary goods for

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entertainment at their doorstep.

As a child, I loved devising elaborate costumes. It helped that my mother was a proficient seamstress and face-painter, as her skill led to the verisimilitude of my façade. When I became a spider web, in black clothing adorned with synthetic "webbing," it was not the outfit so much as the makeup that made the costume. Mom had painted my entire face a silvery white; on my right cheek, she painted a lattice, and a giant black spider stretched from my brow down over my eye to my cheek.

In junior high, Mom transformed my face into that of a leopard woman. To make sure attention was directed to the craftsmanship on my face and hair (the real costume), my outfit comprised a featureless gold-enrod shirt and pants. I went to school that morning thinking it was the raddest costume ever, but, apparently, I was wrong. Fellow classmates focused only on my clothing and taunted me all day by calling me names such as "banana girl." That was the year I decided Halloween was for kids. I avoided costume parties until I turned 24 and went to Burning Man, where no ensemble was mocked, not even the enormous orange fish head I'd found at the Salvation Army and wore on my head the night of the burn.

The first time David and I dressed up for a Halloween shindig didn't really count, as our "costume" comprised leather duds for David and a corset for me — we pretty much went as ourselves on a Saturday night on our way to a fetish-themed party. No effort was expended, and I was the only one who wore makeup.

Last year marked the second time we dressed up. The costume had been David's idea. He'd seemed to enjoy the preparation, which is why I was surprised by his reluctance to do the same this year. Now I brought it up: "What about the liberal media elite costume from last year?"

"I wanted to go to the party more than I didn't want to deal with a costume," he said.

"Still, that was a great costume — no makeup and we wore regular clothes. It doesn't get more comfortable than that." The election had been only a few days away, and David capitalized on a political pundit buzz phrase with his conceptual idea. The only money spent was on the Harvard baseball cap he bought. I borrowed a television microphone from a newscaster friend, and David created a red, white, and blue "LME" logo to cover the station logo. I carried the mike and a clipboard, and David shouldered a large video camera he happened to have. On the clipboard was a list of "gotcha questions" David had spent hours composing. At the party, we made regular rounds so I could randomly thrust the microphone in front of someone's face to ask questions such as "If your campaign controls the red states of Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois, how many houses would you own if you wanted to build hotels?" Some questions required an answer for the joke, such as, "If elected, would you support having [party host's] home being made into an orphanage?" If the person answered yes, I'd declare them pro-communism, and if no, I'd accuse them of being anti-orphan.

"Now that I think about it, it was a lot of work," I said. "I mean, I like that we didn't have to wear elaborate clothing or

spend time on makeup, but it's really hard to hold a clipboard, a microphone, *and* a drink. Let's think of something that leaves our hands free this time."

"Wait a minute." David squared his shoulders as though to brace himself against the force of my willfulness. "I didn't say I was sure I wanted to go." In response to my forlorn face, his body loosened and he said, "It's just a lot of work that I don't get that much enjoyment from."

"Ah, so it *is* the effort."

"Not effort in general," David explained, "just effort I don't really get anything from in return. With cooking, I enjoy the process, the challenge, the reaction to the meal, eating the meal, it's all fun for me."

I helped myself to a slice of popover and took my time applying jam as I considered the best approach to getting what I wanted, which was for David to agree to accompany me to the party and to invent another clever but easy costume for us both. I knew it was uncool to half-ass it, so ideally we could conceive of something that came across as awesome, regardless of how minimal the effort was to pull it off.

"Remember that couple at the party last year? Peter Pumpkin Eater? He just had his name scrawled on a white T-shirt and a pumpkin seed glued to his cheek," I said.

"Yeah, that was vulgar — his wife was dressed as a pumpkin. It was even more Beavis than the couple that dressed as an electrical plug and socket."

"You know how people are," I said. "Halloween is a time for them to let their inner nasty out. I bet a lot of women would dress like Playboy Bunnies and slutty French maids throughout the year if it weren't for the disdainful looks they know they'd get."

"You really want to go to this party?" When I nodded, David said, "Well, I did have this one idea," proffering an inch I hoped would lead to a mile of his giving in. ■

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Crasher

SAN DIEGO, LAS VEGAS

by Josh Board

Someone on the *Reader* website clued me in to a Las Vegas-themed party going down in North Park.

I'm glad they did. The small backyard was packed with Vegas-style games and a detached room that was filled with food and booze.

There was a pool table and video-game setup as you walked in near the driveway. A huge banner greeted everyone with "Welcome to San Diego, Las Vegas" — the person throwing the party works for a graphics company. He told me that he throws this party every few years to thank employees and clients.

Everyone was given lots of chips to play with, and there were raffles with expensive prizes.

I immediately put a \$100 chip down on a game of blackjack. I was given a 2 and a 3. I kept hitting until I got 19. The dealer got a 19 and we pushed. It was fun but not the rush you'd get if it were a hundred bucks of your own money.

I started to write some notes, and someone asked if I was trying to count cards by writing them down. Another player piped in, "You'd never be able to get a pen and paper anywhere near a table in Vegas."

When the dealer busted on the next hand and the table erupted in cheers, I heard barking coming from an upstairs window. I looked up and saw a Pomeranian. Kelly, the homeowner, said, "I wouldn't have a problem letting the dog down here, but he's so small, and with people drinking, gambling, and not paying



Left: Tom dealing blackjack to a full table

attention... I don't want him getting stepped on." Later in the evening the dog did make his way down and seemed to avoid all of our feet.

After half an hour of playing, I went for some grub. The DJ played a mix of rock and dance tunes. It wasn't so loud that you couldn't talk to the players at the tables with you, even with the roulette and craps table being set up right next to the DJ booth.

"I'd rather talk about dancing than Olympic sports and prison escapes."

I got some chips and salsa and a margarita before heading back to the table for more blackjack. Tom, the dealer, was explaining to one woman why she should hit the 16 she was staying with. When she busted by drawing an 8, I think she thought he had duped her.

A woman to my left was eating fruit, and I noticed some water-

melon dripping on the green felt. Tom didn't seem to mind.

Half the people at the tables cleared when the DJ played "Baby Got Back." They sang, danced, and grinded along to Sir Mix-A-Lot on the small area of grass that had become the dance floor.

Right before the first prizes were raffled, I saw Kelly walking around to pass out tickets. Her dog was in a basket and looked like Toto being carried by Dorothy.

Someone won a pair of sunglasses in the raffle. Tom started to shuffle as a number was read. The next person won a digital camcorder. He looked at me and said, "How pissed do you think the person is that won the sunglasses?"

I went into the other room to grab a Coke Zero, and a person getting a margarita looked at me and said, "This is my fourth one. I swear, margarita machines at parties...a sure-fire way to get people drunk as skunks."

A girl named Courtney was at the craps table, and a few people were wishing her a happy 17th birthday. I found out she was a CIF pole-vaulting champ. We talked briefly about that, and she pointed

out a few other pole-vaulting teenagers.

Her friend Jeremy is a CIF boys' champ. I talked to his father about the sport. I asked how one decides to run full speed, stick a spear into a ground, and hope it carries them over a bar and onto a soft mat.

He said he was a pole-vaulter and started because his dad ran track and suggested it.

He talked a lot about the community of pole-vaulters. His son Jeremy was in the nation's top ten and number four in California. He's cleared 15 feet.

I asked about the possibility of the Olympics and was told, "You have to clear 18 feet to even be considered. But, Jeremy does have Irish citizenship. If he went with Ireland, he could probably qualify."

Someone else told me that the Olympic record is 19'8".

I found out that it's a tradition for Olympians to have the rings tattooed on them. I mentioned never seeing that before, and someone said, "Oh, yeah. If you watch the women volleyball players, when they're at the beach, you'll see the tattoos. Even Michael Phelps has the Olympic rings."

As we discussed this, someone mentioned the SDSU pole-vaulting coach being somewhere at the party.

I told the only two pole-vaulting stories I have: one about a guy I worked with who told me a pole snapped when he was trying to break a high school record. He landed on his head and thought he

broke his neck. It freaked him out so much, he never did it again.

Another story I read about three prisoners — one convicted of murder — pole-vaulting over a barbed-wire fence and escaping prison.

An older lady overheard all this and said, "I'd rather talk about dancing than Olympic sports and prison escapes." I asked her what kind of dancing she did.

"I love to tango. I also like zydeco. The problem now is, I don't have a partner. I don't want just any guy to come up and dance with me. I want a professional. It's probably why I'm single, too. If they don't dance, I'm outta there!"

I talked to some of the employees of the graphics business. One was telling me about the cars that have the advertisements wrapped around them. I asked if that ever caused accidents and was told, "No, but we've heard of it happening. A customer told us someone was looking at a vehicle we wrapped, and they almost crashed."

At one point, people sang "Happy Birthday" to Gil. There were thank you's from the boss and a few employees, one saying they had the best boss ever. And if you looked around at all the fun everyone had, it seemed hard to dispute. ■

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BALBOA PARK

Another Perfect Day

By downtownphotoguy, June 26

Today we were in Presidio Park in the morning and Balboa Park in the afternoon. We were shooting with a variety of lenses and techniques.... It seems everybody in Balboa Park had a camera today, except for one

retired gentleman in the botanical house who was sketching. He said he had only been sketching for about four years, which really proved to me that it's never too late to find the artist within.

Dark Side of the Zoo

By subliminelle, July 19

I know this sounds crazy, but every time I go to the zoo, I always see at least one person wearing a Pink Floyd T-shirt. Once, I counted as many as four people sporting the psychedelic tee in a single visit! Then it occurred to me that Pink Floyd has an album entitled "Animals." Maybe there is a subculture of zoo visitors who, inspired by the music of Pink Floyd, are making a subconscious effort to get in touch with their primal selves by seeking out the company of animals.

BANKER'S HILL A Noisy Place Filled with Character

By cpercival, February 20

I remember falling asleep my first night and then was practically startled out of my bed when I heard what I thought was another attack on America, which was actually a FedEx airplane coming in at 4 a.m. I now don't really sleep well without the noise.

Why All the Smiles and Hellos?

By larsond07, February 5

I live in Banker's Hill in an old hotel renovated and turned into an apartment complex.

When I walk around the building and down the streets everyone smiles and says hello. They don't just say hello, they go as far as asking how I'm doing!

Comments

1. Banker's Hill is infested with crime. People say hello to you because they think you are either a tweaker (meth user) or a criminal. They say hello to let you know your presence in the neighborhood is known and that your face will be remembered in case you decide to commit a crime.

By Burwell, Feb 6

BAY PARK

She's Got Great Cans

By karengina, June 9

I'm the one with the plastic grocery bag hanging off my

wrist, if you ever catch me cruising around on my bicycle. Why not clean up my neighborhood and make a few bucks while I'm at it by picking up all the cans and bottles I see? I spend the money I make on a nice dinner. A big plate of German food, like the kind they serve at Tip Top Meats in Carlsbad.

Our Own Little Slice of Paradise

By tracideleon, May 26

I have been living here in the Bay Park Apartments for 8 1/2 years now. On a sunny day the barbecues are fired up, and everyone brings to the table what they have, and it's potluck time. Might be Mexican, Puerto Rican, German. Some days it's game time, and we'll play dominos, pinochle, backgammon, cribbage. The kids run around outside, play baseball out back in the alley, or ride bikes. It does get noisy sometimes. The apartments are on Morena Boulevard, which is a busy

street where people tend to drive too fast, and then we have the train tracks and the 5 freeway.

O'Connells and the Trash It Brings In

*By jukebox_junkie,
January 11*

I have lived in my house for near two years now. Besides the occasional homeless guy screaming outside or the crappy garage bands playing past 11 or so, I use to think this was a pretty nice area to live in.... Unfortunately, O'Connell's has turned this neighborhood into just another trash-filled ghetto, comparable to a Florida trailer park.

I understand supporting local bands and giving them a place to play, but could you at least have security check the patrons for guns before letting them in? It's pretty sad that I get woke up every weekend at 2 a.m. due to fights outside, but this past weekend was worse because someone brought a gun.

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Separate Yet One

By CristinaFernando,
January 28



It was below 40 degrees this morning as I stood at a high spot overlooking lower Otay Lakes. It's sunny, but for San Diego, especially east Chula Vista, THAT is cold! But it's midweek of the last week into my third month of unemployment and I just had to drive the winding road of Wueste to take a break from sitting most days, perched over my laptop, looking

for a job. Gloved hands shivering (still), I held a steaming cup of coffee, and leaned back on my car.

You Can't Drink the Early Bird Special

By RonnieMexico, June 23

It's hard find a good place to drink in Chula Vista. I don't know what scheme the city planners enacted to kill night life, but it worked. Finding a nice bar in Chula Vista is harder than finding a golf course in San Ysidro.

If you want to get a drink after the sun goes down, you may be stuck at Chili's. Nothing is better than doing a shot next to a kid in a highchair.

Zorba's is an option.

Located in west Chula Vista, it's loaded with history. Unfortunately, its patrons are loaded with

history, too. They can tell you about the Truman presidency.

BORREGO SPRINGS

Car Chase to Christmas Circle

By skipcarufel, May 31



I will tell you what happened at Anza Borrego Desert State Park last month, but please don't repeat it. I, a 20-something woman, caused a little mischief with some car crazies who invaded my favorite campsite, and now they are looking for me. If they hear about

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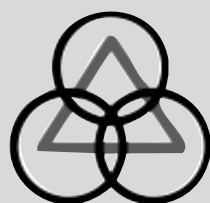
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this story and read it — assuming they can read — they will track me down. Before the sun sets I will be as dead as the coyote they ran over.

CARDIFF Riders of the Storm

By Ken Harrison, June 13



On Tuesday, June 2, Craigslist's North San Diego area listed four lost or found dogs. On Wednesday, June 3, after the unexpected lightning storm rolled through, 25 lost or found dogs were posted that afternoon on

Craigslist.

At around 2:00 p.m., June 3, my wife found a stray dog on Lake Drive in Cardiff. The brown female shepherd was tired and thirsty and jumped into her car willingly. "Ruby" became one of those 25 postings.

Spooked by the storm, Ruby had jumped over a six-foot fence, ran across six lanes of El Camino Real, and made her way through a mile of thick sagebrush before reaching the street in Cardiff.

By the Beautiful Sea

By Ken Harrison, June 3

A couple years ago, the 1912 Craftsman-style home at 125 Mozart Street — one of Cardiff's oldest — was spared from demolition after zoning issues caused an office-

building development to fall through.

What makes the home even more valuable is who built it.

In 1911, New York-based music publisher Victor Kremer fell in love with the coastal community. Kremer's vision still remains today on 12 streets he plotted and named after composers such as Chopin (Way), Haydn (Drive), Schubert (Path), and Vivaldi (Street).

In the early '30s Kremer sold his publishing company and invested in Cardiff real estate. He began growing passion fruit on the Mozart Street property and eventually sold jams, jellies, and a soda named Passionola. In 1937, he was in New York securing orders from big department

stores when he received a telegram: his Cardiff crop had been wiped out in an unexpected frost.

The Boys Next Door

By ali_cat, June 30

I've tried on several occasions to communicate with the boys next door, but to no avail. My first technique was to slam my bedroom window with extreme force, hoping that they would catch my drift. It was a failed attempt, and so a few nights later, after allowing this boyish behavior to continue, I stepped out into the dark — clad in my pajamas, with the intention to let it be known that I meant business. It was time to shut up! I found a gap in the fence and hollered through the space where the light

was penetrating through. In my deepest voice, I yelled, "Hey guys, could you keep it down over there? Your neighbors are trying to sleep!"

CARLSBAD Towers Land in North County

By Ken Harrison, February 21

Beachgoers are noticing the changes on the sand at Seaside, Cardiff Reef, Ponto, South Carlsbad, and Tamarack beaches. A California icon, the classic lifeguard tower, has had an extreme makeover.

The old, less-angular fiberglass towers are classic California architecture made famous by *Baywatch* and other TV shows. Not everyone likes the new, unevenly shaped towers. (Are those shining



aqua-blue things life-guard towers or attack drones from an upcoming *Star Wars* film?)

CARMEL MOUNTAIN A Memorial

By corib, January 23

A white bicycle, American flags, a teddy bear, fresh flowers, and a pennant with the name Walt...they are significant reminders of the man who was recently killed on Sabre Springs Parkway while riding his bike home after work. Sabre Springs Parkway serves as a raceway for some driv-

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constructed a web site in tribute to his life. According to a local newspaper, the man's full name was Walter Joller, Naval Academy graduate, retired military. The website can be found on the Internet by searching his name.

ers and the sweeping curves on the road are often misjudged. Walt's family has

Fight!!!

By corib, January 6

Carmel Mountain was a

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

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minor mess tonight. At the Arco station at the corner of Poway Rd. and Sabre Springs Parkway, most people are aware that cars line up in one direction to use the pumps. The system doesn't always work well.

I'm not sure whether the woman who cut in front of the cars tonight was an outsider or not, but an irate guy in a Jeep was convinced she was a conscientious interloper. He swerved around to block her car and was perfectly ready to ram her shiny black ride. He spewed out a string of "F" words while yelling at her that she had to move her car because of all the cars that had been waiting for 20 minutes. Another guy walked around to make note of her license plate. The woman refused to move.

As I left the parking area, I was cut off by another car that ran the red light at the top of the hill. Eventually, I made my way back up Sabre Springs Parkway. I heard the drone of a boom box in concert

with a muffler.

CHULA VISTA For the Children

*By Peter C. Salisbury,
March 12*

On March 5, the South Bay Union School District voted to eliminate 80

trustees Elvia Aguilar, Jones, and Inzunza voting approval and Brown and Lopez dissenting.

Nursing a Baby, Not a Hangover

By starr_09, June 15
I heard a really tasteless

"It is the librarian that has one-on-one contact with each student."

teaching positions, but it was not the slam-dunk many expected. District Superintendent Carol Parish addressed those attending, saying, "We had to start reducing the budget seven years ago, so now each cut feels devastating."

The reduction of the 12 librarians' hours (from eight a day to five) sparked heated discussion. One speaker told the school trustees, "It is the librarian that has one-on-one contact with each student. They know each child's name — first and last name."

The resolution was subsequently passed with

joke from a guy I met at a bar, he had asked me where my friend so-and-so was, I simply replied that she had just gotten pregnant and was taking it easy. He laughed and replied, "Man, you Mexican girls sure are fertile!" I went to a school in Chula Vista, graduated in 2004, and to be honest, I know of girls that are pregnant and have kids from my graduation class — 2 or 3. When I first turned 21, that was like the ultimate punishment. Oh, my gosh! Life is over, you're done, no more partying, no more one-night stands, how awful. I have talked to some of my

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friends who have had babies, and to be honest, they are some of the happiest girls that I know.

Take Me to the River

By Mark Jay, June 13



At approximately 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, Chula Vista police observed what they thought was a narcotics sale, according to police radio traffic. CVPD officers got behind a suspect car at East Palomar and Nacion Avenue and then attempted to do a traffic stop. The driver refused to pull over and officers gave chase. The suspects led police onto the northbound I-805 via the L Street onramp. The officers observed the suspects throwing what looked like narcotics out of the window while the car entered the freeway. The driver, who didn't drive faster than 50 miles per hour while police were in pursuit, finally yielded to officers just north of the Bonita Road exit on the northbound I-805. He was taken into custody and officers found two handguns in the car. But before that happened, and before police could approach the car, the passenger tried to get away on foot, via the Sweetwater River, about 500 yards south of the Plaza Bonita Mall.

CITY HEIGHTS

Julio's Gone, Not Forgotten

By Linda Cox, April 18
All that remains of Julio's Mexican Restaurant is the tall sign at the corner of

University Avenue and 45th Street.

Julio Arreola and his brother Olimpio ran the restaurant for 35 years before they lost their lease and closed the business in July of 2006. In the weeks before closing, Julio told customers that they had originally owned the property but had sold it years ago and leased it back. He said the new owners had resold it and that a pawnshop would replace the restaurant.

Comments

1. O, I am so sad to see this pathetic restaurant go to puts. Oh well, there's about 50 more of them all around the corners!

By katramolv, Apr 18

2. You obviously never ate at this fantastic San Diego icon. My favorite dish was the "super nachos" with loads of thick bacon and home-made guacamole. In the 1980s, while a student at SDSU, my boyfriend and I would go out once a month here. They had great food, super friendly staff, and a live mariachi band.

By klemker, Apr 19

3. For those that remember Mario, he owns his own restaurant now. Casa Adams on 30th and Adams Ave. While nothing can live up to Julio's, this place comes very close.

By thebyte, Apr 21

4. My introduction to Julio's was in 1972, as a place to get lunch when working in Mission Valley. I think they had some lunch specials for as little as \$1.49.

I got raves from folks who said they didn't like Mexican food, yet loved Julio's tacos. The carrots were great, cooked just



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.

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In recent years, schizophrenia treatments have improved significantly, however, to date, they've shown success in reducing some symptoms more than others. A study is being conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of an investigational medication for its ability to help reduce negative symptoms of schizophrenia, such as a loss or decrease in ability to express emotion or enjoy pleasures in everyday life.

To prequalify for this study, you must:

- Be 18 to 55 years of age
- Have been diagnosed with schizophrenia for at least two years
- Have negative symptoms of schizophrenia
- Have been on a stable dose of antipsychotic medication for at least 12 weeks
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- Have no history of psychiatric crises, visits to the emergency room, hospitalization, or increased level of care for at least 12 weeks.

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enough to be soft, not too piquante, and refreshing. Many of these Mexican restaurant recipes have changed over the years, and not always for the better. It was there that I discovered pork chile verde.

That neighborhood was never the best, and has declined over the years. A car repair shop was right next door, not a pretty sight.

I liked the place so much that my wife and

I had our wedding rehearsal dinner there, in late 1974. The strolling musicians kept the place festive. I'd often wondered about his success, if he had located in some tourist area. But he was what the neighborhood allowed him to be.

Sorry, but there are not 50 places just like Julio's, maybe not one. It was unique, and after moving to north county, we seldom ate

there. I wish I could find a sit-down Mexican restaurant half as good within ten miles of my home.

By Visduh, Apr 22

5. A number of other great and cheap places to eat have been lost over the years. Don Jose's on El Cajon Blvd, across from Hoover High was unique and for several years had a second restaurant on Convoy Street in Kearny Mesa. There was Caesar's with three

locations, which shrank to two, and finally to only one. It had some Italian tastes that can still make my mouth water, and the last one of those (in Mission Valley) closed about 25 years ago. Oh, the Campus Chuckwagon on El Cajon

the door, and did booming businesses.
By Visduh 8:24 p.m., Apr 23

Claiming City Heights
By eclarabrown, February 20

I was training for a marathon when I found out I was pregnant. Back



Huong Market, and a Halal Meat and Produce Store), some unique

I was training for a marathon when I found out I was pregnant.

Blvd, with its \$1.35 full lunch buffet is but a memory for SDSU students in the '60s and '70s. The Bit of Sweden smorgasbord on El Cajon Blvd at Oregon Street was a fantastic value in the early '70s. There must be some operations around today that compare to them, but they were so CHEAP, had lines out

then, even my short runs were long enough to take me out of City Heights.

The bigger I got, the more I slowed down, and eventually, I came to notice and appreciate how interesting it is here. Besides the international collection of storefronts (within just a few blocks on University, there is an Albertson's, a Murphy's Supermercado, a Minh

decor (one house has at least sixteen wind chimes hanging over the front porch, and another has a 12-foot statue of Buddha out front), it's the people who make this neighborhood fascinating.

I'm intrigued by the groups of African men who gather for long hours of chit-chat outside the local Starbucks. What do they talk about, and

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why do most of them dress in jeans and button-up shirts when their wives and daughters (who are always waiting to cross the street just outside the building that advertises free English classes) dress from head to toe in layers of brilliantly colored cottons?

Then there are the Mexican soccer players (ranging in age from 2 to 72) in their shorts and shin-guards who fill the open field near the library during week-

ends and evenings.

The Cleaner

By mtumesalaam,
March 28

My cousin, his wife, and their two kids live in a five-bedroom, four-and-a-half bath McMansion in Carmel Valley. In his neighborhood, everything's clean, everything's new, and there's never anyone or anything on the streets. Not even cars. It's as if everyone frickin' morphs to and from work and

school every day. My cousin's house, like his neighborhood, is pleasant, I guess, but boring as hell.

I can only wish I had such problems — I live in City Heights. Along with my wife and our two children (one 11-year-old, one newborn), I live in a two-bedroom, one-and-a-half bath condo at the deadend of a zig-zagging, jam-packed little street that seems to stay cluttered 24 hours per day with cars, kids, old ladies,

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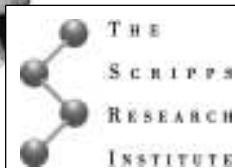
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dogs, those annoying ice-cream cart guys, moving vans, UPS trucks, the occasional dead armadillo or skunk, telephone poles, electrical poles, "Restricted Parking" signs, and sometimes, discarded household items (sofas with the cushion-stuffing falling out, desks missing legs and drawers, busted-up computer monitors, stereo systems, televisions, you name it).

CLAIREMONT
Games Gangs Play
By Dayn Richardson,
April 18

A search by gang investigators of the San Diego Police Department began

on Tuesday for a male teenager who shot and wounded a 20-year-old man at a Clairemont recreation center.

The victim was standing with friends near the basketball courts at the North Clairemont Community Park on Bannock Avenue around 9:10 p.m. on Monday night, when they were approached by another group of males, said San Diego police Sgt. Bob Dare. At least one of the men in the group issued a challenge, and the victim started to walk away, but one of the men pulled out a weapon and shot the victim in the back, Dare said.

Comments

1. In the article they didn't say anything about the shooter being a gang member or that this shooting happened in a area where gang activity is high. So why the title "games gangs play"? Oh wait I know why, because they said the shooter was a Latino male with a shaved head and tattoos. I guess every Latino with a shaved head and tattoos is a gang member. You people are a bunch of stupid azz racist dorks!!!!
By SpliffAdamz, Apr 20
2. First off...it was gang related. I can promise

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.

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you all that, because the person who got shot I know personally. And he is part of a gang. And it was another gang that shot

cares if there are gangs in Clairemont, gangs in Clairemont ain't kickin up any dust anywhere else in the city!! I never seen a Clairemont

LV aka Little Vietnam. The Sureno gang started in clmt in 1990. My family has been in 92117 since '59, so I know what I'm talking about. And the shooter was from LV; the tatt said it in his face.
By clmtlife, May 16

First off...it was gang related. I can promise you all that.

at the other victim. Gang violence is huge in Clairemont, especially in that area.

By oblocal07, Apr 22

3. Oblocal07, what do you know about Clairemont?? Your blog name is OBLOCAL07; doesn't that mean you are in Ocean Beach and not in Clairemont? Before you talk about who knows what about any part of the city, ask yourself what part of the city do you represent? Besides, who

gangsta in Southeast where the blood and crips play!! Or even in the Logan and Sherman area where other Latino gangs are. I never seen a Clairemont gangsta in National City, where their are more gang members then police.

By SpliffAdamz, Apr 22

4. There have been gangs in Clairemont since the late sixties. It was different from the gangs of today but still a gang and still bangin against

Bob the Hermit Crab
By Tennyson, March 12



When I moved here earlier this year, I wanted to live in O.B. or maybe Pt. Loma. Clairemont just wasn't part of the plan, but houses in O.B./Pt.

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Loma were trashy or scary or too small, too expensive or not receptive to the 100 lb. dog that shares housing with me and now Bob! So here we are in Clairemont in a condo too good to be true. And Clairemont, well, it just is not all that bad.

I know all the guys in Home Depot from helpful and happy encounters. I can see the sunset from my dining room, the bay view is a two-minute drive, the

off-leash park??? Where else is an off-leash park with an almost 200-degree ocean/bay/sky-line view like Cadman?

COLLEGE AREA

Doo-Wop Era

By kstaff, March 31

I grew up in a little house on College Avenue, about a dozen houses up and on the east side from University. It's still there, a mustard-colored thing that was cocoa-brown with white trim for the longest time.



It's not the fanciest house around, with a cement slab foundation and a flat roof with exposed water and gas lines running along the top. My dad planted pepper trees, and an ash tree in the back that still

dominates the yard. We played on the hill behind the drainage ditch that ran through the back lot. It seemed like the neatest place in the world to be, and though we moved to a bigger house less than a mile away when I was ten, that too-small place on College with the odd floorplan due to add-ons for our growing family is the one we remember with affection.

Reflections on Rolando

By kstaff, February 8

This neighborhood of mine was laid out in the late 1920s to provide a complementary community for the new San Diego State College campus. It gets its name from its rolling hills and winding streets. There's a La Mesa and an East San Diego component to the area and a zig-zaggy border between

them that lands neighborhood kids living on the same street in completely different school districts, to their early mystification. Rolando Little League's Gamby Field is, technically speaking, in La Mesa, but the San Diego kids all play there.

The neighborhood looks superficially the same as it did in the '60s and before, which is one of the things I love about it. There are fancy street lamps, winding roads, secretive pedestrian walkways cutting along hillsides, and houses built to last. They appear the remainders of a bygone era, when pride in a job well done wasn't a hopelessly naive concept, and day-by-day in every way things seemed to be getting better and better.

Comments

1. I can't remember before the shopping center, but I do remember when you could walk through the shopping center to the school without walking around it, when there was a gap between the DeFalco's and the building where Thrifty's and the dime store were. I also remember that we were always jealous of the kids that got to play little league for Pizza Palace because they got free pizza. Do you remember Manny's on the corner of College and El Cajon, or Bay City Liquor? I remember the nice old man that owned the place. I used to stop to buy gum on the way to school. Long live Mrs. Perry and Rolando.

By dougiebaby63, Feb 9

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CORONADO

For Whom the Tolls Irk

By Sheila Pell, Feb. 23



Seven years after the toll for the San Diego–Coronado Bay Bridge was dropped, a controversial proposal to bring it back is in the works. The toll would fund construction of an underground tunnel or underpasses along Third and Fourth Streets in Coronado, to ease traffic congestion that also impacts San Diego freeways.

A panel discussion on the topic (an unoffi-

cial city meeting with only one councilmember present) was held February 19 at the Coronado Community Center.

Coronado assistant city manager Jim Benson warned of “virtual grid-lock” when a third naval carrier arrives in 2010.

The Nautilus Room was packed with well-heeled silver-haired residents, including many toll opponents. Questions ranged from, “What if there’s a jumper on the bridge?” to “When will the toll end?”

One father complained that local travel would become costly because of the amount of his children’s after-school activities. He pointed out that residents would pay more in tolls than the personnel that work on North Island.

DEL CERRO

They Crawl Among Us

By Steve Terry, May 13



About five minutes after leaving the top of Cowles Mountain on Saturday, May 9, six flashlight-toting hikers encountered something they had never seen before.

It was approximately 8:30 p.m. on a dark night, with the full moon not due to rise for another seven minutes or so. The hikers were on a short path just below the summit that connects the Cowles Mountain Trail

with the so-called “Jeep Road.”

A tiny point of bright green light on the ground at the side of the trail pierced the darkness. Upon close examination, the source of the light was determined to be a small salmon-colored insect, about half an inch in length. At the rear of its body, on the right side, were what appeared to be two tiny segments of light, glowing a bright lime-green.

The insect was later identified as being a female *Micropnotus angustus*, or “pink glow-worm beetle.” Not really a worm, the pink glow-worm is more accurately described as a beetle larva. The female never matures beyond the larval stage. She waits motionless on the ground, advertising herself with constantly glowing light, hoping to attract a flying male.

Author’s note: Cowles is properly pronounced “coals,” although the majority of San Diegans mispronounce it as if it rhymes with “towels.”

DEL MAR

Un-Fairgrounds

By Dorian Hargrove, March 16



Richard Eckfield knows the perfect way to draw bigger crowds to the Del Mar Fairgrounds. He’s pitched the idea for over three years. The problem is, nobody at the fairgrounds is listening.

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edge of the San Dieguito River. The idea isn't new — in the 1930s, race-track founder Bing Crosby bartered a deal with the Santa Fe Railroad to drop passengers off at the track.

DOWNTOWN Big Bones of Contention

By Nathaniel Uy, June 22
 For the past two months, the future site of Thomas Jefferson Law School in the East Village has been the location of an orderly protest regarding labor matters. At the southeast corner of 11th and Island Avenues, there is a handful of men picketing peacefully. Across the street, on the northeast corner of the intersection, another group of men can be seen propping up a labor-dispute banner.

Locals are anxiously awaiting the completion of an eight-story campus but have been worried about further setbacks to the project, which has already seen delays from the discovery of mammoth, grey whale, and sloth fossils.

Editor's note: Chris Saunders, communications specialist for the Thomas Jefferson School of Law emailed the *Reader* on Tuesday, June 23, to say that "construction of the downtown campus is seven to ten days ahead of schedule."

Craning Attention

By Robert Duffy, May 10
 A lone transient brought fear and terror to downtown San Diego on Sunday, May 3. The unnamed man, wearing blue jeans and a white T-shirt,



climbed to the top of a crane on the construction site at 11th Avenue and B street.

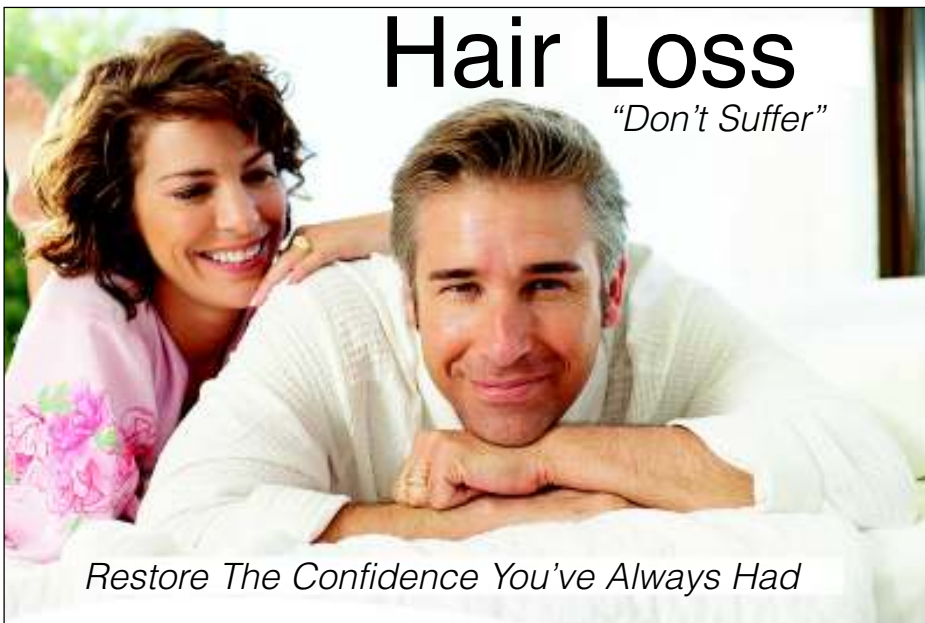
Onlookers gasped as he threw empty beer bottles to the pavement, over 100 feet below. Shattered glass was strewn across the street.

