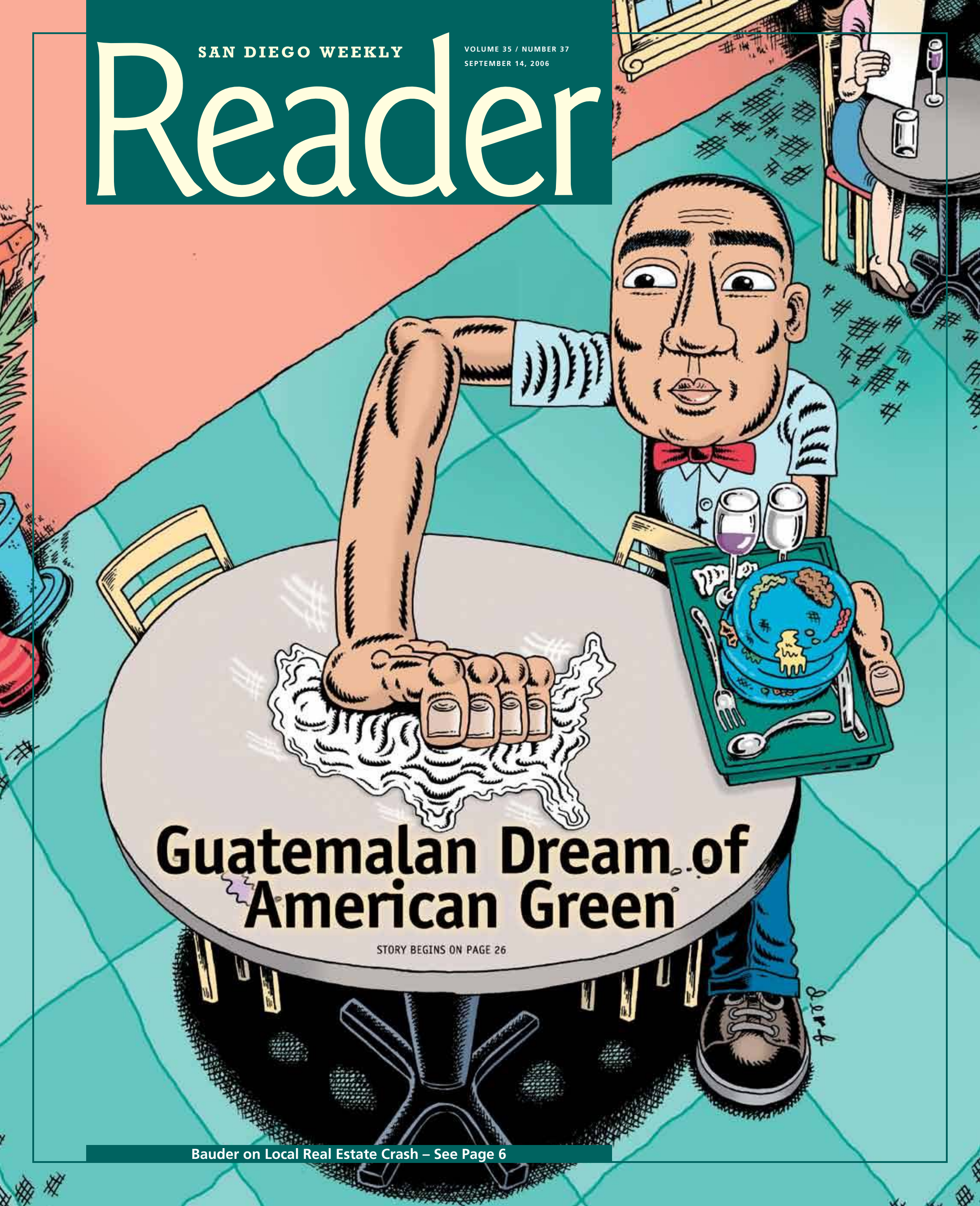


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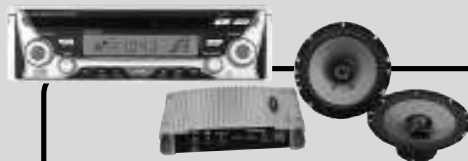
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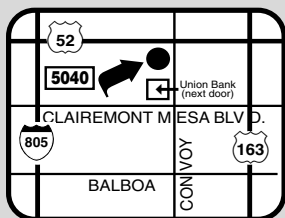


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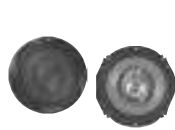
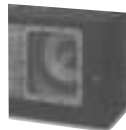
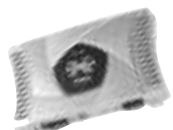
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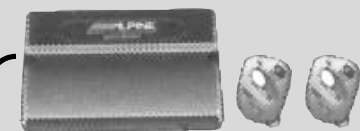
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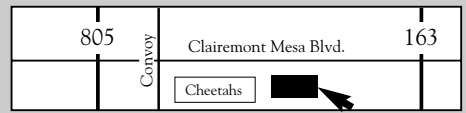
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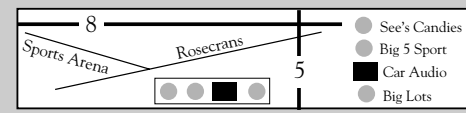
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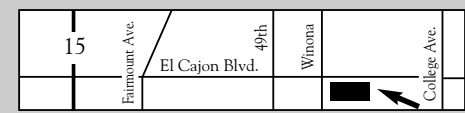
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Fast bucks San Diego city council staffers make a lot of money, but they are way outdistanced by their counterparts over at the County. At city hall, only one chief of staff, **Ben Hueso's Ana Molina-Rodriguez**, who makes \$101,982, cracks the six-figure barrier. At the County, on the other hand, all of the five supervisors' top assistants are well into that heady range. At the top of the list is **Greg Cox's** chief of staff, **Pamela O'Neil**, who gets \$122,188.80, according to documents recently released by the County after a request under the state's Public Records Act. Cox's website says O'Neil, who joined his staff after he took office in 1995, had been "the senior policy advisor" to Cox's First District predecessor, **Brian Bilbray**, from 1985 through 1994.

Next comes **John Weil, Pam Slater-Price's** longtime chief of staff, with \$120,094. Then there is **Geoffrey Patnoe**, who works for **Dianne Jacob**; he's paid \$116,084. A former aide to **Pete Wilson** and onetime high-tech PR man as well as ex-executive director of the San Diego Taxpayers Association, Patnoe is credited on Jacob's website with being "one of the lead political strategists behind the voter-approval of Petco Park, the downtown home of the San Diego Padres."

Fourth in line at the trough, at \$119,038, is **Joan Wonsley**, whose previously undisclosed real estate dealings with boss **Bill Horn** stirred up controversy during the campaign season but didn't get in the way of his reelection bid. Finally comes **Darren Pudgil**, chief of staff for **Ron Roberts**, with a not-so-measly \$109,012. According to the Roberts website, "In 2003, Darren took a leave of absence to work on **Arnold Schwarzenegger's** campaign for Governor of California. He served as media liaison for **Maria Shriver** and also coordinated election day media coverage at the Schwarzeneggers' polling place in Pacific Palisades."

The second-highest-paid assistants in each office are Slater-Price's **Y. Sachiko Kohatsu** (\$83,163); Horn "senior policy advisor" **David Graham** (\$80,017); Jacob PR woman **Jennifer Stone**, an ex-radio news reporter (\$75,955); Cox PR aide **Nicole Cretelle** (\$75,052); and Roberts "scheduler/office manager" **Charista Toomer** (\$62,734). Each supervisor is paid \$119,810. Ranked by total salary expenditures, Slater-Price comes first with \$715,183; followed by Cox (\$693,138); Jacob (\$649,940); Horn (\$628,046); and Roberts (\$517,099). Two employees in the board's front office get a total of \$85,969, for a grand staffing total of \$3,289,377.

Don't go near the foam With all that publicity about bad water at Mission Bay this summer, it's no wonder that some people have gotten the heebie-jeebies about the place. Even **Cindy Hedgecock**, wife of fallen San Diego mayor and right-of-center radio-talk-show host **Roger Hedgecock**,

has gotten the bug. After days of media reports of high bacteria counts near popular bay-front swimming beaches, Cindy, who lives on the bay, fired off an e-mail to her city councilman, **Kevin Faulconer**, to which she attached a series of photos showing a mysterious, ugly white foam she said had suddenly begun washing up on the shore at Sail Bay. "These were taken at 7:30 this morning, August 1," she wrote. "Are these going to be on the next tourist brochure? What is going on? What can I do to help?" Under a photo of a bird standing forlornly next to a line of foam, Hedgecock added, "How sad is this?????" Faulconer forwarded her complaint to the city's Metropolitan Wastewater Department, which whipped up a response to the foamy question three days later. "Storm Water staff noticed similar whitish foam on the Visitors' Center southerly shoreline during recent visits to Mission Bay," wrote deputy director **Chris Zirkle** and storm water specialist **Ruth Kolb**. "Foam at the Visitors' Center is similar to that documented by Ms. Hedgecock." But not to worry: "According to County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health staff, the presence of whitish to brownish foam on the shorelines is an annual occurrence during the spring and summer in the region. When kelp, eelgrass, plankton and other organic plant material die, they release proteins which are emulsified into foam by wind and wave action."

Jerry's brokers San Diego mayor

Jerry Sanders has finally picked a long-awaited high-dollar consultant to help him restructure the city's Real Estate Assets Department. And the winner is: the brokerage firm of Grubb & Ellis. That's according to the City's

Jim Anthony, who says he expects G&E to dig right into the trouble-filled department and come up with a report by sometime around Thanksgiving. According to city documents, the so-called Real Estate Service Provider will "provide the review and analysis required to recommend improvements to the Real Estate Asset Department's organizational structure, management practices, business processes, and operations. The RESP shall provide recommendations to maintain or improve upon the transparency, professionalism and sound business practices of READ while enabling the achievement of fiscal and community policy goals." Whatever. Taxpayers will fork over \$250,000 to the company. Losing applicants for the job, says Anthony, were Chicago-based Equis, CB Richard Ellis, and Gensler. Insiders say the contract is only the first step toward outsourcing most or all municipal real estate management to local real estate dealers, many of whom contributed heavily to the mayor's campaign kitty.

— Matt Potter

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The Upride Ends: Now It Gets Interesting

By Don Bauder

From bubble bailout to debt deflation? That would be the most dangerous fallout from the bursting real estate bubble. The doomsday scenario isn't likely, but San Diegans must face grim facts: the steady rise in home values, one of the steepest in the

is debt deflation: people cutting their spending to continue paying their mortgage, thus crimping the local economy.

That will happen to some degree, but how much is hard to predict: "We are already seeing a housing slowdown," says James Hamilton, economist at the University of California, San Diego. "We see an increase in defaults; we certainly see price declines. Is this



PERCENT OF SAN DIEGO EMPLOYMENT

	2002	2006
Construction	6.21	7.27
Real Estate Offices	1.67	1.81
Total	7.88	9.08*

*Does not include mortgage brokers and bankers or individual real estate entrepreneurs
Source: SANDAG

nation, is over. People went deeply and dangerously into debt to buy homes they couldn't afford. Rising home values bailed them out for years. No more. Sales are down sharply; prices are finally edging down. Now the risk

going to be a temporary adjustment or a full-out crash with bankruptcies and panic selling? I just don't know."

July's home sales in the county were down 30 percent from a year ago, according to La Jolla's DataQuick

Information Systems. The median price of homes of all kinds in July was \$487,000, down 1.8 percent from a year earlier. Detached single-family homes (condos not included) had a median of \$560,000, the same as a year ago. Some sellers of downtown condos are already taking a haircut of 10 percent or more. These quoted prices are deceptively high because sellers often won't go below a certain price, and carrying costs can eat them alive as the home sits on the market.

It's a stark contrast to the boom days. Between July of 2001 and July of this year, median detached single-family home prices doubled.

The giggle juice flowed, and people took unwise risks to get in on the party — more so than in other U.S. cities. Last year and this year, two-thirds of mortgages were of the exotic variety — particularly interest-only or negative amortization. In such mortgages, borrowers' monthly payments can be lower than the amount required to pay off the debt. Thus, the loan balance keeps rising, and home values must rise, too, to keep the borrower afloat. These mortgages can be one-way tickets to perdition.

The zooming real estate values didn't only rescue crap-

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Maverick in a Military Town

By Bruce Kauffman

Agents of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service say that last April 26, seven Marines based at Camp Pendleton joined with a Navy medic to enter the rural town of Hamdaniya, west of Baghdad, and without provocation kidnapped and murdered a 52-year-old man named Hashim Ibrahim Awad.

A few days later, on May 1, at one of the meetings regularly held between local residents and U.S. Marine Corps officials, citizens of Hamdaniya talked of Awad's death. After less than a week, on May 7, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service began a formal probe. Five days later, on May 12, Marine Corps officials identified a dozen American military suspects and restricted them to their base, Camp Fallujah, in Iraq. By May 25, they had been returned to Pendleton and eight of those suspects, including Private First Class John J. Jodka III of Encinitas, had been put in the brig.

Amid reports that the Marines were placed in chains every time they left their cells—even to talk with attorneys or

visit with parents, albeit through a thick pane of glass—civilians on June 11 gathered outside the main Camp Pendleton gates to protest the treatment of the Marines, none of whom had yet been charged. The demonstrators dubbed the Marines and the corpsman the Pendleton Eight.

Four days later, Camp Pendleton officials tried to explain. In a statement issued to the press, they said that “the maximum level of restraint” was being used “due to the preliminary findings of the ongoing investigation.”

The next day, a Friday, officials changed their minds. They would allow parents to meet their children in the dining hall and to give them a hug. The announcement came just in time for the four visiting hours, two on Saturday and two on Sunday, that the Corps had authorized for the parents.

On June 21, ten days after the first public demonstra-

tion and five days after the unshackling of the Pendleton Eight, officials of the Marine Corps announced at a press conference the charges against the Marines and the corpsman. The charges included kidnapping, assault, and premeditated murder. If found guilty at a court-martial, every one of the Eight would face the death penalty.

The next day, documents that detailed the charges were leaked to reporters. The Marines had staked out an intersection in Hamdaniya, waiting for someone to plant roadside explosives. No one showed up and, according to the Associated Press, four members of the group went into a nearby house, stole a shovel and an AK-47, then set off in search of an alleged insurgent named Saleh Gowad. When they did not find him, they went into another house where they found Hashim Ibrahim Awad. He was allegedly kidnapped. He was forced to the ground, his feet were bound, and he was put in a wide hole.

According to the *North County Times*, the squad leader, a sergeant, reported in by radio that the unit saw a man digging with a shovel and the man had fired at them.

Then five members of the group fired their own M-16 rifles and M-249 automatics

and Awad was killed.

Afterward, one of the Eight shot off several rounds from the stolen AK-47; another collected the shell casings and put them by the body to make it look as if Awad had fired the rifle. Another man cleaned fingerprints from the AK-47 and placed the weapon in the hands of the corpse.

The stolen shovel was left near the body, allegedly by Private First Class John J. Jodka III, a 20-year-old enlistee who'd finished boot camp at the end of July 2005 and shipped out for Iraq last January as a member of Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment.

Jodka had graduated from San Dieguito Academy in Encinitas in 2004 with good enough grades to enter the University of California, Riverside, but after one quarter he'd dropped out to enlist. Since the September 11 attacks, said his father, John Jodka Jr., the son had been searching for the right way to respond and thought that the role of citizen-soldier would best serve to carry out what he felt were his obligations as an American. Jodka had been in Iraq about three months when he encountered Hashim Ibrahim Awad.

On August 3, the Corps announced assault charges against six Marines in another



John Jodka

incident in Hamdaniya. Three of the Marines were also suspects in the killing of Awad. Jodka was not among them. One, Sergeant Lawrence G. Hutchins III, was alleged to have put a loaded pistol in the mouth of an Iraqi man named Khalid Hamad Daham, choked another man, and assaulted a third. Two other Marines, Corporal Trent Thomas and Lance Corporal Jerry E. Shumate Jr., were alleged to have used knees and fists to beat Daham. The beatings were said to have

occurred on April 10, about two weeks before Awad was killed.

On August 20, Jodka and three others waived their right to the grand-jury-type hearing known as Article 32, held to determine whether a court-martial is warranted. They asked to go straight to trial. One of Jodka's attorneys, Joseph Casas, a former Marine himself, said the Article 32 hearing was shaping up as a pointless exercise. He said the defense was denied access to the key

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The upride ends

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shooters; they helped bail out average San Diego families writhing in a cost-income squeeze. High and rising home

prices induce euphoria and therefore stimulate excessive consumer spending. According to the most recent report by the Council for Community and Economic Research, San Diego's cost of living is 43 percent higher than the

nation's. But incomes are less than 15 percent higher. For decades, San Diegans have had their heads in a vise.

The national savings rate is a horrifying minus 1.7 percent. In 1980, it was plus 12 percent. The savings rate

isn't calculated for individual metro areas, but it's a good bet that San Diego's is below the national percentage.

For merchants, the big rise in home values in this century was a mixed blessing. Yes, people bought more fur-

niture and appliances when they moved into new homes, and the wealth effect boosted all kinds of spending. But as prices soared, affordability plummeted; households with median incomes of almost \$65,000 a year can afford a

mere 4.6 percent of homes on the market. This is one of the reasons that the county's population began declining last year. Home buyers in hock above their heads are spending an inordinately high percentage of their incomes servicing their mortgages; that, too, hurts local businesses.

As home prices rose, more and more people borrowed against the inflated value of their houses. The big question is how much of that phantom financing went for everyday expenses. If people were borrowing against bloated home values to buy their groceries, household goods, cars, and the like, then the economy will suffer when the tap dries up, as it is already starting to do. Unfortunately, there aren't reliable statistics showing where that borrowed money went.

Alan Gin, economist at the University of San Diego, doubts that much borrowed money went to finance local consumption. He thinks the bulk of it "was plowed into move-up housing. Somebody bought a \$200,000 home; then they went to a \$500,000 one, then to a \$750,000 home. They just reinvested in higher-priced homes. They fueled a lot of the housing boom."

Now what happens? New housing will be whacked, says Gin. "As prices reverse, construction will reverse," agrees Ross Starr, economist at the University of California, San Diego. That will hurt. Right now, 7.27 percent of San Diego's jobs are in construction, according to the San Diego Association of Governments. That's up from 6.21 percent in 2002. Another 1.81 percent of local jobs represents people working in real estate offices, up from 1.67 percent in 2002.

So that means 9.08 percent of total jobs are in real estate, but that's only part of the story. That percentage does not capture mortgage bankers and brokers — and the county is full of them now — or real estate entrepreneurs working on their own. It's possible that close to 12 percent of San Diegans work in real estate one way or another. By contrast, a mere 1.7 percent work in biotech and 1.2 percent in computers and electronics. "The entire country is vulnerable," but San Diego more so because its

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Upride ends

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economy has been so dependent on real estate inflation, says Gin.

Edward Leamer, director of the Anderson Forecast at the University of California, Los Angeles, says the U.S. economy “will muddle along for several years” because of the real estate falloff, and San Diego’s muddle may be stickier. Prices on both coasts soared much more than inland. Among coastal cities, San Diego was a highflier. Now we’re seeing the reverse. In July, San Diego’s prices actually declined; in other Southern California cities, they were still rising, albeit barely, notes Leamer. Also, the percentage of San Diegans working in real estate is higher than in other metro areas, he says. Still, he does not expect a recession in the United States or in San Diego.

Financial institutions will feel the squeeze, says Starr. The people who got the interest-only and negative amortization loans may not have put much money down. Sinking values will hurt. “This will result in distress sales,” he says. “We will see some pockets of debt deflation. In downtown condos, we have seen price declines that are enough for highly leveraged borrowers to see their equity wiped out. The lender may be left holding the bag. Borrowers will hand over the keys and say they are sorry it didn’t work out.”

There’s another scenario that could be even scarier. Gin notes that historically, people have done “whatever they could do to hold on to their homes.” They will cut down on consumption, perhaps take second jobs. Or, worse, “they could take out 50-year interest-only loans — go to even riskier mortgages.”

That’s like dope addiction — the kind of approach the city’s government has been taking.

Some demographic and economic factors are hard to predict. In 2008, baby boomers begin to retire. Some economists predict they will sell their homes to finance their golden years; that would put downward pressure on home values. On the other hand, if housing slumps severely in once-overheated

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markets like San Diego, the Federal Reserve could lower interest rates to fill the bubble again.

Another factor suggests the sting could be mild. Starr points out that San Diegans for decades have lived with high housing prices, excessive and risky debt, a cost-income squeeze, low savings, and real estate boom-bust cycles. We’ve lived on the edge before and maybe can do it again. ■

Military town

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evidence that would show Jodka to be innocent. An attorney for another defendant, Trent Thomas, said that dragging things out just gives the government “more time to try to improve an otherwise very bad case.”

Two days later, the requests were rejected. In a statement, the Corps said that Lieutenant General James N. Mattis, the three-star general who’d taken over as base commander just the week before, wanted to hold the Article 32 hearings. According to the statement, an “impartial analysis of the charges and evidence afforded by an Article 32 investigation” would allow Mattis to “make a fair and impartial decision on the disposition of these cases.”

On Wednesday, August 30, Jodka and one of his brothers in arms, Corporal Marshall Magincalda, were escorted from the brig to two separate courthouses at the Marine base and, at around 9:00 a.m., their Article 32 hearings began. Unlike grand jury proceedings, which are closed, these hearings were open to the press.

More than 50 reporters from news organizations all over the country watched Magincalda’s session on closed-circuit television from a new media center, estimated to cost \$700,000, built on the top floor of a warehouse building hard by a Taco Bell Express and a few hundred yards from the courtrooms.

The courtroom chosen for the Jodka hearing had no TV hookup. With the room filling up with family, four defense attorneys, and two military prosecutors, the Marines had room for only one journalist and a sketch artist. The press corps chose Associated Press court reporter

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Linda Deutsch, whose career harkens back to the Charles Manson trials, to be the pool representative.

Magincalda’s hearing was over within an hour. The big news, revealed by the prosecutor: confessions had been obtained. The military prosecutor, Captain Nicholas L. Gannon, said that two Marines — Sergeant Lawrence G. Hutchins III and Corporal Trent D. Thomas — had confessed to the kidnapping and killing of Hashim Ibrahim Awad. A third defendant, Lance Corporal Robert Pennington, had outlined an alleged conspiracy to cover up the murder by leaving fake evidence and filing a false report.

Jodka’s hearing lasted several hours. His defense team argued that the confessions and statements were not only untrue but gained through coercion. The confessions weren’t read at either hearing; the presiding officers accepted defense arguments that public disclosure could taint a jury pool and compromise the Marines’ right to a fair trial. Likewise, a Naval Criminal Investigative Service report that included statements made by Iraqis was not read in open court.

But the big news for Jodka was that he no longer faced the death penalty. The prosecutor, Lieutenant Colonel John Baker, said the government would not seek the ultimate punishment because that would be inappropriate. Deutsch, the pool reporter from the Associated Press, told her colleagues after the hearing that Baker did not elaborate. A Marine spokesman said the decision applied only to Jodka.

Asked how Jodka reacted, Deutsch said she was so busy taking notes she did not have a chance to look up in time. But people who were in the courtroom, including Jodka’s mother, Carolyn, talked of a subdued yet audible collective sigh of relief and a visible relaxing of everyone’s posture.

The so-called charging documents, as reported in the press, may suggest why Jodka was spared death. The documents do not put him among those in the platoon who stole the shovel and the rifle from the Iraqi household nor among those who allegedly forced Awad to the ground and bound his feet.

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Although the documents state that Jodka fired his M-249 automatic weapon, nothing that’s come out indicates that his were the bullets that killed the Iraqi or that ammunition from an M-249 was found lodged in Awad’s body. The documents allege that Jodka planted the shovel near the body and that he lied afterward to investigators about what happened.

To Neil Turner of Carlsbad, who turned out on Saturday, September 2, to demonstrate outside the main gate at Pendleton along with some 60 others, the Pendleton Eight are pawns in a chess game. They’re being used, Turner said, as a way for the United States to stay friends with Iraqis who insist on hard and swift punishment for the Marines they’re convinced killed Awad. The demonstrations were in their 12th week.

“It’s political,” said Turner, who spent nine years in the Army and left with a captain’s rank. “The reason for it is to please the government over there and the Islamic group that we’re working with. We want to show them we’re tough on our own [people].”

He added, “The only reason you incarcerate someone before you find them guilty is if they’re a flight risk or a threat to the public. These servicemen are neither.”

Turner said the protesters would demonstrate every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. as long as any member of the Pendleton Eight remains in the brig.

“I know my son, and I believe in his innocence,” said Carolyn Jodka, who calls her son J.J. “I am not privy to the exact details of what went on that day, but my son looked me in the eye and said, ‘Mom, you have nothing to worry about. I am innocent, and I will walk out of here a free man.’ That’s pretty powerful for a teenager to look a parent right in the eye, unflinchingly, and make a statement like that.”

The hearing officer in Jodka’s case, Colonel Paul L. Pugliese, will make a recommendation to Lieutenant General Mattis. It’s not clear when that will happen. A recommendation is also expected from the base legal office. Mattis will decide whether to convene a court-martial, dismiss the case, or refer it for an administrative action. ■



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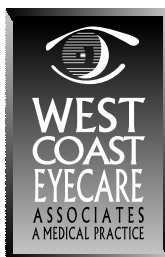
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Beach Time

Black's Beach ("Bares Rule," Cover Story, September 7). Great article, horrible timing! Why did you wait until summer was over?

Jack Armstrong
via e-mail

Hear The Whistle Blow

How wonderful that Don Bauder defended Donna Frye against the bad guys in city hall ("Don't Connect the Dots," "City Lights," September 7). She has always stood her ground, despite having almost no support from her neighbors on the tenth floor.

The very nasty editorial in the August 17 *Union-Tribune* (see page 6 of the September 7 *Reader*) was an enormous lie. And as to the left-handed compliment ("To their partial credit, council members Frye and George Stevens voted against the motion"), it was a snide slur at two people who did not have their heads in the sand.

Donna had been blowing the whistle loud and clear, but a lot of folks who should have heard it were holding their hands over their ears.

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Wethers Or Not

In the September 7 *Reader*, page 80, you have a letter from someone named David Case of Golden Hill, and he goes on and on and on and on for two full columns complaining about something, I'm not sure what. Evidently he's in favor of abortion; I got that

much out of the last couple of lines. And he doesn't like the way Abe Opincar writes, for some reason — I'm not sure what. It's all to do with pygmy goats ("The Kids Are All Right," Cover Story, July 20). And I just cannot resist the temptation to needle Mr. Case. David, if you are so smart, and you want to criticize Opincar's writing, well, your own writing isn't that wonderful. You went on and on writing about "bucks, does, wethers," and then you had to put in parentheses — because I guess you thought the rest of us were stupid — "castrated males." Well, hey, smart boy, what else would be castrated? You don't castrate females. But, really, we're not that dumb — you could have just said "wethers," and that would have been plenty.

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Beyond Cuddly

Regarding the *Reader's* cover story: "Nocturnal, Misunderstood," August 31. Having been a volunteer for Project Wildlife, I know how much dedication these people, mostly volunteers, bring to this organization. Many times Project Wildlife is the only hope for injured or orphaned wildlife, and without Project Wildlife's existence, it would mean certain death for thousands of animals year after year. Because of their hard work and many success stories, Project Wildlife deserves every single penny in donation. They do not only rehabilitate the cute and the cuddly but understand the importance of every species that plays a role in a healthy ecosystem. Like it or not. Live and let live!

Nicole Huntley
via e-mail

Got Trash?

I was looking on page 6, the drawing by Neal Obermeyer (August 31). He should draw a new one with Jet Ski fuel and oil along with the fire-works debris in the cartoon.

Name Withheld

Stacks Of Money Block The View

In response to the August 24 cover story by Geoff Bouvier on skyscrapers in San Diego ("Machines for Living"): the lead-in has it half right — the big ego of developers is a root factor in such structures. Politics, not economics, appears to

be the second root cause. Elected and appointed officials who approved the growth wanted to gain financial support rather than preserve a more natural environment. Have we created a skyscraper ghetto?

What makes San Diego in some way a paradise, unique, attractive to visitors globally are tremendous sunlight effusion, ever-new vistas of day and night skies, ocean, natural landscapes, free flow of air. The skyscraper works against the general good in all those areas, wouldn't you agree?

San Diego has seen some skyscraper monstrosities arise since the 1990s. The Treo on India and A streets, for example, is ugly. The all-night neon "Commonwealth" sign looking south at First and Ash streets assaults the senses.

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Bible Buildings Babble

In the *Reader's* August 24 cover story ("Machines for Living"), Geoff Bouvier begins his article on high-rise buildings with this mindless statement, "The purpose of the original tall building, if you believe that old biblical babble, was to reach heaven." FYI, my unread author, the Tower of Babel, a.k.a. the Tower of Jupiter Belus or the Temple of the Seven Lights of the Earth, was built in 2247 B.C. on the Plains of Shinar, 11 miles north of the ruins of Babylon. King Nebuchadnezzar described it in the "Borsippa Inscription" as being 1/4 mile square at the base and 650 feet high. It stood until 478 B.C., when it was destroyed by King Xerxes. Don't miss the fact that "that old biblical babble" has held our world together from then until now and will continue to do so long after you and I have left it.

Dick Sloan
via e-mail

Reality Television

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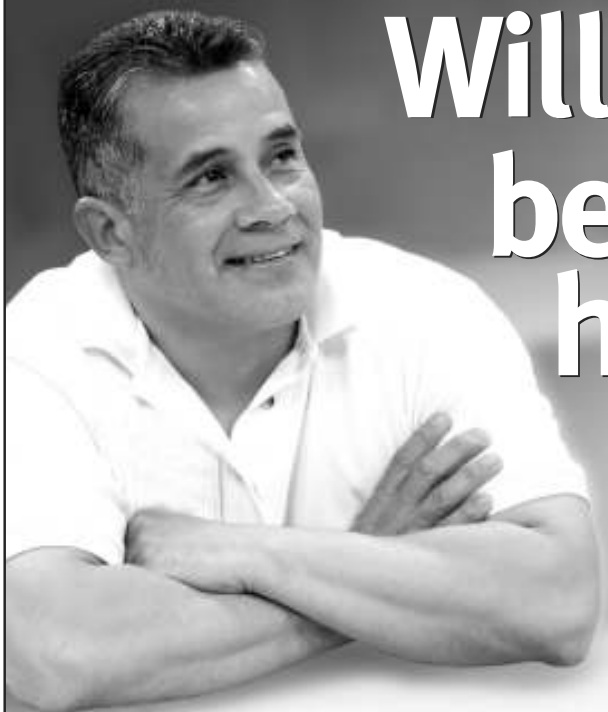
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BY MATTHEW ALICE

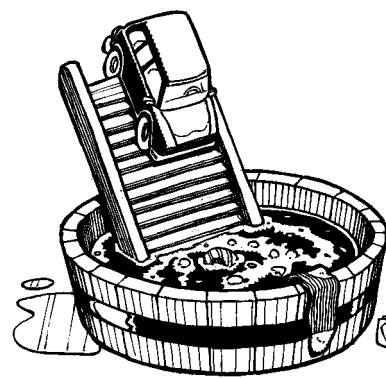


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Heymatt:

What causes those annoying washboard bumps on dirt roads? Also, does driving faster over them actually decrease their jarring effect and wear to your vehicle?

— Toothless, North Park

To make your own washboard road, you'll need a road with an unstable surface — dirt, gravel, or even some kinds of blacktop. Then put a bump in the road and send over it a stream of vehicles of roughly the same size and weight traveling at about the same speed. As the front of a car hits the bump, it leaves the road briefly, then the car's suspension forces the vehicle back down. When the tires hit the road, they displace a bit of the surface. Continue driving cars over the bump, and you reinforce the hills and valleys created by the bouncing suspensions. Voila, a washboard. And it is true that driving faster over the ripples will reduce the jarring. There will be some particular speed for that road that will allow you to hit the peaks and bypass the valleys, or at least disrupt the periodicity of the washboard. Though you might turn your teeth into wind chimes in your trial-and-error attempts to discover the rate for any particular road.

Matt:

I'm curious to find out how long the term "pig" has been applied to police officers. I used to think it originated during the 1960s, but during a trip to the Smithsonian Institution, I saw a poster that showed a march of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, with two pigs in police uniforms keeping the marchers in line and a third pig in a drunken condition leaning on a lamppost. The WCTU started in the late 19th Century, so do you have any more information on the "pig" name?

— Mitch, San Diego

As Sam Keen observed in his book *Faces of the Enemy*, man the enemy maker, *Homo hostilis*, "thinks others to death and then invents the battle axe or the ballistic missile with which to actually kill them." Pigs have generally been considered lowly, dirty animals, and pig has been a metaphor of insult directed toward the great and small since at least the time of the Greeks. For a while in the early 1800s, the British tagged plainclothes police or detectives with the epithet. During the Civil War, it appeared again in the South, when police were called blind pigs, also the nickname for illegal saloons. The Richmond, Virginia, public guard wore the initials PG on their hats, prompting the observation that it spelled pig without an *i*, that is, a blind pig. The WCTU illustration may just reflect the organization's distaste for both police and drunks and not be related to the blind-pig nickname, since the WCTU's origins are in the Midwest. Most etymologists believe the popularity of "pig" in the '60s was just another spontaneous appearance and was unrelated to any past usages. It's just too handy an insult to die easily.

Hey, Matthew:

Time and time again, I stop in at a grocery store and bring my five items to the express line, where the sign says, "Nine items or less, cash only." Every time, two people ahead of me, somebody writes a check for their purchase. Even if they waited behind five people before their turn, they always say, "Oh, I didn't know," when the clerk tells them it's cash only. I'm sure you've experienced this travesty of communication personally, and I ask you, what can be done? Should the check writer with three items wait in the line with the full wagons? We cash people are beside ourselves with angst.

— J.B., San Diego

And if we are beside ourselves, does that mean we can go through the express line with 18 items? Is angst one item or several? Suppose we're buying a dozen cans of Kobe beef and caviar cat food; is that one item because they're all the same price, or is it 12? And if the large lady with the four tubby children is in line in front of us buying Twinkies, rocky road ice cream, frozen pizzas, and SpaghettiOs, do we have the right to feel superior as we carefully arrange on the conveyor our broccoli, turkeyburger, and bottled water? No; strike that. The real question is, exactly how superior can we feel — Slightly? Extremely? On the other hand, is there any way we can arrange our Cheerios and canned corn to hide that box of Depends? Do the people in line behind us really need to know that much about our personal lives? Will the checker make some kind of wisecrack? I think, J.B., that a supermarket line raises so many important life questions that nobody pays much attention to little things like "No checks, please."

Matt:

I was unable to find a date on the cover of a recent Reader. Is that standard policy or an oversight?

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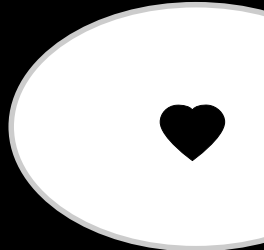
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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Week 1 Picks

A friend of mine insists that when we have dinner at her favorite *recherché* restaurant, reservations are made for 5:00 p.m. She likes to be there when doors open, she says, while cooks and waiters still have hope.

This is precisely the feeling NFL bettors have when Week 1 comes around. Not a single car payment has been lost because of an idiot running back's fumble on the one-yard line. Winning every bet is possible; winning almost every bet is likely.

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So, I have gone around and randomly selected seven columnists to see how their Week 1 Sunday went. First up is Chris Goudey, a *WagerWeb.com* contributing writer. Goudey writes, "Denver -3.5 at St. Louis. Denver is clearly the better team here but...there's that +3.5 we like to look for, and we have a home dog. My pick: ST. LOUIS." (St. Louis won by 8 points. Goudey went on to a respectable 7 wins against 6 losses for his Sunday; 53.8 percent.)

Next is the Associated Press, as printed in the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*. "Indianapolis (minus 3) at New York Giants. Peyton and Eli aren't playing against each other, they're playing against the other team's defense.... Hunch: Giants pass rush gets in Peyton's face, just as the Steelers and Chargers did last year. GIANTS 24-20." (Indy covered, the AP finished Sunday with 4 wins, 1 push, and 8 losses; 33.3 percent.)

Introducing Tim Cowlishhaw, sports columnist for the *Dallas Morning News*. No commentary from Tim, but he doesn't need any...the mighty Cowlishhaw went 10 and 3 on Sunday; 76.9 percent. Hell of a fine day.

Alert: In an attempt to pad his numbers, the next guy gave his picks straight up, which is a cheat, since straight up betting is far easier (Golly, will Pittsburgh beat San Francisco?) than betting against the spread.

Dan Kohn is a sports copy editor for the *Appleton Post-Crescent* (Appleton, Wisconsin). "The Packers have talent but lack experience. It'll be closer than people think. Packers 21, Bears 17." (Chicago won 26 to 0. Kohn lost 7 and won 6 straight up; lost 8 and won 5; 38.4 percent, when I used his numbers against the spread.)

Peter Schmuck (real name), is a sports columnist for the *Baltimore Sun*. "...and the big story line in Week 1 is the touchy-feely reunion of Peyton and Eli Manning on *Sunday Night Football*. I just want to assure you that there will be no such sentimental dreck in my weekly NFL picks..."

Pete's off to a good start with me. "Ravens at Buccaneers (-3): The Ravens haven't won a road game, I think, since sometime during the Renaissance, but a cryptic message on the back of the *Mona Lisa* predicts that streak will end today. Who am I to argue? Ravens." (Baltimore won 27 to 0. Schmuck finished Sunday with a gratifying 9 wins against 4 losses, 69.2 percent. Nicely done, Peter.)

From Providence, Rhode Island, I give you *The Brown Daily Herald*, "An independent newspaper serving the Brown University community since 1891." Sports staff writer Chris Mahr, class of '07, is making the picks.

"Game of the Week: Atlanta Falcons at Carolina Panthers, Sunday 1 p.m. In what is arguably the most enticing match-up of Week 1, two contenders from one of the NFL's most competitive divisions will battle each other. Carolina, with a bevy of playmakers on both sides of the ball, is the pick of many a pundit to bring home the Lombardi Trophy this year. Meanwhile, Atlanta is desperately looking to rebound from a disappointing 8-8 campaign in 2005 and features the always-electric Michael Vick at quarterback." (Wordy son of a bitch, isn't he?) "Chris's pick: Panthers 30, Falcons 17." (Falcons won by 14 points. Chris went 8 and 5 straight up, and 6 and 7 against the spread; 46.1 percent.)

Finally, here is Jim Wyatt of the *Navy Compass*, *navycompass.com*, headquartered in El Cajon. The paper is distributed to SoCal Marine and Naval facilities. Wyatt writes, "Bears -3.5 (11-5) at Green Bay (4-12). During an 11-game stretch, between games 5 and 15, the Bear's defense yielded just 9.9 ppg and were 10-1 SU, 7-2-2 ATS. Instead of the rookie QB, they get back their starter Rex Grossman..."

"Negatives: Six of their 11 wins, were won by a single possession or less, and they were just 3-5 against teams with a winning record. WR Steve Smith's huge game in the Playoffs exposed their weak secondary." (Despite due diligence, Wyatt had 2 wins, 8 losses and 3 very smart "no bets" on Sunday; 20 percent.)

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CINCINNATI	10 ½	42	Cleveland	
MIAMI	7	37	Buffalo	
CHICAGO	8	32 ½	Detroit	
Carolina	2	38	MINNESOTA	
PHILADELPHIA	3	42	N.Y. Giants	
ATLANTA	6	36	Tampa Bay	
New Orleans	1 ½	38	GREEN BAY	
St. Louis	3	44	SAN FRANCISCO	
SEATTLE	7	47	Arizona	
New England	6	37	N.Y. JETS	
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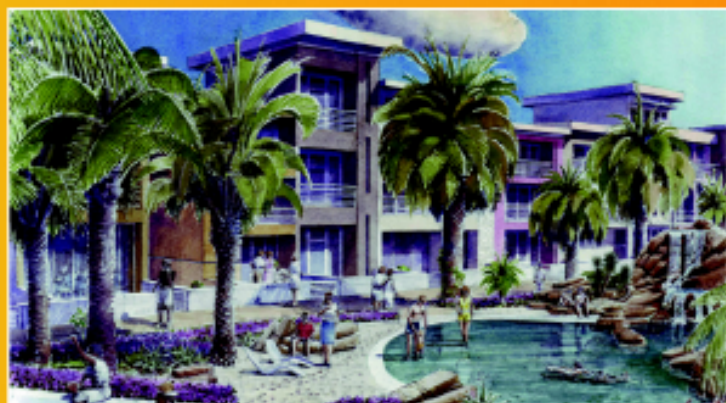
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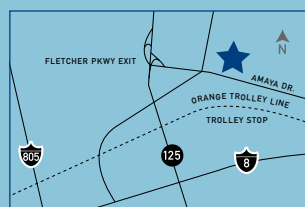


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Singles program: yes

Dress: semi-dressy, lots of button-down short-sleeves, plenty of dresses, but also shorts and sandals

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Three times the bell tolled to signal the beginning of the service — a bronzed bowl of a bell, resting on an embroidered pillow, with a hand-held rod instead of a clapper. The tones hung on, warm and muted, for a long time.

Intern minister Victoria Ingram lit the candle in the chalice — a broad, shallow bowl on a heavy, waist-high stand next to the lectern. "We now light the flames of our chalice, enkindling again the light of our heritage, the promise of our faith." The congregation then sang the Church Hymn and read the Church Aspiration: "May love be the spirit of this church. May the quest for truth be its sacrament and service be its prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge and freedom, and to help one another in fellowship — this is our aspiration." The voluntary that followed featured an oboe, playing a mellow, lilting aria enlivened by the instrument's characteristic twang.

"Come into the circle of love," said Liz Jones, director of religious education. "Come into the community of mercy, holiness, and health." The congregation sang, "Gather in peace, gather in thanks/ Gather in sympathy now and then/ Gather in hope, compassion, and strength/ Gather to celebrate once again."

Jones called the children to the stage for the Children's Affirmation. (A teen, goofing, pretended to warm her hands over the chalice.) "We are Unitarian (all made a U with thumb and forefinger of one hand) Universalists (then with the other), a people of open minds (forefingers to temples), loving hearts (hands crossed over chest),

and welcoming hands (hands extended, palms upturned)." The children processed out to their own chapel service.

After the offertory, all sang an almost mournful meditation hymn. "Where there is faith, there is love/ Where there is love, there is peace/ Where there is peace, there is blessing/ Where there is blessing, there is God/ Where there is God, there is no need." Reverend Arvid Straube then honored the memory of "our sister in faith, Ethel Drake. We extinguish this flame" — the one in the chalice — "to mark her physical death." But he carried a wick, lit from that flame, to a candle on a pedestal. "Yet her spirit lives on in the hearts and minds of those she has touched on her life journey.... We now light this candle to symbolize her love and influence.... In mystery we are born, in mystery we live, in mystery we die."

The Responsive Reading praised doubt, "the touchstone of truth, an acid which eats away the false." Straube's sermon picked up the notion, saying that doubt was not the opposite of faith,

because faith was not the same thing as belief. "Faith is that which we deem to be trustworthy." Buddhist scholar Sharon Salzberg called it "an 'inner quality that unfolds as we learn to trust our own deepest experience.'" Straube noted that Buddhism distinguished three phases of faith. First, bright faith, wherein a person realizes "the possibility of their life," and seeks "a spiritual community" where faith is "articulated." But, he warned, when bright faith "is held onto past its time, with its reliance on an exterior source and the putting off of individual experience and reason," it can become rigid — "blind faith."

The virtue of doubt, he said, is that it tests faith. "It's not just in Buddhism. Paul said, 'Prove everything; hold on to that which is good.' That's okay here; we expect you to test everything." The result? Verified faith, which culminates in the third phase, abiding faith. Salzberg again: "a bone-deep lived understanding, one that draws us to realize our ideals..." How to get there? "Be serious about spiritual practice...pay attention...act toward our fellow human beings with love, compassion, and generosity."

Straube concluded, "In the words of Paul, 'Whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on those things.' Amen."

What happens when we die? "We don't fall out of the universe," says Straube. Beyond that, "we don't know. There are lots of different opinions within Unitarian Universalism, but we do know that there's nothing to be afraid of. The 'Universalist' part of our name means, 'No eternal damnation.' God doesn't give up on anybody."

— Matthew Lickona

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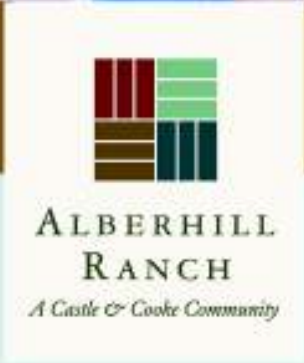
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Best Buys

—EVE KELLY

My husband is heading off to the high Sierras for a backpacking trip this month. Patrick has done this trip before and was freezing all night. "I bought a cold weather sleeping bag, but I have never been colder in my life," he reported upon returning. "Next time I'm going prepared."

Well, next time is here, and he's still not prepared. Enter Eve. My first call was to Adventure 16 Gear & Clothing. "I was camping in the Sierras in a 15-degree bag at the end of June," said the salesman, "and my 15-degree worked fine. But there's a whole system involved with the sleeping bag. If he didn't have a proper rated sleeping bag, that can definitely be a problem. All bags are rated for being on top of a sleeping pad that has an insulating property. So you need a good insulated sleeping pad. We have the ProLite 3 pad by Thermarest (\$74.99), which is pretty much the lightest weight pad you can buy, but the Pro-Lite 4 (\$94.99) offers a bit more insulation.

"So the sleeping pad is the first thing I would look at. Then find out what degree sleeping bag that was. And if it was an older bag, depending on the condition of the bag, they can lose a lot of their property as well. If they have been stuffed and crammed for a while, the down will break down. The synthetic bags usually break down after five years of stuffing and re-stuffing."

The salesman at REI Outdoor Gear offered some other possible reasons why Patrick was freezing. "There are a few things that would have negated the bag. A lot of times, if it's a 15-degree bag, that means you are kept alive at 15 degrees; that doesn't mean it's going to keep you comfortable at 15 degrees. Add 10 to 15 degrees onto what the bag is rated for, and that is where you would be comfortable. So with a 20-degree bag, you are going to be comfortable around 30 to 35 degrees."

He continued, "One of the main reasons why people return their bags, thinking they didn't work, is because they weren't sleeping on an insulation pad. A sleeping bag is all about insulation, but when you are lying on the bottom, you are crushing that insulation, so it's not actually insulating you from anything. Also, if the bag is too big for him, that can be a problem. The bigger the bag the more your body has to work to warm up that dead space. So something that fits real tight will insulate a lot better."

The salesman recommended the REI Mojave, a 15-degree down bag for \$169.

"The earth basically sucks all your body heat out of your body," offered the salesman at C & C Outdoor Store. "So if you have an air pocket between you and the earth, which is what the pad is, it creates a pressure barrier, so it literally makes an air pocket. It is the same thing as a rain fly on a tent. What keeps the moisture from coming through the fab-

"A 15-degree bag, that means you are kept alive at 15 degrees; that doesn't mean it's going to keep you comfortable at 15 degrees."

ric of the tent is that there is a pressure difference in the air pocket between the outside air and the inside of the tent.

"Also, they are under so much pressure to make sleeping bags lighter and lighter weight. A lot of manufacturers are taking some of the fill off of the bottom of the bag because they assume you are going to crush it anyway and that takes weight out of the overall bag, making it more competitive in the market. But that also makes the problem worse."

The salesman laid out the differences between sleeping-bag materials. "Synthetic bags typically are cheaper priced than down bags. And there are different qualities of each. Down bags are real goose-down feathers, and they tend to insulate a lot better per pound. Down bags are lighter weight because the feathers are lightweight. If I had a 20-degree goose-down bag and a 20-degree synthetic fiber bag, I would probably be warmer in

the goose down because it traps heat better, the feathers insulate. There are higher quality goose-down feathers versus lower quality goose-down feathers. Smaller, finer feathers, when they are all on top of each other, leave less air pockets inside the actual bag, inside the guts,

and that means that less heat is going to escape, so they insulate better. You can still stay well under \$200 for a nice quality down bag, but you can easily get under \$80 for a 30-degree synthetic bag. It just may be a little heavier. Synthetic doesn't compress as much as down, so it's going to be bigger. Down compresses really small. If you know you are not going to be in a rainstorm, I would go with a down bag. And there are better bags to choose from, though in a bit more expensive range."

Asked to recommend a good deal on a bag that will keep Patrick warm, he responded, "I have 20-degree down Moonstone bags still in stock, the most popular bag they made [before the company was bought out by Columbia] retailed for \$260, and I have those on sale for \$150. I have a 25-degree synthetic bag by them for \$70. It will be about a half-pound heavier."

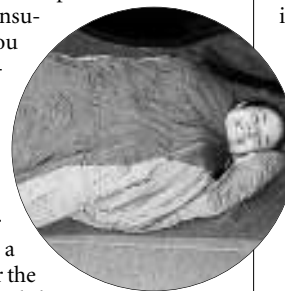
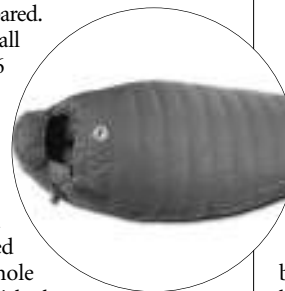
"I have Lafuma bags, which are probably my smallest and lightest, at 1 pound, 12 ounces, and they are \$125 for a 30-degree down bag."

"Big Agnes is a very popular brand this year, and they have 15-degree bags in the \$180 price range. Their bags have an extra feature, a sleeve underneath where you can slide your sleeping pad into the bag and keep it anchored to it."

Finally, he suggested that Patrick could have been cold due to dehydration or too little body fat. Well, I know the latter couldn't have been the problem.

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Crasher

THERE'S A MUSTACHE IN MY DRINK

by Josh Board

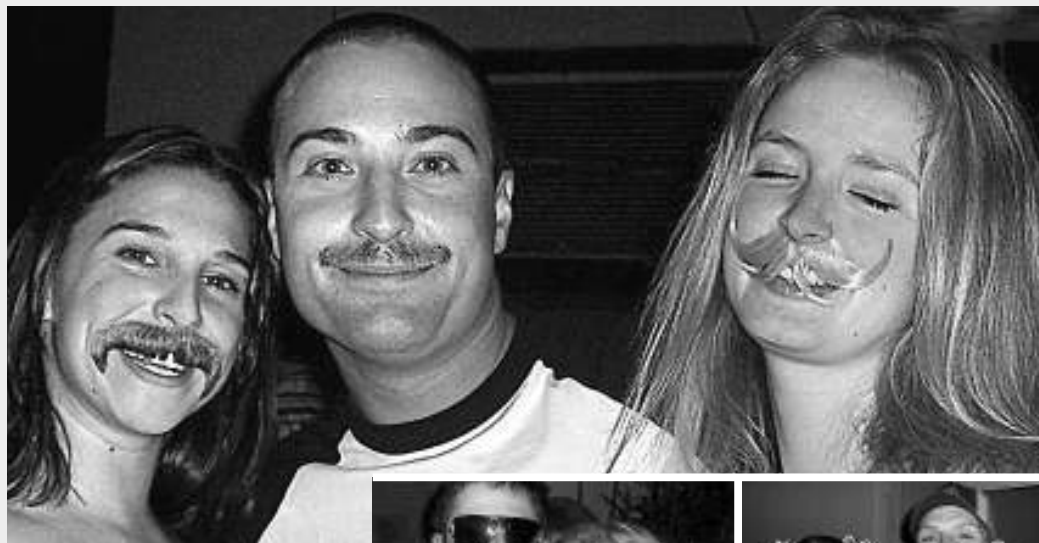
friends have said to me, "It sucks that you have to spend your weekends going to parties." I look at them until they realize how crazy that sounds. Though, I have to admit, sometimes it does suck. The night Ray Davies was playing downtown, I had three party invites and couldn't decide if I wanted to see one of my favorite songwriters or go to the parties.

I had to go to one of the parties, the "Mustachio Bashio," as, when they invited me a month earlier, they told me to grow a mustache. I grew a long Foo Man Chu for the occasion. (I was able to hang out with Ray Davies that day, but that's another story for another column.)

Arriving at the O.B. party, I had to drive around the block looking for parking. The bank lot was full, and I saw people leaving their cars in the driveway. I asked a guy leaving if that was cool. "We do it all the time. The bank is closed, so cops won't ticket you."

I left my car next to his and walked over to the party wondering if my boss would reimburse me if my car got towed.

I knocked on the door of the address I was given but



Top: three in the crowd; Bottom left: this guy's mustache almost turned into a ZZ Top beard; Bottom right: Jenna and Richard Hayes

nobody answered. An older man told me, "Those people moved." I said I was looking for a party, and he told me that the people at the other end of the complex were throwing one.

At the end of the complex I saw several people who looked like Village People rejects. I found the place.

I asked a few Navy guys about growing mustaches in the military and was told that

so that it wasn't touching his lip. The other guy speculated that the "not touching your lip" rule has to do with properly securing a gas mask.

Brian, the host of the party, carried a black marker

held the mirror for one woman who took a long time to decide what style of mustache to draw. I told her she couldn't have a short one because it would look like Hitler's. Although, Hitler probably stole that mustache from Charlie Chaplin. I wonder when someone famous will steal it back. She decided against her short Hitler mustache and drew on a handlebar mustache.

I noticed there were several coolers located between the buildings. One of them had cup holders built into the top, but someone kept opening it and spilling the drinks.

"What will women do? Unless they are Italian, they're in trouble."

an E3 or below has to request approval. "If you're an E4 or above, you can't have one that is fluffy. And it can't be longer than the corner of your mouth. And it can't touch your lip." He showed me how he trimmed his

and a mirror for anyone who showed up without a mustache. One guy said, "What will women do? Unless they are Italian, they're in trouble." Brian pointed out a few women who wore fake mustaches. I

One guy who was wearing a bathrobe had just come from a *Big Lebowski* party. We were reciting lines from that movie when a woman said, "Stop making me laugh. My mustache is slipping off."

Brian's mustache and plaid hat made him look as if he were a history professor. He and his girlfriend Joanna were flying to Hawaii at 5:00 a.m. the next morning. Brian said they might just stay up after the party and sleep on the plane. Joanna told me that they have a long-distance relationship — she lives in San Jose. Joanna pointed to a guy who had just arrived and said, "I met him at the airport in San Francisco. He's a teacher. I invited him to the party."

I talked to an interesting guy who works and lives — with his wife of five years — in Shanghai.

I met another couple who would be vacationing in Japan at the end of the week — a lot of travelers at this bash.

I saw two women walking through the party without mustaches and called them on it. They said, "We're going to get them right now." When I saw the women later in the evening, one had a milk mustache she had created with

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acrylic wax that she had purchased at a Halloween store. The other woman went with a western look. She said, "My influence has always been Rooster in *Annie*." I wasn't sure if that was a character from *Annie* or a reference to Annie Oakley.

Another guy wore a fake mustache and mirrored sunglasses. He looked as if he were an extra in the "Sabotage" video by the Beastie Boys. I told one guy he reminded me of Quentin Tarantino. "I've heard that before. I've thought, when I travel, I should tell people that and try to get free hotel rooms."

Two women had mustaches that matched their hair, and I asked them about it. "We were at the costume shop picking out ones that matched. In fact, we spent way too much time there."

As I went to get a Coke, I overheard one guy say that his face gets red when he drinks. He said he

gets red over parts of his back and neck, and he's not sure why. "It's concerning me, but not enough to get me to stop drinking."

