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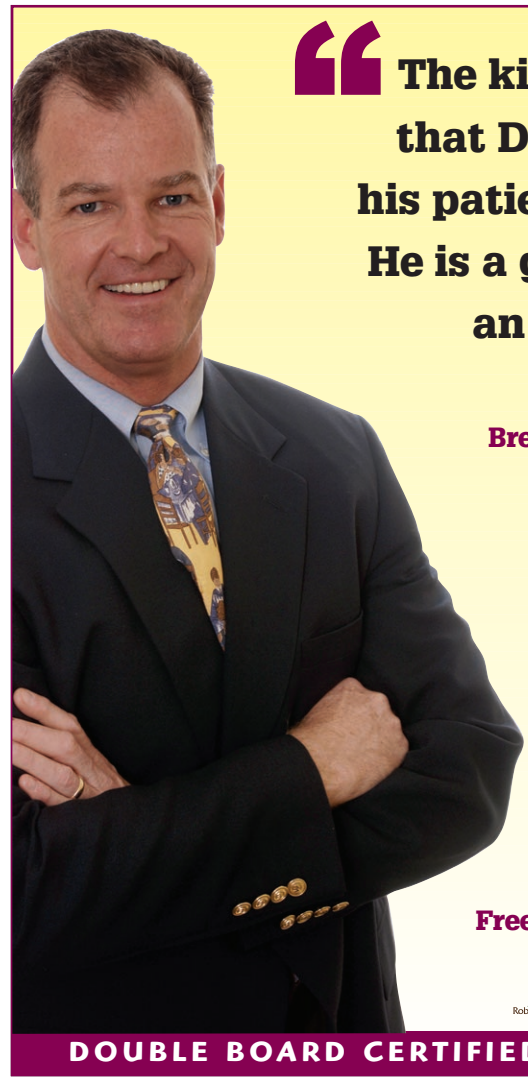

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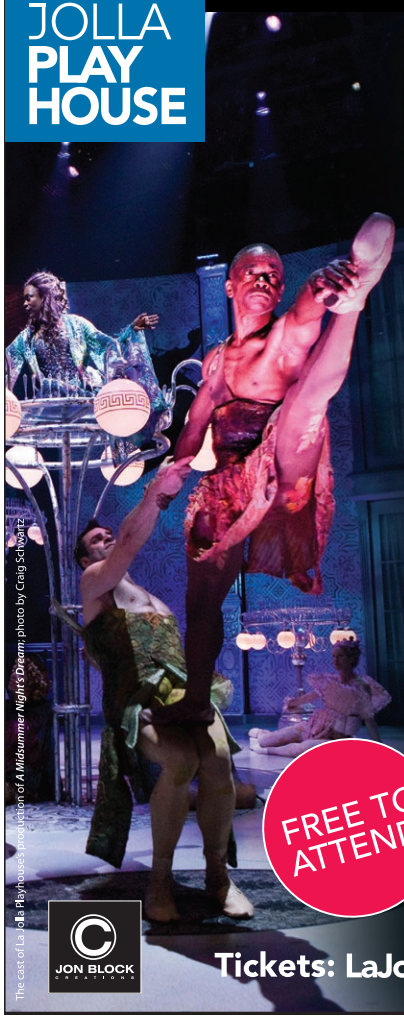

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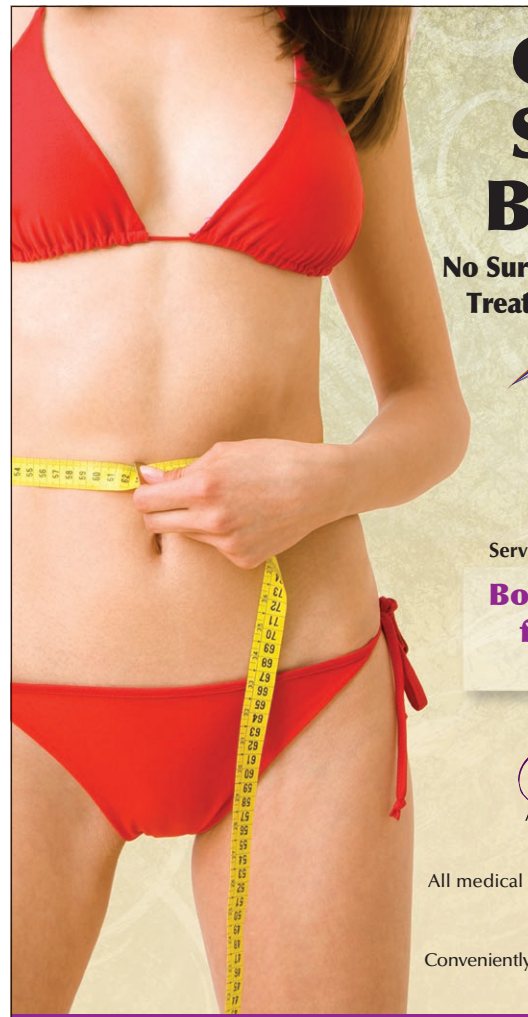

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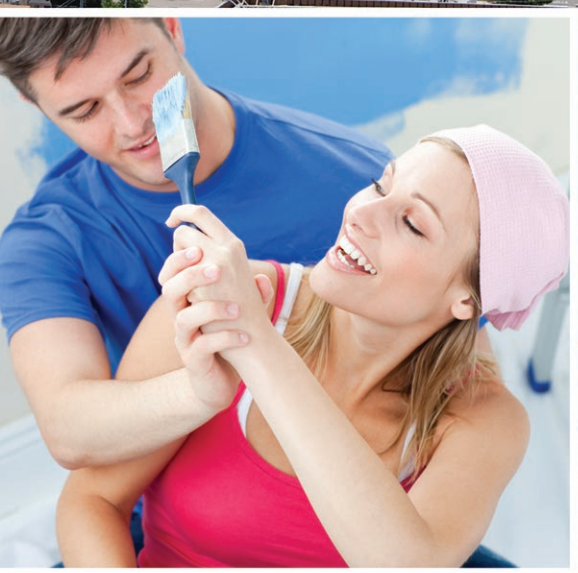

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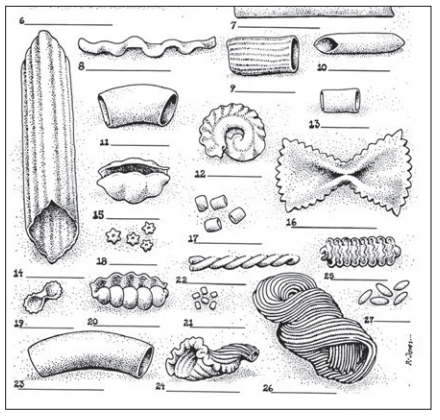

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Get Used to Unemployment

By Don Bauder

The U.S. has lost more than 8 million jobs since the Great Recession began in late 2007. San Diego County has lost more than 80,000. They aren't coming back soon, say local economists. A high unemployment rate may be the new reality in the U.S. and San Diego.

During the doldrums, San Diego has done better than California but worse than the nation. The local unemployment rate soared from 4 percent in 2006 to a high of 11.1 percent in January of this year — the highest rate in 50 years. In June, San Diego's rate of 10.5 percent compared with the nation's 9.6 percent and California's 12.2. But San Diego's increase from 10.1 percent in May was larger than the May–June increase for both the state and nation.

On the surface, San Diego's employment should evince some stability, points out Kelly Cunningham, chief economist for the National University System Institute for Policy Research. The ten largest employers are either the government or nonprofit health-care facilities whose employment tends to be more stable over time. Last year, according to the *Daily Transcript's San Diego Source,* the top ten employers were the federal government, state government, University of California San Diego, County of San Diego, U.S. Navy (both uniformed and civilian personnel), City of San Diego, San Diego Unified School District, Sharp HealthCare, Scripps Health, and Scripps Mercy Hospital (combined with Scripps Mercy Chula Vista).

In 11th place was Qualcomm, followed by Kaiser Foundation Hospital, San Diego State University, and the U.S. Postal Service. That's one private-sector firm out of the 14 biggest employers.

While governments and nonprofits may lend some stability, their jobs won't rise significantly unless the population grows, and that's a problem. Cunningham predicts that San Diego population, which in halcyon years would go up around 3 percent annually, will rise 1 percent this year and 0.9 percent next year.

In 2010, the population will go up 31,500. About 14,000 will come from international immigration and 26,500 from natural increase (births minus deaths). But 9000 will depart San Diego for other communities. "People are actually moving away from San Diego. The main reason is lack of jobs and the prohibitive cost of living," says Cunningham.

That can be demonstrated statistically. According to the Council for Community and Economic Research, San Diego's cost of living is 32.3 percent above the national average. Among 22 major metro areas, the only places with a higher cost of living are San Francisco (62.1 percent above the national average), Los Angeles (36.2), Washington D.C. (37.9), and Manhattan (118.0). San Diego compares poorly with other high-tech areas such as Austin, Charlotte, Orlando, and Raleigh, whose living costs are all below the national average. San Jose (Silicon Valley), at 55 percent above the national norm, is the most expensive of the tech centers.

San Diego's average household income is barely above the nation's: $69,000 in 2008 versus the U.S.'s $63,000. So San Diegans get the squeezeroo — moderate incomes and a high cost of living.

Matt Potter
is on vacation.

The San Diego Association of Governments has done a study showing that over the past 35 years, San Diegans' inflation-adjusted personal income has grown at 1 percent a year. That's half the national rate of 2 percent over the same period. There have been two reasons for this income lag: "the type of jobs and the relatively high rate of inflation, driven by home prices," says Marney Cox, chief economist of the association.

Back in the 1970s, the high proportion of government jobs pushed the income average lower, but in the past 10 to 15 years, government salaries have gone steadily upward while private-sector pay has done poorly, says Cox. Now, the low-paying jobs holding down San Diego are in such private-sector areas as tourism, he says.

Over the 35 years, "There have been eight jobs generated in the bottom third [of income] for every one in the top third," says Cox.

Is it any wonder people are leaving San Diego and its high cost of living and high taxes?

One of the most important reasons for current job weakness is the real estate bust, says Cunningham. In 2008, an amazing 20.1 percent of the San Diego area's economic output was in real estate sales and administration. That made San Diego the nation's third most real estate–intensive metro area, behind Orlando and Miami. Construction jobs would add another 4 percentage points, so before the collapse, real estate amounted to almost one-fourth of the San Diego economy. Real estate prices have plunged 35 percent since peaking in late 2005 and at one point were down more than 40 percent; they have been coming up in recent months but could begin dropping again as government housing stimulus programs are phased out. It will be many years before commercial and residential real estate get back to their old heights.

The military, which has always been a big part of the economy, "will probably slacken a bit with the drawdown of military spending," says Cunningham. Research jobs in tech, biotech, and telecom are holding up well, but some of those jobs are going to countries such as India and China. "I always thought the smart people wanted to live here, but now biotechs are finding they can do that kind of research for much lower expenses" in foreign countries, he says.

So will high unemploy-

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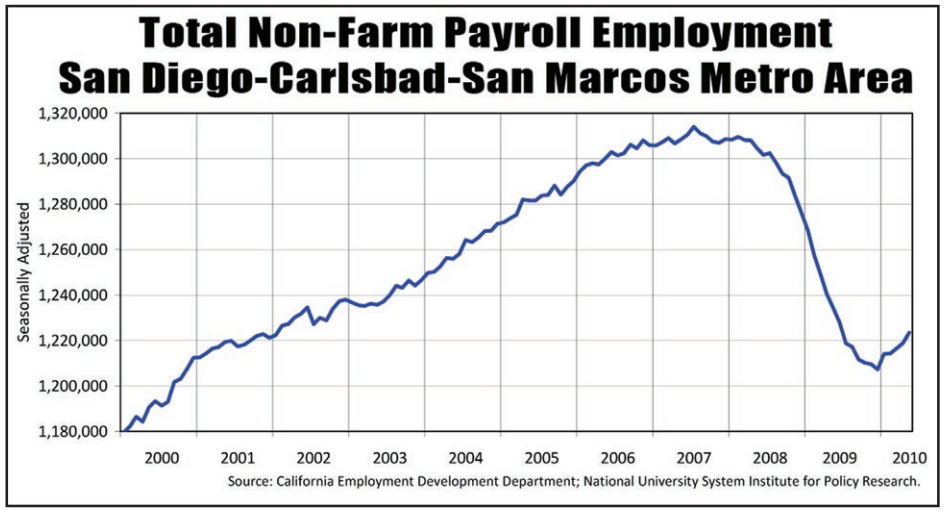

San Diego County's new non-farm unemployment numbers may be the norm "for a while."

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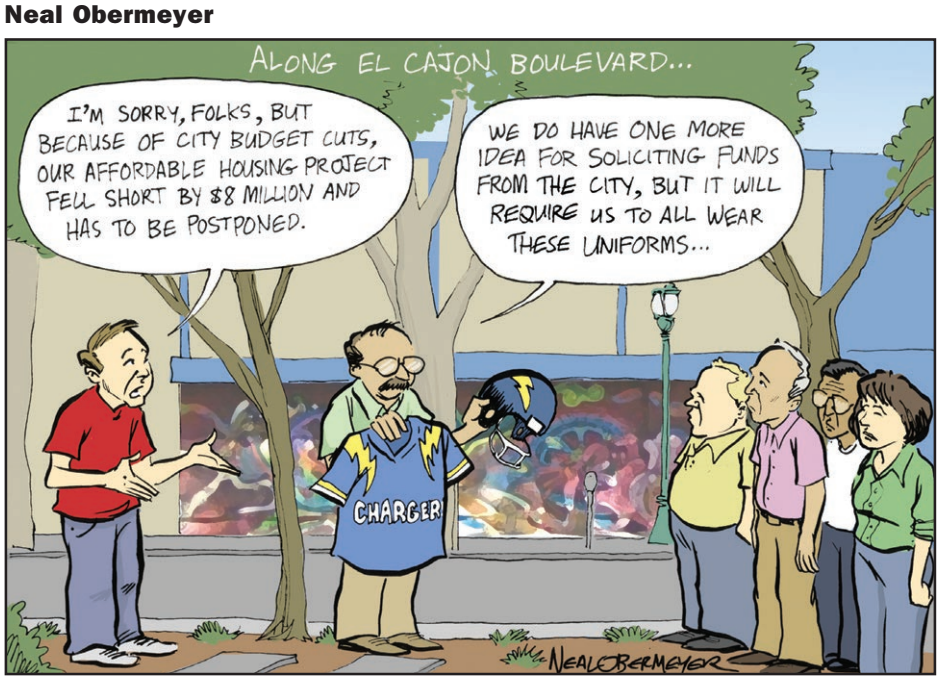


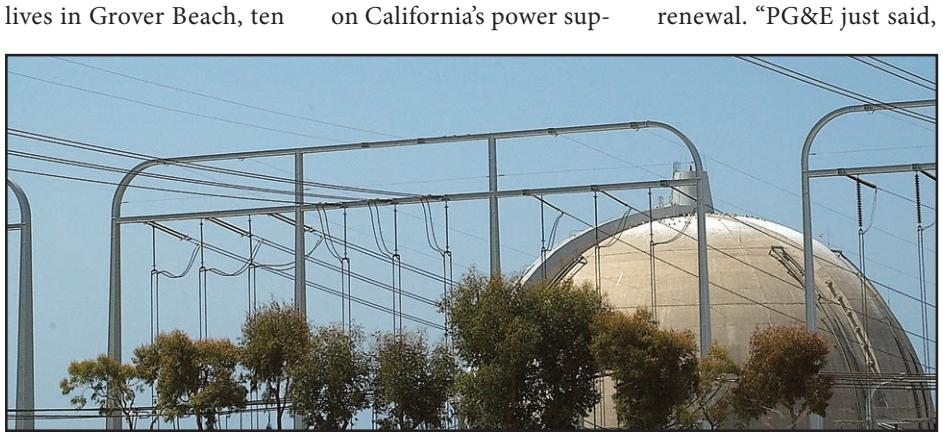
Everything Old Is Renewed Again

By Dave Rice

Rochelle Becker would like to correct me. I wrote in a June 17 article that the two remaining reactors at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, located in the northwest corner of San Diego County, were scheduled to go offline in 2022.

But she had a hunch that this wouldn't happen. And on July 26, she saw further evidence — a document filed with the state's Public Utilities Commission — that San Onofre's operator intends to renew the plant's two licenses.

Becker, who has a vacation home in Pacific Beach, lives in Grover Beach, ten miles from California's other nuclear facility, the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. She is executive director of the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility, based in nearby San Luis Obispo. Her group is interested in the Diablo Canyon relicensing process, especially in light of an earthquake fault line discovered near the plant in 2008.



Several active faults that run near San Onofre nuclear power plant may shake up license renewal.

In early July, I sat down with Becker, who supplied me before our conversation with volumes of literature on nuclear power and its reception in California, dating back to the original planning and construction stages of the state's two nuclear power plants. In 2006, the state legislature directed the California Energy Commission to produce a report assessing the vulnerability of San Onofre and Diablo Canyon to earthquakes and plant aging. The concern was not public safety — nuclear power plant safety is not within the state's jurisdiction — but the effect that an earthquake would have on California's power supply. Completed in 2008, the report recommended that both nuclear plants do seismic studies employing state-of-the-art technologies — three-dimensional seismic reflection mapping and global positioning system technology — before seeking license renewal with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Instead, two days before Thanksgiving 2009, and in defiance of every state agency with energy authority, Diablo Canyon's operator, Pacific Gas & Electric, filed for renewal. The current licenses of the plant's two units do not expire until 2024 and 2025, and the seismic studies had not even begun.

How does that work? The federal commission has jurisdiction over nuclear power generation in the United States, but it does not consider seismic hazards during license renewal. "PG&E just said, 'Forget it. We're just going to file for renewal with the NRC and let the chips fall where they may.'" The seismic studies at Diablo Canyon aren't scheduled to be completed until sometime in 2013. According to Becker, the commission has said that the license extension could be granted by next year.

The Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility has urged the federal regulatory body to review thoroughly the relicensing pros and cons at Diablo.

"If we don't prevail at Diablo Canyon, you might as well just get your rubber stamp out for San Onofre," Becker says. "There have been 59 license renewals around the country, and there's really no difference between the plants in California and those 59 facilities, other than ours are sitting on earthquake faults."

Wait, *on* earthquake faults?

In November 2008, she says, the Energy Commission was meeting to adopt the final recommendations for its report. "PG&E, at the meeting that day, said, 'Oh, we found another earthquake fault. This one's 1800 feet from the plant.'"

The consultant report, from which the Energy Commission drew its final report, says, "[T]he occurrence of an earthquake directly beneath Diablo Canyon...is possible."

Down the coast in San Diego, the Cristiano fault passes within half a mile of San Onofre. The fault is considered inactive, however, as it "is overlain by undisturbed marine deposits that have been dated as 125,000 years old," says the consultant report. Several active faults run near San Onofre: the Whittier-Elsinore, 23 miles to the east; the San Jacinto, 43 miles northeast; and the southern San Andreas, 57 miles to the northeast.

But these are not the

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Nuclear-power watchdog Rochelle Becker follows the fault lines and finds...license renewal requests?

STRINGERS

Appetite for Construction

TJ Plows on with Street Renovations

Tijuana — **Tijuana keeps on plowing ahead with its colossal street renovations. Recently, 10 to 12 inches of asphalt were removed from Avenida Constitución, the street stripped down to sandy soil that hasn't seen daylight for perhaps 70 years. Heaps of tar-oozing chunks are being moved out, to be replaced by a freeway-like surface of grooved concrete. A couple of streets have already received the concrete treatment, most notably Artículo 123 (First Street) and significant segments of Calle Benito Juárez (Second Street).**

Out with the old — this Tijuana street hasn't been fixed in 50 years.

It has probably been more than half a century since Tijuana has seen so much renovation in infrastructure. Some of these projects were begun almost two years ago.

Constitución is parallel to Revolución (one block west) and considered Tijuana's main downtown drag for locals. It's a street not often seen by tourists, yet its junction with Calle Benito Juárez marks the true gateway to the Zona Norte.

By T.B. Beaudeau
Saturday, Aug. 14

Talk, Act, Fight

MoveOn.org Supporters Talk Gov't Cleanup

Downtown — **A small crowd of MoveOn.org supporters gathered at noon on August 10 at the Community Concourse to "fight Washington corruption."**

Speakers included Anne Hoiberg, copresident of the League of Women Voters of San Diego, and Jeanne Brown, San Diego organizer for California Common Cause. Brown said she was there to "urge citizens to contact their congressional leaders to pass the Fair Elections Now Act, which would help fight Washington corruption." The Fair Elections Now Act would provide public financing to candidates supported by small donors.

Cohost John Falchi blasted British Petroleum for its corporate lobbying and told the crowd to help get the Lobbyist Reform Act passed; this act would prohibit people from switching from lobbying to government service, and vice versa, within a five-year period. It would also stop lobbyists from gifting government officials.

MoveOn.org takes the fight against Washington corruption to the streets.

MoveOn.org also wants to limit corporate spending on elections by overturning the Supreme Court decision

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Stories For Kids

I got to tell you, I picked up the August 12 edition. It is the sickest thing I've ever read. I couldn't even read it all. You people ought to be ashamed publishing that kind of stuff for children to read, and I'm a 56-year-old man. I wouldn't pick up this piece of trash ever again after reading that. You ought to be ashamed of yourself.

Name Withheld
via voice mail

Put An End To It

The *Reader*'s choice of cover article in the August 12 issue is disgusting ("I Have a Habit of Having Things in My Hand"). If your intent was to draw attention to the dangers of drug use, you could have done so in a more responsible way. It is time to put an end to all violence against women, as well as to end all forms of discrimination against women. Please print stories that celebrate respect for all life.

Helen Bourne
Hillcrest

Lapse Of Reason

I am an epileptic, and on the occasions I have required the response of paramedics, I found them all to be professional and skillful ("Stringers," August 12). One time I was attending a summer barbecue, had slowly consumed one beer, and had a seizure. Although the ambulance staff treated me nicely, the emergency department staff quickly labeled me a "drunk having withdrawals" due to the alcohol on my breath (my BAC was 0.01!).

When Gail Powell asked the firefighter what had happened, she should have received no personal information. Instead the firefighter broke numerous department (SDFD), county, state, and federal laws, not to mention rules of common sense, in divulging her diagnosis of the citizen's seizure.

Hopefully this firefighter will have no more momentary lapses of reason and sense and can be retrained in the multitude of policies that protected that person's health information.

Name Withheld
via email

The Three Fs

Kudos to "Anonymous" who sent the letter "Our Mongoloid City" (August 12). If ever a letter summed up this sad burg, this was it. If by "mongoloid" the writer meant abysmal stupidity, he or she was right on the money. But rejoice, fellow primitives, because we got football, fish tacos, and fire pits in America's Dumbest City.

Rico Gardiner
Mission Hills

The Scoop On Total Depravity

In reference to the anonymous diatribe, fifth column on page 64 of the August 12 edition (Letters). Total depravity did not start with John Calvin. Total depravity started in the Garden of Eden when Adam sinned and is perpetuated through Adam's progeny, the human race. The fact of total depravity is explained in detail by Paul the Apostle in Romans, chapters five through seven.

Most people misunderstand the doctrine of total depravity because it is rarely taught with accuracy. Total depravity means that when Adam sinned, he corrupted his nature, and consequently his corrupt nature passed to all his descendents. As a result, we are all born spiritually dead with a total inability to have a relationship with God on the basis of our own merits. Self-righteous do-gooders are just as much depraved as licentious hedonists. Total depravity is not an inability to adhere to a code of morality. Total depravity is the universality of the old sin nature that we all inherited from our original biological father.

As for Pastor Tiffany's belief regarding hell ("Sheep and Goats," August 5), he is overemphasizing God's omnipotence at the expense of God's veracity, immutability, righteousness, and justice. The Word of God asserts that there is presently a place called Sheol and Hades, where the souls of the physically dead, spiritually dead await the final judgment in a state of torment.

Additionally, the Bible also asserts that following the final judgment, the resurrected spiritually dead will be thrown into a lake of fire, where they will be tormented eternally. If Pastor Tiffany teaches that there is no hell, he is misrepresenting the Bible, insulting the veracity of God, and leading his flock astray.

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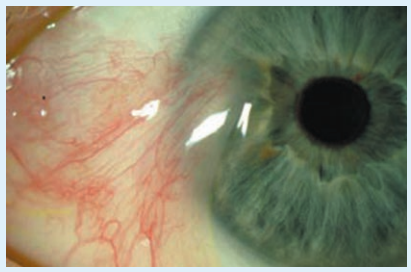

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— Emily Dickinson

David arrived home, set his keys on the counter, and retrieved a bottle of green tea from the refrigerator. As he gulped, I began my debriefing. "I was copied on two more letters to the city council regarding our opposition to that terrible rapid-bus proposal," I said. David nodded, sighed, and took another drink. In a cheerier voice, I reported, "My dad called from Korea. He told me he needed help saving the free world and then asked if I knew a four-letter word ending in *H* that might appear in blog comments. I said, 'mwah,' which worked perfectly. He told me to say hi to you and then said he had to 'go back to killing commies for Christ.'" This elicited a giggle from David; we shook our heads in unison, each of us smiling with bewildered affection for my father.

"Oh, and you missed your mom," I said. "We told her we'd be home all day so that we could catch up, remember? But it's okay, I explained what was going on with your printer."

"Why did you tell her that?" He brought his palms to his forehead and groaned.

David set the bottle down on the counter with more force than necessary. He eyed me warily, like a bomb diffuser perceiving a faint but steady tick from a device he thought had been rendered inert. "What did you tell her?" David said, straining to appear calm.

"I told her you had to go down to your studio because your printer was on the fritz." I spoke in the same over-enunciated, sluggish tempo I use to communicate with the Vietnamese women at my local salon.

Agony slashed across David's face. "Why did you tell her that?" He brought his palms to his forehead and groaned.

"What's the big deal?" I can usually guess David's concerns. But now not only was I stumped, I was also starting to bristle at what I felt was unjustified wrath on his part. "I had to explain why you weren't here when we told her we both would be," I said.

"Don't you have any sort of filter? Now she's going to worry," David said. He dropped his arms and sagged his shoulders.

"Why would she worry? I just told her your printer was acting weird and that you were trying to figure out why," I said. "Don't stress, beh-beh. It was a matter-of-fact update — I said the thing was broken, you were trying to fix it, and that everything was going to be just fine. Anyway, I told her what time you were due back, and she said she'd call —"

The phone rang, as though summoned. "That's her now," I said. We each grabbed a receiver and David answered.

"Hello!" My father-in-law is a phone shouter — he acts as though he's making every call from the flight deck of an aircraft carrier. "So, I hear your printer's broken!"

I swore I could feel the wintry prickle of David's glare on my skin. "It's not broken!" David said, unable to hold back his exasperation. "Nothing's wrong."

"It just glitched, but it's all okay now," I cut in. "I only mentioned it earlier to Ency because she was wondering where David was."

Robert, whose career involved inventing machines that cut and folded paper from industrial printing presses, tried once more. "What was wrong with it?"

"Nothing," David snapped. "There's nothing wrong. I just set the margins incorrectly in the software. Everything is fine." Sensing David's frustration, Robert moved on to the usual topics — an update on the latest illness to plague his high-maintenance bichon frise and the goings-on of other family members.

As the elected speaker on our end, I shared our news — carefully, with David still glaring in my direction. I told Robert my dad was in Korea for the month, my family was fine, David and I were having fun with our friend's new pet pig, and my writing workshop seemed to be going well. Eventually, David relaxed his gaze and joined the conversation.

When Ency picked up the line, I braced myself for the inevitable. "How is your printer?" she asked. David's glower returned full force. I simpered at him by way of apology.

It's not easy for me to edit myself. I don't look to my left without noting it on Twitter or Facebook. Though I understand that withholding information isn't the same as lying and therefore not "bad," choosing what to withhold — from whom and when — is exhausting. If I'm okay with anyone knowing what's on my mind, then chances are I'm okay with everyone knowing it. I'd rather speak openly and leave it to others to exert themselves by searching for the impropriety in my expressions.

I'm the same way around children: convinced they're going to figure things out eventually, I don't sidestep answers to their blunt questions. When my five-year-old nephew asked when I was going to have a baby, I answered, "Never. I don't want one." When he asked why, I had to think for a moment. I hunted not for a lie, but for the most accurate truth. Finally, I said, "Being a mom is hard work — your mommy works really hard for you. I don't want to work that hard."

While David spoke about gallery stuff — details with which I was familiar — I zoned out over our current jigsaw puzzle, David Hockney's *Pearblossom Highway*. I was scouring the pile of pieces to complete the edge of the road when I heard my name.

"I'm sorry, what?"

"How's the car?" Ency repeated. "Did

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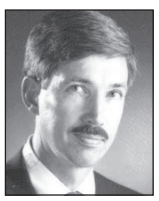

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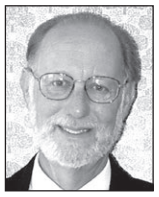

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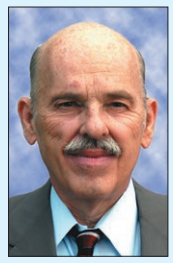

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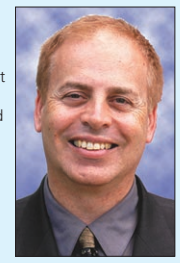

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SD ON THE QT

Almost factual news

History Repeats Itself

Famed Director Werner Herzog Remakes His Classic Film Aguirre, The Wrath of God; *Sets Story in Modern-Day San Diego*

"A Madman's Quest"

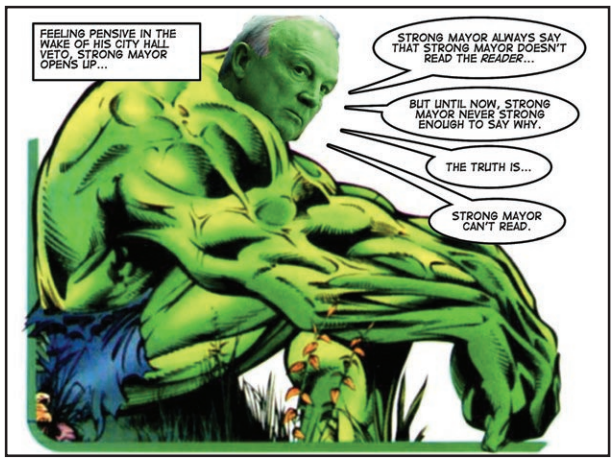
FORMER *SILK STALKINGS* SOUNDSTAGE, NATIONAL CITY: If at first you don't succeed, try, try again — as long as you can get the financing.

Fresh off his gargantuan flop remaking Abel Ferrara's 1992 cult classic *Bad Lieutenant* as the Nicolas Cage–starring head trip *The Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call - New Orleans* ($2 million domestic gross on a $25 million budget), famed German director Werner Herzog has announced his intention to remake his own 1972 cult classic *Aguirre, the Wrath of God* as the Mike Aguirre–starring conspiracy thriller *Aguirre, the Wrath of Mike*. And in a move that might merit a conspiracy thriller of its own, he has convinced the San Diego Board of Tourism to help him fund it.

"The first *Aguirre*," explains Herzog, "was the story of one man's descent into madness as he sought to do the impossible — penetrate the unforgiving and perilous Amazon jungle and discover El Dorado, the legendary city of gold. Though it is a work of my fevered and yet dispassionate imagination, I based the story on a historical figure: the Spanish soldier Lope de Aguirre. Recently, while checking the Wikipedia entry on my film for any pranksterish inaccuracies — a chore I find tiresome but absolutely necessary for my artistic integrity — I chanced upon the entry for [former city attorney] Mike Aguirre — another historical figure! As I read, the parallels proved too striking to resist. The lush locale, the impossible quest to penetrate the deadly bureaucratic jungle and discover America's Finest City, the mad grab for power, and the ultimate descent into madness, proclaiming one's greatness to a pack of monkeys. Though the production of the original had been a harrowing nightmare, I knew I had to try again. I am like an Old Testament prophet, repeating my message of doom and destruction again and again, in the vain hope that it will be heard and heeded. Also, you know, I was already in town for *My Son, My Son, What Have Ye Done*."

Though currently working as a lawyer with the firm Aguirre, Morris & Stevenson, Aguirre himself was only too happy to take on the task of playing himself in the film's lead role. "I still believe that my cause was just," he told *SD on the QT*, "and while my efforts proved maddening and ultimately futile, I appreciate Mr. Herzog giving me the chance to get my story on film. Plus, I totally loved *Rescue Dawn*."

The real coup for Herzog, however, was the securing of over $4 million from the San Diego Board of Tourism to aid in the film's financing. A spokesman for the board declined to comment aside from spitting on the ground and scowling at the mention of Aguirre's name, but after a couple of Stone IPAs, Herzog was willing to shed some light on his good fortune. "It is a classic testament to the power of art to simultaneously condemn and flatter. Aguirre is happy to get his story told. The board is happy to show Aguirre talking to monkeys. And Herzog is happy to make his movie. We start principal photography in a week."



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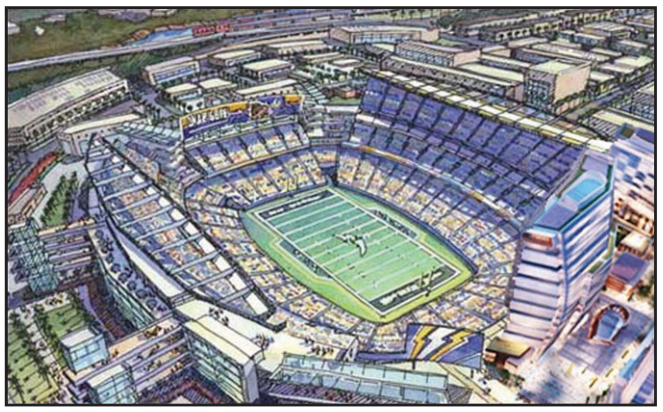

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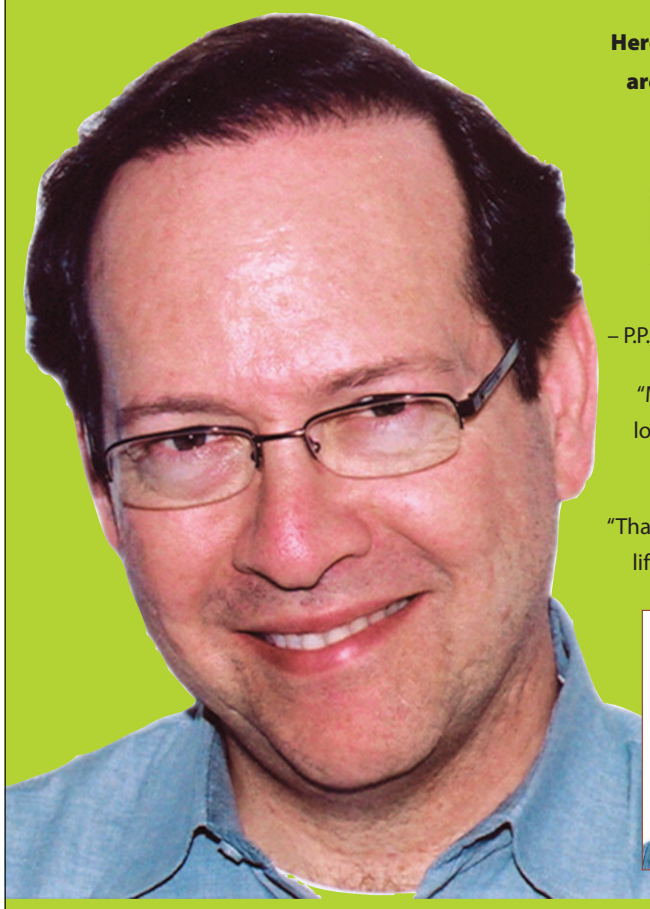

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Mattzilla:
I've looked at a lot of career choices, and it seems to me that being a vampire would suit me pretty well. One thing has me a little confused, though. Could I survive as a vampire by just drinking blood? Do vampires eat cheeseburgers and spaghetti and stuff like that, or does blood have all they need to live?
— Anonymous, via email

Oh, we'll get letters. Lotsa in-the-know vampire letters saying we're completely wrong and what do we know about vampires, anyway. But you asked, we'll answer, picking our vampire facts on little slips of white paper, out of a hat. In the vampire world, it's all the same, anyway.

Before we get to the vampire food pyramid, can we ask how you plan to become vampiric? Current deep thinkers on the subject seem to agree that you need the bite of a vampire to do the trick. Some say that transmits a vampire virus that gets into your DNA. Then the biter becomes mentor to the bitee. On the other hand, there's a minority opinion that you have to be born that way. That actually goes back to the old-school theories about where vampires come from. Most of them make being bitten look like the easy route.

In olden times, to return from the dead as a vampire, a person during his lifetime should have been a violent or cruel person, a criminal, a flouter of religious laws, a witch, a wizard, a werewolf or victim thereof, or a suicide. Some, they said, were born vampiric — the bastard child of bastards, the seventh-born child, a blue-eyed red-headed tyke, or a newborn with a harelip, tail, or other physical deformity.

So, assuming we've taken care of the getting-to-be-a-vampire stuff, how do you sustain yourself? Is blood packed with nutrition, or do we need vitamin supplements? Food energy: human blood contains 700 calories per liter. The average human needs maybe 2000 calories per day to keep things chugging along. That means three liters of blood a day just for energy. But are there enough essential micronutrients available in blood? This will be highly variable. In the worst case, consider vitamin C, not stored in the body so it must be renewed frequently. The average person has about 5 milligrams per liter of C floating around. The World Health Organization recommends you maintain a level of 45 milligrams. To be sure you're getting that, you'd need nine liters of blood. Whoa! In the process, you're downing 3500 calories a day. Shortly, you'll be very corpulent, certainly counter to the common perception of a dandy vampire.

Got iron? Need 26 liters of blood per day to meet your RDA, even though blood is generally high in iron.

So there you are, slamming back the blood, completely unaware of the biggest hidden danger: salt. If there's one thing human blood has, it's lots of salt. Nine grams per liter. Even if you drink your minimum three liters daily, you'll be getting nearly five times the recommended amount of salt. If you drink enough water to counteract it, you'll still end up with hypertension. If you ignore water, you'll go all dehydrated, leading straight to kidney failure, straight to death (again, I guess). So, counting on blood to keep you humming seems like a risky bet.

Luckily, many in the nowadays vampire nation don't believe vampires suck blood for food. The object is to the essence, the vital being, the soul of the victim. Then three squares a day keep your body going. And since nouveau-vampires are even sympathetic characters, perhaps we'll have a whole rash of vegan vampires, biting their way through your garden.

Hey, Doc! Take It Easy!
Matt: Just read your column where a reader asks about early memories. Just to let you know, I am a big fan of Ray Bradbury's and have seen him many, many times at Comic-Con. He will tell the story of his birth regularly, claiming to remember the moment! — Don Vaughn, San Diego

He did indeed take every opportunity to make his audiences jump back with his claim that he remembered not only his birth but his circumcision (yeeks!) and all the details of all the years that followed. Of course, he had an imaginative explanation for the amazing situation. Mother Bradbury carried him for ten months before he was born, which he claimed gave him "heightened senses." I'm not so sure about his heightened senses, but he definitely was a titan of a writer who had a heightened imagination.

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BACK WHEN *in the Reader*

Thirty-Five Years Ago

With each successive film, [Robert] Altman comes closer to the frank expression of something not so nice but conceivably profound. It's turning out to be nothing more than the despicable compromise of just being himself: a surface-skimmer, a circus Svengali, a backseat driver, a diver into rubber pools. An acid washes through whatever he does, giving it the even sterility of a decadent bureaucracy. The killing at the end of nearly all his films indicates an inability to plot, to construct rather than merely to distribute. The outcome is a man dwindled by his affluence, a harlequin of props. A list of devices.

— **"ALTMAN AND HIS GOLDEN CALVES,"** *James Goldberg, August 21, 1975*

Thirty Years Ago

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— CLASSIFIEDS, *August 21, 1980*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

For most Southern Californians, walking — the means of transportation most often used to traverse the distance between the front door and one's car — is generally considered to be a behavior most frequently exhibited by citizens of the Third World and by U.S. nationals who, in a like manner, subsist on a grain-and-raw-foods diet. One need merely glance at the shockingly low projected life expectancies for the inhabitants of underdeveloped nations (where walking is widely practiced) to see that as a means of getting from one place to another, the automobile is clearly the most preferable.

— **"A WALK ON THE WEIRD SIDE?"** *Abe Opincar, August 22, 1985*

Twenty Years Ago

Your piece on Robert Plant and Led Zeppelin, or rather, your attack on them, was clearly written by someone whose appreciation for music is limited, to say the least. Welcome to the crowd of plastic beatniks who think their 25-cent locutions will change the industry and how we feel about its pioneers.

I also take great exception to your comment on the late John "Bonzo" Bonham (in my opinion the greatest percussionist ever). I'm not just some "dude" that digs "Stairway to Heaven," man.

— LETTERS: **"WELCOME TO THE CROWD OF PLASTIC BEATNIKS,"** *John J. McLaughlin, August 23, 1990*

Fifteen Years Ago

Need, need, need. Give, give, give. What did these Deadheads give back to my community? Mess. Noise. Traffic. Bad LSD, overpriced bracelets, and an atmosphere of fuzzy-headed dissipation diffusing itself throughout the land. Just the sight of them makes me want to yell, "Get a fucking job or go back home to your rich, white Marin County parents."

— MUSIC SCENE: **"WHAT'S BEN AND JERRY'S NEWEST FLAVOR?"** *Gina Arnold, August 17, 1995*

San Diego *Reader,* August 17, 2000

Ten Years Ago

Here's the idea: You get a bunch of writers together and you take them someplace cool, someplace evocative — the Santa Fe Depot, say — and you tell them, "Go ahead, write something."

This could be a very bad idea.

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Writing in a group might be okay for therapy, for an avant surrealist experiment, for some airy-fairy New Age outdoor campfest, but Real Writers, they have to go it Alone.

— **"ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES,"** *Judy Reeves, August 17, 2000*

Five Years Ago

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— REMOTE CONTROL KING, *Ollie, August 18, 2005*

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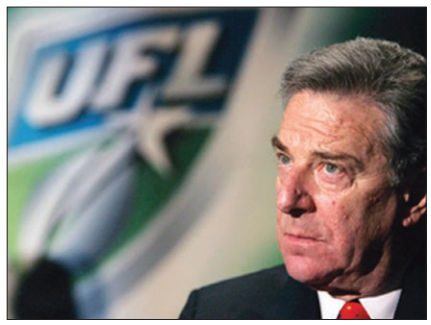

The UFL is creepy with investment bankers, including Nancy Pelosi's husband-manservant Paul.

It's a strange-weird sight to raise binoculars and look out to a vast boneyard of dead professional football leagues. And weirder still to see, over there, in the far distance, a file of new professional football leagues marching lockstep into the same boneyard.

There have been four American Football Leagues, two Arena Football Leagues, one af2 league, a Continental Football League, Continental Indoor Football League, American Professional Football League, Indoor Football League, Indoor Professional Football League, Professional Indoor Football League, Professional Spring Football League, USFL, World Football League, XFL, and many, many others, including at least six women's professional football leagues. Oh, and three new professional football leagues (male, two outdoor, one indoor) are scheduled to begin play next year. Everybody goes broke or struggles to make gas money and still they come on.

The question is, why would anyone invest in a professional football league? Why not put your savings into transistor radios? By way of an answer, let me introduce the 2010 United Football League (UFL).

You say, "UFL, so what." Well, other than the NFL, they are the only professional, outdoor, fall season, nationally televised football league we've got. True, they're televised on Versus, HDNet, and that powerhouse up-and-comer New England Sports Network, but that's enough to reach a national audience. The UFL plays in the fall. They are a professional league: players earn $50,000 for an eight-week season, more if they play in their championship game.

The UFL season opens in the midst of the college football season, the NFL season, baseball 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. Big-time sports don't seem to notice.

Here's a bit of background. Original UFL investors are William Hambrecht, founder of WR Hambrecht + Company, an investment banking firm (he owns the Las Vegas franchise); Paul Pelosi, husband and manservant to Nancy Pelosi (speaker of the House of Representatives) and owner of venture capital firm Financial Leasing Services (and the Sacramento franchise); and Bill Mayer, founder of Park Avenue Equity (he owns the Hartford franchise). Then, there is Silicon Valley boy Zach Nelson, owner of NetSuite (and front man for the Omaha franchise). Finally, the league owns the Florida franchise. I'm counting three investment bankers owning three teams in a five-team league. Another owner is a business buddy, and nobody owns the fifth franchise. The league is creepy with investment bankers.

Many believe the UFL was put in place on the cheap (last year the league had one general manager for all four teams) with the sole purpose to be in place when the NFL locks out its players in 2011. That lockout is very likely to happen, by the way.

It's hard (well, impossible, really) to imagine the UFL would have the muscle to buy up enough players and establish enough franchises to threaten NFL World if the lockout comes to pass. The UFL will get some shake *if* the NFL goes dark, but that begs the question, how long are you willing to watch Philip Rivers quarterback the Laredo Border Patrolmen?

Last year the UFL had four teams and put two of them in NFL markets playing in big-league stadia (San Francisco and New York); two teams played in big non-NFL markets with big stadia — Las Vegas (Sam Boyd Stadium) and Orlando (Citrus Bowl). TV numbers were below modest, attendance was abysmal.

This year they've moved two teams to smaller, non-NFL markets (San Francisco to Sacramento, New York to Hartford) and added an expansion team in Omaha. Las Vegas and Orlando franchises stayed put. (The league has granted a conditional franchise for a team in Norfolk, Virginia, and it's scheduled to play next year.)

In 2009, the UFL was able to sign well-known NFL coaches, which may tell us more about NFL coaches than we want to know. There were a few bottom-feeding NFL players on UFL rosters (I'm thinking of J.P. Losman and Tim Rattay). This year, Daunte Culpepper and Jeff Garcia are the big ex-NFL names.

What surprised me most last year was the quality of play. Even a sub-low-budget-mini-season-pro-league was able to prove — at least to me — that there are enough skilled players around to populate another NFL-type professional football league. I watched four or five games, attended two. The UFL is better than college football, better then CFL football, and better than the XFL ever was. This, on no money and bad publicity. Strange.

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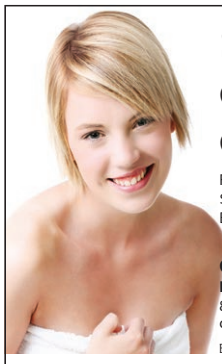

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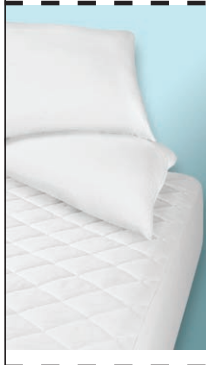

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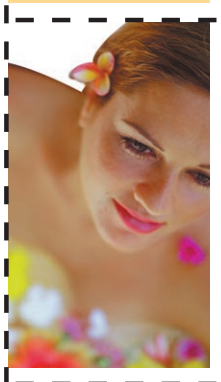

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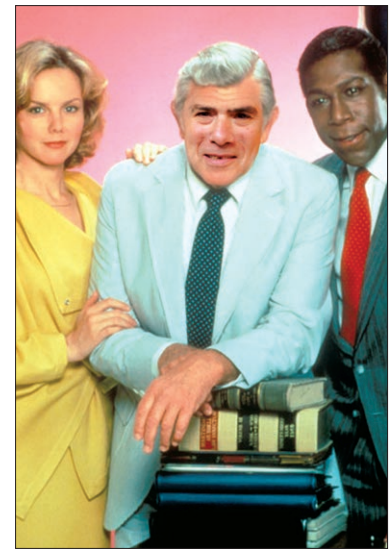
BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

I look like some effeminate flake composing a sensitive poem.

This last full week of August promises to resemble summer to some degree, but that would be divination, I suppose, as I'm writing this a full week earlier. "Promises"; this reminds me of a blurb on a Raymond Chandler novel that may have been from Chandler himself or, if not, it was certainly meant to sound like him — and it did: "Southern California, where the sun makes a promise it breaks every night." Pretty good, it's up there with a classic Chandler-ism from *Farewell, My Lovely*: "He had a face like a collapsed lung."

My time is rarely my own these days, so I make the most of it with the fictions of others that I put on like a suit of clothes worn only for an hour or two a day. At the moment I'm living in *Kingdoms of the Wall* by Robert Silverberg, a majestic and mythopoeic vision of life on what could only be a Jovian planet where everything is on a scale hundreds of times larger than that of Earth. I've written about Silverberg here in the past, and for anyone still unprejudiced by the objectionable term "sci-fi" and who leans toward the rubric of "Speculative Fiction," you would likely find this writer's stuff (written since 1970 or so) gratifying.

It is improbable that I will be commenting on, much less participating in, any kind of weekend nightlife for the immediate future — not that I was ever much good at it anyway. I reckon I could be relied upon for descriptions of the play of sporadic headlights on my ceiling at 4 a.m., though it hardly seems fertile ground for lively writing. The same could be said for any accounts of my distracted and pointless navel-gazing at that time of night, though it would, of course, enrich your life, I'm sure. Example: "I'm past the halfway point of my 60th year. How did I allow this to happen, and why wasn't I consulted about this two weeks ago when I was 35? Don't let this happen to you."



A two-word phrase has crept into common usage lately: "Real quick." I first heard this in hospitals as in, "The doctor will be in to talk to you. He just has to do this quadruple bypass real quick." Now it is everywhere, as in, "I'm almost ready for lunch, let me just build this nuclear power plant real quick." Or how about, "Ready for Monday morning?"

"Yeah, let me just do this weekend real quick."

It is now up there with "No worries" and "At the end of the day."

I just received an email from Thailand. It was from Ken Minahan, a guitarist I played with in two different bands from 1968 to 1971. He sent some pictures as well, one of them of our '68–'69 group Faith (when Blind Faith came out we decided to drop it in favor of It Doesn't Matter, known in the Tri-State areas of Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa as IDM). The photo is a good one, far better than I remembered: we look like Buffalo Springfield meets Traffic, and everyone except me looks like a fairly serious musician. We were, actually, it's just that I remember the photographer told me to "look up toward the ceiling." I did, and the result was I look like some effeminate flake composing a sensitive poem entitled "Crimson is my Wisket." Thanks, Kenny. That was fun. I see you're called "Snowman" in Thailand. I get it, you kind of look like one. Just kidding. You look good, you look good.

My professional careers since the age of 15 have been musician, writer, and bartender (with several unprofitable side trips as a bookseller), so I don't see how I could have developed such bad habits. Still, there it is. Much to undo.

Speaking of which, this trip through rehab seems to be clicking on previously clickless points along the way. Certain scales, as it were, have fallen from my eyes, and I can now see how heretofore unfathomable screwups came about. Not all of them but some of them; more, it is said, will be revealed. Still, I think I'm right about certain episodes I may have nailed. The strongest evidence of this is the feeling of thorough discomfort when I think of those periods preceding the horror. I may not be entirely clear here. Feel free to sue me.

I feel like I'm struggling NOT to channel Andy Rooney. He's probably not even dead, for all I know, still… "Did you ever notice how movies suck in the summer? None of them have Andy Griffith in them. And by the way, where is the *Matlock: The Movie* we were promised?" Turn to the ads in the Movie Review and Guide section and tell me it's not slim pickings.

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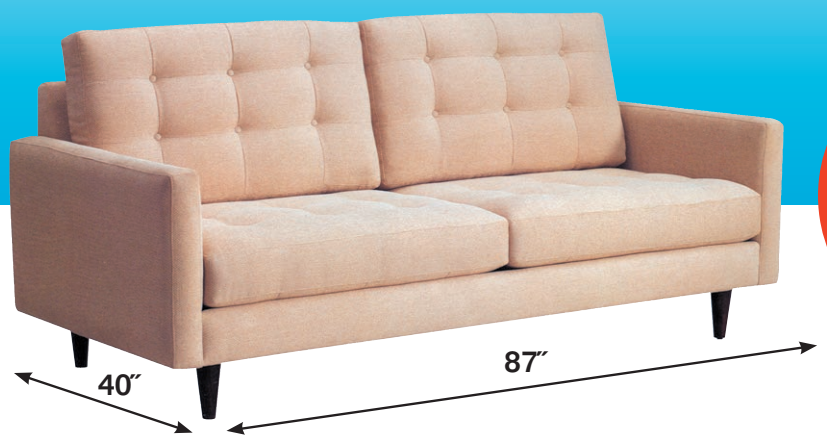

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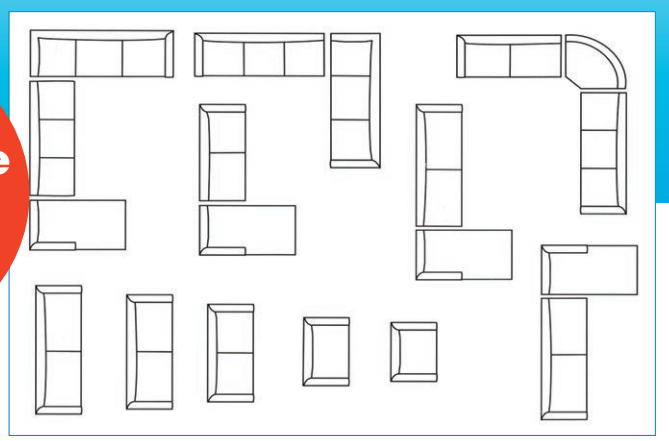

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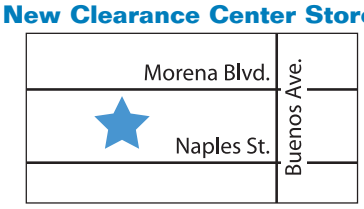

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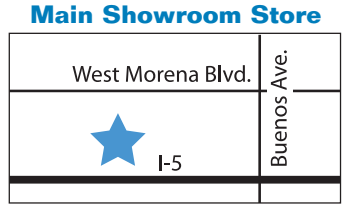

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–EVE KELLY

The kids have been begging to go to Comic-Con for years. This year I yielded, on the condition that we seek out age-appropriate offerings.

After 30 minutes of swimming through an ocean of people decked out as everything from Ghostbusters to Wonder Woman and pushing past booths featuring busty fairies and scenes of epic carnage, I happened upon the happy realm of Don't Eat Any Bugs Productions (*donteatanybugs.net*). There I spoke with Ray Friesen, creator of such titles as *Cupcakes of Doom!*

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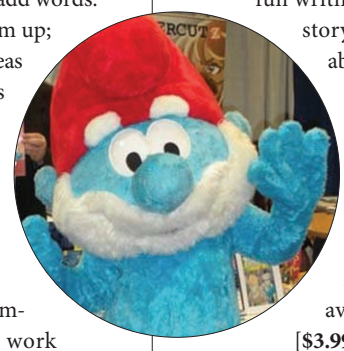
"I do zany stuff," said Friesen, "but it's kid-friendly. No monsters or anything like that. *Cupcakes of Doom!* involves a clash between pirates and Vikings to decide the fate of a kingdom, with baked goods as the weapon of choice. Another of my stories has Melville the Penguin in a race to save exploding cheese from a horde of ninja chickens. I put crazy things together and try to make it funny."

And educational. "I'll visit schools…I tell stories and draw cartoons. I teach cartooning. I like to emphasize that the kids can use cartooning to tell their own stories — draw the story in pictures and then add words. The drawing seems to free them up; it's a way for them to express ideas and be creative. My website has fun sheets that show kids how to draw Melville, and there's a comic sheet they can print out that has blank speech bubbles for them to write what they want."



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Before I left, I picked up a sampler comic book of Friesen's work (**$2**), which contains excerpts from titles such as *Yarg!* A few steps later I stopped to gawk at a Gargamel-sized Papa Smurf. Nostalgia for many wasted childhood hours in front of the TV drew me closer, and I wound up at the Papercutz booth listening to editorial associate Michael Petranek.

"The Smurfs started out as a French comic book by Peyo. We've translated these new graphic novels from the original texts. The first is *The Purple Smurf*, which reintroduces the characters. One Smurf gets bitten by a strange fly, and that leads to an epidemic that turns the Smurfs purple. The second is actually the first comics story that ever featured the Smurfs: *The Smurfs and the Magic Flute*. The books, hardcover or paperback, will be available in September, but you can get a preview comic in stores for **$1**."

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As I pressed on, I ran into booths for Jeff Smith's graphic novel *Bone* and David Petersen's *Mouse Guard*. Both were gorgeous — and, apparently, kid-friendly. While I didn't get to speak to the creators, the next day I put in a call to Comickaze in Clairemont Mesa (858-278-0371; *comickazeonline.webs.com*) to speak about those titles with owner Robert Scott.

"I think *Bone* is appropriate for any kid of almost any age," said Scott. "There are some elements with monsters that might be scary, but no more so than Pinocchio being swallowed by a whale. It tells the story of the three Bone brothers and their many adventures. We have the Bible-sized complete *Bone* saga in black-and-white [**$40**] and the more recent printings of the separate volumes from Scholastic [**$10–$13** each]. They're in full color, and they look really nice."

As for *Mouse Guard*: "It's set in the Robin Hood era, but all the characters are animals. That was the premise David Petersen started out with, but he found he had the most fun writing about the mice. So the story evolved into something about this group of mice that protect their shire — the Mouse Guard. Sort of like the Three Musketeers. The style is more fine art than *Bone*, which is more like a cartoon. The series is still being published. It's available in individual issues [**$3.99**], and there are two collections that sell for **$24.99**. We have the first one, *Fall 1152*, on sale for **$19.99**."

Comickaze carries some Ray Friesen titles (**$3.50** each) and the Smurfs preview comic (**$1**).

"We have another good kid-friendly title as well: *Geronimo Stilton*." It's another mouse story, though more educationally minded than *Mouse Guard*. "It's sold in the European format: more magazine-sized and bound instead of stapled. It runs about **$9.99**."

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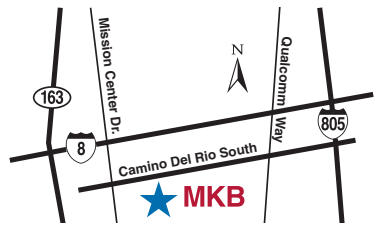

Crasher

HILLCREST THE MOTION PICTURE

by Chad Deal

Not Michael Jackson (left); not the hot chick from Dusty Rhodes and the River Band

Sunday, August 8, 1:30 p.m.

The 26th annual CityFest sees a bustling Fifth Avenue blocked off to vehicle traffic from University to Brookes with 250-plus vendors, 150,000-plus attendees, and lines extending out the door of every bar on the block. The street fair, organized by the Hillcrest Business Association, is a celebration of the Hillcrest sign, which was originally put up in 1940. Over the years, the sign fell into disrepair and was taken down in 1983, until community members raised over $4000 to restore and relight the iconic marker on August 26, 1984. Every year since, the community has gathered for a symbolic relighting of the sign in order to celebrate this unique and vibrant San Diego neighborhood.

San Diego's "Queen of Boogie Woogie," Sue Palmer, plays the main stage on University to a crowd of khaki-shorted middle-agers, babies on shoulders in weed-wacker earmuffs, scantily clad dudes with tattoos and nipple piercings, and women in summer dresses shaking hips on the intersection pavement. Amid vendors of Eastern knickknacks, shaved ice, psychic services, funnel cake, lawn gnomes, hippie garb, Egyptian bed sheets, pickled garlic, reflexology, bacon-wrapped hotdogs, vegan propaganda, *luchador* masks, and brotein powder, an elderly woman in a wheelchair plays "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" on the violin while Equality California volunteers recruit supporters with talk of the Supreme Court and the-fight's-not-over-yet.

At Fifth and Brookes, kids and parents decorate paper bags with ribbons and glitter at the Rad Hatter tent. A DJ plays "Everybody Dance Now" as a nauseating carnival ride spins in the sunshine. The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a self-described "leading-edge order of queer nuns," roam the streets laughing in white face paint and custom nun habits. A Michael Jackson impersonator snaps photos with smiling passers-by and a man with a fanny pack says, "One dollar, that's one dollar, please!"

> **"Wait a minute! My husband and I are having a moment!"**

I go for a cocktail at the sweaty, shirtless dungeon of the Brass Rail. "I've always wanted to live in San Diego," Robert tells me on the patio. He just moved to University Heights from Ann Arbor, Michigan, which he describes as "the seat of liberalism." "It used to be a $5 fine for possession of marijuana," Robert says. "Now it's up to $25."

Around 6 p.m. at the stage, Burning of Rome front man Adam looks like a rogue Boy Scout in green shorts, tall red socks, and Black Flag T-shirt. Famous for their anarchic stage presence, I wonder what Adam and barefoot guitarist Joe will find to swing on and fall off of this time. A few songs in, Joe breaks one of the decorative Styrofoam skulls over his head, tossing the jaw over his shoulder. Joe and Adam leap into the audience, writhing on the pavement while drunk middle-aged couples take photos with the busted skull.

I have a couple Eel River Acai beers at Pizza Fusion and then hit the beer garden, where the San Diego Drinking Team chugs Coors and girls toss softballs at the Dunk a Drag tank.

"Let's put our hands together for Judge Walker for overturning Prop. 8," says county supervisor Ron Roberts. Instead of relighting the sign this year, Roberts, city councilmember Todd Gloria, congresswoman Susan Davis, and MC Laura Jane introduce *Hillcrest the Motion Picture*, a film depicting revelers at the local bars, the art walk, the farmers' market, and clips of the day's celebration.

My roommate Marcus and I go for soup at Pho Fifth Avenue. The bathroom door is locked and from inside a man says, "Wait a minute! My husband and I are having a moment!"