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That Had to Hurt, Champ

By Ben Cooper, May 7
A 911 call on Monday, May 4, brought emergency teams and a fleet of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department vehicles (including battalion chief 1's red Chevy Suburban) to the Lyceum Theatre entrance of Horton Plaza.

According to SDFP battalion chief Randy Ballard, an 18-month-old male who had been riding with his mother on a down-escalator got his finger trapped and then crushed. Ballard stated that several firefighter-rescue personnel had to dismantle part of the escalator to free the child.

Tragedy at Avalon

By Thomas Jarboe, April 2
On Saturday, March 29, a young man fell from a 12th-floor apartment on Ninth Avenue at 1:15 a.m. The victim, who had been visiting a friend at the Avalon building in Cortez Hill, died on impact. The building's maintenance manager was returning from the Gaslamp Quarter when he discovered the body lying in front of the Cortez Hill Market, which is on the building's ground floor. He called the police, who arrived on the scene and cordoned off the area. Their only comment was that it was a suicide.

Home on the Pavement

By Thomas Jarboe, March 26
As San Diego's unemployment rate has climbed steeply (to 8.8 percent), so too has the homeless population. Food lines are extending around blocks, and shelters fill up before the sun sets. Many are turned away from shelters and must seek refuge wher-

ever they can.

The sidewalks adjacent to the downtown library and post office have become a haven for the recently homeless. People who held jobs just

months ago are now pitching tents alongside others on the sidewalks.

Take the 163 north freeway entrance off of Tenth Avenue and A Street, and you'll see tents

dangerously close to the road. Walk down to Office Depot, near Broadway and Pacific Highway, and you'll see another homeless encampment.

Heavy Metal Rain Man
By Ben Cooper, March 3
Shortly before 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, metal chairs and tables rained down from the roof of the Ramada

Inn on Sixth Avenue, narrowly missing several passing automobiles. Bent and twisted into nearly unrecognizable shapes, the patio furniture littered the asphalt

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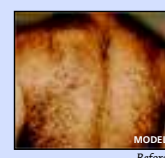
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and the concrete sidewalk across the street from the hotel between E and F Streets.

A few pedestrians who had scrambled for safety called 911. One citizen ran into the middle of Sixth Avenue, stopped all approaching vehicles, and barred their progress until nearly a dozen San Diego Police Department cruisers arrived.

Police officers prevented the growing crowd from walking down the barricaded street. Hotel guests and the manager himself were unable to enter the hotel (formerly the St. James). A lone figure appeared occasionally, poking his head out from the edge of the roof. Later, he was seen pacing on a ledge one story below the roof, from which a large patio

umbrella, the final projectile, descended to the pavement. Two or more police officers on the roof above him appeared to be engaging the man in communication while he was trapped on the ledge.

Cycle Therapy

By Steve Terry, March 1

At 9:30 p.m. on Friday, February 27, whoops and shouts could be heard near the Children's Museum at the intersection of West Island Avenue and Front Street.

On Harbor Drive, a police car cruised silently with its emergency lights flashing, pacing the leaders of a huge pack of cyclists, many of them yelling as they rode: "Critical Mass!" Critical Mass, which began in San Francisco in 1992, takes place in San Diego and other

cities on the last Friday of each month.

Most if not all of the San Diego cyclists sported headlights, and many were kitted out with neon-like lighting. As the lead riders reached the Marriott Hotel, someone yelled "Marriott!" and several bicyclists turned right to detour up through the large curved driveway. Most of the mobile mob, however, kept going straight on Harbor Drive.

Why I Should Own a Minivan

By Siobhan, July 16

I almost got my ass kicked in the Food 4 Less parking lot off Broadway in El Cajon. I wanted to buy the popsicles that are imported from Mexico that look like rockets.

It all went down

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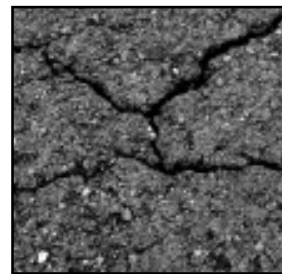
It's my husband's fault. He was supposed to buy a minivan but instead he opted for a Jeep, one with ridiculously heavy doors. Because of his Isuzu Amigo, or as I like to call it, his little friend, I innocently banged my door into the car next to me. The woman who owned the car was sitting in it, yapping on the phone.

"I am so, so, sorry! These doors are heavy!" I told her while smiling. I had never seen a human being move so fast. She was out of her car and standing next to me in .006 seconds. I could smell Cheetos on her breath. When her face

was within an inch of mine, I realized that things were going to get ugly.

ENCANTO Repaving City Streets in Encanto

By 561395174, April 22



The Encanto area streets are being newly paved. There are areas on the sidewalk that are repaved with black tar. The same material is being used in the streets. This looks tacky because the rest of the sidewalk is light grey, with a bumpy black tar

patch. Some streets look worse than before the city workers started.

Comments

1. The streets are worse now than they were before the City started repairing them. Imperial Ave. is a mess. It's obvious that we are being treated as second-class citizens. Tony is asleep. Can't wait for election time. *By stillgil2, Apr 23*
2. I'm still waiting for sidewalks on north 69th street. *By DD92114, Apr 23*

ENCINITAS

Around the Circle

By JD_Isle, April 29

Little did I know that upon moving into my neighborhood, I was sooner or later going to have to go around in a



circle and reintroduce myself at least a handful of times. This is extremely challenging for me because I don't talk much. It is, however, clear to me that my neighbors do. Every weekday around 5:45 p.m., I see them all out there in the driveway, beverages in hand, musing over the latest trailer-park prattle. It goes a little something like this: "Who's building a new fence and a loft above their trailer next?" "I'll do it."

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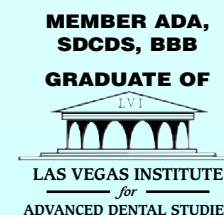


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The Urge Remains

By Ken Harrison, April 18

For over a year, rumors have flown around Encinitas that an In-N-Out Burger would move onto a site formerly occupied by Burger King and a 76 gas station on Santa

Fe Drive. The end of the town's Double-Double dream occurred last week: a sign has been posted on the fenced-in site, notifying the community that the Harwood Group will be building a two-story medical center.

The site is across the street from Scripps Memorial Hospital. In-N-Out officials were aware of the property but would not confirm any past interest in the old building or how the rumor may have started.

ESCONDIDO Eye on Escondido

By Craig Vansant,
February 13



Escondido City Hall was packed with onlookers on Wednesday, February 11, as Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler

gave her annual state-of-the-city address. She said Escondido's revenue continues to decline, and there's uncertainty about how far it will diminish before leveling out.

In Wednesday's speech, the mayor referred to the emergency budget cuts announced during the meeting of January 14: a 5 percent pay reduction for 222 employees, a decrease in library hours (closure every other Friday), and significant cuts to Escon-

dido police and fire departments.

Stolen Old Glory Replaced

By Craig Vansant,
January 15

The 40 x 60 foot American flag that flew over the Escondido Auto Park has now been replaced after being stolen sometime between New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, 2009. Tim and Tom Brecht of Brecht BMW told a *North County Times* reporter that someone had appar-

ently used bolt-cutters to break locks off the flagpole's two electrical boxes and hotwired the key-operated winch to bring down the 120-pound banner. Since the flag is replaced every six months anyway, it was almost due for another swap. As of Saturday, January 10, the new flag was flying high.

GOLDEN HILL Pet Petition?

By Robert Jackson,
March 5

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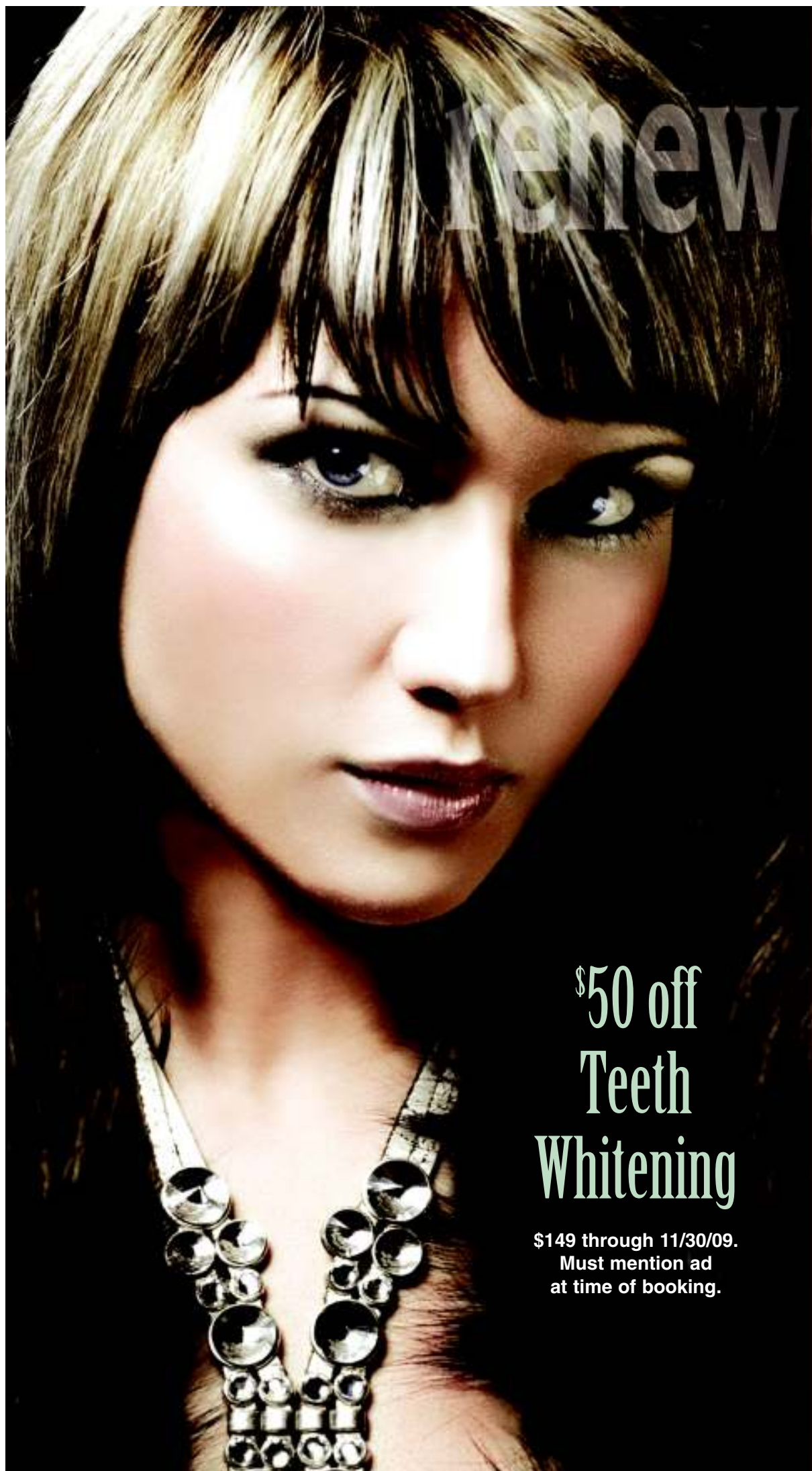
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Emails with city council president Ben Hueso's office first said it was a citizens' petition that prompted the city to provide the service. Subsequent emails stated the regular street-sweeping had been scheduled.

Earthless

By clutter, April 5

I am slugging Stone IPAs before the Casbah show in my deteriorating mauve lazy-boy. Between sips I give treats to the dog while I tap my foot to the Kinks' — *The Village Green Preservation Society*.



I shuffle to the front door and throw cash at the doorman. I inquire when Earthless is playing. Behind the front bar, I recognize a bartender from the Turf Club. I throw back three beers while swapping Golden Hill stories.

BeeOne

By clutter, February 2

Monday Night Football.

Turf Club. During the third quarter, a guido sits down next to me. He asks the bartender to check his credit card to see if there is any money on it. Nope,

no money...he leaves. Fifteen minutes later, he struts back in and announces that he placed a call, and the card is good. He tries to start a conversation, but I am curt with my answers. He announces he wants to buy me a shot. I tell him I am a bourbon man, so he buys me a Knob shot.

GRANTVILLE

It's a Smaller World

By jjnsn1, February 8

25 years later, things are so much smaller. I left Allied Gardens in 1981 when my Dad retired from working for the Navy at Ballast Point. Until that point, life along Galewood Street had been like the TV show *The Wonder Years*. My canyon behind our house (yes, I considered it my canyon) was a dream

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I walked back into my old neighborhood with my wife of 14 years last July. We hiked up the long, hot hill from the Grantville Transit station to a shopping center on Waring. Out of my past, like an old girlfriend, stood Fosters Freeze Ice Cream Shop. We bought a chocolate-dipped cone, and I showed her the water fountain on the side of the building that always had the coldest water around. I was amazed to see the dark, mysterious adult world of Pal Joey's was still there. Gone was the Five and Dime store where I used to buy my capguns and Hot Wheels. The Korean Grocery across the street was now a family diner. But, there was Mona Lisa Pizza, my first introduction to the pie.

GUATAY **Giselle, Guatay,** **the Airstream and** **the Chief**

By bohemianopus, July 10



"That's it," my husband Ben said as he squeezed the last box into the truck before closing the camper shell. "That's all we can fit." We were finally leaving Texas and moving back to California to a

town whose name we couldn't even pronounce — Guatay.

Before my journey, I had envisioned Guatay, a town 43 miles east of San Diego that stands at an elevation of 4,000 ft., as a lush, romantic hideaway. Upon my arrival in mid-winter; however, what I found was a cold, desolate and frozen wasteland where I could hear the wildlife rustling in the bushes and the wind whipping through the sparse trees.

HILLCREST

If I Could Be Gay

By katwerts, June 2009

We were eating in Hillcrest. I had said the gay community was vibrant, and I loved spending time there. He said I overused the word "vibrant" but would come along. "A woman can want to be a lesbian but no man wants to be gay," he told me. I told him that was the dumbest thing I had ever heard, and if I was a man I would certainly want to be gay. He gave me a look. I gave him one back. I knew he didn't know what he was talking about, and we both knew I was drunk.

As we ate our breakfast, I looked across the table and watched the group of lesbians laughing loudly. As they laughed they made everything at their table seem so easy.

After breakfast he went with me to Balboa Park. We lay in the grass and soaked up the sun. I pulled out my notebook and wrote about how much I loved the park and how much I hated him. He lay on his back thinking about his friends that were on their way to surf Trestles. He thought about all the places he would love to surf, and how much he would

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rather be surfing. "I'll probably go surf this afternoon," he told me, rolling on his side to look at me in the grass. I sat up and agreed that he should. He sat up too and grabbed my hand, and we sat there together in the grass holding hands.

Beggar's Banquet

By andynewsham,
April 20

"Can I have seventy-five cents," said the beggar. He'd edged up to us as we waited to get served at our local taco stand.

"The old seventy-five cent trick, eh?" I said.

I gave him a dollar.

He took it and walked off slowly, hobbling, the anvil of the street dragging at his heels. The way some homeless move. It's no joke living on the streets,

even in sunny California.

He had a cleft palate like Dracula's henchman. Like a close-up of a flower bulb painted by Georgia O'Keefe. Like a split sausage.

The Mysterious Tenor of Hillcrest

By Michelle, February 1

I was thrilled to hear that clear tenor voice echoing to me from the canyons. It was perfect. I had been pruning a succulent on the patio of the Hillcrest apartment I had rented.

The configuration of canyons, with cottages and condos strewn about, prevented me from distinguishing, based on acoustics, where the voice was coming from. But I continued with the song. "With one person..." He chimed in with "...One very special person..."

The next morning I dropped hints to the neighbors, hoping the mysterious tenor would reveal himself. He did not. Each night my partner joined me in a stream of showtunes...he knew them all...and Streisand and Celine. He knew Motown. I was his Supreme and he was my Diana Ross.

I unpacked the last of my boxes, grabbed a feather boa purported to be worn by Liza Minelli in *Cabaret*, and my collector's edition Green Tambourine, and tap-danced my way out to the patio for a little "Don't Rain On My Parade" while weeding the cactus garden.... It was then that he revealed Ethel Merman's "There's No Business Like Show Business." A boulder with a

note tied to it was hurled onto my patio, missing my lighted I Love New York Statue of Liberty Garden gnome. I untied the note, thinking it might be a message from the mysterious tenor. "Shut the Hell Up!" it read.

More Betrayal By Todd Gloria

By historymatters,
March 11



I expected little from Todd Gloria when he took office. I remember him pulling me aside at the Hillcrest Town Coun-

cil debate after my criticism of his contributions from developers and lobbyists and his refusal to return any of even the sleaziest of contributions (i.e., Perry Dealy, Manchester CEO, and Lou Wolfsheimer, Walmart lobbyist under Federal investigation in the strip club scandal), and saying to me...

"I would NEVER sell my soul for a few \$300 contributions...I can assure you."

At any rate, he has been in office for four months and has already done precisely what community activists like myself were concerned about.

First, in a HUGE show of insincerity and duplicity, he nominates Ben Hueso for City Council president over

the widely popular and loved Donna Frye. I go into this further in my blog "Gloria Doesn't Waste Anytime Repaying Lobbyists."

Comments

1. What else can you expect when you look at the people that surround Mr. Gloria?

When a politician associates himself with the likes of Mr/Ms Robert/Nicole Murray-Ramirez (the self appointed GLBT community leader with the over-inflated ego) and his/her/its wealthy Republican cronies that backed the infamous hate-mailer know as "Clawgate," one can only expect the worst.

By QuestioningQueer,
Mar 14

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IMPERIAL BEACH Try, Try Again?

By Peter C. Salisbury,
June 22

Eleven days after a man from Mexico was arrested in Imperial Beach for allegedly trying to smuggle 25 pounds of marijuana on a surfboard, two more men were arrested for trying the same trick. Border Patrol agents saw two men paddling surfboards and towing a third board around 11 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, about 200 yards off the Imperial Beach shore.

Snake!

By Frank Marrazza,
June 14

On Saturday, June 13, in my Oro Vista Villas apartment at 1:00 p.m., I heard a man yell. I went out onto the balcony. I thought one of the workers who've been refurbishing the pool had gotten hurt.

I could see a man on his knees behind a palm tree, which obstructed most of my view. His fellow workers stood around him. "Call 911?" I yelled. "¡Sí!" responded one of the workers. I asked, "What happened?" but I couldn't understand him.

Later the complex manager told me that a plumber, while cleaning a drain, got his hand caught in the cable of the "snake machine," and the snake pulled his hand down the drain almost the length of his arm.

Democracy Inaction

By Peter C. Salisbury,
May 30

Imperial Beach councilman Fred McLean died of cancer on Sunday, May 24. Three days later, former mayor Diane Rose was appointed by the city council to fill his seat, despite the fact that an ad had been placed in the

Imperial Beach's *Eagle & Times* newspaper inviting applicants to apply for the position by June 4.

City Clerk Jacqueline Hald said the City saw the recent difficulty faced by

the Poway City Council, when filling the vacant seat left after the passing of former mayor Mickey Cafagna last month.

"Basically, we learned from them," said Hald.

Nightmare on Elm

By Peter C. Salisbury,
July 6

At approximately 3:30 p.m. on Friday, July 3, four assailants wearing black ski masks entered a

home on Elm Avenue in Imperial Beach. A male and female inside the home were ordered to lie on the floor, and the female's hands were bound with duct tape.

The male victim resisted their efforts to duct-tape his hands, so one of the perpetrators pepper-sprayed him and told him they would kill him if he resisted further.

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This Other Epidemic

By Peter C. Salisbury, May 7

A 22-year-old male was stabbed to death late on May 6 in the 1200 block of 13th Street. Sheriff's deputies discovered the male victim lying in a driveway.

According to a local shopkeeper, victim Donniell Wilkins was confronted by a group of Hispanic males and was stabbed.

"I told the cops they have 20 gangbangers hanging out at the taco shop, but they never stop to investigate them since they're too busy writing tickets for money. I used to know all the wannabe homeboys, but now you

have the Nestor, the Otay, and Palm Gangs."

Biker Friendly

By Steve Terry, April 27



On Saturday, April 18, a section of the Bayshore Bikeway was officially opened. The new bike path, built atop the levee formerly occupied by the old San Diego & Arizona Eastern railway tracks, stretches a little over a mile and utilizes two new bridges.

The new path connects the north end of 13th Street in Imperial

Beach with Frontage Road/Bay Boulevard in Chula Vista. Before the addition, a cyclist desiring to make a counter-clockwise loop around the bay starting at 13th Street faced some challenges.

Allow six to seven hours (depending upon when you arrive at the ferry landing for the ride across the bay) to complete a leisurely trip around the entire Bayshore Bikeway.

New Park for I.B.?

By Peter C. Salisbury, February 16

On Thursday, February 12, a mostly senior crowd attended an exploratory meeting to discuss the potential for a new park in the Oneonta neighborhood. Residents attending the meeting expressed con-

cerns about the park attracting gang members; others were concerned about loitering students from the nearby Job Corps training center; one woman stated her desire for a leash-free dog park.

Shooting in I.B.

By Mark Jay, February 12

At approximately 11:45 a.m. on February 12, shots were fired in an apartment building on Elder Avenue just east of Mar Vista High School. A 21-year-old woman was shot in the stomach by an unknown male who had walked into her apartment.

The suspect was described as a black adult male with a black hoodie.

Comments

1. Actually, the gun belonged to the woman who got shot. The story is, this lady was in another room when this guy came into her house and

started jacking her stereo and other electronics. She went into her living room, saw this guy, aimed the gun at him, he attacked her, and in the scuffle, the trigger got pulled and she got shot with her own gun. I don't understand why people own guns if they aren't going to use them. Owning a gun for the purpose of self-defense only works when you actually shoot at someone who's coming after you.

By Hudsonumber3, Feb 13

The Five Great Pillars of Siri

By ShawnMichel, January 25

There are five steel I-beams at Iris Trolley Station. They are at the far end of the station, where cement meets endless dirt road and a weed-strewn ditch bordering it; they stand three feet high and are separated by

three feet or so.

The dirt road and the ditch belong to the city. Next to the ditch runs the trolley tracks. Next to the tracks is another road, one that ends perhaps a thousand yards out. Dirt, ditch, tracks, and the other road take up probably fifty or sixty yards of width, tops. South Bay suburbia lines both sides.

Walking the roads past the trolley is forbidden by law. The only people who do so are gangbangers tagging, transients, and those others, angry that trolley stations don't come with public facilities, who wander out there (as I have on more than one occasion) to find a private place to relieve themselves. The five I-beams stop none of this.

JULIAN

The Cat Feeds Himself

By Josh Grant, April 6

At about 6 a.m. on March 26, just south of Pine Hills, two Julian residents heard sounds of distress coming from their livestock pen. One resident discovered a mountain lion feeding on a freshly killed goat. Another goat was killed but not eaten.

Though the lion had found a way into the pen, he could not locate the way out. When the residents backed away, the

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lion escaped and charged by, barely missing one elderly resident.

One-Man Crime Wave

By Josh Grant, March 20
On March 18, at almost 4 p.m., witnesses saw a red late-model sedan pull into the back parking lot of Jack's Grocery in Julian at high speed. A man was seen jumping out with a golf club and entering the store while screaming and yelling. The man broke the front windows of the store with the golf club.

A crowd gathered and people were heard asking the man to please

stop.

Besides the windows, merchandise was destroyed before the suspect fled in his vehicle south, out of town. Other witnesses reported that the man had ditched his car off an embankment and attempted to hide in the bushes. After a search that involved three helicopters and many law-enforcement officers, the suspect was caught and taken to jail.

KEARNY MESA

The Streets of Kearny Mesa

By dannyparker66, January 31

When you are homeless, public restrooms aren't an optional thing. In Kearny Mesa, the MacDonald's at Shawline and Claremont Mesa Blvd. is open 24 hours for drive-thru, and from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. the doors are open. That is where I wrote a novel longhand

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that is over 125,000 words and a Christian book that is over 40,000 words. That is also where I take my Macdumps and MacPees. And when I had my car and an income, I ate three meals a day seven days a week for about eight months. When Mickey D's have the doors closed there is a 24-hour Wal-Mart and two 24-hour convenience stores, and all three are sympathetic to the homeless.... If by chance this is published, I would like to thank the UCSD Geisel Library and the folks who work there for allowing me the use of their com-

puters for this article and my two manuscripts. I'd like to request that any readers would say a prayer for all of us.

LA JOLLA

More Signs

By Chris Cott, July 16

There are nearly a dozen merchants in violation of the ban on A-frame signs in Bird Rock along La Jolla Boulevard. With the cutbacks in code-compliance officers, there is little follow-up when merchants fail to comply.

After spending over \$9 million on improvements in Bird Rock, many of the signs remain on the sidewalks — even the new CVS drugstore has added one. One of the goals of the improvements was to make the sidewalks more passable.

Torrey Pine Down

By Peijean Tsai, May 21



What caused a healthy 60-foot pine tree to crash down on Torrey Pines Road during rush hour? Wet weather can soften areas around roots. But May 14 was dry when a mature Torrey pine — a rare species and local icon — fell into the street between 3:30 and 4 p.m., blocking two lanes of traffic.

The tree's weight was probably the culprit, as it stood at a slight tilt, said Dr. Arbor Tree Surgeons

owner, Gregg Kohl, who helped remove the tree.

Poachers Get Shellfish

By Cindy Winslow, June 25

Earlier this month, one lobster poacher was sentenced to 90 days in jail after he was caught taking crustaceans from the La Jolla Underwater Park. When approached by a Fish and Game warden, the man attempted to fling the fishing line into the ocean, but his efforts failed as the line was connected to a spool in his pocket. The man tried giving a false name, but the warden recognized him from earlier arrests. Four lobsters were found in a bag in his possession. This was the third time in the past year and a half that the man has been convicted

of poaching in the same area.

Cameras Don't Lose or Lie

By Rob Koehorst, March 28

Drivers have another red-light camera to watch out for as they make their way around the UCSD/Torrey Pines area. The latest one has been installed at the intersection of North Torrey Pines Road and Gene-see Avenue. There is a camera on top of the light on the east side of the intersection and two more on each side behind traffic entering the intersection from North Torrey Pines Road.

The minimum penalty for being caught by the cameras is around \$400. The myth that not having a front license plate makes it impossible

to be caught by the camera is dispelled on the city's website. As someone who's been nabbed by a camera before, I can tell you that if the photo of you running the light is inconclusive, or you aren't visible in it, they probably have plenty of better photos on hand at the police department's Traffic Division on Aero Drive. Yes, I fought the camera and the camera won.

LA MESA

Serious Drag

By Sylvia Knust, April 29

At around midnight on Saturday, the victim says he was near the intersection of Fletcher Parkway and Grossmont Center Drive when he was approached by an unknown male. The stranger asked the victim for a cigarette. The victim

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told the stranger he had only the cigarette he was smoking, but offered him a few drags. The stranger took up the offer. Once the cigarette was in his hand, he began to walk away. When the victim attempted to reach for it, he was stabbed in the gut by an unknown weapon.

Thieving Trio Surprised

By L. Leitter, April 24

On Wednesday, April 22, at around 3:00 p.m., three would-be burglars attempted a residential robbery on Pasadena Drive in the Mt. Nebo neighborhood of La Mesa. According to the homeowner's son, two males and one woman of



Hispanic descent, who had stolen a pickup truck in Chula Vista, attempted to rob his elderly mother's home.

The trio parked the pickup in the driveway of the home, walked around the back, and smashed out a window. A neighbor noticed the hooligans breaking the window and called the police.

La Mesa police were there within minutes, and

the burglars were immediately arrested.

Comments

1. I live in this area.

Recently we have had someone jumping our back fence and sleeping in our pool house, leaving beer or vodka bottles and a pizza box. And then we had an older Mexican guy come to the front door to ask if he could look in the back for his mother's plant. He said his brother used to live in our home and left the plant. When I asked the guy for his name and number and said I'd get back to him, he took off. The

good thing about our neighborhood is we have not gotten too big to forget to look out for each other. We are watching you.

By jmc1969, Apr 26

The Most Evil Drug

By Sylvia Knust, April 11

"Oh, how I would love for the world to know who you really were." So

begins a mother's letter to a son fatally shot by police three weeks ago. The letter is at the center of a roadside shrine on the corner of Avocado Boulevard and Fuerte Drive. Each day flowers are added, fuller and brighter than the day before.

The incident occurred Friday, March

27. Dressed in fatigue pants and wielding a butcher knife, 32-year-old Jeromiah Paul Davis ran the mile-long stretch from Chase Avenue to the intersection at the top of a steep hill. According to police, they shot him with three beanbag rounds and used a Taser device once, all to no avail.

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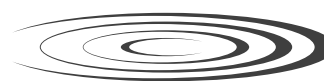
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his knife and charging officers, Davis was fatally shot. Davis was a long-time methamphetamine user, a fact confirmed by his mother in her final letter to him: "I know now even though you were strong as an ox, you couldn't beat the meth drug (MOST EVIL DRUG I KNOW OF)."

La Mesa's Magical Oasis

By lallaw, April 8
In the neighborhood near La Mesa Village and up Nebo Hill, there is no feeling of over-crowding; no "row house" ambiance. Some homes clearly harken back to old Hollywood days, when La Mesa was a desert orchard. Walk up Lemon, left on Date or Acacia, then right, up the formidable Pasadena or

Vista.

Or head up Palm, left on Orchard and cut up the stairway on the right to the "secret garden path"; admire the lofted gazebos near the brook-like fountain. Slip past the culdesac cluster and up to the next, unseen by night but enveloped by its Santa Ana-spun charm. Over there, right next to the mansion, looking toward the ocean, is a bungalow with red clay roof, hand-carved heart-fence thick with rolling bougainvillea before stained-glass windows. Across the street stands a stucco California block house with ten-foot surround-see windows, and a five-foot fish fountain with praying Madonna in the yard.

LEUCADIA Keep It Funky Now

*By Ken Harrison,
March 7*



Recently, the City of Encinitas offered a paid consultant to the Leucadia 101 Main Street Association (a quasi chamber of commerce) to gather community input on redevelopment of the eucalyptus-lined highway.

After two community meetings with over 100 residents in attendance, the Main Street Association has plans to reduce traffic and create a bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly, art-infused curb-

side dining "village" from A Street north to the city boundary at La Costa Avenue.

Designs call for reducing the two north-bound lanes to one lane, removing traffic signals and stop signs and installing five "round-about" traffic circles, and increasing bike lanes by eliminating some parking spaces. As a result of these adjustments, sidewalks will move closer to merchants' front doors.

Over 1000 signatures have been gathered to oppose the plan, along with opposition from Encinitas' Chamber of Commerce.

Passing Trains of Thought

By Nisa, February 27
The trains don't bother me so much anymore, I'm relieved they still exist. I'm getting used to the freight shaking my trailer late at night and during the in-between hours of my day as I stare at my computer screen, wondering if this neighborhood is really my home.

LINDA VISTA Free Rice!

*By Chris Raney,
January 1*

On December 13, 2008, Thuan Phat Market celebrated its grand opening in Linda Vista at the site

of the former Vien Dong Vietnamese supermarket at 6935 Linda Vista Road. The first 500 lucky shoppers on opening day were treated to a free bag of rice.

The Hypochondriac

By Siobhan, June 25
My husband reminds me that it should be called H1N1. I think that's stupid. It's far more awesome to die by swine flu. Almost as awesome as living on Bacon Tree, a one-block street in Linda Vista with the greatest name ever. Bacon on trees, I want that. If there were a house for sale on that street, I would find a way to fork over a large chunk of cash to buy it. I want my return address to say Bacon Tree on it.

LITTLE ITALY Seen a Dream Walking

By John Riggs, June 25
You should have been at the barbecue held in Little Italy last Sunday. Picture it: moving up the street toward the house in a black jumpsuit was a blonde vision. The vision was none other than former Miss California, Carrie Prejean, recently dethroned by the king of comb-over, Donald Trump.

She is a San Diego girl and has been dating an Italian fellow living down the street. She had

come to be part of the festivities on Dove Street celebrating St. Anthony and hosted by Frank and Rosalea Crevello. Prejean was posing for photographs, shaking hands.

The Ambassador of Goodwill

By karengina, May 19



Perhaps you've seen him, while on your way to Little Italy or on your way out to the airport, on a corner at Laurel Street and Pacific Highway, across the street from long-time San Diego fixture, Solar Turbines. Twice a day every Monday through Friday, for four hours in the morning and four in the afternoon, he is there with his small stool.

His name is Lawrence, and he is there to assist Solar Turbines employees across the street on their way to work.

Comments

1. Before Lawrence, it was a 50-50 proposition in crossing Laurel.
By rjmhrt, May 20
2. Crossing the streets on

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By JP, Jun 6

Ariel Suites Raises Issues at Pre-Design Meeting

By Kevin Northcraft, January 9

A 19-story, 143 apartment-and-retail proposal drew varied responses at the Centre City Advisory Committee meeting on January 7. The development replaces a parking lot on the southwest corner of Beech Street and Kettner Boulevard at the northern end of Little Italy. It is a good fit and environmentally friendly, per Gwynne Pugh, the agency's consultant architect. However, concern expressed at the meeting included design issues and the blocking of the 1994 Wyland whale mural on the San Diego National Bank building to the north.

LOGAN HEIGHTS Truck Wins Again

By Chris Raney, February 24

At 1:31 p.m. on Sunday, February 22, at the intersection of National Avenue and 31st Street in Logan Heights, a motorcyclist became trapped underneath a truck after the two vehicles collided.

The motorcyclist had been traveling eastbound on National Avenue when a pickup truck pulled into the intersection to continue southbound on 31st Street. After colliding, the motorcyclist slid underneath the rear wheel of the pickup truck and his



helmet flew off. The front wheel of the motorcycle became detached from the forks upon impact.

"Ghetto" Is Not an Adjective

By dantesdilemma, August 13

"Ghetto" is not an adjective. It is a noun. It's the place where I live. It's Barrio Logan to be exact, but that lone fact is insignificant, really. There's no Sherman, or Logan, or Shelltown to those on the outside looking in. It's all "ghetto" to them.

Comments

1. VIVA LOGAN! I grew up on 30th and Newton, behind Malena's. I live in La Mesa and work in Mission Valley, but I go back on the weekends for a carne asada. Logan is the heart of the Hispanic community in San Diego, the mecca of Latino sabor.

By Jose619, Sep 11

MIRA MESA

Beyond Pesky Flies

By Cindy Winslow, June 5
On June 2, county offi-

cials announced a quarantine on areas of Mira Mesa after finding four adult Mediterranean fruit flies and 14 larvae in the neighborhood.

"They were all found in residential yards," says county agricultural commissioner Bob Atkins.

One of the adult medflies (a mated female) was discovered in a trap in a loquat tree at a residence on Flanders Drive in the Miramar area. The other three (one of which was a mated female) were found in a trap in a calamondin orange tree on a street named Embury Point. Fourteen medfly larvae were discovered on May 31 in the fruit of a calamondin orange tree at a residence on Bacadi Drive.