When I saw Joanna again, I noticed that she had a different mustache. "Yeah, every hour, I'm going to draw a different mustache on my face."

I watched as a girl sitting on the sidewalk yelled at a guy who spilled a Captain and Coke on her head. "You're being a dick! And you aren't listening to me!"

Spilling drinks wasn't the biggest problem at this party, however. I overheard two women complaining that they couldn't drink as much as they wanted because "our mustaches keep falling into our drinks." ■

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by Barbarella

Adult-ery

Time and tide wait for no man, but time always stands still for a woman of 30.

— Robert Frost

I followed the sound of sobbing up the stairs and into my parents' room, where I found Jane, sitting on the side of the bed, wailing in apparent pain.

It was the first Saturday of March 1995. Mom was in the kitchen making chicken parmigiana and lasagna, the family's favorite meal — perhaps made more so by its association with special occasions such as Easter, Christmas, and birthdays. Boxes wrapped in bright colors and shiny bags overflowing with ribbons and tissue paper were stacked on the coffee table in the living room. I was perched on the couch, appreciating the pretty presents and musing about the room's moniker. As children, we had not been allowed to even *pause* in this room, let alone carry on with any habits that resembled *living* in it.

But I was 18 — old enough to vote, old enough to drive, old

enough to work, and therefore, old enough to be allowed to temporarily alight upon one of the “nice” couches. Despite the cacophonous din of the television turned up loud enough to be heard over the sizzling noises coming from the kitchen, my ears perked up at the faint sound coming from another room — someone was crying.

I followed the sound of sobbing up the stairs and into my parents' room, where I found Jane, sitting on the side of the bed, wailing in apparent pain. Heather, her arm around our disconsolate older sister, was attempting to cheer her up.

“What happened?” I asked, in a serious tone. Jane looked at me,

gauging whether or not I could handle whatever tragedy it was she seemed so desperate to share. “It's just that...It's just that...,” she muttered, before bursting into a fresh fit of sobs. “Oh, God, WHY!?”

“She's been like this for half an hour,” Heather said. “I can't get it out of her. Come on, Jane, what is it? I mean, it's your *birthday*.”

“That's IT!” Jane howled. “I'm 25 years old!”

“Yeah?” Heather asked. “And?”

“I'm almost 30!” Jane cried out before losing herself again.

Heather stifled a laugh. “Yeah, like in *five years* you are. Are you kidding? Jane, that's five years away!”

“Well, actually, if we had to round to the decade, five would mean you'd round up to 30,” I said. My sisters' matching scowls indicated my joke was not well received, so I smiled innocently and took my leave.

I can understand the whole not wanting to get old and face mortality thing, but what I fail to grasp — even now, mere days away from *my* 30th birthday — is why so many people choose to be dragged through life snarling and biting rather than opting to stroll, comfortably and confidentially, toward the inevitable. This is especially frustrating when those people are young and healthy, and their chief concern is not as much about getting older as it is

about *looking* older.

There have been many occasions when someone has guessed me to be in my 30s. Upon learning my age, most were quick to apologize for their blunder — “I'm so sorry, please don't be offended.” But each time, I was too busy feeling flattered to take offense; in my eyes, I had been paid the highest compliment. I never interpreted these faux pas to mean, *You look old*, because what I heard was, *You behave like an adult*.

My eagerness to be an adult stretches back as far as I can remember. At 9, I dreamt of choosing my own bedtime. At 12, I yearned for my budding opinions about religion to be heard and respected. At 14, I insisted on sitting at the “grown-up” table for Thanksgiving. As a freshman in high school, I began to fantasize about living in the world of adults.

Even now, when removing my earrings after a night out, or when I take note of the jangling of keys in my hand, glimpses of my old daydream will flash through my mind. In my fantasy, I am the adult I imagined I would become, which is a more serious version of the one I am now. It is dark, and I am arriving home to my apartment — a modest space big enough for one person but not for two. The noises are few and distinct — keys being set in a small porcelain dish, the light tapping and

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clacking sounds of jewelry being laid upon a wooden table, and the precise clicking of my heels on the hardwood floor as I walk over to turn on a light in the living room, where I sit and begin to go through the stack of important-looking envelopes in my hand.

There were, of course, variations of the fantasy — sometimes at the end I'd be preparing a meal or sitting undisturbed in a comfortable chair with a book in my hand — but the keys, the setting down of the jewelry, those things I associated with adulthood, were always the same.

In my early, irresponsible 20s, I thought myself invincible. Sure, I held down a job (most of the time), paid my rent, and, defying overwhelming odds, failed to overdose, but I wasn't in control of my life. It wasn't until the latter half of my 20s, hung over from the former half,

that I pulled my shit together. I cut the losers out of my life, joined forces with a worthy counterpart, paid off my car and debt consolidation loans, and, thus, joined the adult world of my dreams.

On Sunday, I'll be 30. My father believes the 30s are the best decade for women, and often says, "By the time you're 30, you've been around, been taken advantage of, been shat on, shat on other people, and you have the wherewithal to make better decisions about relationships, jobs, and other things. *And*, you're still young and hot-to-trot enough to enjoy it!" I think he's right. With each passing year, I put up with less and less of the ridiculous bullshit that used to consume me and spend more time enjoying life.

So, this Sunday, as I step into my fourth decade, I will not be thinking of the one gray hair that appears to the right of

my widow's peak, nor will I be counting the little lines that show around my eyes or measuring the creases made on either side of my lips when I smile. If the past 30 years have taught me anything, it is that such things are unimportant. Instead, I'll be relishing the privileges of adulthood and savoring those small moments that are so like the fantasy of my adolescence — being taken seriously by other adults, sifting through important-looking mail, and staying up as late as I want. ■

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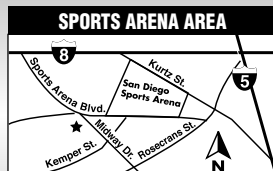
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Every day at 7:00 a.m., Mateo (names in this article have been changed to protect the immigrants) wakes up next to Maria, his longtime girlfriend.

Most mornings, he hops out of bed, throws on his workout clothes, stretches, and goes out for a three-mile run. Sometimes he'll attach weights to his ankles and include a big hill or two for more of a challenge. When Mateo gets home to their one-bedroom apartment in Normal Heights, he showers and has a light breakfast with Maria and their five-year-old daughter Carla.

Then he's off to take English at a local language school. Mateo speaks English fluently but still attends classes three or four times a week. Today, he learned the present perfect tense: "By the time I go to school, I've already eaten breakfast."

After class, it's off to work. Mateo's a busboy at two of the better fine-dining restaurants in San Diego. He wears a vest, apron, and bow tie for seven shifts at one venue (four nights and three days) and sports more or less the same outfit for two dinner shifts at the other. Mateo makes coffees and iced teas, crumbs and clears tables, serves food, pours water, and cleans, but he's also learned about fine wine and fine cuisine over the years and is able to interact with the clientele more than most busboys.

Guatemalan quetzales, and I thought, 'Wow, dude, where is that country?'

After work, about 11:00 most nights, Mateo drives his “baby” — his good-condition, golden 1977 Camaro LT — home to his family, and he goes to bed.

Other days, Mateo plays soccer in the Ocean Pacific Soccer League, where he’s a top-notch defensive back. Or he’ll take his daughter to Chuck E. Cheese or to the park. He details cars on Wednesdays with a friend for a few extra bucks.

Mateo works 55 hours a week and brings home close to \$1000.

A Guatemalan expatriate, Mateo’s lived in San Diego for the past nine years. For most of that time, he’s wired money to his family back home. Mateo estimates that he sends about half of what he



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Mateo

earns back to Guatemala. By now, in the rural southwestern part of that country, this young man owns 140 acres of fertile grazing land, three houses, two bakeries, an apiary, and

78 head of prime beef Brahman cattle, all of which he purchased with money from busing tables.

Mateo’s Guatemalan compatriots back home earn an average of \$80

per week. They drive taxis and serve street-side sodas and change flat tires and pick mangoes. They wake up in clapboard houses with corrugated metal roofs, walk out across littered

dirt lots, hop on rusted bicycles or into dilapidated trucks, and ride over potholed roads to net a pittance at best.

It’s not difficult to see why Mateo wanted to move to America.

And now that he’s here, he’s become a model citizen: paying taxes, donating to charities, going to church, and making it a point never to break the law or cause trouble. In fact, Mateo is one of the most dependable, kind, hard-working, easygoing, humble, and friendly young men you’ll ever meet, with never a bad word for anybody.

Mateo’s also here illegally.

Mateo is the middle one of seven brothers, aged 36, 34, 29, 28, 25, 22, and 18. “Growing up in Guatemala,” Mateo told me, “we had just a little wooden house that

my dad built, and sometimes water was coming in and stuff. We slept all nine of us in the same two rooms. It wasn’t bad, but one of my goals, my dreams, was to come to this country and send money back to buy a nice, big house for my dad. That’s what I did the first three years I was here, was send money back for a new house for my family.”

Nine years ago, in April of 1997, Mateo was the first member of his family to leave Guatemala. He was 19. “Ever since I was 10, 11 years old, I knew that I wanted to come to this country,” he said. “I just knew it. I remember hearing that American dollars were worth twice as much as Guatemalan quetzals, and I thought, ‘Wow, dude, where is that country? That means you can work as



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Mateo went to a private school in Guatemala, where he learned how to be a mechanic, and he graduated in 1996. Then he applied for and got a job, and he worked on cars and saved quetzals for seven months.

Eight hours in a garage brought Mateo 30 *quetzales* a day, about the equivalent of \$5. "My dad didn't believe me that I was going to go away," Mateo said, "because I was working in a good place as a mechanic. But after a few months, I went to him and said, 'Okay, it's time to go.' And he got mad, and my mom started crying. But I told them it was my fate, you know. I had to come here. And they were trying to tell me that I could be successful in Guatemala, that I didn't have to leave my country. But I told them the numbers that I was making, the money, that it was only 30 *quetzales* a day. And I had to go."

Mateo had put together a savings of about 700 *quetzales*. "I had asked some people how much they thought I needed to travel from Guatemala to the United States," he said, "and they all told me, like, 500 *quetzales*." And then Mateo added, under his breath, "But that wasn't true." He went on: "So when one of my brothers saw that I was about to leave, he said, 'Okay, listen, here's another 500 *quetzales*,' so I had 1200, and I thought that was really enough."

(The word "*quetzales*" sounds like *kat-AL-*

iz. The pronunciation of this word illustrates the beautiful Mayan twist to the Spanish language, with apostrophes in strange places and lots of letters like *j, k, q, x,* and *z*. For example: *K'umarcaaj, Iximché,*

Tzolkin, Mazatlán. It's curious that the rarest letters in English are almost the most plentiful in Guatemalan.)

Mateo was so determined to come to America that he had no qualms about making

the dangerous trip by himself. But the day before he was going to depart, his childhood friend Carlos came looking for him. Carlos had already tried unsuccessfully to leave Guatemala three times

and had heard that Mateo was going to go. "Carlos came to watch me play soccer one day," Mateo said. "And I thought he was already gone to the USA. But he told me he couldn't make it. So I told him,

'Okay, well, let's go tomorrow. I'm leaving tomorrow.' And he said, 'Really? Okay, well, let's go.' "

And just like that, they went.

"We took a bus to the border," Mateo

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began, "near Unión Juárez, and we paid two pesos each for a little rowboat to cross into Chiapas, Mexico. You can get permission to cross the border, but it costs money and it takes time, so instead we

decided to go and we just went. But when I saw the border, I'd heard it was different and everything, but I didn't really believe it. And then I saw how people live there, houses made of plastic and piles of

metal and people lying in the streets. It was really different. The way they spoke, the way the people looked. I was, like, wow, this is such a strange place."

It was the first time Mateo had ventured

more than a few hours from his hometown, and his plan was to travel thousands of miles more. So. What did Mateo bring with him for his odyssey?

"I had a map, a pencil, and a notepad," he

said. "Two pairs of socks, shoes, two pairs of underwear, a T-shirt, and a button-down shirt. I still have the map and the shirt, because that was my shirt, you know, the one I wore to get here."

That's all Mateo had with him?

He laughed. "It's only supposed to take two or three days to cross Mexico, if you know how to do it," he said.

But Mateo and Carlos were in fact beginning an adventure that would last over three weeks.

"The first night in Mexico, we stayed in a nice hotel," Mateo said, "because at that time we thought we had plenty of money. We didn't know. So we thought, no problem. We changed our quetzals into pesos, and we had about 2200 pesos between us, and it seemed like a lot."

Their plan was to take buses and to have the various drivers drop them off before they'd reach immigration checkpoints. "We only wanted to travel during the day," Mateo told me. "So, like, 6:00 or 7:00 o'clock, that was it. We'd get a hotel and get off the street."

The first few nights, under the impression that their trip would be easy, they did a little sightseeing in the state of Oaxaca, staying in hotels near the beaches and enjoying the new surroundings. The first indication that things might get tough for them occurred on a bus in southern Oaxaca.

"Some *federales* stopped our bus and got on and started asking for papers," Mateo said. "And we didn't have any papers. So they made us get off the bus, just me and Carlos, and I was, like, 'Wow, dude, this is it. We're getting sent back home.' And the guy asked me where we were going, and I said, 'Oaxaca.' And he said, 'Oh, yeah?' And before this, I'd made sure to ask someone else on the bus about some places in Oaxaca. So I told the *federale* about this place in Oaxaca where we were going, and he said,

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us go. I don't know."

Mateo and Carlos had a second run-in outside Mexico City, when *federales* again boarded their bus and asked for IDs. "They asked us some questions, and we told them we were from Mexico. But we have this word for money in

me! You're from Guatemala! You're *chapin*.' Because *chapin* is the word Mexicans use for people from Guatemala. And I just starting laughing again, because he caught me. So they said we had to pay them some money. I think we gave them, like, 300 pesos total, and then

"You know what, dude? I got to go back. I'm not going to make it. We had no money, and I was so tired."

Guatemala, *pisto*. But *pisto* in Mexico is tequila or *cerveza*. And I didn't know that. So the guy asked me how much *pisto* we had, because he was trying to catch me, and I said, 'I don't have a lot of *pisto*, I only have, like, this much.' And he was, like, 'You're lying to

they let us go."

Their money was disappearing, and they were only a third of the way through Mexico. They needed to make a decision. "We didn't have enough money for the bus anymore," Mateo said, "so we decided to take the train,

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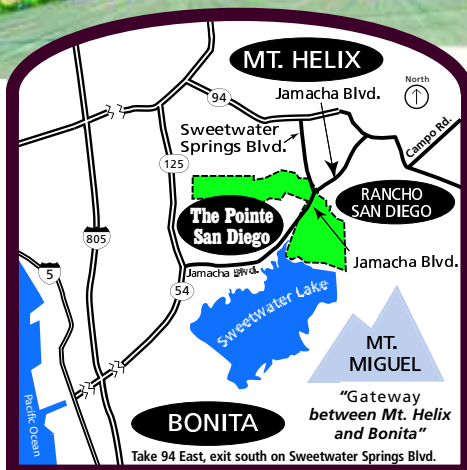
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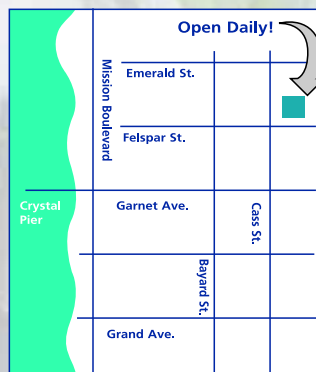
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Mateo had been calling home, collect, from a pay phone, every evening, and telling his family that things were fine and that Carlos and he were getting closer to their destination every day.

At first, that destination was supposed to be Miami or New York City, via the Laredo, Texas, border crossing. “I had friends from school in Miami and New York,” Mateo said, “and I had their phone numbers in my pocket.”

They took the train from Mexico City to Saltillo and had to get off more than once because the *federales* kept boarding the train.

Along the way, they stayed overnight with some Good Samaritans they met, and after a few days they finally made it to the border of Texas, to Piedras Negras. They had no money left. Mateo bought one tamale, and they split it, and that was it. No more *pisto*. “But we were

for wayward travelers along the Mexican side of the border. The church supplied simple meals for them as well. It was the only way they could eat.

Fifteen hundred miles, two weeks, but still, no answers from the States. And no money! It seemed that

“We stayed there in Tijuana for, like, three days, and then I got sick. I got so sick.”

there,” Mateo said. “We made it to the border.”

The thing was, Mateo’s contacts in Miami and New York City didn’t answer the phone. He tried for two days to reach them, but they never called back. He and Carlos were staying in special houses provided by the church

their epic trip might be dead at the border.

For the first time, hopelessness set in. The two young men finally discussed the possibility of giving up. After a few days, Mateo called home and asked for advice. “I told my brother, ‘We’re at the border, and just find somebody who can



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help us,'” Mateo said. “And my brother asked a girl he works with, and her brother lived in Tucson, Arizona, and we called him. And this guy asked us where we were, but we were so far away

“I talked to my aunt and my uncle and my father, and everybody told me the first thing was that I had to learn the language, and I had to obey the rules.”

from him. And we told him we didn't have any money at all, so he couldn't really help us.”

But then one of Mateo's brothers remembered a “cousin” in San Diego. “He's not really a cousin,” Mateo told me, “but we say that in my country. He was, like, a close friend of my mother's sister when he lived in Guatemala, years ago. But the family knew him, and he was from my town, and now he lived in San Diego and maybe he would help us.”

So Mateo's brother called the San Diego cousin and made sure he remembered who Mateo was, after so many years. Pedro not only remembered Mateo but was more than willing to help. He wired money, \$200, to Piedras Negras and sent instructions on how to get to Tijuana by train, where Pedro could help Mateo and Carlos get across the border.

Great. Tijuana. Only 1500 more miles to go.

About a third of the way to Tijuana, in Chihuahua, Mateo's iron will began to show cracks. “In Chihuahua was where I was really over it,” Mateo said. “I was, like, ‘You know what, dude? I got to go back. I'm not going to

make it.’ We had no money, and I was so tired.”

But then the north-bound train showed up and they got on. They could do it. Only a few more days without food

and with minimal water.

Except that there was one more snag in store for Carlos and Mateo. “On the train there were these guys from El Salvador,” Mateo related, “and they had long hair and tattoos, and they were get-

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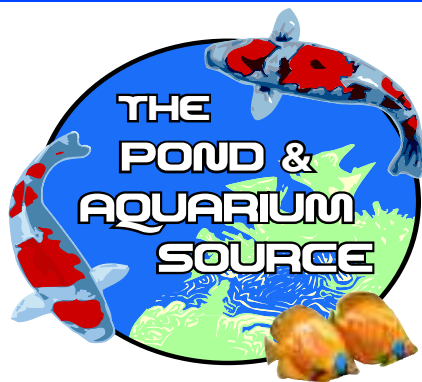
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ting drunk. Six guys, and they came over to me and Carlos, and they started bothering us. They asked us if we wanted any beer, but I said no, we didn't drink. And this one guy says, 'No? You don't drink?' And then he pours his beer all over us, all over our faces and heads. And one guy grabbed Carlos around his neck,

and we couldn't see anybody, because the train was totally dark. And they took us outside the train, in the outside-part between the cars, and the train was still moving, and they said they were going to drop us down there and kill us, and I was, like, 'Oh, man, we're going to die.'"

But then Carlos

broke free and pushed the man who held him, and he and Mateo started running through the train with three of the bullies chasing after them. "And then we found this guy, this big, older guy, and he was, like, 'Hey, what's going on, guys?' And we told him these guys wanted to fight with us, and he told us to sit down and he made sure we were okay. He wouldn't let those other guys come

near us. I don't know if he was a *federale* or what, but he was a big guy."

After three full weeks, Mateo and Carlos made it to Tijuana. "We called my cousin, Pedro, in San Diego, and he called his friend in Tijuana, and we got to sleep in a bed and eat some food. We stayed there in Tijuana for, like, three days, and then I got sick. I got so sick."

But the plans were

in motion, and when Mateo was well enough, he and Carlos followed a guide, a "coyote," through the hills of northern Mexico into southern California.

"We walked for three days and three nights," Mateo said. "My cousin found us a guide and paid him \$700 to cross us. Seven hundred dollars for me, and \$700 for Carlos."

Mateo's family hadn't heard from him in ten days, and they were worried. But finally he called them and told them everything was all right. He and Carlos had made it to the land of the free.

Mateo and Carlos stayed with Mateo's cousin for a month, and Mateo began to learn English. "I talked to my aunt and my uncle and my father, and everybody told me the first

thing was that I had to learn the language, and I had to obey the rules. And I remember my cousin said, 'If you want to come to this country to have a party, go back home. But if you want to come to this country to make money and be peaceful, then stay here, no problem.'" Mateo took classes all day for almost three months, at a language school in University Heights, and then he went out to look for a job.

"My cousin went up to Los Angeles and got me a fake Social Security number," Mateo said. "That was all I needed to look for a job."

Mateo found work in a local fine-dining restaurant and started out as a dishwasher, though he quickly found his way into the kitchen proper, working the prep line. He cut vegeta-

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bles and made pastries. "They called me *morro*," Mateo said. "*Morro* is what they say in Mexico for 'boy,' you know, like 'He's our boy.' They've called me *morro* since 1997."

They took Mateo, their *morro*, under their wing. Co-workers gave him rides to and from the restaurant. He worked seven nights a week. Mateo paid attention and asked questions and tried to learn everything he could about the business.

For a long time, it was learning English during the day and working at the restaurant at night. Mateo walked to school and then got rides to work, every single day, week after week. But there was always a little time for Mateo's first love, soccer. He'd play whenever he could. He also met a girl at the language school — Maria, from Guadalajara — and they began dating.

"I remember that first paycheck," Mateo said. "It was \$700, and I was, like, 'Whoa, dude.' Unbelievable. I paid off my cousin and bought some clothes, and I sent \$200 home to Guatemala." Soon enough, Mateo had taken care of all his debts, and within a year or so he'd saved enough money to move out on his own.

One of Mateo's co-workers at the restaurant sold Mateo his first car, a Honda Prelude. "He wanted \$2500 for the car," Mateo told me, "but I couldn't afford that. So he said, 'Okay, give me \$700 next week, and you can drive the car. And then pay me \$500 more next month, and the car's yours.' And I was, like, 'Really?' And he said, 'Sure. No problem. You're *morro*.'"

Mateo's characteristic humility crept into his voice as he lowered his head and said, "I've found the right people.

So many people have really helped me."

Six years ago, Mateo filled out a form with the Internal Revenue Service and told them that he wanted to take care of his taxes. They gave him a tax identifi-

cation number, and he paid back taxes to 1997. Since then, he's taken care of his duties to the United States government just like every law-abiding legal American citizen.

"I'm grateful to be

in this country," Mateo said, "and to be able to work as hard as I want to work and to make the money that I deserve for working hard. This is a great country, maybe the greatest in the world, and I'm happy to be

here. But I can't believe that I've been here for nine years, and I have a daughter who's a U.S. citizen, and I learned the language and I pay my taxes, but I still can't get papers to stay here legally. That's too bad."

Local immigration lawyer Christopher Macaraeg told me that there is virtually no way for Latin Americans to live and work legally in the United States unless they have a family member already established

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here or a workplace petitions on their behalf. "About the only other way is if they have enough money to start a business or if they're specialists in some profession, like science," Macaraeg said.

"I've been to lawyers," Mateo told me. "Many lawyers. They say there's nothing they can do. The restaurants I work at can't even sponsor me, because I'm not a chef, and for some reason restaurants can only sponsor chefs. And the thing is, I love this country. I love it like it's my own country. So many great things have hap-

pened to me here. If they'd let me, I'd buy a house and really make my home here. But instead, I could get sent to the border, anytime, just like that."

Which is to say that every day, Mateo faces the threat of deportation. One time when I saw him, he had just been pulled over by a policeman for a broken taillight. He carries no identification, because the Department of Motor Vehicles won't issue him any, but let this story be an indication of what a sweet, kind, smiling young man Mateo is (and also

what a compassionate fellow this particular police officer was): Mateo told the officer that he didn't have a

One hundred fifty years ago, if you could make it to these borders in good health, and if you bore no previous criminal record, then you'd earned your passage.

license, and the policeman said, "You mean, you don't have your license with you?" And Mateo told him, no, he

couldn't get a license at all. He was just here in this country working hard and supporting his family. And the officer

told him to make sure to get his taillight fixed, and he let Mateo go.

That was last year. Eight years ago, Mateo

wasn't so lucky. Before his daughter was born, and before he could speak English very well, he was in fact deported one night, right out of his bed at 1:00 o'clock in the morning.

"I was staying with my cousin still," Mateo said, "and he got pulled over by police for speeding, but he didn't have his license. But he said he had a license at home, so the police followed him back to his place, and they followed him inside. And he had his license, but the police woke me up, and they woke Carlos up, and we didn't have any

papers, so they took us away. I told them we were from Mexico, so they took us to Tijuana, and they left us there, and, oh, man, we had to walk back over again."

(Mateo's girlfriend Maria also walked across the border illegally. Her trip from Guadalajara in 1999 took three days. Today, Maria works full-time as a housekeeper for \$1200 a month and assumes the main duties for raising little Carla.)

Mateo's second expedition to the United States took him eight days. "The border patrol found us on the second day," he said, "and they

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caught our guide. Me and Carlos ran, but they were calling after us with a loudspeaker saying, 'Don't run! You have no food! You have no water! You'll get lost and die!' But we ran anyway, even though they were right. We had no food, and we ran out of water the next day, and the sun was hot, and we didn't know which way to go."

Mateo and Carlos wandered aimlessly for days through the hills. "I know what it's like to starve," Mateo said, "and it's bad. But having no water... That's so much worse. You get so you can't breathe, and you start, what's the word, you start hallucinating. I thought I was going to die out there. But then we found, I think you call it a puddle. We found a puddle. And it was clear, and it tasted good. That was the best drink I ever had. Man, I still remember drinking that water."

After five days alone in the daytime sun and the chilly desert nights, Mateo and Carlos came across another guide who was bringing three immigrants across the border. The guide gave them food and agreed to lead them, and soon they were back in San Diego.

Immigrants had it different back in the early days of this country. One hundred fifty years ago, if you could make it to these borders in good health, and if you bore no previous criminal record, then you'd earned your passage.

At first, this country needed immigrants. The colonies, and later the fledgling states, relied heavily on an incoming flood of able-bodied foreigners.

It wasn't until the 1870s, when anti-immigrant propaganda began spreading, that the U.S. government was forced to impose restrictions on who would be

allowed to seek American citizenship. By 1924, Congress had passed quota laws against almost everyone, in an effort to cater and shape the ethnicity profile of our national citizenry.

Still — as estimated by the U.S. Census

Bureau — over 11 million illegal immigrants have entered the U.S., and as many as 500,000 more are crossing the borders every year. About half of these "aliens" are Mexican, with several Central American and even

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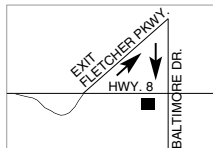
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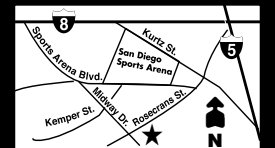
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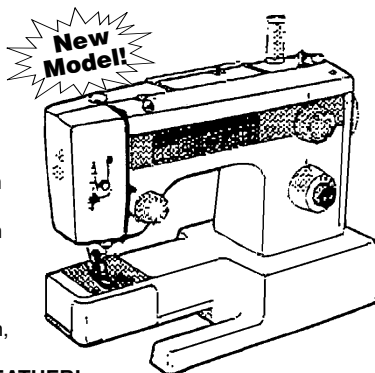
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poll conducted the day after the infamous May 1 nationwide walkout by Hispanic immigrants, two-thirds of those polled said that illegal immigrant status should be a felony crime. The same percentage of Americans (67 percent) indicated that they sympathize with illegal immigrants in the U.S. "very little or not at all."

The walkout occurred in an effort to see Congress pass immigration reform that would provide a path toward citizenship. Instead, the Bush administration has militarized the border and criminalized people who are here illegally.

But I always remember that ours is, by definition, a country of immigrants. We're the world's admirable "melting pot." The United States of America. A land of previously tired, poor, and huddled masses who yearned to

breathe free.

Mateo's homeland was Guatemala. Guatemala is the northernmost country in Central America, due south of Mexico. Guatemala also borders Belize, Honduras, and El Salvador to the east and south.

According to the humanitarian organization CARE, the average annual income in Guatemala hovers right around \$4000, with half the workforce in agriculture, 35 percent in services and 15 percent in industry. Just 55 percent of the population is literate. Mateo's father, however, always insisted that his sons become educated. "Go to school, go to school, go to school, go to school," that's what my father always said to us," Mateo remembered. In a recent edition of the Human Development Index, a table that ranks countries according to life expectancy, educational attainment, and income per person, Guatemala placed 117 out of 174 nations.

Now, if all goes well, by 2010, Mateo's cattle business alone will generate more than 20 times the average annual income for his country. Converting this to U.S.

funds (our national average income is about \$40,000, according to the Census), we might say that when Mateo returns home to run his own business, which he does plan to do someday, he'll be worth the equivalent of nearly a million dollars a year, relative to his Guatemalan neighbors.

These ancient peoples would even go so far as to fasten boards to their faces and stare at beads dangling in front of their noses to achieve the desired physical effects.

And to think that in 1997, this young *caballero* was a full-time dishwasher.

Mateo uses money wire-transfer services to send funds home. He usually goes to a company called Giromex. According to the World Bank, remittances by emigrants represent the second-largest source of external finance to developing countries, after foreign direct

investment, surpassing even foreign aid. In particular, Mexico currently receives the most remittances of any country in the world: over \$16 billion in 2004. Literally millions of unemployed Mexicans living in Mexico are dependent upon money wired from Mexicans living in the United States.

The numbers for Guatemala are similarly sizeable. Money sent home from the U.S. amounts to over \$1.2 billion a year, which is more than the combined value of traditional exports: coffee, sugar, and bananas.

"Always I wanted to buy land to have cows," Mateo said. "That was one of my dreams, too, since I was a little kid. So the first three years I

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worked here, I got myself what I needed, and I sent money home to get my parents their house. But then, after that, almost all the money has been for land and for cows.

"To buy the land is easy," Mateo explained. "But to build the land, that's hard. That takes a lot of money, too, and that's why I'm still working hard. You need fences and corrals and water and you have to keep the grass in good shape and you have to take care of the cows. Also, we want to get our own truck to move the cows. That will save money for us later on."

In Guatemala, a small young cow costs about 2000 *quetzales*. After a year of grazing, the fattened adult cow might be worth about 4500. Figure that it costs about 500 *quetzales* to take care of the cow for that year, and the profit is about 2000 per cow, or a little over \$250 dollars, at current exchange rates. Bulls cost more like 11,000 *quetzales* each. And you can figure about 25 cows per bull and ten acres per cow.

After initial investments in land and equipment, a good Guatemalan rancher could net a five-time return on his money every year.

Mateo's land in Guatemala is green and lush. But he's never seen it. He's never seen the house that he bought his parents, or the bakeries that he purchased for his brothers. In fact, he hasn't seen any members of his immediate family in over nine years.

When I told Mateo that I was going to be traveling to Guatemala for this story, he was instantly excited. He helped me plan and coordinate arrangements with his family and find a translator for the time I'd be there. He gave me his video camera. "I want to see my

land," he said, "and the house my parents live in."

On the morning of my trip, an Iranian cab driver picked me up and took me to the airport. Four years ago, this cabie married an American and became a U.S. citizen. In the '90s, he used to send money to his parents in Iran to help them invest in a house. "But it's much more difficult to send money to Iran now," he said. "The government is very corrupt and very unstable. We don't know for certain how it will be there next week or next month." And then my Iranian-American cab driver echoed a sentiment I'd read in more than one piece of social commentary: "The government in Mexico is corrupt, too. And maybe in Guatemala, I don't know. But the people in those countries have it very tough, and the government doesn't help them. They can't make any money and save and provide for their families."

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(Sounds horrifyingly close to the recent W. Bush United States.) Mexico’s President Vicente Fox says that generating new jobs in Mexico will keep Mexicans from leaving, but what about the even more fundamental issue of a self-serving government that does whatever it wants and also keeps its own citizens down?

I shared the plane to Guatemala City with an interesting crowd: seven water experts from Texas on a civic mission to build a water-purifier for a small town in central

Guatemala, a wedding party on their way to Antigua, an elderly woman who rents a house near Lake Atitlan for three months every year, an Internet lawyer traveling to help a company set up protected e-mail accounts, an American man scouting for inexpensive property investments, and a few Guatemalan locals and young tourists. One of the water missionaries and the Internet lawyer discussed how going to Guatemala meant leaving the rest of the world behind. “I usually get

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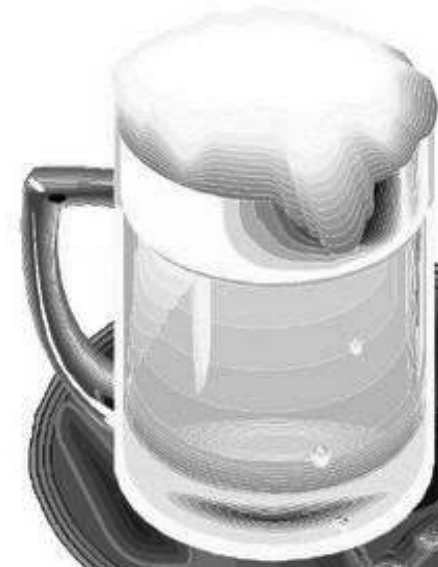
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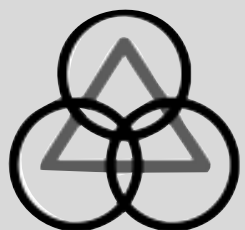


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I don’t know if it says anything in *Popol Vuh* about the physical

appearance of Guatemalans, but I did read in my *Lonely Planet* guidebook that ancient Mayans considered flat

dangling in front of their noses to achieve the desired physical effects.

When I got to Guatemala, I was met by

The garbagemen in Nuevo San Carlos in the ‘90s used to pick up the trash in town and then take it to the riverbed just down the road and dump it out there.

foreheads and crossed eyes to be beautiful.

These ancient peoples would even go so far as to fasten boards to their faces and stare at beads

one of Mateo’s younger brothers, Victor, 25, and a friend of the family, Oscar, 31. The two of them brought a translator for me, a 21-year-old

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Guatemalan named Gustavo. Gustavo had grown up in Ontario, Canada, and he therefore spoke perfect English, complete with an amusing Canadian "eh?" thrown in every now and again.

Through Gustavo, they told me that we'd leave my rental car at the hotel, because it wouldn't make it where we were going. In fact, I'd already suffered a flat tire, which Victor and Oscar fixed in about four minutes. But they considered Victor's 1997 Toyota truck more roadworthy for rural Guatemala, so we all piled in and set out on our way.

It's difficult to present the street scenes in Guatemala in a way that can be easily visualized.

For one thing, I found it hard to pay attention. The temperature got up into the 90s, and the humidity was in the 90s as well. Hot, thick, and wet. And then the windshield of the Toyota had been pinged four times over the years by little stones, and all four of the pings had expanded until the whole front window was threaded with webbed and snaking fractures. The next hindrance to awareness was the constant bouncing: we jolted, jerked, and joggled every which way on the pocked, patched, and sometimes cobbled Guatemalan roads. In the end, concentrating on anything while driving was like trying to watch footage from an

unsteady handheld camera with a cracked lens.

Then figure in the traffic: zigzagging bicycles (all rust-colored), small children running, women crossing the streets with baskets on their heads, small taxis that looked like boxy foreign golf carts darting and swerving, slow rickshaws, loud diesel buses, big trucks, other cars. And all of this on roads barely more than a single lane wide.

What I've just described were the *main* roads.

The side road leading up to the house of Mateo's parents, in a township called Nuevo San Carlos (population around 1000), was basically a long, uneven pile of differently shaped

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rocks. We crawled and bounced along at about five miles per hour. Later, after viewing the footage I'd shot, Mateo would comment that this road used to be even worse.

The house Mateo bought for his parents is easily the nicest one in the area. It's sturdy and solid, a rectangle with a flat roof, all plaster and wood, with a concrete foundation, real windows, and no leaks. It wouldn't look out of place on the streets of San Diego. I'd estimate the floor space at around 1000 square feet.

There's no such thing as a lawn in Guatemala. For all the green lushness of the countryside, the concept of cultivated grass around a homestead hasn't caught on down there yet. It's all packed dirt lots with mango trees, banana trees, leafy weeds, thick bushes, and big rocks.

When we pulled up to Mateo's place, his smiling father came out into the dirt lot and greeted us. Through the open entryway of the house, we could see into the back yard, where Mateo's mom was standing inside a covered fire-pit pounding and molding tortillas.

When Mateo would later view the video footage I'd shot for him — the hellos from his parents and brothers, the old streets he used to haunt, the bakeries he'd bought, his beautiful land — his initial response was: "Thank you for this tape, but I'm very disappointed. I thought my parents' house would have a better entryway and a nicer kitchen with a bigger indoor stove. I keep asking my dad if he needs more money, and he always says, 'No, no, we're fine.' But it's not fine. They need to have a better stove and a better doorway than that."

Numerous chickens and dogs were running around in the yard.

Almost every house had chickens, dogs, and even pigs living nearby. Mateo's mom gathered eggs from the chickens to make us breakfast. She and another woman, one of Mateo's sisters-in-law,

would eventually cook us an exceptional breakfast. But after the preparations, these two women took seats away from the breakfast table and watched the men eat. Every so often, the *seño-*

ras would notice that a glass was empty, or someone needed more black beans, and they would jump up and take care of things, like waiters or servants. (When I mentioned coffee, I was

offered hot water and a jar of Nescafé. Ironic, I thought, that some of the best coffee in the world is grown in Guatemala, but because almost all of it's exported, you'd be hard-pressed to get a cup of it

there.) After we ate, we piled back into the Toyota and headed off to the main town in the region, Retalhuleu (population 40,000). Mateo's dad joined us, holding on in

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the back of the truck.

Even the smaller Guatemalan cities have running water and trash pickup and many other trappings of modern living, although these services can be erratic, and when things break, they'll often go unfixed for weeks or months. Mateo told me that the garbagemen in Nuevo San Carlos in the '90s used to pick up the trash in town and then take it to the riverbed just down the road and dump it out there. "They did that for a while," he told me, "and then it started to stink everywhere. It took a long time before anyone came and did anything about it."

The storefronts in Retalhuleu were basically

hollowed out of a single, curving, half-mile-long row of 20-foot-high concrete. The only differentiation between one store and another was the colors of the paint, which were always loud, bright yellows, pinks, and reds, with some blues and greens thrown in. There were few real doors anywhere, just openings in the concrete façades where gates could be closed or metal grates pulled down. The bakeries Mateo bought for his brothers, a few hundred yards apart along the middle of the strip, were small and well equipped. (It didn't seem to bother either brother that their breads were in competition for consumers.) Victor, in par-

ticular, was proud of the bread he made, and he would eventually send me home with some. It was delicious, finely textured and slightly sweet. (Before we leave Retalhuleu, I want to linger for a moment on

Until 1996, Guatemala suffered through 25 years of civil war. Hundreds of thousands were killed.

the dozens of women I saw who were carrying huge baskets on top of their heads. No hands. Just an incredible balancing act as they glided along at a normal pace,

turning to look at things, stopping, starting up again. To illustrate the incongruence in Guatemalan culture today, at one point in the Guatemalan capital of Guatemala City, I saw two of these top-of-the-

head basket-carrying women standing in front of a poster for Hilary Duff's latest CD.)

After a half hour or so, we drove out of Retalhuleu, into the green

countryside, to have a look at Mateo's pastures and livestock. Mateo's cattle were Brahmans, and some of these beasts were huge, with the lines of their bony backs towering over my head. Brahmans have an abundance of loose skin dangling down beneath their necks, as well as humps on their backs. They are the sacred cattle of India, and they do look majestic, if not exactly holy.

The fences around Mateo's land were representative of the Guatemalan people's resourcefulness. Between the strings of barbed wire running along, there was not one fence post — the wire fastened to lines of living trees and bushes and branches

stuck into the ground.

Mateo's land was worked year-round by two *vaqueros*. Both of these rugged fellows bore the accoutrements of American cowboys: wide-brimmed hats, blue jeans, collared long-sleeved shirts, and leather boots, but they rode bicycles and carried machetes. (As an aside, the only beasts of burden I saw in Guatemala were the people who pushed or pulled their own wares in carts.) The *vaqueros* sported compelling examples of a peculiar Guatemalan style: gold teeth. Mateo told me he can't remember how gold teeth became popular in his home country, but nowadays thousands of Guatemalans show off

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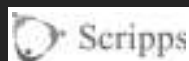
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dental twinkles. One of Mateo's cowboys literally had more gold teeth than real teeth inside his mouth.

It was very hot and very damp. As we visited the various plots of land, flies and mosquitoes swarmed. Our shoes became thickly encrusted with mud. But we were lucky. It was the rainy season in Guatemala, and on any given day there'd be more than an 80 percent chance of rain. Two hundred eighty inches of rain — over 23 feet — on average, falls during every June. But I didn't get wet

at all in my time in Guatemala, unless you count the muddy shoes and my own sweat.

We met a man outside of town, and when he saw me he said, loudly, "America's number one!" When I answered, "Maybe," he seemed noticeably surprised.

Eventually, we drank Canada Dry out of green glass bottles and feasted on fresh fish and shellfish on a seaside deck in Champerico, and we picked mangoes out of a tree and ate them.

Traveling through the countryside, I wit-

nessed another example of Guatemalan resourcefulness: when Victor's Toyota got a flat tire, our cowboy immediately produced his machete, filed a stick down into a point, and stuck it in the hole, plugging the leak. Later, we would take the tire to a *pinchazo* (which means "flat tire") to have it more permanently fixed. *Pinchazos*, which advertise by prominently displaying tires with the word *pinchazo* painted on the treads, were more plentiful throughout Guatemala than any other business,

which stands to reason, given the condition of the roads.

One thing I noticed, looking at the people: the default facial expression for most Guatemalans — if I might risk a generalization — is one of serenity. But it looks like a hard-earned serenity, a kind of postresignation serene. I'm reminded by these faces that until 1996, Guatemala suffered through 25 years of civil war. Hundreds of thousands were killed. (Mateo told me there was no violence in his town as he grew up.) And even

before the recent troubles, Guatemalans were repressed and attacked at least since the Spanish colonialists started all the modern trouble in the 1520s. There's a calmness to these Guatemalan faces, yes, but it's a calmness with an alarming depth, as though calm were the only choice left to them in the wake of hundreds of years of defeat.

At the end of the day, I said goodbye to my gracious hosts, got in my rental car, and took the main road for the three-hour drive back to

Guatemala City. Thunderstorms followed me, corrupt policemen pulled cars over purely at random, and I saw 3 of the country's 30 volcanoes looming pointedly along the scenic route.

Passing through customs at the airport in Dallas, Texas, coming home to America with all my papers in order, I was asked by the immigration officer what I'd been doing while I was out of the country. I told him about this article, and he took an interest — more than an interest. He talked to me for nearly

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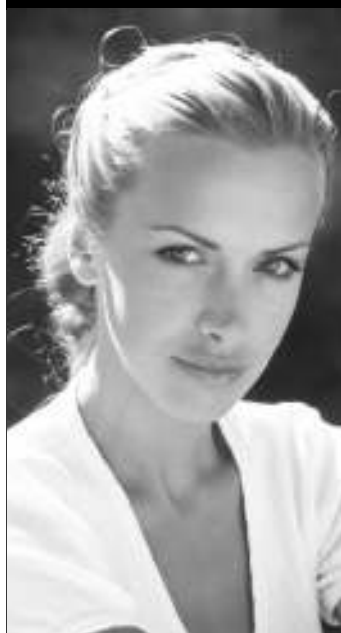
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five minutes — about his job, his home in the U.S. border town of El Paso, and a personal moral conflict — while the line of travelers began to accumulate behind us.

“That’s a good thing

to write about right now,” he assured me.

“But there’s so many angles in that subject.

For one thing, a lot of people are mad at immigration officers, but we’re just doing our jobs.”

Did he think illegal immigrants were bad for our country?

“About the only negative effect I’ve seen is my property taxes in El Paso have gone up,” he said. “Because of the

strain they put on schools and housing. But other than that, I just don’t know any more. When I started doing this job, I was proud. I thought I was protecting our country.

But now I deal with these people every day, and I realize they have lives, and my decisions — although they might make me look good to my bosses — my decisions

could end up ruining someone’s life. And for what? My property taxes? Being an immigration officer now is a tough job. I don’t know if I can do it anymore.” ■

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It's been a couple of years since they divorced. Because I didn't experience their situation firsthand, I can't blame either one of them for what happened, but what I can do is become stronger because of it. I can study their actions and come to conclusions to make my own marriage last. One thing I derived from their situation that will help my own marriage is to never give up. Taking the easy route only leads to more problems. Divorce may seem like the only thing left to do, but it's the lazy way to clean up a mess both people contributed to. A strong marriage is possible if both people keep enduring...and enduring is much more than trying.

Keeping a marriage together consists of things we learned as small children and must develop into strong characteristics as adults. Both people must listen with their ears and not their mouth. By understanding what one another experiences, a marriage can run more smoothly. Our mouths lead us into trouble, which is the reason why we should close them when someone else talks. Other things such as compromise and letting people have their "alone" time should exist in a marriage; it will exist in mine.

Both people must have what they want in life before depending upon each other. No one can fulfill another person's dreams. Thinking marriage will complete everything that one ever wanted is a big mistake; it creates a false hope that will lead to arguments and disappointment. I have a goal in life: I want to graduate from college with a major in journalism. By marrying someone before I begin this journey (before I start studying this subject), I might veer off my

road and think that because I have my significant other by my side, I don't need anything else. Marriage comes with many beneficial and wonderful things, but if someone doesn't have what he or she already wants, marriage will not give it to them.

I plan on getting married and having at least four children. Children are a constant reminder of the love two people share. But before I have children, I will establish a strong and unbreakable marriage with someone I love, practicing the qualities and morals I believe must exist between two married people.

—Alexis Sebring,
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Marriage is a difficult subject; divorce rates being as high as they are, the institution of marriage is a different animal than it has been in the past. When and if I ever get married, I would likely be in my late 20s, but this is highly dependent on partners and many other circumstances. The societal standard of marriage is that the husband should be older than the wife, but, in my opinion, as long as the age gap isn't too wide, I don't see a problem. Problems can sometimes arise with age gaps of 5, 10, 15 or even more years.

Before I get married, I would like to become established with at least an education and a reasonably good career; you should get your life together and have some fun before thinking about getting married. Circumstances can change; you can meet an exceptional person, for example, but as a rule of thumb, get yourself together and have some fun before devoting your time and energy to one person.

In my limited experience, marital problems arise primarily when one or both people aren't satisfied or feel "penned in" by the

marriage. While it could be a naïve suggestion, just try and have some fun before getting married. You might not get another chance. This is not to say that once you're married, you're dead, but, honestly, life probably won't be the same after marriage.

Between getting your "wild side" out before marriage and making concessions to your partner, there should be little reason a marriage should fall apart, aside from external pressures and circumstances. One of the bigger causes of divorce, aside from unhappiness, is financial security. Some people seem to feel that if they aren't living well enough, there's something wrong with their marriage.

Another important factor in marriage is children. Some couples shy away from kids completely while others go buck wild. That should be an individual choice and shouldn't be done out of social responsibility to procreate. A lot of parents aren't mature enough or prepared enough for kids. The presence of kids in a relationship should depend on circumstances. I say all this as the

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product of a happily married set of parents and am basing this all on observations and thoughts throughout my life.

— Grant Barba,
La Jolla H.S.

Falling in love, getting married, having two kids, raising a family, and growing old with my husband... that's how I've always pictured my future. Oh, and add getting rich in there somewhere. I bet most teenagers picture their lives along those same lines. Adults nowadays probably consider that plan unrealistic or even idealistic. I mean, let's face reality: divorce rates are high and a lifetime of love for one person seems rare.

Maybe I'm more hopeful than others because I've grown up in a happy family with two parents who love each other. I hope I can find something like they have someday. They seem to balance each other out, my mom being overly outgoing and high-strung and my dad always seeming calm and collected. I rarely see them fight and when they do their grudges never last more than an hour. If my mom is upset about something, my dad cares and tries to do everything in his power to sort out the problem. They understand each other, and even though I'm trying my best to explain it, I can't.

I can picture getting married around when my mom did, at 26 years old, to someone within a few years of my age. I think a key part in successful marriages is that each person establishes his or her own life first. I definitely want to finish college and have a stable career before I get married. I want to be able to focus on my spouse when I do decide to get married, instead of worrying about studying for a final exam or applying for important jobs. I've heard of a lot of marriages not working out because one member of the relationship refuses to put their spouse before other parts of their life, such as work. I don't want that to happen in my future relationship.

After I'm married, I want to spend time with my husband for a few years before I rush into having children. I want to have two children, but I know the time commitment that will take. I need to be prepared for that and realize the craziness that parenting brings.

— Bryanna Schwartz,
Westview H.S.

My great-great-grandmother, Annie McEntyre, saw the burning of Atlanta. After her father's death in the Civil War, Annie watched her mother go insane with grief. Her family's fortune in ruins (and her mother in an asylum), Annie escaped to Mississippi in 1865, where

she decided — at the age of 14 — it was time to get married.

Almost 150 years later, here I am. It is hard to imagine leading a life like Annie's, but even harder to imagine eventually getting married. I worry about tests, newspaper deadlines, and getting into college; marriage is a very distant possibility.

I don't think anyone can predict their future love life. When I was in preschool, I remember the other girls giggling and claiming that they were going to grow up and be princesses and, naturally, marry princes. I wanted to be an entomologist. Fourteen years later, those girls are far from royalty, but I am equally far from being an entomologist.

Annie told her family that her husband, William Norfleet, was a school teacher, but it seems that he was only a student. I do not know their financial status, but according to family legend, Annie spent several years traveling from Mississippi to Florida as a cabaret dancer. Marriage does not guarantee anything.

Those girls on the preschool playground saw marriage as an end, a happy solution to life. Flip through the "announcements" in the newspaper this Sunday, and happy couples will smile back. But judging by divorce rates, marriage is everything but the conclusion.

William Norfleet died at the age of 49. Annie, still



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young, never remarried. She raised several children and eventually immigrated to California from Arkansas during the Dust Bowl years. Annie died in 1955 at the age of 95.

One cannot predict the future. I cannot sit down and say, "I'll get married after college and have two kids: a boy and a girl." But I know that if Annie could find happiness through hard times... if she could support herself (despite the unorthodox methods), so can I, mar-

ried or not.

— *Madeline McCurry-Schmidt, Valhalla H.S.*

When it comes to getting married, my basic opinion is, whatever happens, happens. I don't know where, to whom, and how I would want to get married (which might surprise some guys who think that every girl has a "My Dream Wedding" scrapbook stashed under

her bed).

I know for sure, however, that I'd like to get married young, preferably in my early 20s. Because I'm from a European family in which marrying young was the norm, my great-grandmother is only 87 and my other grandparents are in their 60s. Marrying young allows the elders of a family to participate in the child rearing; elders can dispense advice during the rocky times, too. As for the age of my spouse, I don't have a preference.

Marrying early brings up the question of college and how to deal with both commitments simultaneously. At the moment, with the career goal of becoming an architect, I'm looking at almost as much schooling as that of a doctor, topped off by a postcollege internship. Therefore, in terms of acquiring a degree before marriage, there is no ideal time.

I would, however, wait for an opportune time to have children. There is no

question that I would want to have them eventually, but it would not be very convenient to ride a bicycle cross-campus in freezing weather with an extra 20 pounds attached to my stomach.

It was easier for my parents, who, by 21, had finished college and had my brother. Having a child so early can have one of two effects on a marriage: either it divides the stressed-out young parents or it brings them together. Fortunately, the latter was the case with

my parents, who are still together after 20 years.

The child cannot be the only thing holding together a marriage, though. I think my marriage would also require a lot of compromise, support, and a certain degree of fun and spontaneity. I'd like our relationship to have an element of surprise in it because if I am going to spend an entire lifetime with one person, I should at least have fun while doing it.

— *Jennie Matusova, La Jolla H.S.* ■

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A laminated newspaper clipping is stuck to the fridge in the kitchen of Garrett and Joli's Rancho Peñasquitos condo. It reads: "I have to confess that it's crossed my mind that you could not be a Republican and a Christian."

— Hilary Rodham Clinton, during remarks at a National Prayer Luncheon in Washington, D.C.

“It’s

quite exciting,” says Joli, “because it’s actually crossed my mind, too, and I’m *somewhat* intelligent. I’m a Hilary fan, I have to admit.”

It’s not such an odd statement to hear from a young woman hovering around 30 years of age, but it gets a little odder when you survey the rest of the kitchen and the apartment that surrounds it. The place is a flag you can live in — red, white, and blue everywhere. The kitchen — white, with blue tile on the countertop — opens into a deep-red dining room, brightened by white beadboard wainscoting. White again in the living room, with deep blue curtains in front of the slider, and red/white/blue-striped window treatments. Red, white, and blue in the country quilt thrown over the couch, a quilt that features red plaid hearts and blue plaid stars. Red in the master bathroom. And to drive the point home, images here and there of Old Glory. On a couch pillow. Framed in the master bedroom, with the Pledge of Allegiance written in an elegant hand along the off-white stripes. And underneath Emma, the baby, in one of the large

photo portraits hanging in the dining room. There are three of those portraits here — two of the baby, one of the family — and another in the bedroom.

“I’m a teacher, and the photographer goes to my school,” says Joli. “We do a fundraising thing every year, and he donates something like two days of studio time for free. And if you purchase extra pictures, the money goes to our school. He’s a great photographer, but we spent way too much money.”

“We were a little shocked when the bill came,” says Garrett. “It ended up being almost \$800. The frames are quite nice, though.”

“We got lots of prints for the family, too, though,” adds Joli. “It could have been worse.”

The family shot is largely obscured by a Christmas tree and Christmasy decorations abound: a snowman runner on a sideboard, miniature trees atop the entertainment center, big red bows on the lamps. Doting parents getting professional portraits of their child, living in a suburban apartment crammed with countrified Americana, and jazzing up the decor in

anticipation of the Christ child’s birthday. Surely these are Christian Republicans?

Maybe Garrett, maybe once. “I was a real right-winger going into college,” he says. Before college, he had joined the Marine reserves while he figured out where he wanted to go to school. Why the Marines? “The uniform — the tradition and history.” The decision brought him south from Oregon, and not even boot camp could obscure the pleasant face of San Diego in winter. He decided to go to school here.

Garrett’s dad was a pastor in the Nazarene church, and Garrett ended up attending Point Loma Nazarene University. “I changed significantly from the time I started. I was one of eight philosophy majors. I took the things that I read seriously. I took a continental authors class — just a greatest-hits type thing. We read *The Brothers Karamazov* and some Camus. What amazed me was, as I read those books and kind of honored them, it seemed as though lights were turning on. I was finding a lot that resonated with me. However, they weren’t

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Christian at all. I try to read *Brothers K* at Lent every year. It was a watershed book for me — especially Ivan Karamazov and his rebellion. You know, ‘if the suffering of children is part of some greater good, then I don’t want to be part of it.’ It’s a very religious book, very spiritual, just not in an orthodox way. So instead of going into the dark, evil world, it felt to me more like I was going into a brightly lit, more truth-based world. It kind of snowballed from there.”