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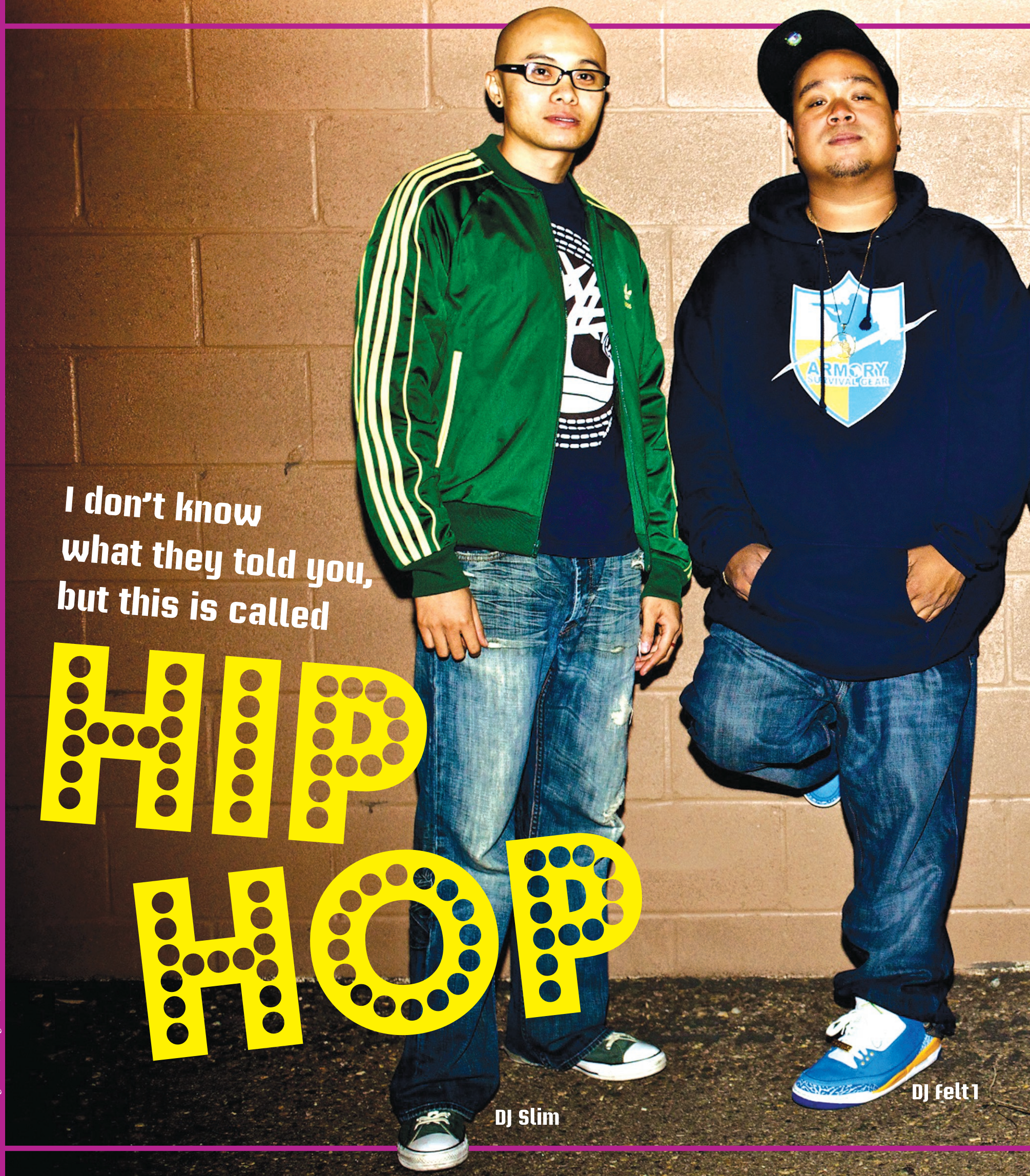
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"This is HIP-HOP. I don't know what they told you, but this is called HIP-HOP!"

DJ Artistic has me in a gentle headlock as he shouts this into my ear. He's not being aggressive; he just needs to draw me in low and close if there's any way I'm going to hear him over the music pumping out from the stage and filling the low confines of the North Park club U-31. We're up behind the two sets of turntables and the three MacBook Pros and the mixers and the speakers that are blaring a modern-day cover of Bill Withers's '77 groove tune "Lovely Day." (When I wake up in the morning, love/ And the sunlight hits my eyes...)

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Tonight is "Generations" night at U-31; the music will range from updated old school to an early-'90s rap number like "They Want EFX" (So Peter Piper, I'm hyper than Pinocchio's nose/ I'm the supercalafragilistic tic-tac pro…) to Jay-Z doing intro work for TI on '04's "Bring 'em Out" (Once again what other rap nigga hooder than this/ I got rich and I'm still on some hooligan shit). Nothing sounds as if it's been on the radio lately, and it looks as though that's the way everybody here likes it.

For now, the dread-locked DJ Artistic is much more MC than DJ — he leaves the turn-tables to others and picks up the microphone to rally the crowd. "Ladies, make some noise! Fellas make some noise! Everybody say Ho! This party is in full effect!" He's right about this much: the floor is full, row after row of hipster bodies outfitted with cocktails and artful bedhead and carefully haphazard outfits. One or two of them are even dancing. But mostly, movement is confined to milling and head-bobbing to the beat, the latter of which sets up a herky-jerk undulation along the surface of the crowd. The relative stasis is impressive, given the strength of the beat; I jot in my pad, "Are these people numb?" But then, it's only 11:00; the night is young — and it's not as if they're ignoring the music. For the most part, folks face the stage, watching the DJs do their thing as the disco ball spins and sparkles overhead.

For the DJs, "their thing" is keeping the party going, mixing, and scratching — in that order. I'm here tonight to see DJ Felt1, late of the Sharpshooters crew, and as he puts it, "If you can scratch, but you don't know how to mix, don't call yourself a DJ. Know when to mix — know the bars, learn the verses, and once you've got that down, you can freak it your own way. Like maybe you scratch in the beat before it comes into the mix, just to give it that extra flavor." Your job is to keep the flow, one song slipping into another before the people have time to get bored, before they start wondering what's happening somewhere else.

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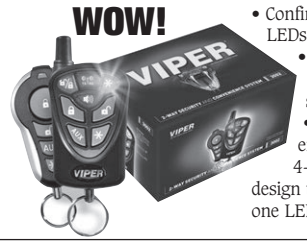

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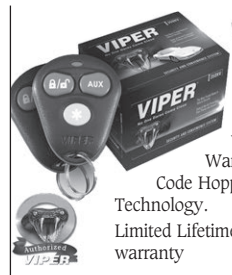

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Just now, Felt1 is reading his track list, spinning a knob on the right-hand mixer to scroll through the near-endless song list on his laptop screen. (The songs are arranged by beats per minute— a standard evening might start out at around 78 bpm and finish up around 120. Smooth mixing requires that you build slowly, gently drawing the crowd along.) Over on the left, DJ Neil Armstrong is working through a longish set — he's been away, and this is his welcome-back night. His cuts are frequent and dramatic, often with a heavy, even scratch busting in between songs. (A note on the scratching: once upon a time, DJs played records, grooved vinyl discs that delivered analog sound when you ran a needle along the groove. Now they spin vinyl discs that deliver a control signal to the mixer. You place the needle at the edge of the disc, and the rotation starts whatever mp3 you've got cued up on your Scratch Live software from the beginning. Scratching, once the natural result of pulling a disc back to cue it up, has become a digital sound effect. But a very good one. The delay between hand-motion and registered sound is split-second, almost unnoticeable.)

DJ Artistic breaks in to rap along over top of Notorious B.I.G.'s "Juicy": "Uh, and if you don't know, now you know, nigga…Let's go, San Diego! Make some noise! Now get the fuck up!" This is his lead-in for Pharoahe Monch's "Simon Says," which starts off Felt1's set and opens with, you guessed it, "Simon says, 'GET THE FUCK UP!'" From there we move into Snoop Dogg's "Ain't No Fun (If the Homies Can't Have None)," which includes a pretty rough stanza from Kurupt (And then I'm through with it/ There's nothing else to do with it). That makes for a smooth segue into Kurupt's "We Can Freak It"; smooth too is the fade from one song to the next. Felt1 saves his scratching for relatively low-volume quick work

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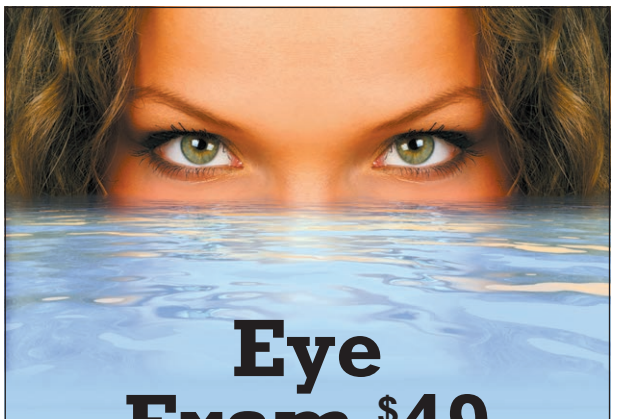
over top of the songs themselves. The bodies on the floor start to come unstuck and really move.

It's a very different scene when Felt1 plays the downtown club On Broadway. Under the high, ornamented beams of the ceiling, it's all untucked dress shirts on the men and short, stretchy dresses on the ladies. Somebody works a light show from up in a balcony, and a hostess in fishnets and a black bustier hauls big bottles of high-end vodka and stacks of glasses over to guests willing to pay for a table and bottle service. (This much is the same: it's freaking loud.) The DJ works alone in a booth well above the parquet dance floor, sipping a Grey Goose and cranberry brought to him by a promoter. "There are something like six promoters here," Felt1 explains. "Some promoters just Facebook all day to get people to come down to the club, or they walk around and pass out flyers. They have nothing to do with the music." That's what they hire DJs like Felt1 for.

But Felt1 has to play to the crowd, and what this crowd wants is what's on the radio. "From ten to ten-thirty, I'll do all radio," he tells me. "I've been doing all right, but I'll also throw in 'Billie Jean,' see what they do. Once, some girl came up to me and asked, 'When are you gonna play some good music?' I was playing 'Human Nature'!" (At the moment, he's blaring the Z-Trip remix of the Jackson Five's "I Want You Back.") Still, the playlist runs to the familiar: Kid Cudi making Lady Gaga sound dirty



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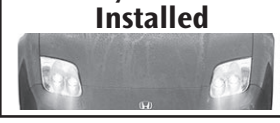

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when she sings "Poker face" as "Poke-her-face," Mariah Carey, LL Cool J, 50 Cent, Eve. Oh, and Kinfolk Kia Shine's "So Krispy," which I seem to hear wherever I go. That and Trey Songz' "Say Aah."

The dance might as well be in a high school gym; the social dynamics seem pretty much the same. A single lady in booty shorts and a black tank top faces the DJ and works it hard and slow — call her the Constant. Over at the edge, two dudes face each other and hop around for a minute or two, mugging. One of them manages to approach the Constant; they gyrate against each other briefly, and then he disappears. A single white female in a kicky dress moseys out and starts a tentative shuffle. The Constant finds her and they dance, but Constant scares her off with a flirty touch to the back. We finally get a proper couple, but they're both holding their drinks, and that slows them down. Five petite Asians with bare legs and heels of varying heights emerge from the restroom and begin to cross the floor. They stop, dance a little, take each others' pictures, and start working their cell phones. The bass hits like missiles, the lights flash like bombs. Eventually, I count a dozen women out on the floor — and no men. They sit at the tables, nursing their beers and taking in the show. For the DJ, it's enough.

DJ Felt1 is DJ Felt1 because he came to the music part of hip-hop through the art part of hip-hop: paint work. "Felt is like 'felt-tip marker.' I was doing full murals; it got to the point where people didn't even know my real name. I lived near Morse, but I knew if I went there, I probably wouldn't graduate. It was too close to home, and all of my friends were ditching. So I chose to go to University City. My brother started DJing in '86," when Felt1 was ten years old, "and I was the little brother who rolled with him. I started in '89, playing as a hobby. This was when hip-hop was fresh, so there were no lines on what you could and couldn't do. I even tried rapping, but it wasn't my thing. That's when I started with the art. My ninth-grade art teacher said I had a good eye for it."

University City offered classes in graphic design, and that led to a graphic-art school in Denver. "But when I came back, I couldn't find any work. I took whatever I could find, club flyers, stuff like that." Around this time, he hooked up with an old neighbor who had just gotten his turntables and was also looking to start a clothing line. "We'd practice our DJ skills while we were designing, and that's what got me back into DJ work. I'd make deals with club promoters — 'I can do your flyers for free; just pay me to DJ.'" Today, he still designs shirts for Armory Survival Gear and also works at the Armory store on F Street downtown. There used to be four locations, including one in Tokyo, and they used to sell a lot of vintage vinyl. But then, you know, digital. These days, it's mostly hats and T-shirts and DVDs of the company's freestyle DJ sessions, which started in the Chula Vista YMCA before going international and moving to L.A. Oh, and spray paint, custom-designed for graffiti artists. "The pressure in the can is lower, so the paint comes out slower," explains Felt1. "You get cleaner lines. I probably did my last work about three months ago."

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That old neighbor Felt1 hooked up with now goes by the name DJ Pacman, a handle bestowed by a friend after Pacman shaved his head for the first time. Like Felt1, Pacman began his forays into hip-hop through a spray can before turning to the turntable. "It's different skills," he says, "but the same as far as expression goes. When I was a kid, I used to see all those writings — people call it graffiti. All the techniques were really fascinating to me. The closer in your can, the thinner the line, almost like an

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airbrush technique." Enchanted, Pacman set out to become a hip-hop artist. "A lot of people have mistaken hip-hop, the actual subculture, for rap. But when I moved from National City to Paradise Hills in elementary school, I just saw it as what people did in the neighborhood. It influences how you walk, how you dress, how you talk. When people said, 'That's wack,' that's just what people said."

The music was just part of the scene. "I think hip-hop artists grab from the environment and translate it into how they see or feel" — techno, house, rap, etc. "I was just in love with the music, the beats — when you heard it, it made you feel a certain way." Then Run-D.M.C. broke out on television in '85, and Pacman realized he was part of a thing. And then, on "The Magnificent Jazzy Jeff," the Fresh Prince asked DJ Jazzy Jeff to make the record sound like a bird, and Pacman realized he wanted to be a DJ. "It's called a chirp scratch. When I first heard it, I thought, 'Wow, how do you do that?' I was working at an ice cream shop, and I saved up and bought two turntables for probably $1000. A decent mixer was maybe $100."

Figuring out how Jazzy Jeff did his chirp scratch meant hours of practice away from the public eye, same as any other musical instrument. "Even though

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the turntable plays songs that are already made," says Pacman, "the way you use it to manipulate the sound, to create a rhythmic pattern, changes the songs. You can change the pace that's going for the crowd — the way you transition and put songs together. To me, that's kind of like an instrument."

Figuring out how he did that also meant respect. "Where we grew up, there weren't so many Laotian-Americans. But as far as hip-hop was concerned, it didn't really matter. It just mattered what your skill set was." At first, he grants, the race thing might have made things a bit awkward, "but if you executed well, you were respected. D.M.C. from Run-D.M.C. would have these DJ battles, and the Filipino DJ QBert won it three times. They actually retired him from defending his title."

Pacman is still with the Sharpshooters, and I catch up with him working a Saturday night at club 923 in the Gaslamp. The place is near empty when I show up; extreme sports play on the big-screen TVs with the sound turned off. Pacman stands at a tiny booth in the front corner, wearing an Armory shirt styled after a Padres jersey and pushing music toward the couples in the booths on the opposite wall. Then, *boom,* in come a dozen girls in short black dresses and high black heels, over comes the bottle service of Svedka and mixers, and on go the familiar party tunes. "I'm not complaining," says Pacman. "When it's a birthday party" — and this is a birthday party — "you've got to recognize." He fires up the Trey Songz, and the girls whoop like crazy.

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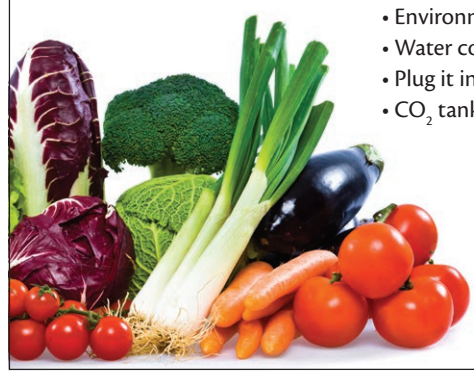

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One girl spills her drink as she dances. An employee rushes over to towel it up, and the tipsy dancer freaks over top of him while he works. A girl who was stuck in the line to get into On Broadway shows up and starts drinking champagne straight from the bottle. More people show up, but the dominant force in the room is still that dozen pairs of bare legs twisting around each other on the dance floor.

Our DJ for tonight keeps it decently current — 50 Cent's "I Get Money," Busta Rhymes's "Arab Money," the Mary Jane Girls' "All Night Long," as well as the aforementioned "So Krispy." That keeps it fun for the birthday crowd; he keeps it interesting for himself by playing with his fades between songs. Sometimes it's seamless enough to be a little shocking — "We're in a different song now?" — sometimes one beat drops into another; sometimes he'll scratch in the beat. "It depends on my mood, how much flair I put in," he says after working some low-volume scratches over the end of "Say Aah."

Pacman is 32, a year younger than Felt1. But they both learned their craft long before the advent of mp3s and Scratch Live software, which came into use around 2005. These days, a DJ could conceivably work without a set of headphones to help him match the beat before making it live. He could, if he was lazy enough, content himself with simply matching the beat patterns streaming across his lap-

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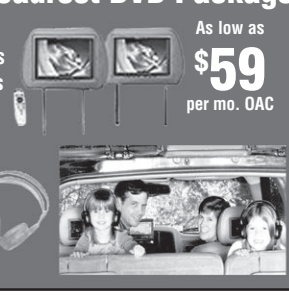
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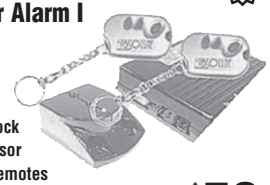
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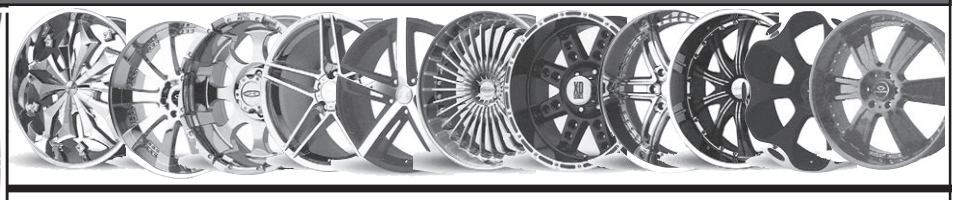

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top screen. (Actually, if he was lazy enough, he could make his mix at home and hit "play" in the club, but that's the kind of thing that will get you booted if you get caught.) Thanks to the computer, you can just pick a couple of tunes with similar beats per minute, line up your runs of bass and snare, and let 'em rip.

For someone who trained on vinyl, it can rankle. "I mean, it's sort of like you're playing Guitar Hero on Playstation," laments Pacman. "You're not a guitarist just because you can play Guitar Hero; you're kidding me. That's kind of how we see it. Because of technology, you have a million DJs in one city now. Microwave instant DJs, you know? But I'm not saying that it's bad or good. Just that they won't appreciate the level of skill as much as we did — or do."

Consider: in the mid-'90s, when Pacman was starting out, "One single was $5.99. And sometimes, a DJ would want to repeat a verse or do tricks — make a different beat from the song — so you'd need two copies. A lot of the old-school DJs had doubles of everything. People still do that kind of thing," but now, all they have to do is cue up the same mp3 on both sides of their Scratch Live deck, and away they go. Plus, they're not hauling crates of vinyl everywhere. Kids today, with their parties at Belo.

Back in the day, it was undergrounds in the ballroom at the Red Lion Hotel in Mission Valley. Or the Scottish Rite Center. Or the Ramada Inn on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Somebody rents the hall, somebody prints the flyers. "You'd call a pager to find out where to get more info. You'd go there, and if you looked cool" — i.e., not a cop — "you'd go to the party. A thousand kids would come, 16 and up. There would be competitions — breakdancing battles, DJ battles, graffiti battles."

Pacman and friends began by attending undergrounds hosted by locals like Kutfather and Z90's Big Daddy, but it wasn't long before they were hosting their own, printing flyers at Kinko's and passing the word. "We were all just teenagers. It's crazy to think about it now." It started with house parties. After that, "You started doing *quinceañeras* or sweet 16s. If I knew someone's birthday was coming up, I'd ask them if I could DJ their party. I'd charge 20 or 40 bucks — it was worth it to have people hear me. And you're making the flyers, and it says who's playing," and people come because, hey, the guy's name is on a flyer, and then they like the music, and here comes the reputation. "I remember my first paying gig, some hole-in-the-wall where they charged $5 to get in. They even had a booty contest for a pager. These girls were, like, 16, and I was 17, and just seeing that, I was, like, 'Oh my God.' That was how it all started." And after a while, you hooked up with some DJs you knew and respected and formed a crew, just to help market the brand. So that today, when people hear Sharpshooters, they know they're getting "hip-hop DJs who have been doing this for well over 15 years."

For better or for worse. "When I was 21, I was doing E Street Alley, which is now Belo. We used to pack the house. That was our time. I used to have three gigs a week, every month — that was a good chunk of change. But you know, times change. You get new owners in clubs, promoters fighting with each other."

"Because of the technology, you have a million DJs."

Those golden years of 21 to 26, "That's the position that the guys in a crew like Minds Alike are in now. When people go clubbing, they're in the DJ's age bracket. The promoter wants a DJ who can bring people in. When I was younger, every time I came out, I would know at least 50 people in the place. Now, they're at home with their kids. It was fun, but now it's different."

And on top of that, "Because of the technology, you have a million DJs. Some of them doing it for free, just to get their name out there, get a little bit of popularity. It creates competition, which I see as a good thing," but again — if everybody's special, then nobody is, and building a reputation becomes more and more of a marketing game. "The way I learned it," recalls Pacman, "Kool Herc was credited with inventing hip-hop. He would take the break from a record and just repeat it, so that it made the beat. But that beat can be made on a computer now, and repeated on a computer. There's a slight delay as compared to analog," which can make scratching tricky, but digital still wins. It's just too easy. And the DJ "just fades into the background."

Well, almost. Pacman concedes that marketing heat "is based on a lot of things. It comes down to originality and technique and execution. And stage presence. You've got to be into it." And Pacman is still into it. "I'm doing smaller places, dive bars. Sometimes I'll get hired for the more mainstream stuff, and I'll do it. But I like the smaller venues. It's more personal. You can play the stuff you don't hear on the radio."

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Well, most of the time. Tonight, I'm in one of those smaller venues: River Bar, tucked in behind the Lucky Lady Casino on El Cajon Boulevard. No windows, and not much in the way of signage, but a good

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crowd of (mostly Asian) regulars. The bartenders are pretty and low-cut, but the crowd is mostly regular folks — nothing too glamorous or clubby in the outfit department. Still, the DJs have to cater to the crowd, and just like in the clubs, what they want is what's familiar. Danity Kane's "Showstopper" slips into Flo Rida's "Be on You" slips into Estelle's "Come Over," the bpm creeping from 73 to 82 as the floor starts to vibrate from the bass. (It's early, so they stick mostly to the clean versions that also get used in all-age venues.) A couple of light projectors start spinning colored dots around the room. One DJ reaches up to press a button on the canopy over the dance floor, and a couple of emitters spit out a cloud of dry ice that catches the rays of the light.

The DJs, Tu and Slim, hail from the Silly Entertainment crew. They've got their own thing going now, but they're still tight with Felt1 and Pacman, who they've known since the days of house parties and undergrounds. "Back then, the hotels were easy," recalls Tu. "We'd rent our own security, have our own people at the door, our own people taking care of drinks. Pretty much everything."

"And we'd have to rent a U-Haul to load all our gear," adds Slim. "It took two or three guys just to lift the amp rack."

Tu has been Tu since the day he was born, Slim is Slim because it sounded better than his other nickname, Bones. River Bar is their regular biweekly gig; they're friends with the managers, and they like to hang out there even when they're not working. It's a scattered sort of bar — couches and wide-screen TVs in one corner, foosball and darts in another, a couple of pool tables that stay well lit and in use even as dancers fill up the square of wood floor in the center of the room. Slim and Tu have set up their gear on a table in front of the back wall: Technics turntables in Odyssey cases, heavy cables running to an 800-watt subwoofer and a couple of 400-watt Yamaha speakers on seven-foot tripods, topped off by the ubiquitous Mac laptop. A promotional girl sashays over with shots of flavored vodka; usually, the two stick to Heineken in the bottle.

The whole scene is a lot more low-key than, say, eight or ten years ago, when Slim was getting flown to Vietnam or Denver to headline rave parties. But the two don't mind much; if things have changed since the old days, so have they.

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older brother's turntables. "My brother, DJ Kam, grew up with Slim — they were DJing back in high school. He heard me, and he thought I was pretty good. So he started taking me to gigs back when I was 16."

Now, Tu is 30, and as he mentioned, he has a day job. He finds that popular music doesn't grip him the way it once did, and not because he got older. "Back when hip-hop started, the lyrics were about trouble and struggle — what you saw. We could all relate to it. Nowadays, you have people rapping about the cars they drive or about a cup of noodles. I don't like it. I play it, so that people can dance, but I like the old stuff better. It talked about things that happened on the streets."

Slim, 34, spells it out. "We lived in a bad neighborhood — I went to Horace Mann, then Crawford. My folks sent me to live in San Francisco for a year because they were afraid I might go down the wrong path — that was the environment I grew up in. My friend got shot in the alley behind my house when I was 15. I was walking home, and I didn't recognize him, just saw a body lying there with the brains splattered on the ground. I went to his house and saw his brother. I said, 'When he gets home, tell him there's a body behind my house,' and then I went to play football. When I got home, I turned on KUSI and found out it was him. I taught myself to DJ in '89 on a couple of Radio Shack turntables, and I'm glad for it; the music thing saved me from a lot of that." Because while the music was *about* the street, it didn't put him *on* the street. It took him to house parties, to clubs, to college campuses. "Our first non-house party was at Grossmont College," remembers Slim. "We had, like, 800 people. I still have video. That was, like, the best moment of my life."

"I'm not a scratcher; I'm a mixer."

But over time, Slim tired of the mainstream scene. He started drifting into electronica, the kind of stuff you'd be more likely to hear at a house party in Orange County or a rave out of state. "Crowds up there are different," Slim explains, "more into Euro dance music. It was pretty underground, and I liked to play stuff that no one had heard."

And he was good

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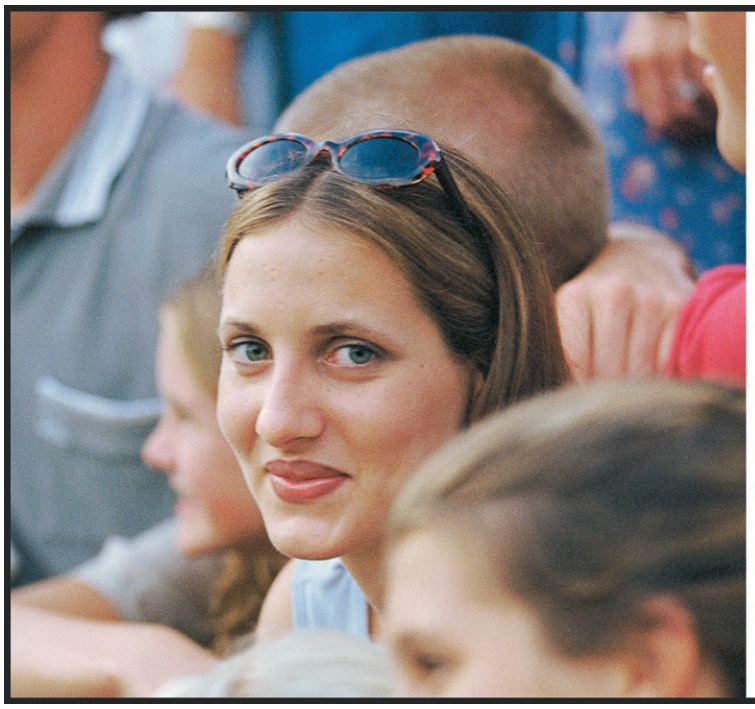

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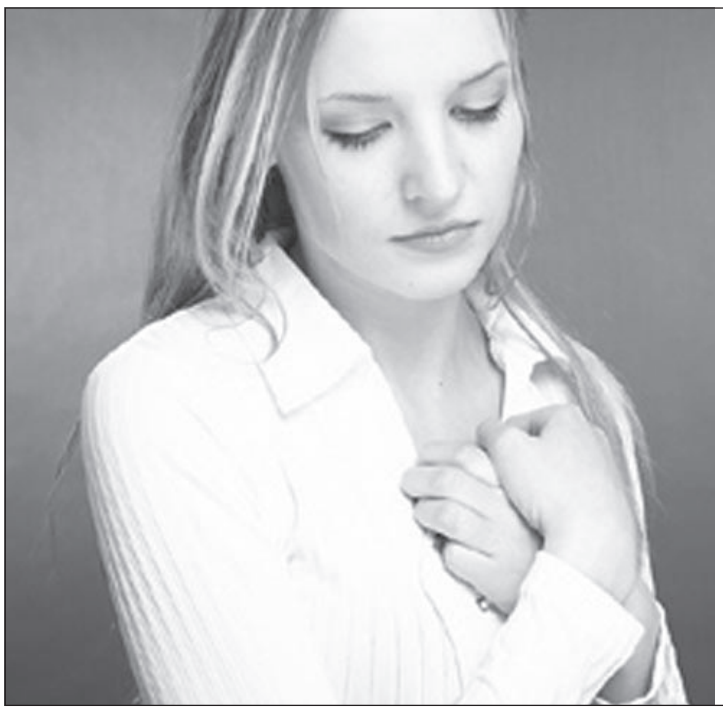

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at finding it. "When you play electronic music, the records are imported, so it cost twice as much. Every week, we would go to the record store and spend $100-plus, stocking up on vinyls — Tower Records, the Wherehouse, Sam Goody. But electronica wasn't like mainstream hip-hop, where everybody knows the song. If you had a rare track, it was to die for. I would call a guy in the U.K. at a couple of dollars a minute and ask, 'You got any new stuff?' He would play it over the phone, and if I liked it, he'd send it to me. I bought three or four records a week, and it cost a lot of money. And then two weeks later, the record stores would have it."

But it was worth it — for those two weeks, Slim was the man, because he had what no one else had. "I had a friend, his older brother offered a guy $100 for one record called 'China Girl' by Fun-Tomas, and he wouldn't sell it. He was the only one who had it, and every time he played it, the crowd went crazy. I finally found it last year on the internet."

Ah, the internet — more digital democracy. Back in 2000, Kam and Slim marketed themselves by selling CDs of their mixes. Fans bootlegged their performances, and "the bootleg stuff sold at the mom-and-pop record stores, and that made us even better known." Now, of course, making a mix is just a matter of fiddling with your iTunes playlist or doing some scratchwork and uploading the whole thing to YouTube. Nobody pays for mixes anymore. And if Slim can find "China Girl" on the internet, so can somebody else. No more exclusivity.

Still, it's all good. Slim and Tu have friends here at the River Bar; friends who stop by the turntables, shake hands, and toast, and everybody's having a good time, especially once the girls get out on the floor. The two DJs work off a common playlist, held on a flash drive plugged into the Mac. Tu's scratching looks a little more aggressive and less silky than Slim's, but the difference in sound is hard for the untrained ear to detect — they're both fast. Not that scratching is all that matters, or even most of what matters. "If someone tells me they want

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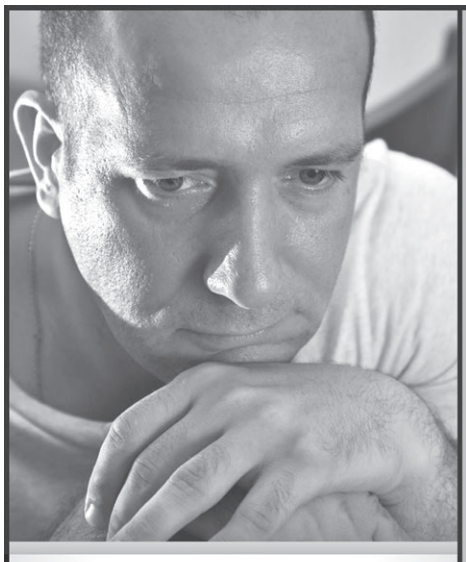

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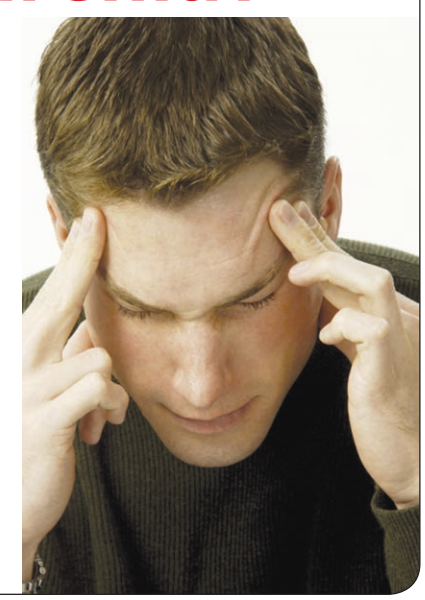

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to be a DJ," comments Slim, "the first thing I ask them is, 'Can you bob your head to the beat? Can you dance?' That's step one, before you even learn how to mix. And scratching is the last step. I'm not a scratcher; I'm a mixer. My goal is to keep the beat as long as possible. The main thing is to learn how to beat-blend, because if you mess up the beat when people are dancing, it's a train wreck. Still, I like to entertain myself, throw a little flair in there," of the beat.

Another reason it's all good is that Slim isn't hanging his hopes on performing so much anymore. He's moved over to producing. "It was the right step. Music is still my passion, and I always wanted to make music." In '95, his family moved to El Cajon, a single-story house on a broad and quiet street full of neatly trimmed lawns. "But the back was all a dirt lot. So, with my brother's help, and with everything I saved from my DJ gigs, I built a studio back there. In '98 or '99, I took a year off to learn the equipment. I disassembled everything and connected all the wires myself."

From the outside, Empire Recordings looks like a smaller version of the house it sits behind. Inside, the foyer plays home to a miniature basketball hoop and a couple of arcade-style video games, and most of the rest is space for musicians and space for Slim and his equipment. (The musicians' room does hold bins full of vinyl records, and there is a couch overhung with a poster of Pacino as Scarface.) Slim started out by advertising, then let word of mouth and his company tag on produced product take over. "I deal with everybody — local artists, famous Asian artists. I just did a song featuring Philadelphia Freeway, who is originally from Jay-Z's label. And I'm trying to come up myself. I just did a bit for a high-budget Asian film company. They told me, 'You're going to do a segment where the group is getting high, so you need to have some crazy rave music.' I brought the film down here from L.A. and did the soundtrack. When I produce a track, I draw from my environment — a lot of it comes from the street."

"We've been DJing for 14 or 15 years, but we don't do a lot of marketing; it's for the love of the music."

Back at River Bar, of course, it's more about the crowd. Tu might get to spin a little Latin freestyle, put a little of himself out there, but mostly it's about making sure people stay dancing and happy. "We like to have people pleasantly surprised when they come here. We've been DJing for 14 or 15 years, but we don't do a lot of marketing; it's for the love of the music." And that's a long way from way back when: "When we were doing events, we would be the most important people — front of the line. It's a cool feeling, especially in this day and age, when everybody just wants to be somebody." ■

— Matthew Lickona

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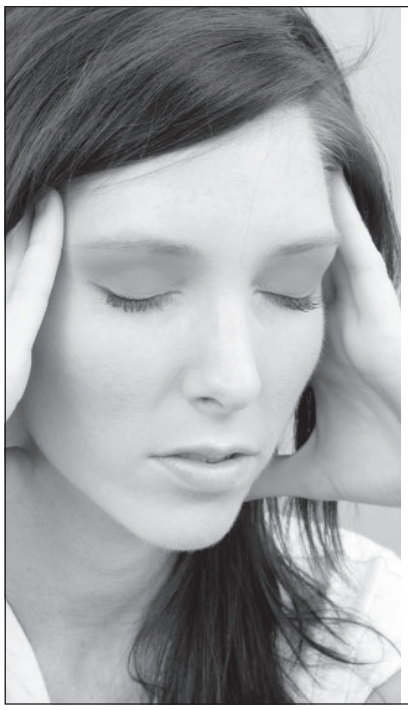

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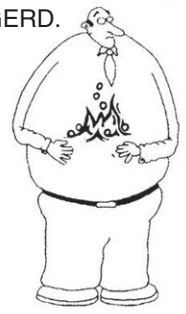

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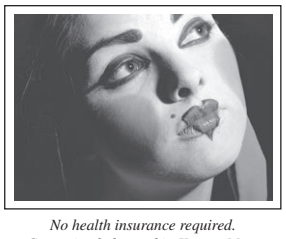

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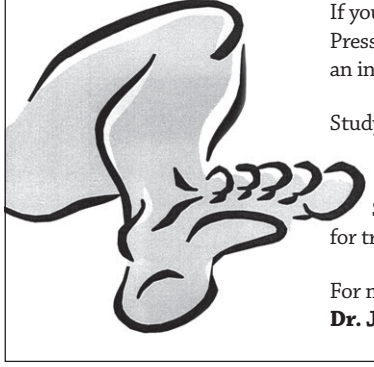

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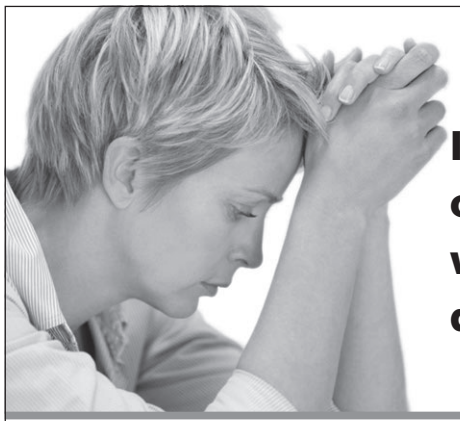

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I Finally Burned My Father

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I SPENT CHRISTMAS with my family. The "orphan's family," the family of choice. My daughter the only member related by blood. My blood, tainted from birth. Or so I once thought. Born with the spirit of a warrior, my child triumphs. And in the process redeems me.

Christmas Eve, a present arrived from a blood relative. My mother. A family portrait.

I was six. My father had been fucking me regularly for about a year. Not yet diagnosed with "childhood epilepsy," despite stubbornly normal neurological tests, force-fed phenobarb that kept me shadowy and docile for years. But already well acquainted with hospital stays, invasive surgeries searching the cause of my constant vaginal and urinary infections, unusual in such a young child. We hadn't known what was in the little parcel; I let my daughter open it. "Oh, Mom, is this you? You look so much like me!"

It's true — I've often said we're more clones than mother and daughter — but she was being kind. An awful, ugly, squinty-eyed girl with hacked-short hair. Mother telling me how pretty I was, then doing her best to make it not so. People mistook me for a boy. I dreamed of becoming one.

He died sick and old, still protected by my silence.

Before leaving for the warmth of our stray-katz X-mas feast, I looked at the picture a little bit, invited my girl to help me deface her grandfather.

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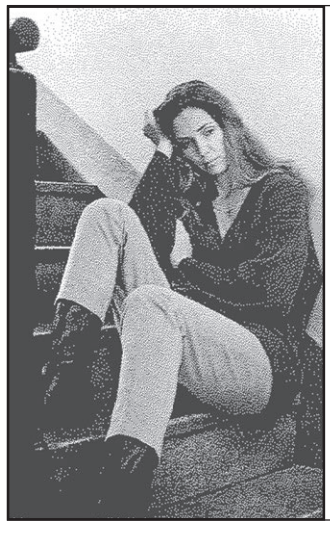

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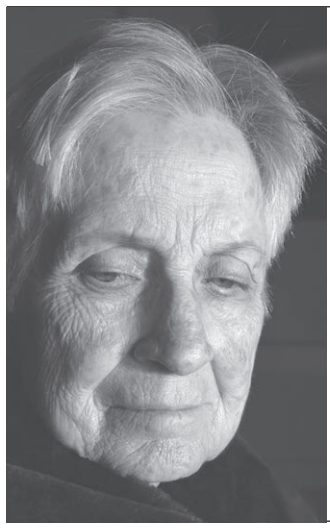

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Satan. I drew a painstaking bull's-eye, complete with perfect red dot between his gray-green eyes. Slashed an X across his face with my boot razor, let the kid poke holes in him. We laughed, high-fived each other. Even called my *hermana* Cat, giddy with the fun of slicing the dead old bastard up. Later we'd have Christmas dinner with Cat and her man Straight, my in-law the outlaw. His first Christmas out of the pen in 15 years, he was having trouble remembering how to do festive.

My sister Cat is on welfare like me; like me waiting on Social Security to evaluate the damage wrought by her "dysfunctional family." She has family portraits of her own.

There are others like this in my life. Outsiders. Stand-up brothers and sisters. My people. Tainted blood, titanium 13 spirits.

I looked at the picture again. After the initial naughty-schoolgirlish high, really looked at it. Impelled. Studying. He died sick and old, still protected by my silence. Left some money, but the will specified only to be used for the expense of traveling back for his funeral. I let my portion return to "the estate," my mother.

Despite my best efforts, his face is indelible. Suffused with glee, obvious and obscene. He grins, even white teeth and thin lips hiding the greedy, gaping maw that devoured me nightly. Not just my body, but my innocence, my essence. My soul.

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feral night beast stalking the dreams of haunted children. Biblical lepers like me, no less unclean for being blameless. He gave them to me, those eyes. The same color. In the picture, even the shapes are identical. I'd been told, always, that I had his eyes.

I look at him in his suit. By that time, on the way to middle class. The eviction notices, the charity school, the free-lunch programs things of the past. Soon we would move to the suburbs.

Next to him sits my mother, next to her, me. She holds herself awkwardly away from me and against him. As if she couldn't stand even to let our arms brush. Four of my sisters behind us, standing. Pressed close, everyone touching. Everyone but me.

I look at her, my mother. The lines in her face are those not of a hard life, but of a hard woman. I think of newspaper photos of baby-rapers, killers, psychopaths. Faces that make one shudder and think, *Yes, this person is capable of that*. The same look, in a face I'd trained myself to think of as that of a victim. As a woman who "did the best she could." That sometimes true, too-often-accepted excuse for any amount of horror.

What is it about mothers? So many of us, branded as property at birth, continue into adulthood to make excuses for our mothers. To offer them the protection they withheld when we not only needed but were entitled to it. So I wonder, what of me? Who protected and nurtured her own daughter so lovingly. What if I'd continued using drugs as my mother did? What if I'd had more kids? What if I'd sublimated a fine intellect to be a "better wife"? What if?

I look at my sisters. Realize with surprise that Elizabeth, one of several family drunks, was also the family beauty. She's radiant, alight with Black Irish fire.

There is Debbie, at 15. She has our mother's eyes and dark, glossy hair. Her face is smug, the world hers. The only one left in the house when I was five, I came to her, sobbing the shameful thing Daddy and I had done…*Your mother won't anymore — you and I love each other this way — our secret — only you — my special girl.* I remember her response. "At least be glad he spends some time with you. He never even talks to me anymore." She'd been 14. To me, old and wise and utterly cool. I accepted her words into me like parasites. The special love my daddy shared with me, lucky girl. Be grateful. More than you deserve.

She the youngest for so long before my birth. Our family dirt-poor, our stuff on the street after

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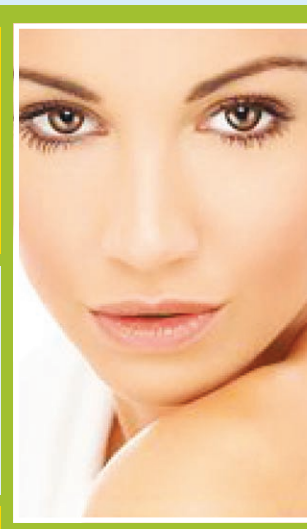

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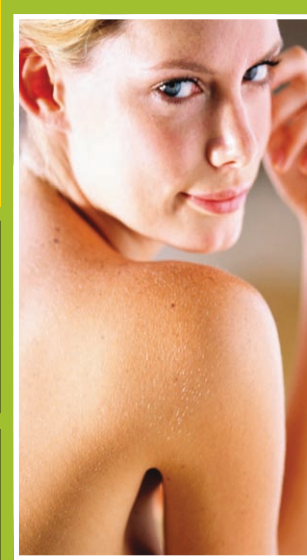

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more evictions than I can count. I played in the cemetery as a child. We called it the park. Hide-n-seek among the headstones, sprawling in sunlight on the plaques of the ash plots.

Dirt poor, Debbie had horseback lessons. School dances. New dresses. Sister, did he have you too? You who rebuffed me, could you possibly have been jealous? Grown too old for him, seeing that lost child I was as a usurper?

And why you, ugly little slut-girl, five-year-old temptress of a churchgoing man? My other sisters: Siobhan, looking like Claudia Schiffer, buttercup blonde, porcelain skin, ridiculous curves. Siobhan, who never felt pretty. Erin, reeking style, elegant dress she made herself, perfect hair, luminous skin, and huge gray eyes. Now bitter, having lived her life the right way always, without reward. So much hope and promise, battles to be fought, worlds to be conquered. All ashes now. So much defeat, so much despair.

Finally I look at that ugly child. In the left of the frame, she stands alone. Anger and distaste on her mother's face, on her father's power and triumph. The eyes, gray-green slits in a swollen face. The hideous haircut. My sisters' hair spills over their shoulders like melted butter, like milk chocolate, like liquid flame. Though I smile, revealing buck teeth and a dimple, the face is blank.

I thought once that it was visible. The evil eyes he gave me showing the world the truth about me. Now…I don't know. I search the closeted eyes for some sign. What made him want to share that "special" thing with me? Why, when I was five, not yet in school, small-framed though "mature for my age," as Mother liked to say, why would you force my thighs apart like the bones of a chicken? Then shove into me; rending, tearing, your hand over my mouth to strangle the screams.

"Bring the picture," she says. "We'll have a barbecue."

Why, when I came to Mommy, panties sodden with blood, when I told her I was hurt down there, did she simply say I was "a little young to be falling off the wagon" and show me how to use Kotex?

And why, Dr. S., did you put me on phenobarb at seven, with normal EEGs, when I began to "act crazy" at school, my strangeness no longer so easily hidden? Why, Dr. Y., did you operate on me so frequently, searching for a cause for those gynecological problems? Why, Dr. V., did you let Mommy answer all the questions during the pediatric exams? Why, damn it, didn't any of you ever even think to ask me?

No more joy in the desecration of his picture. Wherever he is, nothing I do can touch him; what he did so long ago touches me still. Crying, I call Cat again.

"Bring the picture," she says. "We'll have a barbecue."

I'm no believer in the power of ritual, and when Straight rolls up, I forget to take it.

Cat has spent all day baking and cooking, created a feast from scratch. Used to potlucks, I'm overwhelmed. She basks in my praise. It's too bad we couldn't afford presents to show the depth of feeling we have for one another, but such special things don't exist anyway. This is enough.

When they take me home, Cat insists our ritual not wait. She takes scissors and begins to cut.

"Cut her out too," I say, stabbing a finger at the ugly child with her poison-green eyes.

"Does it really bother you? I don't want to cut her out…I really don't, *hermana*."

"Okay." I give. We'll leave the little demon-spawn in for now. Maybe she'll start to look better someday.

She is solemn, and I, cynic, find no desire to scoff as she trims around his picture. "You, scum, you have no place in a family photograph. I will never forgive you for what you did to my sister." Then my mother. "You too. You sacrificed my sister and did not protect her, so you deserve to burn with him."

That done, we head out to the barbecues by the pool. Christmas carols play, people lean drunk or infused with holiday spirit out their doors, yelling "Merry Christmas!" She hands me her Zippo. "Tell him whatever you want to tell him, then send this image of him to hell to join his soul."

On the spot, no great speech prepared, I blurt the first thing that comes to mind, venom that catches me by surprise, "Fuck you. I'm glad you're dead."

My parents alight, curling toward each other as the photos burn. The pyre seems larger than it should be, as if we're eccentrics having a Christmas barbecue, flames leaping into the sky. Finally, ashes are all that remain.

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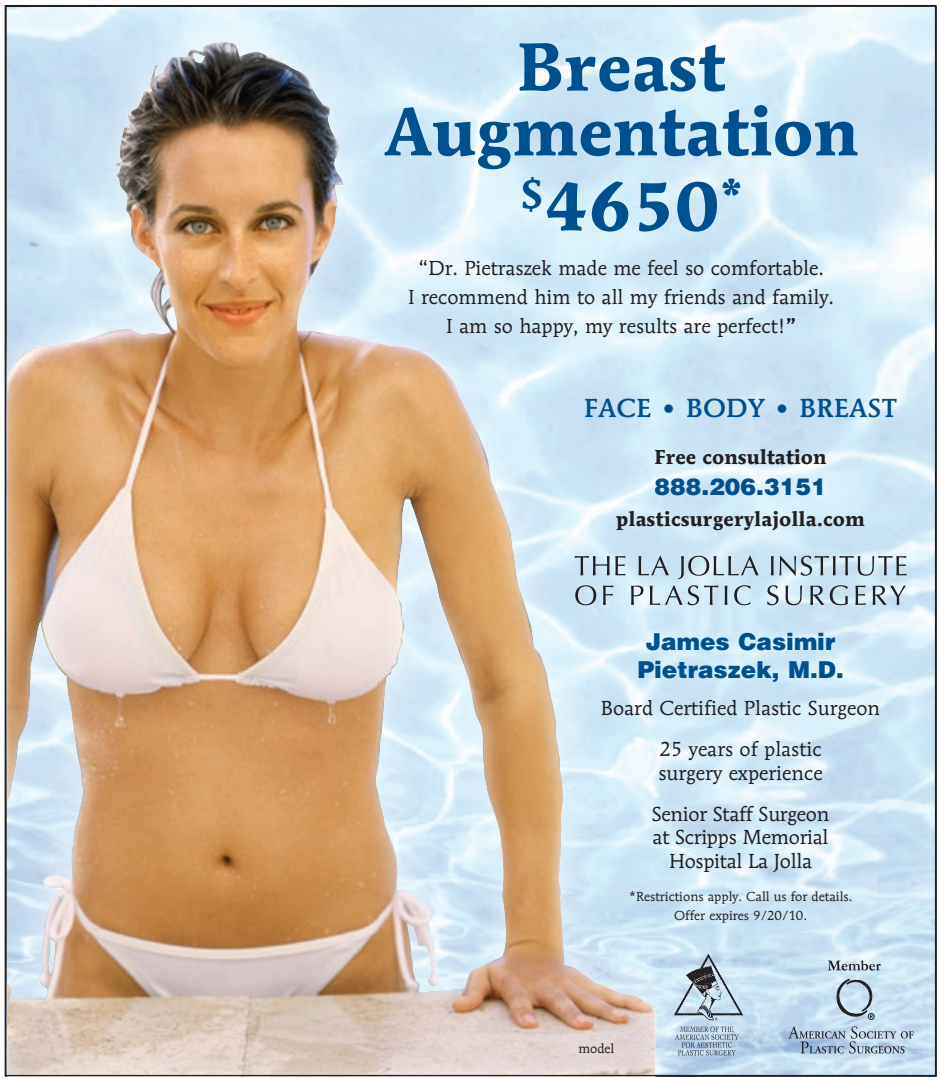

say our goodbyes, taking time to holler "Merry Christmas" back at a few of the drunken fools as my sister and her man head out.

My daughter and I stay up late telling ghost stories. "Swish-Flop," "The Hook," "It Floats," "Jimmy Jones, I'm Gonna Get Ya," cracking each other up.

When she sleeps, I stare at the remnants of the portrait and begin to weep. And to wonder, still. *Why you?* The undeserved guilt of a violated child is black magic, a thing of power. Forever seeking explanations for the inexplicable. Order from chaos, logic from horror.

I'd been taking heavy meds for the central nervous system disease that's one of my problems, and making progress. In the morning, the progress is gone. I'm worse. Facing an unpleasant course of chemotherapy, lengthy hospitalization if outpatient treatment doesn't work. Bastard. Reaching out from beyond the grave to have me yet again. The cervical cancer and gynecological problems that the doctor traces, with a sniff, to "early intercourse," and now the debilitation, lack of remission. It's on him: Daddy. Rapist. Bottom-feeder. Maggot.

Although I've lost the vision in my right eye, I stare at the bathroom mirror. What, what, what! My mouth opens wide, and I shriek like a maniac, "I'M NOT ONE OF PAVLOV'S DOGS! FUCK YOU! FUCK YOU!" I mean to have my health back, I tell him, through my reflection, our eyes mingling in the glass. And more than that. I mean to have my joy. My birthright.

I mean to have my joy.

Cat has repeated to me something she was told. "We're not children anymore, and we're no longer forced to take the things our parents give us. If they give you something that hurts you, shove it back in their faces."

I don't have to accept the things they give me. I can get rid of the things they left me. Inheritances and legacies are two different things. My inheritances — I'll let them return to the estate. My legacies are something sweet and pure.

He gave me his eyes, and I gave them to my daughter. They're neither evil nor dead in her beloved face. As I stare at myself, I see, finally, they aren't in mine either. They are big and green and bright and full of life. He gave me his eyes, but not his soul. My daughter and I share his eyes, but our souls are our own. And they burn bright as votive candles in a dark church.

Long ago, a biological sister turned her back on me. Today, an *hermana* creates rituals and Christmas feasts, holds me when I cry, even when I fight to get away, and would literally lay down her life for me and my daughter. I have a family. And no vow ever made is more solemn than this: I will celebrate with them.

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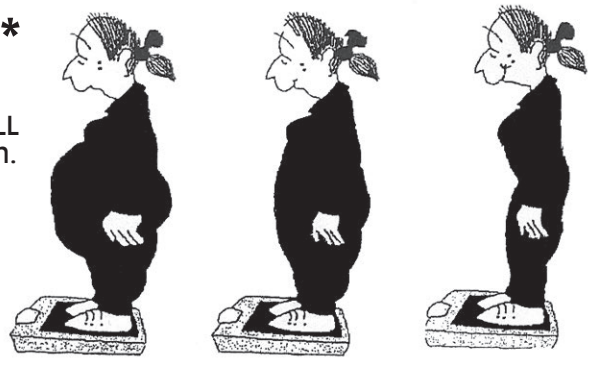

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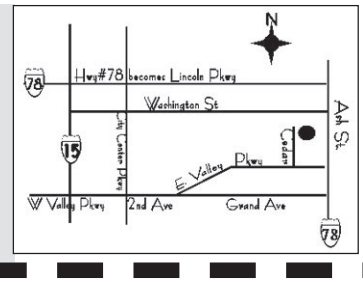

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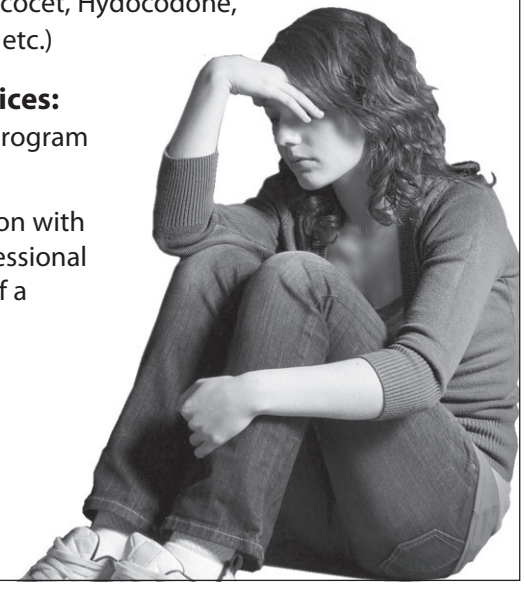

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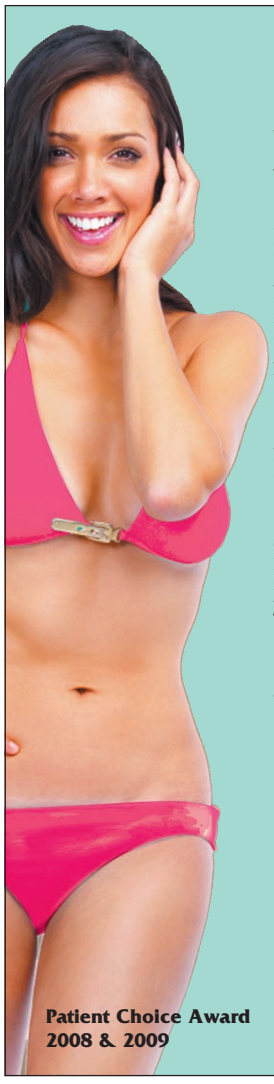

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ment become part of the fabric — woven in for a long time? "In the downturn, companies cut back on costs, streamlined their workforces, and will continue doing this for a while," says Alan Gin of the University of San Diego. "The unemployment rate will be above 8 percent for the next couple of years." He thinks the county will add only 3000 to 5000 jobs this year but might tack on 10,000 next year. (However, that is a small part of 1.23 million total civilian jobs.)

Cox sees an addition of 6000 to 12,000 jobs this year and a small improvement next year, crawling up a bit each year. "The unemployment rate will be relatively high for five years, to around 2015," says Cox. "We will still be above 6 percent in five years, dropping only by about a half a percent per year."

Murtaza Baxamusa of the Center on Policy Initiatives says that San Diego's shortage of middle-class jobs "is a very pertinent problem." He feels that unemployment in San Diego "will hover around 10 percent for a while." But he doesn't think high unemployment will become the new reality: "There is more awareness of the macroeconomic impact [of high unemployment] on Main Street. This will not be accepted for too long."

Nationally, "Unemployment will be above 8 percent for several years," says economist James Hamilton of the University of California San Diego. Like Baxamusa, he believes a weaker dollar could help employment. On August 6, the U.S. Labor Department revealed that July job numbers were weak, and the unemployment rate remained at 9.5 percent. Some economists think the Federal Reserve will try to push long-term interest rates even lower, and the government might try even more fiscal stimulus. Hamilton, however, doesn't think that such initiatives will dramatically improve the job picture. And they will worsen the nation's financial stability: "We don't have unlimited ability to borrow," he warns.■

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most worrisome. The "major uncertainties" are caused by offshore faults within 6 miles of the plant: the South Coast Offshore Fault Zone and the "faulting that connects" San Diego's Rose Canyon Fault Zone and the Newport-Inglewood Fault Zone, which extends north to L.A.

The plant "could experience larger ground motions from earthquakes than had been anticipated at the time the plant was designed," warns the consultant report.

In the event of a quake, San Onofre officials have assured the public that facilities can be safely shut down and all radioactive materials contained. Assuming they're right, the question still remains how we'd all be affected if San Onofre or Diablo Canyon were to cease generating power.

One pertinent example mentioned in the report is a magnitude 6.8 earthquake that hit Japan in 2007; the epicenter was about ten miles from the world's largest nuclear plant, the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Plant. In 90 seconds, 8000 megawatts of power generated by seven reactors was wiped off Japan's power grid. That's enough energy to power nearly 10 million households.

Three years later, only two of the reactors have passed safety evaluations and resumed operation. "They don't know if they'll ever get the other ones back up," Becker told me. The plant's operator had to buy electricity from other sources. Total losses due to the shutdowns have surpassed $12 billion.

One lesson learned from the Japanese experience: difficulty obtaining replacement parts and time spent completing repairs are not the only impediments to restarting plant operations; political and regulatory concerns can keep a nuclear plant inoperable as well.

San Onofre generates about 2254 megawatts of power at its two reactors, powering 2.75 million households. Diablo Canyon serves roughly 2.7 million customers through its 2200-megawatt generation capacity. While it's unlikely a single seismic event would disable both plants simultaneously, losing just one could trigger catastrophic power shortages across the state. The potential looms for rolling blackouts and massive utility rate spikes, as Californians would be forced to import power from other locales.

In early March, Becker flew to Washington to meet with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's chairman Gregory Jaczko to make the case that the commission should stay the hearings for Diablo Canyon's license renewal until seismic studies can be completed. Becker says Jaczko seemed receptive to the concerns she presented. But on July 6, the commission denied the stay.

The commission plans to hold a public meeting in California next month to discuss the commission's role and actions taken regarding seismic issues. Congressmembers Bob Filner of San Diego and Lois Capps of Santa Barbara have called on the commission to cooperate with state agencies in the relicensing

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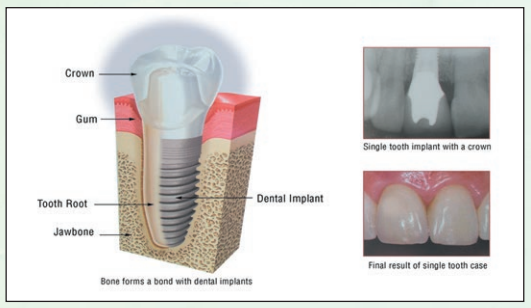

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process. "We specifically ask the NRC to collaborate with our state's regulatory agencies and create a joint panel to review — upon their completion — the seismic studies requested of the utility by our state regulators and legislature," their letter reads.

While the state's Energy Commission can't force PG&E to complete seismic studies before it renews Diablo Canyon's license, the state does have some leverage. To pay for license renewal, an estimated $85 million, PG&E must gain the approval of the state Public Utilities Commission for recovery of funds. (Whom are they recovering the funds from? California ratepayers.) The state agency has not yet approved PG&E's request.

Becker says that San Onofre's operator, SoCal Edison, has been following PG&E's progress. Although SoCal Edison's July 26 filing with the Public Utilities Commission mentions funding for license renewal, the filing is primarily concerned with funding for seismic studies. The filing states that seismic projects at San Onofre will commence in 2012.■

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that gives corporations the same First Amendment rights as individuals.

By David Batterson
Tuesday, Aug. 10

Slippery, Not Smelly

Green Algae Slimes up SD Beaches

La Jolla — **As if the stingray "attacks" of a few weeks ago weren't enough, now we have the beaches of La Jolla Shores getting slimed by green algae.**

A roving La Jolla lifeguard told me on August 13 that this neon-green muck "has been offshore for about a week now," sighted on beaches in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

According to experts from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, the Tetraselmis algae is not hazardous to swim in (but I can tell you, it is not a pleasant experience). In the morning, the green patches float off the beaches, but as the afternoon rolls around and the wind picks up, the algae invades the shoreline. It is slippery but not smelly.