Captured: Toy Gun Bandit

By Robert Crecco, May 29

The "Toy Gun Bandit," who has been robbing small businesses in the Mira Mesa area for the past five weeks, struck again on Friday, May 23. He entered the am/pm store on Black Mountain Road at about 1:15 a.m., showed the lone clerk on duty his gun, and demanded she open the register. The clerk, a veteran of two past robberies, complied quickly

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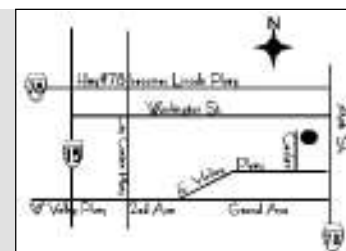
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with the robber's demands. As soon as he left she called police.

Red Means Stop

By Steve Perez, June 4
San Diego police are investigating a two-car collision that killed a 24-year-old woman on Tuesday, June 2.

The crash, which occurred after 1 p.m. at Camino Ruiz and Carroll Canyon Road, prompted authorities to shut down the intersection and reroute traffic for more than three hours.

The injured driver of the Ford compact, whom police said caused the crash, was taken to another hospital and is expected to survive. He was identified as a man between 50 and 75 years old.

The woman was



driving a black Honda and making a legal left turn to go north on Camino Ruiz. The other vehicle, heading southbound on Camino Ruiz, ran a red light and "just T-boned her" on the driver's side of her vehicle.

Stop Draggin' My Cart Around

By Cindy Winslow, April 2

At the recent March meeting of the Mira Mesa Town Council, a resident stood before the group to voice her dismay on

abandoned shopping carts. Shopping carts continue to be strewn across residential streets, often more than a mile from Mira Mesa Boulevard.

"These carts are just graffiti on wheels," said Terry Forshey of San Diegans Against Abandoned Shopping Carts, a neighborhood action group formed by residents in 2006.

Comments

1. As I visit my local Vons or other stores utilizing shopping carts, I have yet to see any signs asking for customers not to steal or take the carts off the property. I see no offers to sell "granny carts." I see nothing to warn people that cart thief is a crime.

By beachwood, Apr 3

2. The Target store at the Irvine Spectrum mall has an RFID system to fence in their shopping carts. If they stray too far from the store, the wheels lock up. This *Business Week* article mentions it (scroll down to the "Invisible Detectives" section): www.businessweek.com/magazine/con...

By AquaCat, Apr 3

3. I have lived in Mira Mesa for almost 8 years and see no cessation of this problem. I think the supermarkets should be charged a fee for collection of the grocery carts or charged for their disposal.

By favod, Apr 8

Good Stuff

By Robert Crecco, Feb. 23
I'm a part-time clerk at

an am/pm in Mira Mesa. Saturday is busy, but, this past Saturday at 8 p.m., the store was empty and my coworker and I began to relax behind our registers. The glass door swung open and in walked a man with slightly stooped shoulders, gray hair, and a kindly smile.

Halfway through the store, passing in front of us, he stopped, went down on one knee, and toppled over. My coworker ran to him. I ran to dial 911.

The operator asked if the man was conscious. I asked my partner, who kneeled by the man's side. She said, "No pulse." The man was turning a bluish color.

The operator said to hit the man's chest. I handed the phone to my

partner, and the doors burst open, and a young woman sobbing loudly ran in, jumped down, and started to compress the old man's chest.

I thought the woman might be his granddaughter, and I asked her who she was to him. She didn't know him. She was getting gas and saw what happened and felt compelled to help.

Comments

1. Rick Just, the unidentified man in your story, was a good friend of my mother's for over 20 years. It made her feel much better to read this story and know that there were kind people with him in the end, trying their hardest to save his life.

By robertsonx6, Mar 10 ■

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Local chefs compete for the culinary crown in the style of *Iron Chef* at this fundraiser recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Sample offerings by contestants from top local restaurants, including Quarter Kitchen, Avenue 5, Cucina Urbana, El Vitral Restaurant, Urban Solace, and more. See **FOOD & DRINK**, page 76.

SING ALONG WITH SOUTH PACIFIC

Dress up as your favorite character from the classic musical (Nellie, Emile, Cable, Bloody Mary, etc.), and sing along with the film to songs that have become a part of our culture, such as "Bali Ha'i," "Some Enchanted Evening," and "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair." Prize will be awarded for best costume. See **FILM**, page 76.

Friday | 23

WORLD INVITATIONAL JOUST

Enjoy "knights in shining armor and world-class competitive jousting" during the Tournament of the Phoenix and Festival of History taking place at the Poway Rodeo Grounds. Also offered: folk music, historical arts, storytelling sessions for children, a costume contest, and more. See **SPECIAL**, page 74.



SPOOKTACULAR FUN FOR GHOULS AND BUOYS!

Even the aquarium is haunted! Evenings at Birch Aquarium at Scripps promise "experiments with wacky mad scientists" as well as tricky-treats, slimy encounters, spooky activities, and monstrous live music. Prizes for best marine- and family-themed and creative costumes. See **FOR KIDS**, page 77.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23: SPOOKTACULAR FUN FOR GHOULS AND BUOYS!

Saturday | 24

HUNT UP A PUMPKIN

Find a pumpkin that fits your carving plans! Kids 11 and younger are invited to hunt for pumpkins at the Louis Stelzer County Park. Prizes for scariest, prettiest, and best homemade costumes, and best-carved pumpkin brought from home. See **FOR KIDS**, page 77.



ALIMENTO PARA EL ALMA

Ruby Lang returns to display her seventh annual *ofrenda* (altar) in commemoration of *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead). This year's piece offers "Food for the Soul," a reminder that "as we nourish our bodies so must we nourish our souls through tradition, memorials, customs, and celebration." See **SPECIAL**, page 72.

Sunday | 25

LIVE HEALTHY EXPO

Now that candy occupies the shelves of every store, it might be a good time to focus on health. Exhibits, vendors, and workshops offer nutritional guidance, interactive yoga, pilates, fitness demonstrations, tips for saving energy, healthy cooking, and more. See **SPECIAL**, page 73.

DIWALI FESTIVAL

The Indian festival of lights reaches across the world to San Diego. Enjoy art, music, dancing, food, family activities, and the lighting of lamps made in India and brought to Balboa Park for this special occasion. See **SPECIAL**, page 73.

Monday | 26

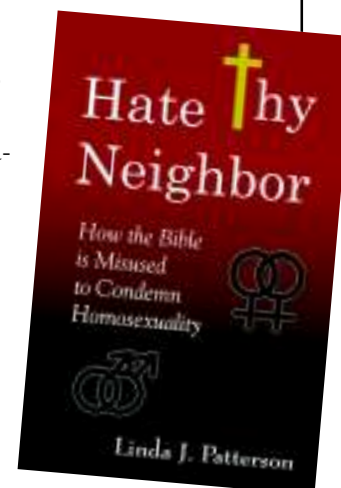
FEAST IN THE EAST

You've already sampled fare from downtown, Little Italy, and North Park, but what about all those hidden gems in El Cajon? During the "Taste of East County," check out the treats being offered by over 35 participating restaurants. See **FOOD & DRINK**, page 76.

Tuesday | 27

HATE THY NEIGHBOR

Local author and civil litigation attorney Linda Patterson discusses her book *Hate Thy Neighbor: How the Bible is Misused to Condemn Homosexuality*. Patterson writes, "a major obstacle to equality seems to be the widely held belief that the Bible condemns homosexuality for all time and under all circumstances." See **LECTURES**, page 82.



Wednesday | 28



STREGA NONA: THE MUSICAL

Maximum Entertainment Productions presents this musical based on Tomie dePaola's children's book about a friendly witch, her young assistant, and a magical pasta pot. See **FOR KIDS**, page 76.

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Arches National Park, Utah

By Megan Elliott

Arches National Park rises out of the Utah desert without warning. Comprising 120 square miles of red sandstone cliffs, spires, and canyons, the park feels like the ruins of an ancient city. Its sculpture-like formations and dramatic rock spans evoke cathedrals. It's not hard to see why Edward Abbey was inspired to write his book *Desert Solitaire* after working as a park ranger here; though the area is no longer as isolated as it once was, it still has the capacity to inspire wonder.

The park's claim to fame is its more than 2000 natural sandstone arches. Short hikes take you to highlights such as the Delicate Arch and the Windows. Longer treks allow you to explore Devils Garden, Park Avenue, and the Double "O" Arch.

The Fiery Furnace — a labyrinth of narrow walkways through sandstone canyons — is another dramatic feature. To hike this area, you must make a reservation for a ranger-led tour (\$10

for adults/\$5 for children) or obtain a special permit.

Arches National Park is 11 hours from San Diego via I-15 and I-70. Several airlines serve Grand Junction, Colorado, about two hours from the park.

There is one park campground (\$20/night, reservations accepted). Accommodations in Moab, about five miles south of the park entrance, range from bed-and-breakfasts to chain motels.

Cartagena, Colombia

By Dominic DeGrazier

Situated on a Caribbean bay, the charming city's port, fortresses, and group of monuments are deemed a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Inside the fortresses' stone walls is a beautifully restored old town with colorful colonial



houses and intimate, narrow walking streets.

Things to do: tour the old town in a horse-drawn cart. Organize scuba-diving adventures with Dolphin Dive

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Other Adventures



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Eats: buy lots of fruit from the street markets. Grab a mojito at Hotel Santa Clara (sofitel.com). Then, walk a block further to eat at Café del Santísimo (known for superb food at moderate prices).

How to get there: from Cartagena airport to the old town, take a taxi for approximately 7200 Colombian pesos (\$4). Be aware: taxi drivers try to overcharge tourists.

Jekyll Island, Georgia

By Lydia Cobb

Once an exclusive getaway for America's elite, Jekyll Island was purchased for public use in 1947 by the state of Georgia. Sixty-five percent of the island will never be developed.

Jekyll is the smallest of Georgia's barrier islands. An Englishman first colonized Jekyll in the 1730s — you can feel the crumbling oyster shells of his tabby-constructed house, one of Georgia's oldest structures.

We walked for hours along drift-



wood beaches and rode bikes on paved roads in the marshes. Damp from summer humidity, we were grateful for the shade of magnolias and oaks along sea-side paths. Spanish moss sways from tree canopies, tickling this island with true Southern charm.

Loggerhead turtles lay eggs in the summer on white-sand beaches. If you don't see turtles nesting at night, check out Georgia Sea Turtle Center's museum and hospital, which rehabilitates sick and injured sea turtles.

One of the last slave ships to reach America landed on Jekyll in 1858. A moving memorial about slavery is located at a beachside picnic area.

Nearby airports are in Jacksonville or Savannah. For cottage/condominium rentals, we contacted Parker-Kaufman Realty (parker-kaufman.com or 912-265-7710).

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OUTDOORS

Low-Lying Temperature Inversions commonly occur in San Diego from late fall through early winter. During the night and morning hours, a meteorological condition often occurs in which the "normal" higher-you-go-the-colder-it-gets trend is reversed. At such times cold marine air lies below a stable layer of warmer air originating from inland locales. Whenever moist air is trapped below a low-lying inversion layer, dense fog forms on or near the ground, and San Diego Interna-

tional Airport may be forced to suspend operations.

The Floss Silk Tree, a conspicuous "autumn bloomer" here and there around San Diego, has been showing off its pinkish or purplish, hibiscus-like flowers for at least a month now. The broad, heavy trunks of this South American import, studded with fat, cone-shaped spines makes it easy to identify.

Autumn Color in San Diego County's mountains reaches its greatest intensity in late October and early November. The forested heights of Palomar Mountain are especially colorful right now. Black

oaks on Palomar's rolling uplands will be exhibiting bright yellow and brown hues for the next few weeks. Cuyamaca Reservoir, although hit hard by the 2003 Cedar Fire, remains a worthwhile leaf-peeping destination. The shimmering leaves of the Lombardy poplar, an Italian import that has taken root at the south end of the lake, delight the eye with their golden radiance.

"Autumn at Anstine" Celebrate "underappreciated animals" during event promising special speakers, nature tours, table displays, food, fun for all. RSVP: 760-295-1548. Saturday, October 24, 3pm; free. Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve, 2437 Hutchison Street. (VISTA)

"Early Birds, Bugs, and Botany" Naturalist Lee Dezan plans moderate hike about four-miles long, along many trails. Participants will see, discuss the

ranch's "1 oddity." Wear hat, treaded footwear, bring water. 760-839-4680. Saturday, October 24,

7am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

"Ghosts of Silverwood" See evidence of occupants from centuries past during guided hikes

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BLACK CANYON BIKE RIDE

Hit the dirt with a mountain bike on a cruise from Ramona to Mesa Grande.

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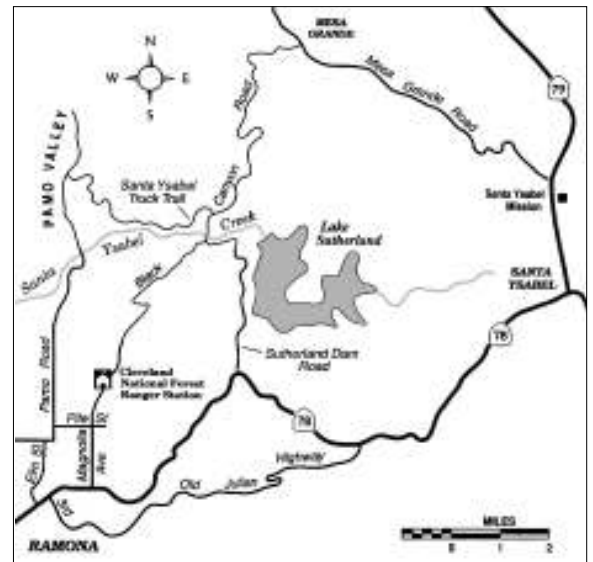
Oak tree at Mesa Grande

Several back roads, some paved and some unpaved, strike off in various directions from Ramona, each offering splendid bicycle touring that doesn't have to include tangling with snarling traffic on major roads. Black Canyon Road is perhaps the best of these routes. You can ride 14 miles from Ramona to Mesa Grande, expending considerable effort to accomplish 1800 feet of net elevation gain. Then you can coast almost all of the way back. Road-bike riders have covered the mostly unpaved route successfully (if carefully), but mountain bikes are more apt for the task.

Begin near the intersection of Magnolia Avenue and Highway 78, just east of Ramona. Start by riding north on paved Magnolia Avenue. Magnolia turns into Black Canyon Road and passes a Cleveland National Forest ranger station. Beyond a few scattered houses and farms, the road starts climbing into national-forest land (no more houses), and soon pavement ends. A graded but often rutty or "washboard" dirt surface continues for the remaining dis-

tance to Mesa Grande.

At 5.2 miles, you roll over a crest and begin a breezy, if somewhat bumpy, 2.2-mile descent. Oak-and-sycamore-lined Santa Ysabel Creek lies down-slope to the left. At 7.4 miles you pass high over Santa Ysabel Creek and begin a steady climb up along the east side of Black Canyon — a tributary of Santa Ysabel Creek.



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(10am, 1:30pm) hosted by Audubon Society during open visitation day. 619-682-7200. Sunday, October 25, 10am; free. Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

"Rattlers and Common Plants"

Naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads moderately strenuous 3.5-mile hike and discusses how to identify rattlesnakes, their habitats, and plants along trails. Bring water, wear hiking boots. 760-839-4680. Saturday, October 24, 7:30am; free. Daley Ranch — Cougar Pass trailhead, North Broadway and Cougar Pass Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Audubon Society Bird Walk

Bring binoculars and drinking water to explore Tecolote Canyon. 858-581-9944. Saturday, October 24, 9am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Bat Box! Mission Trails is an important urban preserve for many bats, supporting their habitat needs with shelters. Discover these bat homes on trail guide-led walk, along with other animal and plant habitats along trail. 619-668-3281. Saturday, October 24, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Creepy Crawlers Search for clues of creatures that skitter, slither, hide while on trail guide-led hike to learn what it takes to survive in chaparral. 619-668-3281. Saturday, October 24, 9:30am; Sunday, October 25, 9:30am; Wednesday, October 28, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Desert Garden Tour Bizarre trees, cacti, succulents showcased when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden. 619-235-1122. Saturday, October 24, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Discover Magnificent Beauty!

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

Let It Rot Master composters lead composting workshop with instruction, demonstrations in building and maintenance of backyard compost piles, worm bins. Park behind garden in cul-de-sac at Morning View Drive and Lincoln Avenue. 760-839-6216. Saturday, October 24, 8:30am; free. Escondido Community Garden, Centre City Parkway, between El North Pkwy & Mission Ave. (ESCONDIDO)

Native Plant Walk Learn about common native plants, their names, habitat value, and Native American uses during outing led by California Native Plant Society. 858-759-4769. Saturday, October 24, 10am; free. Blue Sky Ecological Reserve, 16275 Espola Road. (POWAY)

Ready to Garden? Help work in native plant garden, in northwest corner of west parking lot.

Wear old clothes, sturdy shoes, hat; bring gardening gloves if you have them. 619-425-5771. Saturday, October 24, 9am; free. 12 and up. Montgomery High School, 3250 Palm Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

Sensory-Awareness Hike

Hike to explore the senses as a path to know nature better. Participants will experiment with sight, sound, taste, touch, kinesthetic feeling, fragrance in field. 858-484-3219. Sunday, October 25, 4pm; free.

Peñasquitos west-end staging area, 4300 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Star Party Returns! Resident star gazer leads viewing of stars and planets through "Big Bertha" the telescope. See Jupiter and its moons, the Dumbell Nebula, Andromeda Galaxy, more. 619-668-3281. Saturday, October 24, 6pm; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Trash Pickup in López Canyon

Help clean trash out of natural areas in López Canyon. 858-538-8066. Sunday, October 25, 9am; free. López Ridge Park, 7245 Calle Cristobal. (MIRA MESA)

Trash-Free by 2010?

San Diego River Park Foundation's Clean and Green Team hosts cleanup on north side of San Diego River. The goal: a trash-free river by 2010. Tools, supplies provided. Park in police department parking lot;

meet across street at west end of YMCA parking lot. RSVP: 619-297-7380. Saturday, October 24, 9am; free. San Diego Police Department western division, 5215 Gaines Street. (MISSION VALLEY)

Where Was Wyatt Earp's Favorite Oyster Bar?

Find out when San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours of historic Gaslamp Quarter. Learn about area's architectural evolution from 1880s dirt streets and saloons to

current restorations and adaptive reuse projects. Tours begin at Arts Tix kiosk. 619-232-1385. Saturday, October 24, 9:50am; \$8-\$15. 10 and up. Horton Square, 225 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

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Celebrate the Departed Dias de los Muertos personalized celebration altar making offered. Materials, instruction provided “to help you create an altar in celebration of your departed loved ones.” Participants use small shadow box altar to learn to prepare, set up a traditional altar for Days of the Dead. Reservations: 619-282-8708. Sunday, October 25, 2pm; \$20. Back from Tomboctou, 3564 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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

Diwali Festival The Indian festival of lights is celebrated all over India and the world. Enjoy art, music, dancing, food, family activities, lighting of lamps made in India and brought to SD for event. Celebration takes place at Spreckels Organ Pavilion and Plaza de Panama, with family activities in Mingei. 619-239-0003 x113. Sunday, October 25, 4pm; \$5-\$10. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Ghost Tours! Meet “real ghosts” and hear their “scary and tragic stories” during jaunts led by a “clueless ghost hunter” who misses “seeing the ghosts our visitors always see.” 619-220-5422. Fridays, 6:30pm and 7pm; Saturdays,

6:30pm and 7pm; through Saturday, October 31, \$5-\$10. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Harvest Festival The 37th annual festival returns with more than 300 exhibitors offering art and craft items. Entertainment, food, demonstrations, kids zone. Tickets good for entire weekend. 415-447-3205. Friday, October 23, 10am; Saturday, October 24, 10am; Sunday, October 25, 10am; free-\$9. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

House of Scotland Ethnic dancing, music, and costumes showcased during lawn program at International Cottages. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. Sunday, October 25, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

In Celebration of John Dewey To commemorate 150th anniversary of birth of American pragmatic philosopher and humanism founder John Dewey, Julia Fister discusses Dewey’s *Art as Experience*. Bring money for dinner. 619-670-4159 or 619-544-0640. Sunday, October 25, 2pm. Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant, 1065 12th Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

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)

Live Healthy Expo Gain “an alternative approach” to health and wellness; get nutritional guidance;

watch interactive yoga, pilates, fitness demonstrations; learn to save energy, “green your environment”; see healthy cooking demonstrations, more. Exhibits, vendors, workshops. 408-284-5300. Saturday, October 24, 10am; Sunday, October 25, 10am; \$10. San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

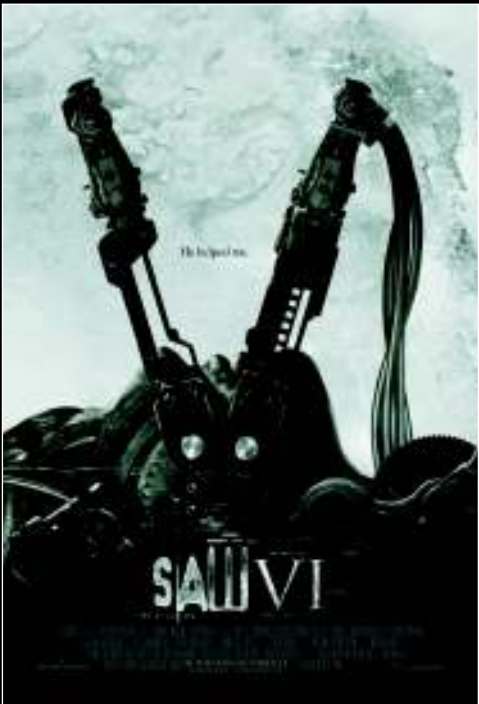
Middle-Eastern Drum and Belly-Dance Class Doumbek drumming class for all levels taught by Frank Lazzaro (6-7pm), followed by tribal belly-dance class taught by Sabrina Fox with live drumming (7-8pm). \$12 per class. 760-703-1487. Mondays, 6pm; \$12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA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

Papel Picado Time Learn to make these cut-paper banners, which have long been a staple of celebrations in Latin America and Mexico. Registration: 619-282-8708. Saturday, October 24, 1pm; \$15. 10 and up. Back from Tomboctou, 3564 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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, October 22, 6pm; Saturday, October 24, 2pm; \$20. Vintage Religion, 3821 32nd Street. (NORTH PARK)



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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

Sweets for the Dead Learn to make sugar skulls and decorate a skull (provided in class) during workshop covering this traditional Day of the Dead activity. Registration: 619-282-8708. Saturday, October 24, 3:30pm; \$15. 8 and up. Back from Tomboctou, 3564 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Take the Haunted Trail This "all-outdoor haunted attraction," follows mile-long trail through twisted grove of pines and gnarled oaks. 619-696-SCARE. October 26 and 27, 7pm; Thursdays, 7pm; 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)

The Opening of the West Focus on Thomas Jefferson and his western efforts with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, October 22, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Time to Scream! Del Mar "Scaregrounds" hosts annual Scream Zone, boasting "House of Horror" with rooms filled with "terrifying scenes and scares," haunted hayride through haunted barns on racetrack, and "the Chamber," promising "the largest spinning tunnel in San Diego." Call to confirm hours, open dates: 858-755-1161 x2855. Thursdays, 7pm; 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)

Tour a Historical Hacienda Valley Center Historical Society hosts guided tour of the Spanish Colonial-style home designed by Cliff May for William Powell and June Allyson in 1946. Reservations: 760-749-2993. Sunday, October 25,

1pm; \$25. June Allyson-Dick Powell Estate, 30845 Cole Grade Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

Wildekomen Oktoberfest Enjoy festivities including live German oompah band, German food, pastries, horseshoes, ping-pong, pool. All ages. 619-473-1266. Saturday, October 24, noon; Sunday, October 25, noon; free. Calvin's Sports Bar and Restaurant, 28841 Old Highway 80. (ALPINE)

World Invitational Joust Enjoy "knights in shining armor and world-class competitive jousting" during Tournament of the Phoenix and Festival of History. In between jousting matches take in array of entertainment, from folk music to displays of historical arts, crafts, daily living in Festival of History. For children: storytelling sessions, costume contest.

Jousting performances begin on Friday at 1:30pm; on Saturday and Sunday at noon and 4:30pm. Admission on Friday: \$8. 760-789-2299. Friday, October 23, 11am; Saturday, October 24, 10am; Sunday, October 25, 10am; \$8-\$18. Poway Rodeo Grounds, 14336 Tierra Bonita Road. (POWAY)

World's Largest Eco-Party? MTS Kick Gas Festival 2009 promises music by more than 20 bands (including Matisyahu), Sterling Collwood Sustainable Living Zone, K1 Speed EV Auto Cross Racing and Showstopper Wax EV Car Show, Ocean Beach Surf and Skate Interactive Zone, much more. 949-254-0561. Saturday, October 24, 11am; \$10-\$15. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Aquapuke" Graduate Forum showcases this "experimental piece for voice, tuba, and live electronics," alongside works by Donatoni, Mozart, Roberts, Sudol. Concert features UCSD's graduate-level composers and performers. 858-534-3229. Friday, October 23,

8pm; free. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Flying Solo" Orchestra Nova musicians and guest pianist Norman Krieger plan concert without a conductor. They'll play and discuss Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 3" and "Moonlight Sonata," Mozart's "Salzburg Symphony No. 1." 858-350-0290. Saturday, October 24, 8pm; \$30-\$99. Qualcomm Hall, 5775 Morehouse Drive. (MIRA MESA)

"Partita 1" Premiere of UCSD composer Philippe Manoury's "Partita 1" for viola (played by Christophe Desjardins) and live electronic effects. 858-534-3229. Monday, October 26, 8pm; \$10-\$25. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Symphonic Music of Johannes Brahms" Enjoy an all-Brahms orchestral concert featuring the "Third Symphony." 760-795-6815. Friday, October 23, 7:30pm; Saturday, October 24, 2pm; \$8-\$10. MiraCosta College Theatre, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Barbara and William Karatz Chamber Concert Series Series opens with recital by Christian Tetzlaff, "recognized as one of the most important violinists of his generation." Reservations: 858-454-5872. Tuesday, October 27, 7:30pm; \$40-\$45. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Classical and Flamenco Guitarist Adam Del Monte in concert. 619-280-9035. Saturday, October 24, 7pm; \$20. Old Time Music, 2852 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Concert Hour Series Los Angeles composer, pianist Steve Lockwood returns to series with improvised compositions in a chamber ensemble format. 760-744-1150 x2316. Thursday, October 22, 12:30pm; free. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10), 1140 West Mission Road. (PALOMAR COLLEGE)

Emerson String Quartet Art-Power! chamber season opens with concert by Eugene Drucker (violin), Philip Setzer (violin), Lawrence Dutton (viola), and David Finckel (cello). Program includes Mendelssohn's "String Quartet No. 1 in E Flat Major," the "String Quartet No. 9 in E Flat Major" by Shostakovich, and Dvořák's "String Quartet No. 11 in C Major." 858-534-TIXS. Sunday, October 25, 5pm; \$10-\$60. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

More "Flying Solo" Orchestra Nova musicians and guest pianist Norman Krieger plan concert without a conductor. They'll play and discuss Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 3" and "Moonlight Sonata," Mozart's "Salzburg Symphony No. 1." 858-350-0290. Monday, October 26, 7:30pm; \$35-\$45. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams performs. 619-702-8138. Sunday, October 25, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

SDSU Wind Symphony New Director of Bands Shannon Kitelinger leads ensemble in selections by Jack Stamp, Vincent Persichetti, Shostakovich, John Mackey, and David Maslanka. 619-594-6031. Thursday, October 22, 7pm; \$8-\$13. Smith Recital Hall at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Soirée for Music Lovers Violinist János Négyesy joined by some of his favorite musicians to play selections by Locatelli, Debussy, Mozart, Smetana. 858-534-3229. Saturday, October 24, 8pm; \$10-\$25. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Vespers Concert Series Westwind Brass performs. Requested donation: \$10. 858-273-7423. Sunday, October 25, 3pm. Clairemont Lutheran Church, 4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

DANCE

"Belly Dance with Fire!" Anja and Eliza perform belly dance with various fire implements, to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble. Cover: \$10. 858-488-4200. Sunday, October 25, 8pm; 21 and up. The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Zumbaween" Costume zumba dance class led by "most astonishing dance instructor." 858-451-3775. Wednesday, October 28, 5:30pm; \$10. Dance Motions, 12120 Alta Carmel Court, Suite 410D. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Firebird and More San Diego Ballet performs *An Old Sweet Song*, set to music by Ray Charles, *Firebird*, *Fanfare and Variations*, *Tango pas de deux*. 619-544-1000. Friday, October 23, 8pm; Saturday, October 24, 2:30pm; \$20-\$50. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

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)

Dance Like No One Is Watching DanceJam hosts "barefoot boogies" every Friday. Contact improvisation classes on second and fourth Friday (8-9pm); improvisational jams with live music and dancers on first and third Fridays. DJs spin dance mixes 9-midnight. Fee: \$10 for class/jam and barefoot boogie; \$5 for barefoot boogie before 9:30pm, \$7 for after 9:30pm. 760-758-8270. Fridays, 8pm. Eveoke Dance Theatre, 2811 University Ave., Suite A. (NORTH PARK)

Dance Pasionata Party Samba lesson led by James and Irina Friedhof (7-8pm). Open dancing (8-11pm). "Fancy" Halloween costumes optional. 760-793-2871. Saturday, October 24, 7pm; \$5-\$7. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Blvd., Suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

English Country Dancing Sharon Green calls for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6pm. 858-676-9731. Sunday, October 25, 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

More Swing Dancing Jim and Margie of 2toGroove Swing Club host six-week series in swing for beginning, intermediate, advanced levels. 619-291-3775. Wednesday, October 28, 6pm; \$11-\$15. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Blvd., Suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

Red-and-Black Thriller Party Don your scariest red-and-black outfit for all-age Firehouse swing dance. Swing classes (7-8pm), swing dance (8pm), screening of 13-minute version of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" (11:15pm). Fee: \$15 for class; dance only: \$8 general, \$5 students. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, October 28, 7pm. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Woman's Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

FILM

"No Pants Just Shorts" Short film festival dedicated to emerging filmmakers. Program includes *Tenderlion*, *The Pencil and the Eraser*, *Mr. Muerte*, *Decisions*, *Tony Tango*, *A Day at Disneyland on Acid*, and *Bunny Gets Slapped*. Discussion with filmmakers follows 9pm screening. Live circus acts, DJs and bands, live painting by El Grego and kid77. 619-794-8301. Sunday, October 25, 9pm and 10pm; Sunday, October 25; \$5. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

9500 Liberty Screening of this documentary on immigration policy followed by reception, question and answer with filmmakers. 619-527-6161. Tuesday, October 27, 5pm; free. Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue. (EMERALD HILLS)

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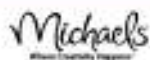
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Technical Sergeant Ted Tanouye, a graduate of their high school, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his service in WWII. RSVP requested: 619-230-0314. Saturday, October 24, 12:30pm; free. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Copyright Criminals Documentary examines creative, commercial value of musical sampling. See movie — screening for Film Forum — produced by University of Iowa professor Kembrew McLeod and Benjamin Franzen. 619-236-5800. Monday, October 26, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Celebrate the Spooky! Enjoy *The Haunting* when Carlsbad Library film series continues with this

1999 flick starring Liam Neeson. Evenings include prefilm (5:30pm) and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, October 28, 5:30pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

More of The Counterfeiters International Film Series continues with true story of counterfeiter extraordinaire Salomon “Sally” Sorowitsch. In German with English subtitles. Screening takes place in room 3601. 760-944-4449 x7758. Friday, October 23, 7pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Propaganda and Media Complicity? *War Made Easy: How Presidents and Pundits Keep Spinning Us to Death*, Loretta Alper and Jeremy Earp’s 2007 documentary narrated by Sean Penn, showcased during Sunday Matinee series. 619-236-5800. Sunday, October 25, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Redrum! “Dive-in theater” screening of *The Shining*. Event combines “eclectic film choices,” food, drink, light conversation at hotel’s poolside lounge and theater (outdoors). Reservations: 619-226-6100. Wednesday, October 28, 8pm; free. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

Reel Rock Film Tour Climbers, outdoor enthusiasts beckoned to view premiere of *Progression*, sneak preview of *First Ascent: The Series*, as well as two winning short films from Reel Rock filmmaking competition. 858-534-0684. Friday, October 23, 10am; \$5-\$10. Price Center at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Italian Film Festival Festival continues with screening of *Ovosodo (Hardboiled Egg)* on October 22. Enjoy *My name Is Tanino* on October 23. 619-238-7559. Thursday, October 22, 7pm; Friday, October 23, 7pm; free. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Sing Along With South Pacific Dress up as your favorite character from *South Pacific* and sing along with film (prize awarded for best costume) during event hosted by J*Company Youth Theatre. Reservations: 858-362-1348. Thursday, October 22, 7pm; \$8-\$10. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

FOOD & DRINK

“Chef Showdown 2009” Fundraiser honoring Domestic Violence Awareness Month promises culinary competition, sampling from restaurants such as Avenue 5, Café Japengo, Cucina Urbana, El Vitral Restaurant, Harry’s Bar and American Grill, Kitchen 1540, Quarter Kitchen, Roseville, Truluck’s, Urban Solace. Tickets: 858-272-5777. Thursday, October 22, 6pm; \$125. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

“Friendraiser at Friend Plaza” San Diego Brain Injury Foundation “Friendraiser” features tastings of wines from Silver Oak Cellars, Caymus Vineyards, Chalone Vineyard; gourmet foods samples from SD restaurants; music; artwork by brain injury survivors. 619-294-6541. Sunday, October 25, 1pm; \$50-\$60. Institute of the Americas, UCSD, 10111 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

Craving Challah? Jewish Food Festival promises Jewish cuisine,

music, entertainment, Israeli and Judaic art, synagogue tours, children’s activities. 858-451-1200. Sunday, October 25, 11am; free-\$3. Temple Adat Shalom, 15905 Pomerado Road. (POWAY)

Feast in the East This “Taste of East County” features fare from over 35 restaurants. 619-465-7700, 619-445-0180. Monday, October 26, 5pm; \$30-\$35. Cottonwood Golf Club Bar & Restaurant, 3121 Willow Glen Drive. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Raising Breast Cancer Awareness Cleavage Creek Cellars and Wine Smarties host wine dinner. Speaker is Allison Briggs, SD breast cancer survivor and model for Cleavage Creek, representing the winery. Benefit for San Diego Breast Cancer Foundation. 619-955-8884. Thursday, October 22, 6pm; \$50. Porto Vista Hotel & Suites, 1835 Columbia Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Tequila Dinner Barra Barra Saloon in Fiesta de Reyes hosts five-course dinner with tequila pairings for each course sponsored by Proximo Spirits. Each course paired with a Gran Centenario tequila. Tickets: \$30 per person, \$50 per couple. Reservations: 619-297-3100 x22. Thursday, October 22, 6pm; \$30-\$50. Fiesta de Reyes, Juan Street at Calhoun Street. (OLD TOWN)

FOR KIDS

“Some Enchanted Evening” J*Company Youth Theatre opens season with Rodgers and Hammer-

stein’s *South Pacific*, which premiered on Broadway 60 years ago. Score includes gems such as “Bali Ha’i,” “I’m Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair,” others. Reservations: 858-362-1348. Saturday, October 24, 8pm; Sunday, October 25, 1pm and 4:30pm; \$13-\$17. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Annie, Jr. Musical adventure of the plucky orphan presented by Arts Off Broadway with cast of more than 70 area children. 858-254-3100. Friday, October 23, 7pm; Saturday, October 24, 2pm and 7pm; Sunday, October 25, 2pm; \$12-\$15. Maxine Theatre, 31322 Cole Grade Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

Strega Nona: The Musical Maximum Entertainment Productions presents this musical based on Tomie dePaola’s children’s book about a friendly witch, her young assistant, and a magical pasta pot. Tickets: 800-988-4253. Wednesday, October 28, 9:30am and 11:30am. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Testing the Ice: A True Story about Jackie Robinson Sharon Robinson (Jackie Robinson’s daughter) and author/illustrator Kadir Nelson read from, sign their new book. Nelson will also draw. 619-463-4900. Sunday, October 25, 10:30am; free. The Yellow Book Rd., 7200 Parkway Drive. (LA MESA)

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The Polka Dot Ghost Witches, dragons, ghosts take stage with Big Joe Productions performances. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, October 28, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Critter Kids Day Kids (6-12) invited to take series of workshops on animals, enjoy other fun activities. Get up close with exotic and strange insects, meet birds from around world, "scaly and slithery friends," the "smallest pocket pets" such as hamsters and guinea pig, rabbits. Meet a veterinarian. Make a craft to take home, take shelter tour. Fee: \$8 for one workshop; \$6 each for two workshops; \$5 each for three or more. Registration: 760-888-2261. Saturday, October 24, 9am; \$5-\$8. 6 and up. Escondido Humane Society, 3450 East Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Family Open Studios Plus! Families can tour "Moving Points" exhibition, make art, attend interactive music-making performances by percussionist Ross Karre (11:45am, 1:15pm). 760-602-2021. Saturday, October 24, 11am; free. Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Fold Your Trick or Treat! Wear your costume and fold some Halloween fun shapes during "Oh Boy Origami" class for kids 8-16 led by Lisa Koide Halverson. There will be decorations for your home, Halloween candy. Registration: 619-232-2721. Saturday, October 24, 10am; \$8. 8 and up. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Halloween Fun Comic ventriloquist Joe Gandleman and "friends" plan Halloween show to "delight young children as well as the young at heart." 858-573-5007. Wednesday, October 28, 6pm; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Hunt Up a Pumpkin Kids 11 and younger invited to hunt for "personal" pumpkins. Prizes for costume contest winners (scariest, prettiest, best homemade costume). Parking: \$3. Reservations: 619-561-0580. Saturday, October 24, 10am; free. Louis Stelzer County Park, 11470 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

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"Undisclosed" Opening reception for exhibition of new works by Johannes Girardon. See this show by New York-based artist through Saturday, November 14. 858-454-3409. Friday, October 23, 6pm; free. Quint Contemporary Art, 7739 Drury Lane. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

"Comedy Picante" Latino comedy night with host Aurelio Bocanegra, presented by MidSouth Entertainment and YEAH Productions. 619-708-7975. Sunday, October 25, 8pm; \$12-\$15. 21 and up. 809 Lounge, 503 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"From Handel to Halloween: Music for Our Spirits" San Diego Master Chorale presents variety of "spired" choral music, including classics, folk songs, popular music in keeping with the season, spirituals, with special focus on men's voices. Requested donation: \$10. 619-670-4009. Sunday, October 25, 4pm. Foothills United Methodist Church, 4031 Avocado Boulevard. (LA MESA)

"High School Showcase"

Oceanside Music Festival continues with evening of vocal performances from North County high school musical theater groups, show choirs, and chamber singers. Family pass: \$25. 760-433-3632. Thursday, October 22, 7pm; \$10-\$15.