The pastor’s kid, reading his way out of the flock. “It’s kind of his fault,” says Garrett of his father. “When I was a kid, he kept telling me, ‘You’ve got to think before you do. Think. Before you do or say something, think about it first.’ So I just started thinking about stuff. And the more you think about stuff sometimes, the more you change your opinion.” Still, he says, “I really did struggle to continue believing the way I had always believed — it becomes your heritage, because of the way you were raised. You do get friction within the family. Not so much with immediate family as with my grandparents. We just don’t

bring it up.”

And while Garrett and Joli still attend church, his Christianity is definitely not what it was. “I don’t find the miraculous content and language of the Bible to be necessary for salvation to exist. Jesus did not have to walk on water or feed five thousand people.”

What about the Resurrection? “He had to be crucified. I think that sin and death and salvation are found in the crucifixion, and we can learn a lot from that choice. I think sin and death was defeated on the cross. He gave us new life, and he accepted our death, and through his sufferings, we are healed. But even when I was very staunchly conservative, I always thought the Resurrection was a little bit trite after the Passion. For a body to simply be reanimated just seems to be a power play to me. For flesh and bones to walk around again was never a convincing part of the story.” Even in his conservative days, it seems, he was ripe for change.

The trouble, says Joli, is that he was not only “conservative, but a know-it-all. Very fundamentalist. He could never see the other

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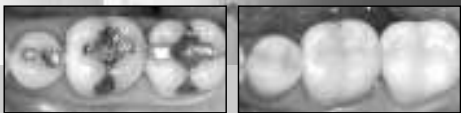
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“Guns don’t kill people; people kill people,” offers Garrett.

They met in the college choir, and fell to arguing. Joli remembers “one time when James Dobson came to speak. He’s an alumni...”

Recalls Garrett, “He basically said that there are a few women out there who are superwomen and can have a career and also raise a healthy family. But they were the rare exception. There was no mention of partnership in a relationship. Joli can have a career if I’m willing to get Emma ready in the mornings and feed her and maybe help with the laundry and some of the household things. Dobson’s point of view seemed to be that the man should never be doing those things.” That if a woman wants a career, “she has to do all that *and* have a career.”

“There were a couple of women professors who walked out,” recalls Joli. “I remember arguing on the phone with Garrett: ‘Do you not see how that could be

offensive?’ At first, he didn’t.”

“And then,” continues Garrett, “I read a book of Dobson’s a couple of years later. There was a chapter on the stress on the wife of running a household, and how the man needs to be sensitive to this. I kept waiting for him to say, ‘Help around the house.’ He was kind of building this case, and then his recommendation was to hire a female high school student to help, because they’re cheap. I thought, ‘You’ve got to be kidding me.’”

“He might not believe some of those things now,” adds Joli. “I mean, he wrote them many years ago. And I read *Dare to Discipline*, and I thought he had good things to say.”

Joli was offended by Dobson, but she doesn’t dismiss him. And when she talks about “kid number two, which is not on the way yet,” she says that she doesn’t want to go back to work, “at least not for a while.” She was the more liberal of the two when she met Garrett, and yet the Americana is

born of her taste, not his. “She loves stars, and she loves red,” says Garrett. “I guess we’re pretty patriotic. We just believe that disagreeing strongly is part of being a patriot.”

“My love for Americana has nothing to do with my politics,” insists Joli. “And Democrats love their country, too!”

Moreover, Joli has not distanced herself quite so far from the faith of her childhood. A calendar hangs on the door to Emma’s room; in the box for each day, written in magic marker and in Emma’s voice, is the record of some achievement or observation. “I love the moon; I get so excited when I see it.” “New words: hamburger, star, Elmo.” “I put out my arms and give hugs now.” “Yeah! I went pee-pee on my little potty!” “I folded my hands and said ‘God’ tonight all by myself. I get so excited to say my prayers.”

“It’s very important to me to raise her to be a Christian, to be a believer,” says Joli. “I think that’s one of the biggest things my parents

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gave me.”

But however big, it's not a thing which has remained stable, and this is due at least in part to her father — or rather, to his death. “My dad left through an awful bout with cancer, and that really kind of did a number on my faith.”

Dad's connection with Joli is easy to discern. Though there is a great deal of decoration in the condo, there are relatively few framed pieces that are not family photos. One of them is the poster in the master bedroom from the University of Mississippi's 1988 Faulkner

and Yoknapatawpha Conference — Dad was a perennial attendee, braving the brutal hothouse of Oxford in August. (Daughter is actually more enamored of John Irving — in particular, *A Prayer for Owen Meany* is a great favorite.)

There is also the photo of Robert Frost, one of Dad's favorites. “Joli's mom actually has a letter written in Robert Frost's hand,” says Garrett. “It's responding to a letter from a reader who wanted to know about the sigh at the end of “The Road Not Taken” — whether it was a sigh of contentment

or regret. Frost said contentment, but her dad didn't buy it.” And there is the photo of Dad holding young Joli, cradling her to him. “That kind of summarizes their whole relationship,” observes Garrett. “We did a similar shot with Emma and me.”

Now, after Dad's death, says Joli, “I haven't gotten away from religious practices, but I view them differently. It's more questions than answers for me. Growing up, I thought that God was more involved in my life than I believe Him to be now. I used to pray to Him more in terms of a gift-giver

from the sky. Things like, “Work out my life.” Now, she says, “when I was struggling to have a baby, I thought, ‘Do I pray about that? How involved is He? What about all the people who never have babies and desperately want them?’ The older I get, the more I feel, not that He doesn't care, but that He cares more about the way I conduct my life and the kind of person that I am than about all the details of my life.”

“Like whether you conceive,” suggests Garrett. “Not that that's just a detail.”

“Yeah.”

Other aspects of Joli's faith began to quiver — her belief in the historicity of the Gospel. “I'd always taken it for granted that it was a virgin birth. I just started wondering, ‘Was it a virgin birth? Do I have to believe it was a virgin birth? How important is that to my faith?’ It made more sense that Joseph had gotten her pregnant and was embarrassed.”

Joli's reassessment might not have displeased her father. Himself the child of a Nazarene pastor, she says that “he lived his whole life like that” — questioning. “I was raised to be very open-

minded and all-encompassing as far as who the kingdom of God belonged to.”

“Her dad was an American Literature professor at Point Loma Nazarene,” says Garrett. “He had no use for chapel.”

“When he died,” says Joli, “he wasn't going to the Nazarene Church anymore. Joli's mother was also a pastor's kid, “and she doesn't go anymore, either — and never will again, probably. Before my dad taught at Point Loma, he taught at Olivet, which is another Nazarene college [in Illinois]. When we left there, I

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think that was really the break. It was partly the Nazarenes, partly the mid-western culture, I think. I don't know how to explain it...my dad drove an old beat-up Chevy Nova. The president of Olivet talked to him several times about it—it wasn't the right Christian image."

Garrett's father suffered a similar falling out. While he hasn't left the Nazarene Church, says Garrett, "he's not in the ministry anymore. They had two bad experiences, and then a third. One church "was just waiting to die — like so many Protestant churches that aren't mega-churches." At another, "it was working out — the church was growing, people who had never been to church were coming to church. And a few controlling people didn't like the new element. Dietrich Bonhoeffer has a great quote — something like, 'The church is so concerned with saving sinners, but woe to the sinner we find in our midst.'"

That kind of skewering no doubt appealed to Joli's

dad. "He was a contributing editor for the *Wittenburg Door*," says Garrett. "It's sort of a *National Lampoon* for Evangelicals." Right up Garrett's alley, once he emerged from his fundamentalism. "I once wrote an opinion column for the school paper that got the issue pulled from circulation. It was the graduation

campus."

"But," finishes Joli, "the Lit Department, where my dad taught, distributed the papers underground. That was pretty funny."

Chapel, which was mandatory for students, didn't do anything to bolster Garrett's image of the Christian life. "I just detested the whole notion of going over-

"I just detested the whole notion of going overseas to tourist destinations to perform ministry, and then having to sit through chapel and listen to them tell about all the great things they'd done."

edition, and I wrote about the masturbation problem on campus. I said that most of it occurs in chapel, that the way we spiritually jerk ourselves off is disgusting. Apparently, the president agreed with the point, but he didn't think the headline was appropriate. The editor wrote the headline: 'Masturbation feels its way across

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one when you have no ongoing relationship with them? I think Christians should be more concerned with community than a lot of them are. It's just a pet peeve."

Amid the arguments and shifting faith, the two dated and broke up "probably four or five times," according to Garrett.

"That was it?" asks Joli. "I would have guessed more. I didn't know what I wanted," she says to me. "I didn't want him, but I didn't want anyone else to have him. I was bad, I admit it."

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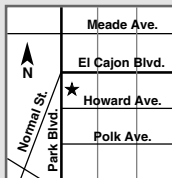
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Joli was eight months pregnant when they moved in, and there was still paint on the bathroom floor when she brought Emma home.)

Dinner tonight is from Sammy's Woodfired Pizza over in Scripps Ranch: grilled chicken salad with walnuts, and five-cheese and barbecued chicken pizzas. Joli usually does the cooking. "Growing up, my dad did the vast majority of it," she says. "He got home earlier. The big holidays were largely my mom's, but I learned from my dad. I'm just a recipe follower. I love crock-pot dishes, because they're so easy. I'd do more if I didn't work."

"I cook oatmeal in the morning," volunteers Garrett.

As we cruise over Black Mountain Road to pick up the pizza, Garrett plays an aria sung by Franco Corelli, "the greatest tenor in the history of singing, in my opinion." Opera is Garrett's avocation — he's a tenor, and sings in the San Diego Opera Chorus, among other places. In the bedroom is a framed, brightly colored sketch by designer Zandra Rhodes; it's the vision for Garrett's costume in *The Magic Flute*. "I was one of eight slaves. She actually won an Academy Award for costume design." In the living room, an electronic keyboard stands against the wall under a mirror. There, Garrett will practice, singing to his reflection. (His avocation provides what seems like Garrett's only occasion for drinking alcohol — a shot of vodka before singing. "For me, it clears the phlegm and stuff out, and warms up the vocal chords. At least, it feels like they're warmer. I usually do an ounce, and then straight honey, which makes the chords feel really smooth. It just seems to work.")

Listening to the story of how he got into singing is a testament to the power of music's aesthetic goodness to cover a host of ills. He was "discovered" while singing in a church choir — the choir director had connections in the music business. For charity's sake, let's call the director Sam.

Sam, after praising Garrett's potential, invited him to join another chorus. There, Sam seated Garrett next to another fellow — let's call him Oswald. "He did the seating chart, and he set me next to this guy pur-

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posely. Oswald was a confirmed bachelor — that's the old term. Which was fine, but... So Sam says to me, 'Oswald thinks you have a really good voice.' Garrett was flattered. Garrett started taking voice lessons. "About my third or fourth lesson, I go to pay, and my teacher says, 'It's already been paid for.'"

Sam told Garrett that Oswald was looking for someone to mentor. Oswald told Garrett, "Look, I've got a \$30,000 trust fund set up for you to go and study in Italy. And I'm going to redo the condo, but you and Joli are going to have to do the appliances." When Garrett's car broke down, "Oswald gave us \$5,000 toward a new vehicle. He was wanting to help launch my career, but his timeline was all wrong. It's at least a three- or four-year process before someone is ready to even start auditioning, and it seemed like he was on a much quicker timeline than that."

Then things started getting weird. Or weirder. "All of a sudden, Sam was the

head of the trust; he had power of attorney over Oswald's estate." Sam let Garrett know that "it's very difficult to have a career and a wife. I'm not saying that you can't, but it's very difficult." He was kind of throwing it out there — "Here's your career; now I'm going to take it away from you" — to make it that much more appealing. It's a pretty basic sales technique."

Sam became friendly with Garrett's family, or at least, part of it. Women seemed to be a problem for Sam. After a while, "I started to realize that" — in Sam's estimation, at least — "everything was either Joli's fault, my mom's fault, or my sister's fault. My dad could do no wrong. My brother could do no wrong. Sam had my brother move in with him."

Garrett's brother called Joli one day. "He was at Sam's," she says, "and we had this really weird conversation. He talked about how he couldn't trust Garrett any more. Sam had him totally brainwashed."

Garrett called his brother

and said, "I love you. If you would do me this one favor — listen to what Sam says, and then watch what he does. Make your own conclusion." Two weeks later, he moved back home. It was really dramatic there for a while."

By now, it was clear that a parting of the ways was necessary. Garrett told Oswald he was going to return all the money Oswald had given him.

"Oh, you don't need to do that."

"Well, I think I really do."

That made Oswald angry. Garrett also returned a number of scores and videos of singers. "I gave him these two big bags of stuff and said, 'If you're going to be setting up something for young singers, then these scores should be available to them. I wouldn't feel right in keeping them.' I knew that would hurt. We went on vacation, and when we returned there was a certified-mail letter for me, with an outlined list for all the money we owed him. He

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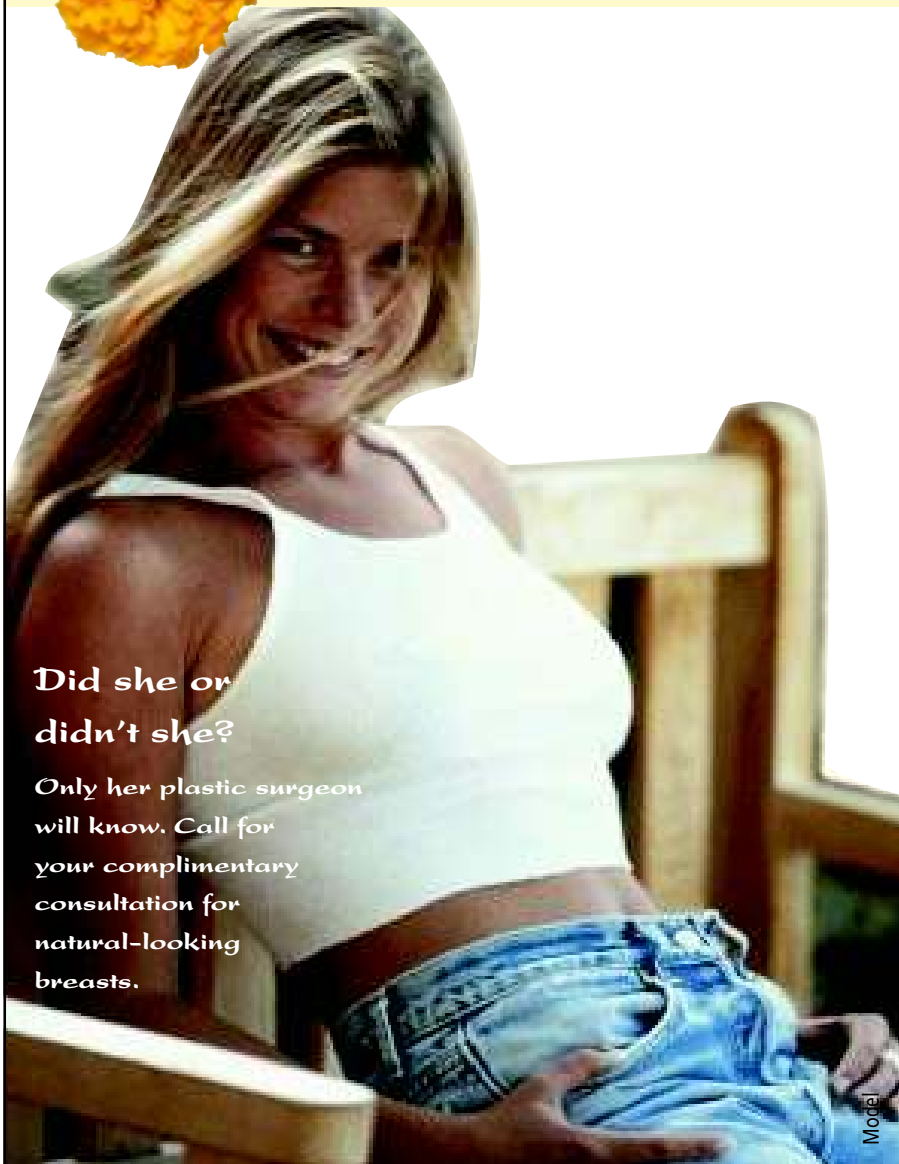


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threatened to take me to small claims court for not returning the videos—but I had returned them. He just hadn't checked the bags.”

It was an ugly end to things, and Garrett eventually apologized to Oswald. “But we still pay him every month. I really did care for Oswald, and I thought he was a good person. He was kind of a frustrated singer himself. But the relationship didn't go well.”

Now, Garrett has

assumed a more modest course. Voice lessons, the San Diego Opera Chorus, the occasional solo or ensemble performance, and one service a week at the United Church of Christ in Mission Hills.

“We ended up liking the church,” says Joli.

“I think the church as a whole has a sincere wish to be the Body of Christ in that community, and to seek to be a place for the sinner, as opposed to a social club.

They have an open and affirming policy. They don't really care if you're a sinner or not. Our pastor is actually openly gay.” He addresses Joli: “You shared when we were talking to our pastor: ‘If I was in junior high and I could see myself sitting here having a normal discussion and laughing at my gay pastor's jokes...’ And if the 18-year-old Garrett was sitting here he would probably be horrified to see the 34-year-old Garrett.” What matters to the 34-year-old Garrett is not so much the sexuality, but that “the church picks a charity every year. They do a big fall gala auction, and it raises upward of \$25,000 each year for whatever they've chosen.”

Dessert in this house of Hilary, with its question-riddled Christianity, its liberal politics, its operatic tendencies? Dessert is more in line with the Americana on the walls: along with the snowflakes (pretzels, peanuts, and Captain Crunch in white chocolate), there is fudge—from Disneyland. “We go four, five, six times a year,” says Garrett. ■

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I took some of these cues from TV shows such as *Love*,

American Style and *I Dream of Jeannie*. The latter show in particular appealed to me. My favorite episodes are the ones in which Major Nelson proposes to Jeannie followed by their wedding and honeymoon in her bottle. It's the pinnacle of Jeannie's life, this marriage. She is validated and can appear in public; she becomes a real woman. I never stopped to consider that Jeannie was already all-powerful and could have blinked into existence anything she wanted — including Major Nelson — because wasn't it the ultimate dream come true to say, "Yes, oh yes" with the velvet box opened to reveal a sparkling solitaire and the man down on one knee?

There was a catch to this dream, though. By the time I graduated high school, it wasn't cool or appropriate to want these things (or admit to wanting them). My postfeminist generation rejected — on the surface, at least — what they saw as the crass materialism of the ring, the meaningless rituals of engagement and marriage. Casual sex, not surprisingly, never fell out of fashion. My peers and I came of age before AIDS hit hard and before the swing back to "family values." The genie came out of the

bottle for us and never felt like going back in. What this all meant, for me, anyway, was a confusing mix of signals. I was supposed to give my body freely (I was independent, after all), but I wasn't supposed to expect support or guidance from anyone I gave it to. In addition, if I considered myself truly liberated, I wouldn't want any of those things.

But I did. So, too, did many of my peers. Outwardly we scoffed at the conventions but inwardly we wanted them. My old friend Scott is a perfect example. In the months before it happened, Scott spewed vitriol at the hoopla surrounding the marriage of Prince Charles and Lady Diana. He couldn't stop talking about how much time and money had been wasted, how this indicated that nobody knew what was important anymore. When the time for the wedding arrived, he stayed up all night to watch it on TV. He composed an epic poem about the event, a masterpiece of bitterness and indignation at the ultimate moral travesty. About six years later, long before he turned 30, Scott had a giant wedding of his own that was traditional, cheesy, and full of pomp and regalia. He even had an engagement period beforehand with a ring,

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invitations, the whole thing. He had found his princess.

Almost every one of my college friends ended up engaged and married in traditional ways, although many of them waited until their 30s to do it. This was further proof of what I'd always suspected: the game always stays the same, it's just the

rules that change. (And, yes, there are rules; just ask the wealthy women who wrote *The Rules*, which revealed how to get a man and keep him.)

Let's break these rules down. Unwritten (and written) rules apply to every part of the mating and marrying process, including rules of

engagement. "Rules of engagement" is an intriguing phrase. I don't find it a stretch to compare the Department of Defense's military rules of engagement with those of modern-day betrothal. The definition from the *Dictionary of Military Terms* reads, "Rules of Engagement: Directives issued

by competent military authority which delineate the circumstances and limitations under which United States forces will initiate and/or continue combat engagement with other forces encountered."

Really, all you have to do is remove a couple of words — "military" and "United States forces" — and substitute "man," "woman," and "fiancée," and you've got the introduction to Emily Post's wedding planner.

Engagement, it turns out, has many rules, and breaking them can result in serious consequences. Why else would Emily Post offer advice "to help you survive from the moment you make the big decision"? If Emily Post seems outdated, try *The Engaged Woman's Survival Guide* by therapist Arlene Modica Matthews, published seven years ago and still in print, which sums up a strange sentiment in the title. We now have to survive the engagement. Why?

It's those pesky rules. As in the military, rules for getting or becoming engaged

are not clearly defined; they are contextual and vary from situation to situation. For example, military rules of engagement are meant to dictate when and how soldiers enter into armed combat with other soldiers, but the rules are vague enough and vary enough that military personnel often have to make decisions on how to act in a narrow window of time. It is much the same with the rules of matrimonial engagement changing constantly over time. Even if one is not a believer in frogs and princes, this can create confusion. And I don't mean confusion as to whether or not to register china patterns or have a bridal shower. The confusion occurs when one wonders if one is supposed to want a bridal shower or pink monogrammed towels. Wouldn't it be easier if the prince rode up on his white horse and took the bride away with him? This would eliminate the need for making decisions under duress of following what is "expected" (which ended up in an actual combat situation, in my case, but I'll get to that later).

One aspect, or rule, of the engagement process remains clear. It is to this rule that couples cling, a rule around which an entire industry thrives. There must, this rule states, be a ring.

Let's consider the ring. In olden days, the engagement ring was a receipt of sale signifying transfer of ownership of a daughter from her father to her husband. Not very romantic, if you think about it. Despite the loveless origins of the ring, it has come to symbolize devotion, the eternal flame of love, and so on. Look at the website of De Beers, those kings of the diamond world. The literature reads as if it were its own religion. Only a diamond can signify a commitment of forever. She'll really

know you love her if you buy her a very expensive ring, and honestly, is two months' salary (or more, if you can) so much to ask for something that lasts forever? The bigger the diamond, presumably, the bigger the love — or perhaps, the bigger the worth of the groom and the more he's willing to spend on his bride.

Perhaps the ring's enduring popularity as a symbol is that it's an easy item to attach significance to. We live in an age where expectations of a potential mate are varied and indefinable, traditional gender roles are a thing of the past, and nobody's sure what they want or what they're supposed to want. In her survival guide, Matthews tells us engagement puts our mental health at risk, what with all the stresses and conflicts over what we want. "Anxiety," she says, "is clearly an appropriate response to such a major life change and such an awesome responsibility."

In all this, the ring remains an uncomplicated jewel of clarity. We know we must have that. But when the ring becomes a substitute for what it is supposed to represent, there's trouble ahead.

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try cream. He was dark, mustached, and very muscular (the result, I later learned, of hours spent with free weights and a Universal gym). He had a penchant for tight white T-shirts and jeans and sported a haircut held over from big bad '80s hair. His look was one you might expect from, say, a construction worker. The fact that Dominic walked around holding pink cake boxes containing confections he'd created with his own hands made an interesting contrast — one that was very appealing (well, it worked for me). When I first met Dominic, he and his partner, Ian, were just starting their business, working night

and day to bake, decorate, and get on the road to sell their product and establish permanent clients. Hoover's was one of their newest accounts. Thus it was that Dominic came to be leaning over the counter at Hoover's, flirting with me, the cherry cheesecake between us. Over the course of his next few visits, I learned that Dominic was from the East Coast and was the youngest and only son in a family of five children. I also found out that all his sisters lived close by, he was co-owner of the house in which he lived (Dominic co-owned quite a few things), and he was intent on making his business successful.

The personal information I shared with Dominic was that I had a small child and no ex-husband or ex-boyfriend, lived with my sister, and that I wanted to someday be able to write for a living. I didn't tell him that he was the first man I'd looked at romantically since my son's father had exited my life two years before. I'd only just realized I was never going to end up with the father of my child, a conclusion that struck me as odd mostly because I'd taken so long coming to it. My son's father had done his best to remain as far away as possible since my first trimester. Still, for months I'd held on to a hope that we'd somehow make a

go of it. When I examined the reality of the situation (which I was often forced to do), the one reason I could think of for this hope was the biological pull toward the other genetic half of a child I adored beyond reason. Yet, by the time my son was inching his way to his second birthday, the hope had become a dry rustle in my heart, and I began to look around.

All this, combined with the obvious attraction between Dominic and me, was enough to produce a first date. That date was so successful it led to a second and then a third. The third date was when I got the rest of the information. If I'd had my wits about me, I would

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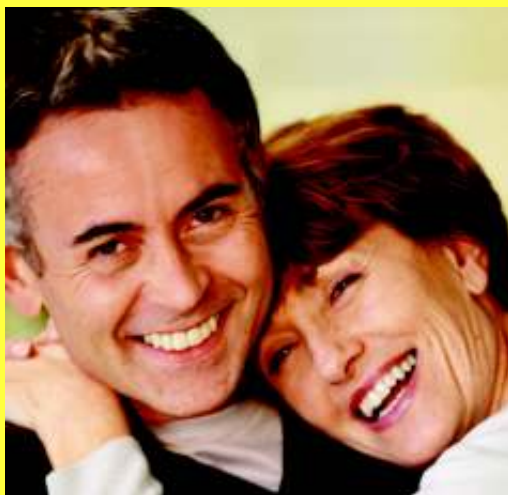
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have cut my losses and moved on.

But no.

The point is, I didn't have my wits about me. Since my last relationship, I'd entered into a different subset of the "single" category, that of "single mother." I felt my options for romantic involvements were now limited. I also felt the need to be responsible about relationships. I didn't want to play the field; I didn't even particularly like dating. I wanted to be home with my child, and I needed to be with someone who could not only accept this but who might enjoy it as well. But I was also in my mid-20s; I was enjoying the sensation of falling...if not in love, then in something resembling it. So there were no wits involved at all. But let's go back to that third date.

Dom and I were parked on a cliff top overlooking the city's lights on one side, a black expanse of ocean on the other. He'd taken me to this lover's lane not to make out but to divulge something that had been weighing on his mind.

"There's this girl," he started and then laughed nervously.

"What? You are kidding, aren't you?" I was incredulous but was also feeling something icy creep across

my heart.

"It's not as bad as it sounds," he sighed. "But still..."

It turned out that Dom had pledged himself, verbally at least, to the daughter of his sister's new husband. This was more complicated than it sounded. Dom's brother-in-law was wealthy and over 50. That a girl from Dom's family had landed such a catch was considered a small miracle. The rich brother-in-law had "done a lot" for Dom's family, including housing Dom's mother and a couple of sisters in his mansion. I got the feeling that the match between Dom and the "girl" had more to do with blending the two families than with love of any kind. But I didn't say anything as I listened to Dom speak. I was too busy deciding how I would react. Dom went on, describing how the girl was far away, studying at an Ivy League school, and he wasn't sure if he was going to continue on with her anyway, but he felt a certain responsibility because his marriage had broken up over infidelity and...

"Your marriage?" I asked. "What marriage?"

Yes, Dom had an ex-wife who'd been his childhood sweetheart and with whom he'd been crazy in love. They had a huge wed-

ding, very expensive, and a honeymoon, and a few months later she had an affair with a guy ("Some fuckin' poet, of all things") and that was the end. He offered to take her back, but she didn't want to come back. She divorced Dom and married the poet. She had a kid now, he told me. A little girl.

"But I really like you," Dom said after a pause. "I think there might be something between the two of us. I just thought you should know about this."

"Yes," I said, with a hint of bitterness in my voice, "it's a good thing you told me. At least you mentioned it before we got, you know, intimate."

"Intimate..." Dom echoed as he leaned over and kissed me — intimately.

I liked him, too, so I ignored my reservations and went out with him again and again after that. He ended his agreement with the girl and introduced me to his family, brother-in-law included. Our relationship got more serious. He spent a lot of time at my apartment, but we sometimes had difficulty coordinating our schedules since he awoke predawn to bake, and I'd left Hoover's for an upscale restaurant where I worked nights. He liked my son and was comfortable around kids from spending so much time with his sisters' offspring. Having all those sisters, too, gave him a sensitivity toward women, if not a complete understanding of them. Dominic worked hard, and I had no doubt he would end up successful. He could be very sweet, and he welcomed the omnipresence of my family. And, of course, there were the sweets. The man had a gift with pastry.

Dom and I had been seeing each other for six months when he made an unusual midday visit to my apartment. He seemed out of breath.

"What's up?" I asked him, concerned.

"Can't stay," he panted. "Have to leave soon. Couldn't wait. Have to talk to you." He seemed distracted as he grabbed my arm and maneuvered me into my bedroom, away from the bewildered eyes of my sister. Once there, he closed the door and got down on his knees and pulled me down with him. I was convinced that something

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in our world was facing destruction so I was astonished when he asked me to marry him. It was a real proposal, complete with the words "Will you be my wife?"

"Sure, I will," I said. "You scared me. I thought something was wrong."

And that was when things did start to go wrong.

My family, who had tolerated Dominic prior to our engagement, began expressing their dislike of him after I accepted his proposal. My mother referred to him as "the Swarthy Cake Baker," and my sister found him pompous. My father didn't think Dominic was intelligent enough for me and resented

what he felt was Dominic's proprietary attitude toward me and my son. They all warned me that Dom was too concerned with money, status, and material gain. And they didn't feel he was loving enough. When it started to look as if the wedding was imminent, my mother begged me not to marry him.

But I was caught up in the idea of getting married, and I chose to gloss over my family's concerns as well as some vaguely conscious concerns of my own. I began planning, just as I had seen other women do (women who were not at all like me: the kind who had engagement parties, white picket fences, and kissed the right frog). I looked into venues for the big event and bought a wedding planner. Dominic, who'd been through this already, was happy to let me handle the details. I priced flowers and chose colors. I went to lunch with Dom's sisters to discuss the wedding. They all looked alike, all female versions of Dom with the same olive skin and big '80s hair. They all had strong East Coast accents.

"Why not do it in the summah?" one asked. "Summah's a gohgeous time for a wedding."

"You're not pregnant, are you?" asked another. "Omigod, Dom was in such a hurry I thought, 'Jesus, maybe she's pregnant,' y'know?"

"No," I assured them, "I'm not pregnant."

"Seriously," said the one who was married to the rich man, "you should think about having anothead one right away. I'm trying to get pregnant again." She gestured toward her sleeping infant.

"I didn't know that," said one of her sisters.

"Oh, shuah. I mean, how much longah does Henry have?" she said, referring to the rich husband. "What if he dies and I don't have my babies?"

Then, of course, there was the ring. Dominic made a big deal out of the ring. We had my finger sized and we talked about patterns, heirlooms, and carat weight. Finally, Dominic decided he wanted to surprise me and have the ring designed himself. He spent a lot of money on that ring, he told me more

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than once. I admit, I was just as involved in the fantasy as Dominic and his sisters. I was going to have the engagement and wedding I'd envisioned as a young girl. It would all be just right: perfect man, perfect marriage, perfect baby (which I already had). For me, the ring symbolized all of this, and I wanted it badly. But once Dominic put it on my finger, nothing was right between us again.

It wasn't the ring's fault. It was a pretty ring; a half-carat diamond set in gold filigree with another quarter carat in diamond chips dotted around it. I enjoyed wearing it, liked the sparkle of it and the weight of it on my finger. For me, it represented an elusive dream — true love and safe haven rolled into one. Because for all my training as a postfeminist woman, I wanted a man I could lean on. I wanted a prince who would take care of me. And although I could spend a lot of money in therapy figuring out why I wanted these things, there's no great mystery. Mating is a biological imperative, after all, and the quest for love, well, we're taught from an early age (and know instinctively) that this is a basic human need. Of course, none of this had much to do with who Dominic was as a person or whether or not it was him that I wanted.

For Dominic, the ring seemed to represent something different. Shortly after he gave it to me, Dominic began taking charge of several aspects of my life, most notably my son. Dom's attitude toward my son quickly changed from warm and casual to strict and paternal. Suddenly he was an expert on bottle feeding, potty training, and sleeping habits, and he told me how I should manage all these with respect to my child. If that weren't enough, there was his attitude about my working. Once we were married, he maintained, I would have to give up waitressing. He didn't think it was right that I should work around all those leering guys. Better I should stay at home and work on other projects, perhaps keeping his books. It would be nice if I spent more time with his sisters, especially the one married to the rich man; did I know they could really help us out a lot?

I wasn't blameless. I should never have let things get so far. Not so deep inside I knew that Dominic and I were wrong for each other. As pleasant as he could be, he was prehistoric in his notions of gender roles and, despite my persistent belief in romantic fantasy, I could never become a housewife with an allowance, making trips to the mall with my sisters-in-law and our kids. Besides all of this, I ignored the voice in my head that kept insisting Dominic wasn't over his first wife or the hurt she'd caused him. I was certain I was to be an updated version of this woman. But I let Dominic believe I was who he thought I was: a single mother who needed to be rescued by a big, strong man such as himself. I let him believe it because I wanted to believe it myself. I wanted the ring, I wanted the dream.

Things came to a head about four months after Dominic first proposed. We'd been arguing about everything. Dominic was spending more time going out drinking with "the boys" (something else he'd shown little interest in before), and I was working more nights at the restaurant. Then, during a routine examination, my doctor found a tumor on one of my ovaries. "It's probably not cancer," the doctor told me, "but you're going to need surgery as soon as possible to remove it."

Nobody in my family took this news well, especially my mother, who once again begged me, "Please don't die." Dominic, who I'd thought would rally and provide me with a shoulder to lean on, became more distant after I told him. Two weeks before I was scheduled to have the surgery, Dominic and my father got into an argument over what kind of food my son should be eating.

"I'm going to be the kid's father," Dominic shouted, "I should be given a parent's rights."

"Sure, what do I know," my father said facetiously, "I only raised five kids."

"You don't know," Dominic yelled back.

"I don't know?" my father steamed. "You're confused, Dominic. It's you. You know NOTHING!"

I started to cry, which sent my father to my rescue and Dominic out the door.

I didn't hear from Dominic for a week until he called and told me, "It's over. We're never going to work this out. Better we end it now before it gets really bad."

"Please," I begged him, "can't you wait until after I have this operation? I'm scared and I could really use your support and strength right now."

"I can't give it to you," he told me. "It's not there to give. I'm coming to pick up my things. I'll be there in half an hour."

"Please, Dom..."

"And I want my ring back."

"Fuck you," I said. It wasn't eloquent, but it got the point across.

"I'm coming to get it," he answered. "I want my ring back."

I wasn't about to let Dominic into my house after that conversation. He had sounded mean, cold, and nasty, and I was angry. I gathered his things — a few T-shirts and assorted computer discs — and waited outside for him in the concrete parking lot in front of my apartment building.

Dominic seemed surprised to see me standing there when he pulled up. He was somewhat mollified since our phone conversation.

"Listen, I'm really sorry about this," he said. "I'll come visit you in the hospital. It's just that we can't be together. We both know it."

"Here are your things," I said and handed him the clothes and discs.

"Okay," he said and put them in his car. "And the ring, please." He was looking at my hand; I was wearing the ring. I never took it off.

"I'm not giving you the ring," I said.

"Yes, you are," he countered. "I bought it, it's my ring. We are not getting married, and now I want it back."

"It is not your ring," I said calmly. "You gave it to me as a promise to marry me. You broke your promise. You couldn't even wait for me to get through major surgery to break up with me! It's my ring."

Dominic stared at me as if I were mad. He seemed unsure of how to proceed, but if there were one thing I shared with him, it was a sense of determination. He had set his mind to something, and he wasn't going to give it up. I watched as thun-



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derclouds gathered in his face.

"Give me that fucking RING!" he screamed and grabbed me by the arm. Before I had a chance to react, he was on top of me, wrestling me to the ground, pulling at my fingers in an effort to tear the ring — that symbol of his love for me — right off my finger. It seemed he wouldn't mind if he took the finger off with it, he tore and scraped at my hand so hard. Pinned under him, I couldn't fight back but managed to curl my hand in such a way that he was unable to free much of anything from it, save a little skin. For a second, I worried that he might start beating me (he didn't seem much in control), but before he had the chance to consider the option, I wriggled out from under him, ran like hell back to my apartment, and locked the door behind me. Dominic did not follow me.

My hand was red and swollen. I watched the flesh puff up around my engagement ring and felt such conflicting emotions that I started laughing. But I was shaking with adrenaline as well. The tears didn't come until much later.

A few days later, Dominic called with a renewed plea for the return of the ring. He apologized for hurling me to the ground and explained that he was frustrated. He appealed to my sensible side. Couldn't I see his point? He'd spent so much on the ring and was entitled to recoup it. Why would I want to wear it now anyway? "Consider it an expensive mistake," I told him. "I know I will."

"I will get that ring back" he said.

I mentioned something about restraining orders and the law and hung up. Three days later, I had surgery to remove an ovary. My roommate in the hospital was a young woman who'd just had similar surgery. Her boyfriend was in the room with us almost constantly, hovering over her. When he finally left for the night, my roommate leaned over to me and held up her hand, on which she sported a tiny diamond solitaire. "We just got engaged!" she squealed. "Isn't it beautiful?"

I turned my head away and threw up in my bed. It was a reaction to the morphine, I'm sure.

I never spoke to Dominic again.

I wore the ring for a long time, although I moved it to my right hand. Eventually, I took it off permanently when I could no longer bear to be reminded of what it represented and what it didn't; of what it cost to get it and what it meant when I did.

Some dreams die hard.

Over the years, I've given much thought to why I kept the ring in the first place. Had Dominic continued to insist, forcefully or not, I would have given it back. I can't imagine I would have put myself at risk over a bit of gold and diamond. As our relationship careened toward its end, I'd anticipated I'd have to return the ring. It wasn't like I'd been wearing it for long, after all. In her rules of engagement (which I had studied) Emily Post stated that, should the engagement be broken, "The bride must immediately return her engagement ring." I didn't feel I had much of a right to that ring, anyway. I had

spent much of my engagement feeling as if I were borrowing another woman's life, and the ring was part of that. In the end, however, it was Dominic's lack of empathy, his refusal to even pretend to support me through a frightening experience that really got me. In a few weeks he'd gone from spending the rest of his life with me and raising my child to refusing me human comfort — that was the ultimate disappointment. I'd done everything right, I thought; I'd followed all the rules. I got the ring, all right, but not the love it was supposed to represent, and now I was supposed to give that back too? Not likely.

Despite my convictions, I felt guilty about breaking the ring rule for a while. I noticed that the statute of limitations on this offense has run out. Judge Judy Sheindlin, arbiter of many modern moral conflicts, had a similar case before her recently. The case was simple; a "promise" ring was given and then the promise was broken. The man was suing to get the money back from the woman to whom he'd made this expensive promise. Stopping short of calling him a complete schmuck, Judge Judy told the man that he'd given a gift and it belonged to the woman, end of story. Next time, Judge Judy counseled, buy something cheaper.

Perhaps the rules have changed again. The game, however, is much the same. These days, the happily-ever-after dream of the prince, the proposal, and the ring lives on strong as ever. We are obsessed with celebrity pairings and often focus on the size and type of ring involved.



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A recent issue of a popular newsstand magazine featured "87 Pages of Celebrity Weddings!" in which copies of various rings chosen by the likes of Rosie Perez, Helen Hunt, and Raquel Welch were displayed. Raquel Welch was featured again a few pages later with photos from her fourth wedding. Without a hint of irony, Welch related how this time she wanted to do it the old-fashioned way, with a long white dress, etc., etc. She wore a crocheted minidress to one of her weddings, it was revealed, because that was back in the '60s when people were flouting tradition. This time, she wanted to show love for her newest husband with the trappings of a storybook wedding.

These days we can do it up right without the guilt my peers and I felt about wanting rings and veils. As Matthews states in her engagement survival guide, "We have gone from the 'me' decade to the 'we' decade. For reasons both romantic and idealistic, as well as practical and realistic, everybody

wants to be part of a couple — a married couple."

Consider how many people tuned in to the show *Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?* This media event generated water-cooler controversy and inspired news articles over the social ramifications of an arranged TV marriage with pundits most often weighing in on the side of moral outrage. But millions of people watched the show when it aired and continued, months later, to discuss it. Perhaps the idea of a fairy-tale union strikes a deep, unsettling chord for many people. It always did for me. Incidentally, Darva Conger, the infamous bride of the show, also kept her diamond ring, although she kicked the husband to the curb within hours of the wedding. The ring, she pointed out, was part of the deal, and besides, she had expenses, what with the annulment and publicity and so forth.

I no longer wear any rings save for a silver band on my left thumb. I keep my old engagement ring in a

box with a diamond ring from my grandmother, a small sapphire ring given to me for my 30th birthday, and a gold wedding band. A long story attaches to each one of these rings, and when I hold them in my hand, I can remember the details of each. The engagement ring, however, is the only one that inspires wistfulness. After our spectacular breakup, I can't remember ever missing Dominic. I knew we were both better off apart. Over the ensuing years, though, I have missed the dream that Dominic and his ring represented. This is what I remember when I see the ring, and it makes me a little sad. I've tried putting the ring on since then, to see how it looks on my finger, but the funny thing is, it no longer fits. ■

— Debra Ginsberg

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There's a number called 'Confusion' in which all the girls are finding all the contradictions in the magazines and saying, 'We kinda wish we didn't care about this,' says Rancho Buena Vista High School student Kaite Nelson. "It's really accurate to what you feel when you're reading magazines." Nelson plays Luann in *Luann: Scenes from a Teen's Life*, a musical based on the syndicated comic strip *Luann* and written by the strip's creator, Greg Evans.

At 16, Nelson is the same age as the character she plays. "Luann says, 'My closet is full of clothes that I bought, I try to look cool and I try to look hot, I don't want to wear what everyone wears, but I don't want to wear what no one else is wearing.' She wants to be unique and stylish in how she dresses, but she doesn't want to be so unique that everyone makes fun of her, like, 'Nobody wears that!' The first day we learned that song we just all sat around and laughed, all the girls — like, yeah, this is true."

Luann's creator, Evans, has been a San Marcos resident since 1980. "My daughter Karen was the inspiration for the strip 22 years ago," he says. "I was watching her one day, she was at the age where she'd put on Mom's lipstick and high heels and walk around, and I thought, 'I'm going to do a strip about a saucy little girl.'"

Now that his children have grown, Evans must find other ways to stay current with the issues teens face. "My daughter is an elementary school teacher, and my

daughter-in-law is a junior high school teacher. They're constantly telling me what's going on, and I get teen magazines and check in on teen shows now and then," he says. "I'm always struck by the hypocrisy of [fashion] magazines — one page will have an article that says, 'Be yourself and accept your body image,' and the next page is filled with skinny models and notes on how you should look."

In the song "Confusion" (inspired by the fashion magazines passed along to Evans by his daughter-in-law), several girls sing, "Your hair should shine but never your face, your lips are full but not your waist. Your bust is large but never your feet, your eyes are big, your bottom petite. You're perfect just how you are...almost. Confusion!"

"Some issues I really can't touch on, like, I can't go near sex," explains Evans. "My characters are 16, and, well, real kids at that age are having sex, but I can't talk about it in a comic strip. I did do a whole story line about MySpace and cell phones." To assist the story, Evans created a web page, "not as myself or as a fan page, but it's Luann herself who has her own MySpace page." In the "About Me" section of her page, "Luann" writes, "I was named after my uncle Lou and my aunt Ann — and that pretty much describes me: a mishmash. My emotions are roller-coasterish, and my decision making like a Ping-Pong ball. This, apparently, makes me normal for a 16-year-old girl."

Avery Henderson, another Rancho Buena Vista student, plays Luann's friend Bernice and identifies with many aspects of the musical's characters. "Bernice is very quirky and sarcastic," she explains. "She's

also the brain of the trio. I think I'm pretty quirky like that, but I don't think I'm the brain. Luann's character is kind of in love with this guy who she knows she's never going to get. Personally, I've experienced that, where you fall in love with some guy, and then reality sets in and you [realize], 'Oh, that's never going to happen.'"

Parents may relate to the song "Prematurely Gray" in which Luann's mom and dad croon, "Years ago when we were young — vigorous and sturdy — we wondered if we'd make it past the ancient age of thirty."

"It's almost life threatening to be a teenager these days, whereas when I was a teenager, it was more of an annoyance," says Evans. "Kids these days are so connected but so disconnected at the same time, but the adults are too. I did a strip where Luann was in her bedroom, and she's been grounded, but she's all hooked up with her computer, iPod, and cell phone. The irony is, she's not in the world at all — she's all alone, confined to her bedroom. [Teens] tend to be a little bit isolated, a little bit stunted in their social

growth. They can communicate with each other through devices, but you really have to wonder if, someday, when they go out to apply for a job, they won't know how to face people and talk."

Evans notes that some changes have been for the better. "I don't think kids these days carry around as many built-in, automatic prejudices as older generations have. Given the opportunity, they are much more open to new ideas."

— Barbarella



LOCAL EVENTS

Luann: Scenes from a Teen's Life
Friday, September 15,
7 p.m.

Saturday, September 16,
2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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BAJA

Tijuana Fair continues through Sunday, September 17. Concerts at 8 p.m. on main stage include Alisson on Thursday, September 14; Prisoneros de Sonora on Friday, September 15; Tiranos del Norte on Saturday, September 16; and Victor Padilla and Carlos Bardelli on Sunday, September 17. Tickets for each concert are \$5.

In Palenque, see Halcón de la Sierra on Thursday, September 14; Pancho Barraza on Friday, September 15 (\$20-\$50); Ricardo Montaner on Saturday, September 16 (\$25, \$50, \$65); and Don Omar on Sunday, September 17 (\$20-\$60). Concerts begin at 11 p.m. 011-52-664-633-4000. (TIJUANA)

Latin American Rock Music promised when Albert Pla plays Thursday, September 14, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in

OUT & ABOUT

THE AMERICAN DREAM

Corvettes from 1953 to 2006, San Diego Automotive Museum, Thursday, September 21.

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Zona Río). \$27 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán in concerts starting at 7 and 9:45 p.m. on Friday, September 15, at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets: \$30, \$35, \$40 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Photographer Gerardo Monteil Klint plans photography lecture,

Friday, September 15, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

Harvest Festival with music, food, and entertainment by Raúl Di Blasio, Saturday, September 16, 5 p.m., at L.A. Cetto Winery. Tickets: \$50-\$70 U.S. Reservations: 011-52-664-685-3031. (GUADALUPE VALLEY)

Pit Bull Motocross Series 2006 off-road race for motorcycles, Sunday, September 17, 7 a.m., at Rancho Los Cordero. 011-52-661-612-2525. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Film Festival with filmmakers from more than 20 countries presenting their projects, lecturing, more, runs Monday, September 18-Sunday, September 24, at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in

Zona Río). Details: 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"The Anthropology of Papagos Nation" is subject for talk by Rafael Pérez-Taylor Aldrete at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free lecture begins at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Lucybell in Concert along with Buddy Akai, Wednesday, September 20, 8 p.m., at Box Underground (in old jai alai frontón on Avenida Revolución). All ages. \$30. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Macro Concert with Mexican country music in Terrenazo at Caliente Race Track (on Boulevard Agua Caliente), Wednesday, September 20, 9 p.m. \$2.50 U.S. 011-52-664-608-3917. (TIJUANA)

Get Ready, Get Set! The 27th Annual Fall Rosarito-Ensenada 50-mile fun bicycle ride is Saturday, September 30, starting at 10 a.m. at Rosarito Beach Hotel. 858-483-8777. (ROSARITO BEACH, ENSENADA)

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The Time of Sunset changes most rapidly this time of the year. This is mainly because the sun is swinging rapidly south along the ecliptic (its apparent path through the background stars). From the latitude of San Diego, the sun is now setting about 75 seconds earlier every day (equivalent to about 9 minutes earlier per week), and its setting position along the horizon shifts southward about one-half degree per day.

22nd Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day is Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m.–noon, at approximately 60 sites throughout county. Locations and other information: 800-237-BLUE. Supplies provided. Free. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m., starting at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, September 16, 8 a.m., and Sunday, September 17, 11 a.m. Free. Reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

ROAM-O-RAMA

A GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND | BY JERRY SCHAD

At 513 feet in elevation, Cerro de la Calavera (translated "Skull Hill" and also known as Mount Calavera) rises modestly above lesser hills and valleys of Oceanside, Vista, and Carlsbad. Picturesque Calavera Lake lies at its northern base, and empty lands stretch for some distance east and south. Much of this landscape is being preserved by such entities as the California Department of Fish and Game, but some of it will eventually succumb to future housing subdivisions.

Billed by some as a "volcano," the Calavera peak is actually a volcanic plug — the solidified remains of a blob of magma that forced its way upward, barely or perhaps not quite reaching Earth's surface. This happened about 22 million years ago, during the most recent episode of significant volcanism in San Diego County. The gradual eroding away of surrounding layers of sedimentary and volcanic rock has exposed the core of that plug.

Although there are several ways to approach the peak, the following directions are simple: Exit Interstate 5 at Carlsbad Village Drive. Turn east and continue 3.3 miles to the end of that street at College Boulevard. The Calavera trail-



Overlooking Lake Calavera

head, featuring parking spaces and interpretive panels, lies straight ahead across this intersection. You can travel by either foot or bicycle from this point on, but parts of the route ahead are dangerous and virtually impossible to ride on a mountain bike. The area has experienced past off-road-vehicle abuse, and so there are minor trails everywhere.

You, however, should make an effort to stay on the marked, designated trails.

Descend the wide, initially steeply plunging trail ahead, and pass under powerlines after about 0.3 mile. Stay right at the next intersection (0.4 mile) and continue south on a service road another 0.2 mile, where you'll find an information board and maps of the "Carlsbad Highlands Ecological Reserve." Turn left and head east to a marked trail heading left, almost straight up the mountainside. The brief, heart-pounding climb will take you without delay to Cerro de la Calavera's flattish summit, where you have a virtually aerial view of Calavera Lake in the north, the ocean in the west, and rolling hills and distant mountains around an arc of about 200 degrees. Just northwest of the summit, a chunk of the mountain is missing — chewed off by gravel-mining operations that continued into the 1930s.

You've come just 1.2 miles. The return trip, via a different route, is also 1.2 miles. Backtrack down the mountainside about 0.1 mile, and stay right on a trail

that descends northwest to the Calavera Lake dam. Cross over the top of the dam and pick up a trail/dirt road heading left (south). You'll soon reach the trail you followed ear-

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equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The Reader and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.



Stop Alien Plants, pick up litter, plant native plants in Rice Canyon Nature Preserve, Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m.–noon. Bring gardening gloves, loppers if you have them. Free. Gather in parking

lot at Rancho del Rey Parkway at Buena Vista Way. 619-656-8669. (CHULA VISTA)

Help Rescue Wildlife in Peril with Wildlife Assist volunteers. Next orientation meeting is Satur-

day, September 16, 2 p.m., at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

A Guided Nature Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. on September 16 at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking wa-

ter. Hikes offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

Birds and Biodiversity, birding expert Claude Edwards leads educational bird walk, Saturday, September 16. Group gathers at 9:30 a.m. in front of Cabrillo National Monument visitors' center (1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive). Bring binoculars. \$5 per vehicle. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Sycamores Model Autumn Colors during guided nature walks in Mission Trails Regional Park, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, September 16, 17, and 20, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Enviofest at Chollas Park is Saturday, September 16, 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Site cleanup 9 a.m.–noon, relays and games for all ages, entertainment, more. Find park at 6350 College Grove Drive. Free. 619-563-3918. (COLLEGE GROVE)

Strawberry Stand Wetland Learning Center is open on Saturdays, 10 a.m.–noon, for viewing and learning about San Dieguito Lagoon, wetland wildlife, future restoration projects. Free. Find center on San Andres Drive (off Via de la Valle). Free. 858-674-2275 x14. (DEL MAR)

Where Is the Green Dragon Art Colony? Learn about the Devil's Slide and other historic tidbits during Urban Safari walking tour led by Patty Fares, Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (LA JOLLA)

Bird Walk hosted by Friends of Famosa Slough, Saturday, September 16. Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat starts at 1 p.m. at first bench on Famosa Boulevard, south of intersection with West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Twilight Nature Walk to observe changes occurring during dusk and evenings in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday,

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September 16. Outing starts at 6:15 p.m. at Kumeyaay Lake campground entry station (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. Required reservations: 619-668-2748. (SAN CARLOS)

Habitat Restoration in Crest Canyon with San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, Sunday, September 17. Volunteers remove nonnative vegetation, improve trails, repair erosion damage. Tools and training provided. Bring water, sturdy shoes, sun protection. Join group at trailhead on Racetrack View Drive at 1 p.m. Free. 858-755-6956. (DEL MAR)

Buena Vista Native Plant Club gathers to maintain plants at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway), Sunday, September 17, 2 p.m. 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

The Waning Crescent Moon makes a perfect smile in the eastern sky during the morning twilight period (around 5:30 to 6:00 a.m.) early next week. The sliver-thin moon, low in the eastern sky, looks most impressively delicate on the morning of Wednesday, September 20.

Lanternlike Venus lies just left of the exceedingly thin, waning crescent moon on the morning of Thursday, September 21. Start looking very low in the eastern sky at around 6 a.m. to spot both of them. Binoculars may be required to see the pale moon. Any vantage point with a view of the mountains to the east of San Diego will do, as long as coastal clouds don't interfere.

DANCE

"Bharatha Natyam" Exponent Kalaimamani Smt. Priyadarsini Govind dances for concert hosted by Raag and Taal Academy, Friday, September 15, 8 p.m., at UCSD's Preuss School auditorium. Tickets: \$25 general. Directions, reservations: 858-678-0024 or 858-578-2705. (LA JOLLA)

Authentic 1912 Tango lessons for all ages, Friday, September 15, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing. Partners not required. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

The Circulators Square Dance Club has beginners' classes starting Friday, September 15, 6:30 p.m., in Recital Hall (2130 Pan-American Plaza). Classes are open to adults and children over ten (accompanied by an adult). \$3. 858-586-1548. Open enrollment continues through September 22. (BALBOA PARK)

Contradance to music by Old Twine String Band, calling by Graham Hempel on Friday, September 15, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

USA Dance Party with wide variety of music, third Saturday of each month, including September 16, at Cheek2Cheek (909 Grand Avenue, suite 3). Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8 to 11 p.m. All ages, abilities. \$7. 760-525-5124. (ENCINITAS)

"My Turn Tango," class for women who "normally dance as followers" and "men who want to learn how to follow," Sunday, September 17, at Turquoise Cafe Bar Europa (873 Turquoise Street).

Intro to tango (5 p.m.), ongoing beginner's class (6 p.m.), workshop on "women leaders" by Florentino and Isabelle (7 p.m.) followed by *milonga* (dance party) 8-11 p.m. \$10 for class, \$10 for dance party. 858-453-8940. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Modern Square Dancing Classes begin Monday, September 18, 6:30 p.m., at Joslyn Senior Center (210 Park Avenue). Children eight and older welcome when accompanied by parent.