I noticed tourists gazing curiously at the latest oddity to strike San Diego waters. Many tourists and visitors seemed put off from enjoying a swim.

By Gail Powell
Saturday, Aug. 14

Lost Belongings

Incident Between Homeless Man and P.B. Lifeguards

Pacific Beach — **At about 9:30 a.m. on Friday, August 13, at the Grand Avenue lifeguard tower, a homeless man named Sonny was distraught. He claimed that lifeguards had stolen his belongings off the beach. The lifeguards told him city trash collectors came by and took away his things. Sonny insisted that the lifeguards stole his stuff and called the police.**

Police responded and questioned Sonny, then went inside the lifeguard tower to take a statement from lifeguards. Upon returning, the police informed Sonny that there was nothing they could do because he hadn't seen anyone take his belongings.

The animosity between Sonny and the lifeguards seemed to have been precipitated by an incident the day before in which Sonny reported that lifeguards refused him treatment for a broken toe.

By Robert Bussino
Saturday, Aug. 14

Barefoot and Braless

Victim Describes Rescue From Apartment Fire

North Park — **It's all gone — my life as I knew it is over, following a May 21 fire at the apartment I lived at on Louisiana Street.**

A policeman was knocking down my door. I could see the look of fear on his face — "Come with me *now*, before this floor collapses and drops us into the fire below."

The policeman pulled me down the stairs — I could feel the heat of the flames, smell the smoke, and taste the soot that was filling my mouth, nose, and lungs. I held my breath and ran. I had to run between burning trees and the flames. I remember feeling my hair to be sure it hadn't caught fire.

I stood behind my building, barefoot and braless in my PJs, watching my apartment and car burn. I was shivering with cold and shaking with fear. People were watching it all burn. Why? Beauty of the flames or a thankfulness that it wasn't their misfortune? I wanted to scream, "All you people go away!!"

I realized the things I had treasured were being destroyed and there was nothing I could do but grieve. Why hadn't I taken an extra second to grab family photos? The words others said to me that night sounded so shallow — "Don't worry, everything will be all right." *Don't tell me everything will be all right*, I remember thinking.

By Deborah Moir
Saturday, Aug. 14

Camptown Breakup

Cops, Fish & Game Flush Homeless From Woods

Rancho San Diego — **San Diego sheriff's deputies believe they've thwarted a growing homeless population occupying the wooded areas that neighbor the Rancho San Diego Towne Center on Jamacha Boulevard. According to Deputy Albert Carrillo, the transients were likely linked**

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to a spike in crimes, which ranged from trespassing to commercial, residential, and vehicle burglaries.

Law enforcement and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service began patrolling sites that included the wooded areas behind Staples, the YMCA, and the historic steel bridge on Campo Road. The homeless "disturbed area wildlife and have been destructive to the watershed," said Carrillo. Inmate work crews removed large amounts of trash and brush from the areas, and law enforcement posted trespass notices.

Carrillo said the transient population includes mostly 35- to 65-year-old males and females who grew up in the Spring Valley, Jamul, and Rancho San Diego areas. He said they have likely been living the transient life for years and were not there due to a loss of job or their home.

Transients were warned of the sweep that took place on July 31. On that morning, none of the homeless were to be found. "I would like to think they have located housing, but most of the time people locate another area out of view," said Carrillo. "There has been a definite decline of crime in the areas closest to where the transients were living."

By Karina Hernandez
Thursday, Aug. 12

Home Improvement

Targeting Blight with New Lowe's, Toyota Dealership?

Poway — **The City of Poway is trading in the abandoned Poway Chrysler Jeep car lot on Poway Road for something a bit more dependable: a Toyota dealership and a Lowe's Home Improvement store.**

At their August 17 city council meeting, the mayor and city councilmembers will decide whether to rede-

What's Your NEWS IQ?

By Robert Kumpel

1. *Peter Barry Lawrence, 71, pleaded guilty to robbing a bank on July 26 in downtown San Diego. Lawrence is popularly known as*
A. The Geezer Bandit
B. The Geritol Bandit
C. The Rest Home Avenger
D. The Wheelchair Bandit

2. *The latest edition of* Outside *magazine lists which Western city as the "best whitewater town" in the country?*
A. Bishop, California
B. Bend, Oregon
C. Reno, Nevada
D. Boise, Idaho

3. *In Orange County, a class-action lawsuit has been filed against various food distributors alleging fraud. What is the specific accusation?*
A. Mislabeling ketchup as "fancy" when fancy tomatoes were not used
B. Failing to post warnings on diet-soda cans about aspartame poisoning
C. Mislabeling virgin olive oil as "extra virgin"
D. Mislabeling fast-food french fries as "Russet Burbank" potatoes

4. *The Small Business Administration recently released its list of the top ten lenders to local small businesses. The number-one lender was*
A. Bank of America
B. Wells Fargo
C. U.S. National Bank Association
D. Seacoast Commerce Bank

5. *Which U.S. city is facing budget shortfalls severe enough to force the closure of all of its libraries?*
A. Camden, New Jersey
B. San Luis Obispo, California
C. Fort Myers, Florida
D. San Diego, California

6. *Which southern hemisphere nation experienced colder temperatures than Antarctica on July 15, causing record power consumption?*
A. Chile
B. New Zealand
C. Argentina
D. Uruguay

7. *The City of Escondido has announced that it will ease restrictions on*
A. Small businesses in residential zones
B. Livestock boarding
C. Live music and dancing
D. Bath houses

8. *Which Republican senator has made repeated calls for an increase in gasoline taxes to close the federal budget deficit?*
A. Olympia Snowe, Maine
B. George Voinovich, Ohio
C. Lamar Alexander, Tennessee
D. Tom Coburn, Oklahoma

9. *Which of the following players was not inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame on August 7?*
A. Joe Jacoby
B. Dick LeBeau
C. Russ Grimm
D. Floyd Little

10. *Friends and relatives of deployed soldiers are complaining about a new law that went into effect on June 29 that makes it much more difficult to mail what item?*
A. Books and periodicals
B. Over-the-counter medications
C. Tobacco products
D. Anything with metal in it

11. *During the second quarter of 2010, delinquencies doubled in what San Diego market?*
A. Automobile leases
B. Heavy-equipment leases
C. Residential mortgages
D. Commercial properties

12. *On August 9, the board of directors for Palomar Pomerado Healthcare voted to increase*
A. Admission fees

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velop the empty car lot by entering into a lease agreement with Poway Toyota. The auto dealership will move from its current lot across the street to the former Chrysler lot and combine it with two other lots that it plans to purchase for what will be a 45,000-square-foot mega-dealership.

"The new Toyota site will serve as a catalyst to eliminate blighting conditions, spur economic activity, and attract investment into the project area," reads a study attached to the staff report. "These defunct dealerships have become an eyesore to the community and are primary contributors to economic and physical blight."

The blight on Poway Road has worsened since the economy shifted to reverse in 2007. Four auto dealerships in four years have shuttered the doors, including Poway Chrysler Jeep, Poway Chrysler Dodge, JR Auto Sales, and General Motors Chevrolet.

Another facet of the city's redevelopment plan focuses on the lot that will be left vacant after Toyota moves to its new location. According to the August 17 agenda, Lowe's Home Improvement is in the process of purchasing Toyota's old car lot as well as the "underutilized" Poway Chevrolet lot as the site for a new store.

By Dorian Hargrove
Thursday, Aug. 12

The Butcher's Block

Budget Cuts, Outlook Grim for City's Finances

National City — "Around 2005 we found out that our checkbook wasn't looking like we needed it to. It's fair to say that this budget year is particularly treacherous," said Chris Zapata, city manager for National City, at the opening of the August 10 special budget meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to try and fill the budget gap by cutting the library department, recreation department, and the city's senior centers.

The gaping hole that is the city's structural deficit continues to grow. During fiscal year 2009–2010, National City had to dip into the reserves and find other funding to balance a $3.3 million shortfall. The shortfall is expected for the next three years. According to Zapata, city revenues are back to 2004 levels, despite the 1 percent city sales-tax increase passed in 2006.

The city's library department was first on the butcher's block. Staff presented the mayor and city councilmembers with five options, ranging from doing nothing and keeping the library open seven days a

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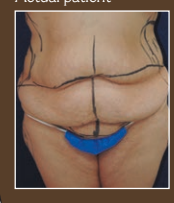

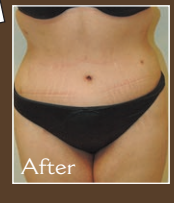

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week to closing the library doors three days a week.

In addition to reducing hours at the library, the council also deliberated on proposals to slash the neighborhood council program, reduce hours at recreation centers and the Kimball Senior Center, and to put a tarp on the community pool for the winter.

"Nobody here predicted this except maybe the guy standing on the corner with a clipboard saying that the world was going to end," said Mayor Ron Morrison during council deliberation.

By the end of the night, the city council managed to trim $270,000 of fat from the budget, $130,000 short of their goal. They did so by reducing library hours by 12 hours a week, which saved the city approximately $140,000 a year, eliminating one full-time position on the neighborhood council program, closing recreation centers one hour earlier each day, shuttering the Kimball Senior Center on Fridays, and shutting down the pool on Sundays.

By Dorian Hargrove
Wednesday, Aug. 11

Southwestern Suitors

Contractor Campaign Donors Linked to Prop R

Chula Vista — **In 2008, voters approved Proposition R, a $389 million bond for Chula Vista's Southwestern College. As construction plans begin to take shape, contractors, subcontractors, and consultants are lining up before the Southwestern Governing Board. Some entrepreneurs are also lining the campaign coffers of incumbent board members Yolanda Salcido and Terri Valladolid, who will be fighting to retain their seats in November.**

Nicholas Alioto, Southwestern's vice president of business and financial affairs, threw a fundraiser for Salcido and Valladolid on May 20, 2010.

Of particular note on both candidates' disclosure statements are the generous donations of $2500 from Seville Construction Services Inc., selected in October 2009 to provide construction management not only for the $389 million Prop R

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B. Pharmacy fees
C. Property taxes
D. Number of nurses hired

13. *California's state senate voted 34-0 to approve a bill that would make it illegal for state prisoners to possess or receive*
A. Credit cards
B. Cellular phones
C. Laptop computers
D. Pornography

14. *Which European capital has had its daily death rate double over the summer from soaring temperatures and unusually thick smog?*
A. Moscow
B. Berlin
C. London
D. Amsterdam

15. *After arguing with a passenger on arrival at JFK airport, flight attendent Steven Slater grabbed two beers from the galley, cursed the passenger over the PA system, deployed the emergency-exit slide, and left the plane, only to be arrested hours later. Which airline did Slater work for?*
A. Delta
B. American
C. Virgin America
D. Jet Blue

16. Business Week *magazine's website recently ranked America's "laziest" states based on data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The top-ranked state for sedentary habits and inactivity is*
A. North Dakota
B. Nevada
C. West Virginia
D. Louisiana

17. *Which restaurant chain announced that it would honor discount coupons for smoothies issued by McDonald's?*
A. Souplantation
B. The Tropical Smoothie Café
C. Jamba Juice
D. Orange Julius

18. *Who said, "It will be difficult enough to avoid disaster on planet Earth in the next hundred years, let alone the next thousand or million. The human race shouldn't have all its eggs in one basket, or on one planet"?*
A. Richard Dawkins
B. Stephen Hawking
C. Shirley MacLaine
D. Jeff Corwin

19. *On August 10, a speaker at the Rancho Bernardo Country Club drew a crowd of about 220 and an additional crowd of 220 protesters. Who was the speaker?*
A. Joe Arpaio, sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona
B. Jan Brewer, governor of Arizona
C. Ann Coulter
D. Former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich

20. *Independent investigators are looking into an incident of rookie hazing in Imperial Beach, which involved excessive drinking and photos of sexually suggestive poses. The rookies in question were:*
A. Police officers
B. Navy SEALs
C. Lifeguards
D. Firefighters

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CITY LIGHTS

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funds but also for remaining funds from Prop AA (which paid for construction of Southwestern facilities in Otay Mesa and San Ysidro).

Another generous donation came from business owner Christopher Rowe of Echo Pacific Construction, who gave $1000 to the campaigns of both Salcido and Valladolid on June 2, 2010. Southwestern's board had approved an agreement with Echo in April "for $68,500 for preconstruction, $318,500 for construction management services, and $458,050 for general conditions." On July 14, 2010, the board awarded Echo another contract for the Prop R corner-lot construction, preconstruction costs, and "fixed lump-sum fee general conditions costs" — a contract totaling over $4 million.

By Susan Luzzaro
Wednesday, Aug. 11

South Bay Shortfall

Dwindling Revenues, Tough Budget Decisions

Chula Vista — At the August 10 city council meeting in National City, councilmembers and the mayor reduced hours at the city's library, senior center, the swimming pool, and eliminated a full-time position on the neighborhood council program to try and stay on top of the $3 million structural deficit.

On August 17, it will be Chula Vista city council's turn to meet and discuss their structural deficit, one that city manager Jim Sandoval estimates to be $12.5 million for the next fiscal year.

The South Bay city was

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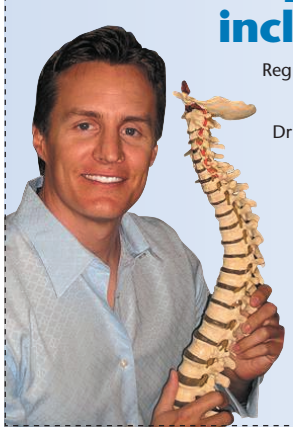

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hard hit by the sluggish economy. The city's bank account, once bolstered by the construction of new, large-scale housing developments, is now being sucked dry by the cost from the additional services required to maintain the new streets and developments.

Despite "extensive budget reform" during the past three years, which included the elimination of 259 full-time positions and reduction of city services, Chula Vista's pecuniary predicament continues as revenues from sales and property tax plummet downward.

"While the former budget cuts were significant, City staff is committed to continue to work diligently for this community and provide the best services we can with the limited resources we have" was the quote from city manager Sandoval.

"However," continued Sandoval, "difficult decisions will need to be made in the next several months. These decisions could literally change Chula Vista as we know it."

By Dorian Hargrove
Saturday, Aug. 14

Chula Vista, New Mexico

Drug Violence Pushes Wealthy Mexicans North

Chula Vista — **"La Nueva Tijuana" (the new Tijuana) is the name given to a section of Chula Vista known as EastLake Terrace. An explosion of growth there and in Bonita has been brought about by the exodus of Tijuana's upper-middle and upper-class residents who fear for their lives.**

By relocating, these Mexican citizens hope to escape the threat of violence, kidnappings for ransom, and assaults, says Enrique Morones, founder of Ángeles de la Frontera (Border Angels). The migration to the U.S. is a phenomenon that has yet to be formally investigated.

According to Victor Clark Alfaro, director for the Binational Center for Human Rights, the migration caused by fear is something new and symbolic.

Source: *Frontera*

By T.B. Beaudeau
Thursday, Aug. 12

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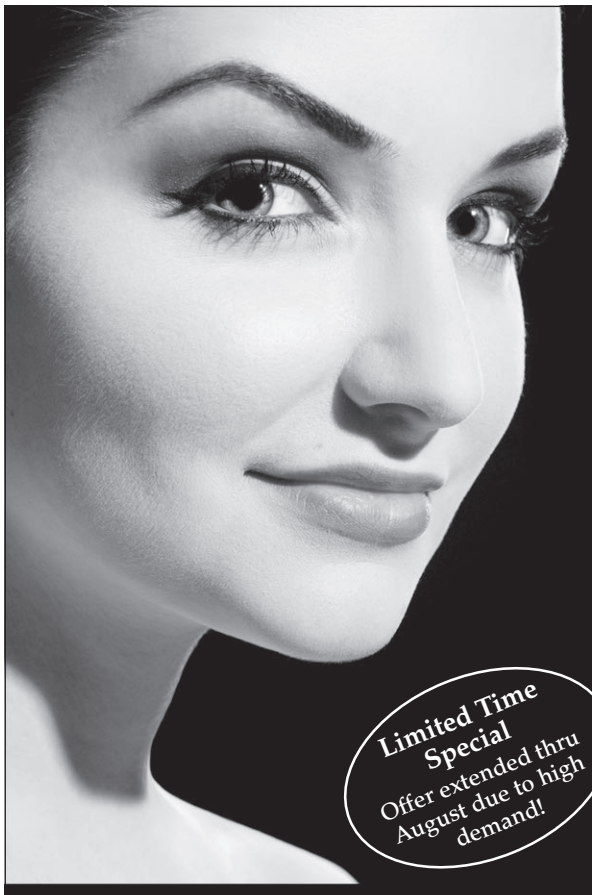

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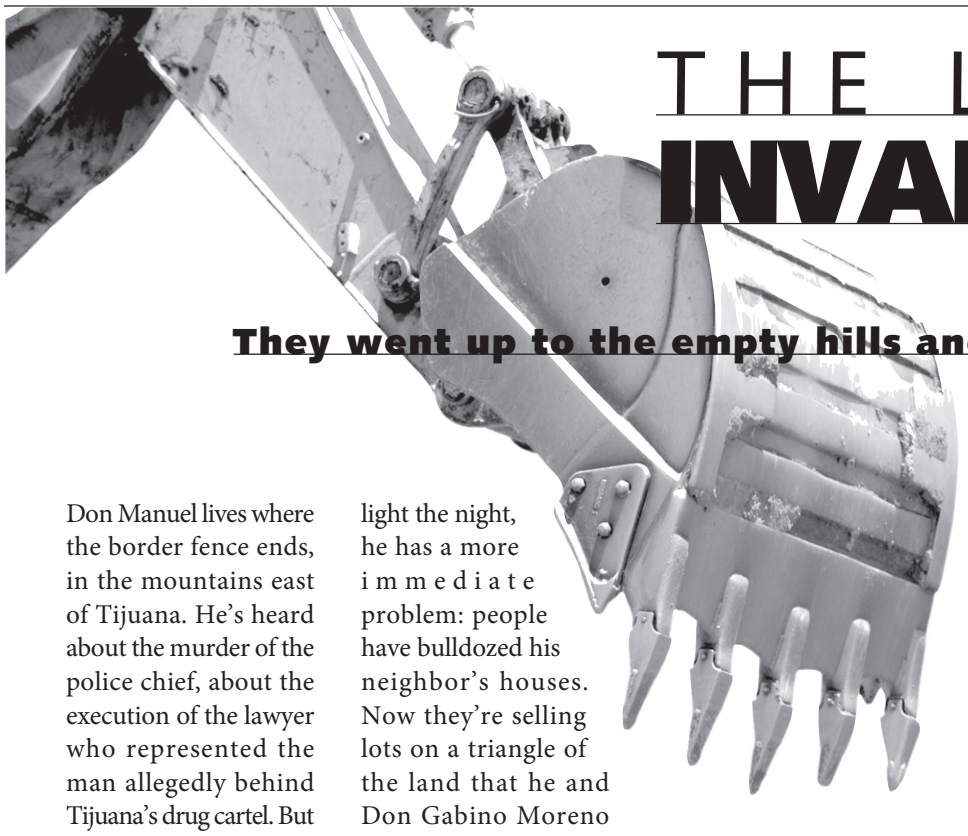

THE LAND INVADERS

They went up to the empty hills and claimed the land for themselves.

Don Manuel lives where the border fence ends, in the mountains east of Tijuana. He's heard about the murder of the police chief, about the execution of the lawyer who represented the man allegedly behind Tijuana's drug cartel. But Don Manuel is 86 years old and 2000 feet above the city. And here, where horses are for transport and pigs are for eating and cactus fields are for harvesting and candles light the night, he has a more immediate problem: people have bulldozed his neighbor's houses. Now they're selling lots on a triangle of the land that he and Don Gabino Moreno Santana, the president of their land association, say is theirs.

Tonight a district attorney for the state of Baja California has come to hear their story. Everyone gathers around a fire on the dirt floor of the community hall, which took them a decade to build. They talk while Señora Alma barbecues carne asada and heats tortillas on a metal rack. This meal is a thank you to the DA for his efforts. The smoke curls up and out through the space in the brick wall where a window will be. There's still no electric light or windows or floor, so Don Manuel draws a map in the dust with a stick. "The bulldozers from the *ejido* [government-granted group-owned lands] down the hill just came one day and destroyed our homes," says Isabel Félix. "No warning. They destroyed the furniture, everything. They even smashed the water tank. It was a good thing the people were at work, otherwise they wouldn't even have their clothes and tools." Licenciado "Pérez" (who asked that his real name not be used) eats his carne asada and tortilla and beans, sips from a bottle of Tecate beer, and listens. A Baja California state district attorney, he has made the hour-long journey, half of it over rocky, unpaved steep gully roads, to find out about this group's claims.

"Alma wrote a complaint against the people," says Isabel. "The [municipal] police came.

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But they just looked and left. Don Gabino went to private lawyers, gave them money. Nothing happened! Then he asked people where he could go to get justice. And they told him about the *licenciado* and the Unidad Orgánica Contra Despojos [the (state) unit against real estate land theft]. He didn't expect much. He is so happy that the *licenciado* actually came up to us, to see. Licenciado Pérez, he is like a god!"

She laughs, but she means it.

* * *

Pérez's day started around 9:00 this morning, like most of his mornings at the downtown Tijuana office that he shares with four other attorneys of the Ministerio Público, the state police and district attorney headquarters, near the bullring.

It's difficult to find the cinderblock house, tucked behind the main building. This is where most Tijuana murders and robberies are investigated. Blue vans pull up and disgorge handcuffed felons. Plainclothes state cops stand around in the sun with square black pistols stuffed into their jeans. Some snack on papaya and cottage cheese and honey from Pedro's fruit stand. Appellants approach public writers — *escritorios públicos* — to help them fill out forms. Smooth-suited defense attorneys in jackets and shades bustle up and down the sidewalk, looking out for their clients.

Among the day's clump of people gathered outside the garden of the Unidad Orgánica Contra Despojos, Don Gabino and a worried-looking woman (who identified herself only as Margarita) wait for Pérez with armloads of papers and plans. Like everybody else, they're here to complain of land invasion. In a city where only 25 percent of the population is satisfactorily housed and 80,000 new settlers arrive each month, this is one of the busiest sections of state law enforcement.

Pérez sits in the back office hearing the *denuncias*, accusations, by traditionally dressed people from the edge of town.

"This is my work. I sit here and listen to landowners come in and denounce squatters," says Pérez. "If our research backs them up, we enforce. We give the squatters on their land 72 hours to move." It's rarely as simple as that.

"This is nothing like it was," says Pérez, a quick, short man who enjoys people. He says that back in the '80s there were literally tens of thousands of squatters. It was out of hand: People with no money coming north for work, some of the 26 million Mexicans who live in extreme poverty and 40 million who are considered poor (according to Mexican-government figures quoted by Reuters). They may have had jobs in the *maquiladoras* but nowhere to live.

"The problem with land in Mexico, mostly on the borders, is the great number of immigrants from inside Mexico," says Pérez. "Too many people; not enough housing for rent and so few houses for sale. And the ones that are average $2000 — too expensive for these immigrants from little towns with no money.

"So these people started to organize in the early '70s. They went up to the empty hills and claimed the land for themselves, saying that the nation should give [land] to its people, because the constitution guarantees that right to Mexicans — education, good health, and a place to live with dignity.

"Then the state [counteracted by] approving new laws, including this *despojo* felony law to try to stop the illegal invasion of land. But for the government it was very difficult to try to grab these thousands of people and put them all in jail. Complete families. It became a conflict between the law and a social problem the government had to deal with."

As he talks, Pérez signs court orders and correspondence with a swirling signature. He says the state eventually created a less stringent law. Squatters would still be tossed off the land, but state and federal agencies would offer them government land to buy at rock-bottom prices — say, $700 to $1000 — with low or no-interest drip payment.

"If they leave within 72 hours, we don't prosecute," he says. "And the government is working on their case to provide land for them. A big part of Tijuana is growing because of these kinds of settlements." Pérez points to a distinguished-looking older man in a big hat waiting outside. "That gentleman has been in jail because he took land and profiteered from the migrants. *Líderes sociales* like him manipulated immigrants into invading land and then, in effect, making them pay protection money."

But times are changing. "Land invasions are down 80 percent since the 1980s, but there will be new waves. The government has got to find new ways to provide land to the people."

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The unusual thing about Pérez's office is that, unlike most bureaucracies, he and his colleagues don't just sit and read files. "Paper is cruel," Pérez says, "and sometimes deceptive. I like to look into people's faces, see the land, find out what's going on." Half an hour

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later that's exactly what he's doing. He swings off the highway to Rosarito and up a pitted road to a housing development. Building appears to have stopped halfway through construction. Margarita is here, sitting up front with Pérez. She points to certain houses. "Eighty houses," she says. "That's what the teachers' union was supposed to get. But they've taken over 100, including mine. They're living in them!"

Pérez pores over plans until he finds one house that's occupied. He stops, marks the place on the plan, tucks his gun into the back of his trousers, and goes to speak to two people working in the small garden.

"I'm afraid you are going to have to leave," he says. "Seventy-two hours." "But I'm a federal-education employee," says the man.

"And I'm a state-education employee," says the woman, Dulce. "And it was the state developer of this project who told us, 'Move in!' "

"The best thing," says Pérez, aware of the lives he is turning upside-down, "is not to wait the 72 hours. Come see our office with your papers."

* * *

An hour later we are bumping through the northeasternmost colonia of Tijuana, Las Torres. This is Rinconada Dos. The road is like a potholed rollercoaster ride. Rinconada Dos is one of Tijuana's newest settlements. Four years ago it was empty land. Snaking down into the gully, we ease back up the other side while a blue-and-white bus labeled El Dorado comes lurching by. Plywood shacks dot the hillsides, a few houses too. But it's rough and mostly dirt-scrabble. "You work out how long it would take a patrol car to come here to [a crime

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scene]," says Pérez. "Can you imagine? It makes it so easy for a criminal to go hide. And you wonder how big-time criminals start? There are no parks here. There are no places for the kids to enjoy themselves. All these things create an impact on the growing child. They hear songs on the radio saying how well paid a drug dealer gets to be. And they see drug-dealers driving new cars. Then they see their father working in a *maquiladora* and not improving [his income]. The message is clear: Keep going on the right way and end up living like this, or risk a little and live like a king."

Gustavo Hernández, who's been sitting in the back, directs Pérez up a steep, empty hill to a flat space on its shoulder. Don Gabino and Héctor Villalvazo come to meet Pérez, then escort him to the land they believe has been stolen from their property, the Granjas Familiares [Family Farms], "División del Norte."

"División del Norte was Pancho Villa's famous division, right?" Pérez asks Villalvazo. "Right," answers Villalvazo.

What we see is not exactly a war zone, but concrete slabs where small houses once stood dot the slope. Fences have gone up, lots marked out, a few houses constructed. The siege mood is deepened by the sight of the rusty international border fence dividing the hill beyond. Don Gabino points to a small house painted with signs in the distance. "Oficina Ejido Matamoros," says the main sign. "Nueva Dirección."

Pérez says he'll have to research this issue before acting. Gabino asks if we'll come to the "community hall."

The hall stands unfinished beside a school that went up with the help of San Diego's Rotary Club. Inside the hall, coals glow and smoke rises. Gradually you can make out the men and women gathered here to thank Pérez for taking an interest; since the problem started two years ago, this is officialdom's first recognition. They hand out beers and start cooking the carne asada.

Don Manuel wants to talk about his cactus patch, which gives him "50 to 60 cases of nopales every week" to sell. But Pérez wants to talk business.

"Don Manuel, hear me: Have you been living here for 14 or 15 years? You know how things are?"

"Yes."

"Who had the land fenced? Who are the owners of the land they say has been invaded? Is it these [people] here?"

"Yes."

"Were the lands fenced?"

"Yes."

"And then the [other] ejido showed up?"

"Yes."

"And they tore down fences?"

"Yes."

"And they tore down houses?"

"Yes."

"That's what I wanted you to tell me. How long ago was it that they did this?"

"About two years ago."

"How long?"

"Two years ago."

"When can you come and [make a deposition]? Tomorrow?"

"Whenever you want."

"Then tomorrow, the others will bring you [down to Tijuana] so you can make a statement. Let's go."

"He'll make one of the strongest witnesses," Pérez says half an hour later, as we bump back down toward the valley of lights that is Tijuana. "Even if the people from the other *ejido* have their own maps, it won't help. Because they took the law into their own hands. They destroyed other people's shelter. They should have come to us." Nearer town, as we wait for a snarl of buses and pickups to untangle, Pérez exhales a satisfied sigh.

"This is what I love doing," he says. "My official lunchtime is 3:00 to 6:00. But I could tell in my office that these people had real problems. And what more interesting lunch could you have?" It is 7:00 p.m. by the time we arrive back at state-police headquarters. A light shines in the office; Pérez's secretary is there alone. Out in the garden Pérez sees a shadow. A woman stands up and comes into the light. It's Dulce from the government housing project. She's been waiting since 6:00. She begs the *licenciado* to see her now and tell her if her papers are really not legal. ■

— Bill Manson

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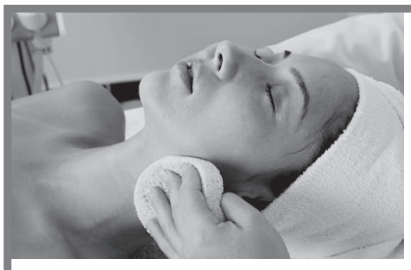

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DIARY OF A DIVA

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it get fixed?" The day before David and I left to visit my in-laws on the East Coast, a neighbor had accidentally crushed the rear quarter panel of my Mini with the front of his truck.

"It's mostly fixed," I said without thinking. "David has to take it back to have something called 'orange peel' buffed out." I detected movement in my periphery and turned toward David, who, in his attempt to get my attention, was thrashing his limbs like a housecat tossed into a pool.

I realized I'd done it again. I was volunteering information that was potentially noxious for a hyper-concerned mother. Like a seasoned politician I walked it back, detailing how friendly and responsive my neighbor had been, how fun it was to drive the rental car for a few days, and how the car looked like new.

"Oh, that's good to hear," Ency said. I was beginning to see why David chose to share only positive news with his parents. I wondered about the offhand statements I'd made to my own parents and if they were troubled by any mentions of stress and strife. *Nah,* I thought. Nothing fazes my folks — I know this because I spent years trying to do just that.

Once we were off the phone, David said, "Look, when I was 16, riding my bicycle across Europe, my passport was stolen. I didn't tell my parents about it until I'd gotten a replacement. They have their own problems to stress over. They certainly don't need to be fretting about what's going on with my printer, especially when *it is not broken.*" ■

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from the lake of fire because God loves the human race so much that He gave His son, the one and only Jesus Christ, with the result that everyone who believes in Him will not suffer eternal punishment but shall possess life eternal. Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.

John Pertle
Santee

Past Her Sell-By Date

Why should anyone take Naomi Wise's review of *Barrio Star* ("Food Girl's Mexican Soul," August 5) seriously when she begins the review by stating that she is already prejudiced against it? She's so busy bad-mouthing owner Isabel Cruz and the premise of the restaurant that she doesn't even get to the food until the seventh [*sic*] paragraph. It's beyond time for her to be replaced. She is a SNOB. The fact that she constantly compares the food in San Diego to food she had in San Francisco and New York is idiotic. It's like comparing apples and oranges. And her obsession with all things pork is nauseating. I haven't read a review of hers in at least a year in which she hasn't swooned about every piece of pork she has eaten. The same is true of Jidori chicken. Please do all of San Diego a favor and find someone who is less of a snob and who can be objective in his/her restaurant reviews. With this review, she has lost all credibility as a capable critic.

Name Withheld
via email

Not On The Menu

"Southwestern College's Proper Snack Bar" ("Stringers," July 29) left out some crucial facts.

I began working at Southwestern College as chief of communications, community and government relations in March 2010. Between my predecessor's departure and my arrival, the college had no in-house staff devoted to communications with the community, media, or elected officials.

In the winter of 2010, there was understandable public interest in the college's accreditation status. Although the college was, and remains, fully accredited, insufficient communication led to some misapprehension. During this time, the college needed help sorting fact from fiction. In fact, the college is ahead of schedule in completing recommendations it received.

Out of necessity, the college hired an expert — for only a month — who explained how it was fully accredited, was not closing, and that classes could transfer and current students could graduate. In fact, while other colleges are cutting classes and staff, Southwestern College is offering new programs, not cutting staff, and increasing the funds allotted to cover employee health care. Getting the word out seems like a good idea.

Chris Bender
Chief of Communications
Community and
Government Relations

The Falls Behind The Ugly Store

So what do San Diego developers and planners have against waterfalls ("City Lights," "College Housing Will Ruin the Gorge," July 29)? There are so few here for them to destroy. In addition to the Adobe Falls mentioned in the "City Lights" article, we have a similar situation with El Saito Falls along Buena Vista Creek in Oceanside. Existing development to the south created a monumental visual blight. To view this stunning waterfall you must drive to the rear of a Kohl's department store, park next to the massive monument sign (had to be visible from the 78 freeway, you know), and look down into the arroyo below.

Now imagine if there was a fashionable restaurant with outside dining at this spot or some other relaxing outdoor-type use such as a bookstore, coffeehouse, etc., with a promenade along the edge for visitors to look at the falls. Something similar to what Vista did near the water park off Vista Village Drive (yes, Vista!), but better as this has a real waterfall. Alas, no. The truckers delivering to the big box stores get to enjoy it while they unload. Were the planners asleep during the environmental portion of their education? And obviously the developers have no clue. They would prefer this was in a box culvert with parking on top.

While the Oceanside Planning Commission recently approved safeguards to protect the falls, it's ultimately up to the city council when this area, presently known as Quarry Creek, finally comes up for final development approval. And that could be a long way off. And it's what surrounds the falls that impacts it the most. Whatever is allowed should provide public use (as mentioned above) and minimal noise so visitors can hear the falls, and so wildlife attracted to the falls won't be disturbed.

In regard to Adobe Falls, I would have thought that an institution of higher education such as San Diego State would have come up with a stunning plan to preserve such an amenity. Seems to me that of the three creek projects mentioned, the only one that shows any class at all came out of the City of Vista. Maybe they should protect these two waterfalls.

R. Anthony Foster
Oceanside

Enough With Flim And The Flam

Thanks to you and Don Bauder for this column on redevelopment ("City Lights," "Raking in Redevelopment Riches," July 29). It should be required reading for every registered voter in the City of San Diego and prior to any new football stadium proposal on a ballot. City taxpayers have already been flimflammed enough with

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the downtown ballpark and convention center expansions while ignoring critical municipal improvements like water supply, sewage treatment, solid waste disposal, and street and road repairs.

Tim
via email

Licorice, Cohosh, Blessed Thistle

I read with interest your "Best Buys" article (July 29) as it was about using herbs to help relieve PMS. I couldn't help but notice all the advice your writer wrote about was given by people who worked at health food stores. She didn't mention if they were herbalists or not. It is not a good idea to take advice from someone who just works at a health food store when it comes to using plants as medicine.

For example, several of the medicines mentioned included black cohosh, and one of the medicines containing this herb required long-term use.

Black cohosh shouldn't be used for longer than three months, nor should one take more than five grams as it can cause toxic symptoms. Licorice, another in one of the medicines recommended, is probably included only for taste, but large doses over a four-week time period can promote hypertonia.

And blessed thistle is an appetite stimulant so I'm not sure why that would be recommended to regulate the digestive system!

Plant medicine has a place in our medicine cabinets, but just because it is "all natural" doesn't mean there aren't cautions associated with ingesting them. Most medicinal herbs are toxic in high doses or when taken over long periods of time. Some plant medicines can have ill effects when taken with Western medicines.

If you are interested in using herbal remedies, I highly recommend you consult with a trained herbal practitioner and not an employee of a health food store.

Rajam Roosevia
via email

Hey, Shepherd! Wrong Shepard

This is with regards to Duncan Shepherd's review of the documentary *Exit Through the Gift Shop*. Shepherd writes, "Shepard Fairey, a/k/a Space Invader." Shepard Fairey is NOT Invader; they are two separate individuals. In fact, if you were to go to the Museum of Contemporary Art downtown, you would find "Viva la Revolución: A Dialogue with the Urban Landscape," which features prints done by Banksy along with a variety of other works by various artists. Shepard Fairey, who may or may not be best known for the "Hope" poster of Obama, has two commissioned works done in Hillcrest, both are painted on buildings. Invader's works can be seen throughout the city; the pixeled Space Invaders are in 21 different locations, one on a building on the corner near the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Samantha
via email

Wilk Panned

Mr. Wilk is usually infallible, so I was surprised to see "pan in" as the answer to "Start a closeup shot" (Crossword, July 29). "Pan" refers only to swiveling a camera to the left or right. You can "truck" or "dolly" a camera toward the subject, or you can "zoom" in for a tighter framing, but you do not "pan in."

Ted Leib
via email

Seven-Car Crisis

Thank you for the article on South Park versus North Park (Cover Story, "Showdown in the Parks," July 22).

I enjoyed 25 years of business in South Park and the attention of the *Reader* several times. I have been involved in that part of town since I was 3 years old and lived there 28 years. I'm happy that my daughter and her husband run the oldest business in the area, Thomas Bike Shop, and they work very hard to keep it going and they have many faithful customers.

I would like to correct a quote by my daughter, Jinna Albright. You reported that she said I moved out of the area because I "thought people were just getting more snooty." As you may know, my business was Fern St. Florist and Alexander's Weddings on Fern Street at Cedar. Although for all the years I was there I did not get much attention from other businesses, I did have fantastic customers. They came to us because we were unique and always gave more than was asked. I was the first business to advertise on a national level and brought the name Golden Hill/South Park to a customer base from coast to coast. It was great, although no local businesses even noticed.

To make it clear, I still have my big house in South Park with interesting tenants, and I'm there all the time. We closed the shop because of these economic times, but we're still in business, and I moved out of my house because we have 7 cars. Moving all those cars every few days was a pain, so we found a house close by where I can park 12 cars. Simple as that.

Thank you for your attention, and continued luck with your publication.

Desiree and Pat Taylor
Fern St. Florist, aka
Vanessa's House of Flowers
South Park

Page Proof

Rating yourself by page count? How many of those pages are devoted to the 541 coupons? Why don't you just rate yourself by the number of coupons? Considering you put that on your cover and the page count bit of stupidity on page 16, the number of coupons is clearly a more significant indicator of your worth than the overall number of pages. Hope the folks who broke their arms patting themselves on the back on that one heal quickly and can get back to real, more important spin-doctoring.

Carl Hancock
via email

Weird Request

Please bring back "News of the Weird" every time. It's one of our favorite sections, and we really miss it.

Randy Gaidon
University City

No Waves

The *Reader* is the best source for finding out what's going on in our city. "City Lights" keeps us informed of the latest shenanigans. Thanks for that and many other great features. I must say that the first thing I look for IS "Slow Wave," and I feel disappointed every time it is missing. Why not every week? The main features are generally informative and entertaining. Also read the Diva and "T.G.I.F." and, of course, the crossword. MORE "Slow Wave," please.

Denise Sellers
via email

What's Your NEWS IQ?

ANSWERS

1. D, The Wheelchair Bandit
2. C, Reno, Nevada
3. C, Mislabeling virgin olive oil as "extra virgin"
4. B, Wells Fargo
5. A, Camden, New Jersey
6. C, Argentina
7. C, Live music and dancing
8. B, George Voinovich, Ohio
9. A, Joe Jacoby
10. C, Tobacco products
11. D, Commercial properties
12. C, Property taxes
13. B, Cellular phones
14. A, Moscow
15. D, Jet Blue
16. D, Louisiana
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18. B, Stephen Hawking
19. A, Joe Arpaio
20. C, Lifeguards

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Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

Thursday | 19

RIFFTRAX LIVE SAN DIEGO 2010

Bill Corbett, Kevin Murphy, and Mike Nelson from *Mystery Science Theater 3000* visit California Center for the Arts to slice and dice a classic film "in their rapid-fire and exhaustingly hilarious style." Not suitable for young children.
See **IN PERSON**, page 74.

FESTIVAL OF THE AUGUST MOON

The Japanese Friendship Garden hosts its annual awards dinner and silent auction, this time to honor David and Lesley Cohn for their outstanding community service.

Highlights include *taiko* drummers, Japanese *koto* music (by East West Jazz, featuring Reiko Obata), and the Three Tenors ensemble performing traditional Japanese arrangements.
See **SPECIAL**, page 70.

SUMMERGRASS SAN DIEGO

Vista's bluegrass music festival will include jamming, music workshops, kids' activities, "dry" camping (no electricity or hoses for RVs), and several performers — including John Reischman & the Jaybirds, Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper, Special Consensus, Virtual Strangers, and Chris Stuart & Backcountry.
See **SPECIAL**, page 72.

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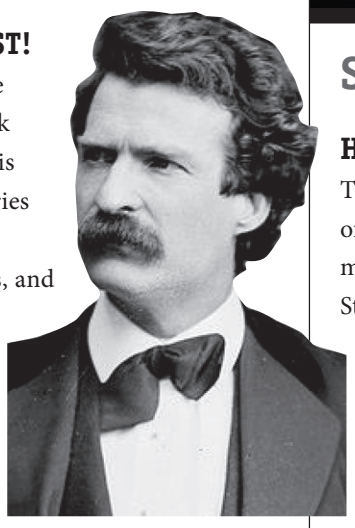
TWAINFEST!



Celebrate the work of Mark Twain and his contemporaries with stories, songs, games, and music at Old Town State Historic Park. Play games such as "telegraph crunch" and "chortle this," as well as traditional outdoor games (quoits, marbles, and more). Stationed around the park will be Professor Pudd'nhead and Company, Twain for Kids, the Literary Garden Party, and the Literary Séance. All for free!
See **SPECIAL**, page 72.

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BORROWING FROM BOLLYWOOD

Lisa Griffiths leads Bollywood Fit Dance for all levels, incorporating modern *bhangra* music and moves from Bollywood musicals. You can also learn to accessorize with scarves, belts, and bangles.
See **DANCE**, page 72.

SOUTH BAY PRIDE AND MUSIC FEST

This seventh-annual celebration features Laura Jane as the emcee and entertainment by Rhythm & the Method, Tori Roze & the Hot Mess, Roxy Blue & the Handful, the Tighten Ups, Sammy Allen, and more. Plus food, beer garden, and a children's area with entertainment.
See **SPECIAL**, page 72.

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HOUSE OF HUNGARY

This week's lawn program at the House of Pacific Relations is presented in memory of the first king of Hungary, Stephen I. Entertainment will be provided by the Kárpátok Hungarian Folk Ensemble from Los Angeles, and Joann and Joe Semegi will perform Hungarian folk dances and songs.
See **SPECIAL**, page 72.

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SUMMER LOVE TOUR

Garrison Keillor brings *A Prairie Home Companion* to Humphrey's by the Bay with an "everlasting theme of romantic love" and "tender duets and ballads, poetry, and stories of passion and marriage." Performers include Nickel Creek's Sara Watkins, the Guy's All-Star Shoe Band, and sound-effects man Fred Newman.
See **IN PERSON**, page 74.

Tuesday | 24

WRITE OUT LOUD: TWAIN TOLD TALES

Local actors rehearse short stories as they would a script, emphasizing style and meaning as they recite literary works. Each reading clusters around a theme — this installment offers short stories and essays by Mark Twain.
See **THEATER**, page 118.

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TRULY GOPHER-PROOF!

Green-roof professional Jim Mumford discusses "living walls and roofs" and divulges how to convert your walls or roof to a "living, breathing area of beauty and utility." In other words, he'll show you how to convert your heat-absorbing roof into a cool, oxygen-producing garden.
See **LECTURES**, page 78.

Travel & Getaways

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TRAVEL STORIES AND TIPS FROM OUR READERS

Coastal towns of Cinque Terre

Cinque Terre, Italy

By Michael Lofgren

Located along the Mediterranean in Italy, Cinque Terre is a collection of five towns nestled along the coast overlooking the Ligurian Sea. A train runs often, so you can travel from one town to the next easily. Each town has wonderful hiking paths that wind along the coast through vineyards and trees. Trails are clearly marked and come with amazing views of the coast.

Grapes are grown just about everywhere, and many are used to make wine that can be purchased at one of the many shops. Not just wine is produced here — sample some *limoncello* — a liquor made with lemons. After a day of hiking, enjoy a glass of wine or *limoncello* as you relax while watching fishermen come in with fresh seafood that's prepared at the many restaurants.

For inexpensive accommodations, Hostel Cinque Terre is located conveniently in Manarola, one of the five towns of Cinque Terre that overlooks the town. Rates start at 20 euros a night. For a little more privacy, there are also many small hotels and bed-and-breakfasts.

Liquid Gold in Munich, Germany

By Valerie Middleton

Oktoberfest may be the annual climax of Germany's love of hops, hefs, and everything in between, but locals worship their golden beers year-round.

Begin your journey at Hofbräuhaus, the unofficial headquarters of Munich beer connoisseurs. Here you'll find beer tourists and locals lined side by side along stretches of wooden tables. While heavy in tourist traffic, this stop should not be missed.

Next, take a detour from your *tour de bier* to admire the Frauenkirche cathedral. The domed towers are a fine example of onion-shaped (or *zwiebelturm*) structures. Then venture over to Marienplatz to visit the new and old city halls.

After working up an appetite for more beer, quench your thirst for brew in the serene Hofgarten, located between the Residenz and the Englischer Garten. Under a canopy of trees in this royal garden you'll be able to pull up a chair, throw back some cold liters of *radler* (beer with lemonade), and maybe catch a game of *fussball.*

Regain your strength after a long day of Munich sightseeing and beer-tasting at — you guessed it — another internationally renowned beer house. At Spatenhaus an der Oper you'll have the chance to try more than hop- and wheat-infused libations. Order the *spanferkelbraten*, slow-roasted pig with a crispy beer-glazed skin, along with a portion of *knödel* and sauerkraut. For dessert, consider *bayerische creme*, a rich Bavarian dessert. Enjoy the best of Bavarian cuisine with museum views from the outside patio or traditional decor inside the restaurant.

Drink your way through Munich

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Other Adventures

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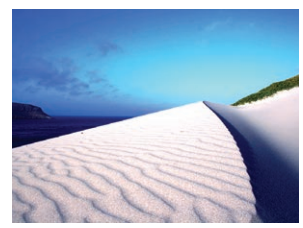


Rastamichael26: Sand dunes, late afternoon near the top of San Miguel Island, Channel Islands, California

damienrosales: After a pleasant hike through the woods, we made it to Donner Lake and sat down for a moment to take in the views.

ROAM-O-RAMA

A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond | by Jerry Schad

TWIN PEAKS

Enjoy an all-around view from the top of Poway's Twin Peaks summit.

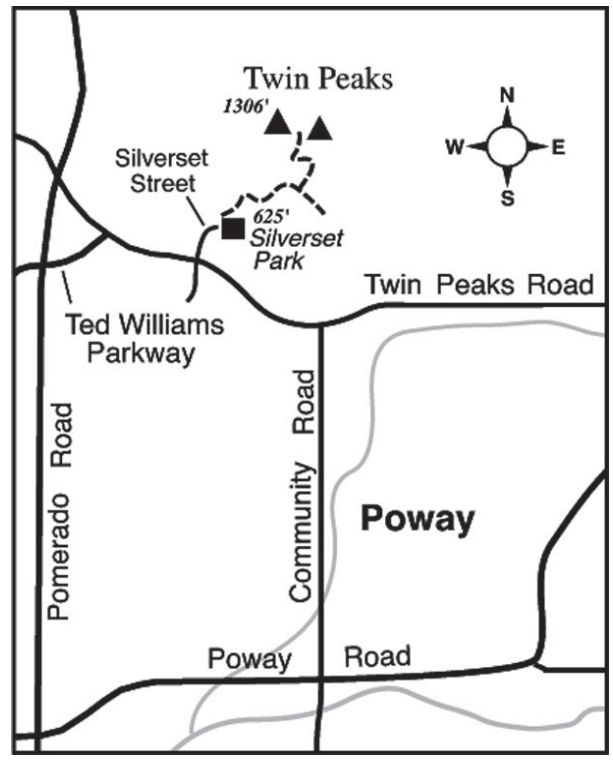
Distance from downtown San Diego: 26 miles
Hiking length: 2 miles round-trip • **Difficulty:** Moderate

Atop Twin Peaks

Twin Peaks, a scruffy, boulder-studded promontory rising amid Poway's suburban streets, is less known for its own existence than for the major street named after it: Twin Peaks Road. After a short but vigorous climb, it's fun to poke in and around the fractured outcrops of rock and stand on the breezy summit to admire the inclusive view of Poway and its environs. The two-mile round-trip to the top involves a short, very steep segment of hard-packed dirt road, plus another very steep section of narrow trail strewn with jagged rocks, so make sure your shoes have good ankle support and traction. This could be quite an adventure for little ones, as long as they are properly supervised and possibly given an assist at a couple of spots. For summertime comfort, you'd best make this climb in the cool morning or early evening hours. And don't forget to take along drinking water.

To get to the starting point for the Twin Peaks hike, exit Interstate 15 at Ted Williams Parkway and drive east 2.5 miles to Twin Peaks Road. Turn right (east), proceed 0.4 mile, and turn left on Silverset Street. Drive north to the end of the street and arrive at Silverset Park, where you can leave your car either in a small lot or in the surrounding neighborhood.

From Silverset Park, you face a climb of 700 vertical feet. Start off by following a fire road going northeast to the brow of a south-trending ridge. Just as this road starts to flatten and descend, veer left on a narrow path going left (north) up along the ridge. After 0.2 mile the path bends left and makes a brief descent through thick chaparral into the bottom of a ravine. Once you're in that ravine, turn sharply uphill and climb straight to the saddle between the two peaks. The peak to the left, about 60 feet higher than the one on the right, has the better view by far.



As seen from the summit, a carpet of tract-style homes recedes in the south, while mansions on generous lots fill the hills and valleys to the north and east. A small blue slice of Lake Poway lies some three miles to the northeast, while the more conspicuous rock-fill dam of Ramona Reservoir nuzzles into rocky hills beyond. Look for the distinctive "Tooth Rock" in the east, atop a ridge in the middle distance.

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OUTDOORS

Thunderstorms have visited the Imperial Valley and parts of eastern San Diego County over the past several weeks. The seasonal arrival of moisture from the east and south, more or less typical for late summer, contributes to the greening of certain kinds of vegetation. On the desert floor, for example, the spidery ocotillo can grow an instant crop of green leaves after a storm, only to drop them two to three weeks later if no further rain arrives. The distribution of green-leaved ocotillos tells not only where rain has recently fallen; it also indicates where the runoff has collected and remained for enough time to be absorbed by the ocotillo's root system.

Grunion Runs are predicted to occur during the late evening hours (generally after 10pm and before 1am), following the nocturnal high tide, August 24 though August 26. The small, silvery grunion tend to spawn on wide, gently sloping beaches such as Silver Strand, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla Shores, and Del Mar. During the months of April and May, grunion are protected and may not be taken by fishers through any means. Open season for grunion started in June, and ends with the last runs of the season, which are likely these three nights. The fish can be collected in reasonable numbers using the hands only (fishing license needed for persons 16 years of age and older). For more information, visit *dfg.ca.gov/marine/grunionschedule.asp*.

The Full Moon rises impressively from the east horizon at around 7:20pm, very close to the time of sunset, on Tuesday, August 24. Some not-so-well-known folk names for the August full moons include "corn moon," "barley moon," and "moon when cherries turn black."

Venus, the lanternlike planet shining in the west after sunset, reaches greatest elongation from the sun on Thursday, August 19. That means the planet is illuminated from the side by the sun, as seen from Earth's perspective. Turn a small telescope on Venus, and you will probably be able to discern its current phase or shape, which looks like a perfect capital letter D.

"Early Birds, Bugs, and Botany" Naturalists Lee Dezan and James Dillane plan slower-paced three- to four-mile hike along moderate trails (depending upon group). Wear hat, treaded footwear, bring two liters of water. 760-839-4680. Saturday, August 21, 7am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Bird Watching in Salt Marsh Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat hosted by Friends of Famosa Slough starts at kiosk on Famosa Boulevard. Bring binoculars if you have them. 619-224-4591. Saturday, August 21, 1pm; free. Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

Nature in Marian Bear Learn about plants, animals living in Marian Bear Park during easy guided walk starting at East Genesee entrance (5700 Genesee). 858-581-9944. Saturday, August 21, 9:30am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Owl Prowl — It's a Hoot Listen for owl calls, learn "about these fearless hunters" during trail guide-led walk in search of owls. Meet in dirt parking lot on Bushy Hill Drive (across from campground). 619-668-3281. Friday, August 20, 7:30pm; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Summer Twilight Walk Experience the many changes occurring at dusk during trail guide-led walk; perhaps you'll encounter "emerging creatures that sing and prowl at night." 619-668-3281. Saturday, August 21, 6:45pm; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Sunflowers Bloom Learn how sunflowers bloom in some form all year long, and make other discoveries during trail-guide-led walk. 619-668-3281. Saturday, August 21, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Tree Walk Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, August 21, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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Twelve Hours in Miami

By Adam Case

Miami skyline

A 12-hour layover in Miami isn't anybody's idea of a bad time. I arrived from Chicago's O'Hare so early, I couldn't even check my bag. So, I began to search for the perfect Cuban sandwich with my duffel bag over my shoulder.

I set off for the bus stop. Exiting the airport, the humidity hit me in a deluge. Living in Chicago, where I needed to wear a jacket the day before — even in July — this was uncomfortable. I took the 238 bus to the 7, which cost $2 for the fare. I was going downtown. I wanted to check out Little Havana, but I had no idea how to get there. Rows of strip malls passed by as the bus engine growled.

After one transfer and a half-hour ride, I ended up in the heart of the city. The streets of downtown Miami reminded me a little of Central America, with their chatter of Spanish and hustling sidewalk vendors. I looked up at some of the Art Deco buildings — especially the Miami-Dade Court — as I walked around.

I discovered a Cuban café by the courthouse called Diana's Café. I sat down at a table, though counter space was being offered, and ordered a Cuban sandwich and a mamey milkshake. The cost was roughly $8. It might've been better to ask for the *ropa vieja* because, though the sandwich was large, they went overboard with the processed ham. The mamey milkshake, with its sweet custard flavor, was the perfect thing for a hot Miami afternoon.

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SPECIAL

"Love Struck" Gather for a pre-*Midsummer Night's Dream* "Performance + Cocktails" mixer. Evening begins with art exhibition on theater's Weiss Lawn, followed by vintage apparel showing from San Diego Women's History Museum collection (6pm). Fashion runway show follows (7:15pm). Tickets ($40) include admission to play (8pm). 858-550-1010. Saturday, August 21, 5pm; La Jolla Playhouse, 2910 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Showoof" Kearny Mesa Subaru's Dog "Show Off" and adoption event includes competition in best trick, costume, tail wag, kiss categories. "Prizes for the top three dogs in each category." 858-278-7100. Sunday, August 22, noon; free. Kearny Mesa Subaru, 4797 Convoy Street. (KEARNY MESA)

"Summer Time" Reception for artists Lois Goodman, Nita Draut, Valerie Raymond, Victoria Cen. RSVP: 858-521-7000. Wednesday, August 25, 4:30pm; UBS Financial Services, Inc., 17140 Bernardo Center Dr., Suite 350. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

(Pooch) Practice Makes Perfect Helen Woodward Animal Center hosts canine surf clinics in preparation for "Surf Dog Surfathon" (on September 12). Be prepared to spend time in water with your dog. Reservations: 858-756-4117 x556. Saturday, August 21, 9am; Dog Beach Del Mar, 29th Street. (DEL MAR)

Basics of Jewelry Making Learn the lingo, tools, techniques needed to make earrings, necklaces, bracelets in this class for beginners taught by Debra Hocking. 619-280-8408. Monday, August 23, 6pm; $40. Vintage Religion, 3821 32nd Street. (NORTH PARK)

Bowling, Blackjack, and Poker Fundraiser for Sarah Lynn's Angels Foundation. Bowl two games and shoe rentals: $20. Blackjack and poker: $25. Reservations: 800-472-9007. Sunday, August 22, 2pm; Poway Fun Bowl, 12941 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Celebrating Ferns San Diego Fern Society hosts show and sale of ferns from around world in Casa del Prado room 101. 619-232-8232. Saturday, August 21, noon; Sunday, August 22, 10am; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Classic Car Cruise Night Series continues with Heartbeat Classic Chevy Club and North County Cruisers San Diego hosting, displaying cars. Porsche Car Club plans display at Charlie's Foreign Cars (710 S. Coast Hwy. 101). Music by the Pieces. 760-943-1950. Thursday, August 19, 5:30pm; free. Encinitas Smog, 682 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

Cool Classic Car Show See 50 "very rare" classic Studebakers, Packards, Rocknes, EMFs, Erskines, Pierce Arrows during show hosted by Studebaker Drivers Club behind the museum. 619-997-8708. Saturday, August 21, 9:30am; free. San Diego Automotive Museum, 2080 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

Dumbek Drumming Mary Marshall leads class. Beginning teaching for first 30 minutes, followed by more advanced teaching. Regular dance program follows. 619-281-5656. Saturday, August 21, 7pm; free-$6. Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Festival of the August Moon Enjoy performances by taiko drummers, Japanese koto music by East West Jazz featuring Reiko Obata, the local Three Tenors ensemble performing traditional Japanese and contemporary arrangements, and an Asian-inspired menu. Reservations: 619-232-2721. Thursday, August 19, 5:30pm; $65-$80. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Find Roga with Jewish Yoga Join the circle at the yurt, find *roga* (tranquility) in "Shinroga — a… new form of meditation and spiritual experience rooted in Jewish and Buddhist heritage and wisdom." You don't have to be Jewish or Buddhist, just possess "an open mind and caring soul." Donation. 858-717-5551. Thursdays, 3pm; Yoga Swami, 912 South Coast Hwy 101. (ENCINITAS)

Finned Femme Fatale! "Marina the Fire-Eating Mermaid" poses for your sketching pleasure during Dr. Sketchy's session at Tiki Oasis 10. "Compete in silly contests for fantastic prizes." Saturday, August 21, 3pm; $10. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Fold It Up! San Diego Book Arts hosts paper-folding workshop by Bhavna Mehta in conjunction with current exhibit of contemporary art. Participants learn to fold, cut, attach colored paper flowers to a "flag book." Materials provided. Required advance registration: 619-236-5847. Monday, August 23, 6pm; 8 and up. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Framing Horton Plaza Photographer Adam Klarer leads photo tour of shopping center, giving tips on how best to use angle, light, scale to capture the space. Participants must bring camera. Reservations required: 619-239-8180. Friday, August 20, 7pm; free. Westfield Horton Plaza, 324 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

Full-Moon Walk on Scripps Pier Explore the pier (normally closed to public) and learn of structure's history and current research projects while collecting plankton, performing experiments, exploring nocturnal habits of marine life. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. Monday, August 23, 7pm; Tuesday, August 24, 7pm; $25. 9 and up. Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Garden Expressions Gardens buzz with regional artists — sculptors, painters, glass artists, potters, gourd artists, fiber artists, more — creating, selling their work.

Tom Woodham, senior editor of *Veranda* magazine, plans talks each day (1pm). On Saturday, learn about "Decorative Elements in the Garden." Get the skinny on "Entertaining — *Veranda* Style" on Sunday. Art-related activities for children. 760-436-3036. Saturday, August 21, 9am; Sunday, August 22, 9am; free-$12. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Help Eliminate Global Poverty Foundation for Women hosts "microenterprise market" with microcredit recipients offering handmade jewelry, clothes, art and crafts, food for sale. 858-483-0400. Friday, August 20, 10am; free. Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

Hey, It's Vision Board Night! Bring "some inspirational photos or other content for your vision board." RSVP: 858-505-0634. Tuesday, August 24, 6pm; free. 16 and up. Ocean Beach People's Organic Food Market, 4765 Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

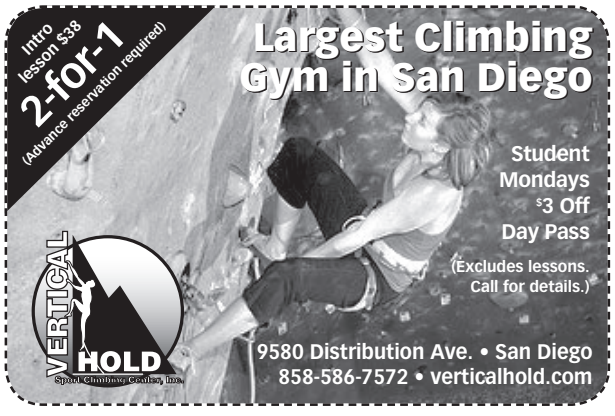
Rhyme & Verse
Two Poems by Blaga Dimitrova

Ars Poetica
Write each of your poems
as if it were your last.
In this century, saturated with strontium,
charged with terrorism,
flying with supersonic speed,
death comes with terrifying suddenness.
Send each of your words
like a last letter before execution,
a call carved on a prison wall.
You have no right to lie,
no right to play pretty little games.
You simply won't have time
to correct your mistakes.
Write each of your poems,
tersely, mercilessly,
with blood — as if it were your last.

As Long as You're Upright
Don't forget to rejoice! —
the wise trees whisper
as they crash on failing knees
under the ax.
Don't forget to rejoice!
As long as you're upright,
as long as you encounter the wind,
as long as you breathe the heights.

As long as the ax slumbers.