Truax Performing Arts Center, 400 Rancho del Oro. (OCEANSIDE)

"Hollywood Nights" Comedic entertainment by Adam Sank, Joe Charles, Mal Hall, Christian Spicer. Preshow live music by Chad Cavanaugh. Two-item minimum in addition to tickets. 858-638-9000. Wednesday, October 28, 8pm; \$15. 21 and up. Mad House Comedy Club, 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard #106. (MIRA MESA)

"Industriade — A Halloween Experience"

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"Muerto: Unplugged and Undead"

This "petite soirée" features "works of Umbanda painter" Anjela Piccard, "unplugged performance by Mexican marvel" Tania. Suggested RSVP: 619-297-9663. Friday, October 23, 7pm. Planet Rooth Gallery, 3811 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

And Another Thing... Speculative fiction author Eoin Colfer (*Artemis Fowl*) celebrates 30th anniversary of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* with publication of the sixth book in series. 858-268-4747. Sunday, October 25, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

"Cranioklepty — Grave Robbing and the Search for Genius"

Colin Dickey discusses, signs his new book, with "after-death stories of Franz Joseph Haydn, Ludwig Beethoven, Swedenborg, Sir Thomas Browne, and many others." 858-755-3735. Wednesday, October 28, 7pm; free. The Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days"

Children's book author Jeff Kinney signs his new book, the latest in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series. Signing details: 858-454-3047. Saturday, October 24, 11am. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Boo the Villain, Cheer the Hero!

Time for Julian Triangle Club's annual old-time melodrama and olio, a comedy loosely based upon Julian history entitled *Flume of Doom, or One Slip Was to Be Her Downfall*. Between acts, enjoy an "olio" (variety show) featuring local talent with guitar and dulcimer players, singers, junior cancan dancers, and (in)famous Julian Floozies. 760-765-1857. Fridays, 7:15pm; Saturdays, 1:15pm and 7:15pm; Sundays, 1:15pm; through Sunday, October 25, free-\$10. Julian Town Hall, 2129 Main Street. (JULIAN)

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)

Mystery/Suspense Author

Author Michael Connelly signs *Nine Dragons*, his latest Harry Bosch book. 858-454-0347. Friday, October 23, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

New Writing Series

Head to Visual Arts Center when Laila Lalami, author of *Secret Son* and *Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits*, reads from her work. 858-534-2230. Wednesday, October 28, 4:30pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Oceanside Music Festival

Tom Morrow's Oceanside Society Orchestra performs American songbook and dance music for closing concert of festival. Family pass: \$25. 760-433-3632. Sunday, October 25, 2pm; \$10-\$15. Mission San Luis Rey, 4070 Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

Pop Culture Night

Harry Katz — co-author of *Baseball Americana: Treasures from the Library of Congress* and editor of *Herblock: The Life and Work of the Great Political Cartoonist* — plans slide show presentation, discussion, signing celebrating publication of his two books. 858-454-0347. Thursday, October 22, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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Style Icon! Master Furniture Maker! Mitchell Gold signs his new books, *The Comfortable Home* and *Crisis*. RSVP: 619-299-4664. Wednesday, October 28, 6:30pm. Nativ Furniture, 1003 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Suspense Author Joseph Kanon signs *Stardust*. 619-268-4747. Thursday, October 22, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

What Do Zombies Wear to Prom? Find out during *Zombie Prom*, a “new twist on teen romance during the atomic ’50s” spoofing familiar ’50s musicals with toe-tapping music and rousing dance numbers. 619-522-4050. Thursday, October 22, 7pm; Friday, October 23, 7pm; \$10-\$15. Coronado School of the Arts, 650 D Avenue. (CORONADO)

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LECTURES

“Dating Old Photographs” Sue Team addresses North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Non-members welcome. 858-509-4937. Tuesday, October 27, 10am; free. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

“Ghosts on the Star of India” Jim Davis, first mate of the *Star of India*, discusses ghostly legends surrounding the ship for Association for Rational Inquiry. 619-421-5844. Sunday, October 25, 7pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

“Hate Thy Neighbor” Local author Linda Patterson discusses her book, *Hate Thy Neighbor: How the Bible Is Misused to Condemn Homosexuality*, for Atheist Coalition of San Diego. 619-342-7388. Tuesday, October 27, 6:30pm; free. North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street. (NORTH PARK)

“How Social Protest Movements Can Win Today” International Socialist Organization meets to consider what it will “take to build movements that can exercise real power to change society

for the better.” 619-865-0621. Thursday, October 22, 6pm; free. City Heights Recreation Center, 4380 Landis Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

“Internet and Software Resources for Songwriters” Songwriter, arranger, composer, Elizabeth C. Axford leads workshop for San Diego Nashville Songwriters Association International. Topics include educational web sites for songwriters, networking groups for songwriters, song pitching websites, software for songwriters, more. RSVP: 619-884-1401. Monday, October 26, 7:30pm; free. Piano Press Studio, 1425 Ocean Avenue. (DEL MAR)

“Job Searching in Difficult Times” Professional job coach Janet McAfee offers tips on job searching. 619-469-2151. Tuesday, October 27, 7pm; free. 18 and up. La Mesa Library, 8074 Allison Avenue. (LA MESA)

“Michelangelo — The Overwhelming Painter” DeWitt Drury examines central portion of Sistine Ceiling painted between 1508 and 1512, containing over 300 figures, for LIFE learning group in room 1068 (2:30pm). Talk follows “UN Day Observance and Popular Peacebuilding” by William R. Headley, dean of USD’s School of Peace Studies (1pm). 760-721-8124. Friday, October 23, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

“Parallel Journeys” Bonnie Harris, professor of history and archivist for Jewish Historical Society of San Diego, speaks about her life-changing

adventures in researching her doctoral dissertation. Talk is subtitled “The Search for Cantor Joseph Cysner and the Philippine Rescue of Refugee Jews.” Required reservations: 619-232-5888. Sunday, October 25, 1pm; free. Congregation Beth Israel, 9001 Towne Centre Drive. (LA JOLLA)

“Peace Writers’ Tales” “Peace Writers” Kaitlin Barker, Jennie Siat Bev, Leigh Fenly, Jennifer Freeman present their documentation of stories and best practices of women in Women PeaceMakers Program at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. 858-552-1657. Monday, October 26, 1pm; La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Cancer Prevention Dr. Ramez Farah M.D. speaks for Southwest CV Civic Association. 619-425-5771. Monday, October 26, 6:45pm; free. MAAC Charter School, 1385 Third Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

He Won’t Mince Words! Fifth annual “Art of Photography Show” welcomes professional curator Tim B. Wride, sharing “A Collector’s Exercise to Discover the Artists Behind the Images in the Art of Photography Show 2009.” Expect “rollicking” look at photographers, ideas behind his favorite images in the exhibit (closing November 1). 858-793-0900. Tuesday, October 27, 7pm; free. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

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Peace and Justice Marianne Mollmann — from women's rights division of Human Rights Watch — discusses her work on issues including women in war-torn areas, economic and reproductive rights, when Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meets in community room. 858-279-0192 or 858-535-0949. Saturday, October 24, 11am; free. La Jolla Village Square, 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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 October 27, 9:30am; \$15. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Stop the Militarization of Space! "Nuclear Power Is Not the Answer to Global Warming," according to Dr. Helen Caldicott, who has devoted last 38 years to educating the public about medical hazards of the nuclear age, "and the necessary changes in hu-

man behavior to stop environmental destruction." Requested donation: \$10 (no one will be turned away). 858-459-4650. Friday, October 23, 7:30pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

What to Do Before You Leave "Pre-Divorce Planning" clinic discussing creation of a "solid exit plan." Workshop addresses "specific, often-overlooked aspects of a pre-divorce plan that must be addressed prior to telling your spouse you want a divorce." 858-863-3380. Saturday, October 24, 9am; \$35. 18 and up. Divorce Help Clinic, 11622 El Camino Real Suite 100. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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SPORTS

"Friday Night Live" American Wrestling Alliance presents heavyweight championship bout between Tommy Wilson and Threat. "Triple Threat Championship" promises battle with SoCal Crazy versus Damon "The Nomad" Divine versus Ricky "The Mirror Image" Mandell. Many other

matches planned. 619-569-0356. Friday, October 23, 7pm; \$10-\$13. Unity Lodge, 3366 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Bicycling for Better Air San Diego bikers, in cooperation with 350.org, "unite to show our support for developing solutions to climate change." Ride starts in Dusty Rhodes Park. 619-739-0888. Saturday, October 24, 9am; free. Ocean Beach Recreation Center, 4726 Santa Monica Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Fishing Fun Catch and release bass fish up to seven pounds. Fishing for all ages. 619-442-9891. Fridays, 5pm; Saturdays, 5pm; Sundays, 5pm; through Saturday, October 31, \$10. Cottonwood Golf Club Bar & Restaurant, 3121 Wilow Glen Drive. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

GuluWalk 2009 Walkers step off for 2.5-mile jaunt at Sixth Avenue and Laurel. Also planned: African music, dance, celebration. GuluWalk raises funds, awareness for war-ravaged northern Uganda. 619-286-9052. Saturday, October 24, 1pm; free. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Mission Federal Memory Walk This 5k walk benefits Alzheimer's Association. Registration: 7am; walk at 8:30am. Walk ends around 9:30am, followed by awards, costume contest. 858-492-4400. Saturday, October 24, 7:30am; Balboa Park. Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

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NSSA Open Season National Scholastic Surfing Association hosts competition north of pier. Free for spectators. 760-378-0899. Saturday, October 24, 7am; Sunday, October 25, 7am. Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Pedal a Century Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists for 100-mile adventure to San Clemente through Camp Pendleton and back to Doyle Park. Bring driver's license. 619-561-3846. Sunday, October 25, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

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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

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Mingei International Museum North County "Rite and Ritual: Ceremonial Art Across the Cultures" focuses on beauty of objects used for special familial, tribal, community events in traditional cultures such as birth, childhood, initiation, marriage, death, and festivals and in various religious expressions among the world's peoples. Closes Saturday, October 16, 2010. 155 West Grand Ave., 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown Currently closed for installation. Reopens Sunday, October 25, for

"Tara Donovan." Featuring sculptures and installations from past decade, show traces "ambitious process of this young artist," who takes mass quantities of a single everyday item (tape, plastic cups, straws, pins, toothpicks, buttons), "assembles them in different ways." Closes Sunday, February 28, 2010. 1100 and 1001 Kettner Blvd., 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

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



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from his four-year job booking the Jumping Turtle in San Marcos to work for the year-old Mainstage in Ramona.

though I had to lose my deposit on Decide.”

Another factor was Turtle opposition from various city

tion, where alcohol can be served. Plus, now I can start selling tickets online, and I’m officially allowed to charge a cover, where we had to ask for ‘donations’ [in San Marcos].”

At 50 feet wide and 14 feet deep, “The Ramona stage is twice as big as the Turtle’s,” says Troutman, “and we also have a dressing room behind it, with its own bathroom, which we didn’t have [in San Marcos]. There’s a full soda bar, too, instead of just Coke from a [faucet] gun.”

Jumping Turtle’s seating capacity is 213, while the Mainstage is around 350.

The Mainstage interior retains much of the original layout of the single-screen theater that operated in the locale for over 50 years, beginning in 1947; venue owners Orrin and Cheryl Day bought the building in 2002. Says Troutman, “I think it has the potential to be comparable to the House of Blues.... The only other place up here that even does live music is Molly Malone’s, and that’s more of a dive bar.”

Troutman’s October 31 Halloween show features a lineup typical of upcoming events, with Portuguese spook-rockers Moonspell, along with Divine Heresy, Book of Black Earth, Secrets of the Moon, and La Mesans Ruines ov Abaddon.

“After 11 years of booking shows,” says Troutman (who also booked the

Longshot Saloon and Brick by Brick), “I’ve developed a real niche for underground hard rock and heavy-metal bands.” He reveals that a so-far-unannounced show will feature cartoon metalheads Green Jelly, who draw upwards of 1500 people at downtown’s Comic-Con International.

“When they played the Turtle, they didn’t have anywhere to put their costumes.” — Jay Allen Sanford

Jazz Champion

While San Diego seems to be weathering the decline in jazz better than most cities, with several venues spotlighting the genre, including Anthology, Croce’s, and Dizzy’s, singer Karin Carson considers the local scene too small for such a large metropolitan area.

In order to help promote jazz in San Diego, she has started the San Diego Jazz Musicians Guild. With Carson as president and executive director, the guild meets monthly and hosts events around town, including a weekly concert series started

in April at Tango Del Rey. They have also sponsored “Master Classes with Jazz Legends,” featuring artists such as bassist Christian McBride and drummer Chuck McPherson.

Other guild positions include notable board members Donna Nichols (founder of the Pacific Coast Jazz label), trumpeter Derek Cannon, and vocalist Allison Adams Tucker (a 2009 SDMA nominee for her album *Come with Me*). Using space donated by building owners, the guild has two offices: in North Park at the Queen Bee Art and Cultural Center and in Alpine at the



CARSON HOLDS TO HOMETOWN TRADITION

Enchanted Village. The guild currently has 50 members — musicians and fans.

The inspiration for the

organization came, indirectly, from Carson’s grandfather, Peter Sirna, a San Diego trumpeter who taught at Ozzie’s Music Store.

“When I first got into jazz, I started asking him questions and found that San Diego had a rich cultural history presenting jazz artists. My goal was to find out more about it and present the information to others so they could find resources for their art.” In addition to work on the SDJMG, Carson has started production on a documentary highlighting the San Diego jazz scene over the past century.

Though Carson is unsure about what exactly it will take to stem the loss of interest nationwide in jazz, she is hoping the guild will make some sort of difference. “The point is that we do something, or things will remain the same.... Whether in or out of the public circle of popularity, jazz still holds the place as the one true American art form.”

— Bart Mendoza

No Superunledded at Kick Gas Fest

“There seems to be a lot of folks around town who believe Superunledder is a Led Zeppelin tribute,” says band manager Jason “Yogi” Peretson. “Although they’ve been known to do a show or two of Zeppelin, this is cer-

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Around a half dozen events scheduled for October through January will happen on their original dates, but relocated to Ramona.

Troutman says the jump was due to “disagreements

factions that resulted in several event restrictions. “The all-age shows were a huge problem, but in Ramona all ages are permitted as long as they’re accompanied by an adult.... We’ll have a 21-and-up sec-

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tainly not the case.”

This story begins at the 710 Beach Club, where earlier this year “the [former] talent buyer booked Superunloader twice and promoted the band unilaterally as a Zep tribute. The first show, they reluctantly played a set of Zeppelin because it

largely a failure.

“The second time, [the talent buyer] was explicitly told not to mention Zeppelin, and it was listed the same anyway. So they didn’t play at all. Consequently, Superunloader have not booked 710 Beach Club since, which is unfortunate because they’d been playing there for over a decade.”

The band *has* done a handful of Zeppelin shows over the years, billing them-



COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN FOR SUPERUNLOADER

was listed in various ads two weeks prior to the show. However, they didn’t have time to promote it properly among their fans, and the turnout was about half the normal attendance, so it was

selves as Superunloaded. “That was an occasional special event,” says Peretson, “and now they’re reluctant to do those tribute shows or even play Led Zep covers anymore. Funny, they proba-



bly play more Frank Zappa songs, but folks don’t confuse them for [Zappa tribute] Project Object.”

Superunloader have a new album (all originals) due in January, and on October 24 they’re playing the Kick Gas Festival with headliner Matisyahu at Qualcomm Stadium. Peretson promises — or warns — that “there won’t be any Zeppelin songs.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

Buncha Beatles

“Imagine the Spice Girls singing Beatles songs,” says bassist Nam Chi Vu of the Penny Lanes, an all-female Fab Four tribute that also includes singer-guitarist Vanja James. “I based the name after the Beatles song, of course, but also after Kate Hudson’s character in *Almost Famous*. I have replicas of the Sergeant Pepper uniforms in

short-dress form, which the ladies wear with mod go-go boots.... We play all the hit Beatles songs, but that includes covers the Beatles did, such as ‘Twist and Shout’ and ‘Please Mr. Postman.’”

While their look is gender customized, the Penny Lanes shoot for straight note-for-note renditions. “My goal is to get it as close to the real thing as possible. When doing a tribute, I feel like it’s important because everyone knows these songs and will know if something is tampered with or when someone messes up or forgets a lyric.”

In other Beatles news, Campland near P.B. hosted Beatles on the Bay Saturday, October 10, with Rockola doing an all-mop-top set. The locale used to host an annual Dead on the Bay gathering, until Grateful

Dead reps “encouraged” them to drop the unauthorized moniker. “The Dead management feels real concerned



SHE-BEATLES PENNY LANES TOOK THE SGT. PEPPER LOOK

about people not being confused in terms of who’s putting on a production or who’s associated with a produc-

tion,” according to promoter Brian Ross. Other than a parking fee, Beatles on the Bay was a free show.

If you prefer your Beatles naked, the Alphabeatles still perform for tips at Black’s Beach on the first Saturday of every month. The middle-aged married duo plays acoustic versions of around two dozen Beatles songs, unaccompanied by clothing and always performed in alphabetical order, a discipline they refuse to alter. I once saw a (naked) woman request that they do “Rocky Raccoon.”

“We can’t,” the (naked) husband said, “we’re only on the Gs,” and they launched into “Good Day, Sunshine.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Thursday 22

Yoni Wolf's 2005 indie-critic hit *Elephant Eyelash* is probably the oddest piece in my desert-island crate. Though follow-up *Alopecia* earns a space in the crate behind it, the Oakland artist turned down the odd and turned up the pop-hook artifice, making for a less engaging but more entertaining sophomore set. The tone poet's trip-hop trio **Why?** will play the Loft at UCSD in support of this year's *Alopecia* leftovers *Eskimo Snow*, which won't make it to the desert island but will certainly spend a season in my carousel for its rich lyricism. This'd be the gig to get to tonight.... Honorable mentionables: the always-entertaining Grammy-winner **Poncho Sanchez** will beat the band at Belly Up. The Latin-jazz *conguero* is out to tout his latest, *Psychedelic Blues*.... Multi-



WHY? AT THE LOFT AT UCSD

instrumentalist **Arrington de Dioniso** is the self-proclaimed "James Bond of free improvisation." The founder of the Olympia Strange Music Society visits Bar Pink tonight.... And Soda Bar spills a bill of polite pop, with Los Angelino **Jeremy Jay**, just back from a Euro tour for his K Records debut *Slow Dance*. Like-minded locals **Christmas Island** and Oxnard's **Sea Lions** will set the stage.

Friday 23

The tragic back-story of singer-songwriter **Daniel Johnston** and bleak nature of his lost-love tales — 30 years' worth and all purportedly about

the same girl — tend to overshadow his knack for Beatles-inspired melodies and sneaky hooks. For a full course on this artist's artist, check out cult-fave DVD *The Devil and Daniel Johnston*.



DANIEL JOHNSTON AT CANES

For what's new with the left-field left-brainer, give a listen to his first full-band collection *Is and Always Was* and catch him at Canes with **Hymns** and **Vision of a Dying**

World.... The other big gig Friday night is at Epicentre, where Seattle pop pinups **Scene Aesthetic** will share the acoustic bubblegum of *A Type and a Shadow*. The indie-pop duo's Space hits are in the gazillions, garnering press from the *Wall Street Journal*! I know, I never heard of them either.... Else: West Coast dance band **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy** swing into Belly Up...U.K. voodoo rockers the **Heavy** and our own

Styletones will funk up Casbah...Tony Hawk's favorite hardcore throwbacks **Strike Anywhere** will light the Ché Café...and uptowners get their fair share of sleeper sets Friday night, with SanFran glam band **Triple Cobra** playing a freebie at Bar Pink...an Art Fag showcase over at Whistle Stop, featuring **Pearl Harbour** and the **Dunes**...and the Ken Club stages the pride of Yamaha, Nebraska, **Digital Leather**, with Zonies **Earthmen and Strangers** for your daily dose of post-punk psychedelia.

Saturday 24

Bay Area bad boy **Tommy Castro** will sling his Strat at Belly Up Saturday night. Castro's out in support of departure disc *Hard Believer*, the bluesman's first for Alligator Records and a leap of faith into soul singing, resulting in a career-defining collection and one hot number for this year's awards boards. See you there, blues fans.... Back downtown, Beauty Bar books an indie-pop triple treat, with Silverlake six-piece **Castledoor**, Wild Weekender gone solo singer-songer **Maren Parusel**, and local indie hits **Republic of Letters**.... Nor'westerners **Blind Pilot** and

Mimicking Birds land at Casbah with Nor'easterers the **Low Anthem** for some fine, freaky-folk fare.

Sunday 25

Couple of super Sunday-nighters downtown as Casbah has "Philly's constant hitmaker" **Kurt Vile** and his **Violators** following new deal *Childish Prodigy* into the Kettner club. Vile's suffered some flavor-of-the-month backlash in Blogworld, but the psych-pop songs stand up, so f*** Blogworld, the hippie's touring the real world. Check his Space take and new vid for fan fave "Freak Train." With Costa Mesa folkies the **Growlers** and local noise-pop duo the **Dabbers**, this one's hard to dismiss...unless you're a hard-core **Bad Brains** fan, in which case you'll want to get yourself to the House of Blues, cat daddy. D.C.'s punk-rock perennials are the crossovers that fueled Fugazi's fire way back when to jazz up the downbeats and reggae-fy the rock. Throw on *i against i* (1986) and you'll know why. And f.y.i., H.R. and Dr. Know still run the show.... Alsos: Berlin-based beats babe **Peaches** hits the beaches at Canes...and Alabama band **Thomas Function** brings the folk-rock fun of their latest, *In the Belly of the Beast*, to Bar Pink. French goth-pop dude **Yussuf Jerusalem** sets the stage.

Monday 26

The Moscow-born, Manhattan-schooled singer-songwriter **Regina Spektor** visits House of Blues Monday night. Spektor is aligned with nu-music



REGINA SPEKTOR AT HOUSE OF BLUES

New York, playing anti-folk, anti-pop piano scores and singing in an accomplished and full range. The artist is out in support of her fifth proper *Far*.... Philadelphia roots-rockers **Hoots and Hellmouth** join alt-country crooner **William Elliott Whitmore** at Casbah's Anti-Monday meet-up.

Whitmore sings to rattle bones. Check out his recommendable grower *Animals in the Dark*, which this year peaked at number 50 on *Billboard*.

Tuesday 27

Saddle Creek singer-songwriter Elizabeth Powell and her Montreal trio **Land of Talk** join L.A.-based indie quartet the **Eulogies** and our own **Black Mamba** to fill a pleasant-pop bill at Casbah Tuesday night.... Get your psychobilly fix at Brick by Brick with **Koffin Kats**, **Hard Fall Hearts**, **Kasket Krawlers**, and the **Embalmers**.... For a taste of something new, Soda Bar stages psych-folkie Sasha, aka **Nothingful**, with L.A. alt-pop act **Family Tree Analog** and local newbies **Cascavell**.



ART BRUT AT CASBAH

Wednesday 28

Eddie Argos and **Art Brut** join L.A.'s baroque-pop four-piece **Princeton** and local punks **Northern Towns** at Casbah. Since the success of their 2005 debut disc *Bang Bang Rock & Roll*, which the British quartet never quite matched in pace, taste, or wit, Art Brut has become a pop-punk industry, rolling out recordings regularly, touring constantly, and is ever-present on the web. "Formed a band," indeed, Eddie.... Your other hump-night highlights include Canadian rock-roll vets the **Tragically Hip**, who play Belly Up behind their 11th collection *We Are the Same*....and Miami M.C. **Flo Rida**, who's down at House of Blues. He's out to tout his second electro-hop joint *R.O.O.T.S.*

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Indiana-Born Juice

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Most tracks on the *Best of Daygo City* hip-hop compilation are exclusive to the project, a likely factor behind Jake Records picking it up for distribution through retailers, iTunes, Amazon, and CD Baby. Among its best songs, the track contributed by Juice — “Bounce (Keep It on the LoLo)” — may not have the percussive bombast of his movie tune “Stomp the Yard,” but it stands out as a fair indication that it’d be a mistake to dismiss his act as nothing more than “white-boy rapper” shtick.

It was “Stomp the Yard” that first earned the Indiana-born Juice national attention, after he landed among the finalists in an online MySpace/Sony contest tied to the film’s 2007 release. Composed and recorded just a few days before the contest deadline, the tune remains his best-known (and possibly best-overall) song, so he can be forgiven for recycling the marching-band format for his *Daygo City* track.

Juice (aka Kevin Orange) is a former member of pro dance troupe Hop-Star and was the first rapper to appear on *HookJawNetRadio.com*. For his debut album *ARTofficial*, “I sing and rap, so I use a lot of different styles,” he says. “The album has some street, some club, some smooth, and some R&B crooner-style songs...for the ladies.”

WHAT’S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. T-Pain, *Three Rings*. “His production is amazing, and I love that he sings and raps.”
2. Justin Timberlake, *FutureSex/LoveSounds*. “Combine a brilliant singer and Timbaland producing, and you get timeless music.”
3. 2Pac, *Greatest Hits*. “He’s able to tell you a story, and it just so happens that his words rhyme.”

MOST-VISITED WEBSITES?

1. “YouTube is great for watching dance vids, producers making beats, artists doing their thing, and watching music vids, especially the old-school joints.”
2. “*CNN.com* — gotta keep up on what’s going on in the world since I’m usually too busy to watch TV.”

WHAT YOUR FIRST-GRADE TEACHER WOULD SAY ABOUT YOU?

“That kid almost drove me crazy. He never shut up.”

FIRST PET?

“I had my golden retriever O.J. from when I was a little kid until I was about 13. Still the best dog I’ve ever had.”

WORST FILM?

“Some old movie with Cher. I was bored out of my cranium.”

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS?

“I used to compete in bodybuilding shows, so I used to subscribe to *Muscle* and *Fitness*.”

WORDS OF WISDOM?

“My father said, ‘Anything worth having is earned, not given.’”

MAC OR PC?

“PC, but I wish I had a Mac so I could produce in Logic Pro. It’s not available for PC, but it’s my favorite production software.”

FAVORITE RAP VERSE (BY SOMEONE ELSE)?

“The Notorious B.I.G.: ‘B.I.G. P.O.P.P.A, no info for the D.E.A.’”



Kevin “Juice” Orange

WHAT’S YOUR POISON?

“Long Island iced tea.”

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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

4th&B: 345 B St., Downtown, 619-231-4343.
Saturday, 8pm — Mandy Lion. With Canobliss, Raise the Guns, and Beneath Lanston. Metal/rock. 21 and up.

AcousticMusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
Thursday, 7:30pm — Tony Furtado. Acoustic/folk/rock. \$20.
Saturday, 7:30pm — The Ditty Bops. Acoustic/folk/jazz. \$20.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Catie Curtis. Folk singer-songwriter. \$20.

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

Thursday, 7:30pm — California Transit Authority. With Danny Seraphine and Mark Bonilla. Rock. \$24.

Friday, 7:30pm — Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers. Jazz. \$23.

Friday, 9:30pm — Astra Kelly. With the Apes of Wrath and Ghostbird. Rock. \$10.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Sophie Milman - CANCELLED.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Ronnie Laws. Jazz. \$26.

Saturday, 9:30pm — Michael Burks. Blues. \$19.

Tuesday, 7pm — The Anthology House Band. Jazz. \$5.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — The Mads Tolling Quartet. Jazz. \$24.

Bar Leucadian: 1542 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-753-2094.
Friday, 9:30pm — Nude BBQ. Covers/standards.

Saturday, 9:30pm — The Tighen Ups. Rock. Free. 21 and up.

Beach Grass Café : 1476 Encinitas Bl., Encinitas, 760-942-2741.

Thursday, 6pm — Adrienne Nims. Jazz.

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

Friday, 9pm — The New Assembly. With the Ringers, Westfire, and DJ Morgan Young. Alternative/rock. 21 and up.

Saturday, 10pm — Castledoor. With Maren Parusel and Republic of Letters. Pop/rock. \$8. 21 and up.

Sunday, 9pm — UBUV. With Cantua, DJ Ricker, and DJ Carlo Crush. Electronic/pop. 21 and up.

Wednesday, 9pm — Westfire. Alternative. 21 and up.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The **Ditty Bops'** song "Walk or Ride" starts off sounding as if it's going to be an environmentalist-lesbian-cycling anthem. That would make sense: Ditty Bops leaders **Abby DeWald** and **Amanda Barrett** are, after all, a lesbian couple (they were married last year during the brief, happy period when that was legal in California), and they did make a statement by traveling all of their 2006 national tour by bike. But soon "Walk or Ride" turns into something else entirely. In their characteristic tight harmonies, Barrett and DeWald sing, "You might find the meaning of life in the barrel of a rifle/ If it's pointed at a bird

or at your head./ But me, I'd rather plant a tree that grows up tall for all to see/ Until I need a pencil. Then I'll chop it to the ground."

That oddball sense of humor comes through in most of what the Ditty Bops do. Their live shows are heavy on goofy audience participation and dancing. Their publicity photos are so campy, they make the Decemberists' photos look like candid snapshots. The Ditty Bops even produce bikini calendars featuring themselves in retro-cheesecake photos. Not exactly what you'd expect from an acoustic band listed on the website lesbians4lesbians.com, alongside folk veterans like Janis Ian.

In fact, the Ditty Bops' music leans more toward Jazz Age sounds than folk. They have more in common with today's burlesque revival than with earnest singer-songwriters. As much as they represent today's world of sexual



DITTY BOPS

freedom, environmental consciousness, and online marketing, the Ditty Bops conjure thoughts of a vanished (and partly imaginary) time when art and entertainment were simpler — and more fun.

THE DITTY BOPS: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, October 24, 7:30 p.m. 619-303-8176. \$15 advance/\$20 door.

Wednesday, 8pm — The Tragically Hip. Rock. \$25-\$27. 21 and up.

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: 7007 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-295-2464.
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The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-9300.
Thursday, 9pm — Jessie Taylor and the Riffs. Blues/country/rock. \$5.
Wednesday, 8pm — Roger. With Snooze Button, the Eben Brooks

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Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Thursday, 7pm — Educate. With Nick Fury, XO, Manzana Movement, and Early the MC. Hip-hop. \$10. 21 and up.
Friday, 8:30pm — My Elysian. With October Burning. Rock. \$10. 21 and up.
Saturday, 8:30pm — Lead Burns Red. With FM Revolver and Bed of Nails. Rock. 21 and up.
Tuesday, 7pm — Koffin Kats. With the Kasket Krawlers. Psychobilly/

rock. \$10. 21 and up.
Wednesday, 9pm — Death from a Distance. Covers/metal/rock. \$5. 21 and up.

Calvin's Sports Bar and Restaurant: 28841 Old Highway 80, Alpine, 619-473-1266.
Saturday, 8pm — The Umpa Band. German/world.

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\$1.75 tacos & enchilladas, \$6.95 fajitas, \$5.95 burritos / \$3 frozen margaritas, \$2.50 Mexican beer. Guest Dj on the Patio 6pm-10pm / Dj Marvin 10pm-close

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Friday, 8pm — Daniel Johnston. Alternative/folk/rock. 21 and up.
Saturday, 8pm — Lyrics Born. With Blowfish, Dannu, Key Kool, and Zen of the Visionaries. Funk/hip-hop. \$12-\$15. 21 and up.
Sunday, 8pm — Peaches. Rock. \$20. 21 and up.