First lesson free, then \$2 per lesson. 760-728-0355. (ESCONDIDO)

FILM

Ramona Diaz's Documentary Imelda screens Thursday, September 14, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Film offers "probing look at Imelda Marcos" from wife of president of Philip-

ines to exile in Hawaii. \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price" screens Thursday, September 14, 7 p.m., at Sierra Club office (3820 Ray Street). Introduction by Claudia Gonzales of United Food and Commercial Workers Union. Donation. 619-299-1743. (NORTH PARK)

Not Going to Take It Anymore? *Network*, Sidney Lumet's critique of television wasteland starring Faye

Dunaway and Peter Finch, screens for Cinema Under the Stars series, Thursday-Saturday, September 14-16, 8:30 p.m., at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

"La Vita che Vorrel" (2005) screens Friday, September 15, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

Why Do "At-Risk" Children Fail Academically? Heidi Ew-

ing's *Boys of Baraka* examines the question. Screens for Sunday Matinee on September 17, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"The World According to Sesame Street," Linda Knowlton's documentary follows three producers to Bangladesh, Kosovo, and South Africa and their attempts to localize their show with indigenous songs, puppets, curric-

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ula. Catch film during Film Forum, Monday, September 18, 5:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

I'm Your Huckleberry! Enjoy *Tombstone*, starring Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, Sam Elliott, many others, when flick is shown for "Westerns" installment of ongoing Carlsbad Library film series, Wednesday, September 20, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Open Screening Night at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street) is Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m., with spotlight on upcoming San Diego Asian Film Festival, new San Diego and Tijuana shorts. Free. 619-230-1938. (GOLDEN HILL)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Deep Sea* and *Greece: Secrets of the Past*. "Fridays at the Fleet" features *Volcanoes of the Deep Sea* (6 p.m.), *Forces of Nature* (7 p.m.), *Greece: Secrets of the Past* (8 p.m.), *Deep Sea* (9 p.m.) on September 15. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Wit and Wisdom: The Making of the Edward Binney 3rd Collection" explored by curatorial assistant Tiffany Lee for Insight Gallery talks on Thursday, September 14,

6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Astrology of the Coming Nuclear Conflict: The Neocons, the H-Bomb, and Other Sirius Matters" examined by Ed Kohout, Thursday, September 14, 7 p.m., at 2091 East Valley Parkway suite D. Donation: \$5. 760-644-5461. (ESCONDIDO)

"Hurricane Katrina Helicopter Rescues" examined by Lieutenant Commander Connie Avery, who flies Navy's Seahawk helicopter, Thursday, September 14, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego Air and Space Museum. Avery saved more than 60 people from flood waters of New Orleans last year; she'll discuss contemporary helicopter rescue and firsthand experiences from Katrina relief operations. \$15. Registration: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

"Democracy: A Work in Progress — Reforms We Need and Some We Can Do Without" is topic when North Coast San Diego League of Women Voters host UCSD political science professor Sanford Lakoff, Friday, September 15, 6:30 p.m., at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-436-0586. (LA COSTA)

"Beauty and Self-Esteem in Society: Freeing Ourselves and the Next Generation" is topic when author Naomi Wolf (*The Beauty Myth*) speaks for Woodhull Institute for Ethical Leadership on Friday, September 15. Lecture begins at 7 p.m. at Courtyard Marriott San Diego Old Town (2435 Jefferson Street). Free. Reservations: 646-495-6060. (OLD TOWN)

"Imag(in)ing Philip II of Macedon: Archaeology, Science,

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THERE ARE WORSE THINGS I COULD DO — Adrienne Barbeau, Thursday, September 14, Claire de Lune Coffeehouse.

(SEE IN PERSON)



and Literature" is pondered when Archaeological Institute of America gathers Friday, September 15, 7:15 p.m., in room G-101 at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). SDSU professor Brad Cook discusses archaeological evidence and literary versions of Philip and what the father of Alexander the Great looked like. Free. 619-594-6992. (KEARNY MESA)

Geology and History along Oregon-California Emigrant Trail discussed by Keith Meldahl on Friday, September 15, 7:30 p.m., in room 204 of Mira-Costa College San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). In researching his book *Hard Road West: Rivers, Mountains, and History Along the Gold Rush Trail*, Meldahl followed the 2000-mile historic trail; his journey took six weeks. Free. 760-944-4449 x7806. (CARDIFF)

"Adventures in a Temperate Climate: Paintings by Martin Mull" continues through Saturday, October 7, in University Art Gallery at San Diego State University. Mull plans gallery talk on Saturday, September 16, 6 p.m., followed by reception at 7 p.m. Exhibit boasts 21 paintings created from 2002 to present, including three major triptychs. 619-594-5171. (SDSU)

"Case Study Journeys" presented by five members when North San Diego County Genealogical Society hosts annual fall seminar, Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). \$15. 858-453-8469. (CARLSBAD)

Xeriscape Doesn't Mean Zeroscape! Landscape designer Jan Tubiolo presents "Xeriscape: Beautiful Landscape on a Low-

Water Budget," Saturday, September 16, 9:30 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$13. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"The Evolution and Process in Architecture" is subject when developer and designer Sebastian Mariscal opens season at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street) with slide-illustrated lecture, Saturday, September 16, 9:30 a.m. 619-224-8584. Donation: \$5. (DOWNTOWN)

Creating a Concept Plan is subject for garden design class, Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m., at Coastal Sage Gardening (3685 Voltaire Street). \$10. Registration: 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

Edible Flowers, learn about common edible flowers and their culinary uses during class, Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m., at San

Diego Natural History Museum. \$30. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Numerology: A Tool for Soul Growth" presented by Dorothea Smothermon for Edgar Cayce Association, Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., in La Jolla Village Square community room (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Requested donation: \$40. 619-295-7080. (LA JOLLA)

Fimo Clay Design Demonstration by Meisha for Clairemont Art Guild meeting, Saturday, September 16, 12:30 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3450 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

"Search the World's Libraries with WildCat" is topic for cataloging librarian Robyn Gage when Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego meets Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

Powerless Over Your Kids? David Wexler ponders what to do "When Good Parents Act Badly," Sunday, September 17, 10 a.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4781 Cass Street). Identify signs of powerlessness and make constructive changes. Booksigning follows. Free. 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Green Building Construction, and Design" discussed in forum with architects, designers, builders, and others, Sunday, September 17. Presentations at Chula Vista City Hall (276 Fourth Avenue) begin at 40-minute intervals from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. 858-272-7370. (CHULA VISTA)

"How Do Flowers Get Their Names?" Journalist and *A Way With Words* co-host Martha Bar-



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nette answers the question and discusses her book *A Garden of Words*, Sunday, September 17, 1 p.m., at Marston House (3525 Seventh Avenue). Landscape historian Vonn Marie May leads a garden tour, plant sale follows. \$5. Reservations: 619-232-6203 x102. (HILLCREST)

Bataan Death March Survivor Lester Tenney will speak about Medal of Honor recipients and "share some of the exploits of our greatest heroes" on Sunday, September 17, 2 p.m., at VFW Post Home (4370 Twain Avenue). Free. 858-569-6507. (SAN DIEGO)

"The Photographs of Edward Curtis in Three Acts: Visual Representation, Empire, and the Postcolonial" opens with sixth annual Wangenheim Room lecture, Sunday, September 17, 5:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). UCSD ethnic studies associate professor Ross H. Frank will speak. \$25 fee includes lecture, appetizers, live music. Reservations: 619-291-8800 or 619-236-5807. (DOWNTOWN)

"UFO Waves in the 21st Century" explored by astronomy/ aerospace consultant Bruce Cordell when Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) gathers, Sunday, September 17, 6 p.m., at Sizzler (3755 Murphy Canyon Road). Free. 760-753-2456. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Tourism and Archaeology in Oaxaca, Mexico" examined when Christina Gonzalez speaks for 12 O'Clock Scholar program, Monday, September 18, at San Diego Museum of Man. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Turnabout Is Fair Play? Bring your opening three paragraphs (two-minute limit) to read, then be critiqued by panel, then join the panel when San Diego Writers/Editors Guild convenes, Monday, September 18, 6:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$5. 619-471-5323. (HILLCREST)

Refresher and Beginning Genealogy course taught by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Series commences Monday, September 18, 7 p.m., continues six consecutive Monday nights at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free; materials provided. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

"The Literary Print in the 21st Century" seeks to draw "attention to the importance of both reading and the visual arts, activities that are critical" to development of a cultured and creative society. The 21 "artists were asked to create a print based on a work of literature of their choosing." Exhibit curated by Fabio J. Fernandez opens on Tuesday, September 19, in Keller Art Gallery at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Fernandez and "a handful of participating artists" offer a brief lecture at 6 p.m., followed by reception. 619-849-2200. (POINT LOMA)

Going Native, "Lashbrook Park Case Study: Landscaping with Natives" presented by Bob Perry for California Native Plant Society, Tuesday, September 19, 7 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 104. The site is newly created native plant park in city of El Monte following Los Angeles River Master Plan. 619-685-7321. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

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There Are More Victorian-Era Buildings in the Gaslamp Quarter than anywhere west of the Mississippi. Oasis presents slide-illustrated lecture entitled "San Diego's Historic Gaslamp Quarter: An Armchair Tour," Wednesday, September 20, 1 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

"Cultural Revitalization Among Yuman People of the U.S.-Mexico Border Region" presented by Michael Wilken of Native Culture Institute of Baja California, Wednesday, September 20, 5:30 p.m., in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

"Proudly She Serves: Women and the Military" — exhibit continues through September at Coronado Museum of History and Art. On Wednesday, September 20, 6:30 p.m., Vicki Fischbeck and Nancy Owens will chronicle their distinguished military careers. Reception follows presentation. Free. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue; 619-435-7242. (CORONADO)

"Memories from the Rolling Hills of Old San Diego" on offer in paintings by Gloria Torres on display through Thursday, October 12, in San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104). Gallery talk by Torres on Thursday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m. follows reception for artist (4:30 p.m.). Free. Find campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive; 619-388-2829. (KEARNY MESA)

Art Walk and Talk examining "W. Haase Wojtyla: A Coincidence of Paintings" with Wojtyla and curator Catherine Gleason, Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art (704

Pier View Way). \$5. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

Dog Aggression and Reactivity is subject for Happy-Hour Lecture, Thursday, September 21, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street). What is aggressive dog behavior? What can you do about it? \$10. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. No pets. (LINDA VISTA)

"The American Dream — Corvettes from 1953 to 2006" discussed by Jerry Bach, Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m., at San Diego Automotive Museum. Bach, who currently owns six of these Chevrolets, will share history of vehicle, "cover the little-known facts of the American sports car and dream." Free. 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

Vista Gem and Mineral Society meets to see *Smithsonian Gems and Mineral* video and hear talk on faceting by George Coburn, Thursday, September 21, 7:30 p.m., at Gloria E. McClellan Senior Center in Brengle Terrace Park (1200 Vale Terrace Drive). Free. 760-724-0395. (VISTA)

Art Talk with Liliana Porter led by UCSD professor Roberto Tejada at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street) on Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m. Porter has created a diverse body of work across a wide range of media. \$5. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

Computational Neuroscience Pioneer Terrence J. Sejnowski signs and discusses *Liars, Lovers, and Heroes: Explorations in Neuroeconomics*, Thursday, September 14, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle). What brain mechanisms underlie our personal choices? 858-755-3735. Free. (DEL MAR)

"Gay Marriage: For Better or for Worse?" Author William Eskridge visits Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North) to sign and discuss his work, Thursday, September 14, 7 p.m. Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

"There Are Worse Things I Could Do," television, film, Broadway actress Adrienne Barbeau talks about her book on Thursday, September 14, 7 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Free. 619-459-3247. (NORTH PARK)

"Vesta," this "intimate theatrical drama" examining an ordinary family's struggle with end-of-life issues by Brian Harnetiaux is presented Thursday, September 14, 7 p.m., at Cultural Arts Center at Rancho del Rey Middle School (1174 East J Street). Panel discussion follows. Free. Requested reservations: 877-926-8300. (CHULA VISTA)

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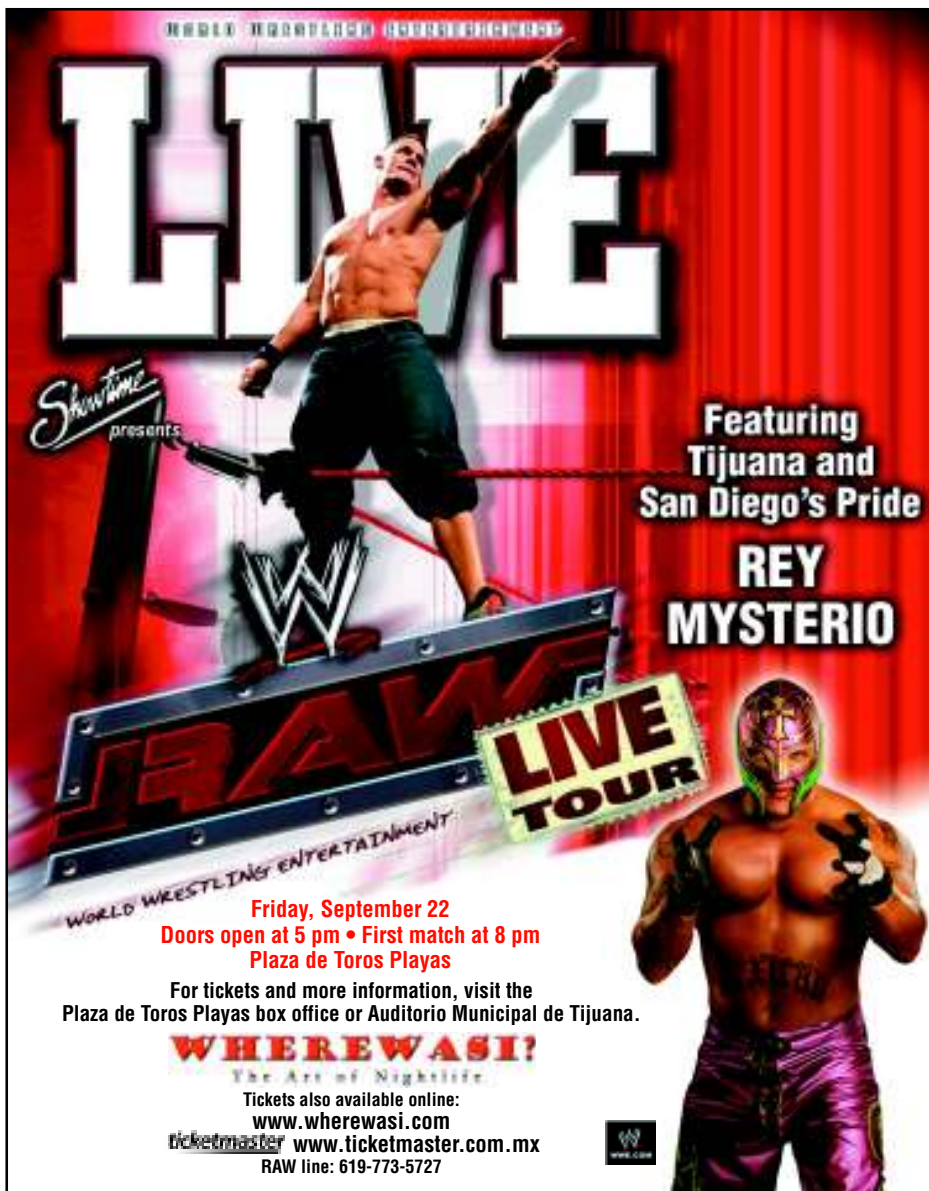
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Reina Grupera, Ana Barbara plans concert, Thursday, September 14, 8 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). \$30. 619-659-3380. (DEHESA)

Critically Acclaimed Poet Steve Kowitz reads from his new book, *Gods of Rapture: Poems in the Erotic Mood*, Friday, September 15, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Also promised: Cheryl Klein will read from her new novel *The Commuters*. Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

"Luann — Scenes from a Teen's Life," new musical based on syndicated comic strip by creator Greg Evans is presented September 15 and 16 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Performed by students from Rancho Buena Vista High School, piece explores "joys and angst of being a teen through song, comedy, and dance." Performances at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. \$10. 800-988-4253. Warwick's at 7812

Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347. (ESCONDIDO)

The Backyard concert series continues with performance by Rheanna Downey on Friday, September 15, 7 p.m., in amphitheater at Community Reformed Church (777 West Felicita Avenue). Art by local artists on display. Free. 760-746-1322. (ESCONDIDO)

The Musical *Guys and Dolls* is presented by Encore Youth Theatre September 15-24 at Avo Playhouse (303 Main Street). Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$13 general, \$11 seniors, \$9 kids. 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

"All That Jazz," chamber music ensemble Camarada opens season with "a visit to the borderland between classical and jazz" music on Friday, September 15, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Program boasts selections by Mike Mower, Hindemith, Ravel, Villa-Lobos, Satie, Bolling. \$25. 619-231-3702. (MIDDLETOWN)

Full Moon Horror Road Show brought to La Jolla Brew House (7536 Fay Avenue) by Charles Band — director/producer of more than 270 direct-to-video horror and sci-fi cult "classics" such as *Puppetmaster* and *Trancers* — Friday, September 15, 7:30 p.m. \$12. 858-456-6279. (LA JOLLA)

"Memories of Best Friends," original play presented by Deebone Productions on September 15 and 17 at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Performances start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. \$25 at door. 619-978-2000. (CITY HEIGHTS)

The 36th Annual Julian Bluegrass Festival and Banjo Fiddle Contest is September 16

and 17 at Frank Lane Park (2645 Farmers Road). Performances by 7th Day Buskers, Susie Glaze and Hilonesome Band, Donner Mountain Bluegrass Band, Pacific Ocean Bluegrass Band, Rails and Trails, others; workshops by Robin Henkel, Susie Glaze, Frankie Nagle, Walt Richards, many others; contests, jam sessions.

Both days feature food and music-related vendors' booths. Festival opens at 9 a.m. both days, closes at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Bring blankets, chairs. \$15. 760-765-3937. (JULIAN)

Classical Indian Musical Concert with Vishal Vaid and Rahis Kahn showcasing *ghazal, qawali*, and devotional songs, Saturday, September 16, 3 p.m., at Ashtanga Yoga Center (1905 Calle Barcelona #218). \$20 760-632-7093. (LA COSTA)

Hailing From NBC's "The Office," Craig Robinson and featured comic Lang Parker perform for North County Funnies, Saturday, September 16, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Also on tap: MC Kurt Swann and Pearl Street Players. \$18 at door. 760-960-0105. (CARLSBAD)

"Leave Only Paw Prints: Dog Hikes in San Diego County" discussed and signed by author Donna Lawrence, Saturday, September 16, 1 p.m., at Heritage of the Americas Museum at Cuyamaca College (12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Lawrence will show slides of her dog Bailey and other canines exploring dog-friendly parks, beaches, trails. Donation: \$5. 619-670-5194.

Lawrence also plans discussion and signing on Sunday, September 17, 2 p.m., at Books in Nooks (4336 State Route 78). Free. 60-765-2852. (EL CAJON, WYNOLA)

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Quint Hatch perform Saturday, September 16, 8 p.m., at Dino's Nite Club (3829 30th Street). Free admission, no drink minimum. 21 and over. 619-291-3466. (NORTH PARK)

Dark Fantasy Author Barbara Hambly signs, discusses *Redfield: Slave of Dracula*, Saturday, September 16, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Latin Jazz Fusion promised when Jazz Pigs perform for mini-concert at noon on Monday, September 18, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Beyond Weekend Weather, KUSI-TV's Dave Scott leads his jazz ensemble in concert, Monday, September 18, 7 p.m., at Moonlight Amphitheatre in Brengle Terrace Park (1200 Vale Terrace Drive). Tickets: \$15-\$25 general. 60-724-2110. (VISTA)

Poet William Roetzheim will read from and sign *Thoughts I Left Behind: Collected Poems*, Monday, September 18, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive, 619-220-0175). He'll talk about his new 4level Press and *The Giant Book of Poetry*. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams receives staged reading directed by James Hall for Carlsbad Playreaders, Monday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$5. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

"Blind into Baghdad: America's War in Iraq" discussed and signed by journalist and author James

Fallows, Tuesday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., at Point Loma Library (3710 Voltaire Street). Fallows, national correspondent for *Atlantic*, argues that U.S. occupation of Iraq is a debacle because "a vast amount of expert planning was willfully ignored by the people in charge." \$5. Reservations: 619-687-3580. (POINT LOMA)

Author Lloyd Kaufman signs, discusses *The Toxic Avenger*, Tuesday, September 19, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Shia Revival" will be discussed and signed by Vali Nasr on Tuesday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Nasr is professor at Naval Postgraduate School, adjunct senior fellow at Council of Foreign Relations. Free. 858-454-0347 (LA JOLLA)

Green Flash Seaside Summer Concert Series concludes with concert by the Boogiemens, Wednesday, September 20, at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Watch for green flash at 6:54 p.m.; music sets begin at 6:45 and 7:45 p.m. Aquarium docents on hand to answer questions about marine life and exhibits, food (for sale). \$15. For those 21 and older. Reservations: 858-534-4109. (LA JOLLA)

Part Noir, Part Odyssey, Lisa Teasley reads from and signs her new novel *Heat Signature*, Wednesday, September 20, 7 p.m., at Book Works (in Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle). 858-755-3735. Free. (DEL MAR)

Swimming Near a Baby Gray Whale separated from its mother

inspired long-distance swimmer Lynne Cox to write *Grayson*, which she'll sign and discuss at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue) on Thursday, September 21, 7:30 p.m. Cox is also author of *Swimming to Antarctica*. 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Journalist, Animal Advocate Julie Hoffman Marshall visits Muttropolis (7755 Girard Avenue) for "mutt mingle" dog socializing, presentation, book signing of her book *Making Burros Fly: Cleveland Amory, Animal Rescue Pioneer*, Thursday, September 21, 5 p.m. Free. 858-459-WOOF. (LA JOLLA)

"Religion Gone Bad: The Hidden Dangers of the Christian Right" signed, discussed by author Reverend Dr. Mel White, Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m., at LGBT Center (3909 Centre Street). Free. 619-459-3247. (HILLCREST)

Debut Thriller Author Alexandra Sokoloff visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to discuss and sign *The Harrowing*, Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m. Find Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

"The Woman's Right" is story of author Franklin F. Gould's grandmother told through excerpts from diaries, letters, and newspapers who took "ownership of her destiny." Gould discusses and signs books, Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m., at Mission Hills Library (925 West Washington). Free. 619-692-4910. (MISSION HILLS)

"Operation Homecoming" at Encinitas, national tour for new book hits Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive) on Friday, September 22, 7:30 p.m. Reading with San Diego and other

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California-based authors and editor Andrew Carroll. The NEA established Operation Homecoming to help U.S. troops and their families write about experiences in Iraq, Afghanistan, and home front. Free admission. Required reservations: 760-753-6041. (ENCINITAS)

SPORTS

Boys of (Late) Summer, San Diego Padres are in Cincinnati for game against Reds on Thursday, September 14, at 9:35 a.m. Road trip continues with visit to Chavez Ravine to meet up with Los Angeles Dodgers, September 15-18, at 7:40 p.m. on Friday, 7:10 p.m. on Saturday, 1:10 p.m. on Sunday, 7:10 p.m. on Monday.

Pads head home to host Arizona Diamondbacks in Petco Park, Tuesday-Thursday, September 19-21, at 7:05 p.m. each night. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (DOWNTOWN)

Feel the Thunder! San Diego Thunderboat Regatta competition is sunup to sundown, Friday-Sunday, September 15-17, on Mission Bay. Competition in categories such as drag boats, unlimited lights, tun-

nel hulls, super stocks, crackerbox racers, model hydro racing; live entertainment. Viewing is free around bay, with some ticketed areas. 619-225-9160. (MISSION BAY)

The 15th Annual San Diego Heart Walk in Balboa Park is Saturday, September 16, with registration at 6 a.m., opening ceremonies at 7 a.m. at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. 858-410-3839. (BALBOA PARK)

National Orienteering Weekend is September 16 and 17. Orienteering is sport of navigation with map and compass; the object is to walk or run to series of points shown on map and returning to finish in shortest amount of time. Events on Saturday promise starts from 10 a.m.-noon at fountain in front of Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. No knowledge of maps, compass, or navigation necessary; free instruction. (BALBOA PARK)

Six courses offered on Sunday at Laguna/El Prado campground on Mount Laguna. Starts from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; course closes at 2 p.m. Instruction for newcomers. \$8 for one map/course. 760-213-6256. (MOUNT LAGUNA)

Netball Was Invented in Late 1800s and "is arguably the most popular woman's team sport in over 70 countries around the world." San Diego United Netball Club hosts annual netball tournament, Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Sage Canyon

OUT & ABOUT

FEEL THE THUNDER!

San Diego Thunderboat Regatta, September 15-17, Mission Bay.

(SEE SPORTS)



School (5290 Harvest Run Drive). Free for spectators. 858-472-3931. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Camp Pendleton Heartbreak Ridge Half-Marathon is Saturday, September 16, 8 a.m., in Las Pulgas area on base. All gravel out and back, off-road course over rolling hills. 760-725-6836. Civilians welcome. (CAMP PENDLETON)

Stroll n' Stride, events center around 5k stroller walk for families at 8 a.m. in Legoland on Saturday, September 16. Activities continue until noon outside the park. 760-692-2900. (CARLSBAD)

Carpe Diem 5-Mile Run/Walk, Sunday, September 17, 8 a.m., starting at Scripps Green Hospital

(10666 North Torrey Pines Road). 858-353-2204. (LA JOLLA)

Dog Paddle, bring your dog out for kayak tour from La Jolla Shores to sea caves on Sunday, September 17, 8:30 a.m., at Hike Bike Kayak (2246 Avenida de la Playa). Equipment is included in \$45 fee per person; canines free. Reservations: 858-549-1685. (LA JOLLA)

Clockwise Coronado Loop, head out for bicycle ride with Knickerbikers on Sunday, September 17. The 39-miler starts at 9 a.m. in north parking lot at Mission Bay Visitors' Center (at East Mission Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive). Bring money for ferry tickets and Greek lunch. 619-276-9292. (MISSION BAY)

Walk for Peace, celebrate International Culture of Peace Month with 3k walk on Sunday, September 17, in support of establishment of Department of Peace at federal level. Event begins at 9 a.m. in Redwood Circle. Bring picnic, enjoy "peaceful entertainment after the walk." 760-846-0608. (BALBOA PARK)

Walk for PKD (polycystic kidney disease) Sunday, September 17, at Spanish Landing Park. Walk starts at 9:30 a.m., following registration at 9 a.m. 760-804-9523. (DOWNTOWN)

Beginner's Kayak Lessons offered Sunday, September 17, 10 a.m., by Allen's Kayaks (819 Fernando Place). Participants must be able to swim. Free. Required reservations: 858-488-5599. (MISSION BAY)

Racing Without Brakes! Tuesday night bicycle-racing season continues through October 24, 6:30-9 p.m., at San Diego Velodrome. Free for spectators. Find velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 619-260-3701. (BALBOA PARK)

SPECIAL

Rods and Woodies 2006, cruise night series concludes on Thursday, September 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Secret Samurai

makes music (at 682 South Coast Highway 101); San Diego Woodies host event. Ogle classic cars between D Street and Lumberyard on Highway 101. Free. 619-943-1950. (ENCINITAS)

YachtFest 2006 runs Thursday-Sunday, September 14-17, at Shelter Island Marina. Tours of yachts for sale and charter. Seminar: "Your Career in Yachting," 9 a.m. on Sunday, September 17. Show hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. General admission: \$32. 858-836-0133. (SHELTER ISLAND)

"Italia Mia — Real Photos by Real People" continues through Saturday, September 16, at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Exhibit boasts 75 photographs by 37 people representing "their most ideal Italian fantasy." Viewing, 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays, is free. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Wavecrest Woodie Weekend," described as "largest and oldest of all-woodie" meets, starts with "Rods and Woodies on 101" on Thursday, September 14, 5:30 p.m., between D and G Streets on Highway 101.

Wavecrest woodie show with 250-300 vehicles expected, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, in Moonlight Beach parking lot (at foot of Encinitas Boulevard). Food, entertainment.

Woodie cruise on Highway 101 on Sunday, September 17. Free admission to all events. 760-746-6199 or 619-993-8401. (ENCINITAS)

Celebrity Waiters Luncheon benefiting United Cerebral Palsy, Friday, September 15, 11:30 a.m., at Coronado Island Marriott Resort. \$65. Reservations: 858-571-5365. (CORONADO)

The 17th Annual Fall Home/Garden Show returns to Del Mar Fairgrounds, with more than 400

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Reading

Grayson



Lynne Cox

By Lynne Cox Knopf, 2006, \$16.95, 160 pages

ABOUT THIS BOOK: *Grayson* is Lynne Cox's first book since *Swimming to Antarctica* ("Riveting" — *Sports Illustrated*; "Pitch-perfect" — *Outside*). In it she tells the story of a miraculous ocean encounter that happened to her when she was 17 and in training for a big swim (she had already swum the English Channel, twice, and the Catalina Channel).

It was the dark of early morning; Lynne was in 55-degree water as smooth as black ice, 200 yards offshore, outside the wave break. She was swimming her last half-mile back to the pier before heading home for breakfast when she became aware that something was swimming with her. The ocean was charged

with energy as if a squall were moving in; thousands of baby anchovy darted through the water like lit sparklers, trying to evade something larger. Whatever it was, it felt large enough to be a white shark coursing beneath her body.

It wasn't a shark. It became clear that it was a baby gray whale — following alongside Lynne for a mile or so. Lynne had been swimming for more than an hour; she needed to get out of the water to rest, but she realized that if she did, the young calf would follow her onto shore and die from collapsed lungs.

The baby whale — 18 feet long! — was migrating on a three-month trek to its feeding grounds in the Bering Sea, an 8,000-mile journey. It would have to be car-

ried on its mother's back for much of that distance, and was dependent on its mother's milk for food — baby whales drink up to 50 gallons of milk a day. If Lynne didn't find the mother whale, the baby would suffer from dehydration and starve to death.

Something so enormous — the mother whale was 50 feet long — suddenly seemed very small in the vast Pacific Ocean. How could Lynne possibly find her?

This is the story — part mystery, part magical tale — of what happened...

WHAT THE REVIEWERS SAY: *Booklist:* Cox, author of *Swimming to Antarctica* (2004), looks back to an unforgettable experience

when she was 17 years old, training for a long-distance swim. This book is moving and thrilling in its simple language as Cox laments the inadequacy of words to express profound feelings but demonstrates the exhilaration of the effort.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Lynne Cox was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and grew up in Los Alamitos, California, where she still lives. Her articles have appeared in *The New Yorker* and the *Los Angeles Times Magazine*, among other publications.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Lynne Cox was relaxing at her home in Los Alamitos with her yellow lab, Cody, when I phoned.

She had just come from several days of book signings, and was to leave again after the Labor Day holiday. We began by talking about some of her experiences with readers of *Grayson*.

"I was headed to Vancouver, Canada, the other day. At the border, the customs officer asked what I was doing in Canada, so I pulled out the book and said I was going to a signing. He commented on what a great cover it has, and said I could go on through. Later that night I was talking with an artist, and his wife had also come through customs earlier. When asked at the border what she was planning on doing in Canada she said she was going to a book signing by Lynne Cox. The border guard said, 'Oh, she

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"When I called on her, she said, in this sweet little voice, 'Do you like to take hot showers or cold showers?'"

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"Objects: In Person," one-year anniversary celebrated by Object'sUSA.com with sale of original vintage artworks, Friday, September 15, 7 p.m., at Ronis and Associates (1946 Broadway). Group specializes in artists and craftspeople of California and Southwest. Show and sale continues Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Free admission. 619-253-5444. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Up-Lifting," yoga workshop on inversions led by Dana Pare, Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m., at MBS Studio (2971 India Street). "Turn upside down and feel rejuvenated all day long!" \$35. 619-682-7115. (MIDDLETOWN)

Oceanside Harbor Days on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17, 9 a.m.–6 p.m., with

nailed and sail, canoe, and sailboat races; live entertainment, static military and civilian displays, demonstrations, arts and crafts, food, more. 760-722-1534. Free admission. (OCEANSIDE)

Autumn Harvest Celebration hosted by San Diego Pagan Pride, Saturday, September 16, 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., on north lawn at Sixth Avenue and El Prado. Workshops, children's activities, rituals, discussions. Admission: donation of non-perishable canned and packaged foods for San Diego Food Bank. 619-889-1756. (BALBOA PARK)

North County Authors and Poets Book Faire, Saturday, September 16, at Escondido Municipal Gallery (142 West Grand Avenue). The "full day of grown-up show-and-tell" showcases over 30 writers, on hand to present their work from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Free. 760-480-4101. (ESCONDIDO)

Old Town San Diego Art Festival, September 16 and 17, with over 150 contemporary artists, fine craft, fashion, home décor artisans, live enter-

tainment. Festival begins at 10 a.m. each day, closes at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. 888-278-3378. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego EarthWorks' Green Built Tour takes place on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Self-guided tour of green buildings and building sites throughout county includes homes and businesses. Owners, architects, and informed guides on hand at each site to answer questions. \$12. Details: 858-272-7370. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

World's Greatest Bamboo Sale? Check out fall bamboo sale at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive), Saturday, September 16, 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. Over 100 different varieties of bamboo offered. Rare bamboo auction (10:30 a.m.), plant sale (11 a.m.), bamboo crafts, products for sale. 951-359-1706. Admission: \$8 general. (ENCINITAS)

Knitting Circle — hook up with other knitters to "share ideas, make new friends, help each

other," Saturdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., at Knitting by the Beach (616 Stevens Avenue, suite B). Free. 858-509-9276. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Art and Artifacts" featuring artist Robert Freeman (on hand to answer questions), Saturday, September 16, noon–6 p.m., at San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). Newly constructed dig boxes will be used, in which visitors discover a variety of artifacts; center will provide sample of Project Archaeology Program. Free. 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

University Heights Arts Open, showcasing work by over 130 visual and performing artists, runs noon–6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17. Self-guided tour of artists' open studios — musicians, dancers, poets, playwrights — includes trolley shuttle service. Find information booth at 4327 Maryland Street; 619-299-0754. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

California Wolf Center hosts public programs focusing on North American gray wolves every Satur-

day at 2 p.m. Programs include slide show, visit and tour with resident wolf pack. Tickets: \$8 general, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children ten and younger. Required reservations: 619-234-WOLF. (JULIAN)

Read and Discuss! Ponder a selection from Charles Beard's *Economic Interpretation of the Constitution* with Great Books Reading and Discussion Group on Saturday, September 16, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

"Boundaries Show" hosted by Mikh Circle, Saturday, September 16, 3 p.m., at Hot Monkey Love Cafe (6875 El Cajon Boulevard). Urban street art, musical performances. \$6. 619-203-6191. (COLLEGE AREA)

Leashes Required! Head to Helen Woodward Animal Center's "Surf Dog Surf-Athon" on Sunday, September 17, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., at Del Mar north beach. Noncompetitive event includes one half-

hour dog surfing contest, "beach bum and bikini babe canine costume contest." Registration: \$25; contest entries \$5. 858-756-4117 x312. (DEL MAR)

Sea Chantey Festival is Sunday, September 17, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., on board *Star of India*. Performances by Pint and Dale; shipboard activity demonstrations; visitors may help set sails of *Star*. \$12 general, discounts for seniors, kids. Find the ship berthed at 1306 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street). 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

Stamp-Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, September 17, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-218-7835. (KEARNY MESA)

House of Austria hosts lawn program at International Cottages with dance, music, and cultural costumes, Sunday, September 17, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Blast from the Past Car Show hosted by South Bay Cruisers,

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Help Pass Prop 85

What Others Are Doing and What You Can Do

As of August 1, the Field Poll showed the yes and no sides of Proposition 85 at a statistical tie (45 to 46 percent).

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Reading

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was just here a minute ago.”

“How impressive that you can use it as a passport.”

“One of the worst moments happened in Rockport. There was this whole auditorium full of people, and a five-year-old girl and her mom were sitting in the front row. All these people asked questions at the end, and then the little girl finally raised her hand. When I called on her, she said, in this sweet little voice, ‘Do you like to take hot showers or cold showers?’ The entire audience just started laughing, and the poor little girl burst into tears.”

“The fact is it was a great question. When you’re talking about being in the cold water

and getting out of the cold water, you don’t want to take hot showers because you’re throwing all of that cold blood back into the core of your body really fast and you actually get colder very quickly.”

Lynne has participated in numerous research studies on the effects of cold. Her body is unique in its ability to withstand low temperatures. This has enabled her to complete some of her most dramatic feats, including a swim across the Bering Strait and another from the tip of Argentina to Antarctica in 32-degree water.

“I tried to console her, but she was crying in her mother’s arms. I made sure they came up after the reading and we talked until the girl was smiling again. She even ended up inviting me

to go out with them for ice cream.”

“Of all the many things you have done, what do you see as the major milestones of your career?”

“The biggest milestone in my career was getting *Swimming to Antarctica* published. It took 21 years to write and get accepted and then 2 more years to get through the publishing process. And it took swimming to Antarctica!

“In terms of other milestones in my swimming career, the way I look at it is that each swim builds upon the last. I wouldn’t have been able to swim the English Channel if I hadn’t first swam from Catalina to the mainland. So, to me, each swim is just as important as the one previous.

“Each swim is also as excit-

ing and as challenging. Each one involves the training and figuring out the tides, the currents, the winds. Then there’s finding the support crew and figuring out how I’m going to pay for getting myself there, which is always a huge and involved process. In the end, usually, I wind up giving corporate lectures and giving swimming lessons and writing magazine articles to piece it together.”

I had assumed, erroneously, as it turns out, that Lynne had ample corporate sponsorship for these swims.

“In the case of the Bering Strait swim, nobody believed that the Soviets were going to open the border to me and nobody believed that someone could swim in 38-degree water. It’s hard to get corporate sponsor-

“Ferry boats changed their courses so that they could come along and raise the American flag and be alongside us.”

ship for something like that when even ordinary everyday people don’t have a lot of confidence in its happening.”

Lynne says that people are always surprised to learn that it often takes several years to organize a swim, aside from the actual training and physical preparation. Much of that time is spent

on business and logistics.

“I don’t know if you ever read Lindberg’s *Spirit of St. Louis*, but I think it’s one of the best books of all time. Like me, he was hoping that some big American company was going to sponsor him, but it ended up being Ryan Airlines of San Diego along with Lindberg piecing it together

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Backgammon Club of San Diego holds weekly tournaments every Tuesday, 6 p.m., at Coast Cafe (in Embassy Suites Hotel, 4550 La Jolla Village Drive). \$20 entry, \$10 reentry. 858-342-5533. (LA JOLLA)

Deaf Awareness Day celebrated Wednesday, September 20, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., at Balboa Park Club (2080 Pan American Plaza). ASL telling of “tales from the deaf world,” information booths, more. Admission: \$10 general, \$5 seniors and stu-

dents, \$1 for those 5–13, free under 5. 619-398-2441. (BALBOA PARK)

Put Three Candles on the Cake and celebrate third anniversary of James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street) on Wednesday, September 20, 5 p.m. Project Wildlife highlights “The Wonderful World of Wildlife” (5 p.m.), and Bill Seaton presents “My Seven Years in Captivity” relating to his experiences at San Diego Zoo (6:30 p.m.). Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

Explore the Internet and First Amendment, Wednesday, September 20, 7 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

Have a Story to Tell? San Diego Public Library’s digital community storytelling station remains available through Saturday, December 30. Gather reminiscences of your neighborhood, memories of interesting jobs, tales of special interests and activities, to record San Diego history as told by general public. Find library at 820 E Street. Requirements, reservations: 619-236-5821 or 619-230-1938. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

Create a Miniature Garden during Botany for Kids class, Thursday, September 14, 2:30 p.m.,

at Coastal Sage (3685 Voltaire Street). \$20. Registration: 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

Big Joe Productions performs *Animals, Animals, Animals* through Sunday, September 17, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *The Weaving of a Dream* by Weaver’s Tales, September 20–24. Showtimes: 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday–Friday; 11 a.m., 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find theater near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

“Arts for Life! Family Arts Connection” sponsored by Young Audiences of San Diego is slated for Thursday, September 14,

6:30 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Music by Arbol Azul; Mexican *Amate* paper image creation with visual artist Thia Nevius (7 p.m.). Free. 619-282-7599 x114. (ROLANDO)

“Mickey’s Magic Show,” Disney Live! presents Donald, Goofy, Cinderella, Alice in Wonderland, many Disney princesses, and other favorite characters in performances in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Curtain rises at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 15; 11 a.m., 3, 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 16; and 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 17. Tickets: \$15–\$50, available

through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Radiant! The musical *Charlotte’s Web* is current production by La Jolla San Diego Junior Theatre, September 15–24 at Firehouse YMCA Community Center (7877 Herschel Avenue). Recommended for all ages. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Fridays, at 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. \$10–\$15. 619-239-8355. (LA JOLLA)

May Peace Prevail, University City Girl Scouts host public carnival in celebration of installation in 2005 of a peace pole — described as “universal six-sided pole with the words ‘May Peace Prevail’ in 12 languages” — by Girl Scout

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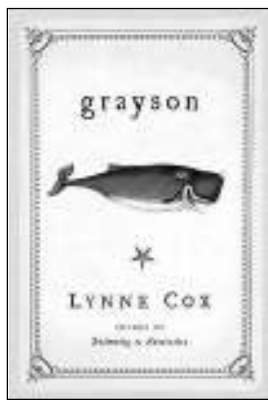
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with the support of friends.”
 “When did you make the shift from swimming for yourself and for personal fulfillment to using your swimming to promote ideas to a larger audience?”
 “I think the experience that changed everything was when I

swam Cook Straits between the north and south islands of New Zealand. There were people from all over the country that supported the swim. They called out to the boat and encouraged me to keep going. Ferry boats changed their courses so that they could come along and raise the American flag and be alongside us. A number of Air New Zealand flights changed course so that they could radio weather information down to us. Realizing that all of this was going on around me as I was struggling to swim across the strait, I came to understand that a swim could be so much more than just an athletic event. They were cheering me on, but they were cheering themselves on as well. As they were helping me, they were seeing the struggle within them-

selves. Maybe I’m reading too much into this, but I think they cheered me on because they wanted to be successful themselves by playing a part in what I was doing.”
 “How did you decide on swimming in the first place?”
 “The truth of it is, I was so bad at so many other things. I was awful in tennis. I broke both of my feet in gymnastics, and I broke my elbow thinking that finally I would play basketball and be good at it. I was always dead last in running, and I couldn’t do a pull up. As far as being a land athlete, you would never ever want to bet on me.”
 “When you are in the ocean swimming, do you feel at home there, or do you feel like you are a guest?”
 “I feel very, very comfort-

able in the ocean, but I always realize that I am a guest. I have a respect for the marine animals there. I enjoy being immersed in another world, and yet it’s a world that I go to visit. It’s not a place that I stay all day long.”
 I ask Lynne if she has seen the documentary about Timothy Treadwell and his work with grizzly bears in Alaska. “I haven’t seen it, but I’ve heard about it. I’ve also heard a lot about it from naturalists who think he pushed it way too far.”
 “Where do you feel the line is between humans and animals?”
 “I see all animals as cats. You wait for them to come over to you. Dogs are so different. They want to be with you and see you and walk with you and drive with you. But cats are like, ‘Maybe I feel safe enough to

“I see all animals as cats.”

have you pet me and to be with you.’ If something wants to come over to me, great. If they want to swim with me, that’s great too.”
 “I was really tentative with Grayson because he was 18 feet long and a baby. I wondered what he knew about life—whether he would push me and not know it was okay. On one level, I had this sense of awe, and thought maybe he would be gentle with me, but on another level, I just didn’t know.”
 “And then when his mother finally came, I didn’t get between

her and the baby at all. I swam backwards a little bit and she swam over to me. I sensed that she wanted me to touch her, but something swimming toward you that’s 45 to 50 feet long can be pretty intimidating. Still, there was that fundamental trust—that sense that we were two beings in the water and that she was thanking me for helping take care of her child.”
 Lynne Cox will be reading from *Grayson* at Warwick’s Bookstore in La Jolla on Thursday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m.
 — Jerry Miller

Troop 3045. Carnival with games, crafts, food for sale, Saturday, September 16, 1–4 p.m., at Standley Park (3585 Governor Drive). 858-558-8478. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Kidsfaire, America’s Family Expo runs Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Expect over 150 interactive exhibits, family entertainment (the Wiggles, Strawberry Shortcake, others), Princess Pavilion, Safari Town, more. Admission: \$8 for adults, \$4 for those 2–12. 866-283-8600. (DOWNTOWN)

Explore Forces when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, September 16, noon–3 p.m. Participants “make a free science experiment” to take home. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Animal Tales Told, and crafts, stories, and animals are part of fun on Sunday, September 17, 1 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). For kids four–eight years old. \$2. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2251. (LINDA VISTA)

Kids’ Day Train, one-hour vintage train experience for children offered at Campo Railroad Museum at 10 a.m. on third Tuesday of each month, including September 19. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. Tickets: \$15 general, \$5 for those 6–12, free for kids five and younger. Required reservations: 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

MUSEUMS

Coronado Museum of History and Art, “Proudly She Serves: Women and the Military,” continuing through September, chronicles the careers of women from Revolutionary War through current conflicts in Middle East. Women’s experiences in the military, as well as contributions of civil volunteers, support staff, war industry workers presented. Many Coronado residents are represented in exhibit.

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723.

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego’s colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp’s San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and

“New Town,” early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboos. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes “one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad.” Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design

still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women’s clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego County Sheriff’s Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff’s department is highlighted at the museum, which is located “just feet away” from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with “the largest permanent operating model

railroad and toy train exhibit” in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the “San Diego County Relief Map” exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Birch Aquarium at Scripps, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of

the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico’s Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. “Sea of Genes” offers visit “to the genomic frontier”; “Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet” explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. “Wonders of Water” waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbling sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

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Explore "The Romantic Piano" with Jacquelyne Silver, Thursday, September 14, 1 p.m., at College Avenue Senior Center (inside Beth Jacob Synagogue, 4855 College Avenue). Nonmembers' tickets: \$5. 619-583-3300. (CORONADO)

"All That Jazz," chamber music ensemble Camarada opens season with "a visit to the borderland between classical and jazz" music on Friday, September 15, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Program boasts selections by Mike Mower, Hindemith, Ravel,

Villa-Lobos, Satie, Bolling. \$25. 619-231-3702. (MIDDLETOWN)

Second Annual Jon Schmidt Piano Concert is Saturday, September 16, 7 p.m., in Mt. Helix Amphitheatre (just south of Interstate 8 and between Bancroft Drive and Avocado Boulevard). Tickets: \$13-\$24. 619-588-4901. (LA MESA)

Tango to the Rescue! Classical guitarist Fred Benedetti and flutist Beth Ross Buckley showcase pieces by Astor Piazzolla, David Chesky's "Flute Concerto," and Louis Bonfa's "Manha de Carnaval" for Fall 2006 First Unitarian Universalist Concert Series. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). \$12. 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

Old Masters of Music and Art, Peter Farrell performs on baroque cello surrounded by masterpieces of European art at San Diego Museum of Art, Sunday, September 17, 2 p.m. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Selections by Schubert, Lysenko, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff promised when Natalia Khoma (cello) and Volodymyr Vynnytsky (piano) perform for Lake San Marcos Chamber Music Society, Sunday, September 17, 2:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$22. Reservations: 760-945-3446, 760-630-4360. (LA COSTA)

The Pleasure of Your Company chamber music series begins when pianist Dmitry Kirichenko plays music by Mozart and Beethoven, Sunday, September 17, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

(10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Art on display by Forouzan Shahrour Menregan. Donation. Meet artists at postconcert reception. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Civic Organist Carol Williams plans concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, September 17, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Serious Fun! Scott Paulson and the Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra perform for "Music on the Point" series, Monday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., at All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard, at Chatsworth). 619-223-6394 x13. Donation: \$5. (POINT LOMA)

Contemporary and Classic Works for guitar on tap when Colin McAllister performs for Concert Hour series, Thursday, September 21, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

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GALLERIES

The Annual Faculty Art Exhibit continues through Thursday, September 28, in MiraCosta College's Kruglak Gallery (in student center at One Barnard Drive). Reception for artists is Friday, September 15, 6:30 p.m. 760-795-6657. (OCEANSIDE)

"Whisperings" is title for exhibition juried by Jean Lowe, on view along with work by featured artist Mary Coman through Sunday, October 8, at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). "Journey: Selected Works by Refugee Youth in San Diego" is showcased in youth gallery. Reception for artists is Friday, September 15, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"Adventures in a Temperate Climate: Paintings by Martin Mull" continues through Saturday, October 7, in University Art Gallery at San Diego State University. Mull plans gallery talk on Saturday, September 16, 6 p.m., followed by reception at 7 p.m. Exhibit boasts 21 paintings created from 2002 to present, including three major triptychs. 619-594-5171. (SDSU)

"Deja View," 26 members of PhotoArts Group have work on exhibit September 16-29 in Gallery 21 at Spanish Village. Reception for participants is Sunday, September 17, 4:30 p.m. 760-250-5902. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Literary Print in the 21st Century" seeks to draw "attention to the importance of both reading and the visual arts, activities that are critical" to development of a cultured and creative society. The 21 "artists were asked to create a print based on a work of literature of their choosing." Exhibit curated by Fabio J. Fernandez opens on Tuesday, September 19, in Keller Art Gallery at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Fernandez and "a handful of participating artists" offer a brief lecture at 6 p.m., followed by reception. 619-849-2200. Closes Friday, October 13. (POINT LOMA)

"Three Explorations," fine art by Jacqueline Lacey, Ora Mae Petersen, and Jonathan Williams is on view during September in Bard Hall Gallery (First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street). Reception for artists is Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 p.m., followed by art discussion group at 7:30 p.m. (artists, bring samples of current work to share). 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

"Memories from the Rolling Hills of Old San Diego" on offer in paintings by Gloria Torres on display through Thursday, October 12, in San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104). Reception for artist is Thursday, September 21, 4:30 p.m., followed with gallery talk by Torres at 6:30 p.m. (in room D-104). Find campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. 619-388-2829. (KEARNY MESA)

"The Image Projected: Single Panels, Stacks, and Grids" opens with reception for artist Sheldon Greenberg, Thursday, September 21, 6 p.m., Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). Paintings explore "the confluence of personal memories, popular culture, classic cinema, and modern architecture." 858-793-4442. Closes Sunday, October 15. (SOLANA BEACH)

"We Are Women. See Us Rising!" Physician and fine-art photographer Art Myers has exhibit opening — along with "Land, Water, and Trees" by Becca Siminou — during reception on Thursday, September 21, 6 p.m., at Ordover Project (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). Closes Sunday, October 15. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Mauro Staccioli: Part II" opens with reception on Thursday, September 21, 6:30 p.m., at Athenaeum and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Exhibit boasts small sculptures and works on paper by the renowned minimalist sculptor that have not before been displayed. Concurrently see "Recent Acquisitions to the Artists' Book Collection."

Both exhibits open with reception on Thursday, September 21, 6:30 p.m., and close on Saturday, November 4. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Friends of Niki: Works from the Private Collection of Niki de Saint Phalle" includes work by her friends Keith Haring, Larry Rivers, and Sam Francis.

Work of newspaper cartoonists is focus of exhibit "Luann & Friends: Comic Families." Cartoonists such as Greg Evans (*Lu-*

ann), Cathy Guisewhite (*Cathy*), Charles Schulz (*Peanuts*), Dean Young (*Blondie*), and Marcus Hamilton (*Dennis the Menace*), who "tap into familiar family settings, outrageous situations, and impossible slapstick scenarios" are featured.

"Passage Ways: Life's Journey. Work from Sophie's Gallery" showcases suitcases that have been creatively transformed by developmentally disabled students of St. Madeleine Sophie's Center.

All exhibits close on Sunday, October 1. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, "Sam Maloof — Dean of American Furniture Makers" showcases work by this self-taught designer craftsman who makes his living working with his hands. The Maloof rocker, his signature object, is part of the White House collection of American furniture, the first work included by a living artist. Closes Sunday, October 15.

Concurrently, enjoy retrospective exhibition of pottery by Martha Longenecker, a designer craftsperson, educator, founder, and director of Mingei International Museum. San Diego State University hired Longenecker to develop its ceramics program in 1955.

Explore "¡Carnaval!" in exhibit on view through Sunday, September 17. Carnival celebrations in Europe and the Americas showcased with mannequins dressed in carnival costumes, videos of celebrations.

"Symbols of Identity — Jewelry from Five Continents" may be seen through Sunday, October 15. Exhibit is composed of adornments from North and South America, Africa, Asia, and Europe, with traditional work and contemporary designs included.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum — North County, "Folk Art of Mexico — Selections from the Collection of Mingei International" presents contemporary objects of daily use from throughout Mexico fashioned from tin, clay, wood, paper, and fiber. Exhibit "demonstrates the importance of family, community, religion, and fun."

"Pre-Columbian Art of Mexico — Selections from the Collection of Mingei International" highlights clay and stone objects. These objects "abound with material from myth and legend." Both exhibits close on Monday, January 15. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana/Extraño Nuevo Mundo: Arte y diseño desde Tijuana" documents recent explosion of artistic experimentation in Tijuana. Exhibit explores "subtle shift in focus from art about the border experience to art that takes advantage of a new type of accelerated urbanism being pioneered in developing cities around the world." Show features 150 works of art by 41 architects, artists, designers, and filmmakers. Closes Sunday, September 17.

The museum closes for renovation on Monday, September 18, and will reopen on Thursday, December 7. Find the museum at

1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "TRANSactions: Contemporary Latin American and Latino Art" — opening on Sunday, September 17, and closing on Sunday, May 13 — features approximately 50 works by 48 artists from museum's permanent collection. Showcased pieces demonstrate "diversity and hybridity of contemporary Latin American art," with artists working across media and between disciplines.

Concurrently, see site-specific installation by Milwaukee-based Argentinean artist Santiago Cucullu. His art juxtaposes images of progressive, historical figures and events with his personal experiences. This piece engages the architecture and oceanfront site of museum.

"From the Vaults: Recent Acquisitions," also opening on September 17, focuses primarily on works on paper, demonstrating a range of contemporary drawing and photography practices in recent additions to permanent collection. Closes Sunday, December 10.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Breaking the Frame: Pioneering Women in Photojournalism" examines photographs, films, newsreels, and cameras from the late 1920s to mid-1950s that changed the world. Exhibit celebrates first women in photojournalism such as Margaret Bourke-White, Grace Robertson, Thérèse Bonney, Hansel Mieth, others. Through Sunday, September 24.

Discover how the introduction of 35mm cameras and faster film impacted field of photography and the public's access to information in "Shooting in 35: The First 35mm Photographs." Includes images by Erich Salomon, Alfred Eisenstaedt, Robert Capa, others.

Concurrently, see "Today's Pioneers: Women Photojournalists in Iraq and Afghanistan, Andrea Bruce and Stephanie Sinclair." Exhibit showcases 35 images by Sinclair and Bruce, capturing not only active combat but domestic life in Middle East. Both close on Sunday, September 17.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Art, "Transmission: The Art of Matta and Gordon Matta-Clark" is described as the "first comprehensive examination of the relationship between the work" of this father and son artist pair. Exhibit includes approximately 80 works including paintings, sculpture, drawings, and photographs. Both artists were trained as architects who "strongly relied upon concepts of architectural space in their mature artwork." Through Sunday, November 12.

"Backs," on exhibit through Sunday, February 18, focuses on backs of five paintings where important information such as age and ownership is revealed. Works are drawn from museum's European collection. Labels, inscriptions, and markings divulge details of painting's history of attribution, exhibition, ownership, sale.