Blaga Dimitrova (1922–2003) was not only one of Bulgaria's most loved and celebrated writers — the author of many collections of poetry as well as novels, plays, and essays — but also an important figure in her nation's political life, becoming the first vice president of Bulgaria after the fall of the Communist government. These two poems are translated by Ludmilla G. Popova-Wightman from Scars: Poems of Blaga Dimitrova*, published by Ivy Press, Princeton, NJ, and are reprinted by permission.*



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Hidden Facts, Historical Tidbits Did you know there are over one million individual mosaic tiles on walls of Horton Plaza? Docent-led tours include numerous public art projects and lesser-known facts. Tours start at Broadway Circle. Wear comfortable walking shoes; tour includes stairs and escalators (elevator available). RSVP: 619-239-8180. Saturday, August 21, 1pm and 3pm; free. Westfield Horton Plaza, 324 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

History Mystery Challenge How well do you know downtown Escondido? Find out during scavenger hunt "riddled with food, drink, and fun." Teams of four to six adults will explore downtown, decipher clues. Space availability, registration: 760-743-8207. Thursday, August 19, 5:30pm; $25. 21 and up. Grape Day Park, 321 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

Hoop It Up! Valentina leads beach hoop class, described as "the modern way to express yourself and work out," on grass at West Point Loma Boulevard and Voltaire Street. 858-344-2774. Sunday, August 22, noon; $5-$10. Dog Beach Ocean Beach, West Point Loma Boulevard and Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Hot Topic! Can we have immigration reform that satisfies everyone? Ponder topic with Civilized Conversation Club. 858-231-6209. Thursday, August 19, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

House of Hungary Lawn program presented "in memory of the first King of Hungary, King Stephen I (St. Stephen)." Entertainment provided by Karpatok Folkdance Ensemble from Los Angeles; Joann and Joe Semegi perform Hungarian folk dances and songs. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. Sunday, August 22, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Hula Hoop Has Evolved! Learn "muscle control and tone your body in a way you didn't think possible" during hoop dance classes led by Valentina. Fee: $12 per class, $40 for four classes. 858-344-2774. Thursday, August 19, 7pm; Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

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

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

Sankei Shodo-Kai Japanese Calligraphy Third annual exhibition focusing on calligraphy of Ogishi's "Ranteijo." View student works and selections by instructor Sankei, Hirotaka Sakai. Demonstration by Sankei on August 21, 1pm. 619-238-0801. Saturday, August 21, 10am; Sunday, August 22, 10am; free. San Diego Japanese Christian Church, 1920 E Street. (GOLDEN HILL)

Sit on It! Turn an inexpensive stackable resin chair into a work of art. "Create a beautiful, decorative chair by painting color, pattern, shapes, texture, lines, flowers, animals on the surface." No previous painting experience necessary. Materials: $14. Priming instructions provided upon registration. Reservations: 619-223-0058. Wednesday, August 25, 11am; $74-$86. 15 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., Studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

South Bay Pride and Music Fest Seventh annual celebration includes emcee Laura Jane; entertainment by Rhythm and the Method, Tori Roze and the Hot Mess, Roxy Blue and the Handful, the Tighten Ups, Sammy Allen, more. Children's garden with entertainment. Food, beer garden. 619-502-9222. Saturday, August 21, noon; free. Memorial Park Bowl, 373 Park Way. (CHULA VISTA)

Spirit in the Movies How do you find spirituality in movies? Can watching a movie be a spiritual experience? Take part in "discussion of the gritty to the sublime, with Reverend Kathleen Owens." Donation. Registration: 619-298-9978 x8014. Thursday, August 19, 6:30pm; First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

Stress Reduction 101 Dr. Funshine, a.k.a. Caroline Meeks, M.D., presents "four basic techniques for turning your stressors into opportunities for personal growth, learning, and laughter." 619-573-1396. Saturday, August 21, noon; free. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Summergrass San Diego Bluegrass music festival promises jamming, music workshops, kids' activities, dry camping, performances by John Reischman and the Jaybirds, Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper, Special Consensus, Bluegrass Etc., Chris Stuart and Backcountry, Virtual Strangers, Lonesome Otis, others. Three-day passes: $54. 858-679-4854. Friday, August 20, 3pm; Saturday, August 21, 10am; Sunday, August 22, 9am; $15-$18. Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)

Tiki Oasis 10 Convention for tiki lovers promises marketplace, poolside entertainment, activities for kids. Friday and Saturday events are sold out. Sunday, August 22, 10am; free-$40. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Towards a Theory of Quantum Gravity Meeting of the Minds discussion group gathers to consider the subject. 619-370-1027. Friday, August 20, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Tower After Hours: Brazil! Enjoy samba performances, capoeira demonstration, drumming, performance by Sol e Mar during program. 619-239-2001. Thursday, August 19, 6pm; $10-$20. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

TwainFest! Celebrate writings by Mark Twain and his contemporaries in stories, songs, games, music. Plaza is site for "actors reciting, singers singing, and people playing unique games" such as telegraph crunch, chortle this, traditional outdoor games (quoits, marbles, more). Around the park, take in "Twain for Kids," "Professor Pudd'nhead and Company," "The Literary Garden Party," "The Literary Séance," more. Free.

Write Out Loud presents "Twain-Told Tales" in Old Town Theatre starting at 12:30pm. Performance repeats Monday, August 23, 7pm. Tickets: $15 general. 619-297-8953. Saturday, August 21, 11am; Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

What a Night! Enjoy satire and original songs when Jose Sinatra and the Craig Ingraham Group perform. Also on tap: screening of documentary *Above and Beyond.* 619-299-9360. Saturday, August 21, 8pm; $5. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

What's the "Hydroponic Wick Method"? Find out when Ag PALS lead workshop dispensing principles of applying hydroponics as a sustainable gardening method. Set up a kitchen garden with veggies, herbs. Fee includes all materials and plants. Required advance registration: 760-977-8892. Sunday, August 22, 9am; $70. 10 and up. Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 830 South Melrose Drive. (VISTA)

DANCE

Walking Through Ghosts World-premiere dance theater performance developed by Joe Alter of SDSU, "integrating research from cognitive science, the study of consciousness, media, text, and music to create a work that speaks uniquely to the human desire for intimacy and the obstacles that obscure it." 619-235-8466. Friday, August 20, 8pm; Saturday, August 21, 8pm; Sunday, August 22, 6pm; $10-$15. Sushi Performance & Visual Art, 390 11th Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Belly Dance Showcase Ana, Claudia, Genevieve, Marissa perform to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble. Donation: $5. 619-688-9845. Thursday, August 19, 8pm; Claire de Lune, 2906 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Belly Dance and Live Music Harmony and Wendy perform to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble. 858-488-4200. Sunday, August 22, 8pm; $10. Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Belly Dance with Valentina Learn belly dance fusing "American tribal style," Egyptian cabaret, jazz, hip-hop, modern dance. Classes include drills, choreography. Fee: $12 per class or $40 for four classes. 858-344-2774. Tuesday, August 24, 7:30pm; Mind Body & Soul Dance Studio, 2971 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Borrowing from Bollywood Lisa Griffiths leads "Bollywood Fit Dance," using modern *bhangra* music and moves from Bollywood musicals referring to classical Indian dance. For all levels. "Accessorize" with scarves, belts, or bangles (optional). 619-338-9642. Friday, August 20, 7pm; $15. Ginseng Yoga, 2985 Beech Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Fairy Tales in the Park San Diego Civic Youth Ballet offers "fairy tales and enchantment," with stories of Cinderella, Hansel and Gretel, Puss 'n Boots, more. Meet dancers following the show. 619-233-3060. Saturday, August 21, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm; $10. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

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contra dance. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, August 20, 7:30pm; $8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Hustle Dance Party DJ David Nguyen plays music for couples and singles. Hustle dance lesson, 8pm; dance music, 8:30-11pm. 619-275-3533. Saturday, August 21, 8pm; $5-$8. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Milonga Loca de Amor Finish your weekend dancing Argentine tangos. 858-565-9575. Sunday, August 22, 8pm; $10. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Off the Cuff Live music by this band, calling by guest Sharon Green for English country dancing. 858-676-9731. Sunday, August 22, 6pm; $8. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

FOOD & DRINK

Art and Wine Taste "six excellent wines" while surrounded by works of 25 local artists. Many of the artists will be on hand to discuss their work. Light dinner served to accompany wines. Reservations: 858-459-0831. Friday, August 20, 5:30pm; $40. Riford Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Chef Kitchen Experience Participants head to Hillcrest farmers' market to select menu ingredients, return to Jsix kitchen for hands-on (or hands-off) cooking experience with executive chef Christian Graves resulting in three-course meal with wine. Reservations: 619-531-8744. Sunday, August 22, 10am; $120. Jsix, 616 J Street. (DOWNTOWN)

College-Bound Cooking — Italian! Lindsay teaches "the how-to of Italian foods easy enough to prepare in a dorm room or home kitchen." Registration, required materials: 760-233-2433. Tuesday, August 24, 10am; $50. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Drive, Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

Essential Ingredients Executive chef Arleen Lloyd "shares the coveted secrets" of these ingredients, their uses, where they can be found. Registration: 760-233-2433. Saturday, August 21, 1:30pm; $65. Alchemy of the Hearth, 960 Rancheros Drive, Suite L. (SAN MARCOS)

Put 14 Candles on the Keg! Fourteenth anniversary celebration and Invitational Beer Festival hosted by Stone Brewing promises food, home-brewed sodas, selection of over 100 beers from 40 craft breweries. Two sessions available. Rare beer section: 11am-6pm. No children or infants. 760-471-4999. Friday, August 20, 11am and 3pm; $40-$65. 21 and up. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Taste of Hope Enjoy food, wine from more than "25 local upscale restaurants and wineries" during event hosted by Women's Council of San Diego County in support of City of Hope. 858-452-6846. Sunday, August 22, 4pm; $65. Coronado Community Center, 1845 Strand Way. (CORONADO)

Wine and Food Tour Enjoy three-hour, one-mile walking tour including wine tastings and food pairings at restaurants, presentations by local sommeliers and artisans, snippets of history and culture of La Jolla. Tours offered daily. Reservations: 858-551-5115. Monday, August 23, 3:15pm; $55. 21 and up. La Jolla Wine Tours, 7514 Girard Avenue, Suite 1110. (LA JOLLA)

FOR KIDS

King Midas: The Golden Touch Enjoy puppet shows presented by Big Joe Productions. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, August 25, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; $3-$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

***Surf Angel* Story Time** The mother-daughter writing duo Terry and Heather Kraszewski share their children's book. 619-295-2201. Saturday, August 21, 3pm; free. Borders Books and Music — Mission Valley, 1072 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Behind the Scenes Learn about this great bookstore during Summer Saturday event for those 8-12. Registration: 858-755-3735. Saturday, August 21, 11am; 8 and up. Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

Bio Bonanza Interact with scientists on leading edge of bioscience research during "extravaganza of hands-on activities and biotech demonstrations." Extract DNA, use micropipettes, examine hissing cockroaches, handle microscopes, more. Included in gallery admission ($10 adults, $8.75 kids). 619-238-1233. Saturday, August 21, 11am; Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Musical Petting Zoo Learn about "main musical instrument families including brass, woodwind, strings, piano, percussion, and fretted instruments." Guests may touch, feel, and play the in-

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struments (in most cases). Musicians on hand to answer questions. 760-761-0055. Saturday, August 21, 10:30am; free. San Diego Music Studio, 1285 Stone Drive, Suite 100. (SAN MARCOS)

Pirate-Filled Adventures John O'Melveny Woods reads from and signs *Return to Treasure Island,* his "sequel to the classic original." Also planned: pirate-themed treats for kids. 858-755-3735. Monday, August 23, 7pm; free. Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

Plankton Planet These tiny copepods are described as fastest animals on Earth for their size. "Find out how we depend on phytoplankton for every breath we take, how some zooplankton grow up to be sea stars, what scientists are discovering" during Sea Days program. Included in admission ($12 general). 858-534-3624. Saturday, August 21, 11am; Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Ready for Yeti? "Get ready for complete fun and lunacy" when Old Fashioned Kite Flying Players present *Big Foot: The Musical.* 619-544-9203. Thursday, August 19, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Friday, August 20, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Saturday, August 21, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, August 22, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; $3-$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Toned-Down Team Names? The 41st annual OMBAC junior over-the-line tournament is for those 5-20. Male and female players divided into age brackets for competition. Game balls furnished; players provide their wooden Little League or softball bats. Sign-ups start at 7:30am. 858-232-3211. Sunday, August 22, 7:30am; free. 5 and up. Fiesta Island, 1500 Fiesta Island Road. (BAY PARK)

GALLERIES

"Magical Michoacan/Michoacan Magico" Celebrate the opening of exhibition of Mexican folk art curated by youth participants in the Hire-a-Youth summer program. Exhibit closes Thursday, September 9. 858-560-0871. Thursday, August 19, 6pm; free. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

"San Diego Artists: A Cause for PAWS" Reception for group exhibition benefiting Pets Are Wonderful Support organization. View exhibit — featuring work by Mia DelCasino, H. Montgomery-Drysdale, Kelly Fitzgerald, Michelle Robinson, Susan E. Roden, Rich Walker — through Saturday, September 25. Gallery entrance is on B St., between State Street and Columbia Street. 760-670-6616. Saturday, August 21, 4pm; free. Spa Velia Art Gallery, 401 West A Street, Suite 180. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Summer's Pleasures" Reception for artists Elisabeth J. Nicholson, Rita Shulak, Rita Hohweiler-Cecil, Ellie Havel Wagoner. 760-942-3636. Saturday, August 21, 5pm; free. Off Track Gallery, 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Suite C-103. (ENCINITAS)

IN PERSON

"A Night of a Thousand Laughs" Comedy magician, ventriloquist Steve Taylor performs for Young Actors' Theatre fund-raiser. 619-670-1627. Saturday, August 21, 7pm; $15-$20. Encore! Theater, 9620 Campo Road. (SPRING VALLEY)

"Benedetto/Blessed" "Celebrating the Life and Music of Tony Bennett," starring Russ Lorenson, promises "an array of the crooner's hits" including "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," "Fly Me to the Moon," "Because of You," "The Shadow of Your Smile." 619-920-1315. Sunday, August 22, 5pm; $20. 13 and up. Celebration Center for Spiritual Living, 5820 Oberlin Drive #108. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

"Comedy Night at Doc's Saloon" Comedians Lamont Ferguson, Karen Rontowski, Tony Calabrese, Aaron Hughes take the stage. 619-997-3033. Friday, August 20, 8:30pm; $10. Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q, 6955 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

"RiffTrax Live San Diego 2010" Bill Corbett, Kevin Murphy, Mike Nelson — hailing from *Mystery Science Theater 3000* — "slice and dice a classic…film in their rapid-fire and exhaustingly hilarious style." Not suitable for young children. 800-988-4253. Thursday, August 19, 5pm; $25. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

"Summer Love Tour" Garrison Keillor brings *A Prairie Home Companion* to stage, with "everlasting theme of romantic love… with tender duets and ballads, poetry, and stories of passion and marriage." Performers include Nickel Creek's Sara Watkins, the Guy's All-Star Shoe Band, sound-effects man Fred Newman. 800-745-3000. Monday, August 23, 7:30pm; $78. Humphrey's by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. (POINT LOMA)

"Twain-Told Tales" Write Out Loud offers stories and essays by Mark Twain. "As in the old days of radio…attendees often close their eyes and listen." 619-297-8953. Tuesday, August 24, 7pm; $13-$15. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

"We're Off to Broadway" Coastal Communities Concert Band presents pops concert with music from Broadway shows, featuring vocalists Michael Ruhl and Lillian Palmer. 800-988-4253. Sunday, August 22, 2pm; $15. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Office of Blame Participate in Geoffrey Cunningham's piece, listen to Joshua White introduce new songs and a new trio during Summer Salon Series events. 619-232-7931. Thursday, August 19, 5pm; free-$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Eating for Beginners What matters more, organic or local? Author Melanie Rehak discusses, signs her book, detailing "the year she spent discovering how to be an eater and a parent in today's increasingly complicated world." 858-454-0347. Wednesday, August 25, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Flying Pans: Two Chefs One World Chefs (and authors) Bernard Guillas and Ron Oliver sign copies of their new book. 619-482-9883. Saturday, August 21, 3pm; free. Borders Books and Music — Chula Vista, 878 East-Lake Parkway and Saturday, August 21, 1pm; free. Borders Books and Music — National City, 3030 Plaza Bonita Road. 619-479-4732. (CHULA VISTA, NATIONAL CITY)

The Lost Cyclist What happened to bicyclist Frank Lenz of Pittsburgh, who set out in 1892 to cover 20,000 miles over three continents but disappeared? Historian David Herlihy discusses, signs his new book, detailing *The Epic Tale of an American Adventurer and His Mysterious Disappearance.* 858-454-0347. Thursday, August 19, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Other Side of Vietnam Author Devan Starr signs her book, subtitled *Living with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.* You'll "see PTSD in a new light, through the eyes of a woman who has experienced it firsthand." 760-479-0242. Saturday, August 21, 4pm; free. Borders Books and Music — Carlsbad, 1905 Calle Barcelona. (CARLSBAD)

Brew Ha-Ha Performers include headliner Chris "Zoo Man" Clobber, "13-year-old funny lady" Miriam Steers, others. No cover, no drink minimum. 619-922-

9057. Saturday, August 21, 7pm; free. 17 and up. Twiggs Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Canine Legal Thriller... Who knew such a category existed? Author David Rosenfelt visits Galaxy to sign *Dog Tags.* 858-268-4747. Monday, August 23, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Intimate Miracles with a Twist! Sebastian — who recently broke his hand and will be performing his whole show with one hand — presents "close-up" magic show. Tickets include two drinks. RSVP: 619-865-2973. Friday, August 20, 8pm; $20. Wine Cabana, 2539 Congress Street. (OLD TOWN)

Laughter Heals Comedian Craig Shoemaker takes the stage. His film credits include *Scream 2, Safe House,* and *Totally Baked,* which he starred in, wrote, produced. 619-570-1100. Saturday, August 21, 8pm; $22-$27. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

More Laughs with Maher Bill Maher — author, talk show host, filmmaker — entertains. 800-745-3000. Friday, August 20, 8pm; $73. Humphrey's by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. (POINT LOMA)

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Romantic Stories from Tecate Daniel Revels tells tales and discusses and signs his books — *Guacamole Dip* and *Tequila, Lemon and Salt.* 619-232-4855. Thursday, August 19, 7pm; free. Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House, 835 W. Harbor Drive and Monday, August 23, 6pm; free. Imperial Beach Library, 810 Imperial Beach Blvd. 619-424-6628. (DOWNTOWN, IMPERIAL BEACH)

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Age: *50*
Born: *Long Beach, Calif.*
Formation: *Occidental College, Los Angeles; California Baptist University, Riverside; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Forth Worth, Texas*
Years Ordained: *Licensed 31 years; ordained 22 years ago*

San Diego Reader: *How long do you spend writing your sermon?*
Christopher Clark: Each sermon I'll spend an average in study and preparation of about 20 to 25 hours. I typically go through and look at the block of text I'm being led to preach on. All the while I'm praying and letting the text speak for itself. I will go through and look at the original language in which it was written, whether Greek or Hebrew or Aramaic. I will parse the verbs and decline the nouns and diagram the sentences. Then I'll go back and revisit my outline and synthesize it into one statement: "What is the text telling me?" Then I make a declarative statement to use as my main take-away as the message.…Then I'll look for a practical application and illustrate the points through a first-person story, a news item, or an amusing little anecdote.
SDR: *Can you think of a time when you gave a sermon that completely flopped?*
CC: One time I was preaching and the power went out — I mean everything went out — the lights went out, the electricity — I had no sound. Talk about a little intimidating! Everyone just stopped. *So*, I thought, *where do I pick up from here?* So I said, "All right, here's what I'm going to do. I guess I'm going to get down with you and walk up and down the aisles and keep my voice just loud enough and if you get to a point where you can't hear me, put your hand up." So, I just had to gather my thoughts and continue on at that point.
SDR: *What is your main worry as member of the clergy?*
CC: The biggest concern is that…among pastors in America, there are still too many of us that take the freedoms and liberties we have in this country for granted. We have removed ourselves from our necessary role in serving as our country's moral compass. We have been overly concerned about being liked to the point where we have neglected our need to train our people to stand and be society's moral voice. Martin Luther King said it best when he said that the church is neither the master nor the slave of the government; rather, the church is the conscience of the government. If the Church ceases to be that moral voice, it will become as irrelevant as a country club or any other organization. We risk that danger because too many pastors are scared to death of declaring and proclaiming the full counsel of God and doing so in a loving way but at the same time with clarity.
SDR: *Where do you go when you die?*
CC: When I die I am going to heaven because I put my trust in Jesus. I'm going to Him — along with those who also put their trust in Jesus. As the alternative, if they choose to turn away from Jesus, they will go to an eternal punishment. Call it hell, everlasting punishment, Hades, the second death, like a fire, whatever it is, there are a number of references to it in Scripture, but Jesus is the only way to have eternal life in heaven.

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Christopher Clark: Unafraid of "proclaiming the full counsel of God"

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Havdalah Sing-along and Ice Cream Social

Saturday, Aug. 21, 6:30 p.m.
Turk Family Plaza
Bring instruments and beach chairs.

CONGREGATION BETH EL
8660 Gilman Dr., La Jolla
(858) 452-1734

Rummage Sale

Friday, August 27th and Saturday, August 28th

We will begin collecting items at IHM starting Saturday, August 21 (8 am-2 pm) and Sunday, August 22 (7 am-12 pm).

We will donate everything that doesn't sell to a local nonprofit organization so that nothing you part with will come back to you.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
424 6th St. Ramona
(760) 789-6151

Heart Revolution Conference 2010

"The next generation leader will be marked by his passion to live, love and lead from his heart!"

Host pastors Sergio and Georgina De La Mora
Keynote speakers:
Tim Storey, Steve Furtick, Ed Young, Jr., Hezekiah Walker

Tues. Sept. 28 – Fri Oct. 1

CORNERSTONE CHURCH
1920 Sweetwater Rd. National City
(619) 425-9333

Surf's Up

Summer 2010 Amazing Race

Sunday, Aug. 29, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Meal, followed by beach-themed games and a few surprises. Families of all ages and sizes will enjoy this fun event.

COLLEGE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
4747 College Ave.,
San Diego 92115
(619) 582-7222

The Seven Questions You're Asked in Heaven

How do you get to the heart of a well-lived life? One way may be through asking essential and enduring questions about what matters and why. Based on Ron Wolfson's book *The Seven Questions You're Asked in Heaven: Reviewing and Renewing Your Life on Earth.*

Wednesdays, August 25, and September 1 • 10-11:30 am

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
9001 Towne Center Dr.
San Diego 92122
(858) 535-1111

Weekly Home Churches

Tues. 7pm: North Park
Wed. 6:30pm: Little Italy
Wed. 7pm: East Village

For information:
www.citywalkchurch.org/

CITYWALK CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(619) 955-8360

Theology on Tap

Seeing the Eyes of Christ in the Homeless

Sister Mary Kiely of St. Vincent de Paul Village

Monday, August 23

An all-you-can-eat buffet will be from 6-7:30 pm, speakers will be from 7:30-9 pm.

MANGIA ITALIANO
248 Third Ave, Chula Vista 91910

Twelve Tribes

We live here in the town of Vista in a big house, still under construction, where our clan of the Twelve Tribes Communities is putting down roots.

We're making the grass green and establishing a home for the lonely.

If you come during the week you will experience our everyday life.

You might work with us in our little garden, or fixing the fence the goats are always trying to knock down.

TWELVE TRIBES
2683 Foothill Dr., Vista, CA 92084
(760) 295-3852

Maha Kalash Bathing Ceremony

Wednesday, Sept. 1

You are cordially invited to sponsor a kalash to bathe Sri Sri Radha Giridhari, on the most auspicious day of Sri Krishna Janmastami.

With your generous sponsorship, you and your family will get to keep the sacred kalash and receive wonderful gifts to mark this occasion.

ISKCON
1030 Grand Ave., Pacific Beach
(858) 483-2500

Men's Prayer

Saturdays 6:30-7:30am
Join us at Hill Top Park
9711 Oviedo Way.

Break open, with power, the doors in your life that God wants you to walk through.

GATHERING PLACE CHURCH
9550 Carmel Mountain Rd.
San Diego 92129
(858) 486-7171

Tai Chi Chuan

Try a free class
Mon, Wed, 6:00 pm • Sat. 9:30 pm

Qi Gong/Taoist meditation classes ongoing.
Tues, 6:00 p.m., Sat, 8:00 a.m.

Summer Intensive Tuina & Medical Qi Gong Workshop with Bill Helm. Grandmaster Chen Xiaowang seminar September 10-12.

TAOIST SANCTUARY OF SAN DIEGO
4229 Park Blvd., Hillcrest
(619) 692-1155

Misa Criolla

Composed in 1963 by the contemporary Argentine composer Ariel Ramírez, the Misa Criolla combines the rhythms and traditions of Latin America with the traditional mass.

This choral work incorporates a variety of Argentinian folk styles from the lively dance carnavalito for the Gloria movement to the tragic vidala and baguala for the Kyrie.

It will be accompanied by guitar as well as authentic Latin American percussion instruments.

Misa Criolla will be offered to honor the memory of Ramírez, who died earlier this year.

Sunday, Aug. 22, 11 am.

ST. BARTHOLEMEW'S CHURCH
16275 Pomerado Rd., Poway
(858) 487-2159

Me Monk Me Meander

A local blog by Fr. Stephenos Pedranos of the Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside
http://monkallover.blogspot.com/

The Creative Process in the Bible

Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 pm,
Aug. 18-Sept. 22
Fridays 9:30-11:00 am,
Aug. 20-Sept. 24

Exploration of the creation stories found in the Hebrew and Christian Bibles. Understanding the seven days of creation as related in the Bible, and the seven steps of the Creative Process as interpreted by Charles Fillmore and Unity School.

CHRIST CHURCH UNITY
3770 Altadena Ave., North Park
(619) 280-2501

Bethlehem Serves

Sunday, August 22nd
- Meals With Love cooking day
- Lagoon wetlands restoration
- Bicycle repair and refurbishment for children in need
- Baby care packages for Marine families
- School bag creation for Lutheran World Relief
- Home repair and yard cleanup for those in need
- Painting for the Community Resource Center
- and more

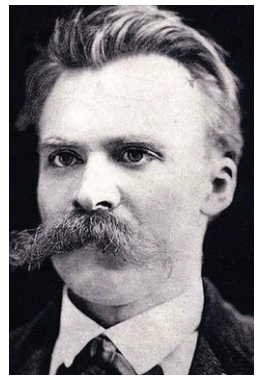
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
925 Balour Dr., Encinitas
(760) 753-1026

Beyond Good and Evil
Friedrich Nietzsche

Why atheism today? — The "father" in God has been thoroughly refuted; ditto, "the judge," "the rewarder." Also his "free will": he does not hear — and if he heard he still would not know how to help. Worst of all: He seems incapable of clear communication: is he unclear?

This is what I found to be causes for the decline of European theism, on the basis of a great many conversations, asking and listening. It seems to me that the religious instinct is indeed in the process of growing powerfully — but the theistic satisfaction it refuses with deep suspicion. — Section 53, Part III: "What Is Religious?" from *Beyond Good and Evil.*

Friedrich Nietzsche *(1844–1900) is one of the most influential philosophers of modern times. Some critics go so far as to say that he almost singlehandedly invented modernity through his profound efforts to break with the philosophical traditions that formed Europe.* Beyond Good and Evil *takes up where arguably his most famous work,* Thus Spoke Zarathustra, *left off, attempting to extricate philosophy from what he considered the erroneous assumptions of Christianity.*



body painting. Video projections provided by Kinetic Collage. Emcee: Mal Hall. 619-846-7180. Saturday, August 21, 7:30pm; $10. 21 and up. Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

Speculative Fiction Author Todd McCaffrey signs *Dragongirl.* 858-268-4747. Sunday, August 22, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Stress-Free Tuesdays Comedy show by Ralph Guerra, Gabriella Francis, host Byron Bowers. No cover before 7:30pm. 888-316-0722. Tuesday, August 24, 7pm; free-$5. 21 and up. U-31, 3112 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Sunday Night Comedy Brew Ha Ha Comedy presents Tommy Savitt, Zooman, others. Cover: $5. Reservations: 619-922-9057. Sunday, August 22, 7pm; 21 and up. GIO Bistro & Wine Bar, 8384 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Tales — True or Tall Have a story to tell, without notes, in five minutes or less? Share your story — personal, tall tale, folktale, historical, funny or not. Listeners welcome too. 858-484-1325. Wednesday, August 25, 7pm; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Mira Mesa, 10775 Westview Parkway. (MIRA MESA)

LECTURES

"From Shtetl to Shtetl" Franklin Gaylis chronicles his trip to the land of his grandparents' emigration, from Baltics to small towns in South Africa. Lecture reveals "strong commitment to Jewish identity and how once-friendly neighbors turned when the Nazis invaded Eastern Europe." Traditional South African tea and dessert served. RSVP: 858-362-1150. Thursday, August 19, 7pm; free. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Into the Future — Designing Digital Stompboxes" Guitarist, instrument designer Chris Warren discusses his work creating unique digital effects to expand sonic possibilities of the instrument in conjunction with "The Art of the Stompbox" exhibition. Warren will demonstrate effects on his eight-string guitar/bass hybrid. Reservations: 760-438-599. Saturday, August 21, 7pm; $7-$10. Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"Looking Up My Ancestors: Genealogy in the Cloud" Gary Hoffman considers "how new devices like iPhone, iPad and netbooks are changing our concepts of computing and the use of data" when Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego gathers. 619-674-0749. Saturday, August 21, 9am; free. Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Preserving Family Documents and Photos" Carlsbad Library history room librarian Amy Davis focuses "on using current archival techniques and methods to preserve family history documents and photographs" when she speaks to North San Diego Genealogy Society. 858-509-4937. Tuesday, August 24, 10am; free. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"Voyage to the Pacific Garbage Patch" Rebecca Asch and Alison Cawood of Scripps Institution of Oceanography provide details of a 2009 journey to study a large accumulation of plastic garbage in the North Pacific Gyre when Life at MiraCosta senior learning group meets in room 1068 (1pm). Betty Cortus focuses on "Thomas Hardy: The Poet" at 2:30pm. 760-721-8124. Friday, August 20, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Understanding *Jonestown and Peoples Temple* SDSU scholar Dr. Rebecca Moore — who lost two sisters and a nephew in the tragedy — discusses her book when San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry gathers. 619-421-5844. Sunday, August 22, 6:30pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

First Aid for Dogs and Cats American Red Cross class covers treatments for pet emergencies including choking, shock, poisoning, broken bones. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. Sunday, August 22, 1pm; $60. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Going Solar A-Z! PowerPoint presentation, Q&A session about the ways and means of solar-powering your home, including financing, selling your power, and using state, federal rebates. Speakers from Clary Solar, RLA Solar Marketing, more. 760-898-6252. Monday, August 23, 6pm; free. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Grunion Are Running! Learn about the biology of these famous Southern California sand-spawning residents when Melissa Studer, director of the Grunion Greeter Project, speaks for Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series. How does beach grooming affect grunion? 619-575-3613. Saturday, August 21, 11am; free. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Pros and Cons of Self-Publishing Self-published author Linda Mecklers talks about self-publishing, "art of article writing, e-books," book marketing during San Diego Writers/Editors Guild meeting. 760-471-5323. Monday, August 23, 6:30pm; free-$5. San Diego County Health Building, 3851 Rosecrans Street. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Truly Gopher-Proof! "Green Roof professional" Jim Mumford discusses "Living Walls and Roofs" and divulges how to convert "your walls or roof to a living, breathing area of beauty and utility" when Mission Hills Garden Club gathers. Learn to combine texture and color in pleasing designs. 619-260-1588. Wednesday, August 25, 6pm; free-$10. Mission Hills United Church of Christ, 4070 Jackdaw Street. (MISSION HILLS)

What's "Tellington TTouch"? Learn about this "gentle, hands-on approach to the care and training of our animal companions" during class in which participants gain understanding of basic touches and wraps through demonstration, group participation. For people only. Registration: 619-243-3424. Thursday, August 19, 6:30pm; $12. San Di-

Tim Lahaye
A minister, author and speaker, Tim has written more than 50 non-fiction books on subjects such as temperament, sexual adjustment and Bible prophecy, but is best known for the *Left Behind* series of apocalyptic fiction. Named one of the 25 most influential evangelicals by *Time* magazine.
Sunday, August 22, 6:00 pm
SHADOW MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
2100 Greenfield Dr.
El Cajon • (619) 440-1802

Janmashtami Service
Thursday, Sept. 2
7:00-8:30 pm.
6:15 pm chapel doors open
7:00 pm service begins
7:15 pm devotees go to altar (please bring flower and donation)
While waiting you may wish to commune with the Guru being honored.
SELF-REALIZATION FELLOWSHIP
939 2nd St., Encinitas
(760) 436-7220

You and Your Desire
Workshop by Terry McBride, author of *The Hell I Can't.*
You have the Power and the Authority to create what you want, and any idea other than that is a lie claiming to be the truth.
Sunday, Aug. 29, 6:30 pm
SEASIDE CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING
1613 Lake Dr., Encinitas
(760) 753-5786

From Emotion to Devotion
Carol Hopson will be teaching a Tuesday morning study (and repeated in the evening).
We will be challenged to move from being guided by our emotions into living by our convictions.
SEACOAST COMMUNITY CHURCH
1050 Regal Rd., Encinitas
(760) 753-3003

Southwest Christian Conference
Sept. 3-5
Town & Country Hotel and Viejas Arena
This years conference draws its theme from the book of Isaiah and is titled from the great charge "Proclaim… the Lord's favor" in Isaiah 61.
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Breakfast with Michael Barber
Michael is the author of *Coming Soon Unlocking the Book of Revelation and Applying Its Lessons Today* (Emmaus Road, 2006) and *Genesis to Jesus: Studying Scripture from the Heart of the Church* (Servant, 2007), a Bible study co-authored with Kimberly Hahn.
Saturday, Sept 11
Mass at 8:00 am
Breakfast at 8:45 am
Praise and Worship Music included
California Center for the Arts
340 N Escondido Blvd, Escondido CA
BENEDICTUS CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST
http://www.benedictus1.com

Apples, Honey and Torah
An Introduction to the High Holy Days
Social Hall
Sun., Aug. 29 10:00 am
Do you have questions about the High Holy Days? Do you want the basics about Rosh Hashanah or a refresher on Yom Kippur traditions?
TEMPLE EMANU-EL
6299 Capri Dr.
San Diego 92120
(619) 286-2555

Chavurah Havdalah at La Jolla Shores
Saturday, Aug. 28, 4 pm
The Havurah Committee invites you to the 6th annual Havdalah at the Beach. Bring your chavurah and look for a TAS sign at the La Jolla Shores Beach. Bring a picnic meal and dessert to share. Also bring chairs and sweatshirts. Havdalah will start at 6:30pm. It is not necessary to be a member of a chavurah to join us!
TEMPLE ADAT SHALOM
15905 Pomerado Rd.,
Poway • (858) 451-1200

Airsoft – Back by Popular Demand
September 4, 2010
12-18 years old
Church Field
SOUTH BAY BAPTIST CHURCH
960 5th Ave., Chula Vista
(619) 422-0105

Navagraha Sthaapana Vaarshika Utsava
Saturday, August 28
10:30 am-1:00 pm
SHIVA VISHNU TEMPLE OF SAN DIEGO
7930 Arjons Drive, Suite B,
San Diego, CA 92126
(858) 594-3940

Oliver North
A combat-decorated Marine, #1 best-selling author, inventor with three U.S. patents, syndicated columnist and the host of "War Stories" on the Fox News Channel.
His awards for service in combat include the silver star, the bronze star for valor and two purple hearts for wounds in combat.
Sunday, August 29, 6:00 pm
SHADOW MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
2100 Greenfield Dr.
El Cajon • (619) 440-1802

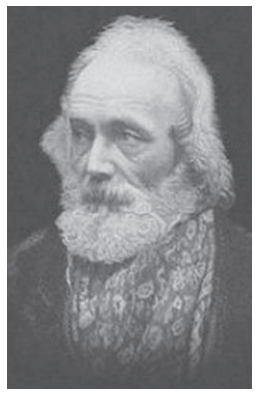
"Who's the Great Sinner? He Who Gave the Power"
James Henry

I
Who's the great sinner?
He, who gave the power
And will to sin, and knew
both would be used.

II
Who's the great sinner?
He, to whose sole will
Sinner and sin alike owe
their existence.

III
Who's the great sinner? He,
who, being Omniscient,
Foresees all sins, and, being
Omnipotent,
Can, if he please, prevent
them and does not —
Nay, not alone does not,
but punishes;
And — one tic farther still,
one farther tic
Incredible — when
punishment's no use.

James Henry (1798–1876) was an Irish poet who maintained a quiet but intense war with God and organized religion throughout his life. Perhaps better known as a Latin scholar — especially in regards to the poet Virgil's works — Henry was also a physician who, despite his animosity towards Christianity, had a successful career in Dublin. His work was rediscovered by British literary scholar Christopher Hicks, who edited Selected Works of James Henry *(2002, Lilliput Press, Dublin).*



ego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Wildfire Ready? Firescaping seminar by Greg Rubin of California's Own Native Landscape Design, who will focus on "creating defensible areas and fire-wise landscape designs using native, fire-resistant plants, and natural stone." 760-744-1036. Saturday, August 21, 9am; free. KRC Rock — San Marcos, 700 North Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

SPORTS

"Mid-Eastern County" Riding Knickerbikers gather in parking lot north of Target for moderately paced 45-mile ride with three or four hills "to make it interesting" while bicycling through San Carlos, Fletcher Hills, La Mesa, Spring Valley, Bonita, National city, and back to start. Bring money for lunch. 619-255-2890. Sunday, August 22, 9am; Westfield Mission Valley Center, 1640 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Elfin Forest Bicycle Ride San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders head out for scenic 70-mile adventure. 858-277-7499. Sunday, August 22, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Free to Breathe 5K Run/Walk Event supports fight against lung cancer; proceeds benefit National Lung Cancer Partnership. Registration: 7am; run/walk: 8am. 608-233-7905 or 619-937-1637. Saturday, August 21, 7am; $25. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

Gutierrez Memorial Cup Finals San Diego Polo Club competition. Preliminary matches at 1:30pm, feature match at 3pm. Pack lawn chairs, cooler to view games from east side of field for tailgating ($25 per car). Parking: $5. 858-481-9217. Sunday, August 22, 1:30pm; $10-$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Midnight Madness Fun Bicycle Ride The 37th annual event begins with registration in south parking lot of County Administration Building (8pm). Costume and bike-decorating contests at 10pm; primarily flat, 18-mile loop ride pedals off at midnight. 619-338-9981 x15. Saturday, August 21, 8pm; $35. County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway. (DOWNTOWN)

Pads Meet Diamondbacks San Diego Padres play baseball against Arizona's team. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5555. Tuesday, August 24, 7:05pm; Wednesday, August 25, 7:05pm; $10-$63. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Sea Lion Tour Kayak from Shelter Island to Point Loma; guided tours include sea lion, dolphin, bird sightings. Fee includes kayaks, equipment, instructor, lesson. No prior swimming or kayaking experience required. 619-282-3520. Sunday, August 22, 9am and 1pm; $17-$42. 2 and up. Shelter Island Pier, 1776 Shelter Island Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Showpark Summer Classic Horse show competition. 858-481-9085. Wednesday, August 25, 8am; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Snorkel with Schooling Sharks! Swim with schooling leopard sharks, smoothhound sharks, guitarfish while enjoying mild surf and gently

Golden Share Foods Program
Coronado Southern Baptist Church has become a host site for the Golden Share Foods Program (SHARE)!
This program provides an opportunity for you to stretch your food dollar by purchasing food packages at a very deep discount (sometimes over 50%). All we ask is that you commit 2 hours of your time to community service each month.
Please contact John Sahlin at: (619) 213-3313 or email us at: share@coronadosbc.com
CORONADO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
111 Orange Ave., Coronado
(619) 435-8121

Wine Tasting Party
Saturday, Sept. 11
7:00 to 10:00 pm
Hosted by the Santa Sophia Knights of Columbus.
Relax and enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres & music on the Catechetical Ministry patio
SANTA SOPHIA CATHOLIC CHURCH
9800 San Juan St.
Spring Valley
(619) 463-6629

Magnificat
Guest speaker Valerie Staples will share her personal testimony and deep devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe.
Saturday, August 21, 9:30 am.
MAGNIFICAT: A MINISTRY TO CATHOLIC WOMEN
Mission Valley Sheraton
To R.S.V.P., call Maria Medina at (619) 223-1773

Sandra Bullock's *The Blind Side*
Movie night with Women of Purpose.
Friday, August 27, 7 pm.
SPECTRUM CHURCH
4378 Lynndale Lane
Chula Vista
(619)691-0880

Progressive Christian Study Group
Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays at University Christian Church, 3900 Cleveland Ave.
Discuss progressive themes as an alternative to traditional belief system.
619-449-9381
www.ProgXianSD.net

Tower 30
During the summer we meet together as a whole church at the beach on Thursday evenings. It's the perfect place to invite your friends and meet new people. We have a great time of hanging out, volleyball, swimming, surfing, BBQ, a bonfire and more.
We will be there near lifeguard tower 30 in Carlsbad between 5:30 pm and 9:30 pm.
THE FIELDS
Church without walls
(760) 602-0722

Low Rider Gospel Fest
To reach gang members, drug addicts, and families with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Saturday, August 21
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Chicano Park
For more information:
Martha, (619) 288-5875

Encountering the World of Islam
Learn about God's heart for bringing Muslims to Himself both here in North County and abroad. Class topics, taught by experts, will include Islamic beliefs and practices, effective ways of reaching out to Muslims, and how to pray for them. A guided trip to a local mosque will be taken.
Tuesdays, August 31 to November 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Contact: Phil Martin, (760) 212-8157
EMMANUEL FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH
613 E. 17th Ave. Escondido
(760) 745-2541

Kairos Prison Ministry
An interdenominational prison ministry designed for use in state and federal men's and women's correctional institutions. They need your prayers and support. People to write letters, bake cookies, and provide financial support, if you can. Contact Jack Hunter: (619) 460-2104
jabahunter@cox.net
CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LEMON GROVE
6970 San Miguel Ave.
Lemon Grove
(619) 465-1888

Serve the Poor
We provide a gathering place where the homeless can come and experience a sit-down restaurant-style meal in a peace-filled Christ-focused environment.
All meals and services are offered free and without any charge on a first come, first served basis.
This is a place where hatred and anger are left outside and the word of God is given with each meal to encourage and offer hope.
GOD'S EXTENDED HAND
Corner of 16th and Island
Downtown San Diego
(619) 237-0079

Summer Baptisms
This is a great opportunity to gather as a church family to encourage those who are newer in faith, as well as an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon at the beach and some BBQ burgers and dogs.
We will meet at La Jolla Shores at Lifeguard Tower 32 at 5:30 pm for the BBQ and pre-baptism worship, then proceed south to the waters designated for bathers and waders where the baptism will take place.
August 19, September 16
MARANATHA CHAPEL
10752 Coastwood Rd
San Diego 92127, (858) 613-7800

Awaken Love
Wednesday-Saturday, Sept. 1-4
Jerome & Miranda Nelson,
James Maloney,
Patricia King and
Worship with Rick Pino
CROSSPOINTE LIFE CHURCH
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La Mesa • (619) 464-3077

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- How to hear God's Word and His voice
- How to study and understand your Bible by learning how to use concordances, Bible study software, websites, study books, Greek/Hebrew dictionaries, archaeological resources, historical studies, etc.

Sundays, Sept. 12, 19, 26
after all four services
THE MOVEMENT
1370 W. San Marcos Blvd.
San Marcos • (760) 510-1160

Financial Peace University
Thursday nights,
August 19 - November 11,
7-9 pm in B-202
This 13-week video series taught by financial expert, Dave Ramsey, teaches you how to change your financial future by eliminating debt, saving and giving like never before.
NORTH COAST CALVARY
7188 Avenida Encinas,
Carlsbad • (760) 929-0029

Buddhist Sangha
Each Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
The Saturday Buddhist Sangha is a group of beginning and intermediate seekers that come together to meditate using techniques such as silent and guided meditations, chanting and walking meditation.
We generally follow the teachings of Thich Nhat Hanh who emphasizes the inter-being of all things.
Once a month a Dharma Teacher joins the group to provide a message. Groups are free; when a Dharma Teacher instructs, a donation is warmly appreciated.
PALOMAR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
1600 Buena Vista Dr., Vista
(760) 941-4319

Annual Picnic
Games, music, karaoke bingo, prizes and barbeque
Sunday, August 22
11:30 am
Alpine Community Park
QUEEN OF ANGELS
2569 W. Victoria Dr.
Alpine
(619) 445-2145

Greek 1
A year-long course teaching Koine Greek, the language the New Testament was written in.
After the first year, the student will be able to translate passages of 1 John directly out of a Greek text.
RESOLVED SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
http://www.theresolved.com
(619) 313-1990

Calendar
LOCAL EVENTS

sloping beach during snorkeling outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Saturday, August 21, 8am; $30. 10 and up. La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro. (LA JOLLA)

Starlettes versus Betties! San Diego Roller Derby's Starlettes take on Mission City Brawlin' Betties. Tickets include entry to skate session immediately following game (but not skate rental fee). 858-560-9349. Saturday, August 21, 5:30pm; free-$12. Skateworld, 6907 Linda Vista Road. (LINDA VISTA)

Summer Del Sol Classic Horse Show Equestrian competition. 858-259-1148. Thursday, August 19, 8am; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Too Hot? Hit the Ice! Curl San Diego hosts pickup games. Teams will be assembled at rink at start time. No instruction; participants should have participated in a curling clinic or subbed in a league game. Saturday, August 21, 7:30pm; $20. Iceoplex Escondido, 555 North Tulip Street. (ESCONDIDO)

Tuesday Night Racing Velodrome bicycle racing season continues with racing in many categories. Racing is open to riders with an appropriate track bike and sufficient track-racing experience. Free for spectators. 931-233-5749. Tuesdays, 6:30pm; through Tuesday, September 28, free. San Diego Velodrome, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Where the Surf Meets the Turf Del Mar Thoroughbred Club horse racing meet continues. Newcomers' seminars offered one hour prior to first race. "Donut Day" slated for August 21 (8-10am). Weezer concert and beer fest: August 21. September 6 is Jockey Photo Day. Season concludes with Party in the Paddock on September 8. 858-755-1141. Thursdays, 2pm; Fridays, 4pm; Saturdays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; Wednesdays, 2pm; through Wednesday, September 8, $6-$10. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum "Leveled: An Interactive Experiment in Art" seeks to "expand the boundaries between artist, patron, and curator to create a new, unexpected and unprecedented museum experience." Four large-scale, interactive installations were created by artists Doris Bittar, Wes Bruce, Ingram Ober, Marisol Rendon, all based on different connotations of word "green." In an unusual twist, museum patrons are invited to touch, alter, add, subtract from installation artworks. The process, entitled "Action/Reaction," ends November 7, when the artists will return (November 9-14) for "Artist in Residence" week, responding to changes made by museum patrons. View results through December. 340 North Escondido Blvd., 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum "The Way We Learned: Education in the South Bay" illustrates history of buildings, campuses, and people attending school through photographs, artifacts, school annuals, student memorabilia.

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

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

Knox House Museum See how Amaziah Knox established a hotel serving drovers, miners, teamsters on their way through the valley. Museum offers display of historical photographs of El Cajon valley, furnishings of the time period (1879-1912) including a pump organ, roll-top desk, wood-burning cast iron stove, furniture brought around tip of South America, a Thomas Edison phonograph, ice box, Hoosier cabinet, bed warmer, clothing, children's toys. Museum is open on first Saturday of month (12:30-3:15pm); and second Saturday of month (11am-1:15pm). 280 North Magnolia Ave., 619-444-3800. (EL CAJON)

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

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown The multifaceted exhibition "Viva la Revolución: A Dialogue with the Urban Landscape" explores "dialogue between artists and the urban landscape." Show boasts "diverse range of 20 artists from 8 countries…linked together by how their work addresses urban issues." Exhibition, featuring works both in museum's galleries as well as at public sites throughout downtown San Diego, is on view through Sunday, January 2, 2011. 1100 and 1001 Kettner Blvd., 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Photographic Arts "Taking Aim" — continuing through Sunday, September 26 — "chronicles the history of rock 'n' roll," with photographs selected by Graham Nash of Crosby, Stills and Nash. This exhibition "spans more than 50 years of music-making as seen through the eyes of 40 legendary photographers including Lynn Goldsmith, Annie Leibovitz, Henry Diltz, Jim Marshall, Neal Preston, Mick Rock, Francesco Scavullo, Graham Nash himself," others.

"Seeing Beauty" explores aesthetics of beauty expressed through eyes of photographers through history of the medium including Bill Brandt, Walker Evans, Mary Ellen Mark, Edward Weston, Minor White, Aaron Siskind. See works in range of genres such as portraiture, abstraction, landscape, still life through Sunday, January 23, 2011.

"In Light: Selections from the Permanent Collection" may be seen through Sunday, January 23, 2011. These "works tell vivid stories of photography's master practitioners and technological innovations, while demonstrating photography's ability to reveal the unseen and the unseeable." Exhibit boasts photographs by Ansel Adams, Dorothea Lange, others. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

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

SINGLES

Look of Death

"I did almost miss a page-turn today. She nodded, and I wasn't paying attention."

MINOR SECOND
ELIZABETH SALAAM

Carol Williams — San Diego civic organist and artistic director of the Spreckels Organ Society — hates the heat. She also hates it when the wind blows her hair in her eyes and when June bugs fly past her nose. It's fortunate, then, that the Organ Pavilion at Balboa Park faces north (which keeps the organ pipes, the console, and Williams out of the sun) and that assistant organ curator Dale Sorenson is always nearby.

During the Sunday, August 8, afternoon concert, Sorenson, in a blue shirt and khaki pants, stood next to the organ console while Williams played a little bit of everything — from French Baroque (Marchand) to Tin Pan Alley (Gershwin) on the 4500-pipe Spreckels organ.

"During the concert, I provide page-turning for her because of the wind," said Sorenson. "She has much of her music under the Plexiglas music rack. And today there were bugs flying around, and she doesn't like bugs. So I was out here for bug patrol."

More bothersome, however, was the issue with a wireless microphone that refused to work at showtime, just as Sorenson began his introduction.

"Somebody said the Navy had just changed frequencies, so who knows what's going on?" said Sorenson. "It worked before the concert. I tried it, and it worked. But when I go to introduce Carol? Nothing."

So it was into a backup wired microphone that Sorenson finally introduced Carol Williams and the magnificent Spreckels organ... with his arms hanging limp at his sides and his eyes glazed over, as if he were asleep. Well, he *has* made this introduction hundreds of times.

"I did almost miss a page-turn today," said Sorenson, later. "She nodded, and I wasn't paying attention. She nodded again, and I went, 'Oh, sorry!'"

One audience member, a self-professed "regular" named Steve — wearing a straw hat and reading his newspaper in the shade of a small tree — said he has heard Sorenson's introductory remarks more than a few times. "I come every week," he said.

The Summer Organ Festival on Monday evenings (June 21 through August 30) provides a more formal concert experience. "Not stuffy-stuffy," said Sorenson. "I mean, it's still San Diego. You're dressed up if you wear socks." On Sundays the lively park atmosphere encourages what Williams calls a more "transient" audience.

Transient, indeed. For the full hour of the concert, people wandered in and out of the seating area — on bikes or skateboards, pushing strollers or walking dogs, talking on cell phones or chitchatting over lunch on one of the back benches.

Carol Williams and Dale Sorenson team up against the elements at Balboa Park's Organ Pavilion.

Sorenson suggests an attendance of 800 for the performance. The author would offer a more conservative estimate of 300, unless one counts the people passing by on the fringes who paused to look at their map while on the way to the Air and Space Museum or the Philippine Cultural Arts Festival happening down the way on Presidents Way Lawn.

Several members of a group of Sunday-school teachers visiting from Sacramento snapped pictures of each other in front of the organ building's Greek Revival architecture while Williams played an excerpt from Gustav Holst's outerspacey and aptly titled *Jupiter Theme*.

Michael and Gaynor, a couple visiting from Wales, had never heard of the Spreckels organ and were drawn to the concert by the sound of the music, which reminded them of "chapel music" from back home. They found the atmo-

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

sphere charming.

"It's a bit of a twist with the umbrellas in front there, isn't it?" said Gaynor, referring to the multicolored umbrellas that audience members can rent from the Spreckels Organ Society for $2 each to shade themselves from the summer sun.

Longtime friends David and Martin also happened upon the concert but only stayed for ten or fifteen minutes.

"We'd stay longer," said Martin, "except we're broiling." The music, they agreed, was wonderful, and Williams's playing was "obviously very high level." More than that, they were impressed with the accessibility of the concert itself.

"The fact that it's available and it's free is most unique," said David, who's visiting from Russia, where he teaches English and where "even though they were the people's people, the people's things are not free."

San Diegans Jason and Cathy rode through on their bikes, stopping to listen just long enough to drink from their water bottles. While Jason was impressed by the fact that "the same chick" has been playing these concerts every Sunday afternoon since 1998, it wasn't enough to make him want to stay.

"I mean, it's cool," he said, "but I don't really dig that kind of organ. It's just not something I would sit around and watch forever. But I do dig the umbrellas."

Carol Williams is accustomed to all the coming and going. "You just play," she said. "You just do your job."

Dale Sorenson agrees: It goes with the territory. It's a Sunday afternoon in the park, after all.

But, he added, there is "a certain amount of decorum that takes place on a Sunday. We like to be dignified. The core people that really want to hear the organ tend to sit in the middle in the front. If somebody's being nasty, there's peer pressure put on them — the look of death, that sort of thing." ■

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Passport to the World: A Night in France" "Pops Goes Classical" is theme for San Diego Symphony Summer Pops concert with pieces by Saint-Saëns, Bizet, Fauré. 619-235-0804. Sunday, August 22, 7:30pm; $17-$76. Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

Music from the Movies San Diego Symphony, conductor Matthew Garbutt, Jodi Benson ("the voice of the Little Mermaid") perform music from *Star Wars, Harry Potter, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Gone With the Wind* for Summer Pops Series. Fireworks follow concert. 619-235-0804. Friday, August 20, 7:30pm; Saturday, August 21, 7:30pm; $17-$75. Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Sunday, August 22, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

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Cosmopolitan Comfort Cuisine

Carl Schroeder was the hot young chef hired by Bradley Ogden to oversee Arterra back when it was new. Schroeder made both his and the restaurant's name there. Then he opened his own place, Market, at the northeastern edge of Del Mar — a long drive from the city, with steep prices as befits the upscale neighborhood (a quick drive from the fabled Chino Farms in Rancho Santa Fe). With Bankers Hill, he brings his talent downtown to a restaurant with a neighborhood feel and more neighborly prices, with entrées all under $20.

The site of the former Modus has been handsomely transformed so that it looks twice the size and feels three times as airy. Tall, open front doors with wood frames and glass panes let in the oxygen. The lighting seems brighter. Tables are packed to the maximum possible, and given the lack of carpeting, the noise level is high but not quite unbearable. On a Thursday night, every chair was occupied by all manner of people, ranging from elderly quartets and a few older men entertaining eye-candy "nieces" (whose costumes were fancier but briefer than other patrons'), down to the 20ish T-shirted crowd hanging out on the roofed-over, glass-enclosed patio that serves as an extension to the bar. Schroeder's partner, blonde and willowy Terryl Gavre (owner of popular breakfast place Café 222 and food columnist for *San Diego Metro*), has moved from hostessing and running the front of the house at Market Restaurant to doing the same at Bankers Hill.

The seasonal menus reveal the same farm-to-table ethos as Market, in simpler preparations but with fewer costly ingredients. As you'd expect from this new formula, the brightest flavors and most exciting combinations are found among the salads and vegetable-centered appetizers. Our best dish consisted of large, lush slices of red heirloom tomatoes surrounding a wondrous thick splat of genuine, rare Burrata cheese (Mozzarella so young, it hasn't fully solidified and still bursts with cream) sprinkled with basil pesto and accompanied by garlic-infused flatbread slices with crisp exteriors, soft interiors. It's well-nigh perfect, a catalog of intense pleasures.

PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

The site of the former Modus looks twice the size and feels three times as airy.

I also loved the eccentric salad of ripe peaches with shreds of fine prosciutto, candied almond slivers, and puffs of goat cheese, all over arugula. Prosciutto and melon is a cliché. But peaches? That's fresh, a way to savor this seasonal fruit at its purest without gumming it up in a sugary dessert.

Small oysters fried in a cornmeal batter were topped with dollops of Meyer lemon aioli and plated with a crunchy salad of julienned celery root and tart apples. The oysters didn't quite knock me out — they were tender enough, but not very briny. (I'd guess they're farm-raised Carlsbad oysters; the aquacultured mussels are terrific while the oysters are somewhat bland.)

DINING REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

Deviled eggs were mildly disappointing. They were spicy but otherwise nothing new, although they came with a lovable arugula-bacon salad and lemon shoestring potatoes. Also, they were only four to an order and there were five of us. In many restaurants (upscale or even mid-scale), especially those with truly professional service, our plate might have held an extra egg, given our lengthy, spendy food order. An egg costs about a dime, wholesale... maybe 20 cents for organic. A displeased table of customers can cost far more than that in lost future dinners.

Service fell apart grievously at our final appetizer. The organization here is that a waitperson takes your order, then runners deliver it from the kitchen: you rarely see your original server again. We received four out of five appetizers, then had to wait to catch a glimpse of our server before we could hail her. (She hinted, displeased, that a runner had probably left our final dish at the kitchen.) A minute or two later, we finally received our chilled Dungeness crab, shredded and heaped over batter-fried green tomatoes and served with corn-arugula salad. The green tomatoes were the best part — succulent, crisped slices, more sweet than acidic. (They were probably not hard, sour underripe tomatoes but an heirloom variety, green but savory when ripe.) The Dungeness was bland, minus the intense sweetness I remember from eating it in its native San Francisco. But that's a "San Francisco treat" that locals eat mainly in season, late fall through early spring, usually steamed whole with melted

Bankers Hill
★★★ (Very Good)

2202 Fourth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-231-0222; *bankershillsd.com*

HOURS: Daily, 4:30–10:00 p.m.
PRICES: Soups, salads, appetizers, $7.50–$12.75; entrées, $14–$19.50; desserts, $7.
CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Seasonal American cuisine, sophisticated but simple. Huge international beer list. International wines, wide price range, plenty by the glass. Full bar.
PICK HITS: Heirloom tomatoes and burrata cheese; fried oysters; prosciutto and peach salad; duck confit; flat-iron steak.
NEED TO KNOW: Popular chef, so reservations essential. Informal. Currently no vegetarian entrées, but menu changes often. Fairly noisy. Service still has rough edges.

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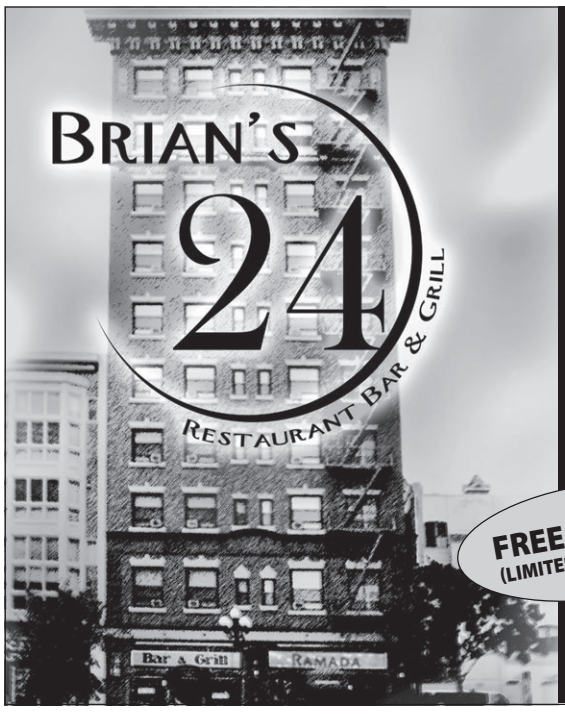

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butter at home or cracked and stir-fried with garlic or black beans at local Asian restaurants. In summer, it's left to the tourists at Fisherman's Wharf.

The wine list starts out moderate but escalates rapidly, though not ridiculously (e.g., $105 for a 2006 Joseph Phelps Cabernet and $155 for Nickel & Nickel "Branding Iron"). I'd recently been reading about Argentina's Torrontés white ($29) in a food magazine and promised myself to try it again ASAP and pay more attention this time. As the magazine promised, it does have a subtly peachy flavor. But once we started drinking it with food, it was easy to lose track of such subtleties. For the entrées, an M. Chapoutier blend of Syrah, Grenache, and Carignan grapes from Roussillon (in the sunny far South of France) hit the spot with a velvety texture and a touch of spiciness ($39). True to its grapes, it tasted like a wandering Rhône that picked up a little suntan on its southern vacation.

The sexes split over favorite entrées. My friend Lynne and I both fell for the duck confit, a leg of tender meat embellished with balsamic-roasted peach sections, plus a corn-shallot salad. The three dudes in the evening's posse fell harder for the spice-rubbed USDA Prime flat-iron steak, ordered "very rare" and delivered rare (enough), served sliced over twice-baked potato, garnished with roasted mushrooms and Worcestershire butter. The steak is flavorful but slightly tough, cut from a small, sheltered, well-marbled section of the hard-working front shoulder (chuck). Even Prime-grade and rare, it takes some chewing. But it's a good steak for the price.

It's the rest of this menu listing that's a little misleading. That twice-baked potato is no Idaho baker, with all the Idaho's rich spud flavor — it's a couple of bland red-skinned new potatoes (which American homecooks usually serve boiled, sautéed in hash, or sometimes roasted in olive oil and herbs or tucked under a roast beef to bake in the drippings). These seemed boiled, not baked, except to reheat (no crisp crusts on them), and even tarted up with sour cream and a touch of melted cheese, they are not what I want from twice-baked. Usually, this indicates baked Idahos with their flesh scooped out, mixed with whatever fats and goodies the cook likes in them, then re-stuffed into the skin and baked again to reheat. These were disappointing, as were the plain old button mushrooms — they weren't even shiitakes. Sure, Bankers Hill is cheaper than Market, but I still want something special from this chef. The raw materials for the accompaniments could have come from produce-deficient Vons or a depressed Logan Heights *mercado*.