Carlsbad City Library: 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.
Tuesday — Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle. Celtic/jazz.

Carvers: 11940 Bernardo Plaza Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400.
Friday, 8pm — Nite Hawk. Bluegrass/rock/roots.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday, 8:30pm — Valient Thorr. With Early Man and guests. Metal/rock. \$10. 21 and up.
Saturday, 8:30pm — Blind Pilot. With the Low Anthem. Indie/pop. \$13-\$15. 21 and up.
Wednesday, 8:30pm — Art Brut. With guests. Indie/pop/punk. \$15. 21 and up.

Chateau Orleans: 926 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744.
Friday, 6:30pm — Robin Henkel. Blues/jazz.

Club Anitas: 1320 East Valley Parkway, Escondido, 760-747-2811.
Friday, 9pm — D-Pain. With Domi Young, Dr. Parks, and Brian E. Hip-hop/rap.

Creative Arts Complex at MiraCosta College: One Barnard Dr., Oceanside, 760-757-2121.
Friday, 7:30pm — Frequency. Vocal jazz ensemble. \$8-\$10.

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

Dream Street Live: 2228 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131.
Saturday, 9pm — Punch Card.

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Dublin Square: 554 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-5818.
Wednesday, 9pm — The Ambassador. With Astra Kelly. Acoustic/rock/ska.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
Friday, 7:30pm — Owl City. Electronic/pop. \$12-\$15.

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

Friday, 9pm — Flashback. Rock. Free. 21 and up.
Saturday, 9pm — Wickhauser. Rock. Free. 21 and up.

Four Points by Sheraton: 8110 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa.
Friday, 9pm — Yogi & the O.G. Playaz. R&B. \$15-\$20. 21 and up.
Saturday, 9pm — The Legends of Rock 'n' Roll. Covers/rock. \$10. 21 and up.

Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.
Tuesday, 8pm — Smooth Tran Zition. Pop/rock.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: 5500 Grossmont Center Dr., La Mesa, 619-713-6900.
Friday, 9pm — The Bad Blokes. Celtic/punk/surf.
Saturday, 9pm — Donald O'Brien and Brian Baynes. Rock. Free.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.
Thursday, 7pm — Lila Downs. Latin/folk/jazz. \$25-\$40. 21 and up.
Friday, 8pm — The Sounds. Alternative/rock. \$20-\$22.
Saturday, 7pm — Tech N9ne. With Krizz Kaliko, Kutt Calhoun, Big Scoob, Slaughterhouse, Stevie Stone, Glasses Malone, and Short Dawg Tha Native. Hip-hop. \$25-\$28.
Sunday, 7pm — Rick Ortiz. Pop/rock. \$12. 21 and up.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Bad Brains. Punk. \$25-\$27.
Monday, 8pm — Regina Spektr.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

They call themselves the **Mashtis: Itai Faierman** is back with a new band after a four-year hiatus. Before he took off, Faierman spent a lot of time on the local singer-songwriter stages, combining his intricate songs with Jeff Buckley-like wailings that were steeped in a syrup of coffeehouse Buddha-love. Back then, Faierman's singing roamed around like a dog off its leash. Well, those days are over. His new songs are rock-steady simple. And, at least for the live gigs, he has traded his acoustic guitar for a Gibson solid body and a tube amp, the rock-and-roll equivalent of the muscle car. Even though Faierman's new CD *Sunbed Tapes* is a whispery acoustic collection, Mashtis drummer **Neil Bociek** puts a

solid thump in the live works, and by dint of sheer volume, he elevates Faierman's songs to alt-rock level. Maybe Faierman always was a closeted rocker, but it naturally follows that with a drummer onboard, everybody has to play louder.

Prior to forming the Mashtis, Faierman and Bociek experimented with a Sonic Youth-inspired art-noise band that ultimately went nowhere but that forged the connection that would be revisited when Faierman emerged earlier this year with fresh ideas and a couple of recordings. The turn to simplicity, he says, comes from being grounded. "And, look at the Beatles," Faierman says. "A song can have only three chords and still be a great song." Indeed, it can. There are footnotes to the Beatles (and Elliot Smith) all over Faierman's songs. The wild card in the new band is **Erica Putis**, who plays her electric bass guitar more like a lead instrument. But, why the Mashtis?



MASHTIS: ITAI FAIERMAN

Putis says they were in Hollywood and saw an ice-cream shop, Mashti Malone's, after which the name became somewhat of an obsession. "When we saw that place, we started calling each other Mashti One, Mashti Two. Stuff like that."

THE MASHTIS: The Ruby Room, Thursday, October 22, 8:30 p.m. 619-299-7372.

Alternative/indie/pop. \$27-\$44. 21 and up.
Wednesday, 8pm — Flo Rida. With the Dago Braves. Hip-hop/rap. \$32-\$57. 21 and up.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
Saturday, 9:30pm — Ronnie Baker Brooks. Blues. \$18.
Sunday, 8pm — Michael Ward. Jazz. \$20. 21 and up.

J.J. Lander's Irish Pub: 125 South Main St., Fallbrook, 760-731-0839.
Friday, 9pm — Drive By Jones. Reggae/rock.

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Friday, 8:30pm — Gene Loves Jezebel. With Raven White and Public Jones. Rock.

The Kava Lounge: 2812 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-543-0933.
Friday, 9pm — Addikut. With the Kneehighs, Parker & the Numberman, and Pseudo-Slang. Hip-hop/rap. \$5. 21 and up.

Lake Henshaw Resort: 26439 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3501.
Saturday, 6pm — Steve Phillips and the Pescadero Pickers. Blues/country/rock. Free.

Lakeside Rodeo Grounds: 12584 Mapleview St., Lakeside.
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Wednesday, 9pm — Taters Invaders. Blues/covers/rock. Free.

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Tuesday, 8pm — Yasmin Levy. World. \$26.
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Thursday, 7pm — Bill Caballero. With guests. Jazz. Free.

The Marine Room: 2000 Spindrift Dr., La Jolla, 858-459-7222.
Friday, 7pm — David Patrone. Blues/jazz/standards. Free.

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Thursday, 8pm — Bordertown Blues. Blues.
Friday, 9pm — The Stilettoes. Rockabilly/jazz/roots.
Saturday, 9pm — The Offbeats. Covers/rock.
Tuesday, 8pm — Jim Moore.

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The Hazards of Love

CD Review
by Jessie Goodwin

The Decemberists create another fantasy epic through clever wordplay and complex orchestration on their latest release. Colin Meloy and company have crafted an album that out-stories

2006's epic *Crane Wife*.

In *Hazards*, listeners follow the tale of Margaret, a young woman who falls in love with a sometimes-man/sometimes-beast forest creature. There's an evil queen, and there's a rake who murders his brood after his wife dies in childbirth.

Some of the guest artists who join the band include Lavender Diamond's Becky Stark as the voice of Margaret, and Rebecca Gates, formerly of the Spinanes, who makes a guest appearance on backing vocals.

While it plays out too fantastical at times, I found *Hazards of Love* charming and ultimately listenable. New listeners might not find it as accessible as the Decemberists' earlier works, and its lack of any discernible single has hurt the album's chances for radio airplay. Fans of the band won't be disappointed, though, as the collection embodies the Decemberists' unique vision, music, and style.

Music Reviews from Our Readers

Island Vapours

CD Review
by Cesar Esquer Diaz

Islands third full-length, *Vapours*, brings back the melody that was missed on last year's *Arm's Way*, fitting better with their previous albums. This is probably due to the return of drummer Jaime Thompson to the line-up, as well as a response to the heavily constructed previous effort. Back are the "oooh" and "aaah" backing vocals and tropical/tribal drum-

ming, and there's a noticeable use of synthesizers in place of violins.

Opening track "Switched On" eases you into this new sound, and it's a refreshing one, even when using Auto-Tune on "Heartbeat," which doesn't sound cheesy but adds another side to Islands. When Nick sings "Uncross my arms to disarm the car bomb," it sounds as if he's almost reluctant to do what he knows how to do best — releasing crowd-pleasing catchy pop-rock songs — instead challenging us to listen closer for the offset grooves.

Changing with every album, Nick Diamonds is becoming more and more like David Bowie, which resulted in some misses among his many hits; I will be putting *Vapours* in the hits pile.



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Saturday, 7pm — The Blasting Idiots. Covers/rock. Free. 21 and up.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.
Thursday, 9:30pm — Full Moon Fever: A Tribute to Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. A tribute to Tom Petty. Covers/standards.
Friday, 9:30pm — The Dirty Dishes. Rock.
Saturday, 9:30pm — Pushin Rope. Bluegrass/country/punk.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-955-8525.

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Wednesday, 8pm — Classic Soul and R&B Night.

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Wednesday, 9pm — Commune. Featuring local bands and DJs. 21 and up.

University of California San Diego: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2230.
Saturday, 8:30pm — Yacht. Pop/rock. \$8.

United Church of Christ Paradise Hills: 5810 Alleghany St., Paradise Hills, 619-479-3796.
Saturday, noon — Dustbowl Revival. With Paul McCarty, Carrie Wade, Donnyboy, and Joseph Angelastro. Acoustic/blues/pop.

VFW Post 5179: 1116 South 43rd St., Southcrest, 619-262-0566.
Wednesday, 8pm — Willovealot. Blues/soul. Free.

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Rd., Valley Center, 866-843-9946.
Friday, 9pm — The Clay Colton Band. Alternative/covers/rock.

Waterfront Bar & Grill: 2044 Kettner Bl., Little Italy.
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Friday, 9pm — The Ambassador. With Mike Pinto and the B Foundation. Reggae/ska. \$10. 21 and up.
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November 11 — Hot Buttered Rum.
November 14 — Peter Mulvey.
November 21 — Ambrosia.
November 28 — Po' Girl.
December 4 — Tom Russell.
December 13 — John Gorka.
December 20 — Charlie Louvin.
January 7 — Al Kooper.
January 23 — Barry McGuire.
January 29 — Tom Chapin.

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December 18 — Haute Chile.
December 23 — David Maldonado.
December 26 — Wild Child.
January 2 — The Squirrel Nut Zippers.
January 9 — Karla Bonoff.
January 14 — The John Jorgenson Quartet.
January 23 — Thunder Road.

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November 2 — Jaeryoung Lee Jazz

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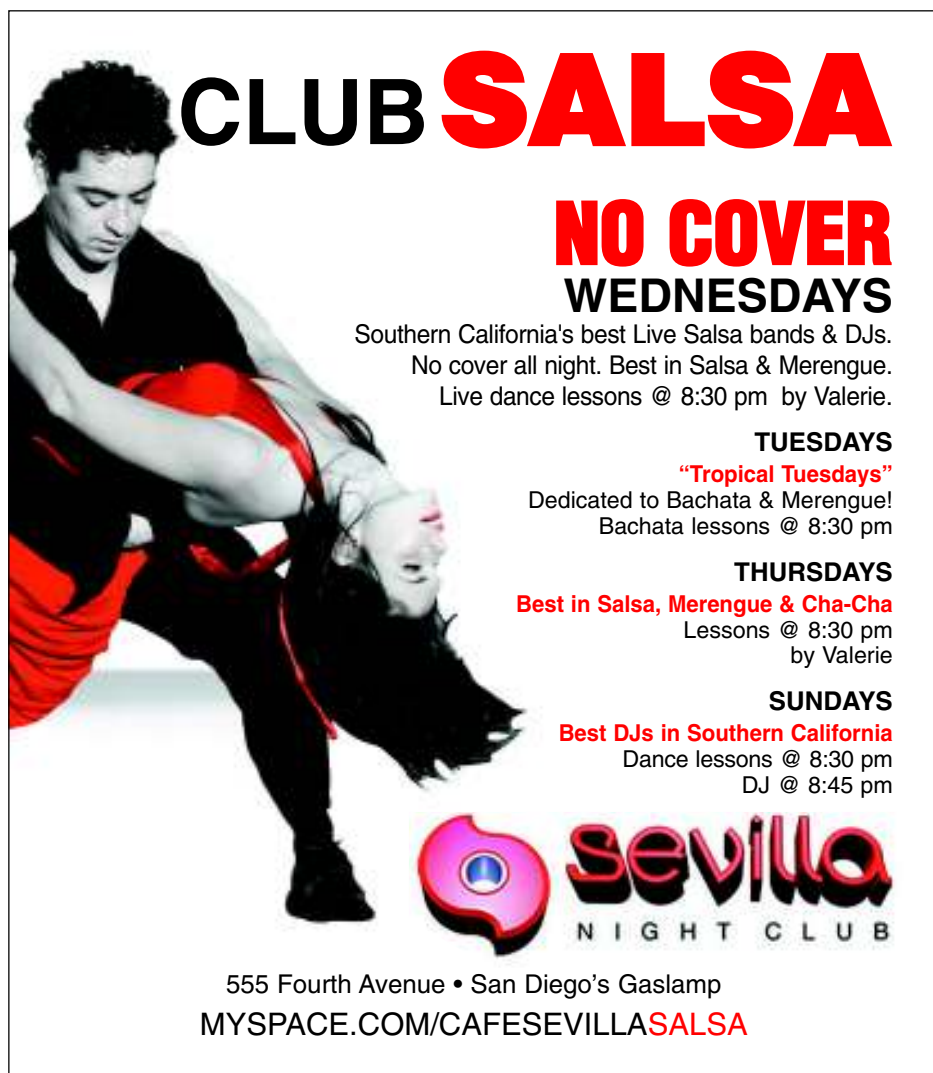
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November 27 — The Aggrolites.
November 28 — The Cured.
December 12 — Son Volt.
December 13 — Average White Band.
December 15 — Foreigner.

Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave., North Park, 619-239-8836.
October 30 — The Dirty Projectors.
February 27 — Arturo Sandoval.

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October 29 — I the Fake.
October 30 — Bluebloodred.
October 31 — Halloween Bash.
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November 6 — One Inch Punch.
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November 11 — Dear and the Headlights.
November 13 — Buraka Som Sistema.
November 14 — The Dutchess and the Duke.
November 15 — Russian Circles.
November 20 — Friendly Fires.

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December 8 — Morrissey.
December 12 — Smooth Jazz Christmas.
December 29 — The John Mayer Trio.
March 3 — Tegan and Sara.

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October 30 — Children of the Grave & Jessie Taylor and the Riffs.

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January 17 — Kris Kristofferson.

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October 30 — Skalloween.
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Gaslamp Quarter: , Downtown.
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BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Fever Sleeves**
Song: “**Maximum Castles**” (from the CD *Soft Pipes, Play On*)
Heard by: **Andy Parish**, City Heights



Andy

I liked it a lot. It was a little mathy but in a good way, a little screamy but not unbearably so, and really technical but still driving. They remind me of another local band, Sleeping People.

It was guitars, bass, drums but not simple. They were doing a lot with it. I don't know if they were a three- or four-piece, but they sounded impressively big. The singing was so-so, but everything else was really top-notch. I think they could definitely have a local following. I'm sure local shows on 94.9 would be all about it. That might make good music for riding [your bike] because it's interesting, intense, and driving. I'd give it a 7 out of 10.

Artist: **Pleasure Device**
Song: “**Contentment**” (from the CD *The Spectacular Miseries of Re-Entry*)
Heard by: **Sam Peirce**, Oceanside



Sam

It was an interesting piece. I thought the bass was a little too much. It kind of drowned out the vocals. Other than that, it had a catchy beat to it. It was not necessarily techno but synth-beat, I

guess. It sounded like it had a lot of key-boards, synthesizers, and drum machine. One artist I might compare it to would be a band called Andrew Jackson Jihad. It did have enough catchiness that it would get play, if not on a national level then on a local level. As far as creativity goes, it's nothing really leading or cutting edge. It's kind of a repeat of what everybody else is doing right at the moment. It's been done better and worse before.

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Artist: **Hocus**
Song: “**Jimmy Stones**” (from the *Love Hurts* EP)
Heard by: **Martin Tapia**, City Heights



Martin

I thought it was okay. I think there are certain kinds of music that are more fun to make than they are to listen to. These guys sound like they are having a lot of fun making this music. It's rock music. They

had a pretty ripping guitar solo in the middle. I don't know who to compare it to. There was this one rad part where there was a low vocal and some dude was, like, “hanging out with Jimmy Stones.” If they were playing live in a bar, I think it'd be a little more fun. I read that the lead dude is named Fat Lando. I was imagining Lando Calrissian as the front man of a band but a little fatter, and if that was the case, I think I might enjoy seeing them onstage at some bar.

November 7 — The Baytown Band.
November 8 — Burt Brion.
November 13 — Superfreaks.
November 14 — Tyghtship, Vietnamese Show.
November 20 — The Basix.
November 21 — Gary Puckett, Rising Star.
November 22 — Jason Weber.
November 28 — The Clay Colton Band.
November 29 — Patrick Yandall.

Hennessey's Tavern: 2777 Roosevelt St., Carlsbad, 760-729-6951.
October 29 — The Band in Black.

Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill: 850 Tamarack Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660.
November 6 — The Hank Show.

Holy Cross Episcopal Church: 6066 Corte Del Cedro, Carlsbad, 760-930-1270.
November 8 — The Martin Luther King Community Choir.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: 5500 Grossmont Center Dr., La Mesa, 619-713-6900.
October 30 — Bubba Jam.
October 31 — The Fooks.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.
October 29 — The Bouncing Souls.
October 31 — The Halloween Block Party.
November 1 — Deadmau5.
November 2 — The Bravery.
November 3 — The Airborne Toxic Event.
November 4 — Boyz II Men.
November 5 — Robert Randolph and the Family Band.
November 6 — All Time Low.
November 7 — Matt Kearney.
November 8 — Hanson.
November 11 — Everclear.
November 12 — Saul Williams, Third Eye Blind.
November 13 — Suicidal Tendencies.
November 14 — Julian Plenti.
November 15 — Selena Gomez.
November 15 — GWAR.

November 18 — Peter Bjorn & John.
November 19 — Iration.
November 20 — Snoop Dogg.
November 21 — Say Anything.
November 22 — The Black Crowes.
November 25 — Café Tacuba.
December 4 — Led Zepagin.
December 9 — Skinny Puppy.
December 10 — Brett Dennen.
December 11 — Train.
December 17 — Zero 7.
December 19 — The Aquabats.
January 7 — Sonic Youth.
January 31 — Nile.
February 3 — The Anvil Experience.
February 5 — Badfish.

Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College: 1140 West Mission Rd., Palomar College, 760-744-1150.
December 14 — The Four O'Clock and Seven O'Clock Bands.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
October 30 — Coco Montoya.
November 1 — Willovealot.
November 2 — The Robin Henkel Band.

J.J. Lander's Irish Pub: 125 South Main St., Fallbrook, 760-731-0839.
October 30 — The Clay Colton Band.

Java Joe's at Café Libertalia: 3834 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-9360.
October 31 — Rob Dee.
November 22 — The Eben Brooks Band.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Rd., San Marcos, 760-471-7778.
October 30 — Moonspell, Tainted Society.

Kassebaum Theatre: 1615 Mater Dei Dr., Chula Vista, 619-423-2121.
November 14 — This Land is Your Land.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.
October 29 — Bobby Long.
November 2 — Port O'Brien.
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October 30 & 31 — Stone Wolf.

McDini's: 105 E. 8th St., National City, 619-474-6771.
October 31 — Soul Train Halloween Bash.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill:
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October 29 — The Manic Brothers.
October 30 — BlueFrog.
October 31 — Northstar.

Museum of Making Music:
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November 6 — George Duke.

Neurosciences Institute:
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November 17 — Peter Erskine and Alan Pasqua.
November 28 — The Mike Wofford New York Trio.

O'Connells Pub and Nightclub: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.
October 30 — The Bermondsey Joyriders.
October 31 — Hey! Ho! Let's Go!

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252.
October 30 — 80z All Stars.
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November 29 — The Willowealot Band.

January 31 — The Pink Floyd Experience.

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November 19 — Arthur Golden.
November 24 — Electro Acoustic Music Festival.
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October 29 — Jasper and Ain't Misbahavin'.
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October 31 — Soul Diego.
November 1 — The Bayou Brothers.
November 2 — Chet & the Committee.
November 4 — Jeff Moore & the Witch Doctors.
November 5 — Blues Tooth.
November 6 — Johnny Vernazza.
November 7 — The Burnsville Band.
November 8 — The Road Dogs.
November 9 — Delta Heat.
November 11 — Missy Andersen.
November 12 — The Bill Magee Blues Band.

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Q Restaurant & Sports Bar: 2725 Vista Way, Oceanside, 760-757-7070.
October 30 — The Dreamers.

RT's Longboard Grill: 1466 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030.
October 30 — Flock of '80s.
October 31 — Stepping Feet.
November 6 — Da Groove.
November 7 — The Phromones.
November 13 — Flock of '80s.
November 14 — Radioactive.
November 20 — Helicopter.
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November 27 — Flock of '80s.
November 28 — Pushin Rope.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
October 29 — Loot-N-Rock.
October 30 — Negative Zero.
October 31 — Moonspell.
November 7 — The Legends.
November 13 — Full Moon Fever: A Tribute to Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.
November 14 — Gods of Thunder.
November 19 — The Iron Maidens.
November 28 — Roundabout.
December 19 — Grandview.

The Rhythm Lounge: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-224-4835.
October 30 — Dave the Butcher.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.
November 14 — The Ultimate Doo-Wop Show.
December 3 — Mannheim Steamroller.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.
November 11 — Fame Kills - CAN-CELED.
November 27 — Kiss.
December 4 — Trans-Siberian Orchestra.
December 12 — Aventura.
December 19 — Lady Gaga.

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Dr., Downtown.
November 1 — Good Mojo.
November 8 — North Park Rock n' Blues.
November 15 — Midnight Heat.
November 22 — The Rhythm Masters.
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December 6 — Good Mojo.
December 13 — The Bayou Brothers.
December 20 — The Cat-illacs.
December 27 — Midnight Heat.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
October 31 — Halloween Scene.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
October 31 — Seconds from Disaster.
November 5 — The Dropkick Murphys.
November 11 — Attack Attack.
November 14 — Flobots.
November 15 — Fun.
November 17 — Dashboard Confessional.
November 19 — Finch and Bless the Fall.
November 20 — Winds of Plague.
November 21 — The Whigs.
December 2 — Forever the Sickest Kids.
December 4 — Thrive.
December 6 — Craig Owens.
December 11 — All That Remains.
December 19 — Saosin.

Spreckels Theatre: 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500.
October 31, November 1 — Puscifer.

Sushi Performance & Visual Art: 390 11th Ave., East Village, 619-235-8466.
November 3 — James Moore and Pablo Gomez.
December 1 — G.E. Stinson.
January 5 — Margaret Noble.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.
October 30 — The Tighthen Ups.

Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St., Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.
October 30 — The Nightmare Before Halloween.

University of California San Diego: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2230.
November 4 — Susan Narucki.
November 18 — Aleck Karis.
November 24 — Justin Nozuka.

VFW Hall: 136 Chambers Rd., El Cajon.
October 31 — Halloween Blowout.
December 31 — New Year's Eve Mobster Bash.



"1 for 3" by just.chill was the most-downloaded MP3 from *SDReader.com* during September. Below is an interview with the songwriter.

Who are the members of just.chill?

Although many members of Mag Flux contribute to the song process, just.chill is one person — me. My real name is Ferchil, which people may not catch upon first hearing it. So I tell some to call me "just 'Chil."

You're using a sample in the background. Whose voice is it, and what is being said?

Although I didn't compose the beat (Dyskreet produced it, and Acromic

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engineered it), from what I'm told it may be Fleetwood Mac. Dyskreet also told me that the sample says, "and I love you, child, that I see." During the chorus or "hook," I crafted the lyrics around the Method Man and Notorious B.I.G. samples from "You're All I Need" and "Get Money," respectively.

The song seems to chronicle a true love connection. Is it about someone in particular?

I'm lucky enough to be surrounded with friends that have true love connections. I've even given speeches as their best man. So I'm blessed to witness true love, and the lyrics were loosely based on that. Even though I have yet to experience that REAL love. Now, puppy love on the other hand...

The piano tracked behind the vocals is great. What made

you put it in and how did you come up with it?

I believe it's part of the sample and one of the reasons why I immediately was drawn to the song. Initially, the song wasn't being used for any Mag Flux project at the time, and "1 for 3" had a different beat (a Stevie Wonder sample, to be exact). After we decided to rework my album, I knew that would be my opportunity to have the song be on my debut.

What are some sample lyrics to the song?

The first verse says, "Hugs and kisses, Xs and Os/ You tore down my walls like the fall of Jericho/ Our hearts beat in synch, especially when we're intimate/ I like the little things you're made of, and what goes into it (get it)/ You know how I take my coffee/ some think you're a bitch, I just think you're bossy/ you're killin me softly when you leave me breathless/ so I upped my plan to have more text



just.chill

messages/ you leave me defenseless, you got me open/ give me that beady eye when you catch me scopin'/ but I'm only jokin, oops, my bad/ I can't help it though, you're so cute when you're mad/ I'll admit, I get jealous fits and see green like sinsemilla/ at least that makes the make-up session steamier/ you're so good you're bad, you're my favorite addiction/ I'd rather have a real love, than some work of fiction"

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October 31 — The Touchies.

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November 14 — Rootsicali.

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Bacchus House: *Saturday*, 9pm: Therapy. Featuring DJs Bryan Pollard and Detonator. Gothic/ industrial. \$3-\$5. *Thursdays*, 9pm: Club '80s. With DJs Bryan Pollard and Arzola1. '80s/industrial/underground. 3054 University Ave., North Park. 619-299-2032.

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Sunday, October 25 • No Cover
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Belo: *Thursday*, 9pm: Tryst Thursday. 18 and up. *Friday*, 9pm: Flaunt Fridays. Featuring DJ Ironic and guests. Electronic. 21 and up. *Saturday*, 9pm: Epic Saturdays. Hip-hop/house. 21 and up. 919 Fourth Ave., Downtown. 619-231-9200.

The Brew House at Eastlake: *Saturdays*: Brew 30 DJ. Dance. 871 Showroom Pl., Chula Vista. 619-656-2739.

Café Sevilla: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ New Yo Rican. Salsa. *Fridays*, 9:30pm: Blazin' Fridays. Hip-hop and reggaeton with Blazin' 98.9. *Tuesdays*, 10pm: DJ Israel. Bachata. 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown. 619-233-5979.

Calvin's Sports Bar and Restaurant: *Saturday*, 8pm: DJ Gerry and His Gang. Country/hip-hop/rock. 28841 Old Highway 80, Alpine. 619-473-1266.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Harney Sushi: *Wednesdays*, 9pm: Hot Like Wasabi Wednesdays. With DJ Matty A. Electronic. 3964 Harney St., Old Town. 619-295-3272.

Harrah's Rincón: *Saturday*, 9pm: DJ Homicide. Electronica. 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center. 760-751-3100.

Hawthorn's Restaurant: *Wednesdays*: DJ Kiki. 2895 University Ave., North Park. 619-295-1688.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: *Fridays*, 9pm, *Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ Kool T. Spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. 15 and up. 775 Metcalf St., Escondido. 760-741-1271.

The Ivy Hotel: *Friday*, 9pm: Donald Glaude. House/electro/funk. 600 F St., Downtown. 619-814-1000.

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Mainline: *Saturday*, 8pm: Industriacide. Featuring DJs Schugar, Ian Dunn, Skullcrusher, and Mindkiller. Electronica/rock. \$15. 21 and up. 1676 Main St., Downtown.

McDini's: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: '90s Throwback Tuesdays. Hosted by Zerland of Pali Roots. 105 E. 8th St., National City. 619-474-6771.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: *Saturdays*, 9pm: What's Good. DJs Enigma and Cisco. Hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. Free. 832 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

Ocean House: *Saturday*, 9pm: DJ Dam. Rock. \$5. 21 and up. 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad. 760-729-4131.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: *Wednesdays*, 10pm: DJ Tony. 860 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278.

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Riley's Music Lounge: *Thursdays*: '80s Night. *Fridays*: Hip-Hop Night. *Mondays*: College Night. With guest DJ. 2901 Nimitz Bl., Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

Ruby Room: *Saturday*, 8pm: Beatific Electro Dance Party. Electronic. 21 and up. 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Sapphire Mediterranean Cuisine & Lounge: *Saturdays*, 9pm: Rasta Nation Posse. Reggae. 4076 Bonita Rd., Bonita. 619-470-8000.

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Soda Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Expressway to Yr Skull. Punk/rap/rock. Free. 21 and up. 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights. 619-255-7224.

Static Lounge: *Saturdays*, 9pm: Club Backbeat. Hip-hop/rap. \$15-\$20. 18 and up. 634 Broadway, Downtown. 619-544-1609.

Stout Public House: *Fridays*, 9pm: DJ CC. 1125 Sixth Ave., Downtown. 619-702-7933.

Tavern at the Beach: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ D-Skwiz. *Fridays*, 10pm: DJ BDP. *Saturdays*, 10pm: DJ BDP. With DJ MIC-E. *Wednesdays*, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hip-hop/rock. 1200 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-6066.

Tiki House: *Tuesdays*, 9:30pm: Tunes by Trent. Every Tuesday. 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734.

True North: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ Bacon Bits. *Fridays*: DJ Ramsey. '80s/hip-hop/house. *Sundays*, 10pm: DJ Waly Mayhem. *Mondays*, 10pm: DJ Wonderbread. *Tuesdays*, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hip-hop/rock. 3815 30th St., North Park. 619-291-3815.

U-31: *Wednesday*, 9pm: Commune. Featuring local bands and DJs. 21 and up. *Thursdays*, 8pm: DJ Artistic. With Cros 1. '80s and '90s hip-hop. 21 and up. *Fridays*, 9pm: Feel the Noise. With Gabe Vega and Saul Q. Dance/indie/rock. 21 and up. *Saturdays*, 9pm: Dance Party Mash-Ups. 21 and up. *Sundays*, 9pm: Tribe of Kings. Featuring DJs Jestor, Peril, Dash Eye, Unite, and Rashi. Reggae. 21 and up. 3112 University Ave., North Park. 619-584-4188.

Whiskey Girl: *Fridays*, 9pm, *Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ Marc Thrasher. Mixes music videos. *Sundays*, 9pm: DJ Famous Dave. Mixes music videos. *Mondays*, 9pm: U-Call-It Mondays. With DJ Marc Thrasher. *Tuesdays*, 9pm, *Wednesdays*, 9pm: DJ Famous Dave. Mixes music videos. 600 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-236-1616.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Sundays*, 9pm: Too Many Creeps. With DJ Mario O and guests. Post-punk. 21 and up. *Tuesdays*, 9pm: Friends Chill. Board games and mellow grooves every Tuesday night. Free. 21 and up. 2236 Fern St., South Park. 619-284-6784.

Xavier's Bar & Grill: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Almost Famous Thursdays. Electro/funk/house. *Fridays*, 10pm: Red Carpet Fridays. Dance/top 40. *Saturdays*, 9pm: Special Screening Saturdays. Featuring rotating DJs. 750 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-233-0500.

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Pal Joey's: Sunday, 7pm-close: \$1 shots.

ALPINE

Alpine Inn: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.75 wells, house wine, \$4.75 calls.

BALBOA PARK

The Prado: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$3.50 wells, pints, house wine, house margaritas. Lounge only.

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Wet Stone Wine Bar and Café: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 selected craft beers, \$5 sangria, big glasses of wine. \$2 off small bites. Sunday, 4-6pm: \$3 selected craft beers, \$5 sangria, big glasses of wine. \$2 off small bites.

BAY PARK

Offshore: Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$3 sangria, well and micro import, \$5 Tommy Bahama mojitos.

CARLSBAD

The Alley: Every day, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

Boar Cross'n: Thursday-Saturday, 8-9pm: \$1 Bud & Bud Light.

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.

CARMEL VALLEY

Twenty/20 Bar & Grill: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2 off any drink. \$2 off appetizers.

CHULA VISTA

Veni Vidi Vici: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$1 off all drafts, wells.

CLAIREMONT

Viva Vino: Monday-Saturday, all day: \$.99 domestic beer.

COLLEGE AREA

Satin Lounge: Thursday, 9pm-close: \$1 Bud drafts.

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

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

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.

Gaslamp Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells. Sunday, all day: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells.

The Local: Monday, 4pm-close: \$3 Bud Light, Miller Lite. \$6 burgers. Tuesday, 4pm-close: \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Dos Equis. \$2.50 chicken/steak tacos. \$3 lobster/fish tacos. Wednesday, 4pm-close: \$10 big pitchers. \$2 BBQ pork slider, corn dogs. Thursday, 4pm-close: \$3 Jäger, wells, drafts, bottled beer. \$3 lobster tacos. Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, wine, drafts. Saturday, 8-10pm: \$5 premium liquors.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant: Every day, 3-7pm; 9-11:30pm: Wine and drink specials; 1/2-lb. cheeseburgers \$2.95, other \$1.95 specials. Join us for Padres games, next to Petco Park.

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$5 Haole mai tai, Lilikoi mojito, Coconut Kiss martini, large Sapporo, house wine. \$5 sushi roll specials, pu pu specials.

Rock Bottom Brewery, Downtown: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$5 house wine, wells, \$7 Christopher's Cuvee, 12-9pm: tasting flights.

The Shout House: Tuesday, \$2.50 Karls, \$5 cosmos, \$3 fish tacos. Wednesday, \$1.50 domestic bottles, \$3 fish tacos. Thursday, \$2.50 Miller Lite drafts, \$10 Miller High Life buckets, \$2 lunchbox shots. Friday, 6-7pm: \$1 any draft. Sunday, \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wells, wine, Jäger.

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GRANTVILLE

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

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Bangkok Thai Bistro: Every day, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wine, beer & appetizers.

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.

Tivoli Bar: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off pitchers, \$.50 off liquor.

Xavier's Bar & Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-8pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$2 off wine. \$2 off appetizers.

EAST VILLAGE

East Village Tavern and Bowl: Monday-Thursday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. Friday-Saturday, 11pm-close: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. \$4 Jäger, Bacardi, Svedka.

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.

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El Cajon Grand: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells. Saturday-Sunday, \$5 20-oz. Bloody Mary w/ jumbo shrimp.

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Brick by Brick: *Every day, 3-6pm:* \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

The New Morena Club: *Every day, Noon-7pm:* \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.50 domestic bottles, wells.

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.

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.

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* 2-for-1 cocktails, beer, shots. *Saturday-Sunday,* \$12 Bionic Beavers, \$2.50 kamikazes, \$8 Bud/Bud Light pitchers.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Every day, 2-7pm:* \$4 drafts, \$3 bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

950 Lounge: *Wednesday,* \$3 wells, beer, house wine.

All American Grill: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$3.75 selected craft beers, \$5 specialty drinks, \$2 off wine by the glass and grazing menu.

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: *Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm:* \$3 draft beer, \$5 wells, \$6 wine by the glass, \$7 house cocktails.

NATIONAL CITY

Café La Maze: *Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm:* \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS

Air Conditioned Lounge: *Monday-Friday, 7-9pm:* Everything 1/2-off.