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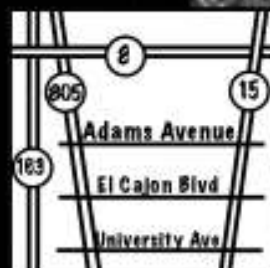
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Casbah Rock Stock Surge Six Degrees, "The place where it's women's night every night," closed its doors on August 30. The

issue of neighbors nearby."

Mays and his colleagues bought the Six Degrees building in September 2005 for \$895,000. It took months of negotiations for Mays to secure the business and liquor license. Mays says a new name has not yet been selected but that the new club

Times article quoted someone saying they'd miss the club's wrestling contests, though the "Pudding didn't clean up off the walls as easily as the lube or Jell-O did."

— Ken Leighton

Yes, It Is About the Money Jenny Keene met singer/songwriter Jason Mraz

and in commercials." Based on an oral agreement, Lindahl became the administrator for Keene; he would collect her royalties from the record company and then pay her after keeping a percentage.

Keene says between 2001 and 2003 she collected about \$10,000 in royalties. "But the

because Mraz "is my best friend."

Because there was no contract between Keene and Lindahl, there is some disagreement about Lindahl's 20 percent commission. Keene says she never agreed to it; Lindahl says she did.

"Some [publishers] do 10 percent," says Lindahl. "Some do 20."

Keene says, "It is completely out of the ordinary; 10 percent is the Hollywood standard."

Lindahl says Keene's expectation that she has another \$10,000 in unpaid songwriting royalties is way off and that she is owed less than \$1000. Royalties correspond with album sales, which usually taper off after the first 12 months of a disc's release. Lindahl says over one million copies of *Waiting for My Rocket to Come* have been shipped to retail outlets.

— Ken Leighton

yelled out in a gravelly voice, "You guys fucking rock!"

"We looked at him and were, like, 'Oh, my God! It's C.C. DeVille!'" Thompson says.

C.C. DeVille played lead guitar for the hair-metal band Poison, who had a string of hits in the 1980s and '90s. According to Thompson, DeVille seemed to take a shine to Stranger's Six guitarist Tommy Garcia. "[DeVille] just stood in

blurt

the inside track

Middletown building and business at 3175 India Street have been purchased by a partnership called Casbah Rock, Inc. Tim Mays and others will manage the operation. The 6000-square-

will open by the end of the year.

The Casbah partnership doesn't own the property on the corner of Kettner and Laurel, where the Casbah has been since 1994 (and which



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KEENE GETS LOS ANGELESIZED BY BIZ

"...back in '99, when I was 16. I had just moved to San Diego. I knew him before he even started at Java Joe's. He was playing at the Newbreak [coffeehouse] in O.B. back then."

Keene says Mraz liked her poetry and that they wrote "Tonight, Not Again" and "On Love, in Sadness" together, two songs featured on *Waiting for My Rocket to Come*, Mraz's 2002 debut album. Mraz agreed to pay Keene 25 percent of the songwriting royalties from those songs.

To collect royalties from CD sales, songwriters often use a publishing company to collect or "administer" those royalties.

"One day at a show I met Jerry Lindahl," says Keene. "He was a friend of Jason's. He worked at Netwerk Management, where his job was to place songs in movies

checks stopped coming a couple years ago. I haven't gotten any checks from Jerry since 2003.... I got an e-mail from Jerry last spring. He said he had a check for me. But he never sent it. Now he won't return e-mails or phone calls."

Contacted by phone in Los Angeles, Lindahl says he may have left such a message to Keene earlier this year and that he did have two checks to send Keene. About whether or not Keene has received royalties since 2003, Lindahl says, "I couldn't tell without looking for my records.... I don't want to talk about this. This is a private affair that is getting resolved.... I did this [publishing arrangement] as a friendly gesture, and it turned out to be the worst thing I ever did in my life." He says he got involved



CC GETS PUMPED AT STRANGER'S SIX

front of Tommy the whole time, worshipping him while he was playing guitar. Every time Tommy would do a cool riff or something weird on the guitar, he would freak out, throw his fists in the air, and get totally pumped."

Afterward, DeVille followed the band outside and exchanged some kind words and high-fives.

DeVille wasn't the only brush with celebrity that



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foot building is two blocks south of the Aero Club and less than a mile from the Casbah. There will be no live music at the new club.

"We don't want to compete against ourselves," says Mays. "Plus, it's smaller than the Casbah, and there's

was a lesbian bar before Mays opened for business).

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night. Later, at a different nightclub, Garcia gave some love to the blinged-out vehicle of Snoop Dogg cohort Don "Magic" Juan.

"Tommy got hammered because our lawyer was buying us all drinks," says Thompson, "and he started howling in the parking lot about how much he loved Don 'Magic' Juan in *Old School* and started kissing his car. Basically, Hollywood is ridiculous."

— Brian Carver

When Country Folk Up 'n Quit

In an August 31 article titled "Given the Boot: Country Music Is Out in L.A.," the *U-T* pointed out that L.A./Orange County lost its only country radio station and considered whether one of San Diego's two country stations may follow suit.

According to Arbitron, KSON (simulcast on 97.3 and 92.1 FM) is the second-most-listened-to station in San Diego; KUSS (95.7 FM), meanwhile, is ranked 17th.

In June, while on the air, KUSS morning DJs Tony Randall and Kris Rochester suggested that maybe their station would be dropping the country-music format. Randall read a listener's letter



ARE TONY AND KRIS AS HAPPY AS THIS?

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in support of the *Tony and Kris* show. Rochester responded: "We get those letters all the time, but yet we're still getting our ass kicked by everybody in town.... We're going to be out of business soon, and just so you know, you heard it here first."

Randall and Rochester did the morning show on KSON for 11 years before being wooed to Clear Channel-owned KUSS in January 2004; insiders say the five-year contract guaranteed the duo \$2.5 million each.

"Our old home [KSON] spends \$2 million a year on [contests to attract listeners]," continued Rochester. "So if you punch back and forth, you're gonna put us out of business and you've got [KSON]. So I hope you really enjoy that show...."

"I'm a little ticked off," Randall responded.

"Well, I'm not ticked off," says Rochester. "I would rather just quit and get my next two and a half years paid

out and be done."

Randall then took a dig at the three-person *Cliff and Company* morning show that replaced them on KSON.

"If I'm being beaten by that show, man, I don't deserve to be in the business."

Last week, *Cliff and Company* was nominated for

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the "Major Market Radio Personalities of the Year" award by the Country Music Association.

— Ken Leighton

Marked for Deletion "I guarantee there are more offensive MySpace pages than the Reesevier Tips," says Rowland Bluntz. His band's Web page was recently deleted by MySpace administrators. "Sure, we had sperms swimming across the page, but I think it was the meat curtains pic that might have done it." He says his band wasn't warned and that they lost over a thousand "friends" who were linked to their page. "None of our material was meant to be taken offensively. Yes, some of it [was] rude and crude, but we are a punk rock band!" The band's logo is a cartoon of a dripping, dancing condom.

Bluntz believes a complaint from a single MySpace user is responsible for the deletion.

"It was this religious freak that goes by [screen name] Compureflame03 that threw a fit. It's funny how she can find our site offensive...but her site could be considered just as offensive; her headline is 'Jesus Is Lord,' and she has

blood dripping down her page! And if you read what her profile says, it's full of hypocrisy; [she's] a woman who is offended by a music site's content who also lists *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back* as one of her favorite movies."

The Reesevier Tips appear September 23 at O'Connell's.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Sharon Stone, Fire...F-Yeah

Near downtown L.A., around 70 bands played Echo Park's three-day Fuck-Yeah Fest in late August, including locals Sleeping People.

"It was pretty well run, as far as festivals go," says guitarist Kasey Boekholt. "We were treated well and got to play for around 500 people. Sharon Stone, of all people, was there and bought two T-shirts from us at our concession table after the show. All I could think of to say was, 'Thanks, Sharon.'..."

"After the show, though, as we were loading our van in the alley, there were these

kids setting trash and debris on fire everywhere! There was this cardboard fire burning near us, and we took the complimentary water bottles [festival workers] gave us and put out most of the flames. The cops and the fire department came just as we got it out, but the people who set it had already run off. Luckily, they didn't accuse us of being a crazy band [who]



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set the fire ourselves. That probably happens a lot up there. You don't see many parking-lot infernos in San Diego."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Name That Tool Several local bands are among the 100 performers competing in NBC's mostly online Star Tomorrow talent contest, including Big Toe, Tubby, and Stolen.

While practicing for the competition, "Tool's production management tried to get us kicked out of the rehearsal studio we used in Burbank to prepare for the taping," says Stolen bassist Erik Clabeaux, referring to Center Staging in Burbank. "Tool's stage crew was getting ready for Street Scene, and our studio was adjacent. We were practicing and testing sound levels, and I guess one of their crew members got upset at us for playing loud while he was trying to make a cell-phone call. Instead of coming to us, he called management to bitch.... Luckily, our drummer is a tech there, so Center Staging just came in and told us to turn it down instead of tossing us out."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Life's a Game

"I spent a year in the Atari Lounge living in a total '80s time warp...."

The Atari Lounge is there so you can take a break from the band or get away from someone you don't want to talk to," says Casbah owner Tim Mays of the club's back room full of vintage video games, pinball machines, and pool tables. "We've had games here since we first moved to this location in early 1994. The Jurassic Park and Guns N' Roses pinball machines were pretty popular for a long time. We also had a sit-down Pac-Man that was hugely popular. Someone actually bought it from the guys who own and maintain our machines."

GAMES
JAY ALLEN SANFORD

Sandy Thomas, bassist for O.B.-based Xlent, says, "I spent a year in the Atari Lounge living in a total '80s time warp, going for the 'perfect Pac-Man.' That's surviving through 255 screens and eating every single dot, every ghost, every fruit and energizer, and never missing a single one. I reached the million-point mark five different times, but I only broke two million once. Believe it or not, that actually got me laid, and that score should add a million to my Pac-Man points." A perfect Pac-Man score is 3,333,360.

"For ten years I'd been telling people about a video game I loved as a kid called Star Castle," says Rookie Card singer/guitarist Adam Gimbel. "It was actually black and white, with colored plastic on the monitor to make the center rings red and yellow. No one believed me. When I moved back to San Diego ten years ago, there it was in the Atari Lounge."

As of this writing, the club's arcade games include Galaga, Off Road, Centipede, a Donkey

Kong console that only works sporadically, and a tabletop Ms. Pac-Man nearly always stacked with the quarters of waiting players.

"I'm a Ms. Pac-Man snob," says singer-songwriter Marie Haddad. "Not just any machine will do. It has to be a sit-down table version, and it has to be fast. Sure, there are other Ms. Pac-Man's around town, but the joystick doesn't respond like the Casbah's, or it's a stand-up machine, or it's geriatric slow." She says her high score is "somewhere in the 95,000s," and her dot-gobbling prowess earns her occasional perks. "I was back there playing between sets, and a guy who'd been playing Galaga turned around to watch me...before I finished my game, he bought me a vodka tonic and called me 'the Eddie Van Halen of Ms. Pac-Man.'"

Grant Reinero of the Focus Group likes how the tabletop Ms. Pac-Man allows players to battle head-to-head. "One time I was in the Atari Lounge by myself, and I was sitting at the Ms. Pac-Man and searching my pockets for a quarter. Nothing. No change at all. In defeat, I resigned myself to just sitting there and watching the game's demo screen over and over.

"Just then, a girl's voice cut through the sludgy tones bellowing out of the main room. 'Are you gonna play?' I looked up to see a raven-like beauty in an antique dress. She pushed her hair back behind her ears and sat down at the other end of the game."

"I don't have a quarter," I said. She reached into the pocket of her dress and produced two



quarters. "Wanna play me?"

"We took turns jamming the joystick in a mad frenzy. The flashing screen lit up her perfect pale features as we played. What began as a friendly game soon gave way to a ruthless power-pellet-eating contest. With my last turn I lost myself in the maze, becoming the insatiable yellow creature on the screen. The ghosts finally cornered and killed me, and I screamed out loud.

"I looked up to see her staring back at me, her chest heaving with excitement, her eyes wide with adrenaline. I told her, 'That's the best I've ever played,' and in one motion she grabbed the back of my neck, pulled my cheek to her lips, and whispered in my ear, 'Thanks for the game.'"

Two other Atari Lounge consoles are currently down, with the busted skateboarding game rumored to be replaced soon with either Space Invaders or Tempest. The Casbah's pool tables are always in good repair, and one cue-ball clash has become the stuff of local legend.

"Eddie Vedder and I played a game of pool many, many years ago," says owner Mays. "He bet his publishing deal versus my ownership of the Casbah. He thoroughly kicked my ass. Actually, he beat everyone he played against that night. This gave rise to a rumor many years back that Eddie Vedder secretly owned the Casbah.

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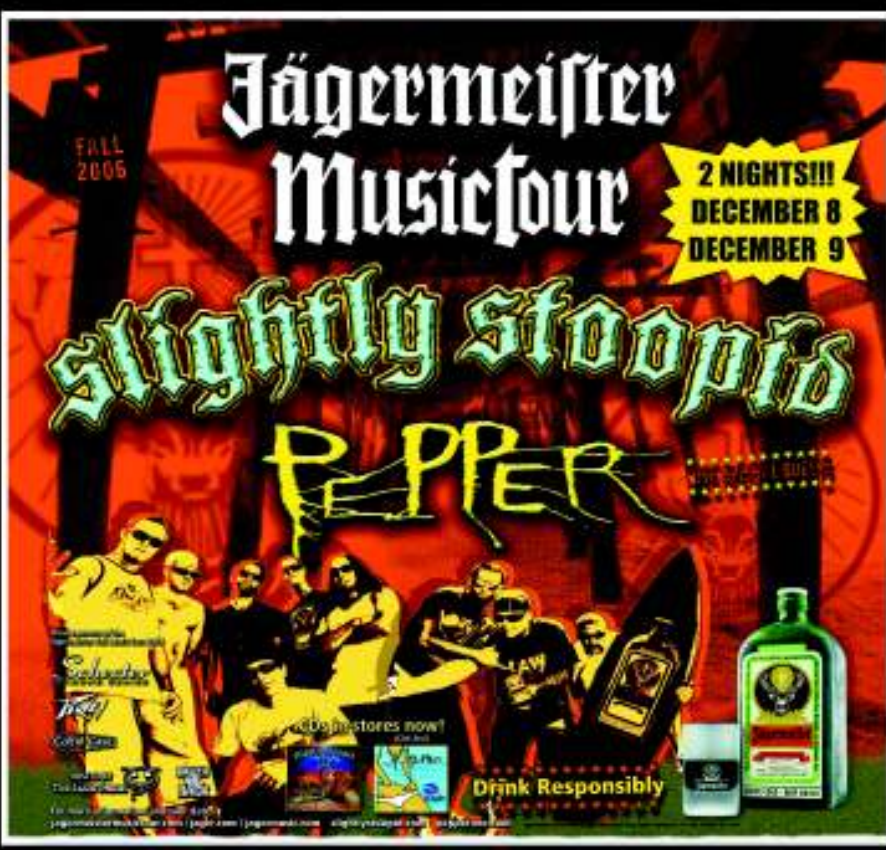
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THURSDAY
Dwight Yoakam: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 14, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

FRIDAY
Tower of Power: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.
The Mother Hips: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.
The Black Keys: House of Blues, Friday, September 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.
Paulina Rubio: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 15, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

SUNDAY
Toby Keith: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

MONDAY
"San Diego Music Awards": Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, September 18, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

TUESDAY
Gnarls Barkley: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 19, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

WEDNESDAY
Massive Attack: Open Air Theatre, Wednesday, September 20, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.
Tab Benoit: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Wednesday, September 20, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

SEPTEMBER
Brian Culbertson and Keiko Matsui: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 21, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.
The Psychedelic Furs: House of Blues, Thursday, September 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.
Ani DiFranco: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, September 22, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804.
"Freestyle Party on the Bay": Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Friday, September 22, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.
Rosie Flores: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, September 22, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.
Pepe Aguilar: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Saturday, September 23, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.
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The Temptations: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.
"Nashville Star Tour": House of Blues, Sunday, September 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.
John Mayer and Sheryl Crow: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Tuesday, September 26, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.
Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, September 27, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.
Sonic Youth: House of Blues, Wednesday, September 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.
Guster: Open Air Theatre, Thursday, September 28, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.
Venice: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, September 28, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.
Snow Patrol: House of Blues, Thursday, September 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.
Herman's Hermits: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, September 28, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.
The Yeah Yeah Yeahs: Soma, Thursday, September 28, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.
Ellis Paul: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, September 29, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.
Wolfmother: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 29, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.
Unwritten Law, Switchfoot, P.O.D., and more: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Saturday, September 30, Embarcadero Park South, downtown. 619-445-5400.
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Good Charlotte: Soma, Monday, October 2, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Emmylou Harris: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, October 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Paul Simon: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Tuesday, October 3, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Celtic Frost: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Queensrÿche: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Mariah Carey: ipayOne Center, Wednesday, October 4, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Buju Banton: 4th & B, Wednesday, October 4, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Guns N' Roses: ipayOne Center, Thursday, October 5, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Young Dubliners: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Bobby Caldwell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Live: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, October 6, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

The 5th Dimension: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, October 6, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

James Lee Stanley and Peter Turk: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday,

October 6, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Marc Broussard: 'Canes, Friday, October 6, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Gov't Mule: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, October 7, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Madeleine Peyroux: 4th & B, Saturday, October 7, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Country Joe McDonald: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, October 7, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Cherry Poppin' Daddies: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, October 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Cecilio & Kapono: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Rancid: House of Blues, Sunday, October 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Kasabian: House of Blues, Tuesday, October 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Larry Carlton Blues Project: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 12, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Marcia Ball: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, October 12, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Brooks & Dunn: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, October 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Thrice: Soma, Saturday, October 14, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Rancid: House of Blues, Sunday, October 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Rancid: House of Blues, Monday, October 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Covenant: 'Canes, Tuesday, October 17, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Joan Baez: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Method Man: 4th & B, Wednesday, October 18, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Placebo: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Galactic: House of Blues, Thursday, October 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Veruca Salt: 'Canes, Thursday, October 19, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Marta Topferova: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, October 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Dashboard Confessional: Cox Arena, Saturday, October 21, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

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Secret Machines: Soma, Saturday, October 21, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Bob Dylan: Cox Arena, Sunday, October 22, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Susan Werner: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, October 26, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Roberta Flack: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, October 26, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Jimmy Buffett: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, October 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Tricky: House of Blues, Sunday, October 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

HIM: Open Air Theatre, Monday, October 30, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Rise Against: Soma, Tuesday, October 31, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

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The Blue Man Group: Cox Arena, Saturday, November 4, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Adrian Belew: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, November 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Aerosmith and Mötley Crüe: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, November 9, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Blind Guardian: House of Blues, Thursday, November 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Keith Sweat: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, November 10, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

The Fray: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, November 11, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Janis Ian: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, November 11, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Beautiful South: House of Blues, Saturday, November 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Pink Martini: 4th & B, Sunday, November 12, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

James Blunt: ipayOne Center, Tuesday, November 14, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Slits: The Casbah, Thursday, November 16, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

The Damned: House of Blues, Friday, November 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Frank Black: House of Blues, Saturday, November 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Lemonheads: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, November 19, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

She Wants Revenge and Pretty Girls Make Graves: House of Blues, Tuesday, November 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Black Label Society: House of Blues, Tuesday, November 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Cox Arena, Tuesday, November 28, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

DECEMBER

The All-American Rejects: ipayOne Center, Friday, December 1, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Melvins: The Casbah, Friday, December 1, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Geoff Muldaur: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Gregg Allman: House of Blues, Wednesday, December 6, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Andre Rieu: ipayOne Center, Thursday, December 7, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Slightly Stoopid and Pepper: 4th & B, Friday, December 8, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Slightly Stoopid and Pepper: 4th & B, Saturday, December 9, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Panic! at the Disco: ipayOne Center, Saturday, December 9, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Tom Russell: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, December 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Rosie Flores: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, December 15, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Glen Yarbrough: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 23, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

El Vez: The Casbah, Saturday, December 23, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

JANUARY

Al Kooper: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, January 12, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Eliza Gilkyson: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, January 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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Ascension: Second Friday of the month, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown, 619-543-0933.

Borders Collapse v7: Fourth Saturday of the month, Tijuana electronic artists and electroclash/minimal techno with Mono Mono, Wero, and DJ Sonico. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

BrokenBeat Night: First Saturday of the month, live electronic, machine funk, and breaks. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Club de Sade: Third Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and EBM with DJs Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club '80s: Thursdays, nuwave, new romantic, and punk synthpop with DJs Bryan Pollard, Sickboy, and Atari. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Fashion Whore: Second and fourth Saturday of the month, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Saul Q, Barry Weaver, and more. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club Pussy Galore: Wednesdays, Robin Roth and other female DJs spin indie rock, electro pop, and '80s. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

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Decade: First Saturday of the month, DJs Tom King and Brendan Cahill spin the best of '80s new romantic and post-punk. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Zombie Lounge, 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-284-3323.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

Distortion: Tuesdays, mashups, bastard pop, and cybertrash. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Format: Thursdays, hip-hop with DJ Clean Cut and guests. Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

Friends Chill: Tuesdays, downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, lstr, and guests; 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Gimmie Gimmie Gimmie: Fridays, punk, goth, and rock with DJs Atari, Bryan Pollard, and Morgan Young. Dino's, 3929 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-3466.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. Wednesdays, Top 40, reggae, and '80s with DJ Kool T. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school sophomore and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Liquid: Sundays, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 21 and up. No cover. Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

Manic Mondays: Mondays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes the best of '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m. to close; 21 and up. No cover. Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-236-1616.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Mixtape Sessions: Wednesdays, underground hip-hop and downtempo with DJ Ricky Wrecks and guests. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

Moose's Gaslamp: Sundays, Nocturnal, house, trance, and hip-hop with DJ Neko. 9 p.m. 535 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-702-5595.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Programme:Zero: Second Thursday of the month, indie, Brit pop, and soul. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Rockin' the House: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. Rookies Sports Bar, 2216 El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-757-1123.

Sabbat: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Consider Ornette Coleman's comments in 1959 from the liner notes of his landmark release *Something Else*: "The pattern for a tune, for instance, will be forgotten, and the tune itself will be the pattern and won't have to be forced into conventional patterns." How much of that could **McCoy Tyner**, just barely out of his teens, have been able to intellectualize? Yet that is precisely what he was able to deliver to John Coltrane, a young sax player who had gained public attention in the late '50s as a member of Miles Davis's band. Tyner's piano was experimenting with the new modalities that Davis would exploit in *Milestones* and *Kind of Blue*. With a rhythmic diversity informed by Thelonious Monk, Tyner's right-hand chord progressions were evolving into a series of surprises and excla-

mations, rather than stock patterns. It was the new language of jazz piano, and it was a language that John Coltrane understood.

Coltrane's band would eventually serve as Tyner's baptism into the world of jazz. In 1960 he hired Tyner to play keyboards in his new quartet with Elvin Jones and Jimmy Garrison. Tyner had performed with Benny Golson briefly in San Francisco, but that in no way prepared him for what was to come. In simple terms, the John Coltrane quartet changed the sound of jazz forever.

Seldom imitated, they encouraged the collective mind of jazz to be more progressive in their search for the next new thing.

Even though Tyner went on to release almost 80 albums under his own name, earned four Grammy Awards, and is a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master, he will be eternally remembered less for his own elegant sound than for those five years with John Coltrane. Tyner is a living piece of that good



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history, and if he still holds true to music values defined in the 1960s, so be it. If nothing more, it is thinking man's jazz, and your mind will be the better for having heard it.

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Sonic Circus: Third Saturday of the month, 20meat:6fry spin electrohouse and breakbeat, Clay Elliot on live horns, circus feats by local performers. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middleton, 619-543-0933.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, gothic, and fetish with DJs Bryan Pollard and

guest. 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.; 21 and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Underground Playground: Second and third Saturday of the month, breaks, house, and progressive with Jack Tripper and guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

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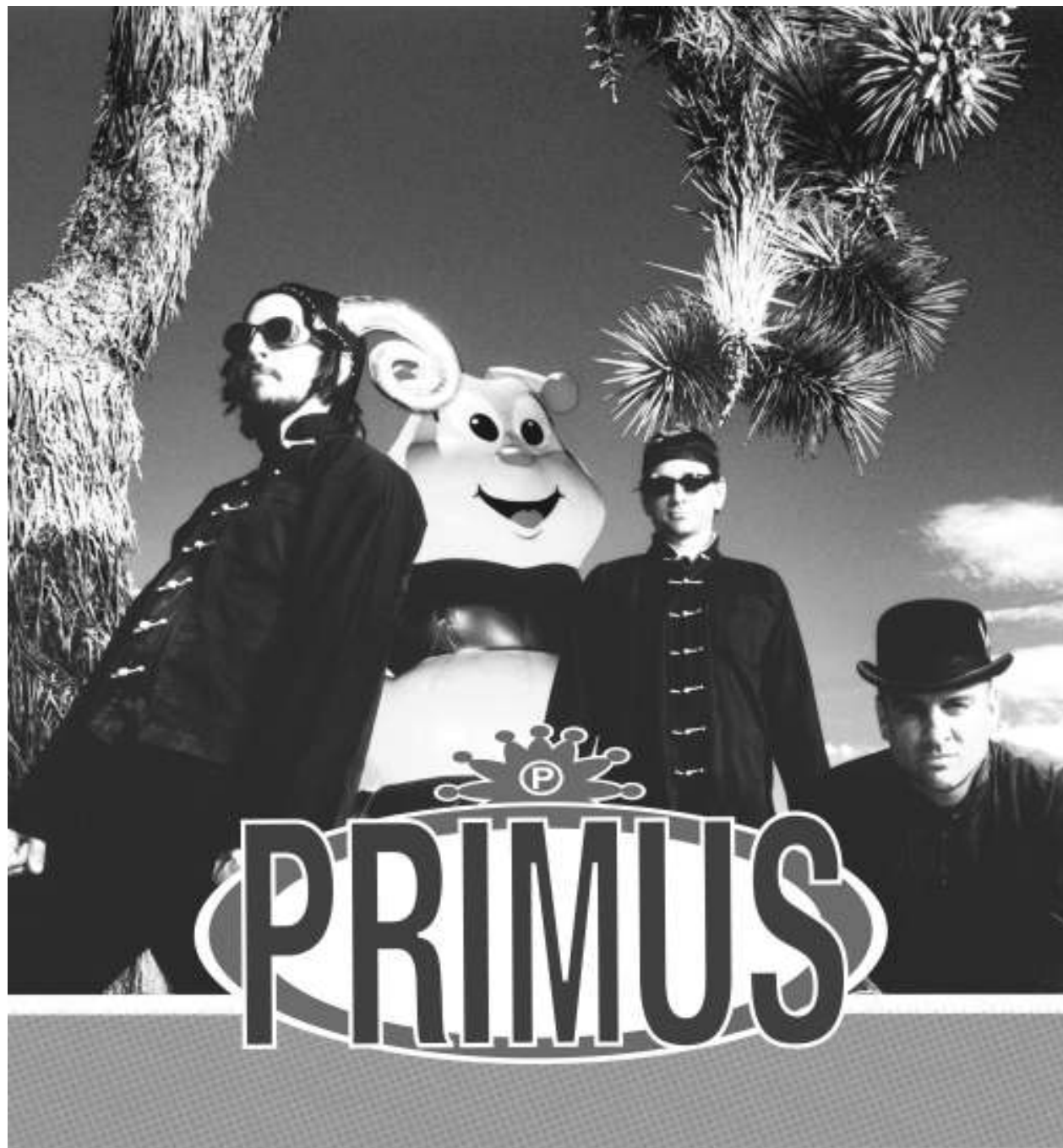
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8 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Without a Warning, Gee Money, Sicko Camp, and Da Scoop*. Friday, *Black Cotton, Loaded on Arrival, Jeshno, and Grape St. Blues*, groove/soul/blues. Saturday, *the Accident Experiment, Deliverance Machine, Silverside, Decompression, and Dufreign*, rock.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Patrick Culp*. Friday, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Joe Cardillo*. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Melody Prout*; 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., live music. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Bluegrass Social*. Monday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Vladimir*.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, hip-hop/house.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Ki's Coffee on Top, 2591 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-2158. Friday, live jazz.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *Stretheart*, classic rock. Saturday, *Plato Soul*. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*. Tuesday, *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Wednesday, call club for information.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz.

Leucadian Bar, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday and Saturday, live bands, call club for information.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila*, solo jazz guitar. Also, Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, *the Disco Pimps*.

Pacific Beach Bar and Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., live reggae.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday and Saturday, Latin jazz. Friday, traditional jazz trio.

St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Friday, 9 p.m., *Split Finger, High Tide, and the Stone Senses*, reggae/rock. Saturday, *Buck-O-Nine, the Wagon, and Spoken Gun*, ska/punk/rock. Sunday, *the Husky Boy Allstars*, DJ event, hip-hop/funk/old skool. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Lee Coulter, Vinyl 45, the Kim DiVine Band, and the Paper Cranes*, pop/rock.

Taylor's Bar and Brewery, 721 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach. 619-270-3596. Friday 10 p.m., and Tuesday, 9:30 p.m., *the Mojolej Jazz Quartet*.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, 9 p.m., acoustic/folk music. Friday, *One Drop*, rock. Saturday, *Cheeky*. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, *Christopher Dale* and friends. Wednesday, *Jetwash*, rock.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822.

Thursday, *40 Watt Hype*. Friday, *Agua*

Dulce, Latin jazz. Saturday, 10 p.m., *Psydecar*, reggae/funk. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Carra Barratt*, folk, and *Carmen Paradise and Burnt*, reggae/punk/hip-hop. Wednesday, *Grand Canyon Sundown*, Americana/roots/jam.

Downtown

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Greg Campbell*, folk.

C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2830. Music every night except Monday, call club for information.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Something for Rockets and Autotonic*. Friday, *the Album Leaf, the Lymbic System, and Airport 81*. Saturday, *the Transit War, Spell Toronto, the Stranger Six, and Operatic*. Tuesday, *the Bloody Hollies and Sexytime Explosion*. Wednesday, *Deadboy & the Elephantmen*.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jimmy Lavello*, pop piano.

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Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Traditional Irish music.

The Field, 544 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-9840. Thursday and Tuesday, *Eamon Carroll*, Irish folk. Saturday, *Carly Hennessey*, folk. Wednesday, *Ashley Matte*, folk.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Call club for information.

Galileo, 101 J Street, San Diego. 619-702-7101. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Willovealot*, smooth jazz/R&B.

Heat, 762 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-398-9340. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Latin/hip-hop/dance.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Brat Pack*. Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, call club for information. Tuesday, *the Stiletos*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, blues.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, *Mae*, *the New Amsterdams*, *Vedera*, *Killola*, and *Buddy Akai*. Friday, *West of Memphis*, blues, with *the Black Keys*, *Hem*, and *Ollabelle*. Saturday, *Candelbox*, *Drive Blind*, *Whitestarr*, and *This Holiday Life*, alternative rock. Sunday, *Brandston & Melee*, *Tokyo Rose*, *Corey Crowder*, and *Drake Bell*, acoustic/folk. Monday, *Soulfly*, *Full Blown Chaos*, *Wicked Wisdom*, and *Incite*, rock. Wednesday, *Ben Kweller*, and *Noches Rockeras*.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *the Reaganomics*, '80s dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Insight*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, jazz/dance/Top 40.

The Laurel Restaurant and Bar, 505 Laurel Street (corner of Fifth and Laurel), downtown. 619-239-2222. Friday, DJ event, Brazilian/house music.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Call club for information.

Onyx, 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-6699. Friday, house/hip-hop. Saturday, hip-hop/house/'80s music.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Blue Four*. Friday, *Bill Magee Blues*. Saturday, *Toni Dodd*. Sunday, *Chet Cannon & the Committee*. Monday, *Blue Largo*. Tuesday, *the Bayou Brothers*. Wednesday, *Criminal Funk*.

Princess Pub and Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Bouchard*, piano.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock/disco/dance.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa. Thursday, *Ritmo Caliente*, salsa. Tuesday, *Piece by Peace*, jazz.

The Shout House, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Rock-and-roll sing-along dueling pianos.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: All music is piano. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Fran Loskota* and *Karen Giorgio*, jazz/blues/pop. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to midnight, *Julio de la Huerta*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to midnight, *Faith Page*.

Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday, *DJ Marc Thrasher with Da Groove* on Thursday, and *DJ Danimal* on Saturday. Sunday, *the Mitch Budd*

Band and DJ Danimal. Tuesday, and Wednesday, *DJ Famous Dave* with *Nitro Express*, Southern rock/country/blues, on Tuesday, and *the Stepping Feet*, Dave Matthews tribute band, on Wednesday.

San Diego

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Tuesday, 7 p.m., *the San Diego Blues Trio*.

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Piano bar, call club for information.

The Alibi, 1403 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-295-0881. Call club for information.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock/Top 40.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*. Monday, *Pat & Joe* and *Allison Gill*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, call club for information.

Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Greg Campbell*, folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buena Vista Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Vast*, *Cross Culture*, and *the Ovals of Cassini*. Friday, *Klub Therapy*. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Kemistry* and *Divided by Zero*. Sunday, *Agent Sparks*, *Controlling the Famous*, and *the Airlines*. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *the Presets*, *MaxxFemm*, and *Qu'est Que C'est*, *DJ Gabe Vega*, and

DJ Saul O. Wednesday, *Floater*, *Muzzle*, and *JD Romance*.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Friday and Saturday, live music, call club for information.

Club Kadan, 4696 30th Street, San Diego. 619-640-2500. Call club for information.

Coffee House on Broadway, 2991 Broadway, Golden Hill. 619-557-0156. Friday and Saturday, call club for information.

Dino's Nite Club, 3829 30th Street, San Diego. 619-291-3466.

Thursday, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., *DJ Daeman & Tricia*, house, 10 p.m., *DJ Matty Mac*, '80s/hip-hop/Top 40. Friday, 9 p.m., *Gimme Gimme Gimme* with *DJs Atari*, *Bryan Pollard*, and *Morgan Young*, '70s/'80s/punk/nu wave. Saturday, 10 p.m., drum and bass. Sunday, 7 p.m., *DJ Sachomo*, hip-hop/house/soul. Tuesday, 10 p.m., *DJ Carlos Culture*, reggae/dancehall. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Girls' Night Out* by *She Promotions*, hip-hop/house.

Egyptian Tea Room, 4644 College Avenue, San Diego. 619-265-7287. Call club for information.

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Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Call club for information.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, live blues/rock.

The Handlery Hotel and Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. 619-298-0511. Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., *the Mundell Lowe Quartet*, jazz.

Harney Sushi, 3964 Harney Street, San Diego. 619-395-3272. Thursday, *Tribe of Kings*, reggae. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/disco/funk/old skool. Sunday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Bento Beatbox*. Wednesday, DJ event.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 p.m., *Jesse Davis*, traditional jazz. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *the Detroit Underground*, Motown/dance. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Makai*, dance/disco. Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Johnny A.*, guitar virtuoso. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Island Breeze*, Jimmy Buffet tribute band.

Wednesday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Tab Benoit*, New Orleans blues.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Thursday, *Dynamite Walls*. Friday, *lowcloudcover*, *Hialeah*, and *Fever Sleeves*. Saturday, *the Northstar Session*, *Chris Paul Overall*, and *the Chris Torres Band*.

Kitima Thai Restaurant, 406 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2929. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jim Gala Jazz Trio*.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Annie Bethancourt*. Friday, *Sara Dashew*, *Melissa Maki*, and *Aaron Bowen*. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Allison Lonsdale*, 8:30 p.m., *Tim Corley*, *Willie Ames*, and *Mical Dahlberg*. Sunday, *AM* and *Molly Jensen*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Big Rig Deluxe* and *Thinking Out Loud*.

Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant, 3893 54th Street, San Diego. 619-229-8228. Thursday, *the Moonlight Serenade Orchestra*. Monday, *the Music Makers Big Band*. Tuesday, *the Ron Jermain Big Band*.

Magnolia's, 336 Euclid Avenue, San Diego. 619-262-6005. Friday and Saturday, *Carl Evans*, jazz. Sunday, noon to 3 a.m., *Marie Antoinette*, harpist.

Martini's Bar and Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Last week I was reading *Staring at Sound*, the thorough and enjoyable history of the Flaming Lips by Jim DeRogatis, and as I read about the band's early days I grew nostalgic for the rock underground of the '80s. DeRogatis vividly paints the days when each city or college town had a little scene, and bands would spend days in the van to travel between them, for almost no money and a very limited kind of glory.

Come to think of it, I guess that part hasn't changed much. But for artists and fans, back then there was the camaraderie of an exclusive club. You didn't discover your new favorite band by hearing their music in

a Target commercial, you heard about them through college radio, or obscure zines, or from seeing them live. Mostly you heard about them from friends. I still have mix tapes that friends made for me back then, and I still treasure them like keys to secret knowledge.

But nostalgia is silly. Since those days, the rock underground hasn't exactly gone overground — though parts of it have at different times — but it has gone global. Look at **Architecture in Helsinki**, an electro-indie pop band that, despite its Finnish name, is from Melbourne, Australia. And, yet, key member **Cameron Bird** cites a trip to the American Pacific Northwest as a pivotal moment in his artistic development, and AIH has collaborated with the British buzz-band Hot Chip and the Swedes in the Shout Out Louds. They're also gearing up to



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0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Vintage Vegas*, jazz.

Mira Mesa Inn, 11261 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-578-3969. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat*, classic rock.

Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-596-9777. The Oasis: Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *DJ D-2*, hustle/West Coast swing.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Binge*, *Critical Me*, *the Revents*, *the Fussa*, and *the Tijuana Marauders*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *U.S. Drag*, *the Tiger Sharks*, and *Pepe's Revenge*, rock/punk/alternative. Monday, 7:30 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Loose Canon*, rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Bad Science Fiction* and *Master Guru*, rock.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gene Warren*, Irish folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Padre Gold, 7245 Linda Vista Road, San Diego. 858-277-8681. Monday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jazz Project Big Band*.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Rhythm Red*, classic rock.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Eddie Rossi* and *Joe Soprano*, piano. Monday and Tuesday, *the David Shaw Duo*.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

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Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Performances start at 7 p.m. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Thursday, *Everybody Else*, *the Dirty Sweet*, *Atlas of Id*, and *Stereo on Air*. Friday, *Warface*, *Downspell*, *Broken Foundation*, *Mother Mae I*, and *Under the Stone*. Saturday, *a Static Lullaby*, *a Thorn for Every Heart*, *the Fire Restart*, *a Dead Giveaway*, and *Invictus*. Sunday, *Unearth*, *Bleeding Through*, *Terror*, *Through the Eyes of the Dead*, and *Animosity*. Monday, *Meg & Dia*, *Action Reaction*, *Ronnie Day*, *Things without Words*, and *Dynamite Walls*. Tuesday, *Heavy Heavy Low Low*, *Ed Gein*, *the Banner*, and *Nights Like These*.

bold:Static Lounge, 634 Broadway, San Diego. 858-534-2311. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., DJ events, electronic/house/hard dance beats.

Terra, on Vermont, one block north of University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-293-7088. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, solo acoustic blues/jazz.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for information. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band*.

Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Saturday, *Vena Cava*, *Dan Padilla*, and *Glass and Ash*, rock. Sunday, *Black and Tin*. Monday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, blues.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jaime Valle*, and guests.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Aaron Bowen*, *Chris Carpenter*, *Everyday Jones*, and *Pete Francis*. Friday, *Dino*, *Kristen Proffit*, *Tim Mudd*, and *Willman Morcillo*. Saturday, *Alpine Daze & Boogie Nights*, *Billy Candler*, *Brian Dolzani*, *Dawn Mitschele*, *Dino*, *Honeylake*, *the Speak Easy Quartet*, *Tim Mudd*, and *Trevor Green*. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, open mike hosted by *Tim Mudd*.

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the B-3 Four* featuring vocalist *David Mosby*, jazz.

Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-284-6784. Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *DJ Lance Campers*, roots/reggae/dub.

North County

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Beach Grass Cafe, 159 South Highway 101, Solana Beach. 858-509-0632. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian jazz.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Earthless*, *the Drowning Men*, and *Get Your Death On*, rock. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Mother Hips*, *the Truckee Brothers*, *Rookie Card*, rock, and *Jamie Robb*, folk/acoustic. Saturday, 9 p.m., Boogie Nights dance party. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Cross Canadian Ragweed* and *Married by Elvis*, rock. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *Phoenix* and *La Rocca*, rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Andrew Bird* and *Cass McCombs*.

The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004. Friday, 8 p.m., *Big Left* and *Flashlight Down*, hip-hop/rap. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Chapter 11*, *High*

Tide, and *the Faded Chronicles*, reggae/hip-hop. Tuesday, country.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for information.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Olga Tapia*, folk.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *B'Dale*, acoustic.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Laguna*, classic rock. Saturday, *West of Memphis*, blues.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock/country. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard*, rock; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Jeff Moore & the*

Witchdoctors, blues; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *Little Big Man*; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Theo & the Zydeco Patrol*, blues; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the Fabulous Woodies*; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Peter Sprague*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Citizen Band*, rock.

Fallbrook Golf Club, 2757 Gird Road, Fallbrook. 760-728-8334. Hukilau Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Desi*, Hawaiian slack-key guitar. Sunday, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Rebel Music*, reggae.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Idle Train*, classic rock. Saturday, *the New Breed Band*, pop/jazz. Sunday, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Hank Show*, Hank Williams Sr. tribute band, alternative country.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to

9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Channel 3*, *Narcoleptic Youth*, *Union 13*, *Hellfire Trigger*, and *Spitting on Cops*. Saturday, *Castillo*, *Luna Rojo*, and *Montecristo*, rock en español. Monday, *the Hillstreet Stranglers* and *the Contra*. Wednesday, *the Nuze* and *Of One Mind*.

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9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Friday and Saturday, live music. Monday, *Big 'n' Easy*, jazz.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *JX3*, rock cover band.

North Bar Sports and Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday and Saturday, live rock/blues. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the*

Credit Union, swing. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues jam.

Pala Mesa Resort, 2001 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook. 760-728-5881. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Cowboy Jack*, alternative country.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *4-Sale*, rock. Saturday, *5 Alarm*, rock. Wednesday, open mike.

Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, *Bottomline*, classic rock.

South Bay/Coronado

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday,

8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/pop/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson*, *Robert Sebastian*, and *Scott Wallingford*, jazz. Wednesday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., DJ event.

Caffe Salotto #1, 2240 Otay Lakes Road, EastLake Village. 619-421-8674. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Paul Ingram Trio*, jazz.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino*, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stellita & Dave Lindgren*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson*.

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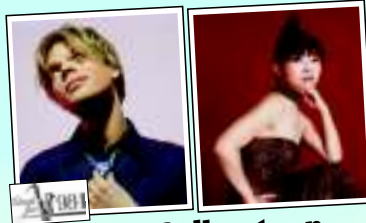


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East County

Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 p.m., *Sara Petite*, folk. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Monty McIntyre*, acoustic folk.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *the Tall Dudes*, classic rock.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Altered Time* and *Fuzz Huzzi*, rock.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark*.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings

turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Southbound Johnny*, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *6one9*, classic rock.

The Silver Queen Saloon, 28841 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley. 619-473-8708. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Hillbilly Noise*, rock/country.

Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Nitro Express*, country. Friday, 9 p.m., *Inside Out*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Diva Soul*, disco/dance. Sunday, 4 p.m., *Swing Shift*, classic rock/swing.

Wagon Wheel, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Country music, call club for information.

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The Creeping Nobodies: Ché Café

Cross Culture: Brick By Brick

Da Scoop: Dreamstreet

Deadboy & the Elephantmen: The Casbah

A Dead Giveaway: Soma

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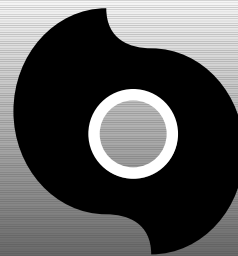
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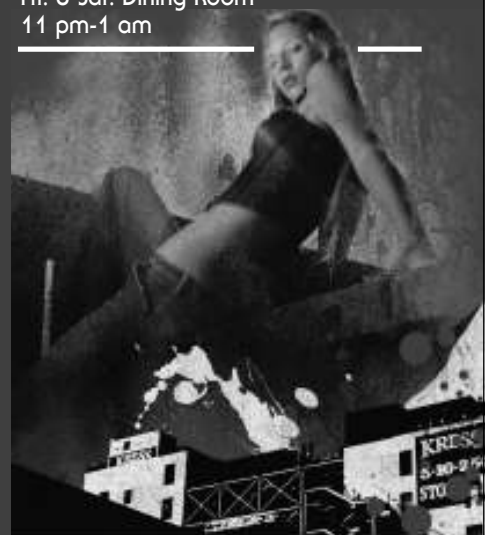
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- The Accident Experiment:** Dreamstreet
Action Reaction: Soma
Altered Time: Fannie's Nightclub
Architecture in Helsinki: Epicentre
Bad Science Fiction: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Banner: Soma
Big Rig Deluxe: Lestat's Coffee House
The Binge: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Black and Tin: Tower Bar
The Bloody Hollies: The Casbah
Boneyard: Coyote Bar and Grill
Bottomline: Woody's Sports Bar
The Brat Pack: Henry's Pub
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Songs: 1) Money, Glamour, Suicide 2) Panic 3) Occupation 4) This Is 5) Go Away 6) A Good Friend

Band: Junior Metro (lead vocals, guitar), Nicky Shingles (bass, piano), Justin (drums)

Website: www.myspace.com/fiftyontheirheels

Extra info: Fifty on Their Heels plays the rock stage at the Adams Avenue Street Fair (Adams Ave. and 33rd St.) on September 23 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Fifty on Their Heels plays standard punk – quick,

stripped of effects, and with high-pitched vocals. The singing

isn't the screeching of X-Ray Specs, but more warbling and melodic, similar to the Sex Pistols and Buzzcocks. In fact, lead singer Junior Metro seems to pick up right where Johnny Rotten left off; on "This Is," the trailing off of the final syllable in the line, "One night of you is all I neeeEEED" sounds lifted from the Pistols' "God Save the Queen."

Nicky Shingles's bass playing is better than original, late-1970s punk. The rhythmic popping on "A Good Friend" is reminiscent of the bass-laden "Rio" by Duran Duran. Drum fans will love "Occupation" because of the rapid-fire short bursts employed during pace changes.

I like Fifty on Their Heels. They're a talented band and a



Fifty on Their Heels

fun listen. They play "standard" punk. I don't see a market opening on the radio for traditional, 25-year-old punk, but maybe Fifty doesn't want to break into a larger market. If you're an original-punk fan, Fifty on Their Heels should be your favorite local band.

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- 11/17 The Skatalites & The Aggrolites
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- 11/25 Joe Bonamassa
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Ron's Garage: Hotel del Coronado
Rookie Card: Belly Up Tavern
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Spell Toronto: The Casbah
Spitting on Cops: The Jumping Turtle
A Static Lullaby: Soma
The Stepping Feet: Whiskey Girl
The Stiletto: Henry's Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Straight Six: Dick's Last Resort
The Stranger Six: The Casbah
Stretheart: The Kraken
Swing Shift: Viejas Casino
The Tall Dudes: Don's Cocktail Lounge
This Holiday Life: House of Blues
The Tijuana Marauders: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Chris Torres Band: The Kensington Club
The Transit War: The Casbah

The Truckee Brothers: Belly Up Tavern
Under the Stone: Soma
Union 13: The Jumping Turtle
Uptown Groove: Second Wind (San Carlos)
Ventura: Beaumont's
Vinyl 45: 710 Beach Club
The Wagon: 710 Beach Club
Warface: Soma
Whitestarr: House of Blues
Wicked Wisdom: House of Blues
X-Factor: Island Sports and Spirits

The Faded Chronicles: The Blvd. (San Marcos)
The Good Times: Henry's Pub
Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and Spirits
The Love Rangers: The Alley
Makai: Humphrey's
The New Breed Band: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
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Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

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The Credit Union: Ocean House

The Cross Border Trio: Dizzy's

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

Jesse Davis: Humphrey's

Julio de la Huerta: The Westgate Hotel

Carl Evans: Magnolia's

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Thai Restaurant

Karen Giorgio: The Westgate Hotel

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Paul Ingram Trio: Caffè Salotto #1

Insight: Jimmy Love's

Keith Jacobsen: St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery, Del Mar Plaza

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

The Jazz Project Big Band: Padre Gold

The Ron Jermain Big Band: Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Stellita & Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel

Marie Antoinette: Magnolia's

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Mojolej Jazz Quartet: Taylor's Bar and Brewery

The Moonlight Serenade Band: Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant

David Mosby: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

The Mundell Lowe Quartet: The Handlery Hotel and Resort

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Mike Nelson: Sogno Di Vino, The Lodge at Torrey Pines

Faith Page: The Westgate Hotel

Dan Papaila: The Lodge at Torrey Pines

The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Piece by Peace: Sevilla

Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Sambajazz: Beach Grass Cafe

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar

Robert Sebastini: Cafe LaMaze

Reggie Smith: Humphrey's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Peter Sprague: Coyote Bar and Grill

Jaime Valle: Tutto Mare

Vintage Vegas: Martini's Bar and Grill

Scott Wallingford: Cafe LaMaze

Willovealot: Galileo 101

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Young Lions Jazz Quintet: Dizzy's

REGGAE / SKA

Burnt: Winstons

Carmen Paradise: Winstons

High Tide: The Blvd. (San Marcos), 710 Beach Club

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Rebel Music: Fallbrook Golf Club

Split Finger: 710 Beach Club

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COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

Cowboy Jack: Pala Mesa Resort

The Hank Show: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Nitro Express: Viejas Casino, Whiskey Girl

Southbound Johnny: Renegade Inn

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Johnny A.: Humphrey's

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Willie Ames: Lestat's Coffee House

B'Dale: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)

Carra Barratt: Winstons

Drake Bell: House of Blues

Fred Benedetti: Dizzy's

Annie Bethancourt: Lestat's Coffee House

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J.D. Boucharde: Princess Pub and Grille

Aaron Bowen: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company, Lestat's Coffee House

Brandston & Melee: House of Blues

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Bushwalla: 'Canes

Greg Campbell: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley, Gaslamp)

Joe Cardillo: E Street Cafe

Chris Carpenter: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

Eamon Carroll: The Field

The Celtic Ensemble: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

Billy Chandler: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

Chris Paul Overall: The Kensington Club

Tim Corley: Lestat's Coffee House

Corey Crowder: House of Blues

Patrick Culp: E Street Cafe

Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub

Micah Dahlberg: Lestat's Coffee House

Christopher Dale: Tiki House

Sara Dashew: Lestat's Coffee House

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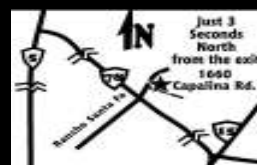
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Anarchy in the Bathroom

“The madness of the thing seemed strangely joyful and free.”

After his Chicago-based company, the Neo-Futurists, toured Europe, Greg Kotis decided to spend two weeks seeing sights. He figured \$300 was plenty for the fortnight — and went broke fast. The question became: how to cope, impoverished in Europe, until he could reclaim his plane ticket? “The answer,” he says, “involved sleeping in train stations, eating cheap but belly-filling foods, and, strangely enough, avoiding going to the bathroom as much as possible.”

European public restrooms cost from 35 cents to one euro. As Kotis approached a “toilet-pod” near the Luxemburg Gardens and debated whether he should “splurge” then or wait, an idea for a musical struck him: “a city where all public amenities were controlled by a single malevolent, monopolizing corporation” that also had prohibited use of private toilets. So people had to “pay to pee.”

And *Urinetown*: *The Musical* was born, or a large part of it: good versus evil, oppressor and oppressed, agitprop values. Then Kotis and composer Mark Hollmann grafted an even larger enemy into the story. The town’s been in a 20-year drought that’s getting worse. What begins as *Our Town* reimaged by Clifford Odets collides with global warming — or, as James Lovelock calls it (in *The Revenge of Gaia: Earth’s Climate Crisis and the Fate*

of *Humanity*), “global heating,” since we’ve already passed the warming stage.

Urinetown follows the stock situations: cigar-chomping CEO exploits masses; masses revolt; change results, for a while. A vein of hope — emblemized by aptly named Hope Cladwell — threads through the story. Like a good ingenue, she follows her heart, wants to improve lives. But, the musical fearlessly as-

serts, Hope’s goal is shortsighted: what good is nurturing individual trees when the forest is on fire?

Urinetown addresses THE issue of our times (the authors call global warming the “fact that trumps all other facts”). What’s surprising — it’s also one of the funniest musicals around. Part of the humor comes from a relentless, *Forbidden Broadway*-like parody of other musicals: *West Side Story* intensity and *Les Miz* to-the-barricades valor — actors marching in place, flags waving — get sent up, as does the melodramatic core of most musicals, where villains lose regardless of the odds.

Urinetown also earns laughs from its look. Imagine the opposite of a high-buck Broadway musical, with splashy sets and thousand-dollar outfits and a 25-piece, tuxedo-clad orchestra. Instead, if you don’t count the execs at UGC (“Urine Good Company”) who dress to the nines, the denizens wear

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Doug Bilitch, Sarah Sumner in *Urinetown*

Urinetown: The Musical, by Greg Kotis and Mark Hollmann

Starlight Theatre, Balboa Park

Directed by Brian Wells and David Brannen; cast: Norman Large, Leigh Scarritt, Doug Bilitch, Kurt Norby, Carly Nykanen, Sarah Sumner; scenic design, Tod Kimmel; costume supervisor, Ria Carey; lighting, Eric Lotze; sound, Steve Stopper and the Stopper group; choreographer, Brannen; musical director and conductor, Parmer Fuller

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frump too soiled for *Les Miz*. The stage, except for a creaky metallic platform, is bare. And the “orchestra” is only five musicians. This show’s so cheap it can’t even afford an overture.

As they wrote *Urinetown*, Kotis and Hollmann were convinced it would be “unproducible”: not just because of the off-putting title and 36-person

cast, but also its garage-band look and anarchic attitude: “And yet, the madness of the thing felt strangely joyful and free.”

Starlight’s wry, energized production captures this spirit even before the show begins. Guards usher a prisoner up, across, and down the platform and over to the band. Turns out, they were short

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a musician. So they brought in a scab (and, it turns out, if he was headed for "Urinetown," the gig may have lengthened his life).

A game ensemble sustains this spirit throughout. Directed by Brian Wells and David Brannen (and choreographed with dance homages by Brannen), the group gets to do goofy rabbit hops, snap their fingers like Jets and Sharks, and dodge a dripping mop. Throughout, each performer conveys the sense that this material's a kick to do. They even turn an unpromising song, "Snuff That Girl," into a showstopper.

Kurt Norby, as working-class hero Bobby Strong, looks and sings like Billy Bigelow, and also shares his fate, minus the redemption (one of the production's most imaginative moments: Bobby tailspins into Hitchcock's *Vertigo*). Carly Nykanen's almost too savvy as Hope but fares well — and has the best reactions to the jets blasting into Lindbergh Field. Leigh Scarrit, as a harridan Pennywise, and deadpan Sarah Sumner, as Little Sally, function like evil and good angels. Doug Bilitch plays the most and least likable character. Officer Lockstock's a cold-fish Nazi and the hip narrator who explains, often hilariously, what goes where in a musical.

As Caldwell B. Cladwell, CEO of UGC, Norman Large revels in Malthusian monster clichés (and yet, in topsy-turvy *Urinetown*, Cladwell may have helped the masses by restricting their use of precious water). How did he become such a meanie? "Worldwide ecological disaster has a way of changing a man." ■

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Ain't You Heard?