Crispy BBQ Braised Pork Tacos (hold on, just what does "BBQ Braised" mean?) offered tender, flavorful pork in crisp corn tortilla shells, loaded with pepper Jack, avocado, and herb-lime cream, and topped with avocado and a garden of greenery. They were a great deal better tasting (and cheaper) than the tacos I had at Barrio Star a couple of weeks ago. Sole quibble: the pork came in lumps, instead of being torn into shreds.

We hit a low spot with Hickory-Smoked Baby Back Ribs, which proved nearly a joke, the ribs heavily smeared with a "Sweet Chili BBQ Glaze" that evoked distress around the table. The spiciness was just right, but the sweetness was beyond excessive and the texture was glutinous. We ran through all the BBQ sauce recipes in our brains. Not molasses. Not brown sugar. Oh, no, it tasted like Karo — the original high-fructose corn syrup! Well, at least the meat is tender, and the accompanying large, light buttermilk biscuit is exquisite, American folk-baking at its best. Plus, you get hot, moist towels to clean your hands. You'll need them after you pick up and gnaw at those ribs, unless you're fool enough to try and use knife and fork.

The Lynnester has a passion for Bolognese sauce cooked by other people — "Three days of cooking all those meats," she said, "and in the end all you get is good spaghetti sauce! It's worse than cassoulet!" I once tried making it (with Marcella Hazan's recipe) but promptly went back to my old Little Italy (New York) neighbor Antoinette's Neapolitan never-fail "gravy," which only takes three hours. So we ordered the Fettucine Bolognese here. The pasta, homemade, comes in wide rectangles, slightly overcooked, in a subtly seasoned tomato sauce (I think I smelled a top-note of nutmeg) thick with clumps of meat — meats of various flavors, evidently ground after they were braised. The sauce is amended by little clouds of goat cheese, the plate completed by baby spinach. I still think I like Antoinette's gravy better.

For those who want to move further downscale (e.g., the patio-bar crowd), the menu also offers a burger ($14, and for $3 more you get truffle fries), fish and chips ($18.75), and an ever-changing sandwich — currently a French Dip ($14.75).

Bankers Hill has a dessert chef, and the guys all wanted desserts. The only one worth mention is a butterscotch pudding, so sybaritic that the Emperor Caligula might have reveled in it. It's topped with whipped cream, and the depths hold a streak of chocolate syrup. Happily, my espresso was delivered with dessert, as ordered, and it was good.

It seems odd that the neighborhood of Banker's Hill, with its high-priced condos and million-dollar Craftsman cottages, should become a new hub of neighborhood-style restaurants (Cucina Urbana, Hexagone, Azuki Sushi, Hane Sushi, Barrio Star, and now this one). Our fellow diners didn't look like plutocrats. Maybe this is the new dining neighborhood for nearby areas without many restaurants, or lacking enough restaurants where people feel comfortable with the food or ambiance. At Bankers Hill, you'll be packed in cheek-by-jowl and forced to raise your voice to converse, but the menu won't pose any major challenges. It's modern American comfort food in a cosmopolitan mode — rarely thrilling but mainly very tasty and easy to enjoy. ■

Sundown Surprise

Black linen napkins…very cool that they don't skimp for bargain hunters like me.

TIN FORK
ED BEDFORD

Sunset's my kryptonite. Honest. Dusk is my undoing. I'm weakest when Huey's dipping his tootsies in the ocean. Food and drink-wise, anyway. Here at the Gaslamp trolley stop around six, I can feel the magic hour a-coming. Plus, across the railroad tracks, left of the convention center, all scrubbed and white, that big pencil box of a Hilton keeps giving me the come-on, tempting as a Lorelei.

Hmm... The view will be fantastic over there. And, just maybe, they have a happy hour I can afford. I cross over the tracks and Harbor Drive, then head south. Two minutes later, I start to hear noise. Bunch of irate wasps? Stadium of *vuvuzelas*? I get closer. Now it sounds like a UFC fight crowd. I head for the doors in the Hilton, where the sound's coming from…and find myself in this vast sports bar, guys all cheering and talking big, looking up at two dozen plasma screens. Are we at the Tilted Kilt (you know, the sports bar next to Petco Park)? No. The sign says Fox Sports Grill. Fox, like, Sarah and Hannity and Glenn. That Fox.

It's dark, in creams and browns, with a black acoustic ceiling and a wall that looks like a Japanese paper screen. On the other side there's a pillbox view of the bay. It takes a moment to realize, but there's no music in here, just sports on TV, play by play, roar by roar, from the screens and also from the guys who are watching.

I sidle up to the bar, grab a stool and a mini-menu card. Hey hey! Lucked out. "Happy Hour, Monday to Friday, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m." They have drink specials like $1 off draft beer and $2 off wines by the glass. The interesting part comes next: "Half-priced selected appetizers: sliders, chipotle pork sliders, BBQ chicken nachos, bleu cheese chips, and smoked wings."

"What do these appetizers cost?" I ask the bar girl, Genevieve.

She hands me a 20-inch matt-black plastic sheet. The main menu. It has starters, salads, soups, and sandwiches, plus grills, burgers, pizzas. And not the sort of prices I'd expect at a Hilton. A buffalo chicken sandwich with cheese and fried onion rings, plus fries, runs $9.95. A grilled chicken strawberry salad is $10.95 at lunch, two bucks more for dinner. Soup and salad is $8.95. Of course, they do have big-ticket items, like jumbo lump crab cakes for $20.95 or tenderloin filet for $26.95. But lunch burgers cost from $9–$11. The half-pound "Chop House" cheeseburger with fries is $8.95; add caramelized onions, bacon, sautéed mushrooms, and melted Swiss, and you'll pay $10.95.

And I would. But first, I flip the page back to Starters. Regular price for sliders is $7.95. Chipotle pork sliders are $8.95. BBQ chicken nachos go for $7.95, bleu cheese chips (with bacon, tomatoes, bleu cheese sauce) are $9.95, and smoked wings ("naked, buffalo, or spicy") are $8.95.

Now, halve all that. Heckuva deal. I go for chipotle pork sliders — plate of three, about $4.50. I add BBQ chicken nachos for $4. Can't believe I'm paying that, here.

"Something to drink?" Genevieve asks.

"How much for beers, at, uh, happy-hour prices?"

"About $4, $5, after the dollar off."

Then I remember I gotta work tonight. "Just give me a Coke," I say. It's $2.50.

While I'm waiting, a waiter comes up with a plate loaded with greens and meat for the guy on my left. Dave. "Steak salad," he says. "It's $15.95. Not happy hour, but you get a steak and a salad in the one price."

He's from Colorado. Works in medical equipment, showing surgeons how to use this backbone bracer his company makes. "I was observing at two operations yesterday," he says. "Surgeons sometimes need help with the mechanical details."

He brings out his iPhone. "Guess what anesthesiologists do while the op's going on?" He presses a button. The photo pans around from the surgeons, busy working on the sleeping

PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

Heckuva deal for four pork sliders

patient, to where this other doc in green scrubs sits…reading the *Union-Tribune*.

"Anesthesiologists are just there in case."

Genevieve brings me a nice heavy knife and fork and a couple of black linen napkins. Very cool that they don't skimp for bargain-hunters like me.

And then — whoa — my two plates turn up. One triangular china plate has three sliders oozing onions and pork, plus a logjam of fries. The other, a big oval dish, is loaded with red chips, black chips, yellow chips, and barbecued chicken chunks — also sliced jalapeños, onions, and white and red sauces spread like lava over the top. It's pretty good, but those chipotle sliders take the prize. They're smoky, sweet, maybe even chocolatey — I'm even wondering: mole? They're filling, too. In fact, I have to ask for a box so I can take the last one home to Carla. She's never going to believe it came from the House of Hilton, for four bucks.

I head out along the Embarcadero. The bay's gone from sunny blue to the gold I saw staring out from the bar, and now it's blue-black. Lord. Stayed way beyond happy hour. Lights are beginning to twinkle. Large boats slide silently by. I stop for a large coffee ($2.25) and a chocolate chip cookie ($1.50) at the Seaport Cookie Company. Ah... Feel my strength seeping back. Hello, night. Bye-bye, kryptonite. ■

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Prices: *Happy hour appetizer prices include three sliders, $3.97 (regularly $7.95); three chipotle pork sliders, $4.47 ($8.95); BBQ chicken nachos, $3.97 ($7.95); bleu cheese chips (with bacon, tomatoes, bleu cheese sauce), $4.97 ($9.95); smoked wings, $4.47 ($8.95); regular items include buffalo chicken sandwich with fries, $9.95; grilled chicken strawberry salad, $10.95 (lunch), $12.95 (dinner); soup and salad, $8.95; jumbo lump crab cakes, $20.95; tenderloin filet, $26.95; half-pound cheeseburger with fries, $8.95; with caramelized onions, bacon, sautéed mushrooms, melted Swiss, $10.95*
Hours: *11:00 a.m.–midnight, Sunday–Thursday; 11:00 a.m.–2:00 a.m., Friday–Saturday; happy hour, 4:00 –7:00 p.m., Monday–Friday*
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A complete searchable list of over 1300 restaurants is available online at **SanDiegoReader.com.** *Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a midrange entrée.* **Inexpensive:** below $10; **moderate:** $10 to $19; **expensive:** $20 to $29; **very expensive:** more than $30.

Allied Gardens

Brothers Family Restaurant 5150 Waring Rd., Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. All the staples: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Inexpensive.

Baja

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

Cien Años Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Tijuana, 664-634-3039. Mexican haute cuisine, with complex sauces based on Mexican ingredients including tropical fruits, nuts, and chili peppers. Treats: mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile-meat mini tacos, posole with crabmeat. Moderate.

Happy Face Restaurant In Plaza Viva Tijuana (near Yellow Cab parking area), Tijuana. Breakfast (all day) includes *chilaquiles* with chips doused in cheese, a thin steak, frijoles, rice, chips, salsa, coffee, and a house salad. Inexpensive.

Manzanilla Boulevard Teniente Azueta #139, Ensenada, 646-175-7073. Sophisticated "nuevo" Mexican cuisine at this Euro-style bistro features seasonal menus with fresh-caught seafood, locally grown vegetables, and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill. A spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is a constant. Moderate.

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67, Rosarito, 661-612-1430. In a restaurant full of caged birds (and a patio with free birds a-wing), enjoy sublime mesquite-grilled aged steaks, quail with garlic sauce, or venison — especially the savory *machaca de venado* (meat strips with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Mostly moderate; cash only.

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, Tijuana, 664-685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated carne asada, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado. Inexpensive.

Banker's Hill

Hexagone 495 Laurel St., Banker's Hill, 619-236-0467. This urban spin-off of Rancho Bernardo's French Market Grille offers provincial "bourgeois cuisine" (snails, frog legs, bouillabaisse) nearly identical to that of the mother ship — including the inconsistent nightly quality. Moderate to expensive.

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. All-day breakfasts and sandwiches, and at dinner, while there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom style) are the order of the day. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Bay Park

Bay Park Fish Company 4121 Ashton St., Bay Park, 619-276-3474. Go big (surf 'n' turf can cost you thirty-plus) or small: a filling seafood stew or the panko-crusted halibut tacos go for $10. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive.

Borrego Springs

Olde Homestead Fudge Co. 590 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The chocolate walnut fudge is delicious, but the masterpiece when in season is the Date Shake — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Inexpensive.

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. The most authentic dishes come from the Specialties section of the menu, including a good pork in green chile sauce, enchiladas, and *chilaquiles*. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Cardiff

Beach House 2530 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Cardiff, 760-753-1321. Branch of a beachy mini-chain. Great ocean-front view, but stay with the simplest foods — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs. Weekend brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive.

Carlsbad

Norte Mexican Food 3003 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex, but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Inexpensive.

Vivace 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. First-class ingredients enliven skillfully executed Italian haute cuisine — think Medici princes, not *mamma mia*. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive.

Carmel Valley

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755. Organic grocery chain with prepared foods to go. Best deals at the hot case are usually the daily specials, like vegan seitan stew (a low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's jerk turkey in fig sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co. 12840 Carmel Country Rd., Carmel Valley, 858-481-7883. Several San Diego locations. House-made brewskis and American-style pizzas, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings. Also pub grub and vaguely Italian food. Inexpensive.

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza 12925 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-259-6600. Additional locations in La Jolla, La Mesa, Mission Valley, University City, and Downtown. The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Inexpensive.

Spices Thai Café 3810 Valley Centre Dr., Carmel Valley, 858-259-0889. Additional locations in Mira Mesa and Rancho Bernardo. Not only elegant, but the food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Inexpensive to moderate.

Chollas View

Asia Café 4710 Market St., Chollas View, 619-527-1917. Rare Laotian restaurant's dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Inexpensive.

Chula Vista

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. Famous for Grandma's buckwheat pancakes, banana-pecan pancakes, and rolled pancakes. Other good bets: deluxe burger with french fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Inexpensive.

Zorba's Greek Buffet 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. Families are here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in flaky pastry), dolmas (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Inexpensive.

City Heights

Asmara Eritrean Restaurant 4155 University Ave., City Heights, 619-677-3999. Similar to Ethiopian food, with a long, interesting menu, including a fine three-meat combo platter, luscious veggies. Seasoned to your specifications: "hot" means "hot!" Cash only. Inexpensive.

Canada Steak Burgers 3604 University Ave., City Heights, 619-283-4345. Run by a Greek-American family for 30 years, their hamburgers and especially their steak burgers are nicely seasoned and a great value. Interesting Greek choices include gyros souvlaki (skewered lamb), chicken kebabs. Inexpensive.

College Area

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Rd., College Area, 619-265-0218. A full range of European-Jewish specialties including deli meats and smoked fish, house-baked breads and pastries, huge sandwiches and dinner entrées (including a lively Romanian skirt steak and an ethnic sampler platter). Moderate.

The Living Room Café and Bistro 5900 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-286-8434. Additional locations in Old Town, Point Loma, La Jolla, and National City. This Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with good breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet. Inexpensive.

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-287-3536. The tempura special roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is filled with whitefish and garnishes. The Johnny roll shows octopus at its most tender. Inexpensive to moderate.

Coronado

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Ave., Coronado, 619-522-0612. House-baked breads and croissants and crunchy imaginative sandwiches like the Brie Fantasy (Brie, chicken, roasted peppers). Bino's Austrian wife makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive.

Burger Lounge 922 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-6835. Additional locations in Kensington, La Jolla, and Little Italy. Their Tallgrass beef is juicy, tastes sweeter, and comes only from grass-fed cattle. Inexpensive, if you avoid extras like fries and onion rings.

Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-522-0217. They call themselves "Memphis style" and indeed cook their meats and tender chicken in a hickory-fueled smoker. Consistency problem — some days you taste smoke, other days not a whiff. Local delivery available. Moderate.

Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-522-0449. Mootime Creamery owner David Spatafore decided to set up a cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white tablecloth, dangling-Chianti-bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out on great pizza and calzone. Inexpensive.

Del Mar

Il Fornaio 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Also 1333 First St., Coronado, 619-437-4911. Regional Italian dishes range from *filatino con bistecchina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy Dijon and salad) to a mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*. Great breads, of course. Moderate.

Shimbashi Izakaya Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-523-0479. Izakaya-style restaurant and sake bar with ocean-view dining serving fusion sashimi, tempura, shiitake seafood sandwich, sushi rolls, grilled yakitori, and desserts.

Downtown

Anthony's Fish Grotto 1360 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-5103. Additional locations in La Mesa and Chula Vista. 18 fish to choose from, available seasonally, most prepared simply. Moderate.

Anthony's Fishette 1360 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-5103. Fast fish, mainly fried, but the clam chowder — New England or fisherman's — is fresh, thick, tasty. Inexpensive.

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 W. G St., Downtown, 619-696-7220. You sit under poplar trees in a brick patio — and except for the wind, it's blissfully silent. With light fare like quiche, salads, and *panini,* it's the nearest thing to a French country café downtown. Inexpensive.

Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar 807 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-233-4300. The real Buster surfed the world — Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket. Here there's a surfer-pub dish from each of those waters, not one of them authentic. Bay view. Prices cover the waterfront.

Le Cake Château 1152 Seventh Ave., Downtown, 619-325-0977. This true French pâtisserie offers golden croissants, gorgeous pastries, and terrific lunches including *croque monsieur* (grilled ham-and-cheese sandwich covered with a Mornay sauce) and crepes with seasonal fruit and sweet cream cheese. Inexpensive.

Cheese Shop 427 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-2303. Also 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Not much retail cheese anymore. They still have all-cheese sandwiches but now specialize in overstuffed spit-roasted meat sandwiches like lamb and roast beef. Inexpensive.

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-236-9236. Enjoy grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, rice dishes, and appetizers like leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). Moderate.

City Pizzeria 675 B St., Downtown, 619-531-0955. Definitely West Coast pizza, with specialties like the Ranch Chicken pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. Inexpensive.

Croce's 802 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-4355. Live music comes free with dinner. Seasonal, creative menu, but simple dishes are best here, like the shrimp carbonara fettuccine in white garlic cream sauce. Fun people-watching from window tables. Expensive.

Jsix 616 J St., Downtown, 619-531-8744. The chef's charcuterie — sausage, cured beef, and smoked ham — is impossible to pass up. Waitstaff talks up the seafood, but the beef dishes are better — rib eye and Angus short ribs, especially. Grazing meals moderate to expensive, full dinners very expensive.

Maryjane's Coffee Shop Hard Rock Hotel, 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-764-6950. Back to the '50s with frozen peas and instant-tasting mash. The meaty meat loaf may improve on Mom's, but the chicken pot pie is barely better than Morton's. Moderate.

Ocean Room and Lounge 630 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-6550. Pleasant dishes include mussels *marinière,* Cajun seafood pasta, seafood pan roast, and Fanny Bay oysters on the half-shell. Or try the oyster shooters. Expensive (but less than average for the neighborhood).

Organic to Go 1143 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-236-0086. Lunch for most is a lunge at the salad bar, but they make a cheddar albacore tuna melt, a toasted meat loaf sandwich, and a vegan Thai-style veggie wrap. Other interesting dishes include mango-chutney-curry chicken salad sandwich. Inexpensive.

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-595-7959. The glory days have passed, but starters (mozzarella campagnola, fritto misto) still shine, and pastas can be excellent. Osso buco with marrow is best entrée. Try the lemon torte, leave the cannoli. Expensive on up.

Roy's Marriott Hotel, 333 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-239-7697. Also 8670 Genesee Ave., La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our outpost of top Hawaiian chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain, serving Pacific Rim fusion and sushi on a daily changing, seafood-oriented menu. End with the signature chocolate soufflé. Very expensive.

Royal India 329 Market St., Downtown, 619-269-9999. Standard North Indian Sikh menu. The lunch buffet costs a bit more than rock bottom, but is a decent deal if you care about flavor — none of the dishes have that sludgy sameness that mars cheaper buffets. Moderate to expensive.

Sadaf 828 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-0008. Also 613 Pearl St., La Jolla, 858-551-0643. Good Persian food, better at the more adult-oriented L.J. branch. Try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Inexpensive to moderate.

Suite & Tender Hotel Sè, 1047 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-515-3003. Celeb chef Christopher Lee officially presides — phoning it in from Manhattan. Cocktails are more creative than the corporate, Vegas-created "pick hits" menu. Fine raw bar and surf 'n' turf combos won't rock your world. Expensive.

Tabule 535 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-0048. Offshoot of popular Tijuana restaurant offers eclectic, Mexican-based global fusion including fine steaks, duck, seafood, in unexpected preparations — with glimpses of the owner's native Persia and Southeast Asia. Long menu is made for play, no boredom. Low-moderate to expensive.

Toscana Café and Wine Bar 238 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-5788. This clubby bistro/coffee/wine place offers reasonable breakfasts with organic coffees, lunch specials, and elegant happy-hour specials on bites, wines, upscale beers. Inexpensive to moderate.

Vela 1 Park Boulevard (at Harbor Drive), Downtown, 619-564-3333. "Farm to fork" local-grown dinners include surprise international luxury ingredients, and first week of the month offers a bargain prix fixe exploring a national cuisine. Vibrant starters and lush desserts could make a great grazing meal with a view. Expensive, but not very.

The Westgate Room Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Ave., Downtown, 619-238-1818. New, less-formal dining room brings air and modernity to a formerly stuffy venue. Skip the old menu classics; French chef Fabrice Hardel uses modern techniques to create thrilling, fresh seafood dishes with pleasure-value well beyond their price. Upper-moderate to very expensive.

East Village

La Casita 1247 C St., East Village, 619-531-0044. Some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Most delicious is watching Anglo city-hallers trying to love the house-made menudo (tripe soup). Inexpensive.

J. Wok 744 Market St., East Village, 619-231-1088. Brave attempt to fuse Asian and American foods. Eat on the sidewalk or inside under *The Tiger* (a great mural by local artist Mark Richmond). Try the "Modern Mix" side of the menu — with, say Korean BBQ getting the Philly treatment — or the "Traditional" side, with standards like pad thai. Open daily, lunch till late. Inexpensive.

Lotus Thai 906 Market St., East Village, 619-595-0115. Also 3761

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Sixth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. The chefs are from northwest Thailand, and something in their cooking hints of their region — a zestiness, a love of strong citruses and herbs — evokes the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai. Low-moderate.

Neighborhood 777 G St., East Village, 619-446-0002. This mainly male-patronized, rackety gastro-pub's menu centers on fine half-pound burgers, plus steak tartare, sweet potato fries with bleu cheese curls, creative deviled eggs, mac 'n' cheese, and big, interesting salads. Inexpensive to very low-moderate.

Pokéz Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E St., East Village, 619-702-7160. Hipster atmosphere and mainly Mexican vegetarian fare (with some carnivore dishes like steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Inexpensive.

Venissimo Cheese 871 G St., East Village, 619-358-9081. Stinking Bishop, anyone? Humboldt Fog? Balarina goat? The sole lunch is a cheese sandwich to go — made from any of 150 cheeses, same low price for all. Fresh fruit is part of the deal. Retail cheeses available.

Zanzibar Café 707 G St., East Village, 619-230-0125. Also 976 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-272-4762. Casual food until 11pm or later. The three-egg breakfast scramble is great. So are the avocado fontina cheese omelet and eggs Benedict with non-Canadian bacon, and the indulgent blueberry buttermilk pancakes. Inexpensive.

Eastlake

Miguel's Cocina 970 Eastlake Parkway, Eastlake, 619-656-2822. Additional locations in Coronado and Point Loma. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are luscious. Great for kids. Moderate.

El Cajon

Ali Baba Restaurant 421 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-442-3622. Chaldean specialties served until midnight, in a "sheik's oasis" atmosphere, offering airy house-baked bread, kebabs, lamb shanks, yummy "potato pie," and a "Feast for Three" that will feed five. Inexpensive to moderate.

Hacienda Casa Blanca 700 N. Johnson Ave., El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Old California-style family-friendly Mexican atmosphere and food, including lively *camarones al tequila* and *enchiladas suizas* in tangy green sauce. Brunch and all-day buffet Sundays. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Hammurabi Family Restaurant 401 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-401-3200. This Chaldean eatery in Iraqi-rich El Cajon offers exotica like stuffed honeycombs and intestines, along with comforting kebabs, marinated lamb shank, crushed wheat pie stuffed with beef, and baklava. Inexpensive to expensive.

Jasmine Bistro 315 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon, 619-588-8228. By day, the fare centers on fresh Chinese dim sum (finger food) offered by cart and by menu. At night, multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a pan-Asian panoply. Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées).

Encinitas

Bubby's Gelato 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. Sandwiches include intriguing Mediterranean combinations. Gelati are twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs and feature bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Inexpensive.

Kim's Restaurant 745 First St., Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. Huge menu highlighted by Vietnamese house specialties and seafood also includes a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes. Moderate.

Potato Shack Café 120 W. I St., Encinitas, 760-436-1282. You'll find generosity here, of the North County-hang-loose-surfer kind. You can split a plate for no charge, get bottomless coffees, endless fries (French or "American cottage fries"), "manhole-cover size" pancakes (weighing as much as their name implies), good pork chop breakfasts, great lunch burgers, and huge trees to sit under.

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. The focus is vegan and vegetarian, but they've added fish and a garlicky chicken pizza. Most popular item: falafel burger (made of garbanzo beans) on a bun with melted cheese. Inexpensive.

Swami's Café 1163 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. There are standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black-bean burrito, but the emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Inexpensive.

Escondido

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 W. Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-489-6420. Omelets are light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, potato casseroles, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Dr., Escondido, 760-746-1444. The margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food is a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. A pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. Inexpensive to moderate.

Golden Hill

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. Also 2121 El Cajon Blvd., North Park, 619-294-9417. Real New York pizza, with just-right sauce and crusts thin enough to fold in a V and eat on the run. Better yet: get a whole pie to enjoy at leisure. Neighborhood delivery available. Inexpensive.

Hillcrest

Aladdin's Mediterranean Restaurant 1220 Cleveland Ave., Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. Also 5420 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Clairemont, 858-573-0000. Middle-Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma,* etc.). Hillcrest branch offers more authentic Lebanese flavors. Inexpensive to moderate.

Café on Park 3831 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. The place looks trendy, but don't expect PC food. Plates overflow with hearty American fodder. Breakfast especially popular, with huge elaborate scrambles and the prize plate of '49er miners who struck gold: the Hangtown Fry, marinated oysters in scrambled eggs. Moderate.

Crest Café 425 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2910. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is both the boast and the cuisine, including Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, steamed veggie basket, and 11 types of burger (including salmon). Open early to midnight, daily. Inexpensive.

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Quick service until 2:30am from a huge menu of vaguely Szechuan-Mandarin fare. Consider fried pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage, curry-tinged Singapore-style rice noodles, shrimp with lobster sauce, scallion ginger chicken. Inexpensive.

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. Kazumi's simple but imaginative rolls are distinctively seasoned to flatter the particular fish's flavor. For families, the Ultimate Boat is a huge, encyclopedic platter of sushi, *gyoza,* assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Inexpensive to moderate.

Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro 3940 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-5560. Witty staffers treat you like dinner guests. Start with chicken or shrimp *b'stila* in cinnamon-dusted phyllo. Lamb Tagine with honey, nuts, and fruit and Chicken Tagine with olives and lemon are standouts. Moderate.

Ortega's Bistro 141 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the Baja Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling. Fun margarita variations. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive).

The Tractor Room 3687 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. Menu highlights include identical stews of wild boar and buffalo, grilled salmon, and Prime-grade bone-in rib eye, plus good sides of acorn squash and heavy-cream mashed potatoes and gravy. Moderate to very expensive.

Imperial Beach

Giant Pizza King 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inch-wide, foot-long, loaded pizza slices. The fish 'n' chips dish is generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo is a good value. Inexpensive.

Julian

Jeremy's on the Hill 4354 Highway 78, Julian, 760-765-1587. What a surprise — out here, an ambitious, sophisticated, but well-priced, chef-owned, California-fusion eatery, with dishes like brie and mango quesadilla, mushroom burgers, and bison steaks. Inexpensive to moderate.

Kearny Mesa

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by Yankee flying aces, offering classic American fare and mighty cocktails. Moderate.

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. Pass by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and go straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious Japanese chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like a sweet-bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive.

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 4170 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing noodle soups, but there are more elegant house specialties, including the "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. Inexpensive to moderate.

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. Try the Korean BBQ marinated short ribs or thick marbled slices of sirloin, which come with a bevy of small accompaniment dishes. Adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhoe*). Moderate.

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Local Chinese come here for Shanghai seafood dishes or clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Open to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate.

Spice House Café 9035 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1028. Greek-American cuisine, mainly. We don't know if it's the Ortega chiles or Jack cheese or tangy tomato sauce, but some guys find relief with the Hangover Omelet. Other choices: Portuguese sausage with three eggs and the Italian sausage frittata. Inexpensive.

La Jolla

Adobe el Restaurante 9700 N. Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-550-1000. California-Mediterranean creative seasonal dishes with local produce and something for every taste. Moderately expensive.

Cliff Hanger Café 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Dr., La Jolla, 858-452-9858. Spectacular ocean view. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there are generous half-pound hamburgers. Inexpensive.

Marrakesh 634 Pearl St., La Jolla, 858-454-2500. A dramatic Moroccan restaurant with tented ceilings and low-banquette "sheik" seating offers five-course prix fixe dinners with superb lentil soup, salad, chicken-filled phyllo pie, entrée, and orange-flower perfumed almond baklava. Best entrées: lamb with honey (when available), chicken with olives, duck. Moderate.

Roppongi 875 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-5252. Gorgeous interior, large, heated street patio, Euro-Asian fusion menu with tapas and sushi as well as entrées. The treats of any size add up to expensive.

The Shores Restaurant 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456-0600. The hotel restaurant with close-up sea views serves "Neighborhood American Cuisine" with a fun wine list. Moderate to high, with weeknight inexpensive happy-hours bites 4 to 6pm

Sky Room La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-3744. After renovation in 2007, Sky Room is now modern, sleek, and quietly chic, with a simplified menu of California cuisine and slightly lower (still steep) prices. The romantic, panoramic view remains, of course. Expensive.

La Taverna 927 Silverado St., La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Italian home-style, including chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage. If the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say "yes." Moderate.

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La Mesa

Himalayan Cuisine 7918 El Cajon Bl., La Mesa, 619-461-2503. Nepalese-Indian-Tibetan food, ranging from high-country exotica to steam-table buffet clichés — but subtly different from standard Punjabi renditions. Worth the detour: Tibetan momos (steamed dumplings) resembling fine dim sum, stuffed with beautifully seasoned lean lamb or gentle greens. Also: Nepalese samosas. Inexpensive.

Jitters Coffee 8201 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-460-4800. This small corner café is a local morning favorite. Flyin' Hawaiian waffle has macadamias, chocolate, banana syrup, whipped cream, but "plain" standards like the breakfast burrito are plain good. Lunches offer homemade soups, sandwiches, and salads. Inexpensive.

Lemon Grove

Charley's Famous Hamburgers 8213 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. An old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebabs. Inexpensive.

Leucadia

La Especial Norte 604 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. It's famed for superb soups — the Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the eggplant soup includes airy little croutons of puffed *relleno* batter. Inexpensive.

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 N. Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. Standard but generous breakfast and lunch fare in an old-time atmosphere has kept the place humming since the 1950s. Specials named after local characters. Inexpensive.

Lincoln Park

Magnolias 342 Euclid Ave., Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. Soul food from Louisiana: the fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya wellnigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. Low-moderate.

Linda Vista

Bull's Smokin' BBQ 1127 W. Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-276-2855. Genuine BBQ, tender meats, and poultry dry-rubbed with spices, smoked over mesquite-applewood chips, lightly sauced. (Order at the counter.) Masterpiece dish: dark, spicy, filé gumbo, served with a spectacularly moist jalapeño-spiked corn muffin. Patio seating. Moderate.

Little Italy

Fabrison's Crêperie and Boutique 1425 India St., Little Italy, 619-955-8834. Unexpected in Little Italy, but this café has a good French vibe — as much a social center (even offering free French lessons) as an eatery. It's mostly sandwiches and crêpes for breakfast and lunch. Try Alison's Special pesto crêpe. Inexpensive.

Pappalecco 1602 State St., Little Italy, 619-238-4590. Copy of a café in Pisa that three brothers created there, and now here. Meals are mostly salad-charcuterie-cheese combos. One delicious combo: the Rustico, varied Italian cold cuts with pungent goat cheese and bread. Inexpensive to moderate.

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India St., Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. Succulent veal is expertly grilled, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are zesty. Moderate.

Logan Heights

La Fachada 20 25th St., Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. Open until 3am (and 24 hours on weekends), this restaurant serves both Mexican and Anglo food. Good Western omelet breakfast, great Mexican seafood soups, and fun outdoor eating evenings until 11 pm. Inexpensive.

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Ave., Logan Heights, 619-239-3085. The specialty is fruits — in drinks, salads, and combos like *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber dusted with cayenne). Also meat sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs. Inexpensive.

Mira Mesa

Gateway to India 9520 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566-5522. Friday or Saturday, it's crowded with Indian families coming for the all-you-can-eat buffet of Punjabi and Gujarati specialties, including aloo curry, *chhole* (garbanzo beans), *bengan bartha* (eggplant), and sensational Asian-mango desserts. Inexpensive.

Mission Beach

The Mission Café and Coffee House 3795 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Eco-conscious breakfasts and lunches. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Gathering Bar and Grill 902 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Familiar comfort fare, like the Southwest burger (avocado, Jack cheese, and salsa) or the Monte Cristo sandwich. Owner does magic card tricks around 6pm some evenings. Inexpensive.

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India St., Mission Hills, 619-299-0333. The deep-fried taquitos are their top-selling item. But try Burrito Indio, a wheat tortilla stuffed with marinated zucchini, corn,

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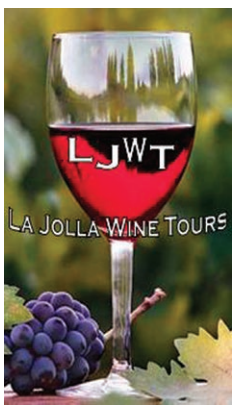

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beans, onions, cheese, and tomato, and the potato burrito, another good vegetarian choice. Inexpensive.

Mission Valley

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017. Hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Better yet, breakfast around the clock. Inexpensive to moderate.

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill 7007 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-298-1866. Also Escondido, Pacific Beach, Fashion Valley, Chula Vista. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with Angus top sirloins. Inexpensive to moderate.

National City

The Barbecue Pit 920 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-477-2244. Rustic timber, knotty pine, animal heads on the walls, and meats cooked true Southern BBQ style, over oak. Inexpensive.

China Super Buffet 3007 Highland Ave., National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises "over 100 items daily." Many are very good — marinated baby octopuses, mussels topped with melted cheese, roast beef au jus. Plus groaning salad bars, adequate sushi. Inexpensive.

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Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-295-0156. Now, as in the '30s, chicken pie comes with chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert. Inexpensive.

Sea Rocket Bistro 3382 30th St., North Park, 619-255-7049. It's easy being green with a menu of sustainable, mainly local seafood and produce. Sea urchin bisque and grilled fresh sardines are top picks, along with plump, seared Baja scallops, and any dish with Carlsbad mussels. Noisy room. Moderate.

Urban Solace 3823 30th St., North Park, 619-295-6464. American comfort food with a faint Southern accent, including, sweet potato fries, a big burger made of Niman Ranch beef "cooked your way" (and rare is reasonably safe). Great "bluegrass brunches" with live music. Moderate.

Zensei Sushi 3396 30th St., North Park, 619-546-6171. The sushi is well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The party rolls (like Stuffed Tomato or Honeymooners) may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Moderate.

Ocean Beach

The Old Townhouse Restaurant 4941 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-1880. A real diner without all the retro come-ons. All-day breakfast is the big thing (try the three eggs and pork chop), but you can splurge on, say, a pretty decent New York strip steak for the price of a burger at a gourmet burger joint. Inexpensive/low moderate.

Point Loma Beach Café 1424 Sunset Cliffs Bl., Ocean Beach, 619-758-1776. Cute eaterette, half a block from the cliffs, frequented by international surfers drawn to the challenging waves below. Good-value breakfasts, decent burgers and OB Burrito, and delicious tortilla soup.

Roots 4976 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-9000. Tiny vegan-organic eatery offers crunchy wraps like the Thai Peanut and the Arti (artichoke hearts, feta cheese). Interesting sandwiches include portobello mushroom with tomato and provolone on ciabatta or the Avo (avocado, onion, and tomato). Inexpensive to moderate.

Oceanside

Azafran 1001 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-435-0005. Cuban cuisine. Try the house-baked breads, the tender roast pork with garlicky *mojo* sauce, or the traditional Cuban pressed sandwich oozing ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles. Inexpensive.

Hill Street Cafe & Gallery 524 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in O'side, including Cajun chicken for lunch and breakfasts of tofu/spinach scramble and *pan perdu* (to us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Inexpensive.

Old Town

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs St., Old Town, 619-295-2343. The culinary pick hits of all the Americas including superb Chilean empanadas and *pastel de choclo* corn pudding, Peru's herbal *seco de cordero* meat stew, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal*. Moderate.

Pacific Beach

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. Classy Chinese all-you-can-eatarama offers great surf 'n' turf possibilities, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or crab and roast duck. Or choose mayonnaise mussels or caramel-y Japanese charcoal-grilled eel *(unagi)* on rice. Inexpensive.

Kono's 704 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. Chow down on a patio on the pier at this inside-outside café, the prototypical California surfer hangout. Tourists and locals alike flock here for generous breakfasts and burgers. Inexpensive.

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Dr., Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Right on the boardwalk with sea view, the prime rib, surf 'n' turf, and tournedos are fine. To beat the big prices, try the beach burger or seared ahi Caesar salad. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive.

Zanzibar Café 976 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-272-4762. Also 707 G St., Downtown, 619-230-0125. Casual food until 11pm or later. The three-egg breakfast scramble is great. So are the avocado fontina cheese omelet and eggs Benedict with non-Canadian bacon, and the indulgent blueberry buttermilk pancakes. Inexpensive.

Point Loma

Tender Greens 2400 Historic Decatur Rd., Point Loma, 619-226-6254. This "healthy food" chain features great soups, desserts, and local, organic produce served cafeteria style with or without mesquite-grilled natural beef, free-range chicken, or local tuna in salads or ciabatta sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Ramona

Kountry Kitchen Ramona 826 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-3200. They still open at 5am for the farmers. Try the Italian Sausage breakfast, a sausage with a rich, sharp flavor, with eggs and hash browns. Or the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausage or bacon. Inexpensive.

Rancho Bernardo

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Pl., Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. Authentic Hong Kong cuisine, beautiful setting. Daytime dim sum includes irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to "gold cup" dishes. Try the sea bass with pine nuts. Moderate, with some expensive specialties.

Rancho Santa Fe

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. The daily changing menu sports first-rate modern French/Euro cuisine by chef Martin Woesle. The menu's often most exciting on weeknights, when chefs have time to stretch, but more luxurious dishes appear on weekends. New "bistro menu" of casual French cuisine and weeknight three-course prix fixe offer some affordable choices. Otherwise expensive.

Santee

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, 619-596-9686. You can't beat their omelets, all 19 of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, cheddar, or American) to the Factory Omelette (a build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). Inexpensive.

Scripps Ranch

Chez Nous Gourmet Deli-Café 9821 Carroll Canyon Rd., Scripps Ranch, 858-566-4766. Their roast beef with ginger-garlic and Dijon sandwich, their spicy chicken melt, or the leg of lamb they roast each day to make a juicy lamb sandwich — all original. Inexpensive.

Solana Beach

Nobu Gourmet Japanese Restaurant 315 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. The friendly sushi bar of our local, not-famous Nobu offers fine classic sushi and sashimi, or settle into a booth for a standard Japanese dinner. Try monkfish liver pâté and *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup. Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive.

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. Handsome bistro where chef-owner Jeffrey Strauss schmoozes with guests and dishes up hearty, heavy, often salty French-California comfort fare and fine-quality grilled meats with local veggies. Superb, pricey wine list. Very expensive.

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Dr., Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. The sushi is ultra-fresh, and the friendly chefs make their compositions look beautiful. Also Japanese dinners, special *kaiseki* meals, and a *teppan* room. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive.

Sorrento Valley

The Grill 10920 Roselle St., Sorrento Valley, 858-587-7940. The Greek owners give it character with generous but cheap breakfast dishes like the Mediterranean omelet and lunch specials like the luscious Philly cheese steak. Inexpensive.

South Park

Vagabond 2310 30th St., South Park, 619-255-1035. Eclectic bistro fare, French-based but with ever-changing global menu. Don't miss the *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *seco de carne* meat stew. Noisy when full. Moderate.

Southcrest

Elaine's Coffee Shoppe 1212 S. 43rd St., Southcrest, 619-264-6525. A bright, '70s-style breakfast-all-day spot where long-time owner Su Cha Yang also caters to vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Try the ham, bacon, mushroom "hunter" omelet, or fill up on the pork chop plate. Inexpensive.

University City

Café Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, University City, 858-450-3355. Chic scene where men with Bentleys and glam gals nibble above-average sushi and Asian fusion, especially on jam-packed Thursday nights. Best bet: graze on appetizers and creative party rolls. No reservations for sushi bar, so come early. Very expensive.

University Heights

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington St., University Heights, 619-296-8268. Open all night on weekends, and late night is a scene. But for many, breakfast is the thing: Charbroiled top sirloin with eggs and potatoes is a Saturday morning treat. Inexpensive.

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama St., University Heights, 619-688-0717. The round Lebanese oven cooks flat bread (*sajj*) that goes with baba ghanoush (eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo stew). Must-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap, falafel wrap, and savory meat pie. Inexpensive.

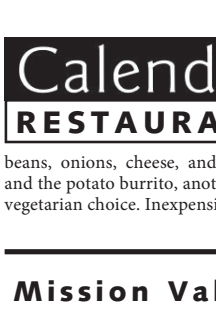
Muzita Abyssinian Bistro 4651 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-546-7900. Hospitable intro to veg-rich Ethiopian/Eritrean cuisine, served family-style, to eat using healthy whole-grain spongy pancakes to pick up savory morsels. Try Ethiopian beers or crisp honey wine. No wheelchair access to interior. Moderate.

Valencia Park

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Ave., Valencia Park, 619-264-3115. Longstanding soul food restaurant, serving until 1am weekends. Try gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, and rice, or Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Inexpensive.

Valley Center

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant 29000 Lilac Rd., Valley Center, 760-749-8041. Also 201 Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-480-5565. Carnitas are outstanding for moist smokiness, and fresh-tomatillo salsa verde is exciting. Inexpensive to low-moderate, with three-course seafood dinners high-moderate.



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Shred Gnarnia. "The greatest thing about this camp is that you really get to see that kids are such a wealth of creativity," says Christine Gilardi, three-year director of a real-life School of Rock in La Jolla. "If you give them the tools, they can just create."

DayJams, a rock-and-roll music camp for kids aged 8 to 15 of all ability levels, started in San Diego five years ago at a church in Spring Valley. The program focuses on teaching kids to write an original rock song based on the National Guitar Workshop curriculum.

"There are lots of rock camps out there," Gilardi says in a phone call, "but DayJams is the only one that teaches kids to write an original song."

Enrollees meet fellow band members on a Monday; agree on a name; write a song; design posters, flyers, T-shirts, and CD inserts; and rehearse their show until the Friday concert for family and friends, which is recorded by a professional engineer.

After a year in Spring Valley, DayJams relocated to the Bishop's School in La Jolla for one summer, but noise complaints from neighbors forced them to move.

SYMPHONY TWINS PAY IT FORWARD (ZACH WHEELER)

"I'm in the room with my band, and this old man comes in and starts yelling and cussing at my kids," says bass instructor Zach Wheeler of funky retro-rock band Scarlet Symphony, "so I take him outside and he punches me.... That's why we moved from Bishop's."

The Litchfield, Connecticut–based program with 19 locations nationwide now holds its San Diego sessions on the opposite side of La Jolla at the French American School, where it has held two weekly sessions annually until this summer, when recession-related drops in enrollment cut the program back to one week. The nine-to-five camp trains enrollees in guitar, bass, keyboard, drums, and vocals and has produced bands with names like Shred Gnarnia, Turkey Sub, and Fluffy Bunny Apocalypse.

"Some of them are super good," says Zach, whose twin brother and Scarlet Symphony drummer Josh has been instructing at the camp with him for the past three years. "It's gnarly. Twelve or 15 years old and they're just rippin'."

Zach recently ran into a former student of his who is now playing in a metal band with a show booked at Soma.

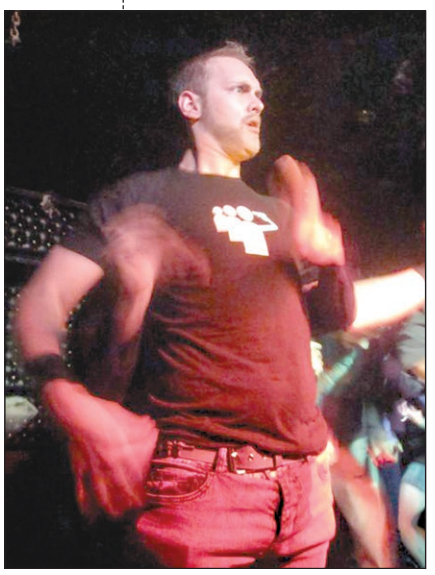
"I wish I had something like this when I was 13," says Zach. "It's an honor to be part of growing their talent."

— *Chad Deal*

Lieutenant Facemelter. Jason Farnan has returned to his Mira Mesa home and Sorrento Valley computer gig after an impressive showing at the U.S. Air Guitar Championships, held this year at Irving Plaza in New York City. Farnan, aka Lieutenant Facemelter, got his ticket to compete in the finals when he finished first at the San Diego regionals, which were held in April at the Casbah.

There are only two rounds in Air Guitar competitions. After the first round in NYC, Farnan found himself in third place out of 17 competitors. Victory was not to be his on that night, though. Romeo Dancecheetah, formerly Milwaukee's best air guitarist, rose to the occasion to become the greatest in the nation, leaving Farnan fourth overall.

At the finals, Farnan says he was judged by Jason Jones (from Comedy Central's *Daily Show*), Kent Jones (from MSNBC's *Rachel Maddow Show*), and Myq Kaplan (from *Last Comic Standing*). Farnan claimed that Jason Jones was particularly "cantankerous" because his wife was due to go into labor at any moment.



LOOK MA, NO GUITAR! (LT. FACEMELTER)

"I played way beyond my expectations. One of my buddies who has coached me and helped me put together a routine — we agreed that making the top ten would be a good goal to set for myself, considering this was my first time in the nationals. The fact that I placed third going into the second round and placed fourth overall is beyond anything I ever hoped I could have done," Farnan said.

Another bonus for Farnan was a little national TV exposure. *The Rachel Maddow Show* shot a remote clip to coincide with the finals, which gave Lieutenant Facemelter some screen time.

"Kent Jones asked me and [fellow competitor] Mean Melin which was better, air guitar or sex? Mean Melin answered 'air guitar,' and I answered 'air guitar sex.' Right after that, they showed the final five seconds of my routine."

For someone who describes himself as a "newbie" to the stage, the reaction and recognition from the crowd were especially memorable for Farnan.

"It's an indescribable feeling. I've never performed anything prior to doing air guitar in front of people, let alone a group that large. To get up there and do something you know and love and have 700 people cheer for you at the end is just this overwhelming sense of pride. You feel like you have entertained people."

— *Dryw Kelz*

Moving Write Along. It's been around four years since brothers Jayme and Andy Ralph founded their quiet coffeehouse band Writer, and little has changed with the group's acoustic emo sound. "We play indie rock, with a little Southern guitar picking," says Jayme. "At the Drive-In's album *In Casino Out* is one of my favorite records in the past ten years."

Their reach has extended well beyond San Diego, thanks in part to constant self-booked touring, especially on the road to and from Austin's annual South by Southwest music festival. "We've become real road warriors," says Jayme, whose

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well-traveled Honda Element (with attached trailer) was one of several vehicles the band has practically lived in.

Jayme says he's so road-centered that "I buy boxes of a hundred Cup o Noodles at a time, and I've learned to live for weeks at a time on coffee, grilled cheese sandwiches, and tomato soup. Most nights, I sleep on top of my comforter, so when I wake up, my bed is already made and I'm ready to roll."

When he *is* in San Diego, Jayme can usually be found hanging out at one of two places. "The Casbah, to see my favorite touring bands, and the Whistle Stop in South Park, to see our friends play."

However, he seems to prefer life on the road, as being a touring rock musician is preferable to, well, most any other job he's held. "I was a preschool- and elementary-school janitor for two years. God bless rock and roll."

— Jay Allen Sanford

THE ROAD WARRIORS OF WRITER

Record-Release Roundup. New electronica duo the Eris Sisters will debut tracks from their freshman album *DownHEAR* at the Club Zu Boat Party IV, which cruises the harbor on August 21. "The title is based on the Downhear Experimental Lounge Series, which I ran at Cafe Du Nord in San Francisco from 1996 to 1999," says Kristi Maddocks, formerly of San Diego garage-rockers Everybody Violet. "We'll be giving away 50 specially produced, limited-edition remix EPs." The duo's other half is Clay Colgin (ex–Men of Clay).

Other locals with August releases include soulful songster Jesse Plack (*Washed in from the Shadows*), one-man band Manuok (*The Old Horse*), Christian cutup Tom Smerk (*For the Faithful*), and café jazz act the Eric Evans Project (*Waves of Grace*), which was singled out last month as a "recommended artist favorite" on star flautist Tim Weisberg's website.

Gregory Page's jazz tribute album *Once and for All*, recorded by Jason Mraz, debuts September 10 with a release party at Lestat's, after which he and Mraz embark on a tour of Holland.

On the September 11 anniversary of the WTC attacks, Jet West debuts their first album, *Dropping In*, with a release party at SoundWave. "The only venues that would give me a weekend date were 710 Beach Club, Winstons, and SoundWave," according to singer-guitarist Chris Warner, "and that was the only date offered to us by any venue...it wasn't planned. It's crazy, but that's what fate had in store for my band. I have quite a few friends that have called saying they can't come to the show, purely based on the date alone. I respect that, for the lost ones and for the memory of the day itself. I always try to celebrate life."

ONCE AND FOR ALL, PAGE GETS HIS JAZZ ON

A new album from fuzz-pop duo the Crocodiles, *Sleep Forever*, is due from Fat Possum Records on September 14. Over the following few weeks, also expect new releases from Del Mar crooner Michael Tiernan, the currently drummerless Professors, a solo album from STP main man Scott Weiland (*Live in Los Angeles*), and a set of new tunes from local DIY legend Gary Wilson (*Electric Endicott*), whose '70s cult career has resurged after detectives hired by a reissue label found him working at a porn shop near SDSU.

A new full-length will drop from hip-hop homies South Psycho Cide, as well as a solo album from band lyricist Cookoo, currently hyping his football-themed single "We Charge Hard." "The Chargers are an exciting team," says Cookoo, "and the song tries to bottle some of that with lyrics that work every year, as opposed to a particular season."

Yeah, we'll see about that next season.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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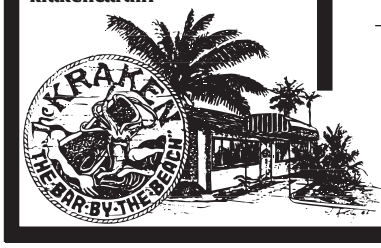

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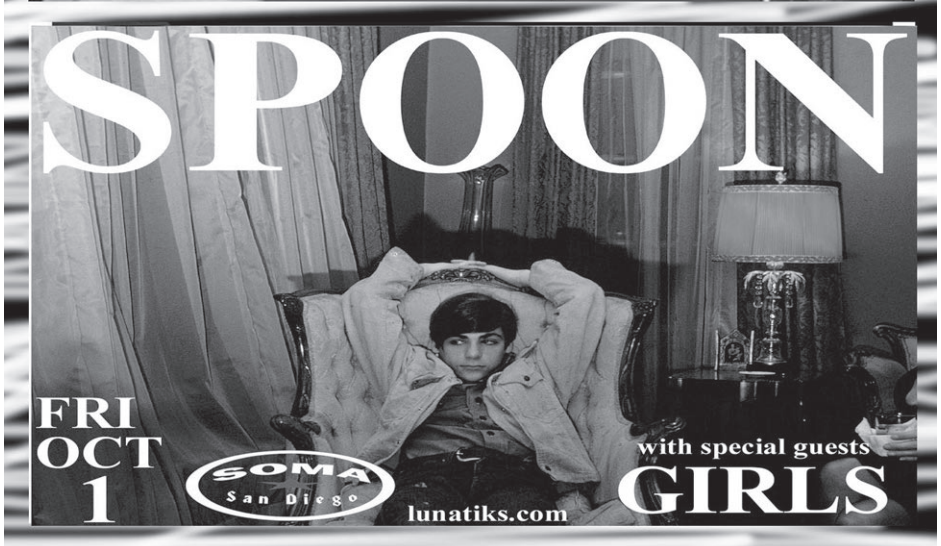

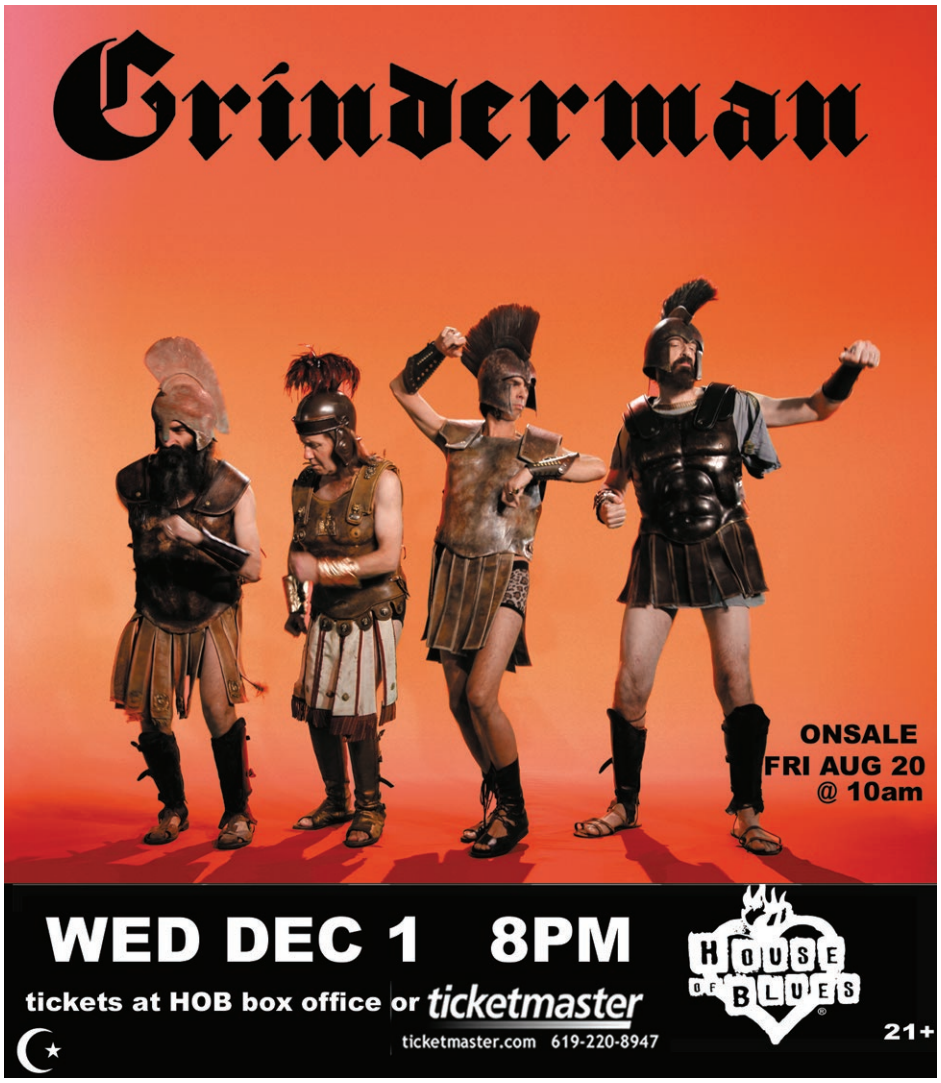

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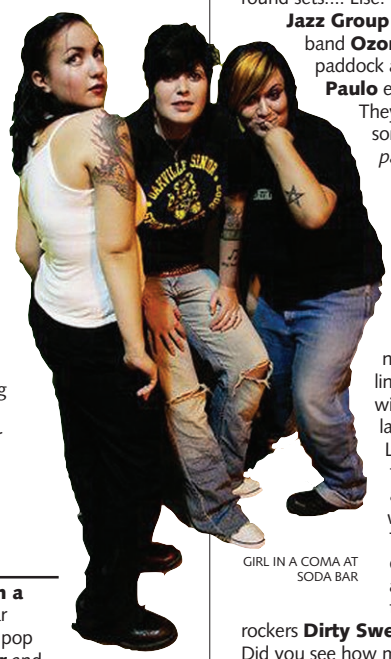
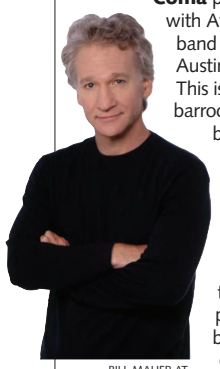


GIRL IN A COMA AT SODA BAR

Friday 20

Garage-rock Texas trio **Girl in a Coma** plays Soda Bar with Atlanta psych-pop band **Gringo Star** and Austin's **Agent Ribbons**. This is a trick triple bill if you like your barroom rock in sepia tones through blown cones. And wait till you hear the pipes on Girl in a Coma crooner Nina Diaz. You can't wait? Click this: *myspace.com/girlsinacoma.... A push from the left and a shove from the right*, **Bill Maher** gets on Humphrey's tonight. This oughta be good. The pro-pot atheist will bring his "so-bering" humor to the conservative enclave. Kind of like inviting the vampire in, isn't it, Humph?... Or go say goodbye to the **Modlins**. The natty lads swear this is very definitely their absolutely last gig. With **Swim Party** opening the show, South Park hot spot Whistle Stop is set to pop.... Adult-contempo radio staples the **BoDeans** will appear at Anthology. Led by singer-songwriters Sam Llanas and Kurt Neumann, the BoDeans were once named by *Rolling Stone* the best new American band. That was 1987. They're on tour in support of this year's *Mr. Sad Clown*. And stick around for a late-night jam by bluesman **Coco Montoya**. Apparently, the Santa Monica man's got an ax to grind with his new one, *I Want It All Back*.... Casbah fills a noise-pop bill with Austinites **Woven Bones** and like-minded locals the **Crocodiles** and **Heavy Hawaii**. And the kid with the coolest crate in town, **Mario Orduno**, will spin round sets.... Else: L.A. big band the **Industrial Jazz Group** hits Dizzy's...Funky Latin dance band **Ozomatli** plays the postrace in the paddock at Del Mar...and **Who and Paulo** entertain Fluxx club downtown. They're a DJ-and-guitar duo on to something new. Check 'em out: *paulodarosa.giantsarise.com*.



BILL MAHER AT HUMPHREY'S

Saturday 21

Hard-rocking Aussies **Wolfmother** stalk onstage at House of Blues Saturday night. The band went through a lineup change after their Grammy-winning eponymous debut and last year dropped a *Cosmic Egg*. Local rock writer Chris Nixon says their sound has "the pre-punk angst of MC5 and Steppenwolf's hard-edged psychedelia." Thanks, Chris, that'll do. Rootsy quartet **J. Roddy Walston and the Business** will set the downtown stage... Classic rockers **Dirty Sweet** hit the beach at SoundWave. Did you see how much it is to ride the Belmont Coaster these days? Dang. Discovered Family Night Tuesdays, though, when everything's half price from 4 till close. See, that's useful info, family guy.... Synth-rock band **Hot Hot Heat** fires up Belly Up. The alt-rock quartet just dropped their fourth major-label load, *Future Breeds*. Indie critics are calling it a "return to form." I guess they've been forgiven. **22-20s** (they're British) and **Hey Rosetta** (they're Canadish) set the Solana Beach stage.... SanFran's classic death-metal band **Possessed** takes the Ramona Main Stage after a slew of similars. Metalheads, hit this: *ramonamainstage.com/possessed/*.... Else: math-rockers **Japandi** drop a new EP CD at Ché Café with **Drug Wars** and **Miniature Tree**...local folkie **Manuok** drops his new one on Tin Can Ale House with Seattle's **By Sunlight**...and Soda Bar plugz in the electronics, catching L.A. act **Jogger** with Chatsworth's **Baths** and like-minded locals the **Illuminauts**.

Sunday 22

H.R. and Dr. Know bring dub-punks **Bad Brains** to Belly Up. These D.C. legends put chocolate in peanut butter before Reese's, yo, infusing reggae riddems into punk rock. Break out the Brains '86 staple *i against i* for a refresher.... *Don't dream it's over*. It'll be **Crowded House** at Humphrey's by the Bay Sunday night. Neil Finn's alt-pop Aussie act returned this year with *Intriguer*, their sixth proper disc in 25 years. That's taking your sweet time. It's number one in Melbourne, as I type.... **Cary Brothers** is one guy. That's his name. He's a singer-songer from L.A. via Nashville. The numbers on his Space page suggest you already know all that. Mr. Brothers will strum-n-hum at Casbah.... And House of Blues hosts the little lady with the great big voice, **Cyndi Lauper**. Cyndi's back with *Memphis Blues*, a rock-n-soul collection she recorded with the help of guys like B.B. King, Charlie Musselwhite, Jonny Lang, Memphis Slim. You heard of them.

Monday 23

From my hometown of Worcester, Mass (go, Sox!), hardcore band **Bane** plays the Ché. The straight-edge act has released a boat of singles since '05's *The Note*, one of the more engaging hardcore discs this decade, and looks as if they'll be collected in a comp called *At Both Ends*...? If you go to the show, lemme know. Shit hits the fan at 7p, with **Trapped Under Ice**, **Cruel Hand**, **Alpha and Omega**, and **Bankrobber**.... **White Apple Tree**'s picked this Anti-Monday. The trio's Bowie-flavored debut *Velvet Mustache* is out now. **Young the Giant** and **Useless Keys** set the Casbah stage.

BANE AT THE CHÉ CAFÉ

Tuesday 24

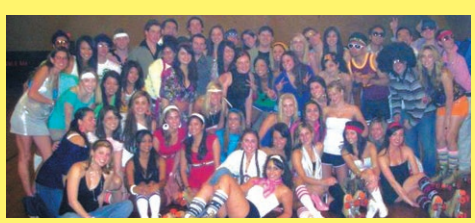
The unexpected grin winner this week is Portland's **Blood Beach**. The quartet pumps out psychedelic hip-swingers suffused in theremin. Go here for some "Soft Serve": *myspace.com/bloodbeachusa*. The indie kids'll play Tin Can Ale House with folk-pop locals **Flowerthief** for one of the gigs to get to this week.... Terrible Tuesday at Casbah tosses out L.A. prog-rockers **Upsilon Acrux** with **Innerds**, **Black Songs**, and **Hing**.