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.

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Monday-Thursday, 11am-6pm:* \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles. *Friday-Sunday, 10am-6pm:* \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

Toronado: *Monday, 11:30am-5pm* \$1 off drafts. *Tuesday-Sunday, 11:30am-5pm:* \$1 off drafts.

True North: *Monday, 12pm-close:* \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. *Tuesday-Saturday, 12pm-7pm:* \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. *Sunday, 7pm-close:* Industry Night, \$3 calls.

Vesuvio Gourmet & Lounge: *Tuesday, 4-7pm:* \$5 martinis.

OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday, 2-6pm:* \$2 off glass of wine, \$3 margaritas. \$2.50 tacos, \$5.25 nachos or wings. *Saturday-Sunday, 10am-3pm:* \$2.50 mimosas. \$5 Manmosas. \$4 screwdrivers, tequila sunrises, greyhounds.

Dream Street Live: *Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm:* \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.

Winstons: *Monday-Saturday, 1-8pm:* \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

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333 Pacific: *Every day, 3-7pm, 9-10pm:* \$7 vodka cocktails (100+ types of vodka), \$7 appetizers (spicy sweet calamari, blue crab eggs, oyster trios, Caesar salad, spicy tuna roll).

The Flying Bridge: *Every day, 4pm-7pm:* \$3 beer, \$4 wine, 20% off appetizers.

Hana Japanese Restaurant: *Every day, 5-7pm:* \$3 beer, 1/2-off cocktails.

OLD TOWN

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.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Monday-Thursday, 1-7:10pm:* \$7.10 beer & shot. *Friday, 1-7:10pm:* \$7.10 beer & shot. Two fish tacos for \$7.10. *Saturday-Sunday, 12-7pm:* \$7 pitchers.

The Australian Pub: *Monday-Friday, 7-9pm:* \$3 Long Islands. *Saturday, 2:50 Karl Strauss. Sunday,* \$3 Bloody Marys.

Big Kahuna's: *Monday-Friday, 3-7pm:* \$2.50 beer, wine.

Costa Brava: *Every day, 4-7pm:* 1/2-price sangria. 1/2-price tapas.

The Dog: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday,* \$6 pitchers.

Hooters: *Monday, 11am-10pm:* \$4 drafts, \$14.99 pitcher Pyramid Haywire & Hefeweizen. *Tuesday-Wednesday, Friday, 3-6pm:* \$2.50 Bud, Bud Light, Coors Light, Miller Lite drafts, \$3 wells, 1/2-price appetizers. *Thursday, 11am-10pm:* \$4 drafts, \$14.99 pitcher Newcastle Brown Ale. *Saturday, 11am-11pm:* \$3 drafts, \$10.99 pitcher Coors Light, Miller Lite. *Sunday, 11am-10pm:* \$3 drafts, \$10.99 pitcher Bud Light, Budweiser & \$3.50 drafts, \$11.99 pitcher Shock Top.

Miller's Field: *Monday-Friday, 3-7pm:* \$1 wells. \$2 street tacos.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: *Tuesday-Sunday, 3-7pm:* \$2 wells, house wine. \$3 imports, microbrews. \$2 off all drafts.

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.

Tavern at the Beach: *Monday-Saturday, 12-7pm:* \$3 drafts, bottles, wells, wine. *Sunday, 12-7pm:* Industry Night: \$3 domestic beers, \$2 make your drink a double, \$3 calls for industry. Pay stub required.

POINT LOMA

The Boathouse: *Every day, 2:30-5pm:* \$1.99 house margaritas (\$3 Cuervo Gold), \$3 beer of the month, \$4 wine of the month.

C-Level: *Monday-Friday, 3:30-5:30pm:* \$3.50 Bud Light, Karl Strauss, Stone IPA, \$5 specialty drinks, wells, house wine. \$5 crispy calamari, ahi tuna poke, steamed Fox River mussels, more.

Point Loma Sports Grill & Pub: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* 1/2-price appetizers.

Riley's Music Lounge: *Monday, 4-7pm:* \$4 calls. *Tuesday, Sunday, 4-7pm:* \$2.50 pints. *Wednesday, 4-7pm:* \$4 Jäger bombs. *Thursday, 4-7pm:* \$3 kamikazes, \$4 Jäger bombs. *Friday, 4-7pm:* \$3 calls. *Saturday, 4-7pm:* \$5 Long Island/Long Beach.

POWAY

Phileas Fogg's Bar & Restaurant: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm:* \$2.50 domestic pints/\$7.95 pitcher, \$3.50 import pints/\$11.95 pitcher. \$2.95 cheese quesadilla, \$3.95 chicken wings, more.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Capri Blu: *Every day, 3-7pm:* 1/2-price drafts, wells.

Carvers: *Monday-Friday, 2-6:30pm:* \$2.75 beers, \$3.95 wells, \$4.25 house wines, \$4.75 well martinis.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Cottonwood Golf Club Bar & Restaurant: *Every day, 4-6pm:* \$2 drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers including pizza, quesadillas, wings, calamari.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Cavillon: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 5-6pm:* 1/2-off glass of wine. \$19.95 two-course menu.

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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: \$.50 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

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.

SOUTH PARK

Alchemy: *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm:* \$2 off wells, including Sky, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.

Hamilton's Tavern and Café: *Every day, 5-8pm:* \$1 off local drafts.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Every day, 2-8pm:* \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

SPRING VALLEY

California Comfort: *Every day, 4-7pm:* \$2.50 domestic pints, wells, house wine. \$5 appetizers.

TIERRASANTA

Bud's Louisiana Café: *Tuesday-Friday, 1-2:30pm; 4:30-6pm:* 1/2-price wine and beer. *Saturday, 4:30-6pm:* 1/2-price wine and beer.

JP's Pub: *Monday-Friday, 3-5pm:* \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.

UNIVERSITY CITY

Café Japengo: *Monday-Friday, 5-7pm:* \$3 drafts, sake, \$4.50 wells. \$4 chicken spring rolls, duck potstickers, California rolls.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

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VISTA

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The Golden Coast

The Lynnester has ways to make men talk. When Mark and I arrived to meet her at Iris, she was having a drink and pumping the charming manager, Edd Golden, younger brother of chef-owner Tommy Golden, learning the history of the restaurant. Iris has been in business for two years (but only in the past few months has it been generating some quiet stir among foodies). The site used to be the northern location of the late Cuvée, a wine-focused Bird Rock restaurant. Chef-owner, Boston-born Tommy Golden was founder and former owner of the popular Parkhouse Eatery in Hillcrest and Beach Grass Café in Solana Beach — both quintessential “neighborhood restaurants” with interestingly eclectic menus. Here, Tommy’s actually in the kitchen, cooking, which he couldn’t do when he had to wrangle two restaurants at once.

Iris sits on a narrow, rural blacktop bordering the reedy wetlands and lagoon between Torrey Pines and Del Mar. This affords a strange and heartbreakingly beautiful view at eye level, suffering no competition from the splashier seacoast to the west that captures the eyes of drivers crossing the highway bridge. The entryway is well gardened, with handsome, drought-tolerant shrubbery and decorative touches from jewel-like glass “rocks”; it hospitably includes two wooden benches and, at the doorway, several chairs. The interior is California-rural, woodsy and warm-looking.

The Restaurant Week crowd was “right-size” — ample but by no means slamming, nearly filling the roofed patio on a warm night but barely touching the dining room. The prix-fixe choices seemed representative of the regular menu, but in hindsight, Golden could have chosen better starters. The appetizers may be crowd-pleasers, and they are by no means the cheapest (the crab-cake salad normally runs \$15) — but I doubt they’re the best, compared to the possibilities of house-made pâté, vegetable-ricotta timballo, Carlsbad mus-



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sels, ahi poke, or an outrageous-sounding pizzetta with duck confit, pumpkin-seed pesto, Gorgonzola, fig, and rosemary (oh, bring it on!).

Contrary to the normal pattern, our dinner improved with each successive course — entrées better than appetizers, desserts divine. The table bread was soft, warm, delicious, a sliced mini-loaf of home-style white bread. A soup of local heirloom tomatoes and basil was thick and powerful, the tomatoes amended with a purée of roasted garlic, leeks, Tuscan white beans, and olive oil. Bits of bean-skin that had escaped the blender blades added texture. We agreed that it needed a swirl of crème fraîche to lighten it — and maybe crisp croutons for added texture. But the ingredient list hinted at a wasted opportunity: un-puréeed, with leafy cabbage or kale cooked in, this very soup could become a version of that Tuscan masterpiece, “La

Ribollita,” with a wealth of flavors and textures instead of a Johnny one-note. (That’s a perfect restaurant soup, too — improving in the fridge, it can be cooked once and served for days.)

Panko-crusted crispy calamari began with thick steaks of large squid, pounded and cut into fingers, but the coating was bland, the interiors tender but nearly tasteless except for a good soy-wasabi dip. It reminded me of the calamari at T.G.I. Friday’s. (Yeah, I’ve eaten there — two late-night desperation dinners in far-off lands.)

Crab-cake salad was barely better. The salad (baby greens, caramelized onions, slices of Granny Smith apples) was fun, but the over-breaded cake was absolutely average, with little maritime flavor. It needed a drenching with a *beurre blanc*, hollandaise, or the like, to add moisture, flavor, luxury.

DINING REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Iris

★★½ (Good to Very Good)

2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-5878, irisfoodandspirits.com.

HOURS: Lunch weekdays, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.; dinner daily, 5:00 p.m.–closing (circa 10:00); happy hour weekdays, 4:00–6:00 p.m.

PRICES: Dinner starters, \$8–\$11.50; soups and salads, \$4–\$16; entrées, \$19–\$26.50. Lunch starters, \$7.50–\$10; sandwiches, \$10–\$17; salads, \$5.50–\$19.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Eclectic Cal-Mediterranean food with homey touches. Wine list with wide range of styles and prices, decently priced at the high end; many available by the glass. Full bar, fun cocktails.

PICK HITS: Iris cassoulet, fish entrées, desserts. Good guesses: starters of duck confit pizzetta, pâté, mussels, vegetable timballo, ahi poke; crispy duck confit entrée.

NEED TO KNOW: Rating based on Restaurant Week choices, which seemed representative of regular menu. (Better starter choices might have increased rating.) Roofed patio dining available with lagoon view from window tables. Gratuity of 18 percent added automatically for all prix-fixe dinners. Tuesdays free corkage.

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The main dishes brought a complete turnaround. I wasn’t pleased about finding grilled local swordfish on the Restaurant Week menu, expecting it would be as dried out as most chefs cook it. Well — hurray for Tommy Golden! It was moist! Yummy! Scattered all over was a charming mixture of chopped papaya, lemon cucumber, heirloom tomato, and serrano salsa fresca. Another hurrah — the garlic mashed potatoes were real home-style mash *with dairy* (whether milk, half-



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and-half, cream, I can't say, but I'm grateful). They were smooth, light, comforting, oh my. Alongside came a generous pile of sliced sautéed zucchini and summer squash. Gold star to Golden for turning two local restaurant wrongs (dry swordfish and lean mash) into absolute rights and for heaping the plate with a good veggie.

"Iris Cassoulet" was tasty, too, although an attenuated version. The traditional Gascon casserole includes duck or goose, lamb, pork, and

Toulouse garlic sausages garnishing white beans baked with tomatoes in an herbed meat-and-duck stock. The Iris meats include only chicken breast, pancetta, and Italian sausage, but the mixture had plenty of flavor. "I could skip the chicken and sausage and just gobble up the beans," said Lynne, with a ditto from Mark. I found the beans a bit salty, with a subtle lash of hot spice. The sausage was rather disappointing: not a vibrant Sicilian sweet fennel sausage but the plainest uncured Italian sausage. Above all, chicken isn't duck — though it would come closer if thigh-pieces were substituted

for breast. (Somebody tell me: Why do restaurants cleave to breasts when thighs are cheaper, richer-tasting, and more forgiving?) For that matter, since the restaurant serves duck confit — why not actual duck in the cassoulet?

Still, pretty good — the beans have it. And like a real cassoulet, the take-home leftovers were tremendous, once all the flavors had made friends with each other overnight. Cassoulet, often made of assorted leftovers, is itself designed to be eaten leftover: Some French bistros have reputedly kept a pot of it on the back burner for decades on end, with the chef regularly adding more meats and broth. (I'm a tad skeptical. Do the beans multiply magically? Don't the ones on the bottom burn?)

Least successful was a grilled "island rubbed prime pork flat-iron steak." This proved a sort of one-piece satay — an unskewered slab of meat sauced and garnished following the Southeast Asian skewered model, with a mild peanut sauce and alluring, sweetened short-grain sushi rice, plus a

pile of good, crisp-sautéed green beans. The pork was overdone and ruthlessly salty — but this dish, too, mysteriously improved in the doggie-box, the saltiness seeming to recede and the meat to soften.

The wine list is a joy, ranging from affordable Aussies and Chileans on up to several fully aged Heitz Cellar Cabernets and their equivalents. (This list tops out at \$160 for an Antinori Super Tuscan.) There are even some halves. What caught my eye was an Aussie screwtop chard called Pure Evil — how could I resist? For Evil, it was pretty damned good (cheap, too).

Desserts were another world, three triumphs of the quality you'd hope to find at the area's top restaurants. A "coconut caramel cheesecake" had the creamy texture of crème brûlée, sprinkled all over with toasted coconut shreds, served atop a caramel sauce — the textural equivalent of lying on a goose-down featherbed. And a *tres leches* cake reminded me of a ride on a merry-go-round — a spin of airy but complex, creamy cake, fresh strawberries,

and whipped cream, all innocent gaiety and carefree carousel music.

Finally, the perfect Scorpio birthday cake for Mark and me (Lynne, of another sign, loved it too): a warm chocolate brownie cake with vanilla ice cream and raspberry and chocolate sauces. What makes it Scorpionic is that it's just barely sweet, resting at that precise point where chocolate becomes pleasurable: It's the darkest Devil's Food Cake with the lightest crumb, and the chocolate sauce is of the same ultra-bittersweet ilk. Most local chocolate desserts are so cloying that I dread them, but this one had all the sensual pleasures of fine chocolate without the weight. Two gold stars for Golden on this one. The espresso, also well balanced, was among the better local versions.

So, our dinner was quite good but also a catalog of "it might have beens," with misguided starter choices, a soup that could've been great with one more ingredient and a slight change of concept, and a cassoulet with too-lean fowl.

With each successive restaurant, Golden's food has improved. With Iris, he's teetering on the edge of excellence.

"It's a good little place. I'd come back here for lunch," said Lynne, who works nearby, "but prices are a bit high for what's really a 'neighborhood restaurant.'"

Well, the million-dollar "neighborhood" here is the local Gold Coast that runs from Torrey Pines to Solana Beach and encompasses the upscale corporate desert of Carmel Valley just east of I-5. "They're not that high compared to Del Mar Plaza or Flower Hill," I mused, "and the food and atmosphere are more comfortable. This is more like slightly adventurous home cooking — but with a spectacular dessert at the end." Me, I'd gladly come back for happy-hour drinks and snacks on the patio, just to catch the sun setting over the lagoon, and I'd gladly stay for dinner, too. Real home-style mashed potatoes — you don't find those every day now, least of all in ambitious neighborhood restaurants, whatever the neighborhood. ■



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"Man, that's thick," I say. And I mean the stout.

"It should be," she says. "They've added coffee into the mix, and be careful. It's 12 percent alcohol. Double the normal."

Wow. It's called Alesmith's Speedway Stout. Local. I take it to a seat by the bar in front of the kitchen, where UFOs — looks like — are spinning in midair. Okay. It's guys flinging pizzas. I look at the beer. It's only half a pint and cost me \$4.50. Better be good. At least it *looks* good — totally black, with a creamy head.

I take a slurp.

Oh. Coffee, yes, and hoppy, malty, chocolatey — you almost have to chew it. That reminds me. The chocolate. Mmm. Nice touch. *Chomp, slurp. Chomp, slurp.*

What a find! This is on the Number 11 route. Bus stops right across the road. I saw the sign, "Blind Lady Ale House," when I got out across from the brickly block that also houses Rosie O'Grady's.

Thursday night, but inside it was packed, noisy, clattery. But not, like, raucous. We're talking Normal Heights' middle-class, sitting, quaffing, eating pizza at long, communal tables beneath a big screen where Inspector Clouseau's driving his boss mad.

I made my way up past a huge old Hamm's beer poster to the counter at the back. Seemed to be two lines. One for beer, the other for food. And, man, maybe two dozen draft-beer taps, with temporary signs handwritten on lit-

tle steel plates above them. Meaning this is a changeable feast. Most I'd never heard of. I went for the Alesmith because it's a stout. Love stouts. Also ordered a "Li'l bowl of olives" (\$4).

So, while I take mini-slurps of my Speedway Stout, the couple next to me is cutting up a just-delivered pizza. "Care for a slice?" the girl asks. "It's the mushroom."

Gosh. That's really nice. Menu says it's a \$15 pie, with "chanterelles, fresh porcini, portabellini, enoki, and oyster mushrooms," plus "fontina and pecorino romano cheeses and spring leeks."

Not that I know a porcini from an enoki, but I accept the offer and bring my olives in to share. She's Elvia and he's Gonzalo. Guess you could say they're the future. Binationals. Live, work, both sides of the border.

"You know what I love about this place?" says Gonzalo. "All this noise. It's like places in Latin America. Full of life."

I've finished the beer. That 12 percent is real. Things are looking up. And round and round. I munch into my slice. This mushroom pizza is thin, crisp, and, well, mushy, but with a tang. I see most of the pizzas go for around \$13, \$15. Except for two: the marinara, with tomato sauce, basil, and olive oil, is \$7, and the margherita, with mozzarella and basil, is \$8. But add five or six bucks, and things get interesting. The salsiccia (\$13) is topped with house-made sausage and "rapini." That's broccoli-raab (or rape), a cabbagey-turnipy thing we usually feed to animals because it's so bitter. But Italians love it, so, hey, maybe I'll give it a try.

On the other hand, they have one called the "farmer's eggplant and squash pizza" (\$15), with cherry peppers, pesto, fontina and scamorza, a nutty-tasting cheese that's tradi-

tionally made with buffalo milk. They even have an egg pizza (\$13), with bacon, Swiss chard, caramelized onion, and pecorino romano (a sharp, parmesan-type cheese). At least these guys are trying to bust out of that pepper-oni/tomato/cheese-pizza syndrome. Plus, they have starters such as steamed clams and sausage (\$10) and salads like the orange and pomegranate salad (\$9). And they promise that "97 percent" of their produce comes from California producers. They title it the "BLAH" menu, but that means "Blind Lady Ale House," and it sure don't look blah.

In the end, I opt for the House chorizo pizza (\$14), which comes with the zing of dried epazote herbs and poblano chiles. I love chorizo. When it arrives, the three of us dig in, and maybe it's the chorizo being very Mexican, but we get to talking about how much Mexican-ness there is in San Diego. For starters, says Gonzalo, look at the Spanish name, "San Diego." Huh. You say it every day and never think about it. If we were truly English Only, we'd be the town of Saint James or Saint Jacob or, like, Saint Jack. We chat and chew. The chorizo has a definite, torrid bite to it, and the pungent olives help, and I'm wishing I had enough *dinero* left to try just one more beer. Like the "Automatic #1," which has a ginger flavor.

They make it right here (\$5.50 for a pint, when it's available).

But I've spent enough already. On the way out, I come across one of the owners. Jeff Motch. You'd never know it — he's just one of the boys at the bar. But Sayer says he's the only one who can answer the question that's nagging me.

"Who was the blind lady?" I ask him.

"Oh, she used to run this place. When it was a Venetian-blind store." ■



Jeff Motch

The Place: Blind Lady Ale House, 3416 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-255-2491

Type of Food: Pizza, salad

Prices: Bowl of olives, \$4; steamed clams and sausage, \$10; orange and pomegranate salad, \$9; marinara pizza (tomato sauce, basil, olive oil), \$7; margherita pizza (mozzarella, basil), \$8; salsiccia pizza (house-made Italian sausage, mozzarella), \$13; Crow's Pass butternut squash pizza, \$15; egg pizza (egg, bacon, Swiss chard, caramelized onion, pecorino romano cheese), \$13; chorizo pizza, \$14

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Alpine

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite burning under fresh-cut beef rib is too much to resist — the secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire. Inexpensive.

Baja

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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 *huanzontle*, 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 cabreria*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Moderate.

Lonchería la Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Best food stall in the marketplace? Maybe. Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*, *bistek ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. Inexpensive.

Super Antojitos Fourth Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Héroes), Tijuana, 664-685-5070. The house special, *mole poblano*, has complex, delicious house-made mole sauce with an enchilada, eggs, rice, beans, tortillas. Also delicious: stuffed pastries, pork rind *gorditas*. Inexpensive.

Balboa Park

Taco Rey Taco Shop 1870 Fourth Ave., Balboa Park, 619-234-6617. Everyone from garbage-truck drivers to doctors patronizes this sidewalk-seating, canopy-shaded *taquería*. Their breakfast *huevos Mexicanos* and sunset California burritos are great al fresco. Inexpensive.

Banker's Hill

Extraordinary Desserts 2929 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-294-2132. Also 1430 Union St., Little Italy, 619-294-7001. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by her travels from Paris to Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Uptown location desserts only; downtown offers light grazing meals, too. Moderate.

Hane 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 Aberdeen Dr., Cardiff, 760-753-6707. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you want to fill up. Inexpensive.

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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, especially the moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, salads, and house-baked brown bread. Noisy interior, serene patio out back. Inexpensive.

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Chula Vista

Jimmy's 1198 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-427-7161. Also 9635 Mission Gorge

Rd., Santee, 619-448-8994. Family-friendly restaurants offer a six-page plastic menu of good old-fashioned American food — huge breakfasts, big dinners like steak with all the trimmings, homemade desserts. Inexpensive.

Restaurant el Patio 410 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-9745. Old-fashioned Cal-Mex with nothing new except the Flying Saucer (fried tortilla stacked with beef, tomatoes, and a mound of salad). Otherwise, go for the *chile rellenos*, enchiladas, taco combo, and open-faced chiliburgers. Inexpensive to moderate.

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 co-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

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Coronado

Chez Loma French Bistro 1132 Loma Ave., Coronado, 619-435-0661. In a charming, historic cottage, this bistro offers classic French bourgeois cuisine, plus some lighter, modern dishes. Don't miss Normandy-style onion soup with apple cider. Prix fixe dinners moderate, à la carte expensive.

Clayton's Coffee Shop 979 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5425. The food is all American: steak and eggs, veggie omelets, old-fashioned waffles, sand-

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wiches 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.

Peohe'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.

Del Mar

Americana 1454 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Casual breakfast/lunch, serious dinners, with flavors of the American melting pot and summer veggies from the chef's home garden. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate, dinner moderate to expensive.

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.

Kitchen 1540 1540 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-793-6460. Gorgeous seaside resort (renovated in 2008) offers a modern dining room and heated patios to enjoy fine, creative cooking, combining "slow food" craftsmanship and the latest technical tricks to display the bright seasonal flavors of local veggies, sustainable seafood, and natural meats. Expensive.

Market Restaurant and Bar 3702 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-523-0007. Chef-owner Carl Schroeder is all about seasonal, local, organic — and inspired culinary imagination. Menu changes but is always exciting. The vibe is "nice neighborhood restaurant" — diners have a good time here. Expensive.

Pacifica del Mar 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-792-1803. Fresh fish and organic produce enliven fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. Extremely noisy bar area. Expensive to very expensive.

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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 Khoresh Bademjan (baby eggplant and beef stew), Barg (marinated beef tenderloin with rice), and the vegetarian plate. Kebabs star, as do yogurt-y, cucumber-y, minty flavors. Inexpensive.

De'Medici Cucina Italiana 815 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-7228. Sinatra atmosphere, cool street patio. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive.

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 ballast. 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 conven-

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tioners, 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.

Indigo Café 1435 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-6478. Favorite of San Diego Symphony players. Specialty: New Orleans dishes like jambalaya or gumbo. Really good: oyster or shrimp po boy sandwich. Inexpensive to moderate.

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-calamari salad and crabby crabsticks. Moderate to expensive.

The Strip Club 340 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-3140. It's DIY grilling here; no minors admitted. You can take the USDA Choice steaks up a notch with spice blends and sauces. Other choices include burgers, chicken, ahi, shrimp, and kebabs. Inexpensive to moderate.

Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen Westgate Plaza, 1055 Second Ave., Downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your Aunt Martha for a genteel lunch that looks ritzy, costs little. Best deal is the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with seafoods. Inexpensive.

East Village

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway, East Village, 619-232-6264. From a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage-link sub, portions are generous if not exactly gourmet fare. Free neighborhood delivery. Inexpensive.

Dirty Del's 499 Tenth Ave., East Village, 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., East Village, 619-677-2695. Big, noisy sports bar/bowling alley with creative pub grub until 2am nightly. Imagine three New York strip steaklets, caramelized onions, and melting Gorgonzola tucked into a Hawaiian sweet bun. Or try a *panino cubano* or herb-brined chicken wings. Inexpensive.

Sluggers by the Ball Park 1219 Market St., East Village, 619-546-5973. Vienna-brand beef hot dogs and Polish sausages are served Chicago style. Other bun-held treats are the Comiskey Park Pole (charbroiled Pol-

ish sausage) and the Italian Stallion (Italian sausage). Inexpensive.

El Cajon

Chen's Golden Palace 530 N. 2nd St., El Cajon, 619-442-2541. A Lao-Chinese family serves mostly basic Chinese cuisine, plus a few Southeast Asian dishes like Thai spicy shrimp noodles — and good fish 'n' chips. Inexpensive.

Palms Family Restaurant 1255 E. Main St., El Cajon. Traditional Middle Eastern eatery and social center for Iraqis, Syrians. Which means excellent food, especially appetizers like eggplant and tabbouleh. Mideast videos. Inexpensive.

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.

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 N. 2nd St., El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage), smoky but uneven in texture. Good fried catfish, fried green tomatoes, ham breakfast. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Encinitas

The Bird House Grill 250 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Savory 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.

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatlilán 290 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612. Also 248 Main St., Vista, 760-758-4531. The food's cooked in the style of Tepatlilán,

a small city near Guadalajara. Their specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up by the plate or by the pound. Open late weekends. Inexpensive.

Kealani's 137 W. D St., Encinitas, 760-942-5642. At any hour the food is Hawaiian "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig — zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork. Inexpensive.

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.

Centre City Café 2680 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-489-6011. Classic American fare, including exemplary chicken-fried steak with a crackly crust and smooth, peppery cream gravy. USDA Choice steaks offered at rock-bottom prices. Huge portions, low prices.

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

Krakatoa 1128 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. Ghost-ridden coffee house and neighborhood hangout offers garden seating and light eating, mainly breakfast or lunch sandwiches named after the volcanoes of the world (get it?). Inexpensive.

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

Arrivederci 3845 Fourth St., Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. A narrow, ever-crowded room with a long menu offering a familiar regional Italian potpourri, including reliable veal in a brandy cream sauce, "straw and hay" pesto pasta, shellfish pasta. Moderate.

The Asian Bistro 414 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The adventurous Thai-accented pan-Asian menu is served until 3 am. Don't miss the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named Jumping Jarvis. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate.

Bite Bistro and Wine Bar 1417 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-2483. Modern Mediterranean tapas are most of the menu, cleverly cooked and assembled into interesting 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 citric salad resembling ceviche and brilliant coconut shrimp. Stews are flavorful: The saucy pot roast is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam. Inexpensive.

Khyber Pass 523 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. Fascinating Afghan cuisine. Don't miss the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and

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|  <p>Free entrée</p> <p>With the purchase of any entrée of equal or greater value & 2 beverages.</p> <p>3492 Adams Ave. San Diego 619-283-3153</p> <p>DiMille's Italian Restaurant "Simply Di Licious" Since 1978</p> <p>Expires 11.3.09 • Coupon code: G1F5D8</p> |  <p>50% off any menu item</p> <p>With purchase of an entrée and two beverages. Good for both dine-in and take-out. Excludes seafood, BBQ & specialties. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per customer.</p> <p>12378 Poway Road, Ste. C Poway 858-679-7073</p> <p>Bua Thai Authentic Thai Cuisine</p> <p>Expires 11.3.09 • Coupon code: G1F5D8</p> |  <p>Free 6" Sub</p> <p>Purchase any 6" or larger sub, salad or wrap at regular menu price and get a second 6" sub of equal or lesser value FREE! Not valid with any other discounts. One coupon per customer.</p> <p>12233 Poway Road Poway 858-4867827</p> <p>SAN DIEGO SANDOS & SALADS</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1F5D8</p> |  <p>Free edamame or miso soup</p> <p>With purchase of any entrée (except side & kids' menu). Good only at Mission Valley. One coupon per visit. Not valid with any other offer. Dine-in or take-out only.</p> <p>7710 Hazard Center Dr. #D Mission Valley 619-295-2080</p> <p>San Sai Japanese Grill</p> <p>Expires 11.3.09 • Coupon code: G1F5D8</p> |
|  <p>Free special roll</p> <p>Buy one special roll and get a second of equal or lesser value for free.</p> <p>7905 Engineers Rd. Kearny Mesa 858-634-3233</p> <p>Kimchi Korean BBQ & Asian Market</p> <p>Expires 11.3.09 • Coupon code: G1F5D8</p> |  <p>50% off frozen yogurt</p> <p>Buy one frozen yogurt and get one of equal or lesser value 50% off. Toppings not included. No stamp cards.</p> <p>5131 College Ave. College Area 619-286-4200</p> <p>5664 Mission Center Rd. Mission Valley 619-295-9648</p> <p>Paradise Yogurt</p> <p>Expires 11.3.09 • Coupon code: G1F5D8</p> |  <p>50% off pizza</p> <p>Buy one pizza and get a second of equal or lesser value for half off. Valid only at Poway location.</p> <p>13332 Poway Rd. Poway 858-679-FAST (32781)</p> <p>Bongiorno's New York Pizzeria</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1F5D8</p> |  <p>\$7 lunch</p> <p>Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per person.</p> <p>1580 S. Melrose Dr. Vista 760-597-9900</p> <p>Chinex Grill</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1F5D8</p> |
|  <p>Free entrée</p> <p>With the purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value and 2 drinks. Not valid with private party reservations or with any other offer. One coupon per party. Good only at Clairemont location.</p> <p>9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Clairemont 858-571-6225</p> <p>BOLL WEERIL Thai & Vietnamese Restaurant</p> <p>Expires 11.3.09 • Coupon code: G1F5D8</p> |  <p>50% off frozen yogurt</p> <p>Buy one, get the second of equal or lesser value at 50% off.</p> <p>16588 Bernardo Ctr. Dr., Ste. 130 Rancho Bernardo 858-673-4204</p> <p>Yogerry Yogurt</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1F5D8</p> |  <p>Free bottle of water</p> <p>Free bottle of water when you spend over \$3.50.</p> <p>See website for locations: www.santanitas.com</p> <p>SANTANITAS MEXICAN GRILL</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1F5D8</p> |  <p>Free pizza</p> <p>Buy one large specialty pizza, get a free cheese pizza any size.</p> <p>10555 Rancho Carmel Dr. Carmel Mesa 858-592-7883</p> <p>Oggi's Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1F5D8</p> |

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|  <p>Free menu item With the purchase of a lunch or dinner plate & two beverages.</p> <p>1061 W. El Norte Pkwy Escondido 760-480-5662</p> <p>Pita King Mediterranean, Greek, and Indian</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>Buy two, get one free sushi roll Anytime!</p> <p>12245 Poway Rd. Poway 858-391-3080</p> <p>Izumi Sushi • Grill • Bar</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>Free edamame or miso soup</p> <p>With purchase of any entrée (except side & Kids' Menu). Good only at Scripps Poway. One coupon per visit. Not valid with any other offer. Dine-in or take-out only.</p> <p>10545 Scripps Poway #A Scripps Poway 858-536-1020</p> <p>San Sai Japanese Grill</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>Get 1 free order of steak fries with purchase of any large Philly Cheese Steak.</p> <p>312 Ballantyne Street El Cajon 619-442-2036</p> <p>PHILLY STEAK SUBS</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |
|  <p>\$1 off buffet Limit one per customer.</p> <p>9254 Scranton Rd., Ste. 102 San Diego 858-458-2858</p> <p>SHEER PUNJABI INDIAN CUISINE</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>50% off Nigiri & Sushi rolls 23 Nigiri and 36 sushi rolls to choose from!</p> <p>9869 Carmel Mountain Rd. San Diego 858-484-5300</p> <p>SUSHI MANA</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>\$1 off buffet Limit one per customer.</p> <p>9187 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. San Diego 858-674-3663</p> <p>VILLAGE INDIAN CUISINE</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>\$5 off Any purchase of \$20 or more. Excludes beverages.</p> <p>9978 Scripps Ranch Blvd. Scripps Ranch 858-695-8088</p> <p>WATAMI SUSHI</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |
|  <p>50% off sandwich When you purchase another sandwich at regular price.</p> <p>14077 Stowe Dr. #107 Poway 858-391-1524</p> <p>Kc's Barbeque</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>25% off frozen yogurt</p> <p>12165 Alta Carmel Court #120 Rancho Bernardo 858-618-5436</p> <p>frutler yogurt</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>Free entrée Buy one entrée and two beverages and get a second entrée of equal or lesser value free. Dine-in only.</p> <p>1814 Marron Rd. Carlsbad 760-720-4300</p> <p>Jenway's</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>Free menu item With purchase of two menu items at regular price.</p> <p>12205 Scripps Poway Pkwy. #E106 Poway 858-549-1818</p> <p>JAPAN HOUSE</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |

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|  <p>Free pasta dinner With purchase of another pasta dinner of equal or greater value plus two drinks. Dine-in only.</p> <p>336 W. Valley Pkwy. Escondido 760-737-7455</p> <p>WINNY CITY PIZZERIA</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>\$5 off Your next purchase of \$20 or more. Not valid on Fridays 4:30pm-9:00pm.</p> <p>9988 Scripps Ranch Blvd. Scripps Ranch 858-271-5250</p> <p>Pizzeria</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>Free burrito Buy one bean & cheese burrito and get one free. Offer only good at Tierrasanta location.</p> <p>10425 Tierrasanta Blvd. San Diego 858-503-6750</p> <p>CAFE DE LA PIZZERIA Mexican Cuisine</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>15% off buffet Not valid on holidays. Cannot be combined with any other offer.</p> <p>16785 Bernardo Center Dr. Rancho Bernardo 858-592-9555</p> <p>ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET • TERRAPIN • BBQ</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |
|  <p>\$2 off entrée With the purchase of one entrée and one drink at regular price. Limit 4 per coupon. One coupon per table. No separate checks. Not valid on weekends, holidays, private parties, or with any other offer.</p> <p>355 6th Avenue Downtown San Diego 619-338-9655</p> <p>Pizzeria</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>Free kids' meal Ages 3-8 from the kids' menu with purchase of two regular entrees. Not valid on weekends.</p> <p>2110 Birch Rd., Ste. 102 Otay Ranch 619-482-0307</p> <p>Achote Mexican Cuisine</p> <p>4419 Camino de la Plaza San Ysidro 619-690-1494</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>Free dinner entrée 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. Del Mar 858-793-9695</p> <p>THAI</p> <p>527 University Ave. Hillcrest 619-291-7525</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>Free pizza Free medium one-topping pizza with purchase of large two-topping pizza. Not valid with any other offer.</p> <p>2441 Jamacha Rd. #104 Rancho San Diego 619-588-5566</p> <p>That's Amano Pizzeria</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |
|  <p>Free sushi Buy one sushi roll and get a second of equal or lesser value for free.</p> <p>13307 Poway Rd. Poway 858-486-4558</p> <p>Pizzeria</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>10% off dinner Can't be combined with other offers.</p> <p>70 Town Center Pkwy., Ste. C Santee 619-596-4888</p> <p>Panda Garden Buffet</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>50% off entrée Buy one entrée, get the second of equal or lesser value half off. Lunch and twilight special (4:30 pm-6:30 pm) only.</p> <p>11040 Rancho Carmel Dr. Carmel Mtns 858-673-0077</p> <p>Café Luna</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>6 free bagels With purchase of six bagels at regular price.</p> <p>3870 Valley Centre Dr., Suite 303 Carmel Valley 858-792-2435</p> <p>BOSTON BAGELS</p> <p>Expires 11.5.09 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |

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 Louisian-oid 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 road-house 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 luscious

beef or corn empanadas and the filling *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Moderate.