Ira Aldridge Repertory Players present this tribute to Langston Hughes, poet of the Harlem Renaissance. Charmer Jackson directed.

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Attorney for the Damned: Clarence Darrow

As Joe Nesnow portrays the life of the famous lawyer, you begin to wonder who the "defender of the underdog" didn't represent. Darrow's cases constitute a who's who of American legal history: socialists Eugene V. Debs and "Big Bill" Haywood, the McNamara brothers' bombing of the L.A. *Times*, the Scopes "Monkey" Trial, Leopold and Loeb. In each he fought injustice — and paid an emotional price for every battle (including his marriage). It doesn't take Nesnow long to become Darrow: a gentle, engag-

ing rapport with his audience, a rage at stupidity and intolerance, and, most of all, a fearless conviction. Nothing stood in his way. Would this were true of David W. Rintels's wordy, overlong, badly paced script. The play moves chronologically through Darrow's life and feels compelled to cover all of it. The result is a two-hour, episodic ramble that begs for a major edit (Rintels often takes longer to set up a scene than present it). After a while, the script works against Nesnow's finely etched performance. The playwright's words upstage him.

Copenhagen

Few conversations in the 20th Century have been subject to more speculation than the one Werner Heisenberg had with Neils Bohr in September 1941. Did the famed physicist — Heisenberg working for the Third Reich; Bohr, a Jew, in German-occupied Denmark — talk about the morality of atomic warfare, or about building the bomb? Michael Frayn's play recreates the meeting, again and again, and uses their theories ("The Uncertainty Principle" and "Complementarity") as part of his dramatic structure: as we learn about the event, and we learn a ton, we feel closer to and farther from what actually happened. I don't know how he does it, but for Cygnet Theatre's production, Joshua Everett Johnson turns Heisenberg into a maze of flickering possibilities. He's truly contrite. No. He's lying! So he's sly and manipulative. Jim Chovick's kindly, crusty Bohr does similar flips (he's as fatherly as the Pope, but how many lives did his theories destroy?). The

playwright makes Bohr's wife, Margrethe, like the nucleus of an atom. Bohr and Heisenberg whirl around her (literally, at one point) like electrons (now a particle, now a wave; and try to see both at the same time). Rosina Reynolds gives her pressure-cooker intensity. She's seconds from going atomic. *Copenhagen* is a deep, and deeply cerebral drama. Yet it doesn't feel "thinky." We get the equivalent of lectures on physics. But the mystery's always more important than the math, and most crucial of all, the answer means so much to these three people. They really need to know.

Critic's pick.

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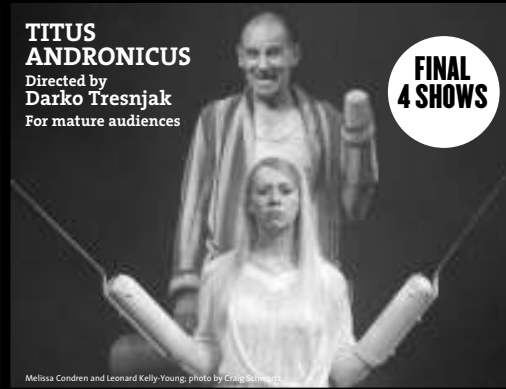
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Forbidden Broadway: Special Victims Unit

Due to popular demand, the Theatre in Old Town reprises Gerard Alessandrini's musical Bronx cheer to Broadway: some of the sharpest, funniest theater criticism around! The framing device — the show's a Special Victims Unit for Broadway clunkers — doesn't last two minutes before it disappears. But no matter. Alessandrini's latest attempt to "turn the Great White Way gray" 's a winner, thanks to his ever-present wit and some amazing performances (especially by Valerie Fagan, co-author of *Six Women with Brain Death*, especially when she slanders Sarah Brightman). Along with lambasting *Spamalot* and *Wicked*, the show reprises old favorites: no *Forbidden Broadway* would be complete without some *Les Miz* and *Lion King* trashing (as when an animal sings, under the weight of Julie Taymor's gigantic headgear, "Can You Feel the Pain Tonight?") and Alessandrini's spoof of *Chicago* and how to dance the Fosse style ("bowler hats," "spread your fingers so") is a hoot. As are every last one of Alvin Colt's cartoony costumes, often changed backstage in split seconds. Amid near-constant laughs, the re-

vue makes serious points about contemporary Broadway's disturbing penchant for "puppet" and "jukebox" theater (à la *Jersey Boys*) and its general dumbing down of late. All true, yet never put so memorably. (Note: the production has made cast changes.)
Critic's pick.

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4:48 Psychosis

According to Sarah Kane's drama, 4:48 a.m.'s the time when "an afflicted mind is said to assume clarity." It's the minute when the speaker(s) will see clearly enough to commit suicide. Everything in the grim one-act (first produced in 2000, after Kane took her life in a hospital) leads to that moment. Two beings, part of the same woman — body and soul? — rip at each other and the world, represented by an orderly/doctor/therapist. They go through a process reminiscent of Kubler-Ross's "seven stages of dying" and in the end choose not to be. On paper, 4:48 isn't a play: it's a long prose poem with no stage directions. And the writing often settles for shopworn abstractions to make its points ("the pariahs of reason," "state of desperate absurdity," "corrosive despair"), and at times

catapults over the top ("behold the eunuch of castrated thoughts"). In part because the playwright's tormented specter hovers behind it, but also because of its unflinching insistence on a *via negativa* — the speakers refuse to ingratiate themselves to the audience — 4:48 has an undeniable power, though often between the lines. As does Stone Soup's production. One could wish the actors modulated their voices much more, since just about every word gets emphasized. The story's told best in Ericka Aisha Moore's choreography. Bodies rolling over each other like waves, or inching backwards toward a collision — these and other moments of stark theatricality take the script beyond Kane's sometimes stumbling language and create images of how it feels to need to take your life.
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For the last 13 years, the Fritz Theatre has presented world-premiere works by California authors. This year's festival offers eight plays, with a different program each week. Top local directors (including Robert May, D. Kandis Paule, and Duane Daniels) stage the scripts, chosen from over 100 entrants and that run the gamut of genres, from comedy to drama to experimental pieces that otherwise might never find a hearing. The rightfully acclaimed Blitz has become a cauldron for the creative process. It also showcases local actors and designers and, quite possibly, future voices of the American theater.

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. FOR A LIST OF SPECIFIC PLAYS, DAYS, AND TIMES CALL 619-544-1000.

Gaytino!

Diverserero Theatre hosts Dan Duerrero's solo show about being Mexican-American and gay. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 1; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. (AND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, AT 7:30 P.M.). 619-220-0097.

George Gershwin Alone

The Old Globe Theatre presents this "play with music," celebrating the great Gershwin and performed by Hershey Felder. Songs include

"The Man I Love" and "Someone to Watch Over Me." OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, THROUGH OCTOBER 22; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Gilgamesh

Chronos Theatre Group presents a staged reading of the ancient Middle Eastern epic about a heroic king and his search for immortality. NEW WORLD STAGE, 917 NINTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-295-5047.

Guys and Dolls

Patio Playhouse stages the popular musical based on the short stories of Damon Runyon. Richard Brousil directed. KIT CARSON AMPHITHEATRE, 3333 BEAR VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-746-6669.

Leading Ladies

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Ken Ludwig's comedy about down-on-their-luck Shakespearean actors and an unclaimed fortune. John Seibert directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH OCTOBER 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

You could subtitle Darko Tresnjak's staging of Shakespeare's comedy, "Dude, you would not believe how I spent my summer vacation!" Four teens graduate from an academy (late 19th/early 20th Century). To escape repressive Athens they hie to the woods, with suitcases, tennis rackets, and a teddy bear, and things fall apart. The production has Tresnjak's hallmarks: reverence for the text and irreverence for individual moments (there's an infectious sense of play here; the cast's obviously encouraged to invent freely). Imbued with rah-rah idealism, at first, and later with teenage angst, the lovers — Eve Danzeisen, David Villalobos, Owiso Odera, and Julie Jesneck — are both distinct individuals and a sharp ensemble. The mechanicals, however, aren't "rude" enough (especially Jonathan Peck's stylish, studied Bottom the Weaver), and young Michael Drummond lacks the chops, and the menace, for Puck. York Kennedy's bold-day/mystical-night lighting, Christopher R. Walker's music, and especially Michael Urie's dual roles as Francis Flute and Thisbe

are big plusses. In a play full of Ovidian metamorphoses, Urie does one of the best: as Flute is about to play the suffering Thisbe, something touches him, and the character takes over so completely you wonder who was more real, Flute or the role that transformed him. Which was "airy nothing," and which "something of great constancy"?

Worth a try.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29. (NOTE: A *MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *OTHELLO* AND *TITUS ANDRONICUS*; FOR DAYS AND TIMES OF EACH, CALL 619-239-2255.)

Nothing Sacred

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents George F. Walker's "serious comedy" about Bazarov, a young rebel who effects a reconciliation and tries to "overrun sacredly held principles of the establishment." Martin Benson directed. SEGERSTROM STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH OCTOBER 8; SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

The Oldest Profession

North Park Vaudeville & Candy Shoppe stages Paula Vogel's comedy about five aging hookers struggling to "stay in the life." NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE & CANDY SHOPPE, 2031 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, NORTH PARK, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-647-4958.

On Golden Pond

OnStage Playhouse presents Ernest Thompson's drama about a family's summer home in Maine. Bruce Wilde directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH OCTOBER 7; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

Othello

"Have you prayed tonight, Desdemona?" — one of Shakespeare's most chilling lines, in the Jesse Berger-directed production's best scene. When she realizes Othello wants to murder her, Julie Jesneck's Desdemona battles for life and seems to become even more innocent, more loving. Jonathan Peck's sonorous Othello matches this urgency. The clash of the guiltless bride and stone-hearted warrior is at once primal, infuriating beyond belief — because this should *not* be happening — and deeply moving. The only irksome performance in an otherwise

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smartly staged *Othello*: Karl Kenzler runs Iago all over the map, from frat-brother/prankster to Halloween goblin. Kenzler's too facile in a role that requires some effort at dismantling the Moor, some surprise that his schemes are working. Dressed in Elizabethan garb, including white circular collars, the supporting cast does quality work (especially Michael A. Newcomer's two-faced Cassius, and Cileste Ciulla's Emilia, Iago's wife who, the angrier she gets, the more she becomes the play's *raisonneur*). York Kennedy's lighting sculptures scenes and Christopher R. Walker creates moods with half-heard, long-held notes.

Worth a try.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 1. (NOTE: *OTHELLO* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH A *MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* AND *TITUS ANDRONICUS*; FOR DAYS AND TIMES, CALL 619-239-2255.)

Readings of August Wilson's Plays: Seven Guitars

The San Diego Black Ensemble and Cygnet Theatre could do for the late August Wilson what "Grass-

roots Greeks" did for ancient Greek drama in San Diego. The companies present a series of staged readings of one of the American theater's rarely performed, but most important playwrights. Twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize (for *Fences* in 1987 and *The Piano Lesson* in 1990), Wilson wrote a cycle of dramas that probe the African-American experience through the decades of the 20th Century (he concentrated, he said, on the "largest idea that confronted blacks in each decade"). The readings will also be staged at the Performance Annex in City Heights and other locations. The series will culminate in a week-long staged reading festival of all the plays at Cygnet in June 2007. Next offering: Rhys Greene directs *Seven Guitars*.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH MAY 8; *SEVEN GUITARS*: MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, AND TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, AT 7:30 P.M. HORACE MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL, 4345 54TH STREET, CITY HEIGHTS, MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, AT 7:30 P.M. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF READINGS AND LOCATIONS, CALL 619-337-1525, X3.

Romeo and Juliet

For its Tenth Annual Free Shakespeare Festival, the Coronado Playhouse presents the Bard's tragedy of star-crossed lovers. Keith A. Anderson directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE PAVILION, 1335 FIRST STREET, CORONADO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

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Patio Playhouse offers the popular, "take-no-prisoners satire" of life and popular culture. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVENUE, SUITE 1D, ESCONDIDO, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, THROUGH OCTOBER 7; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, AT 2:00 P.M. 760-746-6669.

The Smell of the Kill

Dramama presents Michelle Lowe's comedy about three "malicious wives" and their three "miserable, unloving husbands." Stephen A. Rich directed. STEVE STORC'S THEATRIX, 155 GRAND AVENUE, ESCONDIDO, PLAYING THROUGH OCTOBER 1; MATINEE SATUR-

DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. SATURDAY (AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29) AT 8:00 P.M. 760-735-2491.

Sweet Charity

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Titus Andronicus

Titus is the runt of Shakespeare's litter. Most likely it was his first attempt at tragedy, and most critics wish the "lamentable" (in the modern sense) potboiler'd never been penned. The murders, rapes, and massacres of revenge tragedy rule with such ferocity it's almost as if the play's a deliberate send-up of the blood-bathed genre. For the Old Globe, inventive director Darko Tresnjak resets the lunacy in modern times. Titus, played by Leonard Kelly-Young as a vaguely

sentient being/Fourth Stooze, wears fatigues. When Tamora, the evil Goth brought to Rome in a tiger cage, becomes "incorporate," her posse dresses like a CEO's sycophants. There are arresting moments (as when Melissa Coadren's mute, handless Lavinia enters, red powder spilling from her arms, and Charles Janasz applies shoelaces for tourniquets while giving Marcus's long, poetic speech). But way too often the production retreats from genuine emotion, or glosses over it with blatant shtick (as when a limb gets chainsawed off and the Beatles sing "I Want to Hold Your Hand"; or when tongueless Lavinia wants to say "hel-LOW" but can only say "huh-whoa?"). If the play's this bad, if it needs this much cutsize business, then why are we here? To learn that violence begets violence?

And this should come as *news*? In effect, Tresnjak's staging is a send-up of a send-up. That's a double negative. It not only undercuts the play, it takes away an audience's chance to respond, be it with revulsion or schadenfreudian glee. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. (NOTE: *TITUS ANDRONICUS* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *OTHELLO* AND A *MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM*; FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 619-239-2255.)

Urinetown: The Musical

Reviewed this issue. STARLIGHT BOWL, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-7827.

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Walk Right Inn

A few months ago, the Lynnester couldn't wait to tell me some shocking gossip: Region's hip, long-time sommelier, Scotty Johnson, was jumping ship to join chef Nathan Coulon in opening a new restaurant on the site of the empty Liaison.

Modus is the offspring of that partnership, with Scotty's wife Ariana turning a partnership into a triumvirate as she presides at the bar. It looks like a laid-back neighborhood restaurant with three stand-alone venues. Just past the hostess station is an enclosed patio with white walls and white plastic garden chairs, where you can eat and drink and even smoke, pretending you're in Paris. Then comes a lively bar, which was SRO early on a mid-week night, with both local residents and folks from the nearby corporations detoxing after the workday with wines or creative cocktails. On the other side of a wall (which keeps the sound level way down) is a dining room of modest proportions and stark appearance, done in neutral colors: white, pale gray, and charcoal, with naked tables of chocolate brown and some dark wooden architectural details on the bare walls. The ceiling is black, with white crenellated plastic globe-lamps that cast a dim light — dimmer after sunset, when the hostess turns down the wattage. Banquettes with gray-ribbed material (don't wear velour — the material is like Velcro!) line two walls.

Modus means "method," and what that means is that all the food is cooked from scratch in the classical French manner, with no shortcuts, no restaurant-supply products or frozen food, no fakery or gimmickry. This is one neighborhood restaurant that doesn't serve the usual wholesaler slop.

Chef-owner Nathan Coulon is the scion of a local Belgian restaurant family. His grandparents, Don and Arlene Coulon, were proud owners and top toques at the beloved Belgian Lion in Ocean Beach until their retirement. His mother creates lavish pastries at her eponymous Michele Coulon Dessertier bakery in La Jolla. Belgian chefs do not seem to be as frantically competitive and showy as French chefs, and like the decor, Nathan Coulon's cooking style is simple, straightforward. It could be called *la cuisine grandmère* — if Grandma was a professional chef, with access to California's best ingredients, including superb local produce from Chino, Crow's Pass, and La Milpa farms. Nathan calls Modus a "supper club,"



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but he'd probably be as happy to call it a *brasserie* or gastro-pub. He designed it to be a place for locals to drop in, nosh well on a little or a lot, and sip until all hours of the night.

The Lynnester and her charming friend Fred joined us to sample Nathan's wares. The menu is a single loose page, printed daily, with about nine starters and five or six entrées. At the top of the appetizer list is *pommes frites*, with a blurb boasting "perfect French fries." Well, we'll just see about that, I thought. Guess what: It's true. Thick lengths (like Mickey D's but made of great potatoes — Kennebecs from Maine) are double-fried to explodingly crisp surfaces and airy interiors. They come with Heinz ketchup and with house-made mayo mixed with Dijon. Very soon, they were all gone. "What?" asked Fred. "No free refills?"

Equally idyllic was a salad of Chino Farms mixed heirloom tomatoes and fresh Burrata mozzarella. Burrata is a special cheese made to be eaten young, when the interior is still loose and creamy — an early stage of the water-packed balls of Buffalo mozzarella you find at good markets. Little fluffs

of this exquisite stuff floated atop slices of sweet, ripe tomatoes, dressed with a modicum of white truffle oil (we didn't even smell it), balsamic, and fresh basil shreds. At first taste, I nearly teared over from joy. Salads make up a major part of the appetizer choices, and another favorite was a pretty semi-circle of avocado slices girdling tangy baby beet slices in citrus vinaigrette.

There are no salt or pepper shakers on the table. For salt, you get a small saucer of coarse French gray sea salt — tasting not merely salty, but with interesting mineral undertones — which arrives with the soft baguette (from the legendary La Brea Bakery in L.A.) and butter. When she delivers your appetizers, your waitress offers the obligatory fresh-ground black pepper from a huge mill. But at that point, without tasting, how would you know if something needs pepper? Saying yes would follow the model of those Bubbas who automatically upend the salt shaker on their food before lifting a fork. Once we did taste (after the waitress was gone), all four of us agreed that our soup du jour — a gentle purée of summer squash and leeks — did need both pepper and salt. Stir-

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sautéing in duck fat. The fowl was sauced (underneath, in the current fashion) with a deep red-wine reduction sauce scattered with green peppercorns. (It's based on a demi-glace stock made with whole crushed oranges, reaping undertones of both peel and juice.) With it came braised endive, smooth and creamy Yukon gold mashed potatoes, and string beans, which were an odd mix of small, yellowish, and crisp specimens and stringy old green leather-skins, harvested way too late. But the menu changes with what's available, and a couple of nights later, the duck was served with fresh figs.

Hazelnut-crusted rack of lamb was roasted to our order of rare — two slabs of three bones each. The nut flavor of the coating penetrated the meat. It came with fresh shell beans "with chanterelle" (yes, just one lone chanterelle) plus a ratatouille of zucchini, onion, and bell pepper.

Oops — in our efforts to describe the desired doneness of the lamb, we forgot to specify our preference for the Quinault River sturgeon. To our surprise, it arrived at San Diego-default "well done." (Yeah, I like to tweak Zonies and conventioners for insisting on overcooked fish, but it's really just as much a native trait — alas. The surprise was that it came from a chef who has worked in southern France, where restaurants typically cook fish "my way.") "What's this on top?" asked Fred. "Red pepper and tomato sauce? Well, it's okay, but I actually like the fish better without it."

What we all liked most was the fluffy Chino corn custard beneath it, with the texture of a fallen soufflé. "As far as I'm concerned," said Lynne, "you could take the fish away and feed me that custard all night."

When we ordered the Berkshire pork loin, we asked that it be cooked rosy inside. "That's roasted ahead," said the waitress, "so you don't have a choice of doneness. It's sliced into medallions and reheated." Unfortunately, it's evidently fully cooked in advance, probably to the whole government-hysteria-recommended temperature of 160 degrees, which is excessive for modern commercially raised hogs. In Western Europe and North America, pigs are pretty much free of trichinosis. Eat an undercooked bear you've shot in the woods — that's another story and a major risk. But Berkshire pork — the English name for prized Kurobuta — is a heritage breed valued for its flavor, not its rapid growth. Farmers who raise such precious hogs raise them carefully and well.

"This is way overcooked," said Lynne. "At home I roast pork to 140 degrees. That's enough, and it's still juicy." "We roast pork to 135 degrees and let it set for five minutes to finish cooking internally to 137," said my partner, "which is supposed to kill any nasty stuff in there. Cheap pork, we take to maybe 140 degrees. If I were the chef here, I'd roast this stuff to maybe 120 degrees, 125 degrees, so it could be reheated to order." In short, the dry pork had just a ghost of its full luscious flavor. It came with

new potatoes, Pez-size cubes of candied apples, a laid-back mustard sauce plated underneath, and grilled brussels sprouts, which provoked three thumbs up. (I don't happen to like brussels sprouts — odd man out.) There was also supposed to be bacon in the dish, but it eluded us.

Cocktails are made without commercial mixes. They feature original recipes with fresh, hand-squeezed fruit juices, although you can also get the standard sips in these artisanal versions. (One reason the bar sounds cheerful rather than raucous — besides a reasonably adult clientele — is that there's no howling blender to drown out conversation.) "The Latina," a passion fruit margarita variation, gained *whoompf* from a mixture of cayenne and sugar on the glass rim. "Candied ginger" (fresh ginger, lemon, vodka, citron, and sugarcane) reminded us of a mai tai emancipated from its pushier elements. "Refreshing! This'd be a lazying-by-the-pool drink," said Lynne. "Bitter bitch," Fred's pick, just because he liked its name (it's made of gin, grapefruit juice, and rosemary, with a sugar rim) isn't all that bitter, until the little raft of floating rosemary swims into your mouth.

At Region, Scotty was always a quiet guy, barely cracking a smile as he recommended dead-on-perfect wines to match the food you ordered. His verbal side now bursts out in written form on the double-sided page of the wine menu. The night we were there, eight special wines mer-

ited a paragraph each (e.g., "robust aromas of maple-cured bacon fat and sweet mulberry jam"). There were 18 choices available by the glass, including 7 of the singled-out choices, and my gang ordered a round each of whites and reds and traded sips. Top picks: A Chardonnay from Valle de Uco in Argentina and a plushy old-vine Grenache from France's Côtes Catalanes (wherezzat?). My partner was in brew-heaven choosing from a list of seven California microbreweries and ten imports, including six delicious ales from the Coulon family's Belgian homeland. Even I, no beer drinker, liked the sunny Affligem Blond ale, made by monks who've been doing it since the 11th Century. (Evidently, practice makes perfect.)

All desserts come from mom, famed La Jolla pastry chef Michele Coulon. They look beautiful and taste as sweet and rich as society wedding cakes. Our favorite was a circular passion fruit and white chocolate tart topped with fresh berries. "I'd adore this as just a little taste," said Fred. "Like a petit four," said Lynne. "A *mignardise*, a little sweet at the end of the meal, the way an amuse-bouche starts the meal," I said. But if you love mother Michelle's luscious pastries and don't feel like driving to La Jolla to fetch them, drop in for dessert at Modus, and you'll be welcome. Because here, you can come for any course you want, any evening until the wee hours when they roll up the sidewalks and shut down the kitchen. This is a

truly user-friendly spot, where going out to eat doesn't have to be a big deal.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Nathan Coulon, aged 29, is the fourth generation of a close-knit local restaurant family. His great-grandmother trained in a restaurant in Belgium (although in that era, women were not allowed to work as chefs — they apprenticed, helped out, and were sent home to feed their hubbies). She taught his grandfather and great-aunt professional cooking skills. But both his grandfather and his mother were computer scientists before (and during) their chef careers. I asked Nathan if he'd ever considered becoming something other than a chef. "Yes, I used to work in the film industry. I was an assistant cameraman in L.A. And I also went to school for business. I don't know exactly what brought me back to the kitchen. You just can't get away." Most of his training was working at his grandparents' Belgian Lion, "and I worked in the South of France for a few months. And I like to eat out, get new ideas.

"My grandfather had the most influence on my cooking style. Just his general cooking philosophy — that's what I grew up living and learning, and that's what I carry over. It's what I enjoy eating — fairly traditional French food, hearty and satisfying.

"I worked at the Belgian Lion in the dining room, and I was fill-in chef there, so I worked in both the front and

the back of the house." After his mother opened her own patisserie, he began to prepare simple, wholesome lunches at the bakery. "We weren't open at night, so I decided, let's use the space there." He cooked dinner several nights a week, to complimentary reviews, and that was the beginning of his career as an independent chef and restaurateur. His grandfather helped him with the money and wisdom to open Modus.

How did he hook up with Scotty Johnson, his dining room manager and sommelier? "He worked at different restaurants that I liked, especially Region, so I'd go there a lot. Scotty is one of the partners here, runs the dining room and organizes the wine list. I have more influence on the beer list — all those Belgian beers."

Why does he keep the restaurant open so late? "There aren't many places in town to eat late. Your choices after ten are pretty much Roberto's or Jack in the Box. I've always wanted some place to eat late, and we do get a lot of people who come in then, especially from the restaurant industry. They get done with their shift and come in here and eat, sit at the bar and drink. We get a lot of chefs. That's always fun, to sit around and talk. We're open every night because we're trying to be a neighborhood place where you can come anytime, you don't have to worry about it being closed. We've been very busy every night, especially Sundays and Mondays when there aren't many restaurants open. It's been working out really well." ■

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Baguettes on Adams

"I'll have the Paysanne. 'Cause, let's face it, I'm a paysanne at heart."

A quiche and a soup?" says Hank. He's looking at the menu. "I know this is French, but ooh-la-la..."

"Quiche, dude. A quiche and a soup."
 'Course I think Hank's deliberately causing trouble here. The guy's got this insane thing about the French. Blames them for Iraq, for Vietnam, for refusing to speak English like the rest of us. He's a Freedom Fries sort of guy.

And yet he ends up chowing down in a place like this. Loves a good French *salade Niçoise*. He's hooked on the baguette vegetarian sandwiches. I even caught him mumbling something about French onion soup.

A La Française is new up here in Normal Heights. After years in Mission Hills, they've moved into this brickly Rosie O'Grady's building. O'Grady's is 'sposed to be the oldest Irish pub in town: 60 years! The building looks straight out of Boston, but its old red bricks are newly scrubbed, pink, and very cool. Normal Heights is gentrifying.

So around 11:30 a.m., after the call from Hank, I hopped off the Number 11 at Adams and 34th and straight away spotted his white Camry. He'd parked it beside a row of sidewalk tables under maroon-and-cream umbrellas.

I stepped into this airy place with an exposed brick wall behind the counter. The other side was filled with a mural of the French countryside, plus local artists' paintings. Maybe 15 blond-wood ta-

bles were scattered around, with folk of all ages sitting, chowing, chatting. Then I noticed a little knot of kids. They came in, went straight to the soda fountain, poured themselves drinks, capped the plastic containers — then high-tailed it out the door and off up Adams Avenue, letting out victory whoops all the way.

"Friends of yours?" I asked Hank. I'd spotted him sitting at a long blue-cushioned bench against the wall.

"Here," he said. "Check the menu before Vita comes back. She's brutal."

Vita the waitress turns out to be fun, actually. And patient: I've got a lot of deciding to do. Like, I'm starved, but should I have breakfast or lunch?

At least Vita says breakfast's on right through till two.

"The Hollandaise sauce in the eggs Benedict is supposed to be good," says Hank. "But I'm just having a nice salad."

He turns to Vita. "I'll have that nice salad," he says. Vita gets it. Hank doesn't want to speak French. She says, "Right. *Salade Niçoise* it is."

Here's my dilemma: I want breakfast, but I love the idea of their Croque Monsieur, grilled cheese and ham on an English muffin with béchamel sauce. Or the Croque Madame, which is the same with an egg sunny-side up on top. But they're not the cheapest, \$9.25 and \$10.25, respectively.

On the other hand, they have \$7.95 specials, like

soup and a *petite* sandwich. I'm thinking ham and mustard and mayo and lettuce in a baguette and French onion soup. What's wrong with that?

The call of Breakfast, that's what. Eggs. Stuffed omelets, a man's breakfast. They start at \$6.95, but that's for a plain omelet. I'm interested in the omelette Provençale (\$8.95), stuffed with tomato, onion, zucchini, and eggplant. Except, no. How about the Paysanne (\$8.95)? They pack that with "country potatoes," bacon, and sautéed onions.

"So Vita," I say. "I'll have the Paysanne. 'Cause, let's face it, I'm a *paysanne* at heart. That's 'peasant,' right?"

"Uh, peasant girl, sir" "Hey hey!" This is Hank. "Does Carla know this?"

I ignore him. "And can I also get the soup and ham sandwich in a baguette, only with the sandwich packed to go?"

I'm gonna take that home to Carla. "What kind of soup?" Vita says.

"You have to ask? French onion, of course."

Breakfast and lunch are going to be mixed. But no probs. Vita brings the soup first, in a round ceramic pot. I can see this one little dish is going to make it all worthwhile. The top's sealed over with a layer of bubbling, golden cheese. When you break through with your spoon, there's that sea of swirling snakes — the onions. Oh man.

Great, with a bouillony kind of flavor, garlic croutons. It comes with a kinda *bolillo* Kaiser roll.

Just as well I'm hungry because breakfast — the omelet — is big and chunky, with plenty of spuds inside. I get some *pico de gallo* to kick it up. Meanwhile, Hank's bobbing through his Niçoise, with the tuna, fresh-steamed green beans, red potatoes, boiled egg halves, and — anchovy fillets slapped across the top like pirates' crossbones. I almost wish I'd had that. But no, it's the *croques* I most regret having missed.

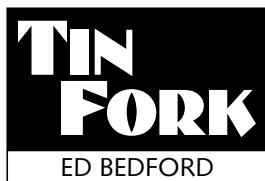
"So how, like, *French* was this?" Hank asks. "I mean, my salad was great, but where's the French signature dish here?"

He's got me thinking. We've adopted so much French stuff, like French bread, French mayonnaise, French toast, French crêpes, they don't feel French anymore. Then I remember my taste buds.

"The soup, dude. Onion. Croutons. Cheese. As French as it gets. I'd walk a kilometer for another of those."

Vita arrives with the ham baguette in a box, and the check. Thirty bucks. Ow! Well, what with my coffee (\$1.65, with refills), Hank's iced tea (\$2.25) and tuna salad, plus Carla's baguette and French onion soup, it's not a bad deal. Still, it hurts to fork it over. Hank sees my expression.

"We could cut and run like those kids," he says. "But let me go first." ■



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The New San Pasqual

"It's daunting if you're a young businessman. You take everything so personally."

Erik Humphrey was a beach-city beer drinker. Then, ten years ago, his father started finding San Diego a bit crowded and decamped for Napa. "He was renting a place up there," explains Humphrey, "and the owners, who grew grapes, had some old winery equipment in the basement." Dad got leave to use it, son came up and joined him for crush, and they set about making a Zinfandel from the landlord's fruit. "It was the same Zinfandel that Ravenswood uses — good stuff. I think that's what really got me hooked. The planets were aligned or something — everything went perfectly. We were just reading from a book — 'This much yeast; this much sulfur' — and it was a great wine. I wish I'd saved a few bottles."

Father and son never quite replicated the magic of that first vintage. "To a certain extent, it depends on the grapes you can scavenge." But once was enough. Back in SoCal, Humphrey discovered the San Diego Amateur Winemaking Society and, through them, some of San Diego's commercial winemakers — "especially Mick Dragoo at Belle Marie. All the wineries were very open and friendly to people interested in winemaking. That kind of encouraged me."

Still, when the e-mail came to SDAWS members, asking if anyone was interested in buying San Pasqual winery from Paul Marx — the man who had revived the name — Humphrey hesitated.

"I'm not a millionaire. But then, I was really looking for something to do on my own. When I saw that it wasn't buying an estate with vines and a chateau, that it was buying equipment and supplies and the name and back inventory, I said, 'I could probably pull that off.'"

Crush

MATTHEW LICKONA

Humphrey thinks that Marx was selling, in part, because of difficulties with distribution — getting product out there. Marx was making the wine in Escondido, but the spot wasn't zoned for retail sales. A La Jolla tasting room had proven highly expensive. And while he had made it into some restaurants and markets, he was still running up against the local hesitancy to embrace San Diego wine. (Marx was not alone in his distribution troubles. Says Humphrey, "When I was talking to wineries, they said that getting your product out there was the biggest problem of all.")

So, he looked up a couple of old high school buddies to get their take on the matter. One of them, Steve May, was already a partner in San Diego Coffee, Tea & Spice, a local coffee-roasting operation, and also owned a U-T distributorship. As they went over the details of small-business ownership, May began to get interested. "He said, 'Oh, I want to do this, too. I'll be a partner.' It's a good match. The coffee company also does tea and spices — it's sort of a gourmet package. We're still working on the synergy of that."

Synergy or no synergy, May already distributed product to "something like 120 markets, liquor stores, and restaurants. I asked, 'How many do you think would carry our wines?' and he said, 'I bet half would.'" That was enough for Humphrey. The other friend came in as a silent partner; they moved the winemaking operation next door to the coffee business in a PB industrial park and set about tinkering with the brand.

"We're continuing what Marx started as far as naming the wine after places and historical figures in San Diego," says Humphrey. "The Del Mar Chardonnay, the Ramona Sauvignon Blanc." But they decided to shift the emphasis away from San Pasqual's original location — the old label featured the mountains around the San Pasqual Viticultural Area in Escondido — and "make it more generally encompassing of SoCal history." They traded a designer wine for work and ended up with a label that shows a bell tower seen through a wineglass-shaped keyhole. "We're not shooting for the elegant, European look, or the upscale Napa Valley. We want it to be local, something midmarket." (Prices run \$8–\$16.)

The idea of tying the winery to local Mission history — it was at the Mission that California saw its first vineyards planted — also led Humphrey to shift emphasis to Spanish varietals. Besides bread-and-butter wines like Cabernet and Merlot, Humphrey plans to make Tempranillo, Grenache, and a Grenache rosé. He couldn't find any Albarino, so he's sticking with Sauvignon Blanc for a white. "Plus, maybe a couple of flagship blends." The fruit comes from Baja, courtesy of Belle Marie. "Mick is sort of a broker for a lot of wineries. I just place my orders through him. I trust him to guide my winemaking a bit, too." Dad's basement winery was one thing, "but on a commercial level, I sort of follow his lead." The winery's current release of Monte Soledad red



Erik Humphrey

was actually made at Belle Marie — Humphrey was still getting his own operation in order. (The Baja grapes come in a little riper than Humphrey would prefer, "but the thing that helps is that they get them really cold when they bring them up. It stops everything in its tracks.")

Market penetration is proceeding, slowly. "It's daunting if you're a young businessman, because you take everything so personally. I'm learning not to do that. In a lot of places, the market is so geared toward the Central Coast, or Napa, or the hot wine of the moment — Chilean or Australian — that there's no place for a small, local winery. I can understand that. But then there are others that are very receptive, very much into the local product, the homeyness of it. I think there's

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a trend starting to emerge in grocery markets and restaurants: going for that local produce. We're trying to home in on those places, and they've been receptive. We're at the Linkery in North Park, the Mission San Luis Rey, Café Secret and the Del Mar Café, and a few other restaurants."

Meanwhile, plans are afoot to open the sort of retail sales location that Marx envisioned. "I was up at Witch Creek, and that gave me the idea that I could pull off a warehouse with a tasting area. There was a steady stream of people coming in. We had this little space in front with a junky desk, and we thought, 'It's summer. There's lots of tourism. Maybe we can get some groups in here, make a little extra on top.'" The desk went out, the tasting counter and cooler came in, and Humphrey started pouring on the weekends. "It was worth doing, but it made us realize all the more how much we really need this to be in a place where people are going by. Here, it's hard to find, and you have to drive to it. We'd like to move further into PB, someplace like Cass Street. The neighborhood is a congregation spot for twentysomethings, and I think they'd be looking for something like this. A wine bar that would be like a microbrewery, where you could see the tanks, see us making wine." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader's Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Barbara David, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of over 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

Beach Grass Cafe 159 South Coast Highway 101 (one block south of Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Formerly a branch of Parkhouse Eatery, Beach Grass has been bought by a mini-chain (with Swami's Cafe and Honey's), but still serves the original recipes. You could eat breakfast here daily and never get bored with the creative morning menu, which includes foamy, fresh orange juice and "Beach Benedict" with eggs and house-made hollandaise on a soft, lush crab cake. Oddly, though, the "maple" syrup and "butter" spread are both mass-market blends. Lunches and dinners feature multi-ethnic "coastal cuisine," with the best results in seafood dishes like "Moroccan crabcakes" and the fish-n-yam chips (with fine house-made tartar sauce). Vegetable accompaniments are tasty and creative. Reservations essential for weekend breakfasts. Free parking in back via driveway to right of restaurant. Breakfast through dinner daily. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (6/05)

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally.

Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/01)

Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

En Familia Amici 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepeszy offers personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made beverages. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts very nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — N.W. (5/04)

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Boulevard), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed *telleño* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to restrooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/02)

Pacifica Del Mar Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-792-1803. The chic crowd is drawn here by Pacific Rim/California-fusion cuisine centering on seafood and organic, locally grown produce. It's quality all the way, but some nights the restaurant is a victim of its own success. The riotous overflow crowds can challenge the kitchen's capacities, not to mention diners' tender ears. (Best strategy for pleasure: Reserve for early or late on a weeknight, and ask for patio seating or Room #2.) Fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. The award-winning wine list is half price Thursday nights, and the full bar specializes in creative martinis. "Pacifica Dine-In" offers call-in take-out for selected items. Lunch and dinner daily. Early-bird dinner discount. Pacifica Breeze Café (a level down) offers savory dishes for breakfast through late lunch daily. Expensive to very expensive. — N.W. (6/05)

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Ruby's Diner 1 Piervue Way, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too; try their omelets. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided

he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. High tea Saturday afternoon. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (12/03)

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, block-long Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxy (Irish "peasant") potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music Thursday through Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/02)

Trattoria Positano (Cardiff-by-the-Sea) 2171 San Elijo Avenue (at Chesterfield), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted for parties of four or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. — E.W. (6/98)

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a mari-

nade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket very slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (6/01)

Pho Hoa Hiep 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, *Dac Biet Xe Lua*, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the *Xam Bo Luong*, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Their crab cake topped with sun-dried apricot-mango chutney was equal to the best you'd eat around Chesapeake Bay. Also, enjoy an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, lamb, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and

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dinner; brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — S.M. (6/04)

Sand Crab Cafe 2229 Micro Place (at Oppen, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on ship-board, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Beer and wine and good margaritas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

Vincent's Sirino's 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robbing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

LA JOLLA

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (UTC), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Look for Italian cooking styles ranging from Tuscan, which showcases pastas with simple fresh sauces, to meatballs and red sauce. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's housemade Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say "yes." Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pan-

nikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbng crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pannwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you're in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded *ciabatta* and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don't fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are house-made and served with lively, unusual sauces. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal *piccata*, and *bistecca* (a grilled rib-eye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you're planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner weekdays; brunch and dinner Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. — S.M. (7/04)

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of

complimentary bread, try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rose-water ice cream is a great finale. Non-specials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly house-made, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good happy hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — N.W. (10/02)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Andres' Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not

spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (8/01)

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess." Happy hour is weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch

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of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy Street #105 (off Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Forget the blah strip mall it hides in. This little piece of Shanghai is a jewel. It feels like one of those century-old places in San Francisco's Chinatown. A two-foot-long, satin-silver arowana fish greets you as you come in. Brightly painted dragon columns support a gold dragon arch that leads you into the gold-walled dining room. Mainly, Chinese seem to come here, often eating Shanghai seafood dishes or choosing sumptuous specials like clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Or, for around five dollars, you can choose lunches like Shanghai chicken, chicken chop suey, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles, soup, steamed rice, a spring roll, and the main item.

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Open 10 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/05)

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splish on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

THE BEACHES

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaí*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoada* stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef," offered Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PE," *prato feito* ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*.

Come early evening or weekends and you might learn the *forró* ("fo-ha"), a Brazilian dance. Open seven days; closes at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely *picante*. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

People's Organic Foods Co-op Deli 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environmentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. Course, you have to learn new words, like *tempeh* (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and

onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, "mango madness," tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner (but "serious" breakfasts Saturday and Sunday only). Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/03)

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls" too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. At least five Japanese beers and a dozen sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas. Don't miss the *ama ebi* with crisp shrimp heads, atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when

Ota-san's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat when the master's most likely to be present. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Disabled access chancy. Long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

La Fachada 2025th Street (near Commercial Street), Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. The thing about La Fachada is: You can have anything anytime. The 24-hour restaurant near the trolley's 25th Street stop is Mexican but has Anglo food too — maybe because the cops' Central Division HQ sits across the road. Great not-quite-morning place for breakfast at, say, 3 a.m. They do a pretty good Western omelet breakfast with cheese, bell peppers, onions, and ham, bacon, or sausage. They also have great *Caldo Siete Mares* and *Vuelva a la Vida*, tasty soups laden with seafood. But the best fun is in the evening up to 11 p.m., when an outdoor kitchen operates, mostly serving tacos to eat under a big white garden canopy. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/05)

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida*: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal

of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flagship branch open until 11 p.m. on weekends; all other branches close early every evening. (Smaller branches at 47th and Market and 25th and Imperial.) Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Phoenicia 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafra* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Bakery open mornings; restaurant lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Trieu Chau Restaurant 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and

play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Lao-tians replace them. Maps of "Kam-puchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("*koitow bahat sai kho*"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Week-days dinner only; open until 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

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Los Michoacanos 8001 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full treatment of tortilla chips and salsa beforehand. Then out comes this hot, crisp-shelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and inside, the most scrumptious sautéed potatoes. It may be way cheap, but it's no way mean. Other good Mexican dishes here include the chorizo torta or the grand garlic shrimp combo. Added bonus: The place is new, bright, red and yellow, and sports a terrace looking out across the valley. Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive — *E.B. (4/05)*

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686. The Factory sits in the kind of stand-alone building you expect to see in a country town: long, angled roof with a portico dressing up the basic shed structure behind. It's a great sprawling place that's ideal to bring the kids for a big breakfast. You can't beat their omelets, all nineteen of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, Cheddar, or American), to the magnificent Factory Omelette (a build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek family has turned this location, outside Santee, from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems. For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two hamburger patties plus gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/05)*

Taste of African Cuisine 5241 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-583-5788. This is one of the main gathering places for Somalis in San Diego, but they welcome others to sample their food, which is a combination of African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences. Fish plays a big role in the diet of a country that boasts the longest coastline in Africa, but so does lamb, goat, and camel meat. Start with a *fadareshin*, a mixed plate of roasted goat meat, fried fish, basmati rice (the Indian influence), and a pile of spaghetti — common since the Italians came to colonize. No meal is complete without bananas, which are mixed in with pretty much everything, especially soups. Open three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/05)*

FAR EAST

Dulzura Cafe 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up

to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billings. As to treats, the generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Lunch and dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/01)*

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads

emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (6/02)*

Cafe on Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or Brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown

Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Three meals Tuesday through Saturday; only breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday (line at door on Sunday). — *E.B. (10/01)*

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fashioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limbed clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustard-crusted Oregon catfish. On the down-

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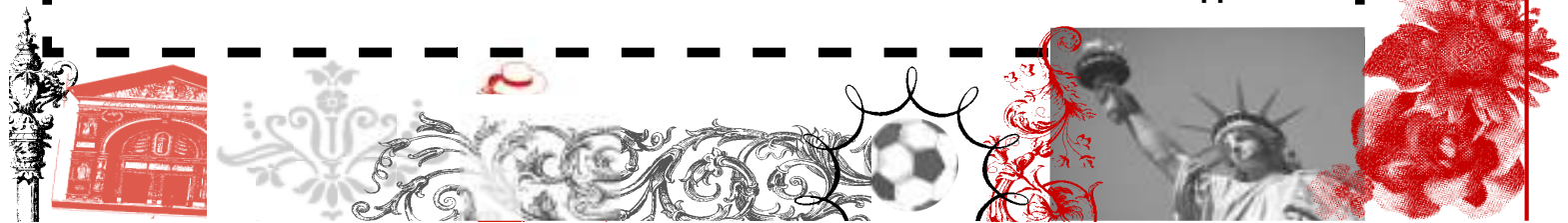
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side, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fish-scorners. Optional valet parking \$5. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open daily until 9:30 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami will get your juices flowing, or try the mango salad, with fresh mango, raisins, and sweet onions. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab

meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterranean or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B. (5/04)*

Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (11/09)*

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Boulevard (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate's address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky *shashlik* (a.k.a. shish kebab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Dinner nightly, service until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

DOWNTOWN

Athens Market 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cooking. Yes, it's classy — white table cloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakee*, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). Entrées come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, dinner only Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Bud's Louisiana Food Shop 2034 Kettner Boulevard (at Grape, next to the Waterfront Bar), Little Italy, 619-239-4210. Bud Deslattes, a New Orleans native, was the original chef-owner of the late Bayou Bar and Grille and the inventor of the legendary white chocolate bread pudding served there. Now he's cooking it in this cute, casual eatery. A brief but choice menu features authentic Cajun-Creole specialties, to eat in or "to geaux." (If taking out, ask for your rice on the side.) Among the treats are a fine seafood bisque, crawfish étouffée, and a "cupa-cupa-cupa" sampling of gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice. For lunch, check out the roast beef po' boy. Some Louisiana grocery items intermittently available at retail (frozen andouille, tasso, crawfish, etc.). Parking's usually a pain but worth it. Beer and generic wine. Closed Sunday and Monday. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/05)*

Cabo Cafe & Grill 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with

a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon; two vegan pastas; or scampi. The

appetizer list is mainly trite pub grub, but the fry cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (12/02)*

The Honey Bee Hive Bar and Grill 1065 14th Street (at C), East Village, 619-702-6010. Seems like half the students and staff of City College are popping across the road to this cellar-dive. Why the bee theme? A hive of real bees once lived in here. Try the Bee Keeper burger (a half-pound cheeseburger), the King Bee honey-lemon grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, or the Queen Bee, a Cajun honey-grilled chicken sandwich or wrap. Also loved by the more affluent college staff: Big Daddy's 12-ounce steak with baked potato and salad. Open weekdays for lunch till late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now

aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Rei Do Gado Churrascaria 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can live up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a *Caipirinha*). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — *N.W. (10/02)*

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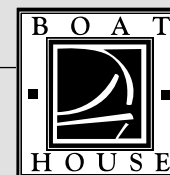
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stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *bamieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. — N.W. (12/00)

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

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Cilantro Live! 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They're life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What's amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates tuna wraps using sunflower-pumpkin seed pâté and burgers using flax seeds — both pretty credible and edible. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer is wonderful, as is the very fresh macadamia-crust halibut sauced with coconut milk. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days (weekends until 1 a.m.), moderate to expensive. — N.W. (10/04)

Da Kine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road (at Prospect), National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchi. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748; also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and *lumpia*. *Diniguan*, a Filipino specialty, is pork made with "chocolate milk," slang for pig's blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin*

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Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 E. Plaza Boulevard #E10, National City, 619-474-5546. Lai Thai started up as the lone Thai in a sea of Filipino restaurants in South Bay, but has gained a respected place under glamorous Summawadee Bubpha. Prices are so reasonable, you feel the food shouldn't come on such beautiful platters. The soups, *tom kah* (spicy coconut), and *tom yum* (hot and sour), are especially good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious *panang* coconut-curry sauce. But you've got to push for spiciness if you want it. Lunch deals are really cheap.

Also check out the Thai art on the walls, some for sale. Open lunch through dinner six days; closed Mondays. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (3/06)

Parisi's Italian Restaurant 323 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-4490. This is an area where a lot of folks live in trailer parks on fixed incomes, and Parisi's has become their affordable, often daily treat. The good news is they don't just open cans. Nick and Rosemary Parisi, who opened here back in 1979, brought New Jersey traditions with them. Nick had been a butcher. His son Nick still makes his own delicious fennel-flavored sausage just as his dad taught him. Sons and daughters now run the place and still make their own spaghetti sauce, too. Other dishes include the eggplant or veal Parmesan sandwich and meatballs and sauce with garlic bread. This isn't the smart, spare Gaslamp Italian, it's the old-fashioned Moonstruck Italian. Lunch and dinner six days, late lunch and dinner Sundays. — E.B. (4/05)

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La Costa Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted

sea bass — the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrado" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Saran-deado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeuvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (3/05)

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada, near CESUN Universidad), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexi-

can and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some

English. Full bar, including Baja-grown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

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A Shame to Leave

A few moving, movie-ish moments fight through the messiness.

Slowly have I warmed up to the work of François Ozon. But after all, it took him a while to get around to giving juicy parts to Valeria Bruni-Tedeschi, who instantly raises the temperature of any space she inhabits. The pensiveness that animates her equine face, even in repose; the clear watery depths of her eyes; the frog-in-the-throat Claudia Cardinale hoarseness of her voice, always near the breaking point; the closeness of her smile to a grimace; the contiguousness, even overlappingness, of her state of happiness and her state of sadness — all this surrounds her in an air of unfabricated experience and wisdom. Alas, she has only a supporting part in Ozon's new *Time to Leave*, although the film as a whole carries on in the vein of his last, his most mature, his best-to-date, *5x2*, the reverse-chronology account of marital disintegration in which Bruni-Tedeschi had the female lead.

That vein — stopping short of ninety minutes in both instances — evades the campy artifice of his *8 Women* and his *Water Drops on Burning Rocks*, as well as the catty

ambiguity of his *Swimming Pool* and his *Under the Sand*. It perhaps, in its emotional directness and emotional intensity, verges on the sentimental; and yet, just as that seemed unobjectionable in a film about the end of a relationship, it again seems so in a film about the end of a life: that of a self-

absorbed thirty-one-year-old homosexual fashion photographer, every bit as gorgeous as his models, who blanks out in the midst of a humdrum photo shoot, learns he has an inoperable cancer (emphatically not AIDS, not a lifestyle thing, not a political thing), and chooses to go to his grave without a struggle, sooner rather than later.

Unresolved personal issues — the sponging live-in lover, the mother who obstinately continues to look to him for grandchildren, the rejected divorced sister and the two unembraced children of her own — now become irresolvable, to be dealt with in untidy ways, as best as he's able. Hard for him though this is, the unfolding narrative remains free-flowing, even when diverted into flashbacks, smooth as a train of thought, unencumbered by heavy drama or profound epiphany.

REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD



Time to Leave

A few moving, movie-ish moments fight through the messiness: the final goodbye to his beloved grandmother, the only family member who, dying herself, has been entrusted with his bad news; the clandestine snapshots of his sister and her children in a public park, in violation of his strict aesthetic rule against family portraits; the soli-

tary trip to the beach for a last ice cream, a last swim, a last sunset.

Ozon's camerawork — cinematographer Jeanne Lapoirie's camerawork — is steady and controlled, the shots chosen with care and economy, as if to put a value on vision, a price on perception. And the color palette lays out a bright, rich, wide-screen

world that seems a shame to leave. Because the film is French and *au courant*, a sex scene will not astonish you with a visible hard-on (you would not be apt to see this from Ashton Kutcher), and when the protagonist needs to throw up, he will take the long way around to the side of the toilet bowl so that you will have a clear

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view of the vomitus through the open bathroom door. Going too far, of course, is always one of the dangers of emotional directness. Taking a shortcut is another: hence Arvo Pärt for background music, undeniably affecting.

The principal role is held by Melvil Poupaud (seen over here in Eric Rohmer's *A Summer's Tale*, James Ivory's *Le Divorce*, et al.), and held commandingly, with the delicate, fragile, vulnerable beauty, the lean, starved, inverted-triangle face, of a young Gérard Philipe. (But then, Gérard Philipe never got old, never got more than a few years older than the hero here.) The bearded, creased-leather, eyebaggy face of Daniel Duval, as the restrained and resigned father, is a beautiful thing in a different way. And the illustrious Jeanne Moreau, as the grandmother, distressingly displays the sinking, puckery, pockety face of an aged Bette Davis, an actress to whom she was often likened in her prime, too. Bruni-Tedeschi comes into it as a pit-stop waitress on the road to Granny's house, a woman with a sterile husband, a ticking biological clock, and an eye out for the good bones of a potential sperm donor — if, that is, both men would be agreeable. This subplot has not been written to minimize the ridiculousness of the situation — he dislikes children, he's gay, he's dying, not to mention he's a total stranger — and the out-and-out funniness of the arranged three-way impregnation rite is probably, possibly, intentional. It would be the film's weakest strand, however, were it not for the participation of Bruni-Tedeschi. Against all odds, she gives it strength.

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UCSD must be back in session, because "Midnight Madness" is back at Landmark's La Jolla Village, a stone's throw away, on Saturday nights from September 16 through November 18. I don't know what it would take to get me out to see a movie at that hour, but *Tron* (September 23) got me at least to raise an eyebrow. That movie could stand another look, if the eyelids could stay up. The moviegoer who could be lured out by a colorized *Plan 9 from Outer Space* (October 7), or in other words the film Ed Wood would have made if Ed Wood were not Ed Wood, would have to be a hardy soul indeed. Either that, or a big-time sucker. ■

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Accepted — A seven-time college reject (Justin Long) creates his own fictitious college — South Harmon Institute of Technology, or SHIT for short — to appease his parents and to accommodate fellow rejects. "A bad idea from the get-go," counsels a close friend — a movie review within the movie. A couple of appealing young actresses, Maria Thayer from *Strangers with Candy* and Blake Lively from *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, are held down in a class of dunces. Jonah Hill, Adam Hersman, Columbus Short; directed by Steve Pink. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL

REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18)

The Ant Bully — Preachy computer cartoon, holding up the communal spirit of an ant colony against the every-man-for-himself ethos of humankind. As in *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids* (but by another method: the potion-in-the-ear method of *Hamlet*), a human being gets to see the world from an ant's-eye view. Notwithstanding some clever touches, the normal ugliness of computer animation (creatures out of *Aliens*, *Starship Troopers*, *Screamers*, and elsewhere) has been mated to exceptional tastelessness: the taffy tongue of a marauding frog and the gaseous bog of his stomach; the scaly scalp and greasy nose hairs of a cigar-chomping pest exterminator. The exterminator, a Satanic villain advertising himself as Beals-a-Bug and swarming with flies, spices the preachiness with a pinch of fire-and-brimstone. Voices by Nicolas Cage, Julia Roberts, Paul Giamatti, Meryl Streep; written and directed by John A. Davis. 2006.

★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Bad Education — An Almodóvar *paella* of priestly pederasty, transvestitism, female impersonation, film, stage, assorted spices and savories. (Gael García Bernal in the persona of cabaret artiste Zahara looks strikingly like a blond Julia Roberts.) The presentation is polished and colorful as always; the onion-y layers of reality — of fic-

tion within fiction — appear muddled and murky. What his fans will nonetheless be certain to find a satisfying dish will be judged by others to be show-offy and self-indulgent. A tasty bit on which everyone might agree: the predatory priest and boy soprano in a guitar-and-vocal duet of "Moon River" *en español*. A true crossover number. Fele Martínez, Javier Cámara, Daniel Giménez-Cacho. 2004.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 9/14)

Barnyard — Formulaic computer cartoon rounds up a group of pop-aculturated, smart-mouth, bipedal farm animals who all look like kitsch knickknacks from a souvenir shop, a menagerie of cream pitchers, salt shakers, piggybanks, paperweights, and toothpick holders; rubber, plastic, ceramic; felt-covered, feathered, frosted. The focal figure is a bovine party animal who is expected to follow in his father's hoofprints after the latter has been torn to bits by coyotes and mourned for half a day. Father and son each appear to have a plumber's helper affixed to their abdomens (males with udders?) and more closely resemble gorillas than cows. Director Steve Oedekerk brings some experience, if not exactly expertise, from live-action films, *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls* and *Nothing to Lose* most notably. Or rather, most notoriously. With the voices of Kevin James, Sam Elliott, Courteney Cox, Danny Glover. 2006.