Wednesday 25

The Cricket's big ticket this week is blues-pop player **John Mayer**. The Berklee grad and Grammy winner has another *Billboard* smash with his latest, *Battle Studies*. The heartthrob's life in music hasn't suffered from his media image as an actress killer and kiss-and-tell misogynist. We like that in our rock stars.... For those who don't, Soda Bar sets up indie experimentalists **Oh Air Night** and **Space Nature**... Humphrey's has rootsy crooner **Chris Isaak** ("Wicked Game")... there's a locals-only rock-roll show at Belly Up with the **Howls**, **Little Hurricane**, and **Taming the Fox**...and North County pop punks the **Getdown** play a CD-release at Ruby Room with cute-as-a-button boy-girl band the **Bombpops!** Exclamation mark theirs.

— *Barnaby Monk*

JOHN MAYER AT CRICKET



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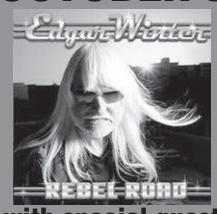

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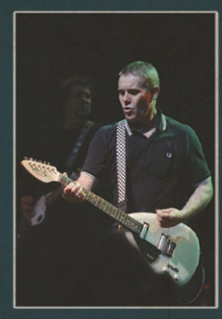

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Based in University Heights, Normandie Wilson is a self-taught pianist who worked as an accompanist in her small West Virginia town from middle school through high school.

"I grew up listening to 1960s music — Burt Bacharach, the Beach Boys, Motown — and watching birds with my grandma."

Wilson spent the past five years living in L.A. and playing with Red Pony Clock. "I was coming down [to San Diego] for shows and recording and everything. I moved here for good after a European tour with my last CD, which I released with Sebastian Clark. Here in San Diego I've been putting my focus on recording some new indie-pop material."

Her newest album, *The Flower Box,* was released last month. "I make DIY vintage 1960s pop music in the vein of Dusty Springfield and Dionne Warwick, and I also throw in a little bit of funk. I think if you placed Prince, Ben Folds, and the Carpenters in a blender, that might describe what I do. I also write a lot of instrumental pieces for unusual instruments, like the soundtracks done by Ennio Morricone."

In addition to music, Wilson is a visual artist who is endeavoring to paint or draw every known living species of bird, a quest that can be followed at *everysinglebird.com*. She also works with the San Diego Audubon Society's conservation committee.

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Orchestra, *Runnin' Wild*. "It's a nice recorded reinterpretation of some classic Glenn Miller songs without all the static and fuzz heard on the older recordings. The fidelity of the record means you can hear the songs a little more like how they sounded when hearing them live back in the 1940s."
2. Mill Kids, *A Zoo Full of Zebras*. "This is Jordan Michelman's record — he used to be in a Seattle band called Patience Please. He's a brilliant songwriter, and the CD is lo-fi bedroom pop, very vulnerable, and I really enjoy that kind of stuff."
3. The Beach Boys, *Little Deuce Coupe/All Summer Long*. "At first listen, a record all about cars may seem shallow, but underneath everything you can hear all the harmonies and complex chords. I think it's fascinating to hear what they did with the songs back when they had to release a new record every three to six months."
4. Prince, *Controversy*. "Prince is one of my favorite artists of all time, right up there with the Beach Boys, and his vocal work on this record is masterful."
5. Birds & Batteries, *Up to No Good*. "I saw these guys at South by Southwest, and I was blown away. It's very sexy electropop funk mixed with raw vocals and other things that you might think don't fit with synthesizers, but they do. The production is flawless."

BEST ADVICE YOU EVER RECEIVED?

"My dance-major mentor from Oberlin College, Elesa Rosasco, said to me, 'Everything takes longer than you think.' At first I felt really defeated that she said that. Then I got into the real world and saw this is often true. It helped me gain a lot of patience and to remain calm when things are taking longer than I want them to, whether it's getting traction in my career or getting a bagel for breakfast."

MOST VISITED WEBSITES?

1. *thefrisky.com*. "It's a women's blog that has very little advertising, with real advice from real women. It's also light on the sex tips and shopping overload found in most women's magazines."
2. *failbook.com*. "Hilarious and not always suitable for work."
3. *failblog.org*. "Unfortunately, or fortunately, the internet has made it easier to make fun of everything and everyone."

MAC OR PC?

"Mac. I had a PC for four years in college, and after the first year and a half it was an absolute dinosaur. I switched to Macs because my college was an all-Mac school, meaning that every computer in the lab or public spaces was a Mac. I really don't have many problems with my Mac, and I'm a sucker for the design."

WHO SHOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE?

"My only criteria would be that I'd want her to have a bump in her nose like I do, and I'd want her to be short. Maybe Kristen Bell? I Googled 'short actresses,' and that's what came up."

EVER BEEN A CRIME VICTIM?

"As a pedestrian in L.A., I was hit by a car. Some dude was trying to make a lane where there wasn't one, and his side mirror struck me in the back of the shoulder. He drove off, but someone was able to flag him down. I got a small insurance settlement a while back, but it seems like my back hasn't really been the same. So if there's a good chiropractor or cranialsacral therapist out there, call me."

WHERE DO YOU TAKE OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS?

"Balboa Park and the Tijuana River Estuary. I also try to take everyone to the Linkery in North Park and Eclipse Chocolat on El Cajon Boulevard."

BEST THING YOU EVER WON?

"A couple of weeks ago I attended climate-change training and won a pretty sweet water bottle. With no strings attached. I use it all the time. I haven't won too many things that don't come with strings attached."

FIRST BOOK YOU REMEMBER READING?

"The one I remember most vividly is *The Twenty-One Balloons* by William Pène du Bois."

PHOTOGRAPH BY RANDYLL WENDL

Normandie Wilson: "*Troll 2*...awful and awesome."

ANY TOPICS OFF LIMITS AT YOUR FUNERAL?

"I wouldn't forbid anyone from discussing anything. I guess when I go, I want to have some kind of crazy funeral that leaves everyone laughing, but we all grieve in different ways. If someone wants to grieve by saying I was a talentless hack with terrible fashion sense, well, go for it. I'm not gonna be there!"

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU COULD SUDDENLY READ MINDS?

"I'd probably go insane because I'm very sensitive. I think I'd start by finding a way to turn the mind-reading on and off. So many people carry around thoughts about their own inadequacy, their own unhappiness and fears…it's a scary world out there."

BRUSH WITH FAME?

"I met Alec Baldwin when I was working in L.A. He's a lot better looking in person, and he was very kind. His daughter was with him, too, and he seemed like he was being a good dad to her."

WORST MOVIE?

"Last week my roommates had *Troll 2* on. I think it was voted worst movie of all time, but I love those campy horror B-movies from the 1980s. The plot involves vegetarian trolls who feast on humans, who get turned into vegetation. Awful and awesome."

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

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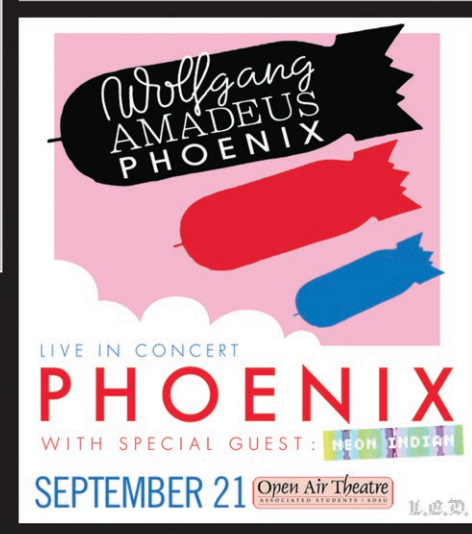

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Saturday, 5pm — Lloyd Banks. Hip-hop.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
Friday, 7:30pm — The BoDeans. Roots/rock/pop.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Tim Weisberg. Jazz fusion. $21.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Taylor Hicks. Pop/rock. $39.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
Friday, 10pm — Pocket. Blues/funk/jazz.
Monday, 10pm — The Styletones. Funk/soul.

Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Bl., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746.
Friday, 9pm — Astra Kelly. With Fing and the Luxury. Rock/folk rock/power pop.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
Thursday, 9pm — The Dirty Dozen Brass Band. Jazz/funk. $14-$16.
Friday, 9pm — Shoreline Rootz. Bob Marley tribute.
Saturday, 9pm — Hot Hot Heat. With 22-20s and Hey Rosetta. Alt rock/new wave. $14-$16.
Sunday, 9pm — Bad Brains. Hardcore punk/reggae. $25-$27.
Wednesday, 9pm — The Howls. With Little Hurricane and Taming the Fox. Rock. $8.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Friday — Authentic Sellout. Punk rock.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-839-4438.
Sunday, 2pm — Coastal Communities Concert Band. "We're Off to Broadway," featuring vocalists Lillian Palmer and Michael Ruhl.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday, 8:30pm — Fitz & the Tantrums. With Black Diamond Riders. Soul pop.
Friday, 8:30pm — Crocodiles. Indie rock/noise pop.
Saturday, 8:30pm — Gram Rabbit. Alternative/indie/rock.
Sunday, 8:30pm — Cary Brothers. Indie rock.
Monday, 8:30pm — Young the Giant. Indie/electronica/pop.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Japandi. With Drug Wars and Miniature Tree. Rock. $8.
Monday — Bane. Hardcore punk.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.
Friday — The Dave Matthews Band. With Brett Dennen. Alternative/rock.
Wednesday, 7pm — John Mayer. Folk rock/soul/blues.

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club: 2260 Jimmy Durante Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-1141.
Friday — Ozomatli. Hip-hop/Latin/rock.
Saturday — Weezer. Alternative rock/pop/indie.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
Friday, Saturday — Zone 4. Covers/rock.

Dizzy's: Second Avenue & J St., Downtown, 858-270-7467.
Friday, 8pm — The Industrial Jazz Group. $15.
Saturday, 8pm — Gilbert Castellanos & His Quartet. Jazz.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.
Friday, 7pm — Kevena. Rock.
Saturday, 7pm — Black Magic. Hip-hop.

Galley at the Marina: 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714.
Saturday, 6pm — Joey & the Sting Rays. Blues/country/rock.

The Handlery Hotel and Resort: 950 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley, 619-298-0511.
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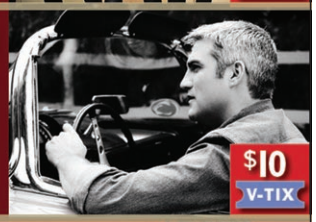

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Thursday, 8pm — Chicago. Rock. $96.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Crowded House. Pop rock. $70.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Chris Isaak. Country/pop/rock. $85.

La Jolla Shores Hotel: 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 866-392-8762.
Sunday, 3pm — Sabira Woolley and Island Fever. Latin/reggae/world. Free.

Last Call: 4977 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-287-9505.
Friday — The Subtitles. Covers/rock/surf. Free.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
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Saturday — Allison Lonsdale. Acoustic.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill: 1107 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5280.
Tuesday — Jackson & Jesus.

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Sunday, 6pm — 3 Divas. Cantonese singing stars Francis Yip, Elisa Chan, and Maria Cordero. $58.

Patrick's Irish Pub: 13314 Poway Rd., Poway, 858-486-0764.
Saturday, 9pm — Myron & the Kyniptionz. Blues/soul/rock.

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

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OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

When people in the rest of the country or the rest of the world think about California, they think about sunshine and blondes at the beach — still! They still think about that stuff! But those of us who have lived here for more than a couple of weeks know that there are a lot more Californians who don't fit the stereotype than Californians who do. And sometimes we get pretty angry about the unfairness of it all. That's part of the reason that in every California beach town you can find kids dressed in black, staying out of the sun, smoking cigarettes, and looking for trouble.

CROCODILES

Crocodiles' leaders Brandon Welchez and Charles Rowell are two such misfits. They've been playing together since they were teenagers in San Diego bands such as the Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower. They formed Crocodiles in 2008 and quickly started gathering national attention, especially after the band No Age placed Crocodiles' "Neon Jesus" on their list of best singles of the year. Last year's *Summer of Hate* cemented Crocodiles' reputation as Southern California's surliest discontents with song titles like "I Wanna Kill," distorted guitars and snarling vocals from the Jesus and Mary Chain playbook, narcotic rhythms à la the Spacemen 3, and a couple of electronic numbers from the krautrock school.

The forthcoming followup looks as if it will continue in the macabre vein of the debut — it's titled *Sleep Forever*. But the title track sounds like a melodic shoegazer anthem, complete with a "la-la-la" chorus. If you want to get druggy about it, it sounds less like heroin and more like ecstasy. See what I mean? California is complicated.

CROCODILES: The Casbah, Friday, August 20, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. $12.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
August 26 — Pat Travers.
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September 22 — Tab Benoit.
September 23 — Dave Liebman.
September 24 — Down to the Bone.
September 26 — Kina Grannis.
September 30 - October 2 — The Jazz Crusaders.
October 3 — Johannes Linstead.
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October 8 — The John Abercrombie Quartet.
October 10 — Matt Hires.
October 12 — Nikki Yanofsky.

Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.
October 9 — Steve Martin & the Steep Canyon Rangers.
October 17 — Jake Shimabukuro.

Bar Leucadian: 1542 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-753-2094.
September 11 — Ristband.
September 18 — Samz Jam.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
August 26 — The Victor Ship.
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September 3 — Lessons from Zeke.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
August 28 — One Drop.
September 3 — '80s Hair Metal Night.
September 7 — Justin Nozuka.
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August 29 — Slayer and Megadeth.
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September 16 — The Jonas Brothers.
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September 28 — Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers and ZZ Top.
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September 16 — Nekromantix.

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Girl in a Coma is a San Antonio trio started by Phanie Diaz and Jenn Alva. Later, they drafted Phanie's sister Nina. Nina has one of those innocent honey-sweet voices that could melt rocks. By the end of "El Monte" when she sings, "Am I just another score you adore?" you want to rescue her.

GIAC has been together for most of a decade but are just now coming into their own. "I'd love to play Coachella," Nina Ruiz says by phone from Texas, "and collaborate with people like Mike Patton." Still, the band has made some impressive friends. One of them is Joan Jett, who signed them to her Blackheart Records label, and the other is Morrissey.

"We're all huge Smiths fans, and we wanted to show homage to them." Girl in a Coma was derived from the Smiths' "Girlfriend in a Coma." After Moz heard the band perform in L.A. in 2007, he invited them to tour the East Coast and Europe as his opening act. Good times, says Nina. "We got to spend a couple of random moments with him offstage."

GIRL IN A COMA

GIAC's answer to federal immigration reform comes in their cover of Buffalo Springfield's "For What It's Worth," a song from 1967 about lost innocence, violence, and fear. "I think it's the perfect song to come out during this time," Phanie told a reporter. "With all the craziness in Arizona, it's the perfect lyrics. We chose it for that reason."

I ask Nina if there is a recurring theme that threads her writing. "Lately," she says, "I've noticed I say 'save me' a lot. And I mention a lot of *Alice in Wonderland* things."

If she could have one wish, what would it be? "I'm hoping that Mike Patton will see the number of times I've mentioned that I want to work with him in print and actually do it."

GIRL IN A COMA: Soda Bar, Friday, August 20, 9 p.m. 619-255-7224. $8 advance; $10 door.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.
August 27 — Hay Ho.
August 28 — Bone Machine.

The Harp: 4935 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-0168.
August 27 — Ristband.
September 5 — Full Moon Fever.

Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.
August 28 — Huey Lewis & the News.
September 4 — David Gray and Ray Lamontagne.
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September 26 — Willie Nelson.
October 1 — Rob Zombie and Alice Cooper.

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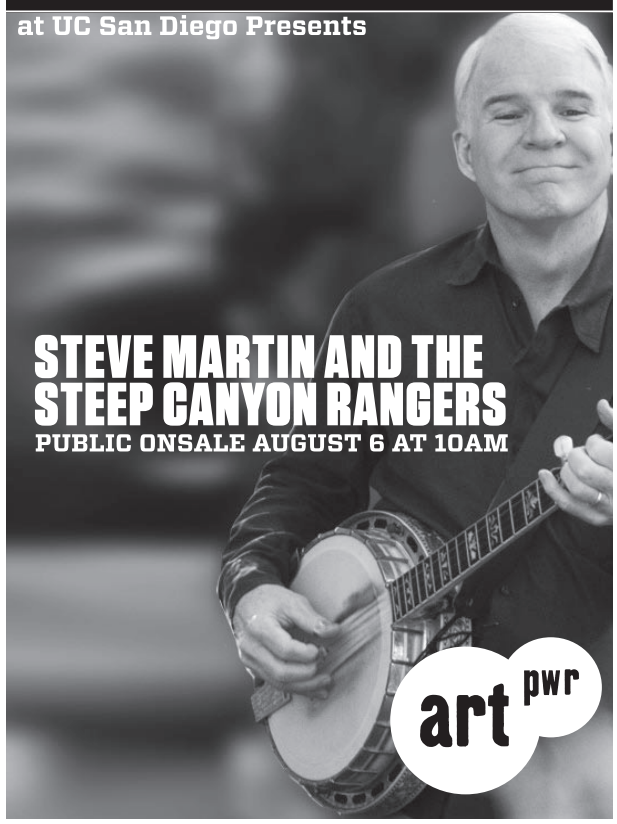

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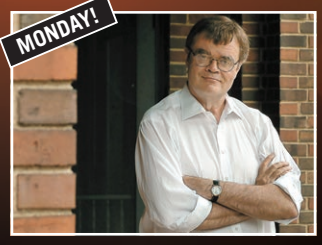

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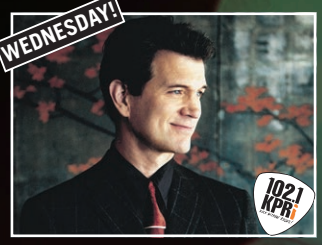

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August 28 — The Offbeats.
August 29 — Laguna.

Moonlight Beach: 200 B St., Encinitas.
October 16 — Christopher Cross.

New Village Arts Theatre: 2787 B State St., Carlsbad, 760-433-3245.
August 28 — James Harman.

Newbreak Church: 10791 Tierrasanta Blvd., Tierrasanta.
September 17 — Wild Blue Yonder.

Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.
September 21 — Phoenix.

Pal Joey's: 5147 Waring Rd., College Area, 619-582-6699.
September 18 — West of 5.

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Music Reviews from Our Readers

Marion Brown: *Why Not?*

CD Review
by Andrew Hamlin

Float like a butterfly, abrade like sandpaper. Thus, the curious and fascinating dichotomy between band and bandleader on this, Marion Brown's second album for ESP-Disk. Originally released 42 years ago, the crucial beauty resides with drummer Rashied Ali, who played with John Coltrane from '65 until Coltrane's death in '67. One of the first drummers to disregard timekeeping and turn the drum kit into a palette equal with a horn or a keyboard, Ali took a mighty intuitive leap.

Treasure the man.

Working breath-by-breath above Ali, pianist Stanley Cowell and bassist Norris "Sirone" Jones swap in and out as each other's shadows with the enthusiasm of schoolchildren. Sirone gets busy, Cowell rushes on his heels. Cowell cools off, Sirone winds down to elegant and spare plunking. They could stand better recording levels (ESP-Disk sessions often started and finished on the cheap) but give the CD repeated spins, as you should, and you'll plunk yourself down in the picture.

Above them all, laying out for long minutes but snapping you to attention each comeback, Brown on alto sax stretches for stellar high squeaks, rolls out bop-friendly fast lines in the title cut, wavers, trails off, and occasionally bites down hard. He lets the others have fun, but when he comes in everyone snaps to attention.

Brown, no longer able to make music, stays in an assisted-living facility in Florida. He'll probably leave us there. Treasure the man while you can. Treasure the music down all the days.

Wavves: *King of the Beach*

CD Review
by Matt Zielinski

Noise-pop trio Wavves deshackulates above the critic-infested waters of popular music. "You're never gonna stop me!" resounds San Diego native Nathan Williams on the title track, a single-finger salute to those who dismissed Wavves' debut as a fuzzed-out, cursory experiment.

Taking Williams's on- and off-stage antics into account, including a canceled European tour (complete with hurled shoes, fist-fights, and broken bottles), admitted substance indulgence, and subsequent public meltdown, it looked as if his righteous ride was over. But Wavves did what nobody expected: scrubbed up the chops, expanded to a trio, and traveled to Mississippi to record the promising *King of the Beach*.

Instantly catchy, punk-inflected tunes

Wavves dropped in at Sweet Tea Recording Studio with producer Dennis Herring (Elvis Costello, Counting Crows, Modest Mouse). The result is a sun-drenched psychedelic surf-pop record teeming with instantly catchy, punk-inflected tunes. Williams snarls and sneers throughout the album, surrounded by walls of jangling guitar, Beach Boys–inspired harmonies, and punch-you-in-the-mouth percussion.

On lead single "Post Acid," Williams admits, "understand...that I'm just having fun." This drugged-out, beach-slack mentality prevails throughout the collection, but it's perfect for the heat and haze of Cali summer days.

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Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252.
October 16 — Ang Ganda Diva?

Poway Center for the Performing Arts: 15498 Espola Rd., Poway, 858-748-0505.
October 2 — Chris Hillman and Herb Pedersen.

RT's Longboard Grill: 1466 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030.
August 27 — Flock of '80s.
August 29 — Safety Orange.

Radio Room: 3519 El Cajon Bl., Normal Heights, 619-284-3323.
September 4 — Arab on Radar.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
August 27 — Rick Derringer.
September 18 — The Little River Band.
October 1 — Nevermore.
October 2 — Great White.
October 3 — The Gregg Rolie Band.

Riley's Music Lounge: 2901 Nimitz Bl., Point Loma, 619-255-8635.
October 21 — Lady Xplicit.

Rimac Arena: 9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, 858-534-8497.
September 26 — The Pixies.
October 13 — LCD Soundsystem.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.
October 6 — Van Morrison.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.
August 27 — Michael Bublé.

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Three-Bean Salad Blues

Concert Review
by Mary Leary

Reptilian splendor

A frosty-haired woman resembling the one who taunted Henry Chinaski in *Barfly* stares at the band, barely moving her hips. Friends and family crowd the stage, tapping on cameras. Black Bone Child's trek from Austin (a homecoming for two members) feels triumphant. Women who can probably mix a mean three-bean salad approach the stage in shorts, heels, and other rock 'n' roll duds. As a Bo Diddley riff opens sinewy stomper "Be Your Man," I flash on blues purist Seymour's reaction to the bar band in *Ghost World*. Seymour would undoubtedly be dismayed by BBC's unflagging supply of the kind of bump-and-grind to which I'm hesitant to react — hey, I don't want to be mistaken for a pole dancer.

Although everything's intense, songs like "Light Up the Sky" invite even more screams from the audience. "Light Up" has the kind of delayed shuffle propelling Human League's "Rock 'n' Roll" into reptilian splendor. Mostly, BBC burns too urgently for delays. Like a passel of hot-blooded Southerners, it makes a good case for honorary induction — if not into Mississippi citizenship, at least unto the arms of Fat Possum. Kenneth's machine-gun harp and Donny's manic electric slide would sit well next to R.L. Burnside (effects version) or Jon Spencer. Hell, I wouldn't be surprised to see BBC give ZZ Top a run for its money.

Concert: Black Bone Child
Date: July 16
Venue: Soda Bar
Seats: up front, to the right

Do You Believe in Time Travel?

Concert Review
by Mary J. DiMeglio

Listen up, Los Angeles!

"Think for yourself. Question authority." The words of Timothy Leary echoed through Viejas Arena as Tool took the stage, letting the expectant crowd know that they'd be blasting off with "Third Eye."

The abundance of past tour T-shirts signaled that this was not the first Tool show for most of the audience, which was pummeled for two hours with intense, engrossing progressive metal.

The visual focus was not on the four men onstage, but on the psychedelic artwork that pulsed and spiraled on large video screens. The set included popular singles "Stinkfist," "Schism," and "Forty-Six & 2."

As on their last few tours, Tool performed only one song from their first full-length, 1993's *Undertow*. "Do you believe in time travel?" singer Maynard James Keenan asked before launching into the album's opening cut, "Intolerance." The highlight, however, was the finale of epic tracks "Lateralus" and "AEnema," a kiss-off to their hometown, "this hopeless fucking hole we call L.A." The crowd joined in, screaming lyrics condemning L. Ron Hubbard and "all his clones," gun-toting gangster wannabes, and insecure actresses loud enough for their SoCal neighbors to hear.

Concert: Tool
Date: July 15
Venue: Viejas Arena, SDSU
Seats: floor, center

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San Diego Woman's Club: 2557 Third Ave., Banker's Hill.
September 16 — Mason Jennings.

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Dr., Downtown.
August 29 — Good Mojo.

Second Wind (Santee): 8528 Magnolia Ave., Santee, 619-596-8350.
August 27 — 6one9.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
August 26 — The Shivas.
August 31 — Jamuel Saxon.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
August 26 — Something Corporate.

August 27 — Adestria.
August 28 — A Dull Science.
September 25 — The Black Keys.

Sound Wave: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-320-2100.

August 30 — Beres Hammond.
September 3 — The B-Side Players.
September 10 — Slower.
September 11 — Jet West.

South Park Abbey: 1946 Fern St., South Park, 619-696-0096.
September 2 — Stoney B. Blues Band.

Spreckels Organ Pavilion: 2211 Pan American Rd., Balboa Park.
August 26 — Kearny Mesa Concert Band.

Spreckels Theatre: 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500.
September 27 — Bryan Adams.

Sushi Performance & Visual Art: 390 11th Ave., East Village, 619-235-8466.
September 17 — Matt Welch.

Swedenborg Hall: 1531 Tyler Ave., University Heights.
August 28 — The Royals of San Diego.
September 4 — Randi Driscoll.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.
August 28 — The Nards.
August 31 — Dave Booda.

Viejas Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.
September 16 — Stone Temple Pilots.
September 18 — Paramore.
September 22 — Muse.

Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room: 5000 Willows Rd., Alpine, 619-445-5400.
August 26 — Asia.

The Wagon Wheel: 8861 Magnolia Ave., Santee, 619-448-8550.
August 28 — Off the Wagon.

Westfield North County Shopping Center: 272 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, 760-489-0631.
August 26 — Lisa Campbell.

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Wednesday, July 28

El Dorado, *1030 Broadway, Downtown, 619-237-0550*
Set between the Gaslamp District and Golden Hill, Wednesday's monthly-gone-fortnightly Dub Dorado packs the rustic lounge with a miscellany of Downtown clubbers, Uptown hipsters, and old-school dubstep and drum & bass heads. Bartenders in gold-miner getups serve Pabst tall cans ($5) and specialty cocktails ($9) while Otis the white buffalo head observes the revelry from his vantage point above the jukebox. Paintings of early America on rust-red walls, old-timey chandeliers, and a cattle-skull-and-pickax logo on the wood-cover menus craft the lounge's California Gold Rush aesthetic. DJs Reactivity, Headshake, Mr. Biggs, Austin Speed, and Pawn rattle paint chips off the ceiling with six 18-inch subwoofers while club photographers James Norton and Jeff "Turbo" Corrigan capture patrons in various states of abandon circulating between the dance floor, the "dudes" and "dames" rooms, and the smoking patio out back.

No stranger to maxed-out dance nights, the lounge is regularly filled to capacity (190 people) when Lee "Groundfloor" Schneider's Young Guns, Adam Salter's Boys & Girls, and 5&A Dime/Saul Q's Milk & Cookies are on the bill.

I return the following Monday evening to sample the house cocktails. Seven others populate the bar, which seats about 25, sipping drinks and making mellow conversation.

"These are the kind of nights I like to come out to," says bartender Josh as he places a Kentucky River (Buffalo Trace bourbon, cacao, and peach bitters) on the racy 1960s lacquered comic bar top, a remnant from the building's past as dive Hong Kong Nite Club. A Muppets movie plays on mute while Devo, Justice, and the Small Faces spin in the jukebox. A billiard table occupies the dance floor. The vibe is relaxed — pure lounge, after-work ambiance — the opposite extreme of Wednesday night's rager.

Owners and bona fide cocktail nerds (their blog insists that there is no such thing as a vodka martini) the Stanton brothers have created a first-rate summer drink menu for 2010. If cocktails aren't your cup, El Dorado offers a handful of regular and seasonal drafts, a generous assortment of bottles and cans, and a connoisseur's selection of bourbons, whiskeys, and ryes.

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— Chad Deal

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Bar Dynamite: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Dynamite Thursdays. Sound Selectors Smoovgroovs, Hobbs One, Eklektic, and Thumbprint. Hip-hop/soul/dancehall. 1808 W. Washington St., Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Café Sevilla: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ New Yo Rican. Salsa. *Tuesdays*, 10pm: DJ Israel. Bachata. 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown. 619-233-5979.

Camel's Breath Inn: *Fridays*, *Saturdays:* Live DJ. 10330 Friars Rd., Mission Valley. 619-281-1722.

Candelas: *Fridays*: Sessions at 420 Third Avenue. DJ Chris Renzulli and DJ Eric B. Adult/contemporary. 416 Third Ave., Downtown. 619-702-4455.

Club 67: *Wednesdays*, 9pm: DJ Power. Electronica. Free. 10109 Main St., Lakeside. 619-443-4100.

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

The Coyote Bar & Grill: *Thursdays*, 10:30pm: DJ Swoll. *Fridays*, 10:30pm: DJ Gary B. *Saturdays*, 10:30pm: DJ Paul Dumesnil. *Saturdays*, 10:30pm: DJ Paul D. 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad. 760-729-4695.

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

Fannie's Nightclub: *Wednesdays*: DJ Reggae. Soca beats/hip-hop with DJ EZ Doe, DJ Hektik, and DJ Winston T. 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley. 619-698-2204.

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: *Thursdays*, 8pm: Noche Latina. With DJ Don Jose. Electronica, Latin. 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.

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McDini's: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: '90s Throwback Tuesdays. Hosted by Zerland of Pali Roots. 105 E. 8th St., National City. 619-474-6771.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: *Wednesdays*, 10pm: DJ Tony. 860 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278.

Padre Gold: *Fridays*, 9pm: DJ Dave. Old-skool jams. Free. 7245 Linda Vista Rd., Linda Vista. 858-277-8681.

Pier View Pub: *Mondays*, 6:30pm: Metal Mondays. Metal all night long. 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-2827.

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SIN Niteclub: *Sundays*, 9pm: Reggae Sundays at Sin. With DJ Ez Doe, DJ Hektik, and DJ Winston T. Dancehall, reggae, hip-hop, and soca. 526 West F St., Downtown. 619-232-4746.

Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah: *Saturdays*, 9pm: Rasta Nation Posse. Reggae. 4076 Bonita Rd., Bonita. 619-470-8000.

Seau's: *Thursdays*, 7pm: DJ FOS. Hip-hop/jazz. 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-291-7328.

Side Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Ruby Thursdays. 536 Market St., Downtown. 619-696-0946.

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Static Lounge: *Saturdays*, 9pm: Club Backbeat. Hip-hop/rap. $15-$20. 18 and up. 634 Broadway, Downtown. 619-544-1609.

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Tiki House: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: Tunes by Joe Marson. 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.

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Whistle Stop Bar: *Sundays*, 10pm: Too Many Creeps. With DJ Mario O and guests. Post-punk. 2236 Fern St., South Park. 619-284-6784.

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ALLIED GARDENS

San Diego Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $3 select house & domestic beers, house wine, well drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

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.

BANKER'S HILL

Azuki Sushi Lounge: *Every day*, 5-7pm: $5 large sake, $5 large Sapporo. $4 sushi rolls, discounted specialty rolls and appetizers.

Bertrand at Mister A's: *Monday-Friday*, 2:30-6pm: Specially priced cocktails, beer, wine, small plates on patio.

Pizzicato: *Every day*, 3-7pm: $3 pints, house wine; $6 pizza slice + pint or wine.

BAY PARK

Bay Park Fish Company: *Every day*, 3-5pm: $2 fish tacos, 20% off sushi rolls, 25% off draft beers, wines by the glass, and appetizers.

BONITA

Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah: *Tuesday-Saturday*, all night: Cheap drinks. Cheap eats. 1/2-off hookahs all day Tuesday.

CARDIFF

Beach House: *Every day*, 4-7:30pm: $2.95 draft, domestic. $3.95 margarita, Bloody Mary, mai tai, house wine.

CARLSBAD

The Alley: *Every day*, 11am-7pm: $2.75 wells, domestics.

Bistro West: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: Discounted wine, draft, well, specialty martinis, bar appetizers.

Boar Cross'n: *Every day*, 7am-8pm: $2.50 domestic bottles, $3.50 premium bottles, $2.75 wells.

La Costa Grill: *Every day*, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: $4 wells, house wines, $1 off calls & premiums. Appetizers reduced.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 9-11pm: $1 beer, mixed drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

CARMEL VALLEY

Arterra: *Every day*, 4-8pm: $3 snacks, $10 grilled calamari, $5 premium drafts, $6 Arterra wines, $7 specialty signature collection.

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 pints. $4 wells, house margaritas.

CHULA VISTA

Blue Haven: *Every day*, 2pm-close: $2 domestic beer bottles & wells.

Dimond Jim's: *Monday, Wednesday*, all night: $3 Jäger shots, $4 Jäger blasters, $5 margaritas, $9 Firehouse pitchers. *Tuesday*, all night: $2 Cuervo shots, $3 Cazadores shots, $5 margaritas, $9 Firehouse pitchers. *Thursday-Saturday*, all night: $5 margaritas, $9 Firehouse pitchers. *Sunday*, all night: $2 Cuervo shots, $3 Hornitos shots, $5 margaritas, $9 Firehouse pitchers.

Veni Vidi Vici: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $1 off all drinks.

CLAIREMONT

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint: *Every day*, 4-7pm: Discounted draft beer. $3.50 house wine.

Fat Tony's Pizza: *Tuesday*, 5pm-close: $2 off all pitchers; 1/2-off wings. *Thursday*, 5pm-close: $2 pints.

COLLEGE AREA

4.0 Deli: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7:30pm: $6.75 Stella, $5.75 Uncle Jesse/Shock Doc/Hefeweizen, $4.75 Bud Light.

Casa Machado: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6 pm, $2.50 margaritas, $2.50 domestic drafts, $3.50 imports.

Pal Joey's: *Every day*, all day: $3 personal pitchers.

CORONADO

Clubhouse Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2 domestic drafts. $3 domestic bottles, wells, house wine.

Costa Azul: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6:30pm: $3 Bud Light pints, domestic bottles. $3.50 imported bottles, wells, house wine, sangria. $3.75 drafts. $6 margaritas, mojitos. $2.95 tacos, $3.50 shrimp, $5.95 nachos.

Yummy Sushi: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 pints, $4 large hot sake. 20-50% off appetizers.

DEL MAR

Clubhouse Grill: *Every day*, 4-7pm: 1/2-off draft beer, wine by the glass.

Del Mar Rendezvous: *Wednesday, Sunday*, 1/2-off select bottles of wine.

DOWNTOWN

Athens Market: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30 pm: $5 appetizer menu, $4 shots, Jameson, Jack Daniel's, Jäger, José Cuervo Gold.

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.

Dublin Square: *Every day*, 2-7pm: $3 wells, drafts, bottles. 1/2-off appetizers.

La Fiesta: *Every day*, 11am-6pm: $2.50 drafts, $2.30 domestic bottles, $3 house margaritas, $4 frozen mojitos.

Gaslamp Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 drafts, house wine, wells. Appetizer specials.

La Gran Tapa: *Tuesday-Thursday*, 5-7pm: $3 cask wine, sangria, draft.

House of Blues: *Every day*, 2-7pm: $2 drafts, $3 wells & wines, $4 martinis, 1/2-off select appetizers.

Jsix: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: 1/2-price wine by the glass, $2 off bottle & draft, including local brews.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: $3.50 beer.

O'Brothers: *Every day*, 3:30-6:30pm: $3 bottled beer, $5 glass of wine. $7 sliders with fries.

Patrick's II: *Every day*, 10am-8pm: $2.50 bottle beer, $3 wells, Bud Light pints, $4 calls, margaritas, Bloody Marys.

Stage Saloon: *Every day*, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Suite & Tender: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: $20 bottomless wine, 1/2-off specialty cocktails.

Tivoli Bar: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $1 off pitchers, $.50 off liquor.

Urban Bar & Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-7pm, 9pm-close: $3 drafts, $4 wells, $5 signature cocktails, $5 house wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

GRAND OPENING
Happy Hour 3-7 pm
$3 Drafts · $2 Off Sushi Rolls
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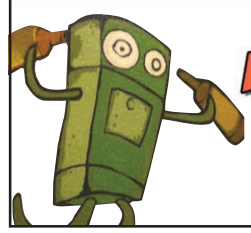
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8 pm • Rock & Blues
Ruby and the Red Hots
Friday, August 20
9:30 pm • Motown & Dance
Detroit Underground

Saturday, August 21
9 pm • Motown & Dance
The Mighty Untouchables

Sunday, August 22
8 pm • Smooth Jazz
Reggie Smith with DJ John Phillips

Monday, August 23
7 pm • Blues
A 5th of Blues
Tuesday, August 24
7 pm • Jazz Vocalist
Jesse Davis
Wednesday, August 25
9:30 pm • Country/Bluegrass
Sarah Petite
UPCOMING
Friday, September 3
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Saturday, September 4
Labor Day Blues Fest
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Labor Day Jazz Fest

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EAST VILLAGE

Café Chloe: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $4 verdejo, Côtes du Rhône, oatmeal stout; $5 white Bordeaux, Monte Bucciano, blonde ale; $6 Chardonnay, Zinfandel, Trapezoidale.

Hive Sushi Lounge: *Every day*, 5-7pm: $2 domestic, $4 micro, $2.50 sake, $3.50 well, $4 house wine. Miso, edamame, $.99.

Jewel Box: *Wednesday*, 6pm-2am: $5 Jäger bombs; happy hour all night w/military ID. *Thursday*, 8pm-2am: Industry Night. $3.75 calls.

Lotus Thai: *Every day*, 5-7pm: $3 all drafts; $5 select wines, large Singha beer, all Han Soju cocktails. $5 traditional Thai appetizers.

EASTLAKE

D'Lish Gourmet Pasta: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-5pm: $2.50 domestic beer, house wine, pizza slice, Texas-brisket slider, three St. Louis ribs.

Smokin' Sam's BBQ: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: $2.50 domestic pints, wine; $3 sangria. Daily lunch specials. Doggy happy hour: $2 beef & rib bones.

EL CAJON

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $.50 off all drinks.

El Cajon Grand: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: $2.50 domestic beer, $3 wells. *Saturday-Sunday*, $5 20-oz. Bloody Mary w/ jumbo shrimp.

Flinn Springs Inn: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $2 domestic drafts, $2.25 domestic bottles, $3 wells.

Main Tap Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: $1 off 16-oz. drafts, $2 off pitchers, $3 calls. $5 nachos.

ENCINITAS

Blue Fin Sushi Bar: *Tuesday-Thursday*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, sake, select appetizers, sushi rolls.

Boston Gourmet Pizza: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: $1 off pint, $2 off schooner. *Saturday-Sunday*, all day: $1 off pint, $2 off schooner; $5 Bloody Mary, screwdriver.

El Callejon Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2 domestic, $2.75 imported, $3 house margarita. $2-$7 appetizers: pork tacos, fried calamari, grilled shrimp skewer.

Savory: *Every day*, 5-6pm: 30% off food & beverages in the bar & lounge area.

When in Rome: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5:30-7pm: Two-for-one all wine by the glass.

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 3:30-7pm: $1 off draft beer, $4.75 house margarita, $5 red wine, $7 Krista vodka cosmo, $7.50 margarita.

El Galeon Mexican Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: Two-for-one draft beer, margaritas.

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: $3 domestic, $9 pitcher; $4 imported, $12 pitcher; $1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: *Friday-Sunday*, noon-4pm: $1 off all beer/wine/spirits. $5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or two Louisiana hot links + chips.

GRANTVILLE

JT's Clubhouse Pub & Grill: *Monday*, 11am-7pm: $3 domestic pints. $5.25 1/2-pound burger with fries. 11am-4pm: 25¢ wings. *Tuesday*, 11am-7pm: $3 domestic pints. $5.25 1/2-pound burger with fries. 11am-4pm: $1 tacos. *Wednesday*, 11am-7pm: $3 domestic pints. $5.25 1/2-pound burger with fries. 11am-close: $1 sliders. *Thursday-Friday, Sunday*, 11am-7pm: $3 domestic pints. $5.25 1/2-pound burger with fries. *Saturday*, 11am-7pm: $3 domestic pints. $5.25 1/2-pound burger with fries. 4-8pm: 50% off all food.

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 pints. $4 wells, house margaritas.

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The Alibi: *Every day*, all day: $3 dipper, wells.

Baja Betty's: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: $3 bottled beer, salsa margarita, wells, house wine, sangria, quesadillas.

Lotus Thai: *Every day*, 5-7pm: $3 all drafts; $5 select wines, large Singha beer, all Han Soju cocktails. $5 traditional Thai appetizers.

IMPERIAL BEACH

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: $.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

Woodies Waterfront Patio Bar: *Monday*, 3-5:30pm: $1 off beer & wine. $1 off nachos & hot dogs. *Tuesday*, 3-5:30pm: $1 off beer & wine. $2 Greek pizza. *Wednesday-Thursday*, 3-5:30pm: $1 off cocktails. Hawaiian luau finger foods.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: $2.50 house wine, $2.75 Bud Light 16 oz. on tap, $9 pitchers, $3 wells, $3.25 margaritas. Free buffet. *Saturday-Sunday*, all night: 1/2-price bottles of wine.

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 domestic bottled beer, $3 wells, domestic pints. Free munchies.

Churasan: *Monday, Sunday*, football special: $4 hot dog, garlic fries, small beer. *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-8pm: $4 large Japanese beers.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6:30pm: $1 off draft, glass of wine. *Saturday*, 3pm-close: 1/2-off bottles of wine.

Pampas Argentine Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4:30-7pm: $3 wells, $3.50 drafts, $4 wine specials. Discounted empanadas and appetizers.

Rayo Grill: *Every day*, 4:30-7pm: $4 drafts, wines; $3 domestic bottles.

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: *Monday-Thursday*, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/drafts.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

Beauty Bar: *Wednesday-Thursday*, 3-7 pm: $5 wine. $6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles.

Kensington Cafe: *Every day*, 3-7pm: $3 all beers, $4-$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under $5.25.

The Kensington Club: *Every day*, 10am-6pm: $2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $5 fine wine.

LA JOLLA

Alfonso's of La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3.25 drinks, bar appetizers.

Aloha Sushi Hawaiian Grille: *Every day*, 4-6:30pm: $2.50 small sake, $4 large sake, $1.95 select hand rolls, $3 cucumber roll, $3.50 California, spicy tuna, veggie roll.

Barbarella: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: $4 drafts (Stella Artois, Hefeweizen, Trumer Pils), bottles (Corona, Newcastle, Moretti), wells, select wines by the glass, $7 Barbarell martinis. 1/2-off appetizers.

Beaumont's: *Every day*, 4-6pm: $3 draft, well; $5 Cabernet, Chardonnay. Special prices on margarita, sangria, wine cooler.

Bird Rock Pizza & Sports: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $3 pint, $12 pitcher; $7.50 pint with appetizer, $15 pitcher with appetizer. *Saturday-Sunday*, all day: $3 pint, $12 pitcher; $7.50 pint with appetizer, $15 pitcher with appetizer.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $2 Bud/Bud Light; $3.50 wells, Bull & Bear wine.

Clay's La Jolla: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $3 drafts, $4 wells, $5 sangria, $6 house wine.

Jose's La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3 drafts, $4 margaritas. $2 off appetizers.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: $3.50 beer.

La Jolla Brew House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 wells, house drafts. $4 house wine. $5 premiums.

Lupi Italian Restaurant: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 5-7pm: $3-$5 martinis, beer, wine. Free doggie treats.

La Sala: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 4-7pm: $3 bottled beer, $4 drafts. $5 house wine. $7 specialty cocktails.

The Shack Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 3-7pm: $1 off wells, domestic taps.

The Shores Restaurant: *Sunday*, 3-7pm: Red/white sangria: $7 glass, $25 pitcher.

Su Casa: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

Whaling Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3 bottled beer, $4 drafts. $5 house wine. $7 specialty cocktails.

LA MESA

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $1 off drafts, house wine, margaritas, appetizers.

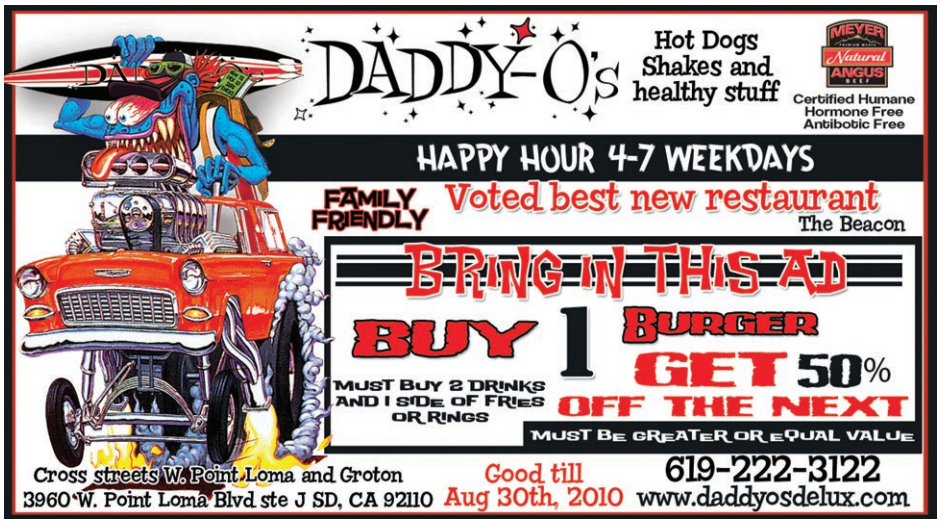
Banbu Sushi Bar & Grill: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 2:30-6:30pm: $2 off drafts, wells, house wine, California/Philly/veggie roll, gyoza, calamari, shrimp tempura.

Centifonti's Restaurant: *Every day*, 3-7pm: $3 drafts, wells; $5 off beer boots. $1 off appetizers.

Hearth House: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $2 domestic beers, $3 premium beers, wine & wells. $2 bratwurst & fries, $3 burger & fries.

Hoffer's Cigar Bar: *Monday-Saturday*, 11am-7pm: $2 off all beer, $1 off wine. *Sunday*, 1-7pm: $2 off all beer, $1 off wine.

Konnichiwa Sushi: *Every day*, 3-7pm: $3 drafts, $6 pint + small sake. $2 off sushi rolls. $6.50 California combo (California roll, side of edamame, side salad).



LAKESIDE

Coach Stop: *Monday-Friday*, 9am-noon, 4-7pm: $2.50 large drafts, domestic bottles. 7-11pm: $1.50 12-oz. drafts, $6.50 60-oz. pitchers.

Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Friday*, 6-8pm: $2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $2.75 wells, $2.50 beer of the month, shot special.

The Calypso Café: *Every day*, 5:30-7pm: $4 wells, sangria, margaritas. $4 house wine. $3.50 beer.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: $2 domestic drafts. $1 off appetizers. *Sunday*, all day: $1 drafts. $1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

Brick by Brick: *Every day*, 3-6pm: $2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

Bull's Smokin' BBQ: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 3-6pm: $2.50 bottled beer, $3 draft pint, $10.50 domestic pitcher, $12.50 import pitchers, $2 sliders.

Padre Gold: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $2 domestic bottles, $2.75 wells, $3.50 small domestic pitchers, $6.50 large. Thursday, 4-9pm: $10 bucket of five domestic beers.

LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5:30-7pm: $6 wells, wine, featured beer, martinis, margaritas.

El Camino: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $3 margaritas, sangria, Corona, Corona Light; 1/2-off quesadillas and nacho plates. *Tuesday*, 5pm-1am: $3 margaritas, sangria, Corona, Corona Light. 5-7pm: 1/2-off quesadillas and nacho plates. 5-11pm: 1/2-off taco plates. *Sunday*, 10am-4pm: $1 mimosas.

El Camino II: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $3 margaritas, sangria, Corona, Corona Light. 1/2-off quesadilla & nacho plates. *Sunday*, 10am-4pm: $1 mimosas.

Fat City Steakhouse: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2 drafts, $3 wells, $4 wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

Puerto la Boca: *Every day*, 4:30-7:30pm: $3 house wine, $3.50 drafts, wells, $6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 drafts, $8 pitchers, $2.50 French fries, $4.50 chicken wings.

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: $1 off pints, $2 off tall beers.

Desi's Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm: $3 wells, domestic beers. 11pm-midnight: $3 drafts.

MIRA MESA

A Taste of Boston: *Every day*, 3-7pm: $2.25 Bud draft, $2.75 bottled beer (except Guinness), $3 drafts, $3.75 all wine. Discounted appetizers.

Mira Mesa Lanes: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2 domestic pints, $7 pitchers. $3 import pints, $10 pitchers. $2.50 wells. $3.50 chicken strips, chicken wings.

MIRAMAR

Excalibur Cigar Lounge & Wine Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 select pints, $5 house wine.

The Filling Station: *Monday*, 7pm-close: $4 margaritas. *Tuesday*, 7pm-close: $2 kamikazes. *Wednesday*, 7pm-close: $3.50 premium drafts. *Thursday*, 7pm-close: $2 wells, domestic beers, $6 domestic pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: $3 mimosas. *Sunday*, noon-7pm: $3 Bloody Marys.

MISSION BEACH

Coaster Saloon: *Monday*, 3-5pm: $3.99 cheeseburger with fries. 5-7pm: 1/2-off appetizers (some exclusions). *Tuesday*, 2-10pm: $2 Pacifico and Dos XX drafts; $1.99 tacos. 5-7pm: 1/2-off appetizers (some exclusions). *Thursday*, 7pm-close: $2 well drinks and drafts. 5-7pm: 1/2-off appetizers (some exclusions). *Friday*, all day: $2 well drinks and drafts.

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Two-for-one cocktails, beer, shots.

MISSION HILLS

Bar Dynamite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-9pm: $2 domestics bottles and drafts, $3 wells. Free food from Lucha Libre Taco Shop.

Cafe Bleu: *Every day*, 3-6pm: $5 select wine by the glass; special prices on starters, hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches.

City Wok: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-5pm: 1/2-off beer, wine, sake, appetizers.

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.

The Amigo Spot at Kings Inn: *Monday*, 4-7pm: $3 Gold margaritas, house wine, $2 drafts, $3.50 wells. *Tuesday, Saturday*, 4-7pm: $3 house wine, $2 drafts, $3.50 wells. *Wednesday*, 4-7pm: $5 any martini, $3 house wine, $2 drafts, $3.50 wells. *Thursday*, 4-7pm: $3 house wine, wells, $2 drafts. *Friday*, 4-7pm: $1 off any tequila shot, $3 house wine, bottled beer.

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: *Every day*, 3-7pm: $3 drafts, $5 wells, $6 glasses of wine, $7 house cocktails.

Bully's East: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-7pm, 10pm-close: $2.50 domestic, draft; $3.50 wells, $5 wine: Chardonnay, Merlot, Jacob's Creek Cabernet.

Postcards American Bistro: *Monday*, 5-8pm: $3 drafts and burgers. *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: $4 drafts, house wine, & wells. *Sunday*, 4-7pm: $4 draft beers, house wine, & wells.

NATIONAL CITY

McDini's: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $2 off domestic pitchers, $3.50 wells.

Miyako Japanese Restaurant: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: Sapporo pints $1.99, large bottles $2.99, pitchers $6.99. Hot sake $1.75. California roll $2.50, spicy tuna/Philly roll $3.50, Japanese-style chicken bites $3.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Air Conditioned Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: $3 draft, Bloody Mary; $5 you-call-it; $6 Jayne's Gastropub fare.

Bourbon Street: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: $3 domestic pitchers, $4 well drinks, $5 imported pitchers.

Jayne's Gastropub: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-6:30pm: $3 Trumer & Guinness drafts, $3 red & white wine, $5 cocktails.

Rosie O'Grady's: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 wells, domestic beers (including Sam Adams). *Tuesday*, all day: $2.50 wells, domestic beers (including Sam Adams).

Triple Crown Pub: *Saturday*, noon-5pm: $1 off all pints, $2 off beer pitchers. *Sunday*, noon-2am: $1 off all pints, $2 off beer pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Bluefoot Bar and Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7:30pm: $1 off everything, $2.50 domestic bottle, $3.50 draft.

Crazee Burger: *Every day*, 3-6pm: $2.99 drafts, $15 pitchers, $3.99 select glasses of wine. $2.99 bratwurst, $3.99 turkey burger.

Cricket's Pub and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 8am-2pm: $2 domestic pint, $6 domestic pitcher. 4-6pm: $2.50 domestic pints, $.50 off domestic bottles, wells, pints.

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, $3.50 wells, $5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

The Office: *Every day*, 5-8pm: Two-for-one price on all drinks.

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 11am-6pm: $2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

The Smoking Goat: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: 1/2-off select bottles of wine.

Toronado: *Every day*, 11:30am-5pm: $1 off drafts.

True North: *Monday*, noon-close: $1 off all beer, wine, spirits. *Tuesday-Saturday*, noon-7pm: $1 off all beer, wine, spirits. *Sunday*, 7pm-close: Industry Night, $3 calls.

West Coast Tavern: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $1 off all drinks.

HAPPY HOUR

OCEAN BEACH

The Arizona Bar: *Every day*, 4:30-6:30pm: $3 house wines, 20-oz. domestics, microbrew pints, wells, 1/2-off all pitchers. $3 food specials.

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: $1 off all drafts, $3 margaritas. wells, $1 off select appetizers.

Bravo Mexican Bistro: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $1-$3 off margaritas, $1 off tequila, $1 off tacos, $2 off nachos, $4 off shrimp cocktail and sampler plate, $4.50 off nachos supreme.

Cheswick's West: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $3 wells, $6 domestic pitchers.

Dream Street Live: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: $2 wells, domestic pints. $4 Guinness pints.

Sunshine Co.: *Every day*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all pitchers.

The Vine: *Every day*, 4-6pm: 1/2-price entire wine and specialty beer list.

Winstons: *Monday-Saturday*, 1-8pm: $3.50 wells. $1 off all beer/wine.

OCEANSIDE

Aryana at Holiday Inn: *Every day*, 5-7pm: $2 domestics, wells; $3 premiums, glass of wine. Appetizer specials.

Firewater Saloon: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm; 10pm-midnight: $5 Jäger bombs, Long Islands, Jameson. $2 off all pitchers, $1 off drafts & wells.

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.

Harney Sushi: *Thursday*, $5 specialty cocktails.

P's & Q's Sports Pub & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2 domestic pints, $3 premium pints. $3 chicken wings.

Pier View Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $1 off drafts, $2 off pitchers.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $4 wells, house wine. $1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Alamo Mexican Cafe: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: 1/2-price drinks, food specials.

Barra Barra: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2 drafts, house wine, $3 house margaritas, $2 off absinthe specials. $2 flatbread tacos.

Café Coyote: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6pm: $3.75 draft beers, $4 specialty shots, $4.95 Coyote drinks, $5.95 flavored margaritas, flavored shots, $2 assorted tacos.

Casa Guadalajara: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Free appetizers. $3.50 well drinks, margaritas, drink specials.

Fred's Mexican Cafe Old Town: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: $3 12-oz. house margaritas, $5 20-oz. house margaritas, $2.50 14-oz. domestic drafts, $3.50 20-oz. domestic drafts.

Old Town Mexican Café: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 11pm-close: Drink & beer specials. $2 Taco Tuesday (chicken, beef, fish, carnitas); $2.50 margaritas, Tecate, tequila.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Every day*, 4-7:10pm: 1/2-off food & booze.

The Australian Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 7-9pm: $3 Long Islands. *Saturday*, $2.50 Karl Strauss. *Sunday*, $3 Bloody Marys.

Bare Back Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 Miller Lite, amber ale, well drinks.

Big Kahuna's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $2.50 beer, wine.

Bub's Dive Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3 drafts, $10 pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers.

Cass Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: $2.25 domestic bottles, $2.75 micro-brew pints, $7.50 pitcher, $3 house wine.

Dave's Tavern: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $2 domestic draft. $3 mimosas. $3.25 wine. Free pool.

The Dog: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, $6 pitchers.

Firehouse American Eatery and Lounge: *Monday*, 4pm-midnight: 1/2-off specialty drinks, $2 mini-inferno burgers. *Tuesday*, 4pm-midnight: $6 draft and a shot, .$50 ribs. *Wednesday*, 4pm-midnight: 1/2-off bottle of wine, $1 oysters. *Thursday*, 4pm-midnight: $2 calls.

Hennessey's Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 domestic drafts, $1 off house wine, wells, $3 well shot/$4 call shot, $5 drink specials. *Saturday-Sunday*, till 1pm: $3 Bloody Marys.

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. *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.

Johnny V: *Tuesday*, 4pm-close: $3 wells, drafts, selected wines. $1.95 street tacos, $3 off appetizers. *Wednesday*, all day: $3 wells, drafts, selected wines. *Friday*, 4-9pm: $2 drinks. Complimentary appetizers. *Saturday*, all day: $2.50 Bud Light bottles, Absolut, $3 margarita.

Miller's Field: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $1 wells. $2 street tacos.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 3-7pm: $2 wells, house wine. $3 imports, microbrews. $2 off all drafts.

Moray's Lounge: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $2.50 drafts, $3.50 wells, $4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: $4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins.

Pacific Beach Ale House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

Il Padrino Pizza: *Thursday*, $2 off all pies and pitchers. *Saturday*, Pitchers: $10 Bud Light, $11 Shock Top, $12 Stella. *Sunday*, $15 bottomless mimosas till 2pm.

Sinbad Café: *Every day*, 4-8pm: $1.50 drafts, $2 wells, shots, $2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: $12-$15 hookahs.

Society Billiard Cafe & Bar: *Monday, Wednesday, Sunday*, all day: $3 wells/Bud Light pints, $4 flavored Smirnoff, premium draft pints, Herradura tequila shots. *Tuesday, Thursday*, all day: $8 12-oz. bottle of beer and a shot, $3 pints of Bud Light. *Friday-Saturday*, noon-10pm: $3 Bud Light pints, $4 flavored Smirnoff.

Tiki House: *Monday*, all day: $1 off microbrews. *Tuesday*, all day: $3 all pints. *Wednesday*, all day: $3.75 Tiki (22 oz.) Coors. *Thursday*, all day: $3/$10 Wine of the Month. *Friday-Saturday*, all day: $3 Miller High Life bottles. *Sunday*, all day: $3 Coors pints.

Tony Roma's: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $2 house margaritas, Long Island Iced Teas, $3 wells, draft beer. Appetizer specials.

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The Boathouse: *Every day*, 2:30-5pm: $1.99 house margaritas ($3 Cuervo Gold), $3 beer of the month, $4 wine of the month.

Brigantine: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $4 Brig brew, Alaskan amber ale, house champagne; $5 featured Cabernet; $7 Brigantine 40th anniversary Chardonnay, featured Cabernet; $7.50 margarita, pomegranate margarita.

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.

Captain's Quarters: *Every day*, 3-7pm: $2 you-call-it wells, $2.25 domestic drafts and bottles, discounted shots.

Daddy-O's: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $5 domestic, $7 premium 32 oz. drafts; $10 domestic, $12 premium pitchers.

Extreme Pizza: *Every day*, 4pm-7pm: $6 craft beer pitchers.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: *Every day*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

Paradise Lounge and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $2.50 well drinks, domestic bottles; $6.50 domestic pitchers. 8-9:30am: 1/2-off breakfast.

The Pearl: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $3 beer, $4 wells, $5 wines.

Point Loma Sports Grill & Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers.

Riley's Music Lounge: *Every day*, 4-8pm: $1 off everything, $2 beers.

POWAY

Brigantine: *Every day*, 3-6:30 pm: $1 off draft beer, $3.50 champagne, $4.75 house margarita, $5.75 Chardonnay, red wine, $7.50 Cuervo Gold hand-shaken margarita.

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.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: $2 off all pitchers.

Cheers: *Monday*, 2-5pm: $1 off drinks. $10 steak. *Tuesday*, 2-5pm: $1 off drinks. $1 tacos. *Wednesday*, 2-5pm: $1 off drinks. $.50 wings. *Thursday*, 2-5pm: $1 off drinks.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Bernard'O Restaurant: *Monday-Saturday*, 4:30-7pm: $4 wells, $2.75 domestic, $3.50 imported/specialty, $4.75 house margarita, $5 house wine.

Capri Blu: *Every day*, 3-7pm: 1/2-price drafts, wells, discounted bar-menu food.

Carvers Steak & Chops: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6:30pm: 1/2-off drinks. $3-$4 off appetizers.

Kelly's Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $2 domestic drafts, $8 pitchers, $3.50 wells, house wines.

RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: *Every day*, 4pm-7pm: $1 off all beer; $3 Corona, $3 wine; $1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Cottonwood Golf Club Bar & Restaurant: *Every day*, 4-6pm: $2 drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers including pizza, quesadillas, wings, calamari.

Press Box Sports Lounge: *Monday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: $1 off wells, all drafts. $4 martinis. *Tuesday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: $1 off wells, all drafts. $3 you-call-its. *Wednesday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: $1 off wells, all drafts. 1/2-off wine bottles. *Thursday-Friday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: $1 off wells, all drafts. *Saturday*, all day: $3 mimosas & Bloody Marys.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Delicias: *Every day*, 4-6pm: $5 draft beers, house wines, wells.

SAN MARCOS

Back Alley Grill: *Every day*, Every day: $3 domestics, $4.50 imports, $4 house wines.

Cow Shed Bar and Grill: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: $3 domestic. $3.50-$4 wells. *Tuesday*, 4pm-2am: $3 domestic. $3.50-$4 wells.

Dalton's Road House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $1 off house wines, wells. $5 margaritas. 1/2-off appetizers: cheesy fries, potato skins, buffalo wings.

The Jumping Turtle: *Monday*, 11am-close: PBR $2.75/pint, $6.75/pitcher. *Tuesday*, 11am-close: $2 Corona, Pacifico, margaritas. *Wednesday*, 11am-close: $4 drop drinks. *Thursday*, 7pm-close: $3 Jäger, $2.50 Bud Lime. *Friday*, 5pm-midnight: $5 Long Islands. *Saturday*, 11am-close: $3 Orange Patrón, Tanqueray. *Sunday*, 11am-close: $2.50 Bloody Marys.