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.

Mission Hills

Sausage King 811 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. The German couple who run this place make 34 sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. Inexpensive.

Starlite 3175 India St., Mission Hills, 619-358-9766. The California-Mediterranean cuisine features naturally raised meats, house-made pasta and sausages, local produce. The Jidori chicken and Prime flat iron steak are knockouts; so is a toffee-chip ice cream sandwich. Nice back-patio seating. Moderate.

Venissimo Cheese 754 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-491-0708. You can get a baguette-style sandwich stuffed with cow cheese, sheep cheese, goat cheese...fruity, moldy, runny, stinky... Any cheese in the house, same price: around five bucks. Even *Boschetto* cheese, with truffles in it. Inexpensive.

National City

Asian Noodle 1430 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-477-5390. The main dish is Filipino-style chicken soup with egg noodles — a little bland, but filling. *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* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Inexpensive.

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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 Yucatan 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 Spanish-style shrimp with garlic. Entrées run to comfort food. Grazing dinners moderate, mains moderate to expensive.



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North Park

Alexander's 3391 30th St., North Park, 619-281-2539. A spin-off of Old Venice, serving neighborhood-style Italian with Greek touches, including interesting specials and imaginative thin-crust pizzas. Loud, bright interior; sweet, dim back patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive.

Craze Burger 4201 30th St., North Park, 619-282-6044. You'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads, German sausages, bargain wines, and serious beers. Inexpensive to low moderate.

Hawthorn's Restaurant 2895 University Ave., North Park, 619-295-1688. When this Banker's Hill restaurant moved to new digs here, the change proved positive. Mediterranean-influenced menu choices are fewer but better, with seasonal locally grown vegetables matched to the individual entrées. Expensive.

Heaven Sent Desserts 3001 University Ave., North Park, 619-793-4758. Cookies, tarts, pies, custards, puddings, and intricate cakes and ice cream fantasies. The style is rich and often fancy with choices ranging from American favorites to ethereal Euro-style elaborations. Inexpensive.

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th St., North Park, 619-295-1720. The ultimate is Lefty's "stuffed" pizza, a 14-inch, 8-pound monster that needs one hour "make and bake" time. They do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy

fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

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

Livingston's Chicken and Mexican Grill 5026 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-224-8088. "Broasted" chicken — pressure cooked in oil — is tastier and less greasy than standard fried chicken. Or try garlicky "potato Jo-Jo's," a California burrito, or pork salsa verde plate. Until midnight weekdays; 2am weekends. Inexpensive.

Ocean Beach People's Organic Foods Co-Op Deli 4765 Voltaire St., Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. Virtuous, mainly vegan-prepared dishes include garlic eggplant with beet and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, veggie shepherd's pie, "mango madness." Inexpensive.

Oceanside

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-721-0124. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced over salad, and the gyros mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials and meaty burgers. Inexpensive.

Ruby's Diner 1 Oceanside Pier, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Mission Valley. Ruby's is part of a themed '40s-diner chain. Red-leatherette-and-

chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, and that view to Hawaii. Good-sized servings — try their omelets. Open daily. Inexpensive.

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El Agave 2304 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-220-0692. Serious Mexican food highlighting mainland regional cuisines, including five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas). Moderate.

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-294-2074. The traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crabmeat, or the scampi dishes. Moderate.

Pacific Beach

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. Also 624 E St., Downtown, 619-237-9990. The Kiwi owners guarantee healthy, hormone-free, organic beef and lamb from New Zealand — mainly in burgers, from

grass-fed organic beef burgers to lamb burgers with wasabi dip. Inexpensive.

Broken Yolk Café 1851 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-9655. Additional locations in Chula Vista, Carlsbad, and Downtown. Breakfasting P.B.ers love this place for the sundeck, the 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. Inexpensive.

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Point Loma

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jour, and salmon with skin are among the hits. Moderate.

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

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, the French...actually, anyone with taste buds. Enjoy an entrée of Prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, or chicken. Very expensive.

San Marcos

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Also 417 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-434-6777. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu. The Manhattan chowder is tasty, as is their "krab" salad. Moderate.

Santa Ysabel

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. Colorful historic roadhouse draws Harley-riding week-

end 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.

University City

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Dr., University City, 858-678-0950. This chain serves one big, fresh meal. Stuff your raw meat and veggies into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hot plate, and add noodles. Inexpensive.

University Heights

European Market & Deli 4135 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-298-8661. The most popular lunch at this Greek deli with a patio is lemon-roasted chicken, but if you love lamb, Paul's Special — Fridays and Saturdays — is the way to go. (They do offer lamb sandwiches daily.) Inexpensive.

Farm House Café 2121 Adams Ave., University Heights, 619-269-9662. At this charming spot in a near-rural corner of the central city, chef-owner Olivier Bioteau serves rustic but sophisticated French cuisine, including creative chocolates for dessert. Dinner moderate, brunch inexpensive to moderate.

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From Their Mouths

"This war is against all my beliefs... and yet I wanted it."

Okay, Hope isn't quite snookered to the gills. She's sober enough to recognize a tight spot. In this case, literally: the cramped studio apartment of a man far too young for her tastes. Charles is wide-eyed and gaga and *young*. Practically a kid, and he's going on and on about how the bed, the room's sole furnishing, is an heirloom, on which his whole family was conceived. And he's almost — nope, now he is — head over heels over her and vows to conceive *their* children on the two-poster.

Hope wants out. She swore off neophyte lovers. Maybe because he is one, Charles wants the relationship to fast-forward 50 years — past early-dating awkwardness and all that marriage stuff — to when he and Hope, in rocking chairs, watch grandchildren frolic in the yard. Charles admits that, except what he's learned from movies, he knows zip about love. But movies only hit the hot spots, beginnings and endings, not how love works day to day.

So Charles envisions a rough-draft marriage: they wed, make all the mistakes, get a divorce — "get all that out of the way." Then they fan the embers, remarry, and have a lasting bond, the kind of steady, working-through, adult love, in fact,

that would horrify screenwriters.

But Charles, you want to tell him: there are bridges, and water flowing underneath, and sometimes more water goes under a bridge than... But

Charles wouldn't heed you. Nor does *Long Story Short*, a musical about 50 years in the off-and-on love between Hope and Charles.

Long Story recalls Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt's *I Do! I Do!* a lot (even down to the bed centerstage). It also borrows from Craig Lucas's magic realism: slights of hand and time that bend reality like a Slinky toy. The musical makes some surprising changes, including a vaguely described tragedy, but for anyone familiar with its antecedents, it has a riding-on-coattails quality.

That said, it's a charmer. At almost no point are Hope and Charles on the same page. They are an interracial couple: he's Jewish; she has Chinese-Filipino ancestry (lucky for them they don't meet that Louisiana justice of the peace who last week wouldn't marry a black man and white woman "for the good of their children"). One is always running full speed while the other's gearing down. Some of the liveliest songs, such as "Unpacking the Suitcase" and "We Should Get Married," play on their conflicting expectations.

THEATER REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Melody Butiu, Robert Brewer in *Long Story Short*

Long Story Short by Brendan Milburn and Valerie Vigoda, based on the play by David Schulner
San Diego Repertory Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown
Directed by Kent Nicholson; cast: Melody Butiu, Robert Brewer; scenic design, Victoria Petrovich; costumes, Kate Stallons; lighting, M. Scott Grabau; sound, Chris Luessmann
Playing through November 1; Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-544-1000.

9 Parts of Desire by Heather Raffo
Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company, Tenth Avenue Theatre, 930 Tenth Avenue, downtown
Directed by Janet Hayatshahi; cast: Dré Slaman, Lisel Gorell-Getz, Frances Anita Rivera; scenic design, David F. Weiner; costumes, Charlotte Devaux; lighting, Jason Bieber; sound, Paul Peterson
Playing through November 1; Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-342-7395.


It's often a wonder that they ever advance.

Melody Butiu and Robert Brewer are well cast for roles that require strong singing and acting skills. The performers blend quite well, especially when Hope and Charles bicker. And they meld with Mark Danisovszky's five-piece band and its intriguing makeup: piano, percussion, violin, bass, and cello (the latter, played by Diana Elledge, casts a haunting, elegiac patina over Victoria Petrovich's one-room set, with walls that double as the sky).

Long Story Short moves at top speed (a daughter is born; not long after, she's enrolling at UCLA). But the pace also works against it, since every scene unfolds the same way: time-reset, staccato, impressionistic sentences, new dilemma, song. The sameness takes a here-we-go-again toll in the 138-minute one-act. The lively, thought-provoking musical might improve if the authors shortened *Long Story Short* by two scenes.

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9 Parts of Desire

Arts' production of *9 Parts of Desire*: (1) slow down the deliveries just a tad (the Iraqi accents are convincing but at times blur the sense); (2) if at all possible, extend the run of this tragic, radiant, spell-weaving show.

What if a diverse group of Iraqi women received more air

time than a five-second CNN cameo? How would they account for the devastation? What would they assert? If you think you have a snappy answer, you're too sound-bitten from watching CNN.

"This war is against all my beliefs," says the exiled Huda, "and yet I wanted it."

"Iraqis know not to open their mouths," says the state-supported artist Layal, "not even for the dentist."

"Now they steal women for money or to sell them," says a sheltered teenager (whose acute ear can distinguish an M16 from an AK from an RPG). "I try to tell Momma she won't

get stolen. Her hair is not that nice."

For a decade, Heather Raffo conducted interviews and then arranged them into monologues. In *9 Parts*, the women don't know each other — and might not get along if they did. Their opinions are that divergent. Raffo has made each character fully detailed and, even more striking, the voices don't cancel each other.

Raffo originally performed the piece by herself. Mo'olelo director Janet Hayatshahi has three actors play nine parts. Lisel Gorell-Getz (especially as Layal, the artist who has been "raped many times"), Frances Anita Rivera (whose greathearted Amal is a heartbreaker), and Dré Slaman (as fire-from-the-hip Huda) make indelible impressions on David F. Weiner's handsome set, through which winds the Tigris, a river of gleaming bowls. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes 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

Like *Forever Plaid*, *The Andrews Brothers* is a musical revue held together by a sketchy plot. When Laverne of the Andrews Sisters has chicken pox, the trio's quarantined. So three male stagehands, burning to strut their stuff, cross-dress as Patty, Laverne, and Maxene. The males entertain the troops with the tight, boogie-woogie harmonies that made the sisters famous — including "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," "Beat Me, Daddy, Eight to the Bar," and "Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen." *Andrews Brothers* won't usurp *Hamlet*'s pedestal in the realms of gold. It's about sheer forget-your-troubles entertainment. And the expert cast at Welk Resorts Theatre provides it. Bets Malone, Jeffrey Parsons, David Engel, and Johnny Bisom have worked together be-

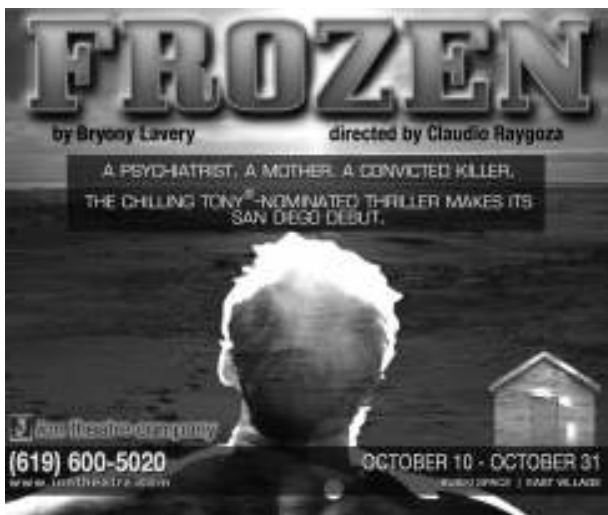
fore, and it shows. Their voices blend beautifully. Even their shenanigans are flawless. Musical director Justin Gray added two trumpets to his band. And one of them — don't know which — gets to be the immortal "Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy (of Company B)."

Worth a try:

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.

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The Creditors

In Doug Wright's expert adaptation of Strindberg's stormy *folie a trois*, love becomes mere economics, and mental cruelty, once unleashed, assumes a life of its own. Gustav's convinced his ex-wife, Tekla, is a soul-vampire. He gave, she took, and now he wants revenge. Tekla's second husband, Adolf, is an invalid (did she steal his energy?). To get back at Tekla, Gustav tries a demented form of autosuggestion on Adolf: implant epilepsy in the crumbling man. The ploy's a stretch, and even Gustav's surprised how well he succeeds. Under Doug Wright's direction, the 90-minute piece unfolds musically, in three movements. The play, even with his crisp translation, feels long-winded, but what the cast does beneath their lines fascinates. Every exchange is a contest of wills in which one character rises and the other sinks and tries to fight back. In a spellbinding performance, T. Ryder Smith gives Gustav a precise, patient surface (and a volcano within). Omar Metwally flips from assertion to grave hurt as Adolf, using the latter as his best control tactic. By the time she enters, you'd expect Kathryn Meisle's Tekla to swoop down on a broom, with fangs for teeth and snakes for hair.

Instead, she's lively and vital — an Ibsonian heroine cast in a misogynist, Strindbergian drama.

Critic's pick.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH OCTOBER 25.

Dog Act

Moxie Theatre inaugurates its new playing space with a reprise of Liz Duffy Adams's seriocomical look at a postapocalyptic future. 858-598-7620. MOXIE AT ROLANDO THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BLVD., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 22.

Fires in Heaven

The Theatre, Inc., of San Diego presents the world premiere of Marianne McDonald's drama about Rabid Al-Adawayii, the eighth-century Sufi saint. Douglas Lay directed. THEATRE, INC., 899 C ST., EAST VILLAGE. 619-216-3016. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, THROUGH OCTOBER 24.

The Foreigner

Patio Playhouse stages Larry Shue's very funny comedy about a painfully shy man who pretends not to speak English. Rob Wolter directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVE., ESCONDIDO. 760-746-6669. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 25.



The Creditors

Frozen

ion theatre company presents Bryony Lavery's drama of confrontation: a murderer, the mother of one of his victims, and a psychologist "explore our capacity for forgiveness, remorse, and change after an act that would seem to rule

them out entirely." Claudio Raygoza directed. SUSHI PERFORMANCE & VISUAL ART, 390 11TH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-235-8466. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 6PM AND 9PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 31.

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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. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 22.

Joyful Noise

Lamb's Players presents Tom Slover's "historical backstage drama" about the creation of Handel's *Messiah*, which Lamb's produced, for an extended run, off-Broadway a decade ago. Robert and Deborah Smyth codirected. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 22.

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Man From Nebraska

In Tracy Lett’s drama, Ken Carpenter suffers a profound crisis of faith. He doesn’t just tumble outside the box — the box disappears. He goes to London, where a kind of vague cultural exchange occurs: the emotionally blank have-everything learns from artists who have nothing (Letts is better with the condition than the solution, which just comes about). Cygnet Theatre gives the play top production values: Brian Redfern’s minimalist set, Jessica John’s detailed costumes, music by Jason Connors, and Eric Lotze’s inspired lighting create contrasting worlds. And the supporting cast brims with sharp cameos. On opening night Michael Sears took a while to empty Ken convincingly (gestures indicated but felt unconnected to actual hurt). Sears did express how it feels to lose one’s sense of permanence. In a subplot — *Woman from Nebraska?* - Robin Christ’s Nancy struggles almost wordlessly to keep her world from breaking and herself from breaking down.

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9 Parts of Desire

Mo’oleo Performing Arts Company presents Heather Raffo’s drama about nine Iraqi women living in Baghdad, London, and New York, “revealing conflicting perspectives about an age-old war zone.” Janet Hayatshahi directed. 619-342-7395. TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 1.



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Sammy

The Old Globe Theatre presents the world premiere of a musical biography of Sammy Davis Jr., book, music, and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse, directed by Keith Glover.

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The Savannah Disputation

Evan Smith’s comedy creates the illusion of a dispute. Young, Evangelical Melissa squares off with Margaret, her sister Mary, and their priest, Father Murphy. The play takes potshots at religious rigidities on both sides. Some strike home, but Evans takes his themes and characters only so far. He’d much rather entertain than enlighten or, perish the thought offend and concludes with such a sweet sitcom wrap that everyone returns to their one-note ways with most scratches healed before curtain call. The Old Globe cast received a well-deserved standing ovation on opening night. Throughout Nancy Robinette (beatific Mary), Mikel Sarah Lambert (feisty Margaret), James Sutorious (pensive Murphy), and Kimberly Parker Green (perky Melissa) tried to make a 90-minute, joke-driven play character-driven. Their spiky interactions made the ride enjoyable, while the ride lasted. Deb O built her cluttered set on a familiar expression. Piles of Good Books hold up the stage: the four M’s literally testify on a stack of Bibles.

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Varla Jean Merman’s gender-bending send-up of the Betty Davis movie comes to San Diego in a “larger than life” touring production, directed by Merman.

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George says they’re just “walking what’s left of their wits” but admits that “it gets pretty bouncy around here sometimes.” Bouncy? For three hours in Edward Albee’s atonal symphony about “total war,” George, wife Martha, and their young guests have a party-from-hell. Compass Theatre’s intimate stage puts the audience in the living room, ducking when snapdragons and sadistic barbs spear across Adam Lindsay’s appropriately frumpy design. Dale Morris’s George may be a mediocre historian, but as a button-pusher he’s all-pro. Martha — a leonine Glynn Beddington, who not only chews the scenery (rightfully), she masticates it — may dominate him by day, but come the wee hours of Walpurgisnacht, George gives as well as he takes. As Nick, Tyler Joshua Herdklotz could reveal more ambition when his façade breaks down. Albee makes “mousy” Honey a one-note character, but Kelly Iverson plays it well. The up-close staging exposes lulls and rhythmically unstable sections, but overall, Shana Wride’s direction keeps the focus true and the stage always “bouncy.”

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By SurfPuppy619
4:26 p.m., Oct 16

Captured at Sea

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ing, October 13, about eight miles off the La Jolla coast.

Border Patrol agents who were patrolling the shoreline near La Jolla spotted the boat at about 3:30 a.m. and requested air and marine interdiction agents to investigate the boat.

The agents intercepted the boat and determined the two men onboard were Mexican nationals who were in the U.S. illegally. It was subsequently learned that the men had smuggled six people into



the country and dropped them off at South Ponto Beach in Carlsbad. The two men, aged 29

and 44, were arrested and turned over to Border Patrol agents for processing.

Later Tuesday morning, Border Patrol agents apprehended two illegals who admitted to being part of the group that was dropped off at the beach. CBP officers are looking for the four other people involved and are continuing their investigation.

By T.B. Weipert, 10/14

Kitchen Knifed

El Cajon — At about 10:15 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, according to police radio traffic, two people were stabbed on the corner of Graves Avenue and

East Madison Avenue in El Cajon.

El Cajon PD stated that a male pulled up to the corner of Graves and East Madison avenues in a pickup truck and got out and started to argue with a younger male. The suspect pulled out a knife and began to stab the young male. A 34-year-old male was stabbed while trying to defend the younger male. The suspect then got into his pickup and sped off.

At 10:22 p.m., El Cajon

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Fire/Rescue arrived. They immediately began working on the younger victim. Medics stated that the younger male was stabbed six times all over his back. He had a possible collapsed lung and lacerations on his arms. He'd lost quite a bit of blood and was not responsive.

The 34-year-old suffered stab wounds to his right lower back, next to his spine. He'd lost about 100 cc's of blood. His chief

complaint was numbness in his right leg.

Medics said the wounds on both victims were caused by an eight-to nine-inch knife, "like a kitchen knife." Both victims were transported to Sharp Memorial Hospital. The older victim is expected to survive. The younger victim was last reported in critical condition.

By Mark Jay, 10/16

EEK STREET

Downtown San Diego — An accident involving a man

in a wheelchair and two vehicles occurred on Tuesday afternoon, October 13, near the entrance to the central library.

The man attempted to cross Tenth Avenue at E Street against the stoplight. A vehicle traveling south on Tenth swerved to avoid him and in the process hit the building on the east side of the street. That car came to a stop on the sidewalk after hitting the corner of the building.

A second vehicle, traveling east on E Street, hit

the first vehicle and stopped in the intersection. The man in the wheelchair fell into the street. The man and the drivers of the two vehicles were taken by ambulances to nearby hospitals for observation.

The street in front of the library was still blocked off when the library closed at 5:30 p.m. Police service officers were directing traffic, and police officers were still interviewing witnesses. Local residents mentioned knowing the man in the wheelchair

and having observed him crossing nearby streets against stoplights in the past.

By Leonard Fry, 10/15

ESTRANGED TALE

Oceanside — On Sunday afternoon, October 11, hours after a stabbing was reported to the police, a 25-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon.

On Saturday evening, the victim and the suspect's estranged wife went out for a night of drink-

ing. A few hours after the duo returned to the victim's home in the 300 block of Home Street, the suspect arrived and confronted his wife, who was asleep on the porch. When the victim came outside to tell them to quiet down, the suspect began punching him.

In an attempt to protect himself, the victim held the suspect in a bear hug until the suspect calmed down a bit. Only after the suspect and his wife left did the victim

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realize he had multiple stab wounds from a screwdriver and called for help. He was taken to the hospital, where he was treated and released.

Early Sunday afternoon, police dispatch received a tip that the stabbing suspect was over at the One More That's It bar on the corner of Mission Avenue and Airport Road in Oceanside. Police searched the lounge and found the suspect inside drinking. His wife was

found asleep inside a car in the parking lot. The suspect was arrested and booked into the Vista jail.

By FT Yoshida, 10/14

Comments

1. How do you not know that you've been stabbed?

By PistolPete

7:37 p.m., Oct 14

2. When you are in the middle of a knock down, drag out, violent fight it is very easy to not know you have been injured.

I tore my bicep tendon off in a fight and

had no idea until it was well over. Never felt any pain at all (well, until the day after surgery, then I asked myself why I was stupid enough to get into a fight).

By SurfPuppy619

10:51 p.m., Oct 14

3. To be honest, I've broken bones and not known it until a day or two later. I can relate.

By refriedgringo

11:01 p.m., Oct 14

Tourism Snapshot

Ensenada—Carnival Cruise Line has opted to sus-

pend docking the *Elation* in Ensenada, starting next April. The company rep stated that the cruise line "no longer felt welcome" at its longtime port of call, as communicated in a letter sent to las Secretarias de Comunicaciones y Transportes y Turismo.

Reasons for the withdrawal from Ensenada given by Carnival were concerns by its passengers about violence in Mexico, problems with *narcotrafico*, and concerns about sanitation.

Tourism accounts for about 30 percent of the money brought into Mexico as foreign trade.

Meanwhile, U.S. ambassador Carlos Pascual, visiting Tijuana last week, stated at a conference that public security had improved so much in the previous 20 months that he would not issue an edict warning American tourists away from Mexico and TJ.

Another tourist report stated that charter buses bringing tourists from the U.S. to Avenida Rev-

olucion have enjoyed an upswing in business recently, essentially doubling their ridership. Nevertheless, only 15 to 25 *americanos* visit the street on any given day, according to a report compiled by the Universidad Autonoma de Baja California.

Source: *La Segunda*

By T.B. Beaudeau, 10/14

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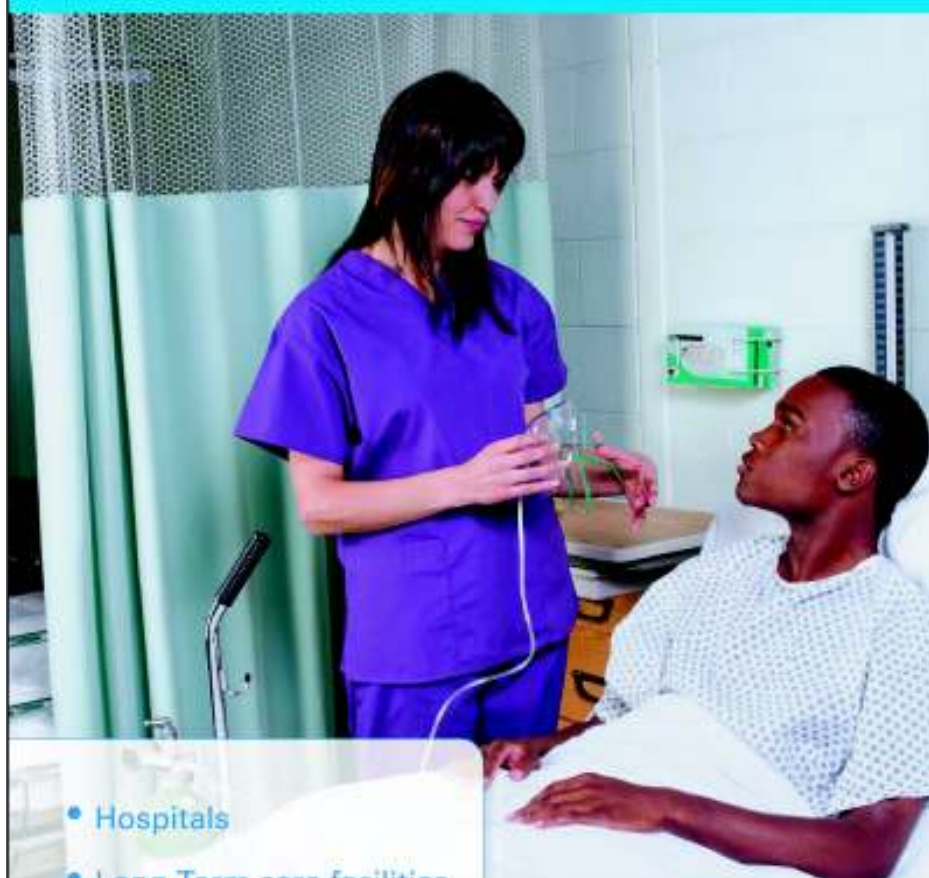
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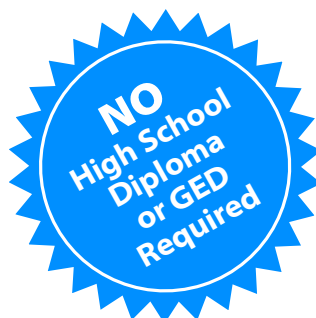
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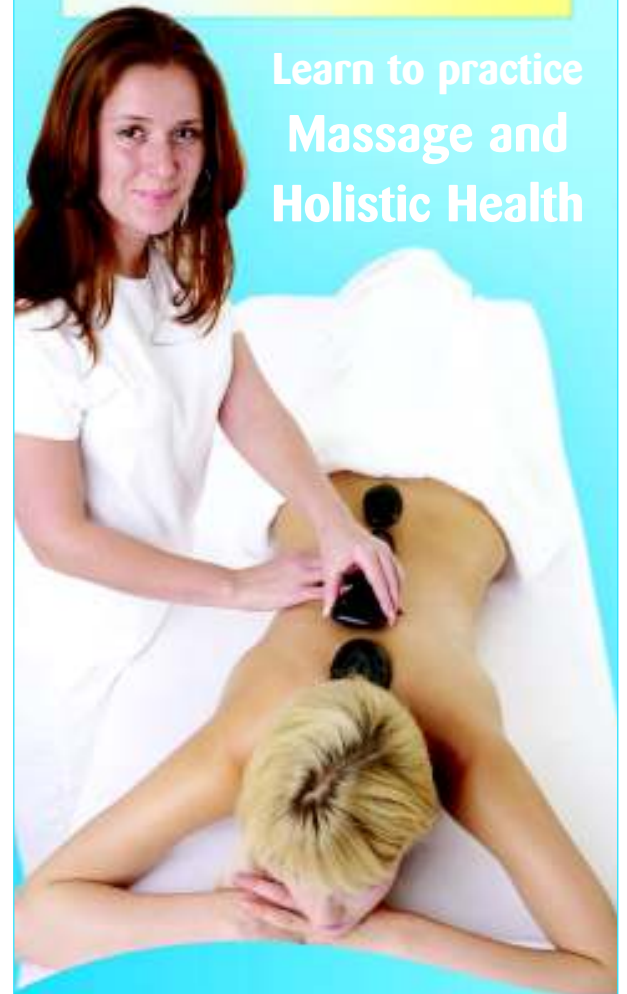
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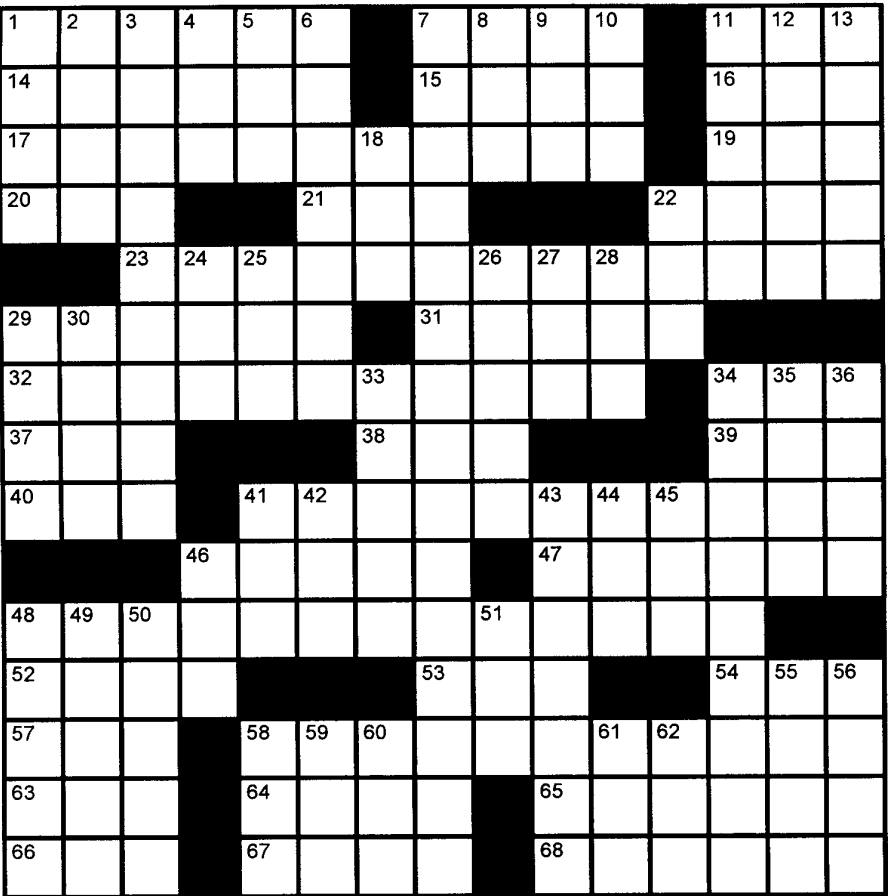
- 1. Like some romances
- 7. Cornell or Pound
- 11. "Lost" broadcaster
- 14. Goddess of wisdom
- 15. It may be fixed
- 16. Day-____ colors
- 17. 1977 Billy Joel album

- 19. Co. offering a Buddy List
- 20. Assn.
- 21. Night before
- 22. Big name in sportswear
- 23. Whiskey cocktails
- 29. "The Island of Dr. ____"
- 31. Boxer with a cameo in the 2009 comedy "The Hangover"
- 32. Urn's locale, perhaps
- 34. New Deal dam-building org.
- 37. Somme summer
- 38. Close of day, to poets
- 39. Pro wrestler Flair
- 40. Neighbor of Isr.
- 41. Popular coda to "Happy Birthday to You"
- 46. Astrud Gilberto's "The ____ Love"
- 47. Cry of disgust in a comic strip
- 48. Classic TV miniseries of 1983
- 52. FBI action
- 53. Many a toothpaste
- 54. Epoch
- 57. Mountain West Conference player
- 58. Spa treatment
- 63. "Nova" subj.
- 64. Creole cooking pod
- 65. Rider of 4/18/1775
- 66. "The L Word" aier, briefly
- 67. Thumb one's nose at
- 68. Black suit

Down

- 1. Mobster's guns
- 2. Roman emperor after Galba
- 3. Emmy-winning HBO miniseries of 2000
- 4. Guys and Ken dolls
- 5. QB's mishap

- 6. "Watch your step!"
- 7. Author of a 1952 novel whose title is spread out over the starts of 17-, 23-, 32-, 41-, 48- and 58-Across
- 8. Veer
- 9. Map abbr.
- 10. ____ Lingus
- 11. Riveted
- 12. Bank deposit?
- 13. Winter woes
- 18. Gardner of "The Barefoot Contessa"
- 22. Overnight stop
- 24. Wimbledon call
- 25. "Lost" actor Daniel ____ Kim
- 26. Laughing ____
- 27. Map abbr.
- 28. Gut reaction?
- 29. Ladies of Versailles: Abbr.
- 30. Like Cheerios
- 33. Passover meal
- 34. With one's knickers on
- 35. N. Car. neighbor
- 36. Banda ____ (2004 tsunami site)
- 41. Hot tub reaction
- 42. Sgt. or cpl.
- 43. Carpenters, at times
- 44. "Babi ____"
- 45. Loony
- 46. Busy co. on Mother's Day
- 48. Bridge support
- 49. Politico Orrin
- 50. Children's song refrain
- 51. Hive occupant
- 55. Not well?
- 56. Zoo attractions
- 58. Turf
- 59. ____ out a living
- 60. Cousin of "woof!"
- 61. Sheriff's asst.
- 62. State since 1863: Abbr.