● (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM

PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15)

Beerfest — And also, as night follows day, Belchfest: an underground Olympics of drinking games held annually in Munich under the cover of Oktoberfest. From the Broken Lizard comedy troupe (Jay Chandrasekhar, director as well as trouper), this is lowest-common-denominator stuff — notwithstanding the esoteric allusions to *Das Boot* — and its sense of humor is only marginally more sophisticated than the standard TV beer commercial in which that beverage is pictured as lifeblood, precious as heroin, dearer than loved ones, center of the universe. Still, it's a tolerable sports spoof, stray though it may in quest of laughs: phallic sausages in the hands of granny, laboratory frog masturbation, nickel-and-dime male prostitution, whatever. The German accents (more than most accents, even) are reliably amusing, and if no actual laughs escape your throat, the possibility of one is kept tantalizingly open to the end. Paul Soter, Erik Stolhanske, Kevin Heffernan, Steve Lemme, Cloris Leachman, Jurgen Prochnow. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Black Dahlia — Brian De Palma's treatment of the James Ellroy true-crime novel, with Josh Hartnett, Scarlett Johansson, Aaron Eckhart, Hilary Swank.

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Boynton Beach Club — It is difficult to locate the director of *Smithereens* and *Desperately Seeking Susan* in this multicharacter romantic comedy (original title: *The Boynton Beach Bereavement Club*) that targets an audience of seniors and is accordingly toothless and bland. Rather than "targets," perhaps we should say "patronizes." Susan Seidelman, the director in question, is only in her early fifties (the marginal character of a Goth granddaughter forms a tenuous link to the past), but after the 1980s she fell below the radar into made-for-TV movies and direct-to-video. Desperately seeking Susan, indeed! Her most poignant moments here, quite independent of any plot machinations around elder singles in a Florida retirement community, come from the intercut stills of each of the actors in their salad days, testifying both to the natural ravages of time and to the elective disfigurements some people undergo to combat those ravages. Since some of the chosen clothes and hairdos are plainly intended as satirical, it's possible that some of

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the obvious surgeries are intended that way too. Dyan Cannon, Brenda Vaccaro, Sally Kellerman (no boob job for her — see?), Renée Taylor, Len Cariou, a well-preserved Joseph Bologna, and Michael Nouri, the pup of the group, are among the specimens on exhibit. 2006.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Boys of Baraka — Low-grade video documentary, by Heidi Ewing and Rachel Grady, on a Baltimore educational experiment to send twenty “at-risk” black students per year to an all-male boarding school in Kenya. It’s an interesting project, whether as education or as documentary, but the students and filmmakers alike are left high and dry when the two-year program gets suspended at the halfway point for security reasons. 2006.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 9/17, 2 P.M.)

The Covenant — Renny Harlin’s supernatural thriller with Steven Strait, Sebastian Stan, Toby Hemingway, Chace Crawford, and Taylor Kitsch.

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Crossover — Detroit streetball plus Sunday sermon. The scale of operations — the volume of wagers, the population of cheerleaders — is preposterous to begin with, and the climactic grudge match is nonsensical. With Anthony Mackie, Wesley Jonathan, Wayne Brady, Kristen Wilson, Alecia Fears; written and directed by Preston A. Whitmore II. 2006.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; GASLAMP 15)

The Devil Wears Prada — Working-girl comedy in the vein of, oh, say, *Working Girl*, the eager, gifted, underemployed, and underpaid secretary (“A million girls would kill for that job”) and the imperious, capri-



Gridiron Gang

scious, queen-bee boss. An ice queen, more descriptively, with snow-white hair, just a bit of sludge showing through at the neck, and an anemic, cryonic complexion. Meryl Streep, in the latter part, is interesting as always, talking in a narcotized, uninflected voice that betrays no emotion deeper than a sigh. But Anne Hathaway, talking with a clothespin on her nose, doesn’t quite fill the bill as “the smart fat girl.” Or to put it more flatteringly, the offenses of her weight and her wardrobe are not overstated. Disappointingly, the possibilities of the fashion-industry setting, from Lauren Weisberger’s fang-baring novel, largely go by in a blur of montages and a blizzard of name-dropping. With Stanley Tucci, Emily Blunt, Simon Baker, and Adrien Grenier; directed by David Frankel. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

Everyone’s Hero — Computer-animated baseball yarn, a project of Christopher Reeve’s at the time of his death, taken

over by co-directors Colin Brady and Dan St. Pierre.

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Factotum — A respectable addition to Bukowskiana, if respectability can be a criterion for the life and work of the pickled writer, Charles Bukowski. A mangily bearded Matt Dillon, in the part of the author’s semi-autobiographical stand-in, Henry Chinaski, gives a full-bodied performance, and a literally full-body one, his head tilted backwards as if sighting down his nose, his feet shuffling along as if tugged by a rope. Phlegmatic, undemonstrative, unexhibitionistic, he wisely resists the temptation to romanticize or mythologize. (Lili Taylor makes a suitable mate as his main squeeze, brave enough to model lingerie in a body you would never see on the cover of *Maxim*.) And the deadpan detachment of Norwegian filmmaker Bent Hamer, of the droll *Kitchen Stories*, seems a good strategy in the face of a hell-bent boozier, granting us sufficient distance to see the humor. There is, at the same time, entirely too much first-person narration (curiously recited in a stride-and-glide Jack Nicholson cadence), which is another way

of saying there’s not much external activity. The episodic narrative goes nowhere fast. Meaning that wherever it goes, it does not go there fast. It goes everywhere slow. With Marisa Tomei and Fisher Stevens. 2006.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Gridiron Gang — Not unpalatable, but predictable and corny anti-gang message movie, based on the “TRUE STORY” (in prelude capital letters) of an experimental football program at Camp Kilpatrick juvenile detention center. Filmed in an in-your-face style by director Phil Joanou, with emphasis on coarse-grained closeups and pushy telephoto shots. Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, billed under both his names for this “serious” acting effort, does a creditable job as the haranguing coach. With Xzibit, L. Scott Campbell, Leon Rippey, Jada Yorkner, David Thomas, Setu Taase. 2006.

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Half Nelson — Ryan Gosling has his arms full as a do-gooding, dedicated, young, white, liberal history teacher and girls’ basketball coach at an inner-city mid-

dle school, a voluntary role model who develops a special friendship with a fatherless black girl and a rivalry for her affections with a neighborhood dope peddler. Oh, and his usefulness as a role model, friend, or rival is somewhat compromised by his own crack addiction. That’s a recipe for complication, if not quite complexity, and the film — the first fictional feature by Ryan Fleck, an expansion of his twenty-minute short, *Gowanus, Brooklyn* — feels fairly authentic at any second (no credit to the obligatory grainy, wavery photography), but it generates no flow, no pace, no momentum. And the authenticity is compromised a bit, too, by the self-regarding, actorish work of Gosling. With Shareeka Epps, Anthony Mackie, Monique Gabriela Curnen. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Haven — High crime and low in the Cayman Islands, with a motley cast of characters. A doubling-back storyline suppresses suspense, and the jumpy, manic visual style stirs up mainly annoyance. With Orlando Bloom, Zoe Saldana, Bill Paxton, Agnes Bruckner, Stephen Dillane, and Anthony Mackie; written and directed by Frank E. Flowers. 2006.

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Hollywoodland — The speculative investigation into the death of Superman — i.e., the man who played him on television, George Reeves — by gunshot on June 16, 1959, divides itself into the present-tense, but in no other sense tense, nosing-around of a shady private eye (Adrien Brody) and a past-tense review of the third-tier career of the deceased actor (Ben Affleck, a stiff even prior to death, several degrees colder and less supple than the real Reeves). An on-the-set vignette of Fifties grade-Z special effects is amusing in an *Ed Wood* sort of way; and the digital insertion of Affleck alongside Burt Lancaster in footage from *From Here to Eternity*, although not quite an exact match, is amusing in a different sort of way, a *Dead Men Don’t Wear Plaid* way. And the vintage clothes and cars are nice. However, the parallel plotlines take a long time to shed any light on each other, and never very much light even by the end; and the present-tense one, padded out with the case of an extraneous jealous husband, doesn’t hold up its end of things, is more of a rude interrupter, despite the anecdotal interest of the impact of the reported suicide on the detective’s young son. None of the three possible scenarios restaged for the cameras alters the essential facts of the matter: *Rashomon* this is not. Suicide, for an actor imprisoned in a single role, made sense at the time. Suicide still makes sense. The further speculation never seems more than idle. First-time filmmaker Allen Coulter (a TV veteran, albeit “quality” TV, *The Sopranos*, *Six Feet Under*, *Sex and the City*, etc.) keeps trying and trying to make it more of a story. And failing, failing. With Diane Lane, Bob Hoskins, Robin Tunney, Molly Parker. 2006.

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The House of Sand — Brazilian film of a mother and daughter (real-life mother and daughter Fernanda Montenegro and Fernanda Torres) marooned in the desert, directed by Andrucha Waddington.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/15)

Idlewild — Set in the Deep South in the Deep Depression, an all-black musical from the hip-hop duo OutKast and their sometime music-video director, Bryan Barber. One of the two (André Benjamin, alias André 3000) plays the introverted son of a mortician and the spotlight-shunning pianist at a jerkwater juke joint, while the other (Antwan A. Patton, alias Big Boi) plays the extroverted son of a bootlegger and the club’s studly headliner. Both are in-

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hibited actors, if not downright mortified. The songs and dances are in an anachronistic modern style, as if the filmmakers feared the authentic style would drive their audience out the exits or into the madhouse. Though the intention may have been to build a bridge — to connect the dots — between the African-American culture of the present and that of the past, the effect is of something rather more self-absorbed, self-satisfied, ethnocentric, phobic, insular, and separatist, a monument to cultural provincialism. We do not, of course, expect musical fantasies to conform to the musical modes of the periods in which they might be set — *Oklahoma*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Man of La Mancha*, or, for the most extreme example, *Camelot* — but when the musical numbers move out of the realm of fantasy and onto the stage, our expectations change. Further enticements to the movie-goer of today — the animated notes on a sheet of music, the talking rooster on a whisky flask, the digital colorization of a boutonniere from white to red, etc. — seem designed to ward off boredom where the real threat was revulsion. With Paula Patton, Terrence Howard, Faizon Love, and Ving Rhames. 2006.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

The Illusionist — Ponderous amplification of a Steven Millhauser short story about a thaumaturge in turn-of-the-century Vienna (a fiercely scowling if not terribly intimidating Edward Norton), arrested

on stage in the film's first scene and fast start. There follows a tedious childhood flashback to a forbidden friendship across class barriers and a clichéd shot of clutching fingertips poignantly pulled apart. The separated friends are destined to meet again in adulthood when Crown Prince Leopold (Rufus Sewell with a joke-shop mustache) volunteers his presumptive fiancée as a pigeon in the magic act, whereupon the magician immediately recognizes his long-lost sweetheart (Jessica Biel), while she fails to return the favor, perhaps because of his beard or perhaps because he has aged at twice the rate. The entire story, until at long last it makes its way back to its starting point, is ostensibly told to the Crown Prince by the Chief of Police (the unprepossessing Paul Giamatti), including information he couldn't know or wouldn't share. Questions of whether the magician's powers are supernatural or just prestidigital cannot be answered without Plot Spoilers, or Bean Spillers, though it's fair to say they are answered with trivial trickiness. Production and photography, nevertheless, are

sufficiently evocative of bygone times, even without the antiquated iris-out transitional device. Directed by Neil Burger. 2006.

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An Inconvenient Truth — A documentary for the Don't-Blame-Me-I-Voted-for-Gore crowd. It has a nominal director, Davis Guggenheim, but it's Al Gore's show, a self-described "slide show," or illustrated lecture, and not really a movie, to do with the causes and effects of global warming. This is laid out explicitly as less a political issue than "a moral issue," and laid out, tacitly, as a doomsday science-fiction scenario (think *The Day after Tomorrow*, think *Waterworld*, or if you're a reader, think *The Drowned World* or *The Kraken Wakes*), with a wealth of facts and figures for substantiation. "I've been trying to tell this

story for a long time," remarks our lecturer, who estimates that he has delivered the presentation a thousand times around the globe, "and I feel as if I've failed to get the message across." Thus the movie. A new medium, a new conveyance. Needless to say, the identity of the messenger will by itself be enough to persuade a large fraction of the public to stay clear, on the presumption that all he wants to do is to take away from their annual stock dividends. They will miss an interesting, entertaining, and alarming show. 2006.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA)

Invincible — From the busy Disney sports department, an implausible but true story made more implausible and less true (and not made "better" in the process), the football equivalent of baseball's *The Rookie*, wherein a thirtyish laid-off schoolteacher, part-time bartender, and abandoned husband in South Philly, name of Vince Papale, earns a spot on the Eagles roster at an open tryout under new coach Dick Vermeil in 1976. (Same year as that purely fictional Philly fairy tale, *Rocky*.) Glossy photography by Ericson Core, who also, à la Peter Hyams, directed; a luxuriance of Seventies hair and explosion of garish fashions; an occasional anachronism ("You disrespecting me?"); a nice, low-key, uncocky portrayal by Mark Wahlberg in the lead role and a complementary one by Kevin Conroy as the pessimistic but proud papa; and

a passable impersonation of Vermeil by the geeky Greg Kinnear. Vivid vignette: the rookie coach and rookie player throwing up in side-by-side stalls in the locker room (audio only, thank you) before the opening game against the fearsome Cowboys. With Elizabeth Banks, Michael Rispoli, Kirk Acevedo, Dov Davidoff, and Michael Kelly. 2006.

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World by a giant eagle known as The Great Eatlon. Among many miscalculations, the most grievous is Shyamalan's casting of himself in the role of the sought-after Writer — a/k/a The Chosen One — whose magnum opus, entitled *The Cookbook*, is earmarked to inspire a Great Leader who will set the misguided world back on course. (Cue, over the closing credits, a hesitant, unconfident, but hopeful rendition of Dylan's "The Times They Are A-Changin'," by a group named A Whisper in the Noise.) The messianic tendency has become more and more pronounced in the filmmaker's oeuvre, ever since the outsized success of *The Sixth Sense* gave him leave, gave him license. But it has never before achieved such a height of public embarrassment. For entertainment purposes, that's not altogether a bad thing. There's a horrible sort of fascination in the spectacle, balanced by a quite pleasurable fascination in the photography of Christopher Doyle (Wong Kar-wai's right hand), the camera hovering around the faces at odd angles and with odd framings. If you're going to make a right bloody fool of yourself, you might as well make yourself a good-looking fool. With Paul Giamatti, Bryce Dallas Howard, Bob Balaban, Sarita Choudhury. 2006.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Last Kiss — Americanization of the 2001 Italian film of the same name, with Zach Braff and Jacinda Barrett, directed by Tony Goldwyn. (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/15)

Little Miss Sunshine — The feature debut of music-video veterans Jonathan Dayton and his wife Valerie Faris was put together on the "quirky" assembly line, a product of the thriving "quirky" industry. Dad (Greg Kinnear) is a would-be self-help guru, "would-be," that is, if anyone were buying his Nine-Step Refuse-to-Lose System. Sample pearl, in casual conversation:

"Sarcasm is the refuge of losers." Mom (Toni Collette) is not such an arrant embarrassment, is not really much of anything, except that she has taken responsibility for and custody of her homosexual brother (Steve Carell), a failed suicide and the self-professed, as opposed to acknowledged, "pre-eminent Proust scholar in the United States." Dad's dad (Alan Arkin), who resides in the same household, is a scurrilous cokehead. And the kids are a Nietzsche-reading teenage boy (Paul Dano) who has held fast to a vow of silence for nine months, though he is not averse to communication via notepad ("I hate everyone"), and an owl-eyed bespectacled younger sister (Abigail Breslin) in competition for the crown of Little Miss Sunshine in Redondo Beach. Since the family lives in Albuquerque, a road movie ensues, with all members of the family packed into a yellow-and-white VW bus. You wait with dread for the moment that will cause the boy to break his silence, and even greater dread for the first public performance of the girl's "talent" as nurtured in secret by Granddad; and the dread in each case proves fully justified. Quirkiness does not preclude sappiness. There are ample compensations, however. Little Miss Breslin is a good crier, and her competitors in the beauty pageant are a frightening collection of JonBenét Ramsey plastic dolls, and the bus itself emerges as the best character, requiring a collective push after the clutch goes out en route, and emitting a rude-sounding, unpredictable bleat after the horn gets stuck. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Live Flesh — Almodóvar, heavily armed with his standard pots of garish color, but otherwise rather toned down. The tone, in fact, is quite uncertain: not quite light, not quite serious either, a bit salacious, a bit melodramatizing, totally uncommanding. The filmmaker takes little from the original Ruth Rendell novel: the wheelchair and the title, though not even the meaning of the title. He takes nearly as much from his illustrious compatriot, Luis Buñuel: selected clips from *The Criminal Life of Archibaldo de la Cruz* on TV; one of the female leads of *That Obscure Object of Desire* (Angela

Molina); the grandson of the male lead of *Nazarin* and *Viridiana* (Liberto Rabal, grandson of Francisco Rabal). He takes scarcely an atom, however, of either's genius. One bolt of inspiration: Francesca Neri savoring the lingering smells of her extramarital lover before turning on the shower to wash them away. With Javier Bardem. 1997.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 9/14)

Matador — Above-average Almodóvar, about a perverse union of *la petite mort* and just *la mort*. It is not above average in laughs (female cop responding to a killing handsome young man's self-accusation of rape: "Some girls have all the luck!"); it is above average by virtue of its lower overall voracity for laughs: less of a gap between aim and attainment. 1986.

★★ (KEN, 9/15 THROUGH 21)

Monster House — Computer-animated kiddie horror show lowers its sights to an illusion of Claymation. The human figures are awfully stiff, but the space around them is wonderfully plastic and elastic (the fall of an autumn leaf, first thing in the movie, gives you a dizzying idea of what's in store), and the action moves right along until it runs into the overwrought, long-drawn-out finale. With the voices of Mitchel Musso, Sam Lerner, Spencer Locke, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Steve Buscemi; directed by Gil Kenan. 2006.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Network — This bombardment of big business, television, and the entire boob-tube generation, is not awfully unlike the "underground" comedy of Bob Downey, *Mad Magazine*, and the *Saturday Night Live* group. It begins with a far-fetched "what if..." premise (in this case, an on-the-air nervous breakdown of a network newscaster) and then proceeds to answer the question with the same collegiate impertinence and intemperance with which it was asked. Director Sidney Lumet's penchant for snappish, skittish histrionics is often at cross-purposes with author Paddy Chayefsky's eloquent, long-winded tirades. The former permits nary a casual action, a calm moment, a concealed emotion, and the latter permits nary a pause, a stumble, a drawn breath. They end up shedding more heat than light, to coin a phrase, on the high-altitude corporate milieu. The actors — William Holden, Robert Duvall, and

even Faye Dunaway — prove to be a good, lively group of combatants, all except Peter Finch, who, as the unhinged newsmen, is adrift in his own private realm. (He comes in from the rain, dressed in pajamas and trenchcoat, to do his show, and the doorman salutes him, "Howya doin', Mr. Beale?" "I must make my witness." "Sure thing, Mr. Beale.") With Ned Beatty, Wesley Addy, Beatrice Straight. 1976.

★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 9/14 THROUGH 16, 8:30 P.M.)

The Oh in Ohio — The feature debut of ad director Billy Kent is an "indie" sex comedy as crassly commercial as possible with Parker Posey and Paul Rudd in the lead roles instead of, say, Jennifer Aniston and Ben Stiller. The couple in their public lives are, respectively, a Cleveland P.R. fack ("What was once the Mistake by the Lake is now the Roar by the Shore") and a high-school biology teacher, and in their private lives a sexually dysfunctional wife, meaning she has never achieved orgasm, and a dejected, borderline-despondent husband. The fun is really supposed to begin when the bony wife becomes "addicted" to her new vibrator and the fleshy husband finds solace with a precocious, preternaturally confident teenager. Really, though, the fun never does begin. Liza Minnelli, a walking joke if not a funny one, has a slurry cameo as the head of an adult-ed masturbation class: "Liberate you labia! Value your vulva! Claim your clitoris!" Danny DeVito, in such company, comes off as not just offbeat casting as a romantic prospect (for Posey, not Minnelli), but also comes off as half-way human. With Mischa Barton, Keith David, Miranda Bailey. 2006.

● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Only Human — Spanish comedy about the engagement of a Jewish woman and a Palestinian man, written and directed by Dominic Harari and Teresa Pelegrí. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 9/15)

Peaceful Warrior — Athletic inspirationalism by way of the Buddhist school of thought, a dizzying loopy path. The slo-mo nightmare of a world-class gymnast — drops of perspiration detonating at the volume of thunder, his right leg shattering like crystal on his dismount from the rings — comes more or less true, and he entrusts his rehabilitation to the aphoristic grease monkey (a furry Nick Nolte) at the Texaco quickie mart: "This is a service station. We offer service. There's no higher purpose." The story, from a novel by self-help author and former athlete Dan Millman, is purportedly "inspired by true events," and at the very least the quadrennial Olympic qualifying tournament could be said to be a true event. The rest is apt to cause difficulty swallowing. With Scott Mechlowicz and Amy Smart; directed by Victor Salva. 2006.

★ (LA PALOMA)

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest — Sequel to *PC: The Curse of the Black Pearl*. And more than just a sequel: Part II of an afterthought trilogy. (It was not a matter of *thought*, exactly, as much as a matter of calculation.) Johnny Depp's heavily eyeshadowed, thick-tongued pirate got to be something of a tired act before the end of the first one. And a two-and-a-half-hour kiddie film goes against all traditional wisdom and common sense. And the tonnage of costumes, makeup, lighting effects, set decorations, CGI, etc., does not make it go any faster. And lastly, the up-in-the-air, to-be-continued ending is as big a cheat, as enormous an imposition, as that of *The Empire Strikes Back* or *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, the time-filling middle sections of their respective trilogies. Objectively viewed, the film looks like nothing so much as an ornate collection plate, the size of Australia, to be passed around the Disney congregation. The gathered pile could then be counted on to finance the manufacture of a new plate the size of Antarctica. With Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Stellan Skarsgard, and Bill Nighy; directed by Gore Verbinski. 2006.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Purple Rain — Even though this is only his first movie, rock star Prince is no more equipped to play a show-biz upstart than was Barbra Streisand in *A Star Is Born*. He shows no fear of the camera, but rather supreme confidence that it loves him (him, that is, and his Pepe Le Pew-style, eyelash-batting sexuality). He is not even afraid to let one of the characters call him a "long-haired faggot." And he always moves well on stage, with his masturbation pantomime being a highlight of some sort. But the dramatic context often takes much of the luster off. The curtain-closer, for example, must be awarded the dubious distinction of Best Vocal Performance the Day After One's Father Has Shot Himself in the Head (Especially When One Hasn't Told One's Band What One's Plans Are and One Hasn't Had the Chance to Rehearse). The movie is really little more than a series of music videos stitched together with dialogue that would hardly fill a postcard. This — the liberation from normal verbal plot exposition — might seem more interesting, might almost seem a reversion to the visual narrative technique of the silent cinema, if the individual images were not so numbingly clichéd: fog-shrouded stage numbers, candlelit lovemaking, motorcycle rides through the countryside (the boot on the kick-starter, the sunlight streaming through treetops, the autumn leaves whipped up on the pavement). The message that dimly comes through all this, to do with building a bridge across the generation gap, is surprisingly and commendably decent-minded. Written and directed by Albert Magnoli. 1984.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 9/16 MIDNIGHT)

Queens — A gay romp, not to say a merry romp or a lively romp or a spirited romp, simply a homosexual romp, a strained and flat and unfunny romp, about the run-up to the first legal same-sex wedding in Spain, a public spectacle involving twenty couples, of whom we focus on three and their hovering mothers. Director Manuel Gómez Pereira assumes, or counts on, the unearned friendliness of the spectator — as, for example, when Marisa Paredes, playing a film star, gives her blessing to a dinner guest's postprandial marijuana, "Please, I've worked with Almodóvar" (as indeed she has), or when a casual fan on the street misidentifies her as Carmen Maura, another Almodóvar alumna, also a member of the present cast. Perhaps Pereira assumes, or counts on, a bit of rub-off friendliness from friends of Almodóvar. Production and photography, it might be worth noting, exhibit a level of professionalism well above the standard of the American gay cinema; and it might then be troubling to ponder what those different levels imply about mainstream acceptance versus marginalization. Verónica Forqué, Mercedes Sampietro, Betiana Blum. 2005.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

A Scanner Darkly — Druggie paranoia in the near future, when the drug du jour is Substance D (for Death) and the only cure is the torturous New-Path rehab center. Richard Linklater's adaptation of a Philip K. Dick novel avails itself of the rotoscope animation technique of his *Waking Life*, live-action photography covered over in a paint-by-numbers style. The undulating drawing doesn't disguise the bad performances (Keanu Reeves, Robert Downey, Jr., and Woody Harrelson, all perfectly recognizable under the paint), but it creates some noteworthy effects: the full-body "scramble suit" that conceals the wearer's identity behind a continuously shape-shifting mask; a couple of hallucinatory monsters; Winona Ryder's long-awaited first "nude" scene. 2006.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Scoop — A companion piece to Woody Allen's *Match Point* only insofar as it prolongs his revitalizing sojourn in England. The half-year interval between their releases is nothing out of the ordinary for the chop-chop Woodman. Nor is the repeat appearance of Scarlett Johansson in the female lead any more remarkable than repeat appearances in the past by Diane Keaton or Mia Farrow. And the mood, in sharp contrast to the immediate predecessor, has turned decidedly light and playful, which is

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to say that when (inevitably) the filmmaker contemplates death, it's in childish terms of a literal barge on the River Styx, manned by a scythe-wielding Grim Reaper. The strictly functional comedy-thriller plotline is more on the order of *Manhattan Murder Mystery*, albeit with an element of the supernatural. There is no earthly reason, outside of the bold harmonies between the whiny older man and the throaty young woman, why the Allen character should be dragged along by the Johansson on this Nancy Drew adventure ("Excitement in my life is dinner without heartburn after it"), and the steady manufacture of amusing lines runs out of steam toward the finish, and the plot premise will not stand up to scrutiny from the vantage point of the denouement. But none of that detracts from the generous supply of chuckles and cackles strewn along the way, still less does it detract from the calm and assured camera that Allen brings to the proceedings (in the right place at the right time for the right duration), and still less does it detract from his mastery and durability, at age seventy, as a comic leading man, defying every precept of polish and precision, creating a persona dependent upon verbal groping and fumbling and sputtering and stumbling, mining a private vein we might label as Lifelike Stylization. With Hugh Jackman and Ian McShane. 2006.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Snakes on a Plane — All pitch and no movie. The thing would more fully be labelled Computer-Generated Snakes on a Tangible Set of a Plane, such that the snakes seldom look to be actually aboard the plane but rather cut-and-pasted on top of it. In any case there are too many of them (whether digital or bona fide reptile) and too many passengers. Honolulu to L.A., for director David R. Ellis to keep track of, Samuel L. Jackson excepted as an FBI escort of a top-priority witness. The action, once it gets rolling, careens into chaos. As a warm-up, one snake slithers down from the disabled smoke detector in one of the lavatories while a pair of young lovers are enrolling in the Mile-High Club and bites the woman on the nipple. Another in an adjacent lavatory pops up from the toilet bowl while a man is relieving himself and bites him on the weenie. It's that kind of thing. Schlock unashamed. (That hiss you hear could be human in origin.) With Julianna Margulies, Nathan Phillips, Rachel Blanchard. 2006.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby — Will Ferrell vehicle, on the NASCAR circuit, goes too far, too fast, too often, but the excesses are usually easy-going (the bratty brothers' response to the news of their parents' divorce: "Yeah! Two Christmases!"), and the nonstop product plugging is satirically motivated (i.e., dramatically justified), and John C. Reilly and Gary Cole, along with Ferrell, have good eyes and ears for rednecks. With Sacha Baron Cohen, Leslie Bibb, Amy Adams, and Michael Clarke Duncan; directed by Adam McKay. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Time to Leave — Reviewed this issue. With Melvil Poupaud, Valeria Bruni-Tedeschi, Jeanne Moreau, Marie Rivière, and Daniel Duval; directed by François Ozon.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/15)

Trust the Man — Relationship comedy revolving around a quartet of enviable New Yorkers, a sister and brother (Julianne Moore, Billy Crudup) and their respective mates (David Duchovny, Maggie Gyllenhaal), all of whom are, or have been, engaged in fruitful creative pursuits: a celebrated actress of stage and screen, a couple of writers, and a semi-retired "househusband" who, in his heyday as a copywriter, coined the slogan, "Got milk?" The examination of these relationships is so glib,

showy, and pushy that — in the primary relationship between writer-director Bart Freundlich and you — you may want to turn tail and run for the hills. Should you choose to stay and fight for the relationship, you still may have to hide your eyes during the terrible embarrassment of the Broadway Opening Night climax. The un-subtle sounds of the "1812 Overture" will serve as your alarm bell. Eva Mendes, Ellen Barkin, Garry Shandling, James LeGros. 2006.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Wicker Man — A needless remake, though not as big a time-waster for the viewer (an hour and three-quarters) as for the writer and director, Neil LaBute, known for less generic stuff like *In the Company of Men* and *Your Friends and Neighbors*. He has weeded out some of the silliness of the 1973 British original, but that bit of gardening is offset by his transplanting of the action to a Goddess-worshipping, organic-farming colony on a private island in Puget Sound, where a California motorcycle cop (Nicolas Cage, not altogether serious about the assignment) has come on a personal invitation from his former fiancée to search for her missing child. Further, the pruning of the protagonist's Christian faith and the grafting-on of a fresh mental trauma and some cheap-thrill dreams are no help at all. If the film serves no other purpose, it at least allows the filmmaker's suspected undercurrent of misogyny to erupt unambiguously and unapologetically into a geyser. The ad campaign — "A psychological thriller. A mind blowing conclusion" — leaves no possibility, even if you missed the original, that the ending is going to sneak up on you. Unless, that is, the campaign strategists thought your mind might be blown by the unannounced guest appearance of James Franco in a redundant epilogue, or by the closing dedication of the film to the late punk rocker, Johnny Ramone. (Whoa.) With Ellen Burstyn, Kate Beahan, Molly Parker, Frances Conroy, and Leelee Sobieski. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

World Trade Center — Looking on the bright side of 9/11: the fact-based story of two Port Authority policemen (Nicolas Cage, Michael Peña, roughly four hundred closeups between them) who, together with a couple of unluckier comrades, dauntlessly entered Tower One with the intention to help evacuate it, and survived the collapse of it on top of them. This feel-good approach seems a particularly unexpected one, a particularly cautious and safe one, to be taken by Oliver Stone, professional boat-rocker and wave-maker, who for once is not looking to cast an accusation or an aspersion (i.e., a stone), but rather to recast himself as the champion of Men in Uniform he became so briefly and incongruously with *Platoon*. Needless to say, there is no counterpart here to the James Jonesian abuse-of-authority figure played by Tom Berenger. The freshness of the event — five years as against the more than dozen years between the Vietnam War and Stone's version of it — would appear to have cowed him into his best behavior, both civically and cinematically, toning down his camerawork and his cutting along with his bellow. At bottom, this is little more than a grade-A

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There are two movies that immediately come to mind. Richard Linklater's *Dazed and Confused* is a great coming-of-age movie. It reminds me of hanging out with older kids and a lot of kids can relate to it. I was a small kid and there were always these big seniors that I had to play pranks on to get respect. So, I identified with the underdog kid who gets beat up and ends up outsmarting the big guy, making him look like a fool and then getting away clean.

Quentin Tarantino did a great job with *Pulp Fiction*, a breakthrough movie. The storyline was simply something that had not been seen before with the flashbacks and the way the story wraps back around. It gets you to think rather than just watch. I'm not a fan of the drug use, but it adds style and spin to the story. And it has an awesome soundtrack that I was just listening to last night. These films didn't change my life, but they made me think.

DAZED AND CONFUSED (USA) 1993, Universal
List price: \$14.98

PULP FICTION (USA) 1994, Miramax
List price: \$19.99

docudrama — a made-for-TV movie bulked up for the big screen — with a smooth incorporation of familiar archive footage, a decent selection of re-created detail (the shower of paper, etc.), and a meticulous reproduction of the skeletal remains at Ground Zero, a cremated behemoth. The early unfolding of events, beginning at 3:29 on the morning of the 11th, can hardly help but raise a few goosebumps, as it builds an unbearable tension between the filmmaker's foot-dragging pace and the viewer's racing memory, a true collaboration between artist and audience. But that comes to an abrupt stop with the fall of the first tower, and the cementing of a static

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Riding Giants and *Step into Liquid* are for people who don't surf and just want to see big waves. *Drive Thru* surf movies, each set in a different country, are for people who surf. The latest is *Drive Thru South Africa*. Seven surfers drive around in an RV and surf all the spots in South Africa. Really good, funny surfers.

Taylor Steele's *Campaign Two* has big-name riders people like to watch. Real surfers act and surf in a plot that has Shane Dorian, who did a Hollywood movie about eight years ago, about to make another, and all these surfers trying to stop him from getting to the audition.

The Decline is more an underground movie that shows the lifestyle of amateur surfers. A lot of partying and a whole ton of surfing, including surf spots on the East coast, which you don't often see.

DRIVE THRU SOUTH AFRICA (USA) 2006, Koastal Media
List price: \$29.95

CAMPAIGN TWO (USA) 2005, Poor Specimen
List price: \$29.95

THE DECLINE (USA) 2001, Lost Enterprises
List price: \$29.95

GEOFF POWELLS

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Jack Johnson's *Thicker Than Water* is good because it's an artsy kind of surf movie rather than all about the parties, which is what a lot of surf films tend to be about. It has a good soundtrack.

Shelter, from the makers of *Thicker Than Water*, is along the same lines. It's also from the company Moonshine Conspiracy. It has all the top surfers on tour free-surfing rather than contest-surfing. It's all about the mellow side of surfing rather than about huge airs or crazy surfing. These two films just show where these guys surf and how they live, and all surfing is shot in beautiful locations.

Freak Side has Jamie O'Brien, one of the pipe masters from last year. The film has him doing all the new tricks. This serves up the extreme side of surfing with flips and spins and all.

THICKER THAN WATER (USA) 2000, Moonshine Conspiracy
List price: \$14.98

SHELTER (USA) 2003, Moonshine Conspiracy
List price: \$27.95

FREAK SIDE (USA) 2005, Koastal Media
List price: \$19.95

situation, half an hour into the film. The remaining hour and a half of waiting and worrying with the families (Maria Bello and Maggie Gyllenhaal as the wives), and of suffering and sweating with the immobilized men (calling to mind the forgotten *Ladder 49*, that post-9/11 tribute to firefighters everywhere, elsewhere, especially Baltimore), are incalculably more tension-free, more routine, more trite, more mawkish, more TV-ish. Soft Stone, if you will. You might be surprised how much you miss the hard one. 2006.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

You, Me and Dupree — The unemployed, unemployable best man (identified by the initials "BM" on his jacket) moves in with his newlywed old buddy, a situation rich in annoyance, dirt-poor in amusement. The casting of Owen Wilson as the adult slacker guarantees the rich gets richer, the poor poorer. With Matt Dillon, Kate Hudson, and Michael Douglas; directed by Anthony and Joe Russo. 2006.

● (GASLAMP 15)

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The Black Dahlia (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 2:40) 5:10, 7:50, 10:35 Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:20; **The Covenant** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00) 5:40, 8:00, 10:15 Sun. (1:00) 5:40, 8:00, 10:10; **Crank** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:20) 5:15, 7:30, 9:55; **Everyone's Hero** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:15) 4:20, 7:00, 9:25; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55) 4:25, 7:20, 10:05; **Hollywoodland** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:05) 4:45, 7:35, 10:30 Sun. (1:05) 4:45, 7:35, 10:15; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 2:50) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20 Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:25, 7:55, 10:15; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; **The Last Kiss** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40) 5:00, 7:25, 9:50; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 3:45) 6:45, 9:50; **The Protector** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 2:55) 5:30, 7:40, 9:45; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50) 4:35, 8:05, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:50) 4:35, 7:05, 9:35; **The Wicker Man** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25 Sat. (12:35) 5:35, 8:05, 10:25 Sun. (12:35) 5:35, 8:05, 10:20

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)

Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:15, 10:35 Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:15, 10:25; **The Black Dahlia** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:50) 4:45, 7:40, 10:30 Sun. (1:50) 4:45, 7:40, 10:20; **The Covenant** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:05, 3:20) 5:35, 8:05, 10:40 Sun. (1:05, 3:20) 5:35, 8:05, 10:30; **Crossover** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (3:25) 8:00; **The Descent** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:05) 5:40, 10:25 Sun. (1:05) 5:40, 10:15; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; **Haven** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (2:50) 5:30, 8:10, 10:45 Sun. (2:50) 5:30, 8:10, 10:30; **Idlewild** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:20) 4:15, 7:10, 9:55 Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:10, 9:50; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (2:20) 4:55, 7:35, 10:05 Sun. (2:20) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; **Lady in the Water** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10 Sun. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; **The Last Kiss** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; **A Scanner Darkly** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (2:35) 5:15, 7:50, 10:20 Sun. (2:35) 5:15, 7:50, 10:10; **Scoop** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (2:45) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20 Sun. (2:45) 5:25, 7:55, 10:10; **The Wicker Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (2:30) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (2:30) 5:10, 7:45, 10:05; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:05, 10:00 Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:05, 9:55; **You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

Beerfest (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:40, 3:30, 6:45, 9:45; **Crank** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 2:15, 4:25, 7:20, 9:40; **Everyone's Hero** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30, 1:00, 3:50, 4:20, 6:50, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; **Hollywoodland** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; **An Inconvenient Truth** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:25, 10:05; **Monster House** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:20, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:55, 6:55; **The Protector** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:55, 3:10, 5:20, 7:35, 9:55; **Snakes on a Plane** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:35; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 3:25, 10:10; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:25, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35; **Trust the Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)

Accepted (PG-13); **The Black Dahlia** (R); **The Covenant** (R); **Crank** (R); **Everyone's Hero** (G); **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13); **Haven** (R); **Invincible** (PG); **The Last Kiss** (R); **Little Miss Sunshine** (R); **The Protector** (PG-13); **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)

Boynton Beach Club Fri. (1:50, 4:40) 7:00

Sat.,-Sun. (11:20) 1:50, 4:40, 7:00; **Hollywoodland** (R) Fri. (2:10, 5:00) 8:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10) 2:10, 5:00, 8:00; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **The Oh in Ohio** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 9:30; **Only Human** (R) Fri. (2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:40; **Purple Rain** (R)

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)

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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)

Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:35) 1:00, 3:25, 5:50, 8:15, 10:40; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:15, 4:55; **Beerfest** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:20) 12:55, 3:55, 6:50, 9:50; **The Black Dahlia** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00) 12:55, 3:50, 7:00, 10:00; **The Covenant** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **Crank** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:30) 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:30; **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:40) 1:25, 4:05, 6:40, 9:15; **Everyone's Hero** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (10:25) 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 7:55, 10:15; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15, 12:00, 12:00, 1:20, 3:05, 3:05, 4:40, 6:25,

6:25, 7:45, 9:35, 9:35, 10:45; **Hollywoodland** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:05) 1:05, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20; **Idlewild** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:20, 10:05; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:50) 1:35, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **The Last Kiss** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:30) 1:15, 4:15, 6:55, 9:45; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:10, 7:25; **The Protector** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:10) 12:35, 3:00, 5:25, 7:50, 10:10; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:05, 7:00, 9:30; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05) 1:45, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25; **The Wicker Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:35, 7:05, 9:40; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:05) 4:20, 10:35

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)

The Black Dahlia (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00; **Everyone's Hero** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 12:00 (2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sun. 12:00 (2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45 Sun. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45; **Holly Hobbie and Friends: Surprise Party** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; **Hollywoodland** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Last Kiss** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (2:00) 5:00, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. 11:15 (2:00) 5:00, 7:30; **Lower City** (R)

Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)

Accepted (PG-13); **Barnyard** (PG); **Beerfest** (R); **The Black Dahlia** (R); **The Covenant** (R); **Crank** (R); **Everyone's Hero** (G); **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13); **Haven** (R); **Hollywoodland** (R); **The Illusionist** (PG-13); **Invincible** (PG); **The Last Kiss** (R); **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13); **The Protector** (PG-13); **Step Up** (PG-13); **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13); **The Wicker Man** (PG-13); **World Trade Center** (Pg-13)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)

Crank (R) Fri. (2:40) 5:05, 7:20, 9:30 Sat. (12:35, 2:40) 5:05, 7:20, 9:30 Sun. (12:35, 2:40) 5:05, 7:20; **Crossover** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:10, 7:30, 9:45 Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri. (2:50) 5:25, 7:55, 10:25 Sat. (12:05, 2:50) 5:25, 7:55, 10:25 Sun. (12:05, 2:50) 5:25, 7:55; **Idlewild** (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20 Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:20, 7:50; **Invincible** (PG) Fri. (2:55) 5:15, 7:35, 10:00 Sat. (12:25, 2:55)

5:15, 7:35, 10:00 Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:15, 7:35; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri. (2:35) 5:00, 7:40, 10:05 Sat. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:40, 10:05 Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:40

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)

Matador (NC-17) Fri. (4:20) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

UPTOWN

Cinema Under the Stars

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)

Network (R)

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)

Factotum (R) Fri. (4:55) 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:25) 4:55, 10:00; **Half Nelson** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:25) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40; **The House of Sand** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30; **Queens** Fri.,-Sun. (2:10) 7:30; **Time to Leave** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:30, 5:15) 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45) 2:30, 5:15, 10:20

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

Deep Sea 3D (R) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Forces of Nature** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Greece: Secrets of the Past** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Volcanoes of the Deep Sea** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)

Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:11, 1:45, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30, 1:55, 4:25; **The Black Dahlia** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:05, 11:35, 1:55, 2:25, 4:45, 5:15, 7:40, 8:15, 10:30, 11:00; **The Covenant** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25; **Crank** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:25, 9:40; **Everyone's Hero** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00, 12:55, 2:00, 3:55, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00; **Haven** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55; **Hollywoodland** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 4:55, 7:55, 11:00; **How to Eat Fried Worms** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:40, 2:05, 4:35; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:25, 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:10, 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **The Last Kiss** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:20, 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10; **The Protector** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:05, 2:35, 5:15, 8:05, 10:35; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:05, 1:40, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:15, 9:55; **The Wicker Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:35, 2:20, 5:10, 7:45, 10:40; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 6:55, 10:00

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)

The Black Dahlia (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:20, 10:15; **The Covenant** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:50, 8:20, 10:40; **Crank** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:25, 1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 7:50, 9:55; **Everyone's Hero** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (11:20, 1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05, 10:05; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 2:00) 4:50, 7:40, 10:35; **Hollywoodland** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:15, 7:30, 10:20; **Invincible** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sat. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 10:55 Sun. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Last Kiss** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:25, 8:15, 10:50; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 4:25, 7:00, 9:40; **The Guardian** (PG-13) Sat. 8:00; **The Wicker Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 4:45, 7:10, 9:30

Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)

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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road

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SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

Gridiron Gang (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 7:45, 12:10 Sun. 7:45; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 7:45, 11:20 Sun. 7:45; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:35; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:10



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CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

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Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:45, 7:45; **The Black Dahlia** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **The Covenant** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (2:15, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **Crank** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Crossover** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 5:15, 10:15; **Everyone's Hero** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00 (2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; **Haven** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30 (3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Holly Hobbie and Friends: Surprise Party** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; **Monster House** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45) 5:00; **The Protector** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **The Wicker Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:00, 7:30, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denney Road (858-558-2262)
Accepted (PG-13); **The Ant Bully** (PG); **Barnyard** (PG); **Beerfest** (R); **The Black Dahlia** (R); **The Covenant** (R); **Crank** (R); **Everyone's Hero** (G); **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13); **Haven** (R); **Hollywoodland** (R); **How to Eat Fried Worms** (PG); **The Illusionist** (PG-13); **Invincible** (PG); **The Last Kiss** (R); **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13); **The Protector** (PG-13); **Snakes on a Plane** (R); **Step Up** (PG-13); **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13); **The Wicker Man** (PG-13); **World Trade Center** (Pg-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)
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IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
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NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
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ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
The Black Dahlia (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00; **Everyone's Hero** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15 Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45 Sun. 11:15 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45; **Holly Hobbie and Friends: Surprise Party** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; **Hollywoodland** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:30 (3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 12:30 (3:00) 5:30, 8:15; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (1:45, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45 Sun. 11:15 (1:45, 4:15) 7:00

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
The Black Dahlia (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (2:00) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. 11:15 (2:00) 5:15, 8:00; **The Covenant** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 12:45 (3:30) 6:00,

8:30, 10:45 Sun. 12:45 (3:30) 6:00, 8:30; **Everyone's Hero** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 12:00 (2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sun. 12:00 (2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45 Sun. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45; **Holly Hobbie and Friends: Surprise Party** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; **Hollywoodland** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. 11:00 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:30; **The Protector** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:00, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. 11:00 (1:00, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:30 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 12:30 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Wicker Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:15 (2:45) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 12:15 (2:45) 5:30, 8:00

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:20, 7:10; **Barnyard** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30, 2:50, 5:10; **The Black Dahlia** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 1:15, 2:00, 4:15, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 10:50; **The Covenant** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:50, 2:10, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00;

Crank (R) Fri.,-Sun. 1:05, 3:15, 5:35, 7:55, 9:55; **Everyone's Hero** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 11:40, 2:05, 4:25, 6:45, 9:10; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45, 1:30, 3:55, 4:35, 7:00, 7:35, 10:10, 10:40; **Hollywoodland** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **How to Eat Fried Worms** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:25, 2:45, 4:55; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 2:40, 5:30, 8:10, 10:55; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 1:45, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; **The Last Kiss** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:55, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:35; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:35, 2:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:20; **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:05, 3:25, 6:50, 10:05; **The Protector** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 2:35, 4:50, 7:05, 9:45; **Step Up** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:05, 10:45; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45, 4:40, 9:35; **The Wicker Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:20, 3:00, 5:40, 8:20, 10:45; **World Trade Center** (Pg-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:40, 10:25

VISTA

Vista Village Metroplex 15

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

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
The Black Dahlia (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00, 1:40,

4:20, 7:00, 9:35; **The Covenant** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:20, 1:30, 3:45, 5:55, 8:05, 10:20; **Everyone's Hero** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 11:05, 1:05, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Accepted (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:15, 5:15, 8:15, 10:45; **The Covenant** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 12:30 (3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 12:30 (3:00) 5:30, 7:45; **Everyone's Hero** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 12:00 (2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sun. 12:00 (2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00; **Holly Hobbie and Friends: Surprise Party** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; **How to Eat Fried Worms** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (3:30); **Invincible** (PG) Fri. 11:45 (2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 10:30 Sat. 11:45 (2:15) 5:00, 10:30 Sun. 11:45 (2:15) 5:00, 7:30; **The Last Kiss** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15; **The Protector** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 12:45 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Guardian** (PG-13) Sat. 7:30

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
The Black Dahlia (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15; **Hollywoodland** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (2:00,

4:45) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:00 (2:45) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 12:00 (2:45) 5:30, 8:15; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Barnyard (PG) Fri. 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sat. (10:50) 1:05, 3:20, 5:35, 8:00, 10:15 Sun. (10:50) 1:05, 3:20, 5:35, 8:00; **The Black Dahlia** (R) Fri. 12:45, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30 Sat. (11:15) 2:00, 4:45, 7:40, 10:25 Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:45, 7:40; **The Covenant** (R) Fri. 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10 Sat. (11:30) 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:30) 2:05, 4:30, 7:00; **Everyone's Hero** (G) Fri. 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:15 Sat. (10:55) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:05, 10:20 Sun. (10:55) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:05; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15 Sat. (10:45) 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05 Sun. (10:45) 1:35, 4:25, 7:15; **Hollywoodland** (R) Fri. 1:15, 4:05, 7:10, 10:00 Sat. (11:00) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20 Sun. (11:00) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30; **How to Eat Fried Worms** (PG) Fri. 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:50, 9:00 Sat. (11:10) 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:55, 10:05 Sun. (11:10) 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:55; **Invincible** (PG) Fri. 12:15, 2:55, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30 Sat. (11:40) 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30 Sun. (11:40) 2:15, 5:00, 7:50

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
An Inconvenient Truth (PG) Fri. 8:35 Sat. 3:40, 8:35 Sun. 3:40; **Peaceful Warrior** (PG-13) Fri. 6:00 Sat. 1:00, 6:00 Sun. 1:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
The Black Dahlia (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00; **Everyone's Hero** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15 Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00; **Holly Hobbie and Friends: Surprise Party** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:30; **Hollywoodland** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45 Sun. 11:00 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 12:30 (3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 12:30 (3:00) 5:30, 8:15; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30 (2:00, 4:45) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. 11:30 (2:00, 4:45) 7:15

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
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Diario San Diego

El juicio de Francisco Javier Arellano Félix podría llevarse a cabo en otra ciudad e incluso en otro estado debido a que su abogado defensor pedirá el cambio de sede en la Corte.

David Bartick expedirá en las próximas semanas un pedimento oficial para que se cambie el lugar donde se realice el juicio de "El Tigriño" porque en San Diego no hay buenas condiciones para que se efectúe un juicio parcial.

"Este juicio capta mucha atención, además la supuesta organización de mi cliente operaba en Tijuana, y como San Diego está muy cerca de la frontera eso afectaría la parcialidad del proceso legal", aseguró Bartick.

El abogado manifestó que aconsejó esta posibilidad a su cliente quien estuvo de acuerdo.

"Esta es una opción que vamos a tratar en la Corte más adelante, estamos trabajando en esto, creemos que sí podremos lograr el cambio de sede", apuntó.

deportes



Rueda cabeza

El director técnico Carlos Reinoso fue cesado de su cargo en los Tecos de la Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara (UAG) y su lugar fue ocupado por el argentino Darío Franco Gatti.

Reinoso sólo pudo lograr una victoria de 4-2 ante el Santos de Torreón y su equipo se ubica como la peor defensa del torneo al recibir un total de 21 anotaciones en contra.

Franco estuvo al frente en el torneo anterior de Monarcas Morelia y no continuó para este debido a una diferencia económica con la directiva. Los detalles del contrato con Franco aún no fueron revelados, pero se adelantó que será por el actual torneo y siguiente también.

Para Reinoso este fue otro fracaso más en su ya larga carrera de entrenador en el fútbol mexicano.

especial



Sombrío recuerdo

Habitantes de esta región fronteriza temen que no exista la suficiente seguridad para prevenir ataques terroristas, como los que sucedieron hace cinco años.

De acuerdo a un sondeo realizado por Diario San Diego, residentes de este condado, así como visitantes foráneos y de Baja California, afirmaron que este país no está libre de sufrir otro atentado masivo.

El lunes pasado toda la nación se unió para recordar a las más de tres

mil personas que fallecieron en los ataques del 11 de septiembre del 2001.

En la llamada "zona cero", donde estaban las torres gemelas, familiares de las personas que murieron en esos edificios sostuvieron fotos de sus seres queridos y sollozaron en silencio.

Hubo silencio en dos ocasiones distintas en el sitio atacado: a las 8:46 de la mañana, y a las 9:03, cuando los aviones de American Airlines, vuelo 11, y de United, vuelo 175, se estrellaron contra las torres.

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Diario San Diego

Toda está listo para que el 21 y 22 de octubre inicie la Tercera Copa Diario San Diego de Fútbol que se efectuará en las canchas de Memorial Park.

El evento es organizado por esta casa editorial, Televisa-Canal 12, Radio Latina, El Consulado General de México en San Diego, la empresa de relaciones públicas Quinto Sol y la Coalición Hispana de Ligas de fútbol.

El torneo contará con cinco categorías masculinas que van de los 10 años de edad hasta más de 18.

Las mujeres también podrán participar en

el campeonato ya que se tiene contemplado una categoría femenil de 14 a 17 años.

"Esperamos que se un torneo de alta calidad futbolística", dijo el coordinador deportivo del torneo Eliseo "Papo" Santos.

Los juegos comenzarán a las ocho de la mañana del sábado 21 de octubre en las canchas del Memorial Park.

El formato que se utilizará en el torneo es de seis contra seis, lo que hará que cada encuentro sea emotivo para todos los asistentes.

Además de fútbol, el evento contará con una feria de salud, puestos de comida y música ambiental, rifas y regalos.



Negocio seguro

Omar Millán González

Diario San Diego

Las compañías de seguridad privada han encontrado un mercado pujante ante el difícil ambiente de inseguridad que se vive en la región y muchas de ellas han buscado "mano de obra" para vestirlos como agentes.

Casi 600 asesinatos y 60 secuestros en los últimos 18 meses han ocurrido en Tijuana en los últimos 18 meses.

Ante la ineficacia de las policías de los tres niveles de Gobierno frente a la ola de delincuencia que se desató, miles de residentes de Tijuana han acudido a las compañías de seguridad privada para protegerse.

En los últimos cuatro años las altas de compañías de seguridad privada

en Baja California aumentaron un 300 por ciento.

De acuerdo a la Secretaría de Seguridad Pública Estatal (SSPE) en el 2001 sólo trabajaban en la región 41 empresas, para el 2002 subieron a 86; en el siguiente año fueron 92, luego 104 y para 2005 eran 124 compañías las que ofrecían sus servicios en el Estado.

El director del área de Seguridad Privada de la SSPE, Iván Castro, dijo que actualmente están 126 empresas de seguridad privada, pero hay en trámite de regulación otras 45 compañías, que a finales del año podrían estar ya en funcionamiento. "Hay que recordar que la seguridad privada se regula desde el 2000 ya que antes no había control de estos negocios", apuntó.



Doble golpe

Una mujer que hace cuatro años ganó un millón de dólares en la lotería estatal volvió a sacar el premio gordo.

Valerie Wilson, quien trabaja en una fiambrería de Long Island, dijo ganó otro millón de dólares en el juego de la lotería el mes pasado.

"La primera vez no podía creerlo", le dijo Wilson a Newsday. "Esta vez me dije 'Dios está de mi lado'".

Wilson, de 56 años, tiene una suerte extraordinaria, según cálculos de probabilidad.

En 2002, su boleto resultó ganador con una probabilidad de una entre 5.2 millones, según la Lotería del Estado de Nueva York.