SCRIPPS RANCH

La Bastide: *Monday*, all night: $2 off small bites menu. *Tuesday, Friday*, 4-6pm: $2 off small bites menu. *Wednesday*, 4-6pm: 20% off bottled wines. $2 off small bites menu. *Thursday*, all night: $2 off specialty martinis. $2 off small bites menu.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Sunday*, $2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. $3.50 mimosas, Bloody Marys.

SOLANA BEACH

Chief's Burgers and Brew: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2.50 domestic, $3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

Pacific Coast Grill: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $5 gold margaritas, $1 off draft, wells, wines by the glass, 25% off wine bottles.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: $3.50 beer.

SOUTH PARK

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.

TIERRASANTA

Bud's Louisiana Café: *Tuesday-Friday*, 1-2:30pm, 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.

Donovan's Steak and Chop House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $8 martinis (complimentary steak sandwiches and burritos 4-6pm).

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Cheers: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7pm: $2.50 domestic bottles. $3 single wells. $3.50 domestic drafts.

VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: $2 domestic. $3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

VISTA

Chili Coast Burgers: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $.50-$.75 off tap beer.

Jumping Bean Cafe & Mexicali Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2 domestic, imports, $2.75 margaritas, $3 wells, microbrews, $4 Leaping Horse wine. 3-5pm: $1.50 chicken or carnitas street tacos.

THEATER LISTINGS

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All in the Timing
Due to popular demand, Ion Theatre has extended the run of David Ives's absurdist vignettes. As Bill tells Betty in "Sure Thing" — variations on the myriad ways a chance encounter can go wrong — it's "all in the timing." Ion's polished production often had hilarious results. Brian Mackey plays Leon Trotsky with an axe in his head for 36 hours; an elastic Steven Lone's the charlatan wordsmith in "The Universal Language"; Kim Strassburger's a monkey trying to write *Hamlet* from scratch (but coming closer to Milton's *Paradise Lost)* and Trotsky's multifaceted wife; and Karson St. John shows her remarkable range in several roles. Ives's title calls attention to technique. Under Glenn Paris and Claudio Raygoza's codirection, however, the actors never make one aware of their "timing." Instead they sustain focus on Ives's truly wacko situations.
Worth a try.
ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8.

Arsenic and Old Lace
OnStage Playhouse presents the durable comedy about well-meaning elderly sisters whose elderberry wine, they're convinced, solves people's problems. Mark Zweifach directed.
ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 21.

BFE
San Diego Asian American Repertory Theater, now in residence at the La Jolla Playhouse, stages Julia Cho's dark comedy about a teenager who wants to escape her dysfunctional family. James Cirino directed.
LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2:30PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 19.

Crazy for You
Moonlight Stage Productions continues its summer season with the Gershwins' classic about an old Vaudeville theater, in Dead Rock, Nevada, suffering foreclosure. Songs include "Someone to Watch Over Me," "Embraceable You," and "I Got Rhythm."
MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE IN BRENGLE TERRACE PARK, 1200 VALE TERRACE, VISTA. 760-724-2110. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 28.

Final Kiss
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All in the Timing: **The title calls attention to technique.**

DangerHouse Productions stages Maurice Level's Grand Guignol horror story. Disfigured by having sulfuric acid thrown on his face, Henri decides on revenge. Danger Domino directed.
SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 8PM MONDAY.

Godspell
Patio Playhouse's Plays in the Park series stages the Stephen Schwartz musical based on the Gospel According to Matthew. Mary Bright and Richard Brousil directed.
KIT CARSON PARK, 3333 BEAR VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 28.

Harvey
In the first 18 drafts of her classic comedy, Mary Chase envisioned an actor playing Harvey: a six-foot, or six-foot-three-and-a-half invisible white rabbit. At the Boston tryout, an actor wore a $600 costume, but looked like an actor playing a rabbit. So Chase made Harvey invisible ("more real," she said in an interview). She won a Pulitzer Prize. For audiences who favor subtle, nuanced acting, the Lamb's Players production may require an adjustment. Everyone except David Cochran Heath (splendid as the convivial, egalitarian Elwood P. Dowd) pole vaults their characters over the top. In director Robert Smyth's inventive conception, even though he talks to a "pookah" (an invisible fairy spirit; a "puck" in England), Elwood's the sanest one around. Smyth makes *Harvey* a comedy not of manners but of neurotics, some of whom begin to grow. As Elwood's sister Veta, for example, Kerry Meads begins WAY out there: a tangle of words and gestures. As the play proceeds and she encounters Harvey's calming aegis, Veta sheds neuroses along the way. As do the others (thanks to fine ensemble work). Mike Buckley's handsome set swivels from scene to scene. Jeanne Reith's mid-'40s costumes and Nathan Peirson's lighting sustain an antic mood. (Note: Due to popular demand, Lamb's has extended the show's run.)
Worth a try.
LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 22.

Hello, Dolly!
Starlight Musical Theatre stages the popular musical about Dolly Gallagher Levi, irrepressible matchmaker. Songs include "Before the Parade Passes By," "It Only Takes a Moment," and the title song.
STARLIGHT BOWL, SOUTH PAN AMERICAN PLAZA, BALBOA PARK. 619-544-7827. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 28.

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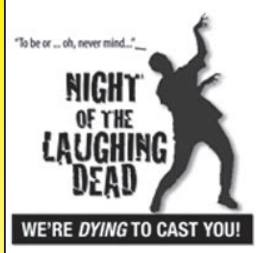

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Dates: August 18-22
Various times.
See website for more information.

THE NORMAN CONQUESTS: LIVING TOGETHER
OLD TOWN THEATRE
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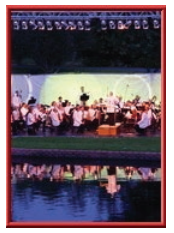

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GODSPELL
KIT CARSON PARK AMPHITHEATER
ESCONDIDO, CA
Dates: August 20
8:00 pm

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COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE
SAN DIEGO, CA
Dates: August 20-22, 27-29
Various times.
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THE NORMAN CONQUESTS: TABLE MANNERS
OLD TOWN THEATRE
SAN DIEGO, CA
Dates: August 14-15, 20, 22, 26, 28, 29
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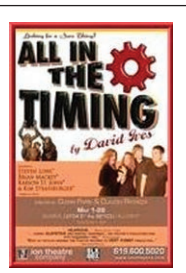

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Here I Am/The Pact
Community Actors Theatre presents one-acts by Floyd Alexander and Holocaust survivor Livia Kransberg. Jennie Hamilton directed.
COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH ST., COLLEGE AREA. 619-264-3391. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 29.

A Hot Night at the Blue Note
Vista's Broadway Theater hosts a new musical by Randall Hickman, set in a 1945 St. Louis jazz club which has fallen on hard times. In fact, tonight's radio broadcast could be its last.
BROADWAY THEATRE, 340 EAST BROADWAY, VISTA. 760-806-7905. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5.

The Jungle Book
Young actors from North Coast Repertory Theatre School perform new adaptation of Mowgli's adventures.
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 5PM THURSDAY, 2PM AND 5PM FRIDAY, 2PM AND 5PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

King Lear
In Adrian Noble's valuable book, *How to Do Shakespeare,* the former artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company teaches a master class on the subject. His direction of *King Lear* at the Old Globe puts his teachings into practice. I have never heard the story told better. Like Coriolanus, whose "heart's his mouth," the cast makes thought and speech one. Bruce Turk's nimble Fool, Catherine Gowl's firm Cordelia, Jonno Roberts's Edmund (as funny as he is vile), and especially Jay Whittaker's multi-voiced Edgar make each moment brand new. Robert Foxworth's Lear begins puffed up and regal and ends, 20 years older, like a dying candle extinguished by its wax. But his always-competent performance lacks size. Foxworth could tweak the narcissism and suggest that it masks a profound instability at the King's core. Deirdre Clancy's costumes begin upscale, in the 18th Century, and then fan out as they come forward in time. Ralph Funicello's spare set includes dark, castle-high walls and autumn leaves on the floor (swept away in the wintry second act). Shaun Davey's original music handles the entrances well but is absolutely unnecessary when Lear and Cordelia reunite (she, strangely, not in his arms). At this point the audience doesn't need music to tell them how to feel! (Note: *King Lear* runs in repertory with *The Taming of the Shrew* and *The Madness of George III;* call the theater for days and times of each.)
Critic's pick.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUESDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23.

The Last Romance
It helps that Joe Di Pietro wrote this lightweight charmer for Marion Ross and her husband Paul Michael. Their backstory proves that the play's theme is possible. Eighty-three-year-old Raphael Bellini (two great Italian artists in one name) has walked the same walk for years. In a play loaded with life-changing events, he takes a different path and meets Carol Reynolds. They slowly grow together (but have secrets, and will they become like an opera's plot: people meet but can't get together "because life gets in the way"?). The script's complications are predictable and a mite forced. What works is Ross and Michael's interplay. The actors are obviously having fun meeting each other, as it were, for the first time. Patricia Conolly plays Ralph's potentially spurned sister Rose with crusty conviction. Joshua Jeremiah performs during scene changes with a big, operatic voice. And in keeping with the theme, designer Alexander Dodge crowns the stage with a wreath of autumn leaves.
Worth a try.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12.

The Madness of George III
In Alan Bennett's drama, "mad King George" isn't. Unlike King Lear, whose mania sears his synapses, George only has the symptoms, but enough of them to prompt the Regency Crisis of 1788 (since his condition could topple the government). A battery of doctors, a hypochondriac's nightmare in powdered wigs, try to heal the king but only exacerbate the condition. At the Old Globe, Miles Anderson plays George III like an inverted iceberg: deep down, at the tip, he's sane. Everything else becomes a burden that Andrews, in an exceptional performance, overcomes, thanks to a man named Willis. Under Adrian Noble's inventive direction (the cast runs in and out of eight mirrored double doors with the speed of farce), the Globe's summer festival intersects in Willis: his authoritarian tactics recall Petruchio (in *Shrew*); and Robert Foxworth plays Willis and also King Lear (to whom George is often compared). Andrew Dahl's a kick as the Prince of Wales, a corpulent poseur, Emily Swallow gives the Queen a loving patience, and Jay Whittaker's William Pitt exudes an almost insane ferocity. Bruce Turk, Adrian Sparks, and Joseph Marcell make the attending physicians (and their medieval cures) eerily absurdist. But like the king, they only seem mad (Note: *Madness* runs in repertory with *King Lear* and *The Taming of the Shrew.)*
Worth a try.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUESDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 24.

A Midsummer Night's Dream
In Christopher Ashley's staging, when the lovers flee Athens, the world turns upside-down. A piano dangles midair, and a chandelier rises from the floor. The lovers don't escape to a wood, they enter a Cirque du Soleil dreamscape. The director has encouraged near-constant movement, accompanied by a live orchestra playing Mendelssohn. But the activity often upstages the speakers. The real "juice" in *Dream* isn't Puck's love-concoction, it's the language. Few in the cast relish it (Jonathan McMurtry's tyrannical Egeus, Daniel Oreske's sometimes stiff Theseus/Oberon, and Charlayne Woodard's Hippolyta/Titania). Others treat it like utilitarian prose, especially Lucas Caleb Rooney as Bottom; he's deaf to verbal jokes ("I see a voice" should get a big laugh, for example). In the end, the rational Theseus says dreams and fantasies are just "airy nothing"; Hippolyta says they can "grow to something of great constancy." The playhouse's *Dream,* though visually stunning and often entertaining, aligns more with Theseus than Hippolyta.
Worth a try.
LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 22.

miXtape
Lamb's Players presents "a musical journey through the 1980s, the Beat It generation," cowritten by Jon Lorenz and Colleen Kollar Smith, assembled like putting songs on an old cassette.
HORTON GRAND HOTEL, 311 ISLAND AVE., DOWNTOWN. 800-542-1886. 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26.

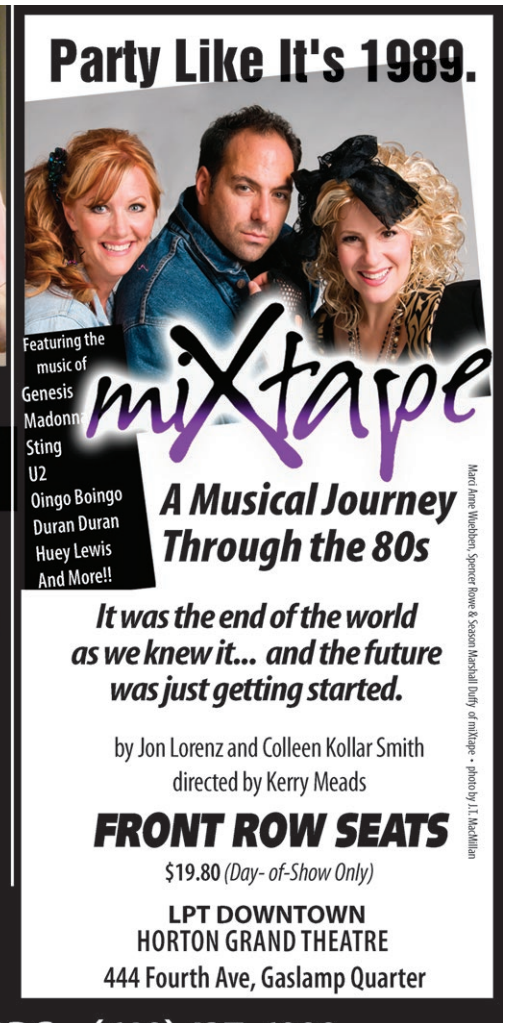
Mozu
Steven Oberman's new musical is based on the life of a Japanese macaque, or snow monkey, who was physically challenged with deformed hands and feet. The production incorporates elements of Kabuki theater and traditional Japanese folk songs.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BLVD., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12.

National Comedy Theatre
The National Comedy Theatre presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is "appropriate for all audiences."
NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 INDIA ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. 7:30PM AND 9:45PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM AND 9:45PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Night of the Laughing Dead...We're Dying to Cast You!
Mystery Café Dinner Theatre celebrates its 20th season with Victoria Velasco and James Pascarella's interactive comedy. An eccentric director is doing a live broadcast of his full-length horror film, and the audience is encouraged to audition. Velasco directed.
MYSTERY CAFÉ, 505 KALMIA ST., BANKER'S HILL. 619-544-1664. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

The Norman Conquests: Table Manners, Round and Round the Garden, Living Together
Cygnet Theatre presents Alan Ayckbourn's trilogy of comedies about Norman, a quirky librarian, and a weekend he spends with his unconventional in-laws. Sean Murray and Francis Gercke codirected. (Note: *Table Manners, Round and Round the Garden,* and *Living Together* run in repertory. For specific days and times, call the theater.)
CYGNET THEATRE — OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 7.

Robin and the 7 Hoods
This new musical unfolds like the greatest hits of Sammy Cahn (lyrics) and Jimmy Van Huesen (music). Bill Elliott's fresh, savvy orchestrations and a 13-piece band make familiar songs feel newly minted (act 2, for example, goes from "The Tender Trap" to "All the Way" to "Come Fly With Me"). Songs take off and soar like jets at O'Hare. The musical's based, in part, on the 1964 movie (Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy



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D.), in which mobsters move in on rival territory and recriminations abound. Rupert Holmes's book isn't bad. It's got banter and snappy one-liners (asked whose idea it was to rob from the rich and give to the poor, Willie replies, "Karl Marx?"), but it's based on showbiz personalities, not developed fictional characters. It requires the indomitable, "top of the heap" Rat Pack aura to pull it through. Mere mortals, even backed by first-rate direction and spectacular bursts of choreography, pale in comparison. Look past surface pizzazz, and *Robin*'s feels like an imitation. The Cahn/Van Huesen parade of hits make it enjoyable nonetheless.
Worth a try.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 29.

Robin and the 7 Hoods: **Mere mortals pale in comparison.**

The Seven-Year Itch
You could almost say that Neil Simon made George Axelrod's hit show (1952) a template for his comedies. The parallels are that striking. Richard Sherman's wife, of seven years, and children are away on vacation. He has the apartment to himself and his lively subconscious, which conjures up a sexual tryst with a new upstairs neighbor (called "The Girl"). Owing to a near accident, deus ex potted tomatoes, and unlike the original, fantasy becomes reality. The play, reset by New Village Arts to 1959, is early Simon-lite. Director Amanda Sitton nicely orchestrates the farce and adds a strong period flavor (the women, in particular, dress and move pure late-Fifties). Onstage throughout, and with impressive timing, Daren Scott makes Richard a nexus of quirks and questions. Jason Bieber's quick-cut lighting mirrors Richard's perplexities. Though she could be more attracted to Richard, Jacque Wilke's Girl talks the period talk beautifully (both crisp and rapid fire). Eddie Yaroch, as a funny, vein-bulging psychologist, and Melissa Fernandes, a hoot as Richard's wife (who *really* goes off on him), offer strong support work. Tim Wallace's set, the apartment interior, and miniature New York exterior, ranks among his best.
Worth a try.
NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 22.

Song of Extinction
Ion Theatre presents E.M. Lewis's drama about Max, a gifted high school student "falling off the edge of the world." His biology teacher helps Max and goes on a "magical journey of his own." Claudio Raygoza directed.
ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4.

The Taming of the Shrew
Shakespeare's Petruchio is either played as an icon of male dominance or an abusive sexist swine. For the Old Globe, inventive director Ron Daniels negotiates a third possibility: as played by Jonno Roberts, he's a bumbling "rudesby" who may never have woo'd before. He and Kate (Emily Swallow) experience love at first sight, and she goes along with him. The strategy works, at least until the curtain falls. Roberts and Swallow are always entertaining, but it's hard to believe that even a Kate in love could withstand Petruchio's boot camp tactics. Bruce Turk (Grumio) and Donald Carrier (Hortensio) head a strong supporting cast (Bree Welch and Shirine Babb, as Bianca and a rich widow, suggest that marriage to these newlyweds will be no honeymoon). The director turns Ralph Funicello's spare, useful set into a hybrid world: part Late-Renaissance, part today, the latter including moves and gestures for the groundling in us all.
Worth a try.
(Note: *Shrew* runs in repertory with *King Lear* and *The Madness of George III.*)
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUESDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26.

Two Dead Clowns
McDini's hosts the world premiere of Ronnie Larsen's two-part play. Part one: the life of serial killer John Wayne Gacy Jr.; part two: the life of the actor Divine.
MCDINI'S, 105 E. EIGHTH ST., NATIONAL CITY. 619-474-6771. 7PM THURSDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16.

Write Out Loud: Twain Told Tales
The idea began at a bridal shower: short stories are mini-dramas, made so by language alone. Why not assemble a troupe and read them in public? Write Out Loud grew from that idea and has become a popular event. These aren't staged readings. With little advance preparation. Local actors rehearse a story as they would a script. They emphasize style and meaning. At the same time, however, all is subordinate to the word. As in the old days of radio, regular attendees often close their eyes and listen. Each reading clusters around a theme. *Twain Told Tales* offers short stories and essays by Mark Twain. 619-297-8953.
Worth a try.
OLD TOWN THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 12:30PM SATURDAY. 7PM MONDAY; CARLSBAD CITY LIBRARY, 1775 DOVE LANE, CARLSBAD. 7PM TUESDAY.

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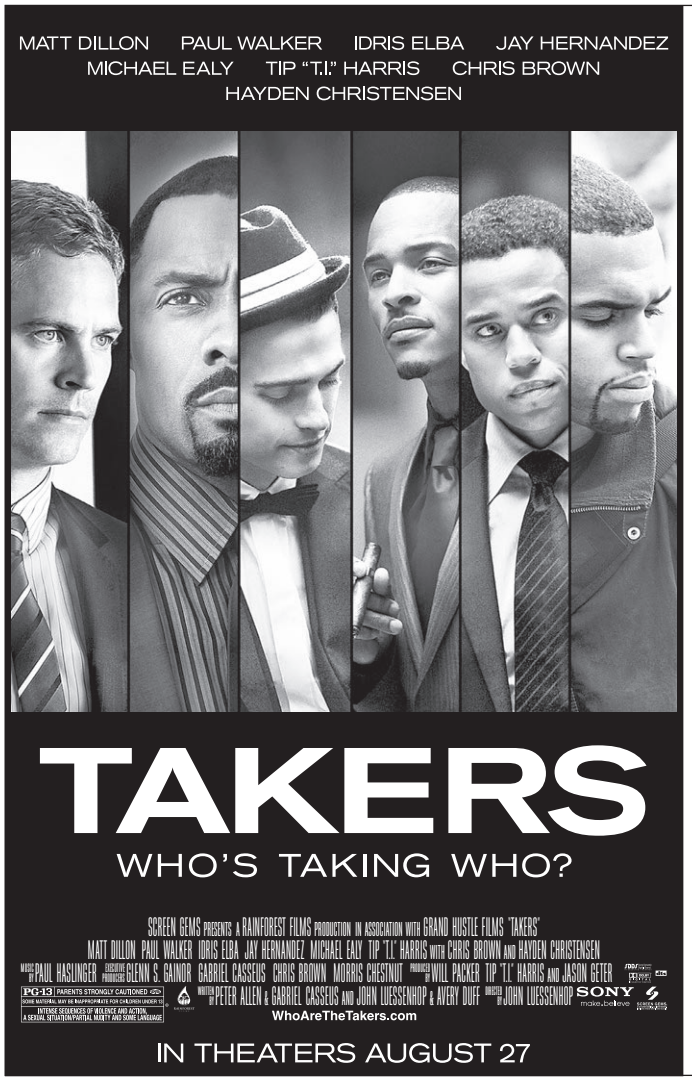
MOVIE REVIEW
DUNCAN SHEPHERD

One of the promises of the independent cinema, seldom fulfilled, is that it take up the jobs abdicated by today's Hollywood. The job taken up in *Cairo Time* is, no condescension intended, that of the women's film. (The inexact synonym, chick flick, always intends condescension.) And taken up, at that, with consummate skill and invisible effort, making it look easy. Written and directed by a woman — not at all a prerequisite of the genre — and a new name, the Arab-Canadian Ruba Nadda, it recounts the first visit to the Middle East of a contented American working wife, now facing Empty Nest Syndrome with two children flown, planning to meet up with her husband in Cairo to see the pyramids together. The husband, a United Nations emissary overseeing a refugee camp in Gaza, is detained incommunicado in circumstances of uncertain danger, and in his stead he has dispatched a former employee of his, a native Egyptian who in retirement has inherited his father's coffee shop (best coffee in the world if he says so himself), to look after the woman in the meantime, show her around, keep her company. As the days stretch out indefinitely, with attendant loss of bearings, a bond forms between them and ever so imperceptibly tightens, notwithstanding the hovering presence of a widowed old flame of the man, plainly still interested in him. You can see how it all would happen. You can believe it implicitly. In time, a slight infidelity will be committed (those pyramids won't wait forever), but how great a one is open for discussion, although apparently not open for it between reunited spouses.

Cairo Time

In synopsis it sounds like nothing. In actual experience it feels like one of the foremost things the cinema was made for, taking us away, setting us down, putting us deeply into a scene — an exotic scene for extra measure — with a knowledgeable, alert, sensitive, and subtle eye to guide us. It combines, and completely merges, the quite separate attractions of the travelogue and the tearjerker. On the first front the filmmaker misses no trick: the lit pyramid looming in the distance over an evening party, or unlit in daylight over a golf course; the commercial belly dancer; the dromedary; the lunarscape rock formations; the water pipe ("Oh, it's apple!"); the mosque; the bazaar; the boat ride on the Nile; the carpet weaving; the traditional wedding. A full and satisfying itinerary, sometimes intensely subjective, as in the overhead point-of-view shots from the heroine's hotel balcony, or in her solo stroll through the streets in short-sleeve blouse and knee-length skirt, drawing men like flies and daggerish glares from hijab-wearing women. Clearly she has much to learn.



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The second front, the warming relations between man and woman, is attended with no less thoroughness and intentness and far less roaming. There is, despite the differences that need to be noted and examined, no cumbersome ideological baggage for them to lug, as in, say, Sally Potter's insufferably pretentious *Yes*, no great barriers, no terrible tensions, no cultural soul-searching. The film offers up no thesis, simply two people. These are decidedly civilized people, urbane and gracious, people who can talk to one another with tact and candor and eloquence, photographed the whole while in comfortable, roomy images that, even as they let in plenty of the environment, refuse to push the pair upon one another or upon the spectator. The woman in question is "indie" queen Patricia Clarkson (in the Hollywood of yore it might have been Joan Fontaine or Deborah Kerr), who, for all the beauty of her plangent voice and soulful eyes, does not cut herself off from the common run of womankind, blinding us with radiant celebrity, untouchable pulchritude. She seems a real woman. The man, the long-stemmed, loose-limbed, neatly bearded Alexander Siddig, is no Omar Sharif, which is to say no cornball matinee idol, but rather a suave, discreet, old-world gentleman who succeeds — as he must for the film to succeed — in being irresistibly attractive. We come to care a great deal about these two, without having a clear rooting interest. Uncertainty sees to that. (We've not yet met the husband; we've only heard the wife on the phone with him.) A younger European woman on the scene, having had intimate relations with an Arab, weighs in with cautionary testimony: great lover but eventually possessive. "It always comes out." Will it have a chance to come out in some form here? The emotional climax — a premature climax, so to speak, abrupt, disruptive — can jerk a tear without half seeming to try. In under ninety minutes the film fully achieves the task it set itself, a task bigger and tougher than it might look.

Eat Pray Love, by a convenient coincidence, is what passes nowadays in the mainstream, however infrequently, as a women's film, a self-affirming, boastful, best-selling piece of nonfiction Chick Lit transformed into a two-and-a-quarter-hour blandishment for a major star. It is a virtual photographic negative of *Cairo Time*. Whatever the other does right, this one does wrong. While there is a lot of sightseeing on the heroine's Search for Self ("I want to go someplace where I can just marvel"), Italy for food, India for meditation, Indonesia for romance — the three I's on the road to the central, the egotistical I — it is all of the whirlwind variety, flitting, dizzying, bustled along with dictatorial pop songs, opera aria, indigenous instrumentals, and shot, what's more, in mushy focus and muddy color. (Ryan Murphy of *Running with Scissors*, director and whip-cracking tour guide.) We're probably lucky to be allowed to see anything at all around the screen-eclipsing face of the leading lady, a gaunt Julia Roberts laughably cast a lusty eater, heedless of packing in the pasta and packing on the pounds. Billy Crudup, James Franco, Luca Argentero, old bald Richard Jenkins (romanticizingly said to look just like James Taylor), and Javier Bardem, in various states of emasculation, are her men-in-waiting, the last-named the anointed Prince Charming at the end of the trail of arbitrary rejects. Insights acquired along the way, often talked out in first-person narration, boil down to glib one-liners, bromides, even bumper stickers (*dolce far niente*, translated the sweetness of doing nothing). On balance more comic than dramatic, more smarty-pants than smart, more chick flick than women's film, it is as irredeemably bad as *Sex and the City 2*, bad as anything all year.

Animal Kingdom gives us Australian cops-and-robbers and three solid characterizations, James Frecheville as an almost catatonic callow youth (casting glances at a TV game show as paramedics administer to his unresponsive OD'd mother on the couch), Jacki Weaver, a bottle-blonde little dumpling of a woman, as the sugar-coated monstrous materfamilias of a nuclear crime family ("I'm having trouble finding a positive spin," she crumbles slightly after a son's death), and a mustached Guy Pearce as the gently persuasive police detective. Otherwise nothing to shout about as the dramatis personae get methodically mowed down. Instead I take the occasion to mention something that has been slowly, slowly driving me mad, building, building to this unavoidable boil-over: the consistent chopping-off of the tops of heads on the wide screen. The director here, David Michôd, cannot be branded an especially egregious offender for what has become pretty much the norm, too common to be explained as bad framing on the part of a random projectionist, actors shot from the hairline or the eyebrows down, the lack of headroom giving every conversation the appearance of taking place under an umbrella. I would only want to point out, only want to scream out, that there exist a couple of time-honored alternatives. There is, first, no law that says you have to shoot people close up on a wide screen not suited to closeups, and second, no law that says you have to shoot a film in widescreen if you insist on shooting dialogues in close-up. Once in a while for super-duper, collar-grabbing intensity, okay. But all the time? Standard operating procedure? It would be nice to be able to see the new norm as some exciting innovation or trend instead of, as I see it, directors and cinematographers not knowing anymore how to compose an image. It would be nearly as nice to be able, maybe someday, no longer to notice it. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Agora — Funereal toga party commemorating the culture clash in a majestic computer-generated Alexandria, pre-Islam: pagans, Christians, Jews. It is no surprise — although given the locale, and given the drift of current events in the region, it is an undoubted provocation — that the Christians, out from under the Roman sandal, get fingered as the prime movers of religious intolerance, desecrators of the all-embracing Library of Alexandria and martyrizers of the 4th-century philosopher and mathematician, Hypatia, a dim persona from distant history until Rachel Weisz

stepped into the role to give her form, substance, and a starry glow. The latter's private struggle to understand the Earth's orbit proves to be more engrossing, if no more free of modern axe-grinding and historical rewriting, than the inexorable and escalating sectarian strife. One can be prepared to believe all manner of bad things about Christians without believing that their silencing of this solitary independent voice, this feminist demigoddess, set back the cause of astronomy by more than a millennium. With Max Minghella, Oscar Isaac, and Sami Samir; directed by Alejandro Amenábar. 2010.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/20)

Animal Kingdom — Reviewed this issue. With Ben Mendelsohn, Joel Edgerton, Guy Pearce, Jacki Weaver, and James Frecheville; written and directed by David Michôd.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 8/20)

Cairo Time — Reviewed this issue. With Patricia Clarkson, Alexander Siddig, Tom McCamus, Elena Anaya, and Amina Annabi; written and directed by Ruba Nadda.

★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 8/20)

Despicable Me — Computer cartoon available, but not imperative, in 3-D. Admittedly the Universal logo, our planet on a blanket of stars, looks good in 3-D, and the closing credits have some fun with the extra dimension, trying with the aid of an outthrusting steel tape measure to see how far off the screen the image can jump. If the whole film were as in-your-face as that, the extra expense for the glasses would have been well worth it, but the tape measure measures nothing so much as the nonaggression, the impassivity, of the rest of the film. The premise represents the very depth of inspiration: an ineffectual arch villain (a lugubrious Gorey-esque figure whose head levels off at the eyebrows, a penguin torso atop ostrich legs, a twelve-foot muffler wound around his neck), his workshop of elfish helpers in the thimble shape of Pac-Man monsters, a younger and goonier rival villain in a bowl haircut and square-rimmed glasses, and three too-cute orphans who change the course of criminality. The noisy musical score strives to make the action seem more rousing than it is, and the amusing Slavic accents of Steve Carell and Julie Andrews (as the principal villain's withholding mother) make up to some extent for deficiencies in the dialogue. Kristen Wiig's churchy Southern accent adds something, too, to the stereotypical cruel directress of Miss Hattie's Home for Girls. Directed by Pierre Coffin and Chris Renaud. 2010.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Dinner for Schmucks — Softened, mushed-up remake of a rather distasteful French farce, called here *The Dinner Game*, concerning a clique of fat cats who periodically convene for a soirée to which each of them for their shared amusement brings along an unwitting idiot to compete for the laurel of biggest idiot. For the American mass market, the focal fat cat (Paul Rudd) has been made leaner and hungrier, a sympathetic, reluctant participant forced to jump through this hoop for job advancement. The focal idiot (Steve Carell) has meanwhile been so grotesqued — a buck-toothed, four-eyed dolt in a oversized hooded lavender nylon windbreaker, an IRS pencil pusher whose off-hours hobby is the construction of miniature tableaus with dead mice — that no idiots in the audience are at risk of identifying with him and taking offense, and yet he's not so irredeemable an idiot that he cannot learn and teach important life lessons in the last act. Any sensitive viewer will be compelled to surrender his sense of moral or intellectual superiority by wanting fervently to kill the bumbling idiot for turning the fat cat's life upside down in the twenty-four hours prior to the dinner, or else to kill the fat cat for enabling the idiot to do it. Like the French version, the film is quite nice-looking, but nowhere near as nice as the French. With Stephanie Szostak, Jemaine Clement, and Zach Galifianakis; directed by Jay Roach. 2010.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Eat Pray Love — Reviewed this issue. With Julia Roberts, Javier Bardem, James Franco, Billy Crudup, and Richard Jenkins; directed by Ryan Murphy.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

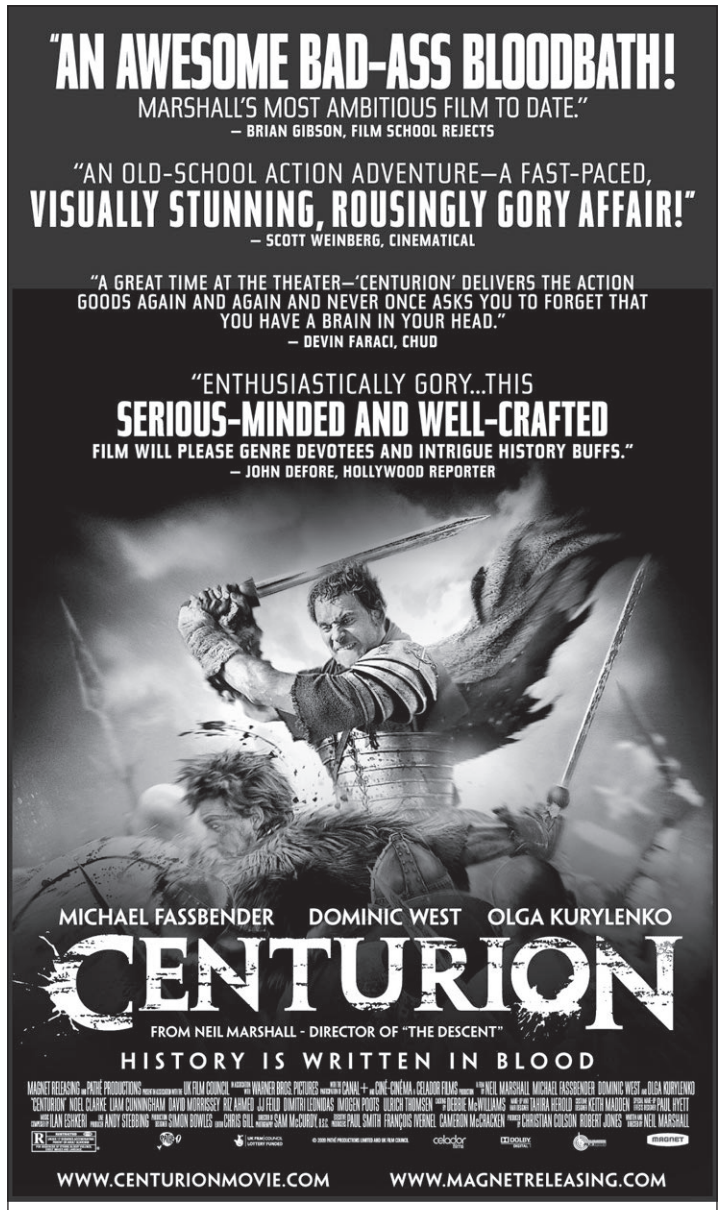
The Expendables — Adolescent action fantasy from senior citizen Sylvester Stallone: an elite team of mercenaries descend upon the stock bad guys on the mythical island of Vilena for a chopped-up orgy of carnage. The star, director, and co-writer surrounds himself with younger-generation men of action, Jason Statham, Jet Li, Steve Austin, Randy Couture, Terry Crews (along with old crony Dolph Lundgren, his antagonist in *Rocky IV*, and cutesy cameos for Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger), in an apparent attempt to make himself look relevant again. He can't have meant to make himself look, as he does, desperate. Mickey Rourke, Eric Roberts, Giselle Itié. 2010.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Extra Man — The filmmaking team of Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini, after the mainstream excursion of *The Nanny Diaries*, return to the alternative cinema — home of their *American Splendor* — with a vengeance: a kooky comedy about a transvestite aspiring writer (creepmousy Paul Dano) taken under wing by an aging playwright manqué and escort of wealthy widows (blustery Kevin Kline), who's politically a little to the "right of the Pope." Taken under another wing as well by a middle-aged overweight dominatrix (a barely recognizable Patti D'Arbanville). The insistent oddness is so forced that John C. Reilly's falsetto voice for the wild-haired downstairs caveman seems quite a reasonable idea, the most reliable laughs in the film. Katie Holmes, Celia Weston, Marian Seldes. 2010.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Farewell — Amazing but true story of Cold War espionage, a KGB agent passing state secrets to a French amateur stationed in Moscow, early Eighties. Amazing but true but amazingly, truly unsuspenseful and dull. But earnest and diligent. The two principals are played by Emir Kusturica and Guillaume Canet (film directors in addition to actors), somewhat elusive portrayals of enigmatic figures, and even Fred Ward as Ronald Reagan adds little spark: "You know, I was supposed to do a film



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with Ford," he muses aloud while watching that Cold War allegory, *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*. With Willem Dafoe, Alexandra Maria Lara, Dina Korzun; directed by Christian Carion. 2009.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Get Low — The feature debut of director Aaron Schneider starts like a house afire, meaning it starts literally with a house on fire, and proceeds from there to shave off a thin slice of folksy baloney purportedly based on fact, something to do with a misanthropic old Tennessee hermit who throws himself a "funeral party" before his demise. Robert Duvall runs through his familiar repertoire at an uncommonly slow speed en route to an embarrassing Capra-esque climax of public confession. Bill Murray as the needy, greedy funeral director is still Bill Murray. And Sissy Spacek as a former flame of the protagonist brings to her every scene her special gift of being completely (as the Buddhists have it) present in the moment. One of America's shamefully neglected natural resources. With Lucas Black, Bill Cobbs, Gerald McRaney. 2010.
★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Girl Who Played with Fire — The second in Stieg Larsson's "Millennium" trilogy finds our pierced, tattooed, Goth-haired "girl" framed for the murders of two reporters at work on an exposé of sex trafficking. It's a solider case than the first one, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, but still lurid, seamy, sleazy; and the sex-trade angle gets completely pushed aside in favor of the heroine's quest for vengeance. Along the way, there are some tense sequences involving a blond giant impervious to pain, and after two-plus hours an unsatisfactory up-in-the-air ending that requires you to grit your teeth and gird for another sequel. With Noomi Rapace, Michael Nyqvist, Mikael Spreitz, Yasmine Garbi, Paolo Roberto, and Per Oscarsson; directed by Daniel Alfredson. 2009.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo — Homegrown adaptation by Niels Arden Oplev of the international best-seller by Stieg Larsson, from the Scandinavian wave of detective novels. The movie, like the book, is long: two and a half hours with almost half an hour of anti- or post-climax. In the early going, it juggles two separate cases and two separate investigators, a Leftist muckraking journalist (Michael Nyqvist, with his Richard Burtonish full-moon cratered face) and a security-firm computer geek (Noomi Rapace, a sort of young Claire Bloom) who sports two nose rings, numerous ear piercings, a Goth hairdo and wardrobe, and of course the titular tattoo over her entire back. Eventually the two investigators team up on the sketchier and shakier of the cases: the forty-year-old disappearance and presumed murder of a teenage girl whose body, on a sealed-off island, was never recovered. Mystery fans' alarm bells will begin ringing even before the girl's favorite uncle explains how she was in the habit of giving him an annual framed botanical and how he has continued annually to receive an anonymous framed botanical which he theorizes has been sent tauntingly by her killer. Kooky theory. Perhaps our indignity over the multiple revelations of ugly sexual violence is hoped to blind us to the shoddy plotting and the plodding development. (That, and perhaps also the cracklingly crisp photography.) But the would-be "touching" ending will be soured by the unasked question of how many women were raped, tortured, and murdered over those forty years so that we could have a touching ending. 2009.
● (GASLAMP 15, FROM 8/20)

I Am Love — The mad passion of a wealthy Milanese matron (Tilda Swinton, any defects in her subtitled Italian

FILM FESTIVALS

ANTI MAFIA

Museum of Photographic Arts
Balboa Park

La Siciliana Ribelle 2009. The story of a young woman who takes a courageous step toward breaking the unspoken law of silence, *omerta,* which strengthens the hold that groups like the Mafia have on society. **Thursday, August 19, 7:00 p.m.**

SAN DIEGO LATINO FILM FESTIVAL

UltraStar, Mission Valley
7510 Hazard Center Drive

Regresa (Mexico) and **Música en Espera** (Argentina). Two romantic comedies. **Through August 19, 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30 and 10:45 p.m.**

SAN DIEGO ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL

Piazza Carmel Shopping Plaza
3870 Valley Centre Drive, San Diego

Planet B-Boy A riveting documentary of the best breakdancers around the world vying for the international honor of winning "Battle of the Year." **Wednesday, August 18, 8:00 p.m.**

STONE MOVIES

Stone Brewing
1999 Citracado Pkwy., Escondido

Zoolander 2001. Actually, there ISN'T more to life than just being really, really, ridiculously good looking. **Wednesday, August 18, 8:30 p.m.**

New Moon (With "Commentary" by Rifftrax) 2009. Sparkly pinup-boy vampires are impossible to resist making fun of. **Wednesday, August 25, 8:30 p.m.**

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

4040 Goldfinch St., Mission Hills

Love With The Proper Stranger 1963. A carefree jazz musician (Steve McQueen) must face the music (as well as a pair of strict Italian parents) when he impregnates a romantic shop girl (Natalie Wood) in Robert Mulligan's charming urban love story. **Thursday-Friday, August 19-20, 8:30 p.m.**

Journey to the Center of the Earth 2008. This twist on Jules Verne's adventure yarn features Brendan Fraser as a daring scientist who sets out on a perilous journey in search of a mysterious subterranean world. **Saturday-Sunday, August 21-22, 8:30 p.m.**

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes 1953. Two "little girls from Little Rock" seek their fortune in France. Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell are gold-digging cabaret performers who find themselves stranded in Paris without money or a place to stay. **Thursday-Friday, August 26-27, 8:30 p.m.**

Sunset Boulevard 1950. A frustrated young scriptwriter (William Holden) becomes a willing pawn in a faded silent film star's (Gloria Swanson) attempt at a screen comeback. **Saturday-Sunday, August 28-29, 8:30 p.m.**

SCREEN ON THE GREEN

San Diego Museum of Art
Balboa Park, San Diego

Moulin Rouge 1952. Directed by John Huston. With José Ferrer, Colette Marchand, Zsa Zsa Gabor. Fictional account of French artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. **Friday, August 20, 8:00 p.m.**

DIVE-IN MOVIES

Pearl Hotel pool
1410 Rosecrans St., Point Loma

Revenge of the Nerds 1984. At a big campus, a group of bullied outcasts and misfits resolve to fight back for their peace and self-respect. **Wednesday, August 18, 8:00 p.m.**

The Water Boy 1998. A football team's water boy discovers he has a unique tackling ability and becomes a member of the team. **Wednesday, August 25, 8:00 p.m.**

FILM AND WINE SERIES

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Breakfast at Tiffany's 1961. Holly Golightly (Audrey Hepburn), a sophisticated New York socialite, becomes intrigued with new neighbor Paul Farjak (George Peppard). Little does she know that her lifestyle is about to come undone. **Thursday, August 19, 8:00 p.m.**

FILM FORUM

San Diego Central Library
820 E Street, San Diego
3rd Floor Auditorium

$5 A Day 2008. The conservative son of a thrifty con man begrudgingly joins his father on the road after being released from jail for one of his dad's earlier crimes. **Monday, August 23, 6:30 p.m.**

The Square 2006. Siblings Joel (screenwriter) and Nash (director) Edgerton spin an intricate yarn of love, deception, blackmail and murder. **Monday, August 30, 6:30 p.m.**

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

San Diego Central Library
820 E Street, San Diego
3rd Floor Auditorium

City of Your Final Destination **2007.** The story follows the quest of Omar Razaghi, an Iranian-born graduate student at the University of Colorado, to gain permission from the family of Jules Gund, a Latin American author who committed suicide, to write Gund's authorized biography. **Sunday, August 29, 2:00 p.m.**

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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

CENTRAL

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)
Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:10); **Despicable Me** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:55) 5:35; **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:40, 10:10; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:35) 4:30, 7:25, 10:15; **The Expendables** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Inception** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:30) 7:00, 10:00; **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:35, 7:15, 9:45; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:55) 4:25, 7:30, 9:50; **Piranha 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 1:45, 3:50) 6:00, 8:10, 10:20; **Ramona and Beezus** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:25; **Salt** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 8:05, 10:20; **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:20, 7:50, 10:25; **The Switch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:25; **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:15, 3:15) 5:30, 7:35, 9:55

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:25, 3:35); **Despicable Me 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 4:55; **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:20, 10:15; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 12:00, 1:35, 3:10) 4:30, 6:10, 7:30, 9:10, 10:25; **The Expendables** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 12:10, 1:10, 2:30, 3:30) 4:50, 5:50, 7:15, 8:15, 9:35, 10:40; **Inception** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:10, 10:15; **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:30; **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:50) 4:25, 7:05, 9:50; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; **Piranha 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:25) 5:45, 7:55, 10:05; **Salt** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:35, 7:50, 10:10; **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:45, 7:10, 9:40; **The Switch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:15, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10, 10:35; **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:05, 3:05) 5:20, 7:25, 9:45

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:05) 4:25, 7:10, 9:25; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 12:45, 1:55, 3:45) 4:50, 6:45, 7:45, 9:45, 10:40; **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:15, 7:20, 10:25; **I Am Love** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:40) 7:00; **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:40, 7:05, 9:35; **Peepli Live** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:35) 6:10, 8:45; **Restrepo** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40, 10:05; **Salt** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:40) 5:55, 8:15, 10:30; **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 1:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:35; **The Switch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:15, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:20; **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:20, 9:40; **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 12:10, 1:25, 2:10, 3:20) 4:05, 5:15, 6:05, 7:15, 8:10, 9:15, 10:15; **Winter's Bone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:10, 7:35, 9:50

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:05); **Despicable Me** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:05; **The Expendables** (R) Fri. (1:15, 1:45, 4:15, 4:45) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:15, 1:45) 4:15, 4:45, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **Grown Ups** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55, 4:50) 7:35, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:55) 4:50, 7:35, 10:10; **Inception** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:50) 5:30, 8:00, 9:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:50, 5:30, 8:00, 9:00; **The Last Airbender** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:25) 7:20; **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 4:20) 7:25, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:20, 7:25, 9:50; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 1:40, 4:10, 4:40) 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:10, 1:40) 4:10, 4:40, 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10; **Piranha 3D** (R) Fri. (1:15, 3:25, 5:35) 7:45, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:15, 3:25) 5:35, 7:45, 9:55; **Predators** (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:35) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:50) 4:35, 7:30, 10:00; **The Sorcerer's Apprentice** (PG) Fri. (4:25) 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 4:25, 9:50; **Step Up 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:05) 7:15, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:05, 7:15, 9:45; **Toy Story 3** (G) Fri. (1:05, 4:15) 7:05, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:15, 7:05, 9:45

KENSINGTON

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Patrik, Age 1.5 (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (5:00), 7:15, 9:30 Sat. & Sun. (2:45), 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **All About Evil** (NR) Sat. 12:00 Midnight

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
Despicable Me (PG); **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13); **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13); **The Expendables** (R); **Inception** (PG-13); **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13); **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG); **The Other Guys** (PG-13); **Piranha 3D** (R); **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13); **The Switch** (PG-13); **Vampires Suck** (PG-13)

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Cairo Time (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:10), (4:50), 7:30, 10:10 Sat. & Sun. (11:30), 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **Animal Kingdom** (R) Fri., Mon,-Thu. (1:50), (4:30), 7:10, 9:50 Sat. & Sun. (11:10), 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **Get Low** (PG-13) Fri., Mon,-Thu(26): (2:00), (4:40), 7:20, 10:00 Sat. & Sun. (11:20), 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **Farewell** (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:40), (4:20), 7:00*, 9:40 Sat. & Sun. (11:00), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 No 7:00 PM Show Thursday, 08/26/10

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Mira Mesa 18
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MISSION HILLS

Cinema under the Stars
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Love With The Proper Stranger Thu.-Fri. 8:30 **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Sat.-Sun. 8:30

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
Animal Kingdom (R); **Charlie St. Cloud** (PG-13); **Despicable Me** (PG); **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13); **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13); **Eclipse** (PG-13); **The Expendables** (R); **Inception** (PG-13); **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13); **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG); **The Other Guys** (PG-13); **Piranha 3D** (R); **Salt** (PG-13); **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13); **The Sorcerer's Apprentice** (PG); **Step Up 3D** (PG-13); **The Switch** (PG-13); **Toy Story 3** (G); **Vampires Suck** (PG-13)

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG); **Despicable Me** (PG); **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13); **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13); **The Expendables** (R); **Inception** (PG-13); **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13); **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG); **The Other Guys** (PG-13); **Piranha 3D** (R); **Salt** (PG-13); **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13); **Step Up 3D** (PG-13); **The Switch** (PG-13); **Toy Story 3** (G); **Vampires Suck** (PG-13)

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

Lottery Ticket (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:00 AM), (12:15), (2:30), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Piranha 3D** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30 AM), (1:45), (4:00), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) Fri.Wed. (10:15 AM), (12:30), (2:45), 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Thu. (10:00 AM), (12:30), (2:45), 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:00 AM), (1:15), 4:15, 7:30, 10:30; **The Expendables** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:15 AM), (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00 AM), (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Mon. & Tue. (10:00 AM), (12:30), (3:00), 10:30 Wed. & Thu. (10:00 AM), (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Strawberry Shortcake Glimmerberry Ball** (G) Sat. & Sun. (10:30 AM); **Inception** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00), (3:45), 7:00, 10:15

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Kids Are All Right (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:40), (4:30), 7:20, 10:10 Sat. & Sun. (10:50), 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; **The Wildest Dream: Conquest Of Everest** (NR) Fri., Mon(.-Thu. (1:50), (4:40), 7:30, 10:15 Sat. & Sun. (11:00), 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15; **The Girl Who Played With Fire** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:10), (4:00), 6:50, 9:40 Sat. & Sun. (10:20), 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40; **Agora** (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:20), (4:10), 7:00, 9:50 Sat. & Sun. (10:30), 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **The Extra Man** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:30), (4:20), 7:10, 10:00 Sat. & Sun. (10:40), 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Hubble (G) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 8:00 Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:00; **Legends of Flight** (Not Rated) Fri. 4:00, 6:00 Sat. 11:00, 6:00 Sun. 4:00, 6:00; **The Living Sea** (Not Rated) Fri. 11:00a.m. Sat. 4:00p.m. Sun. 11:00a.m.; **Ultimate Wave Tahiti** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
Eat Pray Love (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:55) 7:00, 10:05; **The Expendables** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:25, 3:45) 6:05, 8:25, 10:45; **Inception** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:50) 7:05, 10:15; **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30; **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:40; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 9:45; **Piranha 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:15) 5:35, 8:00, 10:20; **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 9:50; **The Switch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:35, 3:40) 5:45, 7:50, 9:55

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
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SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Despicable Me (PG); **The Other Guys** (PG-13); **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13); **Vampires Suck** (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

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

Lottery Ticket (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (12:30), (3:00), 5:30, 8:00 Mon.-Thu. (3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) Fri. & Sat. (12:15), (2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (12:15), (2:45), 5:15, 7:45 Mon.-Thu. 5:15, 7:45; **Piranha 3D** (R) Fri. & Sat. (11:00 AM), (1:15), (3:30), 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:00 AM), (1:15), (3:30), 6:00, 8:30 Mon.-Thu. (3:30), 6:00, 8:30; **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. (11:00 AM), (1:30), (4:00), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:00 AM), (1:30), (4:00), 6:15, 8:30 Mon.-Thu. (4:00), 6:15, 8:30; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. (12:00), (3:45), 7:15, 10:30 Sun. (12:00), (3:45), 7:15 Mon.-Thu. (3:45), 7:15; **The Expendables** (R) Fri. & Sat. (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15 Mon.-Thu. (3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:30, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (11:15 AM), (1:45), 4:30, 7:30 Mon.-Thu. 4:30, 7:30; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. (11:30 AM), (2:15), 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (11:30 AM), (2:15), 4:45, 7:15 Mon.-Thu. 4:45, 7:15; **Step Up 3** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. (11:45 AM), (2:30), 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (11:45 AM), (2:30), 5:00, 7:30 Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 7:30; **Strawberry Shortcake Glimmerberry Ball** (G) Sat. & Sun. (10:30 AM); Salt (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 9:30 PM; **Despicable Me** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30 AM), (2:00), 4:15, 7:00 Mon.-Wed. 4:15, 7:00 Thu. 4:15 PM

Otay Ranch 12
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
Despicable Me (PG); **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13); **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13); **The Expendables** (R); **Inception** (PG-13); **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13); **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG); **The Other Guys** (PG-13); **Piranha 3D** (R); **Salt** (PG-13); **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13); **Step Up 3D** (PG-13); **The Switch** (PG-13); **Vampires Suck** (PG-13)

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386)
Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG); **Despicable Me** (PG); **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13); **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13); **The Expendables** (R); **Grown Ups** (PG-13); **Inception** (PG-13); **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13); **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG); **The Other Guys** (PG-13); **Piranha 3D** (R); **Salt** (PG-13); **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13); **Step Up 3D** (PG-13); **The Switch** (PG-13); **Toy Story 3** (G); **Vampires Suck** (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
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3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
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NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

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

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

Piranha 3D (R) Fri. & Sat. 11:00 AM, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. 11:00 AM, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:15 Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:00, 7:15; **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 Mon.-Thu. 3:30, 5:30, 7:30; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00 Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Mon.-Thu. 4:00, 7:00; **The Expendables** (R) Fri. & Sat. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15 Mon.-Thu. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45 Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:15, 7:45; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 12:15, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 12:15, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Strawberry Shortcake Glimmerberry Ball** (G) Sat. & Sun. 10:30 AM

POWAY

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

Lottery Ticket (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 Sun.-Thu. 10:30 AM, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30; **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) Fri. & Sat. 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun.-Thu. 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Piranha 3D** (R) Fri. & Sat. 11:00 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun.-Thu. 11:00 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **The Switch** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 11:45 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Sun.-Thu. 11:45 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00; **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun.-Tue. 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30 Wed. 10:00 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30 Thu. 11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 10:00 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun.-Thu. 10:00 AM, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **The Expendables** (R) Fri. & Sat. 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun.-Thu. 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 Sun.-Thu. 11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30; **Strawberry Shortcake Glimmerberry Ball** (G) Sat. & Sun. 10:30 AM; **Inception** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 9:45 PM; **Despicable Me** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 AM, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30

SAN MARCOS

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

Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:30); **Despicable Me** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:50) 7:25, 10:00; **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55, 4:45) 7:30, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:55) 4:45, 7:30, 10:20; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:55) 7:05, 10:15 Fri. (1:05, 4:30) 7:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:30, 7:50; **The Expendables** (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:50) 7:45, 10:25 Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:40) 7:15, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:50, 7:45, 10:25; **Inception** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:10, 3:45) 6:30, 7:00, 9:45, 10:15; **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:25) 7:10, 9:45; **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) Fri. (1:15, 4:05) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:05, 7:00, 9:40; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:10) 7:10, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; **Piranha 3D** (R) Fri. (12:30, 2:55, 5:15) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:15, 7:35, 10:05; **Salt** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 4:40) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:40, 7:40, 10:10; **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 4:15) 7:20, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:15, 7:20, 10:05; **Step Up 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:35, 10:25; **The Switch** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 4:35) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:35, 7:40, 10:10; **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:20, 10:20; **Toy Story 3** (G) Fri. (1:20, 4:20) Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:20; **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:00, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

VISTA

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

Despicable Me 3D (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15, 9:40; **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 7:40; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:40, 4:30) 7:05, 10:05, 10:35; **The Expendables** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:00, 4:10, 4:45) 6:45, 7:30, 9:20, 10:10; **Inception** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:40) 7:00, 10:20; **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40, 5:05) 7:35, 10:10; **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:50, 10:25; **Piranha 3D** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 10:10; **Salt** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (5:35p.m.); **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 12:15, 2:10, 2:50, 4:50, 5:25) 7:25, 8:05, 9:55, 10:35; **Step Up 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:35); **The Switch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:10, 9:40; **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 12:30, 1:10, 2:40, 3:20, 5:00) 7:20, 8:00, 9:30, 10:15

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

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

Eat Pray Love (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:25, 1:20, 4:15) 7:10, 10:05 Sun. (10:25, 1:20, 4:15) 7:10; **The Expendables** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:35, 12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15 Sun. (10:35, 12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55; **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35; **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00

DEL MAR

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

Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 AM, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Piranha 3D** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 AM, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 11:30 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Wed. 10:00 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Thu. 11:30 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 AM, 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:30; **The Expendables** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 AM, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 AM, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00 **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15 AM, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **Strawberry Shortcake Glimmerberry Ball** (G) Sat. & Sun. 10:30 AM; **Inception** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:15

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)

The Switch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15; **Get Low** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **The Kids Are All Right** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)

Exit through the Gift Shop (R) Fri. 9:10p.m. Sat.-Sun. (4:10) 9:10; **Winter's Bone** (R) Fri. 7:00p.m. Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 7:00

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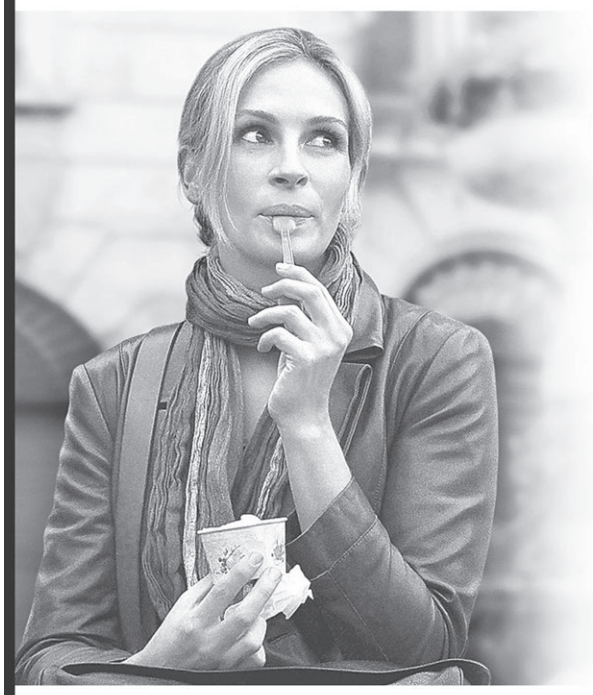

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OCEANSIDE

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

Lottery Ticket (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30 AM, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:45 AM, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; **Piranha 3D** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15 AM, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; **The Switch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 11:30 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Wed. 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Thu. 11:30 AM, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 4:15, 7:30, 10:30; **The Expendables** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **The Other Guys** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00, 10:45 Mon.-Thu. 11:00 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00, 10:45; **Step Up 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Strawberry Shortcake Glimmerberry Ball** (G) Sat. & Sun. 10:30 AM; **Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore** (PG) Fri. & Sat. 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30 Sun. 11:00 AM, 1:15 Mon.-Thu. 11:00 AM, 1:15, 3:30; **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Inception** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15; **Despicable Me** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:45 AM, 5:15

Oceanside 16
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explained by her Russian origins) for the much younger chef with whom her son has entered a restaurant partnership. Thus, there's a food-film ingredient from the shelf of *Babette's Feast, Big Night, Like Water for Chocolate, Mostly Martha*, and the like — a sensual awakening, for example, to a glistening plate of prawns, enclosing the heroine in her own personal spotlight — as well as a Chatterley-esque attunement to the world of flowers, berries, bugs. Filmmaker Luca Guadagnino exhibits a painstaking attention to detail — the weather, the light, the living spaces, the furnishings, the silent comings and goings of the servants — and he closely monitors emotional temperatures, gelid to red-hot. His direction is littered with fussy, prinking little touches that jump out at you rather than coalesce into a coherent style. And the running-in-place music of John Adams is an intermittent irritant. With Flavio Parenti, Edoardo Gabbriellini, Alba Rohrwacher, Marisa Berenson, and Gabriele Ferzetti. 2010.

★★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 8/20)

Inception — A major snow job from fair-haired filmmaker Christopher Nolan, nominally a science-fiction thriller focussed on some sort of psychic superspy (Leonardo DiCaprio, fully earning the furrow between his brows), an expert in the gentle art of "extraction," the stealing of conscious ideas from people when their guard is down in dreamland, now assigned the more difficult task of "inception," the planting of an idea in that same vulnerable state. Even for science fiction, the mumbo-jumbo to explain how all this works is exceptionally skimpy and unscientific; and the headlong propulsion of the plot, a vessel of commotion rather than of cogitation, allows no time for the mumbo-jumbo to sink in. The axiom that would seem to apply, the axiom that would seem to have been mislaid, is that if an artist is going to do something so "original" — as opposed to something as well-worn and easily understood as a time machine or a teleportation device — he must take care to instruct, to lay out the rules and regulations, to show the viewer the ropes. Else it's wildest whimsy, freest fancy. It might just be possible that if the viewer were to sit through this a second or third time, he might better come to know what's what. But a bloated running time of two and a half hours rather discourages that. On a first go-round, he's apt to find that the dream state decreases any caper-film tension and reduces the goings-on to mere spectacle. You just sit and watch. You don't worry. You don't care. And under the influence of the key piece of strategy from Nolan's *The Dark Knight*, namely Hans Zimmer's unrelenting grinding throbbing pounding music, you might crave either an aspirin or an antidepressant. Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ellen Page, Marion Cotillard. 2010.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Journey to the Center of the Earth — The Jules Verne novel serves as a factual guidebook for a week of uncle-nephew bonding. The 3-D effects can be a bit crude (twice we get spat in the face, once drooled in the face), and it takes a while to reach the fun stuff (the flying fish, the flesh-eating plants, the floating rocks, the lone dino), but at least the fun stuff is fun. With Brendan Fraser, Josh Hutcherson, and Anita Briem; directed by Eric Brevig. 2008.