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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 3. Take care of yourself and get the flu shot
Gabby Albasia, San Diego, 3. Happy Birthday Melanie!
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 3. Thanks for the t-shirt- I'm wearing it right now!
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 3. Love to Jo
Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 3. You are the light of my life Cindy Gunner!
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 3. Hope I'm not too late
Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 3. Testing Glory

Eric Cash, Escondido, 3. Eavan will need strong shoulders to support her huge brain.
Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoy, Chula Vista, 3. Happy birthday Ashley, enjoy the I-Pod
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 3. A clear conscience is the sign of a bad memory
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 3. Are you saying it's from the future?
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 3. And Carlos loves Happy!
Craig Curtis, Escondido, 3. Happy 18th birthday Daniel J. Curtis of Vista. Love, Dad

William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 3. Ron, where's the brownies?
☛ **Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 3.** Better odds on t-shirts again- but not holding my breath
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 3. Thought you had me this time!
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 3. "Food" songs for 2010, Cathy and Jakie!!
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 3. Go, Angels!
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 3. Go Chargers! Cook the Chefs!
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 3. You'll achieve energy independence if you ride your bike
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 3. My guitar wears a g string
Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 3. I love new york

Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 3. Sometimes you're the bug, sometimes you're the windshield
Diana Holt, Hillcrest, 3. Happy 86th, Delores! Happy 85th Jack!
Jenny Hughes, Escondido, 3. Oh-Gees
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 3. Back in temperate San Diego! Hi Kiera! Hi Bodo!
Sara Khwaja, Poway, 3. Congrats Cody and Cindy 10-17-09
Emily Marie, North Park, 3. Gggood one!
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 3. Term limits for US congress!
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 3. Lightning blue rules!
Ron Meyer, Santee, 3. Hi hunny, only 1 week before we feast on lobster!

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 3. And the beat doesn't fit with the ryme
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 3. Rere- remove peroxide from nite stand- it tastes bad!
Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 3. Hartland Lions "we serve"
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 3. Happy October!
Jim Odell, Vista, 3. Gee, gggreat puzzle!
Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 3. Don't steal. The gov't hates competition.
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 3. Boycott balloon boy!
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 3. H.B. Rena
Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 3. it is gone

Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 3. Why don't Mexicans cross border in threes? No tres-passing!
Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 3. Remembering your birthday grandma!
Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 3. Good-bye, crule words!
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 3. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not too sure
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 3. How about that cover photo on last week's Reader!
Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 3. Happy 90th Muriel! Thanks for the party Mary and Steve
Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 3. Thanks Tom!

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Duane Tremaine, East Village, 3. ... And stop calling me Shirley!
M. Zimmermann, Vista, 3.
You have a right to pursue happiness. Now catch it
Samantha Loveira and Matt Palmer, College Area, 3.
What? Like in the back of a Volkswagen?
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 2. Hi all! Love ya!
Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 2.
I've done my job, Steve do sudoku
Manny Faria, Point Loma, 2.
Back in the game pool!! I love you!!

Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista, 2. Blurgh!
Janet Kaye, Linda Vista, 2. A house will come in 2010
Kyle Matzke, Vista, 2. Obama nobel prize smacks of left wing socialist propaganda stunt
Willie McGee, San Diego, 2.
Crush the orange
Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 2. Hi to chat n Nicoloh of GHOC- from FDM
Sunny Nelson, El Cajon, 2.
Happy birthday, Diane- And many more, best wishes. Luv, Sunny

P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 2. G whiz!
John C. Pipes, Lemon Grove, 2. I long for the days of...
Don Reckdes, Carmel Valley, 2.
Happy B-day Meredith. Cant wait to see you. Love DKSR
Don Romero, Ramona, 2.
Welcome home Mei Ling!
Debbie Schultz, El Cajon, 2.
Puzzles Rock!
Tim Serpa, San Diego, 2. I'm coming home, baby!
Tom Somich, Clairemont, 2.
Was Obama like, the 10th caller, or something?
Susie Stogsdill, Spring Valley, 2. Pray for health

Carly Stone, San Diego, 2.
Save California! Tax those who can afford it
Dave Tomasin, San Diego, 2.
This one should be right
Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 2. Come on, Chargers!
Susan Williams, North Park, 2. Happy birthday Jade! Meow.
Norman Williams, San Diego, 2. What da fuss??
Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 1.
We need a hokey team in this town
Katrina Alcantara, San Diego, 1. I will miss Morth Unit
Julie and Jacqueline Angelini, University Heights, 1. Every day with my goeffy is the best ever!

Chris Baker, Huntington Beach, 1. Fill is wrong
Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 1.
Spongebob wants a win please
Vince Cuseo, San Marcos, 1.
Hello, Americans... Call me Joe!
I.C. Garcia, Golden Hill, 1.
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Ken Lilly, Paradise Hills, 1.
This goes to sour patch kid
Pat McMann, Solana Beach, 1.
PooPoo head, we are back!
Robert McQuay, Linda Vista, 1.
Don't need congress now that we have a dictator
Dawn Meterisin, San Diego, 1.
Steelers Rule!

F.A. Naly, El Cajon, 1. Do it for the smile
Jeff Newman, La Mesa, 1.
Lighten up Duncan Shepherd!
Phil Paradissis, San Diego, 1.
Health care yes!
Raquel Ann Pasadas, Scripps Ranch, 1. Ken, you're my crossword puzzle guru!!
Chris Samaniego, Del Cerro, 1.
Hopefully this is the one
Adam Traub, Oceanside, 1.
Am I a freakin' cylone?
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2) Be one of the first 100 people who submit the correct answers to one of the

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3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months beginning October 1, 2009. Complete the journey four times a year!

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7) Late entries will not be considered.
8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

EASY:

Aaron Abramson,
Williamstown, 3. Hello all from New Jersey
Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 3. Go Chargers!!
John Pertle, Santee, 3. Belive in Jesus Christ, receive life eternal, John 3:16-17
Katrina Alcantara, San Diego, 2. Happy birthday my little kitten
Loretta Allison, San Diego, 2. Honey, I love you! Vegas, baby, Vegas
Don Bowman, Santee, 2. 1/5 of 1/8 of 1/4 of 1/6 of 960
M. Elliott, Ranch Bernardo, 2. C.D. rates are now absurd
Rossinna Ipprito, University Heights, 2. Indexers do it with cross references!
Ed Rull, San Diego, 2. Enjoy life while you can. Lifes too short
Jaclyn Yee, Rancho Peñasquitos, 2. Thanks Jason Mraz for the concert. So talented!
Alice Bryant, Mission Hills, 1. I love you Pinky!

Jua Kim, San Diego, 1. Lions, tigers and bears oh my!
☛ **Lauren Murphy, SDSU, 1.** First timer so had to go easy.
Pauline O'Malley, Point Loma, 1. Boy, does these sudoku puzzles keep me busy
Ed Stoeckel, Tierrasanta, 1. How's it hangin'?
Kathy Terrell, San Diego, 1. Look forward to Halloween Rose Terrell

MEDIUM:

Skully , San Diego, 3. Monkeyboy's alright, just working a lot. Misses you all SDM
Betty Archer, La Jolla, 3. Harder than usual
Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 3. Excuse me but you're biting my bot!
Harry Chiou, Mira Mesa, 3. I haven't received T-shirt I won on Sept. 10 yet
Henry Chung, San Diego, 3. Lobster season is here! Yummy!

Kodukso, Poway, 3. Nothing says you're a winner than a Reader tee... maybe...
Tony Marsh , San Carlos, 3. To my wife: I love you baby!
Kathleen Allegri, Pacific Beach, 2. O-S! I still belive goke!
Jeffrey Ross, Chula Vista, 2. The 'BUX' stops here. I love you Kitten. XOXO
Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 1. When is KaKuro coming?
Molly Pillsbury, Banker's Hill, 1. Reality's a bitch after "more boozin", more cruisin'!!

HARD:

Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 3. Next Saturday (24) is my b-day
Lark Herrick, Alpine, 3. Hayden loves Alpine and his new girlfriend
Ray Hunt, Rancho Peñasquitos, 3. Priest brings the heat and shockey rocks the QB
☛ **Stephen Loughrane, Bankers Hill, 3.** Congrats Paco and Angel! Stephen and Polly
Bruce C. Mengler, Solana Beach, 3. #3 do it in the dirt!
Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 3. Mason- Happy B-day to...

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 3. One hundred chargers are in front of them all.
Marty Sinigayan, Point Loma, 3. If you're white, then you're Ben Affleck
Glenn R. Walker, La Jolla, 3. H, I was faster this time
Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 2. Go Angels!
Greg Boss, San Diego, 2. Broncos will beat the Chargers
Michelle Dutra, Serra Mesa, 2. Happy 14th b-day Jenny
D.B. Gietzen, Sunset Cliffs, 2. Haunted Birch Aquarium; Fri/Sat 23/24; Green Dave, Ian, Joe and...
Sylvia June, El Cajon, 2. A new Vista
Lonhell Stevens, San Diego, 2. The man who sleeps on the floor can't fall out of bed
Cyrus Chang, San Diego, 1. The puzzles are not evil, the drawings are
☛ **Desiree Hennon, Spring Valley, 1.** For Shannon
Alyssa Ketcham, East Village, 1. How about new fossil, ardiipithicus? It's a hominid-ape hybrid
Mandy Mills, El Cajon, 1. Next one is evill!

Lucky Tiger, Oceanside, 1. Welcome home democracy! I've missed you! Go Obama
EVIL:
Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 3. Olympia Snowe "White" is so "Right", Leading Health Care "Fight!"
Delfin Bernardo, National City, 3. Aok Filipino, sa isip, sa salita, sa sudoku
Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 3. SDG&E, why the commercials? You're the only game...
Robert Bradley, Spring Valley, 3. I have fun everyday I'm with you! Love Bob
Paul Brugger, Downtown, 3. Feeling the lack I'm going back to see the pack
Greg Chauncey, La Jolla, 3. Evil? UT five star requires true/false
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 3. The best things in life are free beer
Thomas Daley, San Diego, 3. Orlando Bloom
Roger Doughman, San Diego, 3. Hope does not disappoint us. Rum 5:5

George Elam, Vista, 3. Santa Ana time
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 3. Evil isn't too bad
Rick Gildersleeve, La Mesa, 3. What? No Hands" Law!
Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 3. I miss you Steve. Please hurry home
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 3. We're all evil doers!
Dan Holstin, San Diego, 3. Congrats to my sweetie Lori on her new job!
Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 3. Day one was on Friday
Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego, 3. Thanks for the t-shirt
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 3. Warm again! Hi Kera! Hi Boda!
Raymond Land , Escondido, 3. Luv u
Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 3. Welcome back Monica
Karen Maegley, Sorrento Mesa, 3. Organic food is not more nutritious, it's less toxic
Julio Magno, San Diego, 3. Happy birthday Lisa
Mike Manis, Lakeside, 3. Too easy this week
Anthony Marca, Encinitas, 3. Dodgers in 7

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Dean McCoy, Vista, 3. Go ahead- make my day!
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 3. Term Limits for US Congress
P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 3. 25 Living the dream
Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 3. Does Mary Bently still play domi-noes? Please call.
Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 3. Thanks for the t-shirt

Bill Petty, Bay Ho, 3. Software floats my boat
Roy Respress, Carlsbad, 3. I have done more evil, ohhha.
David Schwartz, Clairemont, 3. Would you lend me a cup of love?
Joe Selig, San Diego, 3. Lois come through with a smile
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 3. Break out the rully monkey!

Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 3. save gas - walk
Yuko T., San Diego, 3. Keep winning, Saints!!!
Ted Tarris, Serra Mesa, 3. Artie's not sick
Duane D. Termaine, E. Village, 3. Yes, yes- I'm getting very profi-cient at these overtime...
Harry Walker, La Jolla, 3. Glenn (LJ) why do you still bet me?
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 3. Virginia is in all radiant autumn beauty

Susan Williams, North Park, 3. Happy anniversary to Paul and Sallie!
Mark Xitco, San Diego, 3. Thanks Nick!
Erika Aparadh, San Ysidro, 2. Andy, of course I love you the best!
Ron Athey, Santee, 2. Jets Jets Jets
B. Graily, San Diego, 2. life is too short to be anybody byt yourself
Christine Hennes, San Diego, 2. Don't worry... Be happy!

Linda Kokel, Tierrasanta, 2. Can't wait to see all of you in Kauai
Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 2. Probably not first, but arguably number one
Helen Person, Santee, 2. Hope
Deborah Schultz, El Cajon, 2. Love the evil!
Carolyn Woodbury, Chula Vista, 2. Go solar; use CFLS; stop global warming
Lia Dearborn, La Mesa, 1. I miss Cathy

Atom Douglas, Tierrasanta, 1. My first time
Bridgett Gist, Escondido, 1. I love my mustache man!
Belmont Hope, Vista, 1. Very cool

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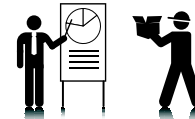
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It would be lack of respect. That could be for other people or one-self. I think people don't respect themselves, and they aren't responsible for their actions. A lot of kids in this new generation don't seem to respect adults.



Gwen Moore
Student
Carlsbad

People not being polite and just getting pissed off so quickly. You see this most commonly when you're in your car. You might not see somebody and you accidentally cut them off; before you can even say sorry, they're flipping you off or cursing you out. It's probably why you see so much road rage. You don't even have a chance to let them know you didn't see them.



Anna Paul
Baker
La Jolla

Respect. I feel the youth of America, mostly teenagers, aren't as respectful as older generations were. Think about adults in the '50s and '60s and how their kids respected them. In our apartment complex, my next-door neighbors party almost every night. Not loud music, but just talking and making a lot of noise. They're not even thinking about how it sounds to people living nearby.



William Harris
Contractor
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I don't know. The other day I saw a guy walk into a store without holding a door open for the woman behind him. Yet I see many others holding doors for women. Although, if you watch most couples, the husband or boyfriend doesn't open the car door for his lady. My grandfather hates all the guys wearing baseball caps indoors. He claims it's horrible etiquette, even though society has changed from the way it was years ago.



Lisa Flynn
Massage Therapist
Banker's Hill

I think family values and morals are missing in today's society. Also, the way people interact with other people and how they judge themselves and others. I think there aren't enough good role models. And people aren't aware of the high psychological impact on what people view about life. People also don't cut out and abstain from things that aren't good for them. It creates excess.



George Fay
Research Assistant
La Jolla

It would be manners that relate to people on the road. When I'm merging on the 805, the on-ramp has two roads becoming one. Usually cars space themselves properly, but there always seems to be people that double up and just cut right in. Another time, I was in the fast lane, going well over the speed limit, and a car came up behind me and started cursing at me for not moving over fast enough. He didn't give me time, and besides, all the traffic in front of us was stopping. So, there really wasn't a reason to move over.

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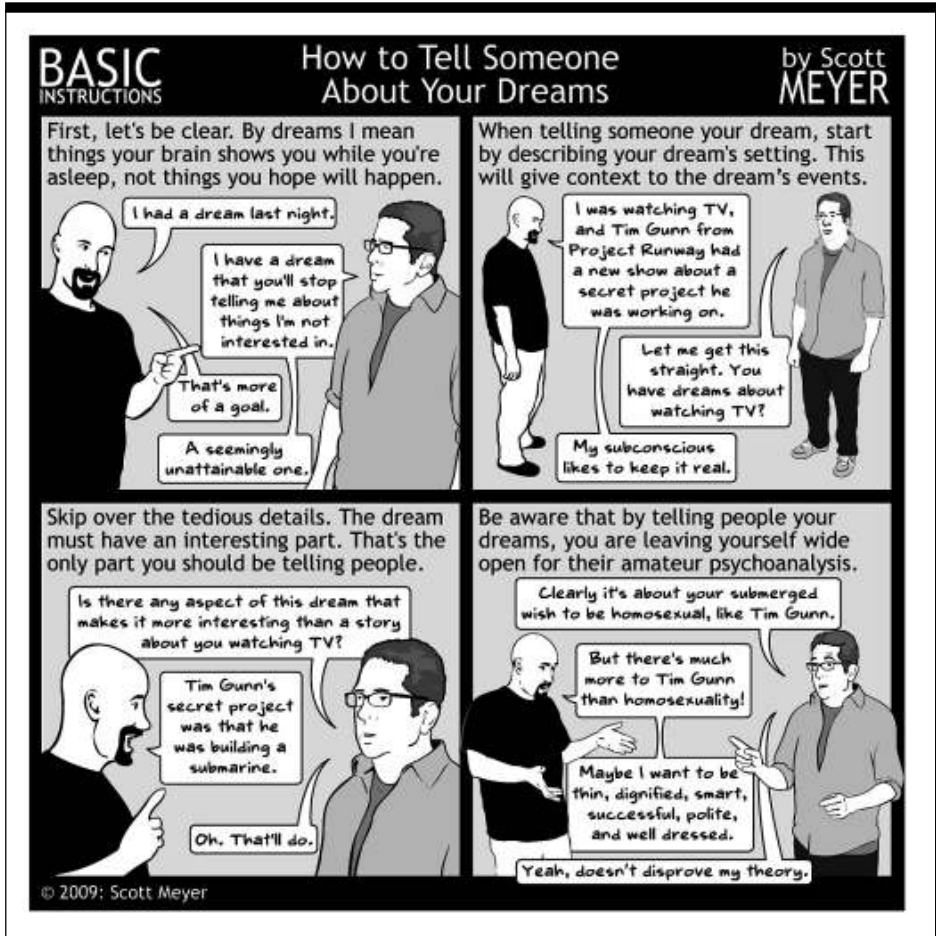
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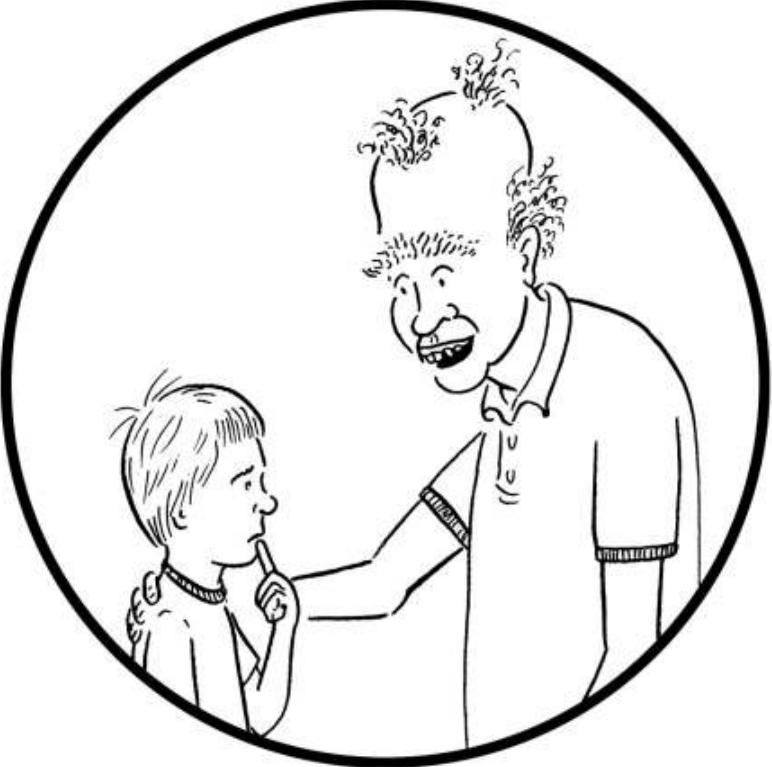
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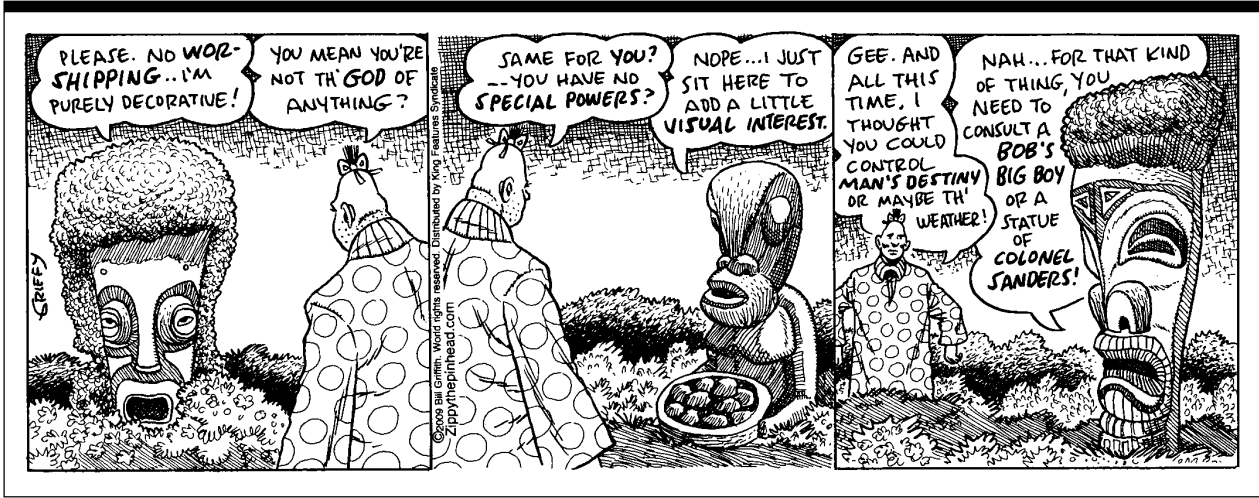
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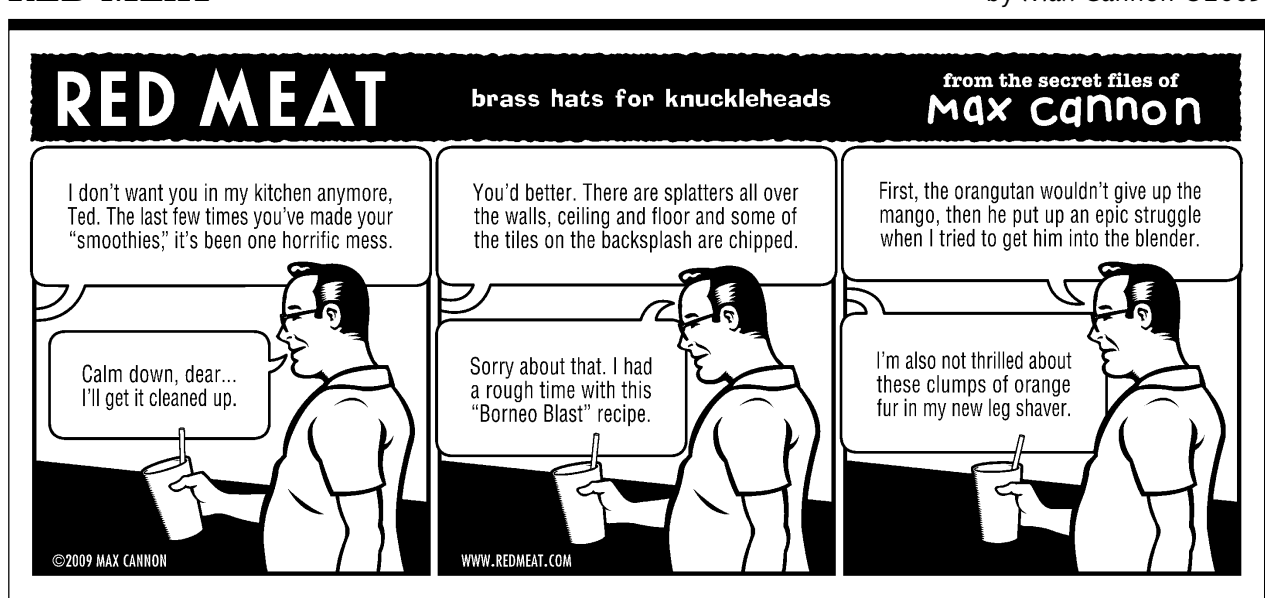
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LEAD STORY

— The pharmaceutical company Allergan has introduced eyelash-thickener Latisse, a \$120-per-month prescription “medication” to help a woman overcome feelings of inadequacy if she suffers from scrawny lashes. Alternatively, eyelash transplants are now available in the U.S. and Britain, originally developed to restore lashes for burn victims, but, according to the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, now to market to women dissatisfied with their own (at about \$6000).

The Continuing Crisis

— Juvenile disruptions by *Girls Gone Wild* video producer Joe Francis in two recent federal lawsuit depositions have apparently backfired on him. Under questioning by plaintiffs’ lawyers, Francis had persistently and solemnly claimed not to understand common words and, during one session, repeatedly passed gas. At another deposition, he appeared indignant when asked if he had paid two teenage girls to fondle him (“distinguishing allegations [against] a man of my integrity”). One judge summarily ruled against him on a \$3 million Las Vegas gambling debt, and the other judge was considering a similar course in a class-action lawsuit by some of Francis’s allegedly under-age “models.”

— With no help from Verizon Wireless, law-enforcement agencies managed to hunt down a disturbed 62-year-old man sought in an 11-hour manhunt following a domestic violence call in Carrollton, Ohio, in May. Deputies had wanted to use the man’s cell-phone signal to locate him, but the company had shut off his service over an unpaid \$20 bill and refused to turn it on, even for a few minutes, unless deputies paid the \$20. The sheriff was about to pay when deputies found the man.

Junk on the Trunk

— Danny Brawner, 46, was indicted in Albuquerque, N.M., in August for aggravated indecent exposure. A police officer and his 10-year-old son had seen Brawner with his pants down around his ankles, performing simulated sexual intercourse against the trunk of his car. The officer also said Brawner was shouting and swinging his arms, as if enjoying the real thing.

Least Competent Criminals

— Two home invaders in East St. Louis, Ill., holding 11 people hostage as police surrounded the house, were eventually tricked outside by the captives and arrested. The hostages, borrowing an idea from several movie scripts, convinced

the invaders that their only shot at freedom was to change clothes to look less conspicuous and then to release everyone. The two would appear to be part of the hostage group, and the hostages “promised” to tell police that the home invaders had already escaped earlier. However, as everyone walked out, the captives merely pointed out to police the two invaders.

Recurring Themes

— For at least the third time in eight years, geography-challenged vacationers bought airline tickets for an Australian holiday but failed to notice (until they landed in “Sydney”) that their tickets took them to Sydney, Nova Scotia. Dutch man Joannes Rutten and his grandson appeared shocked when they deplaned in Canada, even though they had boarded an earlier connecting flight in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In December 2008, an Argentine woman made a similar mistake, and in August 2002, a young British couple, after realizing their error, decided to spend their holiday in Nova Scotia.

Yikes!

— In August, Glasgow hosted the sixth annual World Pipe Band Championship, with 200 bagpipe bands competing. (Professional piping often

hits a sound level of 100 decibels and can go to 120, which is louder than a pneumatic drill.) ... Two musician-beggars in the village of Moseley, England, were banned from performing in the area in August after a magistrate court heard complaints by desperate residents that the pair played only two songs (Oasis’ “Wonderwall” and George Michael’s “Faith”) over and over and over. — In June, in Ana Lee Spray’s garage in Riverside County, Calif., a full-grown mountain lion was cornered and held at bay for 45 minutes by Spray’s three Chihuahuas, yapping at it relentlessly. Eventually, animal-control officers arrived and removed the grateful lion.

Readers’ Choice

— In Torrington, Conn., in June, a teenage girl, hearing a woman she lived with screaming in another room, summoned four of her friends, who quickly arrived and beat up the 25-year-old man who was with the woman. It turned out that the couple were having consensual sex. The girl and three of the boys were charged with assault.

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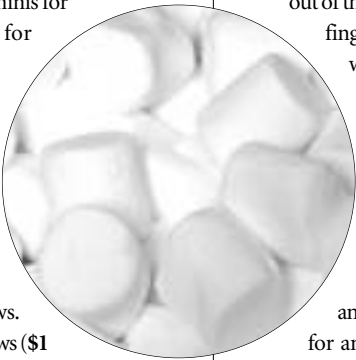
The family is off to another camping excursion this weekend, and the kids' only concern is that marshmallows are packed. They're really all you need for nutrition, aren't they?

So, between dusting off the Coleman stove and washing the sleeping bags, I snuck in a mad dash to a few stores to collect all the marshmallows I could find — minis for cocoa and the full size for roasting.

Hubby Patrick and friend MaryAnn helped in the tasting. The room was flying high on sugar when the night was finished.

We started with the dollar-store marshmallows. Fireside mini marshmallows (\$1 for the 12-ounce bag from Dollar Tree) didn't pass the Kelly taste-testing. "No flavor, with a texture like cotton candy," grimaced Patrick. "And a stale aftertaste," added MaryAnn.

Kroger marshmallows, another mini-marshmallow variety (\$2.29 for the one-pound bag at Ralphs), fared poorly as well. "These minis are



like a shadow; the taste is not as flavorful as a standard-size marshmallow," said MaryAnn.

Its big brother, the full-sized Kroger marshmallow (\$2.29 for one pound at Ralphs), had the tasters waxing poetic. "Tastes like the marshmallows of my youth," smiled Pat.

"A good standard vanilla taste, nothing to complain about," added MaryAnn.

The Kraft Jet-Puffed marshmallows (\$1.28 for ten ounces at Walmart) were a sticky mess right out of the bag. "I hate it when they stick to your fingers," moaned Pat. "I wonder if they would not be good for s'mores?"

Kraft Jet-Puffed FunMallows, mini marshmallows as well (\$2 for a ten-and-a-half-ounce bag at Ralphs), come in four "fun fruit flavors," states the package. "Fun, my big Irish toe," jeered Patrick. "These are a cross between flavored vitamins and a marshmallow. They'd maybe work for ambrosia salad, but who wants to eat ambrosia anyway?"

Patrick broke open the Great Value flavored marshmallows, another mini variety (\$1 for the ten-and-a-half-ounce bag at Walmart). "Worst crap I've ever tasted," stated Patrick, "and somehow I could tell that by the package."

"Chalky on the teeth, tastes like Tums, reminds

me of pregnancy nausea," said MaryAnn.

The Great Value marshmallow (92¢ for ten ounces at Walmart) carried the same chalkiness of its flavored relative. "It shows there is a virtuosity mean with marshmallows," my amateur philosopher of a husband commented. "Some are too dusty and airy, and some are too sticky and dense. It appears that with marshmallows, and in all things, virtue lies in the mean."

"Except that big marshmallows are better than little," quipped MaryAnn.

The Elyon Natural Vanilla miniature marshmallows (\$3.99 for seven ounces at Whole Foods) had been sitting too long on a shelf somewhere. The whole bag was in one clump. "Stale, gritty, feeling the granulated sugar, not cooked enough," proclaimed Pat.

We set it aside.

The full-sized Elyon Natural Vanilla marshmallows (\$3.99 for seven ounces at Whole Foods) also suffered from the gritty texture, but the group agreed that their loglike shape would work well for s'mores over the campfire.

The Safeway large marshmallows (\$2 for a one-pound bag at Vons) were another favorite of the testing. Not chalky, not gooey. "What you expect out of a marshmallow," remarked Pat.

The Safeway mini marshmallows variety (\$2 for one pound) were hard and tasteless. "We're seeing

a pattern of dryness with these mini varieties," said MaryAnn. "They don't have as much flavor, either."

Whole Foods sold three different gourmet marshmallows at its bakery counter. Marche Noir white peach, strawberry, and passion fruit marshmallows (\$3.99 for eight squares, a five-ounce package). "I just don't want fruit in my marshmallow," announced Pat. "The peach tastes like peach bathroom cleaner, the strawberry is like cotton candy, the passion fruit is the best of the bunch. But all three are like putting mustard on a peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwich. The flavor does not belong in the vehicle."

MaryAnn was more generous, "It might taste good roasted over the fire?"

Our last package was the night's winner: Sweet & Sara handmade vanilla marshmallows (\$7.99 for the eight-and-a-half-ounce package at Whole Foods). "The package looks like a tofu package," noticed MaryAnn, "and I like the cube shape of the marshmallows."

"This is the perfect combination of chewy and melt-in-your-mouth," added Patrick. "They remind me of saltwater taffy but with a fluffy texture. You could set them out on a plate as a treat on their own."

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Thirty Years Ago

Some years ago a modest Spanish restaurant surfaced in La Jolla. It served a creditable paella and *zarzuela*, but the dessert crêpes were not recognizable to either my eye or palate. When I pressed the owner for the ingredients, he admitted that they were flour tortillas doused with caramel sauce and a dash of liqueur. To my cry of astonishment, the owner winked coyly and replied, “What do they know about Spanish cooking in San Diego?”

— **“TALE OF THE TAPAS,”** Eleanor Widmer, October 25, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Moments after President Reagan left San Diego Monday afternoon following a campaign rally on the steps of the County Administration Building, San Diego police spokesman Bill Robinson began to brace himself for calls from the media seeking official police crowd estimates. Robinson contacted the office of the duty lieu-

tenant, which has control of patrol functions in the city. “They told me they had no idea, and to check back later.”

— CITY LIGHTS: **“REAGANITES COUNT OFF,”** Thomas K. Arnold, October 25, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

Lou Wolfsheimer, a lawyer and chairman of the board of port commissioners: “We think it’s a ripoff to the consumers to have all these competitively fares,” he declares, incongruously. “How’d you like to fly into town with your sister and her family, you both jump into different cabs, identical ’89 Fords, and you both get out at the Town and Country Hotel. She gets charged \$12, and you get charged \$15. Wouldn’t you feel ripped off?”

“Actually,” responds his interviewer, “I’d feel glad for my sister and stupid for not shopping along the line for a cheaper cab.”

— **“I AM A FURIOUS YELLOW,”** Neal Matthews, October 26, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

I’m sitting in the press box at Jack Murphy Stadium for the first time as a member of the “working press,” watching the Padres get whacked by the Expos. It’s 1982. The Padres stink. Dick Williams is their manager.

I’m there with a flimsy tape recorder to get quotes from ballplayers for the UCSD campus radio station that no one listens to. Sportswriters are all around me, middle-aged white men in ties and nice sweaters. Except me. I’m just some punk college kid frozen in his seat, nervous as hell.

— **“I WAS THE COOLEST GUY I KNEW,”** Jeff Savage, October 20, 1994

Ten Years Ago

City councilman Juan Vargas is pulling out the stops in his effort to get elected to the state assembly seat now held by soon-to-be-termed-out Denise Ducheny. To raise funds for the effort, Vargas is putting the squeeze on the city-hall moneybags

with whom he’s worked through the years.... Padres co-owner Larry Lucchino (\$1000); and car dealers Norm Erb (\$500), Greg Adams (\$500), and John Hine (\$500). In July, Vargas voted in favor of an enormous sign to be built by the Mission Valley car dealers. Although planners said the 1500-square-foot structure would violate state and city billboard laws, Vargas announced, “This is a sign we can be proud of.”

— CITY LIGHTS: **“SIGN OF CASH,”** Matt Potter, October 21, 1999

Five Years Ago

Karl Keller was for 20 years a professor in San Diego State’s English Department and author of an acclaimed study of the poet Emily Dickinson — *The Only Kangaroo Among the Beauty*. Speaking was one of Keller’s fellow professors.

“He was seriously into S&M, so that would be one reason that he liked Emily Dickinson, because there’s an S&M quality to Dickinson.



San Diego Reader, October 20, 1994

“Karl gave a paper at a conference in Amherst for the Emily Dickinson Association. In the middle of delivering his paper, he said, ‘What I would like to do is go up to her bedroom and put on her white dress and walk down the stairs, wearing that dress.’”

— **“WILD NIGHTS,”** Judith Moore, October 21, 2004

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