★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/21 AND 22, 8:30

The Kids Are All Right — Carefully drawn family portrait in a rough, grainy, indifferent image, a "nontraditional" family let's swiftly say: two lesbian "Moms" or "Momses" with a biological son and daughter old enough to be curious as to the identity of their sperm-donor dad, who turns out to be a health-food restaurateur and organic gardener stuck in a sort of Sixties time warp: "Right on, right on. Cool. I love lesbians." There is perhaps a whiff of self-consciousness in the initial laying-out of the family dynamic, but that's not as egregious as the audience-consciousness of the plotty pot-stirring, the salacious lip-smacking, whereby the same-sex parents worry about the company their son keeps and wonder whether he's gay, and whereby, much worse, one of them succumbs to heterosexual temptation with, of all people, the laid-back sperm donor. All of the characters are nevertheless human and likable, even the one, believe it or not, played by Mark Ruffalo, even the teenagers, Mia Wasikowska and Josh Hutcherson. Director and co-writer Lisa Cholodenko shows a keen ear for modern talk and vogue vocabulary ("eco-friendly," "micromanaging," "counterintuitive," "composting," "heirloom tomatoes," "acai," etc.), and, assuming she knows what she's talking about, it's educational to learn why a lesbian couple would keep handy a DVD of gay male porn. Then too, whatever the contrivances, we get to watch two supremely skilled actresses at work, Annette Bening and Julianne Moore. 2010.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Lottery Ticket — A loser. Cheap humor, cheap sentiment, cheap filmmaking, around a $370 million jackpot, hit by a ghetto youth who doesn't know enough to sign his ticket before the news gets out. With Bow Wow, Brandon T. Jackson, Naturi Naughton, Loretta Devine, and Ice Cube; directed by Erik White. 2010.

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Nanny McPhee Returns — Emma Thompson reprises the title role, with Maggie Gyllenhaal and Maggie Smith, directed by Susanna White.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/20)

The Other Guys — Cop-partner comedy from Adam McKay, not to say cop-buddy, with Will Ferrell wobbly in tone as a contented desk jockey and Mark Wahlberg a steady straight man as a pent-up eager beaver. It evinces a deathly pale image, a fair amount of industry, and a few amusing ideas (a fight breaks out in whispers at a police funeral and carries on at a respectful volume), at least a skit's worth. Michael Keaton, Eva Mendes, Steve Coogan, Dwayne Johnson, Samuel L. Jackson. 2010.

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Patrik, Age 1.5 — Sven and Goran, a gay couple eager to adopt, are misled by a "small typographical error" into expecting their Patrik to be one-point-five years old instead of the troubled fifteen-year-old he turns out to be. It feels like a Swedish Afterschool Special: mild homophobia, a trial separation, everything smoothed over in the end with determined manipulation. Gaily-colored in the bargain. With Gustaf Skarsgard, Torkel Petersson, and Thomas Ljungman; written and directed by Ella Lemhagen. 2009.

★ (KEN, 8/20 THROUGH 26)

Piranha 3D — Fish attack with Richard Dreyfuss, Ving Rhames, and Elisabeth Shue, directed by Alexandre Aja.
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Salt — The Cold War refrozen: a subterranean population of Russian "sleeper" agents in a Destroy America operation that dates back to Lee Harvey Oswald. For a short time the film, like its patient spies, puts up a decent front. Director Phillip Noyce, who owns such respectable credits in the genre as *Patriot Games* and *The Quiet American*, oversees some nice subjective camerawork and high-pressure closeups, and he reaches a pitch of intensity in nothing flat. Liev Schreiber, Chiwetel Ejiofor, and Daniel Olbrychski all bring a compelling measure of commitment, and although Angelina Jolie in the title role of Evelyn Salt, ultra-modern Mata Hari, is so chiselled as to look out of place anywhere but in the funny pages, she reveals in the early going some becoming agitation and vulnerability. But then the chase is on, and is thereafter never really off. Huff-puff, huff-puff. Much like the deep-cover Russkies who finally drop their disguises, but much sooner, the film stops pretending to be a legitimate espionage drama and reveals itself for the silly dilly that it is, our saline protagonist altogether transforming herself into a cookie-cutter Kick-Ass Chick. The aficionado's sense of betrayal and outrage cannot be less acute than Uncle Sam's. The mindless action fan on the other hand, or more precisely the mindless fan of mindless action, should have no complaints, except maybe that even he'll be a step ahead of the revelations. 2010.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Scott Pilgrim vs. the World — More accurately Scott Pilgrim vs. Seven Evil Exes, six guys and one girl whom he must in some sense "defeat" in order to win the hand of the pink-haired, then blue-haired, then green-haired girl of his dreams. (Literally she first appeared to him, on skates, in a dream.) The serial conflicts, supernatural martial-arts contests punctuated with spelled-out sound effects in the style of the old *Batman* television show ("WHUMP!"), are so deep into fantasy that even a shoulderless wimp such as Michael Cera can compete, untrained, on equal footing. So deep indeed that we lose touch with the metaphor. In what sense, and why, must he best these out-of-the-picture rivals? The ironic facial expression of Mary Elizabeth Winstead, her raised-eyebrow skepticism, is very fetching even if not very revealing. Still, the singular triumph of this hard-trying movie is that Cera manages to hang onto his humanity, his Canadian modesty, his individualistic deft touch, his sidelong delivery of lines, amid all the brassy pop-culture self-consciousness, the comic-bookishness and video-gamesmanship, the distancing devices (superimposed title on a new setting: "Fun fact: This place is a toilet"), and the sophomoric cleverness of British director Edgar Wright (*Shaun of the Dead, Hot Fuzz)*. Wright's best gambits, which have the practical purpose of speeding the action along in addition to the purely ornamental purpose of showing off, are the dreamlike scene changes in mid-dialogue. With Ellen Wong, Kieran Culkin, Chris Evans, Jason Schwartzman. 2010.

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The Switch — Babymaking comedy starring Jennifer Aniston and Jason Bateman, co-directed by Josh Gordon and Will Speck.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/20)

Toy Story 3 — The second sequel adds little but minutes to the previous one, and for a computer-animated children's film it adds quite a lot of those, somewhere in the neighborhood of a hundred and five. In specific, the new 3-D adds little (but four dollars of admission) to the prevailing depth of field and openness of space. And the plot premise of the toys' boy going off to college, under orders from Mom to consign his childish things to either the attic or the trash, adds little to the torturous themes of change, aging, loss, death, that accrued from the prior premise of his going off to summer camp. Oh, the introduction of a Ken doll, a head of hair like a cowpat, at a hellish day-care center ("No one appreciates clothes here, Barbie"), adds some homo jokes suitable for the whole family, and the reprogramming of Buzz Lightyear to Spanish-language mode adds a benign Latin stereotype, but the *de rigueur* exhausting and exasperating finale (into the jaws of the landfill!) puts the capper on the general feeling of prolongation. With the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Joan Cusack, Michael Keaton; directed by Lee Unkrich. 2010.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Vampires Suck — Jason Friedberg's and Aaron Seltzer's spoof of the *Twilight* series, with Matt Lanter, Jenn Proske, Charlie Weber.
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The Wildest Dream: Conquest of Everest — Mountaineering documentary directed by Anthony Geffen, narrated by Liam Neeson.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/20)

Winter's Bone — Poky, low-key, somewhat parsimonious rural thriller with a simple set-up: if absent Dad, arrested for "cooking crank," the new moonshine of the Ozarks, fails to show for his court date, the family stands to lose the house he signed over for bond, and so it falls to his eldest daughter, not to the two young 'uns or the vegetative mother, to track him down, one redneck lowlife after another. The cloak of backwoods secrecy, to say nothing of the dialect, is so thick that it's difficult to determine where the threat might come from, or how, or why, and consequently difficult to share in the experience of the stoical seventeen-year-old who is at the center of every scene. We, far more than she, are in a figurative fog. But the atmosphere, even without literal fog, is also thick, no thanks to the greeny image or the arm-weary camerawork, and no need of the gratuitous skinning of a squirrel; and the authentic faces would appear to have been collected from the Depression photos of Dorothea Lange, including in a bit part a still recognizable Sheryl Lee, the murdered homecoming queen of *Twin Peaks* two decades earlier, and including, too, the angelic Jennifer Lawrence, who blends in well in the lead role and only occasionally looks as though she could be a spokesmodel for Pond's Cold Cream. Whatever the resolution lacks in tension or excitement, it makes up in the macabre, a climax to remember. John Hawkes, Dale Dickey, Garret Dillahunt, Lauren Sweetser; directed by Debra Granik. 2010.

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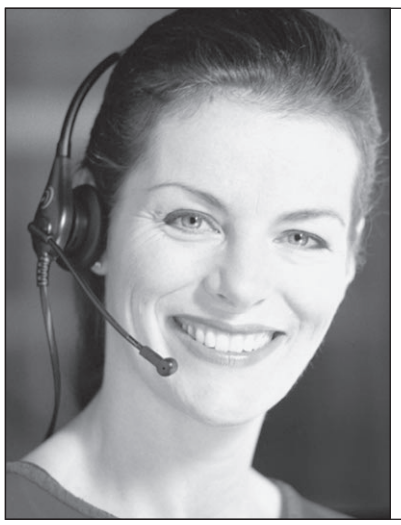

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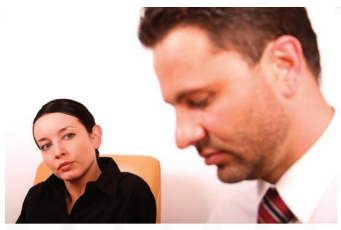

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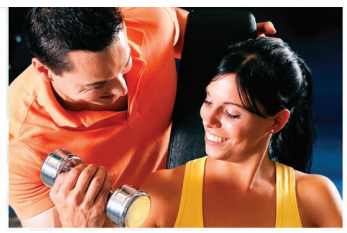

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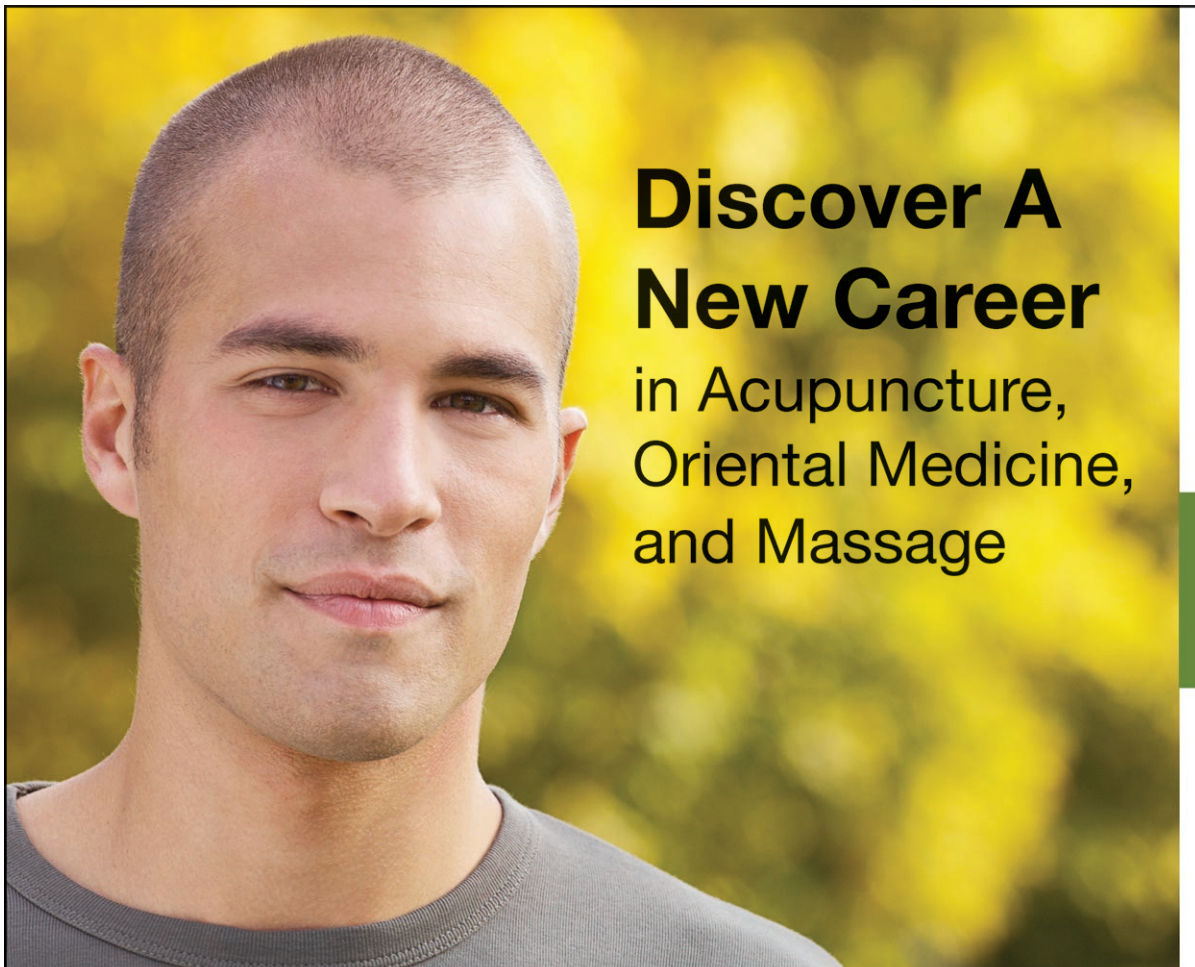

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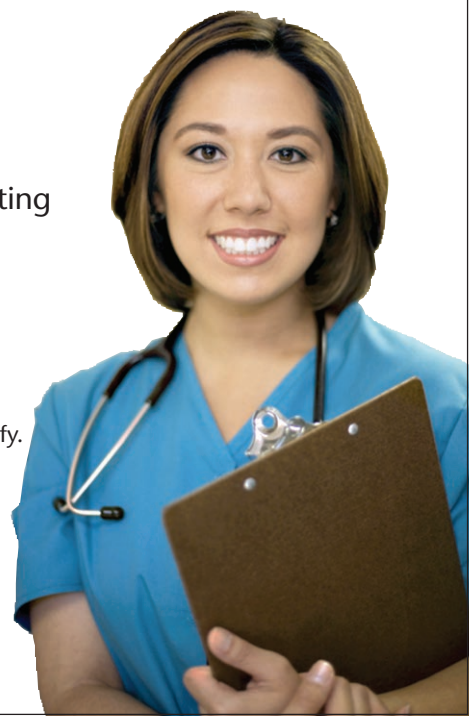

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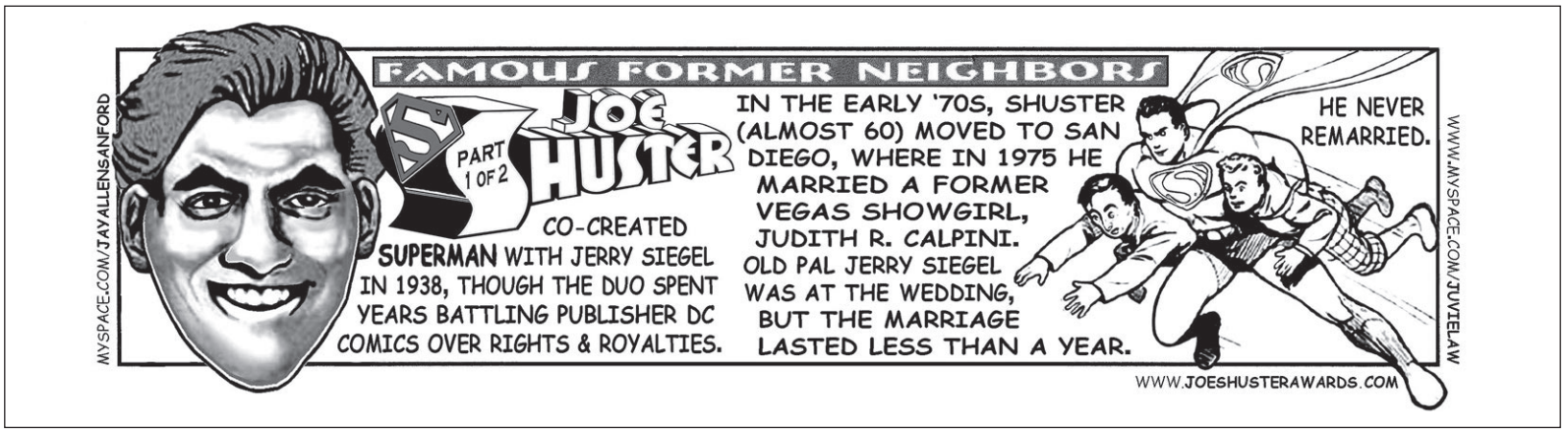

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ROOMMATES

Downtown

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Central San Diego

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East County

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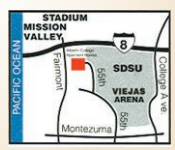

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1BD+1BA. Small manicured 6- unit complex. 1- car garage. Steps to surf. 723 Chalcedony. TPPM, 858-699-3851. www.torreypinespm.com.

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2BD+2BA, large upstairs unit in Crown Point. Appliances, private balcony, coin laundry. Garage space. No pets. Available 9/1410. 3711 Ingraham. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

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2BD+2BA. A must see in wonderful North Pacific Beach location; walk to beach, shops, restaurants. 939 Turquoise Street. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, $1495.
2BD+1BA, large upstairs front unit in North PB. Stove, refrigerator, private balcony. Coin laundry. Parking. Available 9/10/10. 830 Sapphire. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, $1550.
2BD+1.5BA townhouse in the heart of Pacific Beach. Designer paint, new carpet/ vinyl and washer/ dryer. Small private patio. 1 block to Vons shopping center and Garnet Ave. 1 off-street parking. Cat OK with $250 deposit. 1622 Emerald St. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

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2BD+1.5BA condo. Ocean view, fully remodeled, attached garage, washer/ dryer, fireplace, pool, recreation facility. Balboa Terrace. 619-204-3611.

PACIFIC BEACH, $1700.
2BD+2BA, master bedrooms, 1033 sqft, Plaza condominium. $1200 deposit. 2 covered parking. Mile to ocean. Near mall. Pool, Jacuzzi, gym, sauna, tennis courts, barbecue, billiard room. 1801 Diamond Street. 858-273-1189; 858-926-9674.

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PACIFIC BEACH, $1825.
2BD+2BA apartment in Crown Point. $900 deposit. 3850 Lamont Street. Spacious upper unit with sweeping bay view. Garage included. No pets. No cosigners. Available mid-August. 858-483-3221.

PACIFIC BEACH, $1850.
2BD+2BA, quiet townhouse. Private yard, fireplace. 2 parking spaces. Small, insurable pet OK! 858-274-4477.

PACIFIC BEACH, $1945.
2BD+1BA house. 3 blocks to beach. Wood floors, garage, washer/ dryer hookups, backyard. One- year lease. 1066 Wilbur. Appointment only. 858-454-0781.

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PACIFIC BEACH, $2400.
3BD+2BA,townhome at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac. Appliances plus laundry hookups. Fireplace. Balcony with bay view. Garage plus driveway parking. Gardener paid. Available 9/10/10. 2382 Chalcedony. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, $2500.
2BD+1BA, extra third bedroom, house. Washer/ dryer, microwave, stove, refrigerator, alley access (parking), driveway. Large private backyard. 1843 Beryl Street. 619-589-9855.

PACIFIC BEACH, $2700.
3BD+2BA townhouse recently remodeled with fireplace, granite countertops, nice appliances and private back patio. ***Open house Saturday, 8/21, 10-11am.*** 1852 Diamond Street #2. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, $2995.
3BD+2BA home. 2- car garage. Rooftop deck. Spacious kitchen, stainless steel appliances. 1723 Reed. Shore Management, 858-274.3500, www.shoremgmt.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, $795.
Studio+1BA, downstairs in a 6- unit complex near bay. $500 deposit. 4210 Haines Street, #2. Large Kitchen, seperate dining area. Sorry, no smoking/ no pets. Please call agent, 619-582-4119.

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PACIFIC BEACH, $860.
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PACIFIC BEACH, $875.
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PACIFIC BEACH, $975-1325.
1BD+1BA, $975. 2BD+1BA, $1325. Newly remodeled. Laundry, parking, dishwasher, ceiling fans, patio. 1941 Thomas. No pets. 619-279-0031.

PACIFIC BEACH, $975.
1BD+1BA apartment in small complex. Great location near Crown Point. Laundry. ***Open Saturday, 8/21, 11:30-12:30.*** 1811 Pacific Beach Drive #2. TPPM, 858-699-3851, www.torreypinespm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, $995.
1BD+1BA, extra large apartment. Quiet, lower level. Laundry, parking. Bright and sunny. Indoor cat OK. 2228 Felspar. 858-270-0929.

PACIFIC BEACH, $995.
1BD+1BA apartment. Downstairs attached cottage with backyard! No pets. 4228 Lamont St. Call 619-222-4836x14. www.liveatthebeachnow.com.

PACIFIC BEACH.
1BD+1BA apartment. Great values. Nice, convenient, multiple Pacific Beach locations. Studios from $770. 1 bedrooms from $1035. 2 bedrooms from $1475. Parking, laundry. Some buildings with gated entry, pool and/ or deck. No pets. 858-483-3796.

POINT LOMA, $1075.
1BD+1BA apartment. 4712 West Point Loma Boulevard. Great view/ location, minutes to I-8 and I-5. Close to Mission and Pacific Beaches. Available September 1. Call Antonio at 619-231-2727.

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POINT LOMA, $770.
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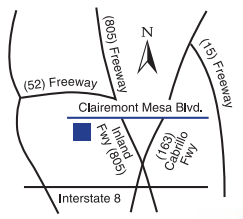

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THE READER PUZZLE :

RULES OF THE GAME

1) Submit your completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete and the results are posted online each week to sandiegoreader.com. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.
3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
4) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489** or **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to: puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.
5) 10 *Reader* T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!

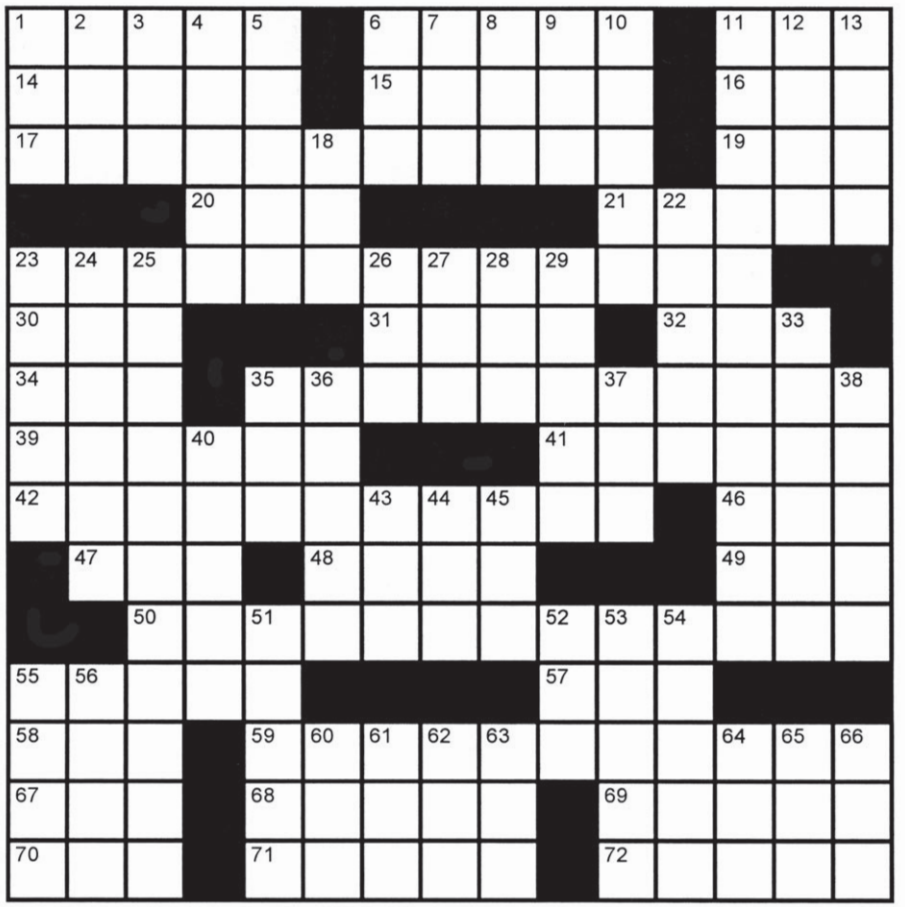
And now for the really small print:
1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
2) Late entries will not be considered.
3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
4) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

1. They often cross
6. "Life _____ short ..."
11. Mathematical proof letters
14. Keats'"_____ Melancholy"
15. Kind of whale
16. One in Oaxaca
17. Battle between Blue Jays and Orioles, perhaps
19. Extensive period
20. Sch. named for a televangelist
21. Painter's surface
23. It's strung for the wealthy
30. Italy's equivalent of the BBC
31. Earliest pope to receive the title "the Great"
32. Surgery ctrs.
34. Jerusalem is its cap.
35. 1957 Lana Turner film based a classic 1956 novel
39. Behave badly
41. Person in the morning
42. Chicken satay topping
46. Brian who produced several U2 albums
47. 1968 defeater of HHH
48. Heaps
49. Free (of)
50. People often feel uncomfortable when it's invaded
55. 661, to Seneca
57. Motorists' org.
58. Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Century
59. Shade close to aquamarine
67. Manage
68. Square
69. Quickly form a union?
70. Less than zero: Abbr.
71. 1959 John Knowles novel "A Separate _____" (or an apt description of something found in 17-, 23-, 35-, 42-, 50-, and 59-Across)
72. Navigational aid

Down

1. Soda
2. Picnic cupful
3. Pin near the gutter
4. Pay tribute to
5. Tangle
6. Suffix with Darwin
7. When flowers bloom: Abbr.
8. Black or green drink
9. Frodo foe
10. Seiko rival
11. Famous lyric in a 1956 Best Song Oscar winner
12. Grandson of Adam
13. "First, _____ harm" (medical axiom)
18. "The Sound of Music" extra
22. Cause of some food recalls
23. Get ready for a date
24. Less complex
25. Something a mold inspector might take
26. "Tarzan" star Ron
27. This, in Toulouse
28. "Rock and Roll, Hoochie _____"
29. Physics lab device, for short
33. Like overlooks
35. 1994 campus comedy
36. Singers Jones and James
37. Lead-in to law or med
38. Dwindle
40. Wing, perhaps
43. _____-pitch softball
44. Chicago's _____ Center
45. Tony winner Hagen
51. Shred
52. Fond du _____, Wisconsin
53. "Land _____!"
54. Poet Neruda
55. "Phooey!"
56. One of 78 in this puzzle
60. Opposite of WSW
61. "I figured it out!"
62. #1 on Air Force One
63. Uncover, in verse
64. Chaney of the silent era
65. Work _____ lather
66. Suffix with election



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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 6. *Congratulations Becky and Daniel.*
Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 6. *Did you see the perseid meteor shower?*
☛ **Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 6.** *Chargers look promising.*
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 6. *God is great!*
☛ **Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 6.** *I'll meet you at the sawdust festival Lee.*
Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 6. *How about some "hot August nights"?*
Leslie Chase, Campo, 6. *A weekend off! Yahoo!*
Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 6. *Never did understand the puzzle's theme.*
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 6. *Your name here- next week for only twenty dollars.*
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 6. *Ann Liebermann, you're a great treasure, and you guard one.*
Vince Cuseo, San Marcos, 6. *We're putting the band back togther.*
☛ **William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 6.** *Happy seventy fifth to bill!*
Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 6. *1965 ending Guinness quote? "Tonya! Can you play the Balalaiha?"*
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 6. *Congrats Stephanie and Jay!*
☛ **Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 6.** *Summer is finally here!*
Jacque Glick, El Cajon, 6. *I'm glad that finished!*
Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 6. *Go Padres!*
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 6. *Ryan Matthews ... good.*
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 6. *185 Squares correct!*
George Jackson, Oceanside, 6. *Don't blame me; I voted for the old guy.*
Sue Janisch, Escondido, 6. *30A- it's news in Italy?*
Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 6. *Bridge at 32.73879 N 117.16597 W.*
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 6. *Back on track.*
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 6. *Is the sauce ready yet?*
Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 6. *Famous is good- rich would be better.*
Bill Pischke, Ramona, 6. *Reader puzzle; please fix Leslie Chas's score by adding one.*
Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 6. *Have a happy Ramadan!*
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 6. *If I'm out does it mean I'm in?*
☛ **Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 6.** *What happened to my correct entry last week?*
Susan Williams, North Park, 6. *Paesano! A favorite North Park neighborhood restaurant!*
Rick Chambless, San Diego, 5. *I messed up the last one!*
Craig Curtis, Escondido, 5. *Happiness is a warm crossword and a Reader t-shirt.*
John L. Drehner, North Park, 5. *Fog the mind and tug at the heartstrings.*
George Elam, Vista, 5. *Are you ready for some?*
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 5. *Happy anniversary Max and Renee!*
Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 5. *Do you miss him, or are you happy he's gone?*
Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 5. *I love New York!*
Ron Hootman, Santee, 5. *Hoot101, oops, left out a letter- no cigar".*
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 5. *Goodbye summer!*
Ron Meyer, Santee, 5. *Tom, how can you be on vacation, I had a ?*
Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 5. *Parking lot answer 42, you defined the rules- follow them.*
Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 5. *Chandler is the expert at Realty Experts.*
Michael Sheridan, San Diego, 5. *Congrats.*
David Tomasin, San Diego, 5. *No on the sales tax.*
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 4. *Kris, how's the chicken bbq with the Cardiff ocean view?*
Kaye Benton, San Diego, 4. *No new stadiums! We need parks!*
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 4. *I'll be back.*
☛ **Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 4.** *Does anybody really cares?*
Rich Dudka, Escondido , 4. *No one got the Sunday taxes?*
Carolyn Foley, Carlsbad, 4. *Good to be back.*
Irvin C. Gavidor, Golden Hill, 4. *Hurricane season is round the corner at India Ink Papers.*
Mary E. Harris, La Mesa, 4. *Hang in there Padres!*
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 4. *Kiera! Bodo! Ignatz!*
Willie McGee, San Diego, 4. *Oil floats on water.*
Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific Beach, 4. *I love Larry! Hi poker friends.*
Jim Odell, Vista, 4. *Why not Wednesday delivery now?*
Jane M. Reilly, University City, 4. *Enjoy the challenge!*
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 4. *Treat others as they treat you.*
Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 4. *Go Ryan, Philip, Antonio, Shawne!*
Norman Williams, San Diego, 4. *What da fuss?*
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 4. *Sales tax increase equals recovery killer.*

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner**

Julie Dalforno, Serra Mesa, 3. *I love Tommy M.*
Walter Deegan, San Diego, 3. *Those ... will get you every time!*
Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 3. *My sheltie is the best dog ever!*
W. Hodgson, Escondido, 3. *Ah there's the rub. Lower an to the right.*
Mark E. Jones, Clairemont, 3. *Hey Barack, where's the transparency? And Birth Certif?*
Archie McAllister, Chula Vista, 3. *Gentlemen start your camoaigns.*
Sunny Nelson, El Cajon, 3. *Happy anniversary Mary Ann and Ron- congratulations best wishes! Suzie*
John Pilch, San Carlos, 3. *Please vote "no" on the sales tax increase "prop D".*
Don Romero, La Mesa, 3. *Ron, you have no clue where sweet Mei Ling is?*
Carly Stone, San Diego, 3. *Lioe simply so ...*
Ryan Bresnahan, San Diego , 2. *Go ...*
Maryann Cummings, Clairmont, 2. *Wedding bells for all Californians on August 18th. Rejoice!*
Allan Dorfman, Del Mar, 2. *Life is a puzzle with too many answers.*
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 2. *I think I've got it this week.*
☛ **Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 2.** *No Steelers/Chargers game this year? Someone's tired of losing.*
Ken Humpherys, Santee, 2. *Thought I'd something more to say.*
Al Maun, Ocean Beach, 2. *I'm lovin the weather.*
☛ **Rory Remer, Allied Gardens, 2.** *I need a job!*
Jack Roberts, Rancho Bernardo, 2. *It's a winner.*
☛ **Dee Smith, San Diego, 2.** *A winner.*
Nick Smith, San Diego , 2. *Alaska or bust.*
Alice Bryant, Mission Hills, 1. *Maggie S. steals- look out.*
Calvin Gipson, South Park, 1. *Congratulations Nia and Asha!*
Carl Hancoch, Point Loma, 1. *Hey Waterfront girls!*
Sarah Hyduke, Ocean Beach, 1. *Happy birthday Donna!*
Jason Kron, Lakeside, 1. *Got my Reader Saturday. Faxed 3:45 Sunday. Too late maybe?*
Stephen McLaughlin, Carlsbad, 1. *Wulf pack softball!*
Vaile Shelton, Escondido, 1. *Randy sorry about...*
Katie Whelan, Coronado, 1. ... *Good luck Tuesday!*
Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 1. *Now that the ocean got wet, I'm letting it stay wet.*

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1) Submit one completed puzzle of any difficulty level (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil) to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete and the results are posted online at sandiegoreader.com. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.

2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

4) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to: Sudoku@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

5) 10 *Reader* T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!

6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

EASY:

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MEDIUM:

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HARD:

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We cannot accept your entry without the following:

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

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2	6	4	3	1	9	7	8	5
6	2	9	8	7	5	3	4	1
7	4	1	6	3	2	8	5	9
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MEDIUM:

2	9	5	6	3	7	1	8	4
3	8	1	4	5	9	2	6	7
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9	5	2	1	8	3	4	7	6
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HARD:

9	4	2	8	7	3	5	6	1
3	5	1	6	2	9	8	7	4
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EVIL:

6	5	3	8	2	4	1	9	7
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SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

Now you can go online to check your ranking and communicate with each other! Simply visit: www.SDReader.com/puzzle. The new ranking is posted each Wednesday. To use the "comments" feature, you must be a registered site member.

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

EASY:

Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 6. *Go Twins!*

Pauline O'Malley, Point Loma, 6. *Work hard to get it right.*

John Pertle, Santee, 6. *Belive in the lord Jesus and you will be saved.*

☛ **Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 6.** *Great time to buy water and energy saving appliances.*

Felix E. Charfauros, San Diego, 5. *Even this "easy" is getting harder to solve quickly...*

Erin Nogle, Ocean Beach, 4. *Welcome back to the real world!*

Ellen Bourne, San Carlos, 3. *Where did August go?*

Jason Kron, Lakeside, 3. *Grunion: fierce warriors from the island of Grun, Mr Dry...*

Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 3. *Happy birthday lil' Jessica! We love you! Misty Anette Viktoria!*

Carmel Williams, Tucson, 3. *Good bye SD until November.*

Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 3. *Good luck on your finals, City College students :^)*

Monique Germain, San Diego, 2. *I love San Diego; the number 1 place to be.*

Christopher Guy, Lakeside, 1. *Play sudoku daily my friends on android.*

Wyatt Kaufman, Woodland Hills, 1. *Thanks grandad.*

Kyle Lundy, Simi Valley, 1. *Thanks grandad.*

☛ **Remy C. Nicholas, San Diego, 1.** *This entry I hope I'm a winner of a t-shirt.*

MS Prades, La Jolla, 1. *I love you AC!*

MEDIUM:

Linda Bible, El Cajon, 6. *Using god's strength in all things since mom's death.*

Paul Boland, Bay Park, 6. *It's time for more rain.*

Harry Chiou, Mira Mesa, 6. *P8 is illegal!*

Josie Ranches, San Diego, 6. *Love peace and joy.*

Dave Small, San Carlos, 5. *Go Padres!*

Bill Calderwood, Clairemont, 4. *Good ... to das patr...*

Elliott Estrine, Poway, 4. *Piece of cake.*

Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 3. *Issach is G! Happy birthday! Mom and dad love you!*

M. Elliott, Rancho Bernardo, 3. *My favorite weather is 70 degrees.*

David Mills, San Diego, 3. *The longest journey begins with the first step!*

Melquiades B. Rivera, Spring Valley, 3. *Hi Andrew (grand son) C. doing great in school.*

M. Shoaee, Rancho Bernardo, 3. *You need to fall to rise!*

☛ **Lark Herrick, Alpine, 2.** *Let's go for the trifecta.*

Lanora Manzano, Escondido, 2. *This way easy. Go Padres!*

David Tomasin, San Diego, 2. *No on the sa...*

Jim Felix, Pacific Beach, 1. *Happy birthday Johnnie Davis.*

Richard Markson, Indio, 1. *Thanks Judi*

☛ **Elizabeth Miller, San Diego, 1.** *I don't want fame and glory just a Reader t-shirt.*

Janrey Romanes, National City, 1. *Don't give up, twist your mind.*

Rick Rotsch, Ocean Beach, 1. *Hydroelectric geothermal, solar, and wind are renewable energy.*

Kelly Sakoi, Rancho Penasquitos, 1. *Go Padres!*

Emily Tang, San Diego, 1. *I love my family!*

Cheryl Uppling, Carlsbad, 1. *Bodo! Bodo! Bodo! Such a good boy.*

HARD:

Basima Albana, El Cajon, 6. *IBIS market and deli sandwiches the best.*

Wayne Ameele, Penasquitos, 6. *San Diego is the best place to live!*

Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 6. *The first sudoku was published in 1979.*

Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 6. *Nadie to hace enojar, te enojas porque tu quieres...*

Green Dave Gietzen, Sunset Cliffs, 6. *A taste of honey: Tasting much sweeter than wine. Hollies*

Ed Rull, San Diego, 6. *Go Padres, let us sweep the Giants!*

Skully, San Diego, 6. *I love my kitten, cant wait to hold you again!*

Esther Hays, La Mesa, 5. *So many projects, so little time.*

Steve Schorr, Encinitas, 4. *Jackson, McNeil- take 3 million and be happy.*

Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 4. *Santana Mutti class reunion Aug 21. Santee Lakes.*

A T Certik, Bonita, 3. *Affenscheisse!*

Mary E. Harris, La Mesa, 3. *Happy birthday, Kaitlin and Hanna!*

Rei Tang, San Diego , 3. *Fidelity*

Patrick Driscoll, Santee, 2. *Tommorows just a future yesterday.*

☛ **John Gaughen, North Park, 2.** *Ava and Audrey- congrats on dance camp.*

☛ **Teri Gharring, Rolando Park, 2.** *Gotta love it!*

Jonathon McMurtry, Vista, 2. *"All the worlds a stage" and we are "merely players".*

Gordon Ritchie, Tierrasanta, 2. *Eighth time in the water (hard).*

Alice C. Bryant, Mission Hills, 1. *So does Thomas C Leah.*

Alan Garcia, Mira Mesa, 1. *Yipes on cake!*

Gerty Garcia, San Diego, 1. *Practice- practice- pratice.*

Steve Krasner, San Diego, 1. *Go Pads!*

Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 1. *Hard puzzle was a challenge.*

Rebekah Mathieu, San Diego, 1. *Next time I will defeat evil!*

Kelly Phu, San Diego, 1. *Where is my t-shirt?*

Marjie Souza, Ocean Beach, 1. *Hail sunshine!*

EVIL:

Loren Boyer, El Cajon, 6. *Stunning Rita starts her dream walk here. ... Mulholland Dr.*

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 6. *You can't bring candy to a taffy pull- Greg Carroll.*

Cheryl Deegan, Scripps Ranch, 6. *Countdown to Ireland- 23 days.*

☛ **Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 6.** *I wish I knew what happened last week.*

Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 6. *See you in Nevada.*

J Gorman, UTC, 6. *Do not be discuraged!*

Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 6. *Perry's Café on PCH best breakfast in town.*

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 6. *I hope that word was by.*

Richard Hutchings, Santee, 6. *27 more needed for my grandchildren.*

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 6. *Note: a big drop in the 5 group last week.*

☛ **Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 6.** *Contrary to popular belief, I don't believe I'm very popular.*

David Najman, Chicago, 6. *Scary cover this week. The world needs more good people.*

Michael Panther, Point Loma, 6. *I totally got last week's puzzle correct. I checked.*

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 6. *Parking lot answer 42, you defined rules- follow them.*

Charles Rion, Allied Gardens, 6. *Another door wil open!*

L.J. Tamura, Del Mar, 6. *Didn't get in last week- maybe too many others sudoku-ing!!*

Arturo Vazquez, San Diego, 6. *Go Padres! And go Chargers!*

Mark Xitco, San Diego, 6. *Thanks to all!*

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Penasquitos, 5. *Superior race is human race- we must respect all life.*

Carl Baltrunas, Milpitas, 5. *Thank you Jeff Loeb- evil was a stumper this week.*

Bill Black, La Jolla, 5. *We need jobs- not handouts.*

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

Greg Chauncey, La Jolla, 5. *Evil was easy at 1.5 hours*
Alford Claiborne, Encanto, 5. *It's a San Francisco summer.*
Larry Clark, Clairemont, 5. *St Cyril class of 1965. We still all look good.*
Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 5. *Reader has the best puzzles.*
Roger Doughman, San Diego, 5. *Psalms 37:3,...*
Rich Dudka, Escondido, 5. *Padres rock!*
Michelle Dutra, Serra Mesa, 5. *Hello sunshine!*
George Elam, Vista, 5. *Where did all the spiders come from?*
Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 5. *Hey! The email address has changed!*
Jim Hurley, San Diego, 5. *Where has all the flour gone?*
Saad Kassab, Mission Hills, 5. *Try IBIS market hommus.*
Roy E. Leeper, Chula Vista, 5. *We're thankful Mary gets to stay in her home.*
Stuart Lester, Santee, 5. *Adeline, Joe, Guy and Vicky, thinking of you with love.*
Julio Magno, San Diego, 5. *Going to Hawaii in two days!*
Hiroshi Miyazaki, San Diego, 5. *How do you like my new fridge?*
Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 5. *Does Mary Bentley still play dominoes??? Please call.*
Tom Norris, Santee, 5. *When I get 400 dollars... I'm gonna see Melinda.*
Le Phan, La Jolla, 5. *Viva La Jolla!*
David Schwartz, Clairemont, 5. *Hurry up and be football season already!*
Jim Upshaw, Clairemont, 5. *Happy in love.*
Tom Burgeson, Clairmont, 4. *V-a-c-a-t-i-o-n!*
David Holbo, San Carlos, 4. *Freedom is a chance to be better.*
Joan Hubert, Clairmont, 4. *Listen to your voice.*
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 4. *Best weather ever! Padres still hangin' in this race.*
Joe Selig, San Diego, 4. *Sound bites and bumper stickers speak oh no!*
Rob Welder, El Cajon, 4. *Thank you for the shirt surfs up...*
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 4. *Barack never met a...*
☛ **Travis Davidson, Pacific Beach, 3.** *Double check your work.*
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 3. *Hi Kiera! Hi Bodo!*
Kitten, Coronado, 3. *Love you Monkeyboy! Feel better Puzzle Lady!*
Al Maun, San Diego, 3. *What happened to Lin Jakary?*
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 3. *I'm thirsty, it's time to stomp the brewers!*
☛ **Larry Terbell, Golden Hill, 3.** *It's almost football season again.*
Tom Thetford, Lemon Grove, 3. *Too late to get in again.*
Elizabeth Baddour, Carmel Valley, 2. *If only it was this simple to overcome true evil.*
Brad Custenborder, San Diego, 2. *Padres, sweep the Giants! Eat your words Sanchez.*
Lori Deaton, San Diego, 2. *It takes practice to be happy.*
Joseph Marquez, Chula Vista, 2. *happy birthday Cyn!*
Spanky's Toilets, Carlsbad, 2. *www dot spankysps dot com*
Carolyn Woodbury, Chula Vista, 2. *To increase mpg: properly inflate tires and slow down.*
Bob Baumgarten, Clairmont, 1. *Let's hear it for Marine Street.*
Margarito Calleja, Chula Vista, 1. *Hello I'm here.*
Norris Favaroth, La Mesa, 1. *I hope everyone is having a great summer!*
Larry Foster, Mission Hills, 1. *I've finally beaten evil!*
S Rice, Allied Gardens, 1. *Mr Rewa, it's time to get over the brainstorm puzzle.*
Susumu Shirayama, San Diego , 1. *It was hard!*
Marina Stevenson, Clairmont, 1. *Go go Padres!*

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Brainstorms

by Don Rubin

Call It Macaroni

Most Americans don't know their acini pepe from their elbow macaroni. And it's a shame, really, because every pasta configuration has its own flavor and consistency.

To prove my point (or maybe just because I've gotten a little hungry), I'd like you to identify the various macaroni shapes based on the shopping list I've provided.

And, just to be fair about it, Italian participants should pour a cup of their mother's favorite sauce over the page before beginning.

Fork ready?

acini pepe
cavatelli
ditali
farfalle
fetuccelle
fidelini (or vermicelli)
riccini
gnocchi
stelline
margherite
maruzze (or conchiatelle)
mostaccioli
occhi di lupo
orzo
perciatelli
gemelli
rotelli
manicotti
tortellini (or cresti degallo)
tripolini
tubetti
tufoli (or cannelloni)
ziti (or mezzani)
fusilli
rigatoni
lasagne
torroncini

We cannot accept your entry without the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Personal Message: _____

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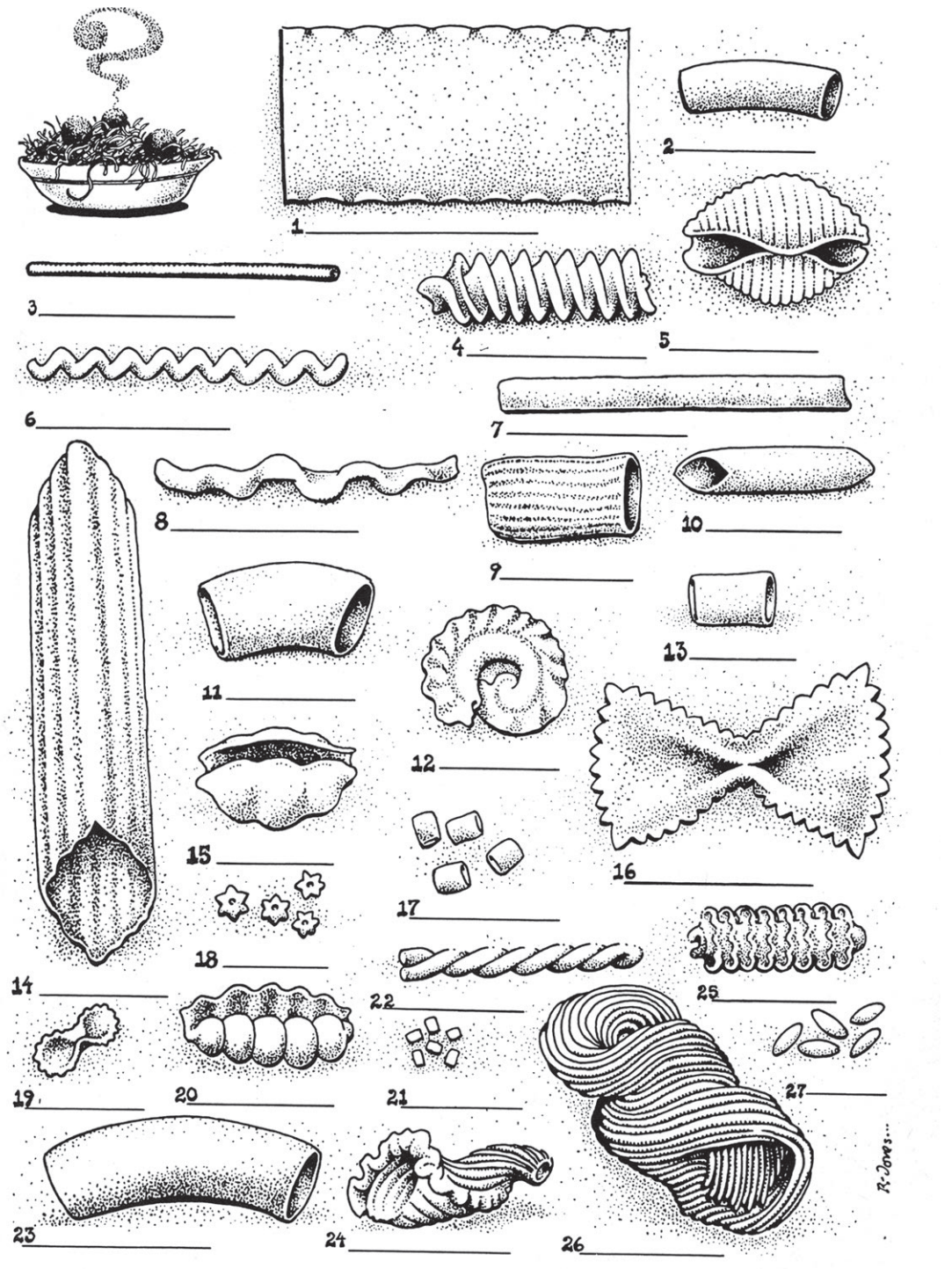

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

Dots

Assuming that you didn't cheat (i.e., use a four-letter word like "wear" to create a two-letter word like "we"), this should have been relatively easy. At least for optometrists.

The only questionable letter I spotted was an "S," which could have been used, quite legitimately, after either BEG or ION.

Arm
Beg(s)
By
Chide
Dots
Going
Ice
Ion(s)
Maze
Me
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On
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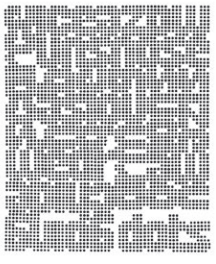

BRAINSTORM PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

1) Submit one completed puzzle to the Reader each week for entry into another contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete and the results are posted online at sandiegoreader.com. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.

2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

4) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803 or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy or scanned and e-mailed to: Puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

5) 5 Reader T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!

6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

S. Rice, Allied Gardens, 6. *Mr Rewa, it's time to get over the brainstorm puzzle.*
Ed Barno, San Diego, 5. *Conway said it best that was clever!*
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 5. *I have more culture than french yougurt.*
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 5. *Thanks to JC for all the brainstorms' help!*
☛ **Conway Redding, La Mesa, 5.** *Braille might have been easier.*
John Strauch, San Diego, 5. *Mount Islip to Baden-Powell traverse in the San Gabriels.*
Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 4. *I'm seeing spots before my eyes...*
Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 3. ...
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 3. *My eyes are bleeding!*
Jason Parson, San Diego, 3. *I'm seeing spots! Thanks for the t-shirt!*
Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 3. *Parking lot answer 42, you defined rules-follow them.*
John Fitzpatrick, San Diego, 2. *Cheer up, hope springs eternal.*
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 2. *Thank you Adobe for inventing Postscript!*
Joe Salazar, Point Loma, 2. *First time I had to dot my I's and my...*
Craig Stein, El Cerrito, 2. *Happy anniversary to my beautiful wife. I love you, Danielle.*
☛ **Cheryl Uppling, Carlsbad, 2.** *Fun stuff! Bodo- such a good boy! Birds, birds, birds!*
☛ **Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 2.** *Dot was a lot of fun!*
Andy Boucek, El Cajon, 1. *I can hardly belive it's been 17 years! Love you.*
Django Brandon, San Diego, 1. *Feeling a little crossed eyed.*
Felix E. Charfauros, San Diego, 1. *I was definitely inventive on this puzzle.*
Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 1. *Aug 5 issue shows I won a t-shirt, but didn't...*
Ryan Forsythe, Alpine, 1. *Scarce size dots maze by me.*
Wendy Hamilton, North Park, 1. *Wou'll want to kiss my what?*
George Navia, San Diego, 1. *... —- ..., - ... ... - .-. -. .—. .-.. ..., George.*
Gwendolyn Pogrowski, Clairemont, 1. *Cool puzzle.*
☛ **Barbara Rauch, Escondido, 1.** *I love Brainstorming.*
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 1. *The smile remains the same.*
Marc Richard, Banker's Hill, 1. *Cheshire cats are more than just smiles.*
George Saunders, Chula Vista, 1. *Teacher teeacher whats the right answer?*
V. Slipper, Del Mar, 1. *Dot's it.*
Dave Small, San Carlos, 1. *reading around the dots.*
John Stevenson, Clairemont, 1. *Go Padres!*
☛ **Peter Vagnino, Little Italy, 1.** *Woohoo! I did it!*
Al Vizcarra, Tecate, 1. *See spot run...*
Glenn A. Walker, Pacific Beach, 1. *I'm seeing spots before my eyes!*
Robert Welder, El Cajon, 1. *This was a fun one took 5 people to figure...*
Westie, San Diego, 1. *The Wiz at the Lyceum.*

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LEAD STORY

A severe but underappreciated American drug problem (sometimes deadly and often expensive) is patients' failure to take prescribed medications — even to save their own lives (such as with anti-coagulants or cholesterol-regulating statins). In recent pilot programs, according to a June *New York Times* report, compliance rates have been significantly improved — by giving patients money ($50 to $100 a month, sometimes more) if they remember to take their drugs. Data show that such compliance subsidies reduce society's overall healthcare costs by preventing expensive hospital admissions.

Government in Action

— Labor unions' sweet, recession-proof contract with the New York City area's severely cash-strapped Metropolitan Transportation Authority last year provided 8,074 blue-collar workers (conductors, engineers, repairmen, etc.) with six-figure compensation, including about 50 who earned $200,000 or more. Researchers cited by the *New York Times* in April found that one Long Island Rail Road conductor made $239,148, about $4,000 more than the MTA's chief financial officer and about $48,000 short of being the highest-paid person in the entire system. Included in some of the fat payouts for LIRR locomotive engineers was special "penalty" pay (about $94,600, in one case) for engineers who are required to move a train to a different location from its normal assignment.

— Arizona recently implemented a $1.25 million federal grant in order to attempt saving the lives of at least five squirrels a year. The state's 250 endangered Mount Graham red squirrels risk becoming roadkill on Route 366 near Pima, and the state is building a rope bridge for them to add to several existing tunnels.

Great Art!

— At a June concert in Australia's Sydney Opera House, American musicians Laurie Anderson and Lou Reed performed Anderson's 20-minute, very-high-pitched composition "Music for Dogs," an arrangement likely to have been largely unmelodious to humans, who generally cannot hear such high pitches, but of more interest to dogs, who can. (Dogs were permitted in the audience, but news reports were inconclusive about their level of enjoyment.)

— Many jihadist recruiting pitches are dry and pious, but in May, the Somali activist Abu Mansoor al-Amriki, 26, who was born in Alabama, began streaming internet rap "music" videos to encourage warrior sign-ups. (Sample verse: "It all started out in Afghanistan/ When we wiped the oppressors off the land/ The Union crumbled and tumbled/ Humbled, left them mumbled/ Made a power withdraw and cower.") Actually, there was no music but merely al-Amriki singing, presumably because in the version of Islam favored by Somali jihadists, "music" is not permitted.

Fine Points of the Law

— In Rehoboth Beach, Del., it is illegal for men and women to publicly reveal their genitals and for women to reveal their breasts, but police chief Keith Banks, confronted in June with complaints about some beachgoers flouting their shapely breasts, said there was nothing he could do. Banks said the offenders were actually biological males in the midst of hormonal transgendering. As Banks explained, "[T]hey had male genitalia. Therefore, they were not guilty of a crime."

— In April, Prince Edward Island (Canada) judge John Douglas acquitted minor-league hockey player Chris Doyle of assaulting his former girlfriend, though Doyle had arrived at her home uninvited, had annoyed and berated her, and would not leave. The girlfriend was injured when Doyle punched a door, causing it to smash against her face, but Judge Douglas accepted that Doyle did not know she was behind the door. Said the judge, "If he was charged with being a colossal asshole, I would find him guilty. Of 'assault causing bodily harm,' I find him not guilty."

Bizarre Politics

— While still chairman of the Florida Republican Party, Jim Greer ordered the continuous shuttling of emergency "notes" to him during a Republican National Committee meeting, and according to an April *Orlando Sentinel* profile, the "notes" were all blank. A Florida RNC official concluded that Greer was trying to make himself appear important to his colleagues. (In June, Greer was indicted on six felony counts related to raiding the state party's treasury.)

— At a forum in May for county school-board aspirants in Orlando, Fla., candidate John Mark Coney took the floor to read passages from the Bible and then to emphasize his suitability for office by announcing that he, at age 53, is a virgin.

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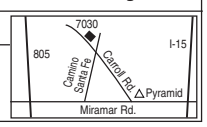

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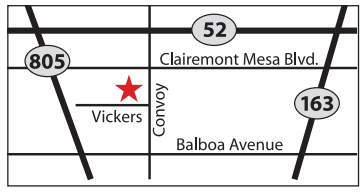

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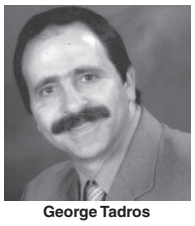

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BASSET/PLOTT HOUND MIX. Rescued male. Toby is 2 years old, 40lbs. Gentle, mellow, sweet, friendly with children and all people. Plays, fetches, walks well on leash. Unusual looks, like an overgrown dachshund. A charmer. Has shots, is neutered. Los Angeles area. See him: www.dogswithoutborders.org, "Adoptable Dogs."

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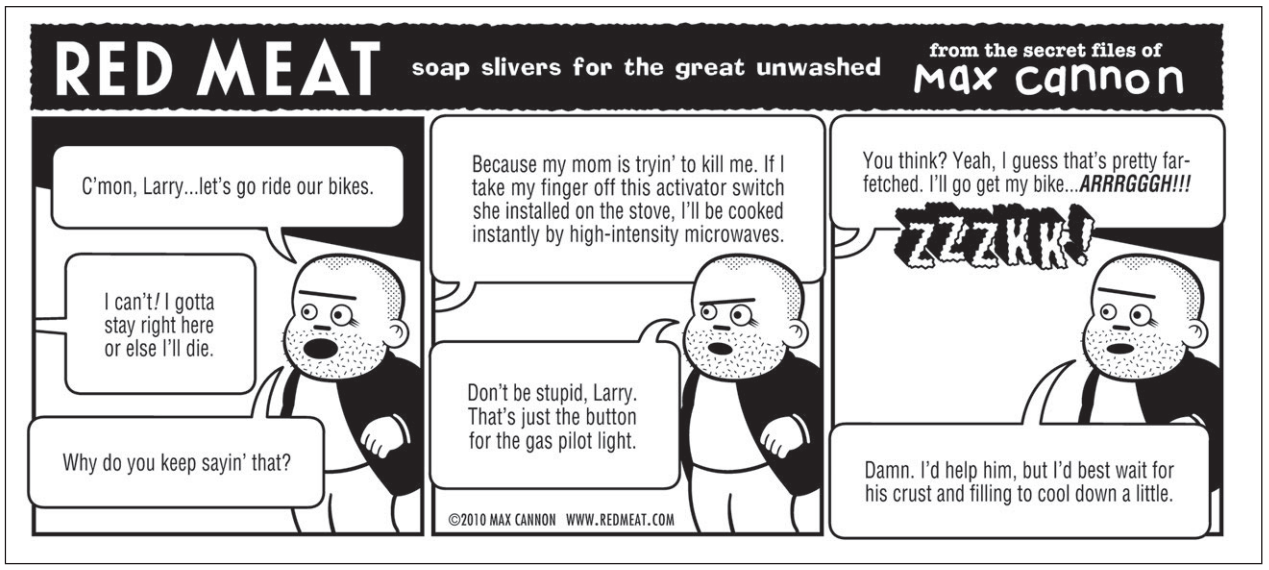

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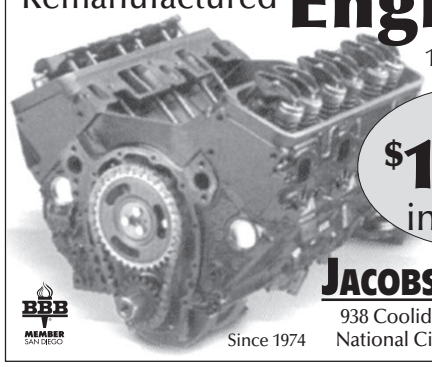
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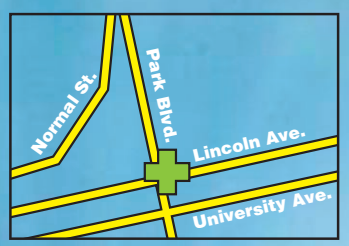

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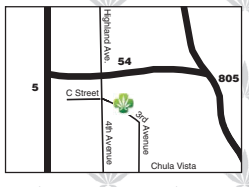

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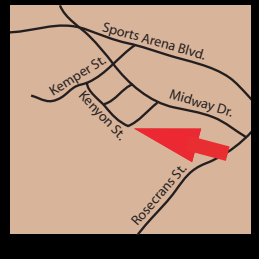

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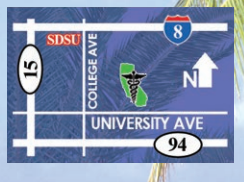

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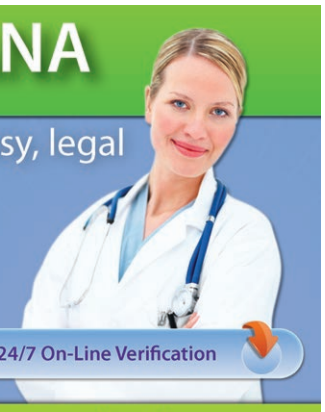

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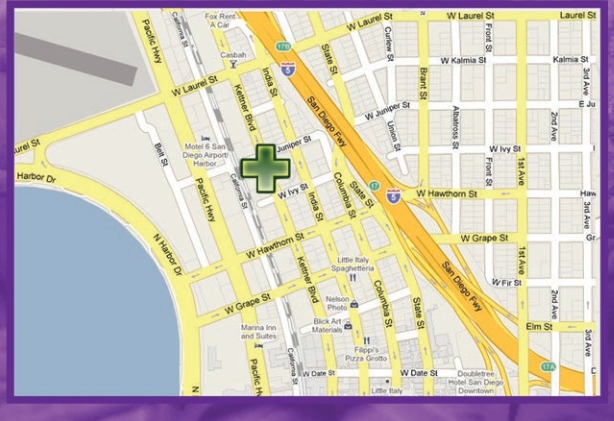

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