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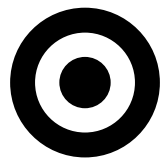
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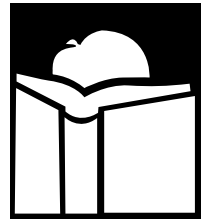
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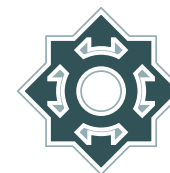
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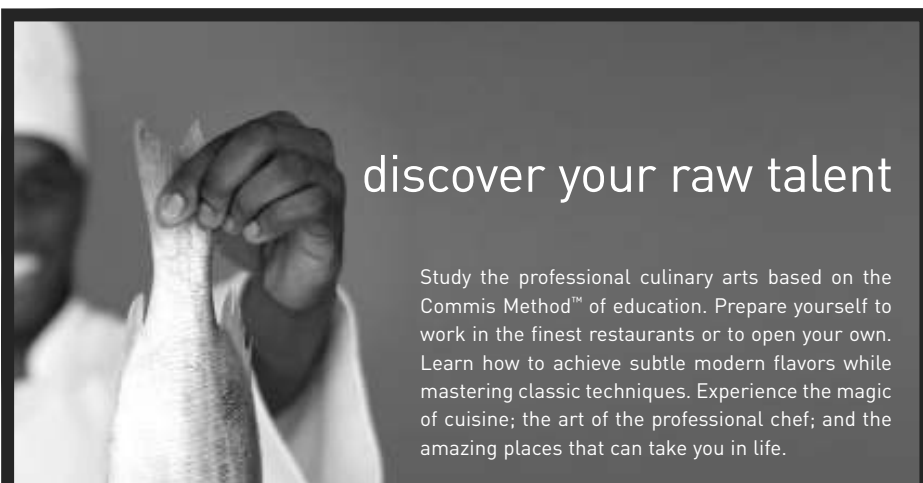
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MAKE A DIFFERENCE, Stop crime and violence. Be a role model. Be a guardian angel. Free. Martial Arts training. 619-964-8099. ftwx619@yahoo.com. www.guardianangels.org.

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MEMORY TESTING PLUS Compensation. As part of an approved research study,

PrecisionMed is conducting memory tests on volunteers aged 60-75 years. Tests will include blood and urine sampling. Testing will take place every 6 months and you will receive written results each time so you'll be able to track any changes in your memory. You will receive \$50 cash compensation each time you are tested. In addition, there is an optional spinal tap. Subjects who select the spinal tap option will receive an additional \$100 per visit, i.e. a total of \$150 compensation per visit. You will be able to take part in this study for as long as you wish. For more information call Carole, ACE Registry, 1-800-519-8810 or email carolemarks@precisionmed.com.

MOVIE BUFFS, Interested in watching movies then discussing it afterwards, like a book club? Ages 25 to mature welcome. Please call 619-850-6075 or 858-272-8727.

MUSIC TEACHERS WANTED. Pleasant teaching environment with established clientele in Chula Vista. Piano, violin, voice, and guitar. Fax resume to: 619-760-0233.

NATIVE COUNCIL PROGRESS, Incorporated, non-profit, supports the repatriation of Mexican Indian immigrants. 4000+ dead. Derechas para los migrantes sin papeles! Amnesty, yes! Wall? No! sancho69ya@yahoo.com.

OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE Anonymous 12-step meeting for people with OCD. Mondays, 6-7pm. Free. Department of Health Services Complex, 3851 Rosecrans Street, Mission Room, San Diego. 619-757-6603.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Overweight? Anorexic? Bulimic? Can't stop eating? There is a 12-step solution. Meetings daily. No dues or fees. www.oasandiego.org or 619-521-2538.

PARENTS, FAMILIES, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). Find help, support, and understanding. Meetings Hillcrest, East County, North County. www.pflag.com. Call for details, 619-579-7640.

PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "Prayer: Does It Really Make A Difference" September 14, 7-9pm. 1228-1/2 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 92014. Meeting, no fee. 858-259-1880.

PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "Love, Eros & Sexuality" September 25, 7-9pm, 3180 University Avenue, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92104. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. 619-296-9046.

PERSONALITY TESTING, free for a limited time. Your personality determines your future. Find out! No obligations. Call 619-239-2091 or take your personality test online. www.scientology.org.

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PRIVATE COUNSELING. Your journey can be clearer, more peaceful; relationship issues, body image, self-esteem, anger. I can help. Work toward acceptance of yourself. Fee. 619-838-6817.

REBIRTHING BREATHWORK: Relieve depression, anxiety, stress. Heal traumas. Release pent-up emotions. Open your heart. Experience deep relaxation, inner peace, connection with your Self. www.kriscassidy.com. 619-957-7800.

RECOVERY GROUPS for men and women seeking freedom from addiction/co-dependency. Fridays, 7pm. Celebrate recovery. First Lutheran, 867 South Lincoln Avenue, El Cajon. 619-444-7444. www.recovery4u.cc.

SEX and/or relationship problems? Out of control? You are not alone. Call Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step fellowship. PO Box 3791, San Diego 92163 or 619-685-7211 or www.slaa-san-diego.org.

SINGLE, and searching for God? Visit the Pacific Beach ward congregation at 5151 Faruel in PB, Sundays, 11-30am. Call Alvin for details 619-322-2707.

SURVIVORS OF INCEST Anonymous. Free 12-step support groups for men and women molested as children. Call Tim, 619-282-4798; www.siaaws.org.

THE BETTER BREATHERS CLUB. Support group for COPD/Emphysema. Meeting on Monday, September 18, 1pm. The American Lung Association Office. 619-297-3901.

TWELVE STEPS NOT working for you? Try a self-empowering, skill-building approach with S.M.A.R.T. Recovery, free support groups. 858-546-1100.

UCSD Medical Center (Hillcrest) needs healthy volunteers 40-65 years old for a research study. Payment \$10/hour. Please call us at 619-543-7201.

VOLUNTEER, childbirth assistants needed. UCSD Medical Center Double Program needs women to help mothers during labor. Big commitment, lots of gratification! 619-543-6269.

WOMEN AGES 18-32: get paid for talking about men for a research project. \$20 for 30 minutes of your time. Anonymity encouraged. Call 858-228-0471.

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PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.

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GHOST TOUR IN OLD TOWN. "Haunted" San Diego, 90-minute city wide adventure tour. 5 historic haunted locations. Wednesday-Sunday. Economical. www.HauntedSanDiegoTours.com. SD Entertainment Tours. Reservations: 1-877-6-HAUNTED.

SENIOR LADY NEEDS weekly transportation (1-1/2 hours total). Need driver to take me from San Carlos to Santee. Any day/time of the week. 619-665-2335.

TOUR MEXICO. Without fear, day trips. Hourly rates. Fabulous beauty, scenery, resources, real estate bargains, furnishings, art, accessories, furniture, art galleries, restaurants, hotels. Peter, 858-254-4212.

TRAVEL DISCUSSION group for singles 40s-50s forming. Share travel experiences, make new friends. Interested? Call 858-292-7321.

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BEVERLY and Marge H who lived in Imperial Beach and East County in the 60s, write Jerry. PO Box 731 El Cajon, California 92022.

DAVIEBABB, Boston. End of summer, cook out at the beach. What a wonderful family tradition. Miss being part of the family. Thanks.

DOLPHIN HEART NECKLACE. Specialness, for so long now I have believed in, defended, loved, cared, missed, wondered, and worried about you, and now that I'm free to go or do what I choose, I now need to know what I mean to you. I adore you, sweetheart, and for so many reasons the "specialness of you" is forever melted into my soul. Don't deny this special love the fair chance it's always deserved. I love you, "g".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Nifty nifty, look who's fifty!! Hifi Tiger Rose!!

HGS, 9/16/06. 2 years, 1 day ago, how little we knew of these missives of love. Thank you for being you. TYS Michale. IRDLY 24/7/365.

MASTER CLOWN of infinite roles, names, faces. Creates, destroys, resurrects, restores, repeats... Why, though created germs, insects, bugs, birds, fishes, animals with far superior intelligence sans needing wars, teachers, preachers, doctors, hospitals, etc.?!

MICHAEL, WE MET OVER Labor Day weekend (El Cajon). Would like to see you again! Was that a good rice and bean burrito? Yvonne.

THANK YOU, holy spirit for prayers answered. All.

ZOE MCFARLAND, Dear Zoe. Would love to see you again. You can find me OB Jazz Festival, Julian Bluegrass Festival, Adams Avenue Street Fair.

MATCHES SHARED INTERESTS

SEEKING 50ISH Male or female for friendship, conversation, occasional casual dinners out, maybe 24 Hour Fitness, keeping in touch. We are easy-going and genuine. (9/27) 69573

LADY CHARGER FANS wanted to watch games on TV together. Share houses, married or single, kids OK. Team is playing great ball season's started, call (9/20) 70294

MATCHES WOMEN SEEKING MEN

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, 51. Looking for romance. I'm 5'4-1/2, 122lbs, blonde hair,

blue eyes. I enjoy dining, movies, concerts, music, you're handsome young man, love. (9/20) 69843

SLIM, CHEERFUL, TALL, Healthy, affectionate, white female, 68. Seeking good-natured, fit, 6'1"+, gentleman, near age 68, for fun, companionship, TLC, friends first. Nonsmoker please. (9/20) 69582

LATIN, 48, Honest, positive, caring, sense of humor, great friend, jazz concerts, playful smiles, childless, outgoing, romantic, happy. (9/20) 69576

FUNNY, PLAYFUL, 44. Looking for love in all the wrong places. You, fun, honest, spontaneous, great sense of humor and ready to rock my world. (9/27) 69861

CAL GAL, Likes nice dinners and travel, friendship and love. (9/20) 69575

BRITISH GENTLEMAN Desired by green-eyed white lady, 47, nature lover, world traveler, great sense of humor, healthy lifestyle. Please have similar interests/lifestyle. (9/20) 69844

QUALITY WOMAN, Accomplished retired professional, great body, aware, cultured. Seeking quality nonsmoking financially/emotionally secure man, 50-70 years, to explore life's possibilities. (9/20) 69564

POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS. 70 lady young, adventurous, intrigued with life, laughter comes easy. Dreams do come true, if shared by two. Take a chance. (9/20) 69856

LATINA, 51, Hazel eyes, good-looking, sensual. Enjoys dancing, movies, dining out. Seeks gentleman, preferably North County area, 53-57, nonsmoker, with same qualities. (9/27) 69874

ROMANTIC, GOOD LOOKING, Nice figured lady. Seeking 59 plus, warm hearted, affectionate, communicative gentleman who likes fine dining, hiking, movies, traveling and spontaneous adventures. (9/20) 69853

PRETTY, CURVACEOUS LADY, 67, fun-loving, blonde, 5'6", 150lbs. Seeking kind, lighthearted gentleman to be life partner in happiness together. I live in SD South Bay. (9/20) 69568

ATTRACTIVE PETITE, 49, desires, funny and good man for friendship, dating and long-term relationship. Nonsmoker, North County area preferred. (9/20) 69571

SMART, PROFESSIONAL, fit, fun, petite, 50s, love to travel, outdoorsy. Seeking nice, honest, fun, educated guy. I'm English/Spanish speaking. Call! (9/27) 69863

38-YEAR-OLD QUALITY LADY, 5'4", slender, brunette/blue eyes, and attractive. Seeks physically-fit gentleman, 36 to 48, for relationship. Must be presentable. (9/20) 69566

OUTGOING, WARM, Photography lover, 62 years young. Museums, going out, staying in, outdoors, family, friends, travel, adventurous, pets, music, computers. Laughing and hugging. No smoke. (9/27) 69870

ATTRACTIVE, WHITE, 33, outgoing, loving, caring, down to earth, loyal. Seeks white male 25-50, play no games, serious minded, straight-forward, kind-hearted a must. (9/20) 69858

CHARMING, ADVENTUROUS, Educated 57 woman wants gent 50-63 for fun, friendship and companionship. Be educated, sense of humor, for a sharing and caring meaningful relationship. (9/20) 69852

LOOKING FOR HONEST, Sincere, compassionate, male to share good times with. Someone who can talk about anything and make me laugh. Young at heart. (9/27) 69869

INSPIRED GODDESS, Summons unencumbered white male, with above average mentality. This childless black beauty awaits. Posses character, diverse interests 30-50, life's too short to settle! (9/27) 69867

BLONDE, ATTRACTIVE, 5'6", 53 years young, full figured. Looking for gentleman to date, that's funny, nice and normal! Race is open. (9/20) 69572

ATTRACTIVE, TALL, SLIM, Fun to hang with, wide range of interests, late 40s, educated, well traveled, North County Coastal. Looking for someone to share experiences. (9/20) 69851

CURVY, ATTRACTIVE, Passionate, 5'6", green-eyed brunette. Seeking handsome man, 48-55. Wicked sense of humor a must, fun-loving, true of heart and deeds. (9/20) 69573

ATTRACTIVE BROWN/BLUE, fit mom, 41, 5'7", outdoors, movies, barbecue, romantic, easygoing. Seeking honest, attractive, nonsmoking Caucasian gentleman, 37-47, 5'10"+, cuddling, backrubs, long-term, monogamous relationship. (9/20) 69845

JAPANESE, PETITE, CUTE, Former pianist, shy but sociable, great cook. Seeks ethical man, who can be reliable. (9/27) 69877

SERIOUS, ARE YOU? 5'5", 150, average 40s. Seeking Caucasian male 45-53 to share all life has to offer. You won't be disappointed. Be safe. (9/20) 69849

ATHEIST HUNK WANTED by sexy black lady, I'm 40. You under 40, fit, adventurous, loving, happy, self-confident; me same. Ready for love? Any race. (9/27) 69873

LADY WITH CLASS, 50s,

PRETTY MUSIC TEACHER, 5'2", 115lbs, enjoys hiking, bicycling, working out, meditation, yoga, and the arts. Seeking gentleman 5'10"+, 50-65 for friendship and/or possible relationship. (9/20) ☎69846

EAST COUNTY WIDOW, Pretty blonde 5'6", slim, 60s, young looking-acting, nonsmoker, enjoys travel, dancing, theater, movies, dining, concerts. Seeking tall, fit, attractive, compatible gentleman. (9/20) ☎69848

FRENCH, SEXY, FIT, Attractive, 41, 125lbs, 5'6", blonde-blue, romantic, affectionate, passionate, sports, outdoors, indoors, travel, dancing. Gentleman, 41-55, athletic, fit, trustworthy, secure, handsome, beach, similars. (9/20) ☎69581

PERFECT CATCH! Pretty, slender, 5'6", 40. Seeking handsome, trim, 35-45, Caucasian, clean-cut, romantic, adventurous, mellow, sweetie. Must love roller coasters, movies, plays, dogs. No smokers/drinkers. (9/20) ☎69855

ARE YOU READY For love, new fifty, attractive, black diva, well-bred, fun personality, versatile, gardening, dining, jeans, dress-up, enthusiastic happy gentleman, honest, available, give, receive. (9/20) ☎69577

FEMALE, 54, OCEANSIDE, 5', thin. Seeking Christian male, non-judgmental, enjoys traveling everywhere, ocean, fishing, no couch potatoes, humorous, sincere, loyal, good conversationalist, compassionate, homeowner. (9/20) ☎69860

ASIAN EXOTIC SEXY, Nice legs, curvaceous figure, 5'3", 115lbs, professional, childless, homeowner. Desires fun, fit, nonsmoker, upscale, successful, compatible, generous, 36+ Asian/Caucasian stable gentleman. (9/20) ☎69847

49, SINGLE MOM, Looking for someone to make lifelong memories with. Could that be you? Single mom 49 in SDReader Matches. (9/27) ☎69862

BIG GAL, Tall Latina, 50ish searching for fun loving, friends first kind of man. (9/27) ☎69866

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN! Looking for serious monogamous relationship, with spiritual life together, 35-40 years old. Active, positive, Asian lady, warm heart and looking for strong man. (9/20) ☎69578

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN, Health care provider, 42, 115lbs, 5'4". No children, outgoing, love outdoor activities, homeowner, financially secure. Seeking college graduate, 40-45 nonsmoker. (9/20) ☎69850

LADY, 50s, WANTS To meet a man for coffee. I am 5'3", 125lbs. My interests are pie and ice cream. Men with disabilities are okay. (9/20) ☎69570

BLONDE BOMBSHELL, attractive, educated, athletic, romantic, female, mid-50's, but look 10 years younger-self sufficient, sensual, spiritual, check me out if you dare! (9/20) ☎69854

WANTED, FUN GUY, Who enjoys weekend outings, art, Starbucks, walks, and eating out. North County gal, brown hair, blue eyes, 162lbs, 46. Call for details. (9/20) ☎69565

ADVENTUROUS, WORLDLY, athletic, slim, tall, Jewish female. Nonsmoker. Seeking tall, 40-57, fit compassionate, humorous, Jewish man of integrity. Enjoy sports, culture and travel. Let's talk. (9/27) ☎69868

SMILING FLOWER CHILD Seeks liberal stud for protesting civil disobedience and love. Seriously, where are you? Only smart, silly, sweet, open-minded, tall, need apply. (9/27) ☎69871

SUMMER'S OVER, beach is done. Come on over, let's have fun. Sexy, 44 girl. Seeking 55-65, nonsmoker, successful, handsome, sweet, lovely man and delicious. (9/20) ☎69569

ATTRACTIVE ATTORNEY, Romantic, passionate, loyal and considerate. Likes traveling, dancing, fine dining, theatre, jogging and tennis. Seeks successful, well-educated, slim, honest man, 40-49. (9/20) ☎69580

ARTICULATE, ATTRACTIVE, Affectionate, 40-something, professional woman. Seeks educated, professional, honest, good-hearted man, 39-65, for lasting relationship. (9/27) ☎69875

EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE WOMAN Seeking man, financially secure, with no young children, that wants to do the finer things in life and to have fun. (9/20) ☎69567

THIRTY-SOMETHING Female, smart, successful. Seeks midwest male counterpart for friendship, fun, walks, talks, dining, concerts, trips, romance, adventure. Only those wanting commitment need apply. (9/27) ☎69864

MATCHES MEN SEEKING WOMEN

AFFECTIONATE BLACK Professional gentleman, 45, 5'10", athletic, fit, multifaceted, desires introduction to an independent, intelligent, attractive, shapely, caring, loving, passionate, feminine woman, age/race open. (9/20) ☎70303

YES MA'AM. Strikingly handsome, 51, 6'1", 185lbs. Seeking mature, assertive, sublime, beautiful curvaceous woman for mutually beneficial companionship, respect, devotion, pleasing you. (9/20) ☎70278

ACTIVE, ATTENTIVE, Affectionate, 6'3", 206lbs, 59, personable, professional. Seeks mutually fulfilling relationship with nonsmoking, attractive, educative, 50s lady to share time, support, laughs and joy. (9/27) ☎70327

LOOKING FOR LOVE, Or fun, I'm 6'3", 38, honest, kind, good-looking. Want movies, dancing, walks at beach. You honest, sexy, reliable, funny and nice. (9/20) ☎70283

63 WHITE MALE, Retired. Looking for lady for fun, romance, weekend trips, indoor/outdoor fun. (9/27) ☎70322

1963 CLASSIC AQUARIUS, Good looking with long hair. Seeks honest, fun-filled, energetic, humorous, beautiful, intelligent, talented, charming hottie, 30-50, for movies, dining, boating, motorcycling. (9/27) ☎70311

LET'S SPEND TIME TOGETHER! Tall, fun, good looking, kind, outgoing, spontaneous man. Seeking fun-loving, romantic woman to have good times in sunny San Diego. (9/20) ☎70302

FRIENDSHIP FIRST, caring, loyal 57 male. I'm 5'10", 175lbs. Seeking non-

smoking lady to share simple things, movies, dining, quiet times, possible long term, 619-858. (9/20) ☎70292

Attractive

70, nice person. Seeks healthy nonsmoker for dining, dancing, walking, possible commitment, please call. (9/20) ☎70305

Asian Nurse

6', 200lbs., construction owner, 55 years old. Seeks friend for sunsets, walks, biking, golf, drives, companionship. Financially secure, 45-55, slim, fun loving, waiting for you. (9/27) ☎70320

SCHOOL IS STARTING! Our courses include dining, movies, exploring San Diego, your interests and humor. A trim 50ish guy awaits. Let's graduate together with honors. (9/20) ☎70267

NICE-APPEARING BACHELOR, early 50s, trim, successful, childless, blue, brown, North County coastal homeowner without encumbrances. You: 40-something, well groomed, not overweight, serious-minded. (9/27) ☎70316

Midnight At The Oasis Handsome Hillcrest musician, very youthful 58, 5'11", 185lbs., financially secure. Seeks delicious lady to share my sensuous oasis of music, dance, film, humor and the sweet taste of intimate communication. (9/27) ☎70321

SEEKING A LADY, 65-75. I am well-groomed. Enjoy cruises, movies, walks, picnics, quiet time. East County. (9/27) ☎70317

TIME FOR A COMPANION. Senior male, 80. Sounds, acts like 65. Seeks up-to-date, full-figured lady. I play bridge. Like dancing, casino trips. (9/20) ☎70291

NATIVE SAN DIEGAN, 40s, fit, fun, romantic, big blue eyes. Seeks quality, fit lady, for friendship, fun, romance, adventure, excitement and the happily ever after. (9/20) ☎70282

6'2", 230LBS. In good shape, blue eyes, clean cut. Enjoys traveling, movies, outdoors. Seeking a nice lady with similar interests and same approximate age, 35-50. (9/20) ☎70297

SINCERITY, HONESTY DESIRED? These qualities, many more, offered by fit, secure, Lakeside homeowner, 79, liking outdoor activities, quiet homelife. Seeking lifetime togetherness with compatible lady. (9/27) ☎70328

ADVENTUROUS, SPONTANEOUS, Outdoors, active lover of life. Seeking partner for travels to beach, mountains, deserts and beyond! Handsome 57 class! You: happy, healthy, fun, ready! (9/27) ☎70308

LATINO SEEKING BEAUTIFUL, Dancing, green eyed Romani sweetheart with lovely salsa hip motion and a beautiful face. (9/20) ☎70318

CHRISTIAN 47 WIDOWER, Considerate, compassionate, sensitive, kind, likes meaningful conversation, communication, healthy living with purpose staying in shape, hiking, reading, god first marriage minded. (9/27) ☎70318

SINCERELY SEEKING a quality relationship. I'm 55, 145lbs., 5'3", good looking, in good shape. I love music, nature, exercise, fun at home! La Mesa. (9/20) ☎70286

I LIKE LONG WALKS, Especially when they're taken by people who annoy me. 55, 5'11", 160lbs. Author, docent, trail guide. Playful, educated. Seeking same. (9/20) ☎70280

Looking For Love

Just moved here from the east coast, I'm looking for sincere relationship. Black, handsome, 30, look 20. Searching for attractive, affectionate, slim woman, any race. (9/27) ☎70312

THIS SINGLE WHITE MALE, 6'4", professional chef, is seeking black female or Asian, 35-49, for long term. Swimming, sports, jazz concerts, long walks on beach. (9/20) ☎70287

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, Blue eyes, 56, white male, fun, fit, romantic. You caring, passionate, sensitive, average or slender gal that likes walks, dining, travel, holding hands. (9/20) ☎70277

HISPANIC BUSINESS MAN, 52, fit. Enjoys barbecuing, hiking, thrills, yoga, travel, theater, concerts, movies, most sports. Clean, neat, homeowner, a gentleman, lives alone with doggie. (9/20) ☎70274

ME 59, You younger, for walks and sunsets on the beach or maybe a club and dancing. You got game? (9/20) ☎70298

GRANDPA, 80, Loves his grandsons, hiking, nature, music, reading, peace, liberal politics/humanistic philosophy, hugs, kisses, affectionate, cuddling. Owns home Poway with own art studio. (9/20) ☎70288

FULL-BODIED WHITE FEMALE, 180+lbs wanted, by attractive black artist, property owner, building mountain home. Seeking to share it with large passionate woman wanting permanent relationship. (9/20) ☎70276

SELECTIVE WHITE MALE, 46, tall, dark, and nice-looking, clean, respectful, financially/emotionally secure, witty. Seeking: Pretty, fun, financially/emotionally secure, grounded woman for relationship! (9/20) ☎70289

A GOOD CATCH, Attractive, single white male, 45, adventurous, spontaneous, easygoing, sense of humor, healthy, secure, beach, barbecues, poker, dining, concerts, Las Vegas, NFL football. (9/20) ☎70281

SEEKING TAN SKIN. 30-44 white professional, 47 (looking 39). Toned, smooth skin, shaven face, brown/green, 6', 200lbs. Sweet. Give you wonderful back rubs. (9/27) ☎70325

JEWISH MAN, 6'2", eyes of blue, into tennis, swimming. Seeking Jewish woman 35-50, health conscious, long walks with similar interests. (9/20) ☎70300

Reassuring, Calm Man Friendly, clean-cut, courteous, educated businessman, 6'2", 210lbs, 57. Seeking polite, warm-hearted, nice-looking woman for committed relationship. Be brave and give me a call! Thank you. (9/20) ☎70293

ATTRACTIVE, 6'1", 50-ish, healthy, energetic, outgoing, stable, fit, good sense of humor. Looking for 40ish-50ish, same qualities, loving lady for good fun times. (9/27) ☎70315

WOULD LIKE TO MEET Female who attended Grossmont High, El Cajon, Helix class of 1959 to ? Let's share memories and steam up the windows. (9/27) ☎70310

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PRO JAZZ MUSICIAN, 6'1", 165lbs., 54, blue/red, shaved, swing dancer, road bicycle racer, Buddhist, child-free. Seeking chemistry/connection! (9/20) ☎ 70275

CAUCASIAN, 5'8", Author, teacher, medium built, 58, Psychology graduate student, transpersonal metaphysical interests. Enjoy film, music, outdoors, museums, hugging. Seeking female 40-48, similar interests. (9/20) ☎ 70296

CAPPUCCINO, CARROT JUICE, Or Kugel? Tall, 55, enjoys Ocean Beach, food co-op, the pier, Fiesta Island, beaches at sunset, Lake Murray walks. Seeking slenderish female. (9/27) ☎ 70326

LOOKING FOR WOMAN That cooks, cleans, fishes and has boat. Please send picture of boat. (9/27) ☎ 70329

Soul Surfer, 56, Hispanic Gentleman

Seeks healthy, fit female companion, 35-45. Sun, moon, air, water, walk, talk, laugh, spirit, wine, coffee. (9/27) ☎ 70319

ATTORNEY, 59, WHITE, 5'8", 165lbs, never married, no kids. Seeks attractive, fit female for fun, travel, hikes, tennis,

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TALL, FIT, ATHLETIC MALE, 6'0", 190lbs, good looking, brown/blue. Seeking tall, thin, fit female with appreciation of culture and athletic endeavors, 20-40. (9/27) ☎ 70333

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THE READER PUZZLE

Across

- Giant
- Uncle Sam's take
- Daddy
- Comedienne Cheri
- Land in la mer
- Trap at a ski lodge, say
- ___ preview
- Chess pieces
- What to watch the BBC on
- Good name for a barbershop next to a circus tent
- "How cute!" exclamations
- Far from strict
- Max ___ Sydow
- Follow with a camera
- Wife of Osiris
- West of Hollywood
- Good name for a barbershop in old Rome
- The "M" in MSG
- Penlight battery
- Grimm opener
- Good name for a barbershop at Disneyland
- Justice Dept. worker
- "___ girl!"
- "___ tree falls ..."
- A third of nove
- ___ roll
- Winter hrs. in Kansas
- Good name for a barbershop at 221B Baker Street
- "Vertically challenged"
- Quick to learn
- Spot of relief
- Winnings
- Two-finger sign
- Butler of fiction and film
- Penalties
- One making a pantry raid?
- "Soap" family

Down

- Puccini heroine
- Murrow's "See ___"
- Crawls (with)
- Syrian, say
- Author Gogol
- Citizen rival
- "The Black Stallion" lad
- Prefix with phobia
- Casino VIP
- Indian ___
- Educational grant named for a senator
- It may be hard to swallow
- Whichever

- Part of Mork's goodbye
- A multiple of XIX
- Raindrop sound
- Warwick's "___ Little Prayer"
- Large amount
- "___ Lisa"
- Part of McDonald's logo
- speak
- Shock
- Troop group
- George W. Bush got a 1206 on his
- Fanta or Fresca
- 1988 buyer of Motown Records
- Jack Sparrow and others
- Roman road
- Porker's plaint
- Somewhat
- Abrupt
- Pair of fours
- Mathematical subgroup
- Strike down, in the Bible
- Doctor's orders
- Feng ___
- A driver may sit on it
- Rolling rock?
- Receptive
- "Stop! You're killing me!"
- Coppertone rating: Abbr.

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
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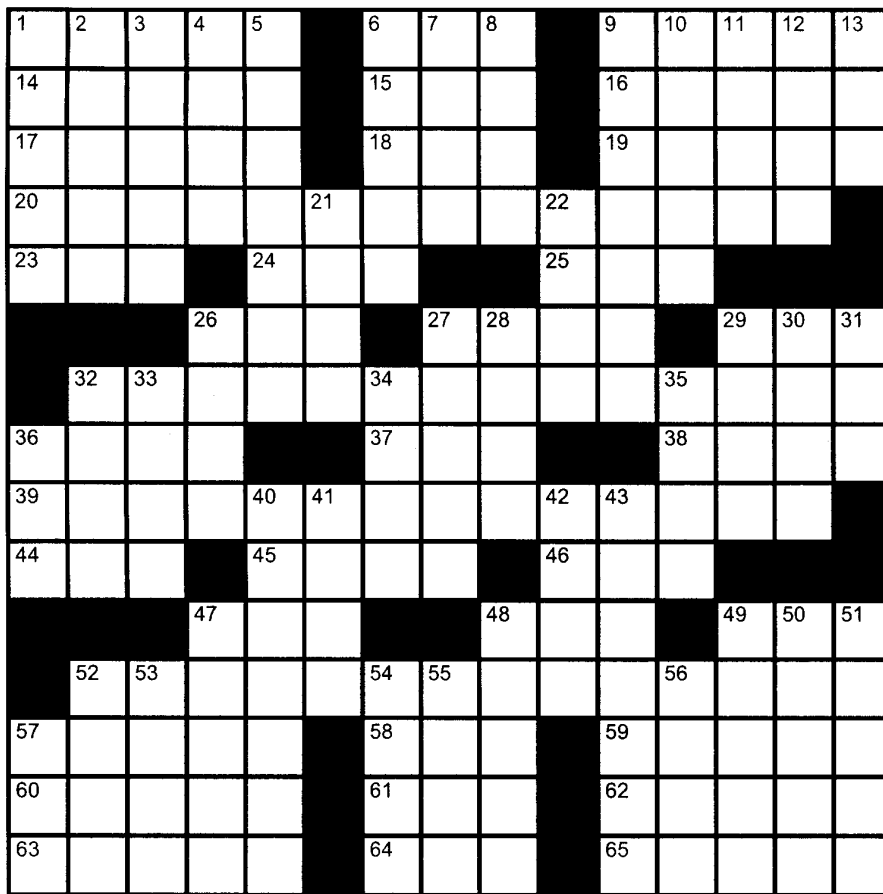
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There were 128 entrants. The winners are:

- Lindsay Funches, San Diego
- Carter Gunderson, El Cajon
- Jennifer Tran, San Diego
- Mike Cowardin, San Diego
- Nicole McLeod, San Diego

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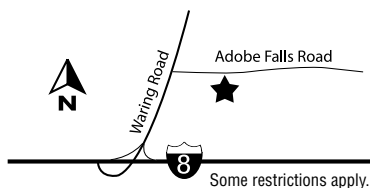
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Sean Crisp
Unemployed
Lemon Grove

My sister earns minimum wage, and she lives at home. She graduated; it's hard to find jobs out here. When I was younger, I worked for minimum wage. My sister, she's trying to save money right now; I hope she doesn't live at home much longer. If you earn minimum wage, get more than one job.... My sister already knows that she'll have to keep her job now. Companies don't want to pay more; they'd rather get foreign help.



Mike Beresford
Valet
Clairemont

Oh, man, I'm trying to live off of minimum wage right now. I make tips, but, well, I mean, \$6.75 in San Diego with the sunshine tax and all that, you can't pull it off. Basically it's rent and then whatever else you can come up with; going out to the bar isn't cheap. You can't really think about money too much; you got to budget your money as best you can. Credit cards come into play as little as possible; I personally don't like to use them. There's a lot of us still doing the minimum-wage thing; I recommend Mexican food and Ramen works, too. I don't have a Costco card right now, but that'd be the way to do it. Mostly it's about focusing on the necessities. I'd tell people to check somewhere else; San Diego's already pretty crowded.



Jared Livingston
Student
College Area

Probably not. I lived with my parents when I made minimum wage. Most jobs are only a little bit over minimum wage, too; 25 cents isn't much more. It takes three paychecks to buy a Big Mac. Top Ramen, ten for a dollar, works pretty well. I wouldn't have a problem dating a girl who's making minimum wage; it's true that I'd have to pay for everything, so hopefully she likes burritos. I wouldn't be down if she had caviar tastes working at Blockbuster. I knew a guy who got fired from Blockbuster for erasing the overdue fees, so he couldn't even do that for a girl. If you have anything more than one person in a one-room apartment without a family, you can't live off of minimum wage. You can date a rich girl; I have a friend who does, and he doesn't have a job anymore.



Amanda Cosolito
Food Server
Ocean Beach

No, I have two jobs. At a restaurant, I make minimum wage; hourly, I only make \$6.75 plus tips. I have another job, so I obviously can't live on minimum wage. I could get by on my second job, but I like having cash in hand from tips. When I was going to school and only making minimum wage, I was getting money from my parents. I still live at home, but I'm saving my money so I can move out. Stay at home as long as you can. Hell, no, would I date a guy when I make more money than he does. It's a girl's preference and personal decision; if money doesn't matter and you're not into material things, it's okay. I don't know if I'd seriously date a guy if he were hot like Brad Pitt, but I'd have a little fling with him.



Melissa Clauson
Food Server
El Cajon

Hell, no. A couple years ago, I earned minimum, but I got money from my parents for rent. Basically, I earned my food and booze money. If you don't have a car, you can't really get that good of a job. I'd date a guy who earns minimum wage if he got money from his parents. My advice to young kids earning minimum wage is the same my mother gave me, which is to marry a good Jewish boy. You can't even have a 401(k) on minimum wage because that'd be half of your paycheck. I have to pay for my medical insurance now, too, and car insurance. Don't grow up, don't move out of your parents' house, and don't finish school.



Evan Green
Student
College Area

I live at home, so my parents basically cover a lot of my expenses. I'm making less than minimum wage because I pay for a meal plan at my job, and there are still taxes. I get a hundred bucks a year back in taxes; I'm not a big workaholic. I've definitely noticed since I've started working more and more, my parents are trying to get me to pay for my own insurance on the car, and gas is a big one. I'm on my dad's Chevron card, and that's a good way to go. If they can pay for me, I don't see why they shouldn't. At the same time, it's something that needs to be done, and I have to do it; it's just my own selfish nature that makes me not want to do it. I do want to move out, but it's expensive where I live on minimum wage. There are a lot of times that I want to see a movie, but I don't want to go to the bank and take out the money. A certain family member of mine overdid by a lot of money and he was forced to pay the consequences; don't rely completely on your parents and learn something for yourself.

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LEAD STORY

— Seriously Bi-Cultural: Tariq Khan, 12, of New York City, bubbled with enthusiasm (to a *New York Times* reporter in August) about his love of the "Grand Theft Auto" video game and the hip-hop music of Fat Joe, T.I., and 50 Cent — a month after becoming a hafiz by having memorized the entire Koran in Arabic (which he doesn't understand all that well). He finished the regimen in less than two years of 40-hour workweeks, and if he retains his knowledge, he and ten people of his choosing eventually get express passage to paradise.

Compelling Explanations

— (1) University of Central Florida student Matthew Damsky was arrested in July and charged with starting a fire in his dormitory so he could meet women during the evacuation. (2) During the Santa Ana, Calif., murder-conspiracy trial of Aryan Brotherhood prison leaders in July, the lawyer for defendant Barry "The Baron" Mills (who was convicted along with colleague Tyler "The Hulk" Bingham) made the point that the Aryan Brotherhood is more of a social club than a criminal gang and mostly enjoys just "playing cards, reading, and crocheting," according to a *New York Times* report.

The Litigious Society

— Longshots: (1) Los Angeles psychologist Michael Cohn filed a lawsuit in May against the Los Angeles Angels baseball team because he didn't get a red nylon bag that the team was giving to women for "Family Sunday" on Mothers' Day last year. (2) "Carlos the Jackal," who is perhaps the world's most notorious terrorist and who is serving life in prison in France, filed a lawsuit earlier this year against the head of French intelligence for

illegally capturing him while he was sedated in a liposuction clinic in Khartoum, Sudan, in 1994. — Garrett Sapp filed a lawsuit in July seeking compensation for injuries from a 2004 auto accident in West Des Moines, Iowa. Christopher Garton's car hit Sapp's because Garton's attention was diverted by the oral sex he was receiving from his wife (according to a police report).

Bill of Rights

— James Filson was fired as a Big Ten conference football referee in 2005 following a reporter's disclosure that, after a bad accident and the installment of a prosthetic, Filson had been officiating games with one eye. Filson filed a lawsuit in July, pointing out that he had been refereeing well enough for the previous four years that no one noticed his condition, but the conference said that, now that the word is out, he would be a magnet for criticism on close calls.

— Pedophiles Fight Back: (1) Phillip Distasio, 34, told a judge in Cleveland in August (in preparation for his September trial on 74 charges) that he's been a pedophile for 20 years, that what he does can be therapeutic for the child, and that it's part of his Arcadian Fields Ministries religion, of which he is a friar. (2) Three men in the Netherlands announced in May that they have formed the Charity, Freedom and Diversity party and will field candidates for office, advocating freedom to be naked in public and a reduction in the age of consent for sex to 12. The new party, said one, will give them "a voice." "Politicians only talk about us in a negative sense."

News Stephen King Can Use

— About 1000 animals were scheduled to be dug up from Pet's Rest cemetery in Colma, Calif., after owners realized that their lease had run out

(June). ... The Green River Cemetery in Greenfield, Mass., hurried to move and rebury bodies that began sliding down a muddy slope into the river (July). ... About 100 skeletons were recently unearthed from an old graveyard beneath the St. Joseph's Church, which the Archdiocese of Boston demolished in 2004 and sold (July). ... The city of London, England, began selling used burial sites (for the equivalent of about \$5600), offering to inter bodies on top of previous burials and to re-mark gravestones with new names (July).

Least Competent Criminals

— The robber of a Bank of America branch in Tampa, Fla., in August is still at large, but according to witnesses, the bag of cash he took and stuffed down his pants as he fled had exploded. The chemical dye pack creates a temperature of about 425 degrees. Said a police spokesperson, "There's no way that he was not injured." During his dash, the man jettisoned almost all the money.

Ironies

— (1) Amarillo, Texas, officials welcomed home eighth-place national spelling-bee finisher Caitlin Campbell in June with a billboard, but misspelled her name as "Cambell." (2) ExxonMobil, the company that announced jaw-dropping profits of \$18.7 billion for the first half of 2006, said in June that it would fight the U.S. Justice Department over \$92 million that the government said the company owes in the still-uncompleted 1989 Exxon Valdez oil-spill cleanup.

— I See Dead People: (1) A campaign worker for unsuccessful Rhode Island gubernatorial candidate Dennis Michaud was charged in July with falsifying election records. The worker allegedly made a sworn statement that 57 voters had signed Michaud's nominating petition "in [his] presence,"

including two people who had long been dead. Said the worker, "I did nothing wrong." (2) The signers this summer of a nominating petition for James T. Finnell for an office in Smithtown, N.Y., were all living, but the problem there was that Finnell himself had died in 2004, and according to a July report in *Newsday*, no one knows who circulated the petition.

Update

— In 2001, "News of the Weird" mentioned William Lyttle, then age 71, of North London, England, who was notorious for digging tunnels underneath his 20-room home. That year, he had dug past the property line for the first time and created a 15-foot hole in the street. Earlier in 2006, Lyttle was temporarily evicted when his tunneling threatened the integrity of the entire street, and building inspectors feared that his accumulation of junk would cause the house to sink into the ground already weakened by 40 years' worth of burrowing. Engineers are considering cementing in all the tunnels.

Clumsy People with Guns

— The following people accidentally shot themselves recently: A 21-year-old man in Hoquiam, Wash., and a 20-year-old man in Chicago (fatally), both while trying "to holster" the weapon in their waistbands. ... Criminal suspects Fabian Patillo, 21, in a Chicago suburb (June), and a 23-year-old man in East Germantown, Pa. (July), shot themselves in the head when they too-hastily fired their guns behind them trying to shoot pursuers. (Patillo did not survive.)

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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

Dole is related to pineapples, though he's supposed to have the personality of a radish. Ford is a dependable, unexciting four-door. Somewhere maybe there's a vacuum cleaner or a pipe joint called a Mondale, but the media haven't heard about it yet.

Consequently, when Mondale's Eastern Airlines jet pulled to a stop and blew the reporters' hair straight up, they were wondering what label to pin on this guy.

—**"A REPORTER WHO SOUNDS LIKE HE'S SEASONED TAKES ON THE SEASONED REPORTERS AND THE JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB WOMAN,"** Richard Louv, September 16, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Why doesn't that Duncan Shepherd stick to reviewing movies and stop all this name-calling? To write that "director John Carpenter still has mashed potatoes for brains" might raise a guffaw among the high school contingent, but doesn't convey much to anyone looking for a good movie. Why call Bo Derek "peanut-headed"?

—LETTERS: **"GOOD POINT, FISHFACE,"** Jackie Giordano, Hillcrest, September 17, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

Not all of the 70 or so houses destroyed in

Normal Heights' fierce 1985 canyon fire have been replaced. But some are built...its neighbors are scraggly "move-ons." Others are newly built Spanish cottages. Farther down, one residence achieves a rustic look through its use of stained knotty pine.... Farther still, a two-story, deep orange house with modernistic lines conjures up visions of Del Mar or Lake Tahoe.

—**"DOES A HOUSE MAKE A NEIGHBORHOOD?"**

Jeanette De Wyze, September 18, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

On the day it was announced that the *Tribune* was folding, a lot of things happened that didn't make it into the front-page story that afternoon or the follow-up the next day.

At 8:30 a.m., when Morgan broke the news to the *Tribune* staff, he said, "Not that it's going to be any great comfort to you, but Helen Copley volunteered yesterday to come down here and break the news with me but decided she'd better not because, she said, 'I think I'd break out in tears.'" One reporter quipped, "Yeah, I hear she's real choked up." Another added, "If she came down here, she'd be choked, all right."

—CITY LIGHTS: **"ADAM, GOD HIMSELF COULD NOT**

RAISE THIS SHIP!" Thomas K. Arnold,

September 12, 1991

Ten Years Ago

Nine years ago, my husband Forrest and I moved our used bookstore to downtown San Diego. Homelessness became part of our lives.

The plight of the homeless was as bad if not worse when the Republican National Convention was announced over a year ago.

A few of us decided to form a group to plan a poor people's response to the convention. We held weekly meetings at the Big Kitchen and called ourselves "The Poor People's Party."

Lone Wolf had been corresponding on the Internet with a homeless discussion group. A Native American with a Ph.D. in anthropology, he'd lived on the streets of San Diego for three years.

Just as our outreach for the Poor People's Party was beginning, Lone Wolf was banished from the homeless discussion group on the Internet for making antisocial remarks. The next thing we knew, there was a posting from someone purporting to be his roommate. It stated, "Lone Wolf has committed suicide."

—CITY LIGHTS: **"NORMAN MAILER, CITY HALL**

SLEEP-IN, AND THE HUMAN FIREBALL,"

Anne Curo, September 12, 1996

Five Years Ago

Jim'd been overwatering the orange trees on



San Diego Reader, September 16, 1976

the Sunday morning Raymond found him lying unconscious on the grass. The garden hose was running full blast. A line of black ants traced its way across Jim's cheek and into his open mouth. Cause of death: heart attack.

Raymond noticed that Jim's secretary behaved with less decorum than is the custom at an employer's funeral. She embraced Jim's casket. She kissed the lid.

—TIP OF MY TONGUE: **"ORANGES,"** Max Nash, September 13, 2001

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Dear Saffron,

This is a common problem, but I never thought I'd have to deal with it, and I'm stumped. My widowed mother is 76. She is active and smart — a very self-sufficient, together person who's quite social. But lately, when I talk to her — in person and especially on the phone — more and more she'll say, in an irritated, loud voice, "I can't hear you!" This is her way of prompting me to speak up, but the problem is that this has gone from happening once in a conversation to occurring about every tenth sentence. Other relatives and friends have begun to complain about having to yell to converse with her. The other day I went over to her house to visit, and she had the TV on full blast. It was deafening. I had to beg her to turn it down just so I could be in the house. She will not acknowledge that she is suffering from a hearing problem. I have brought it up several times, and she just says, "I have to go to the doctor too often as it is.

My hearing's fine. I get along." I feel like her hearing problems are coming between us and hurting her quality of life, and I wonder if you have any suggestions about getting her to address them.

TIRED OF SHOUTING IN POWAY

Dear Tired of Shouting,

Be patient with Mom. You may have to gently wear her down. It's depressing to face up to the fact that your ears are going. And it might take time for her to get as frustrated as you are (such frustration can be motivating) with her diminished hearing. Offer to take her to the ear doctor, and turn it into a fun field trip by treating her to lunch afterward. Tell her how highly you value your conversations with her, and let her know that communication has become discouraging and problematic. Emphasize that there are lots of choices these days for dealing with auditory problems — she won't have to lug an ear trumpet around. It's in her best interest to investigate her hearing-enhancing options so she can stay a part of life's sound track, rather than end up marooned in silence.

Dear Saffron,

Three years ago I was ill for a few months. I was hospitalized for a week and then home convalescing for about 90 days. I have since made a full recovery. During my convalescence, a friend, whom I'll call

Lina, brought me a beautiful bouquet of flowers. It was sweet of her, and the flowers were cheering. Lina is a loyal friend but sometimes she can be prickly. Last week she called and said she was a little put out that I had not returned the large glass vase those flowers had been in and that she would like it back now. Of course I would have returned it immediately had I known that she expected it back. I was not thinking too clearly when I was sick and didn't ask about the vase, but other friends also gave me flowers, and in every case both flowers and vase were provided by a florist — no returns were necessary. I want to comply with Lina's request, but I have no memory of which vase it is. I own about 15 glass vases. I asked Lina to tell me what the vase looked like, and she gave such a vague description that it fits all the vases I own. I think it's strange to suddenly ask for the vase back after years have gone by. My husband thinks it's rude. Don't you? What's the right thing to do?

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Dear Grateful,

I think Lina is being silly, because so much time has passed, but she's a good friend, and you have vases to spare. So why not be Buddhist about it and practice nonattachment to material things? Line up all the vases you own that fit her blurry description. Make sure they're sparkling clean. Have your eccentric

friend over for a lovely afternoon tea with all the trimmings, and include some of her favorite pastry. Let her survey the vase collection and pick out which one she brought over years ago so she can take it home and repatriate it among her own glassware. Rather than letting this vase issue cause a rift in the friendship, you can use it as an opportunity to do the opposite — let Lina know that she not only will go home with her vase but with your continued affection for her kind attention when you were ill.

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I went out drinking last night, and while it was fun and social and a nice change of pace from my evening routine of wholesome dinner, playing on the rug, and Elmo's World*, I was out of practice for a drinking session, and I am paying for it today. I am paying for it with the currency of emotion, since I feel guilty that L.T. had Nora duty while I was out swilling beer, and I am paying for it with the currency of my entire brain. Instead of handing that bartender \$2.25 (over and over and over again), I should have just busted out the skull saw and given him my brain. My hangover does not involve pain or angst, but it does involve me feeling slow and stupid.

**This fake footnote will only be relevant to those who also watch Sesame Street, either because they have children, are children, or just enjoy lying on the couch and learning about the alphabet. Nora is in love with Elmo, with his high-pitched voice and his third-person dissociative disorder, so I see a lot of his "world." And Mimi has a question, foooooooooo you! (A shiny nickel to the other Elmo-watching parents who guffawed at my Elmo in-joke!) Why does Elmo's world thwart him so? That drawer always gives him trouble, as does the TV and the computer. Presumably he invented his own world, possibly with that same crayon we see in the opening sequence, and it makes no sense to invent a difficult world for yourself! Unless Elmo is trying to impart some Buddhist-style wisdom about illusion and suffering?*

So, I am stupid today because of beer. And I am unable to eat. This morning I was not at all interested in breakfast things, but then at the El stop I veered into Dunkin' Donuts as if on autopilot. I normally do not patronize this sugar-purveyor because I despise folksy vernacular involving apostrophes. (The preceding may be the greatest sentence I have ever writ-

ten.) I got coffee, which is weird, because I almost never drink coffee, and something called a "coffee roll," which I think I picked because the name sounded kind of grown-up and east-coasty. Plus its spiral shape seemed like it would be good to meditate on. Plus it saved me the trouble of making a decision on doughnut flavors. Because I am stupid today. And I cannot make those decisions.

You can't make this shit up: there was a short line at the doughnut shop, and I was in line behind a midget, who got hot chocolate and a BOX OF MUNCHKINS. (I could say more, but instead I will leave that fat, juicy carcass of a joke lying there in the middle of our textual road.) Being near a midget did nothing to clear my head or make my hung-over morning any less surreal. I have always been freaked out by the wee...and the retarded. That freakoutedness may escalate soon, since (as Louisa and I discussed last night over the many beers) it is hard to tell just who is retarded these days, what with all the hipsters wearing their super-thick nerd glasses and their high-water pants and their ill-fitting polyester shirts. Everyone's retarded! It's like a Gap ad! Everyone in retard

clothes!

After my coffee and coffee roll were purchased and I was back on my train, I discovered that I could no longer eat. It wasn't that I felt sick, but that I just could not eat. Like trying to eat on acid. Who can eat while on acid? No one. You are just too aware of your tongue and teeth and the process of chewing and swallowing, and



it seems like an impossible task, this eating of food, so creepily biomechanical and pointless, making the food all go away and go inside you, and digestion and enzymes and...THIS WAY LIES MADNESS! A friend of mine once was tripping in our college cafeteria — mistakenly thinking he could eat — and he had Jell-O on his plate, and when someone bumped the table, he pointed and shrieked, "It moved!" That still makes me laugh when I

think about it. *Watch it wiggle, see it jiggle, hear it tell you to kill the president.*

I do not often purchase hot beverages to go, and that may be why I am out of touch with coffee-lid technology. On the train I noticed that the coffee-lid inventors have invented a new lid, the un-snappily named "Lift 'n' Lock" (again with the goddamn apostrophes!), and while it may keep your coffee hot longer, it sure is over-designed. All these little bits to poke. And lift. And lock. At least it gives you something to do while you are not eating your coffee roll. I looked out the window and tried to make my brain work. I

noticed that the sky was cloudless and bright fucking blue. My immediate association was September 11, 2001, since the same sky was in place that day, and, oh, hello, Crushing Depression The Day After Drinking. There you are. I've missed you. Brain, feel free to go back to not working if that's the sort of crap you are going to come up with.

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SUSPICIOUS DEATH

Location: 480 Alta Road, Otay Mesa

Time/Date: 2:00 a.m. on 9/1/06

Report: At the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility, an inmate in a housing unit began to bang on his cell door. This information was relayed to a correctional officer who was in the process of conducting a routine security check in that unit. When the officer got to that two-man cell the inmate told him that his cell-mate was "cold." The reporting inmate was removed from the cell and the second inmate was checked. He was found to be unresponsive and was taken to the facility infirmary, where he was pronounced dead at 2:21 a.m.



Due to the fact that several aspects of this incident appear to be of a suspicious nature, this is being investigated by the Sheriff's Homicide Detail as a potential homicide.

HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION
Location: [1100] Via Rancho San Diego, La Mesa
Time/Date: 9:00 p.m. on 8/25/06

Investigation: In the late afternoon/early evening, a father left his three children at their home...as he went to conduct some personal business. The children are ages eleven, six, and five. When the father returned a few hours later, he was met by his 11-year-old daughter, who told him that her 5-year-old sister was not breathing. The father called 9-1-1 and began to perform CPR. Once paramedics arrived on scene, the child was taken to Children's Hospital.

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At about 2:00 a.m., the Sheriff's Communications Center was advised by Children's Hospital that the child's condition was believed to be the result of trauma, specifically to the head.

Deputies from the Lemon Grove Station responded to the hospital to begin a preliminary investigation into this incident. Shortly thereafter, detectives from the Sheriff's

Child Abuse and Homicide Details were notified of the situation. Detectives from both details responded.

During the course of this investigation, it was learned that the 11-year-old female inflicted injuries on her 5-year-old sister. Those injuries are to the extent that the victim is currently on life support.

OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING

Location: 12100 Travertine Court, Poway

Time/Date: 3:41 a.m. on 7/3/06

Investigation: An off-duty Coronado Police Officer reported that he was following a suspected drunk driver in the vicinity of northbound Highway 163 and Highway 52. The suspect vehicle was described as weaving in lanes, traveling at speeds of between 30 and 90 miles per hour, and nearly colliding with several other vehicles on the highway.



The suspect vehicle exited Interstate 15 at Pomerado Road in the Scripps Ranch area. When the suspect vehicle stopped for a red signal light, the officer pulled his car next to him and after identifying himself as a police officer, ordered the driver to pull the car over. The driver acknowledged the officer, then drove away.

After a short distance the suspect stopped again. The driver got out of his car and approached the officer,

who had stopped behind him. The officer verbally identified himself and pulled out his handgun. He told the suspect several times to stop...[the suspect] continued to walk toward the officer, while making the statement, "That's a BB gun." The suspect then walked back to his car.

A female passenger got out of the vehicle and yelled an unintelligible comment to the officer. The suspect and his female passenger then drove away, with the officer following them.

The suspect then stopped his vehicle at the intersection of Treadwell Drive and Travertine Court in Poway, with the officer behind them. The suspect got out of his car and again approached the officer's car. The officer backed his car up, then drove around the suspect, up Travertine Court, which is a cul-de-sac.

At the end of the cul-de-sac, the officer got out of his car. He saw the suspect approaching him on foot up Travertine Court, with his female companion driving the car next to him. As the suspect approached, the officer again identified himself as a police officer and said that his gun was real.

The officer fired a warning shot into some bushes.

The female rapidly accelerated the car directly at the officer. In response, the officer fired two shots at the car. The officer was able to avoid being struck by the moving vehicle. The male suspect reached into his pants with his right hand as he approached the officer. The officer then fired at the suspect. The suspect acknowledged that he had been shot, but continued toward the officer, who then fired again at him. This time the suspect fell to the ground.

Shortly thereafter, deputies arrived on scene. The uninjured female was taken into custody and the male suspect was transported to a local hospital.

Identification has been made on the male suspect as Steve F. [of the San Diego Chargers] and the female as Lisa G.

It should be noted that, during the course of this incident, the officer established radio communications with allied law enforcement agencies.

Statement from the Coronado Police Department: The officer involved was Aaron M., [who] was hired by the Coronado Police Department in August 2005. The officer is on paid administrative leave, pending the investigation.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Location: Cassidy Street and Broadway, Oceanside

Time/Date: 7:33 p.m. on 9/1/06

Incident: A 53-year-old female attempted to commit suicide by lying between the train rails as a southbound Amtrak train approached. The train passed over the female when the rear portion...contacted the female's right arm, causing a severe fracture. The female was subsequently air lifted by Mercy Air to Palomar Hospital where she underwent surgery to repair her arm.



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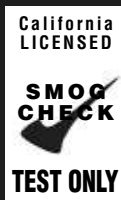
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After a quick wince and bite on the lip, I stopped feeling anything "down there." A paper sheet blocked my view from the waist down. The doctor's hands moved behind the sheet, and I stared up into the blinding fluorescent tubes in the ceiling.

The nurse had a square face and a bit of acne but was pretty. She asked the doctor questions — "You need a clamp for that?" "Do you want to do this first?" — and she gestured at the procedure being performed in my lap.

Soft rock filtered in through a speaker: John Tesh's voice and then Peter Frampton's guitar. "Ooh, baby, I love your way," Peter sang as the doctor worked away behind the paper.

I covered my eyes from the glare of the lights. When Peter Frampton finished up his serenade to my vasectomy, the baritone synthetic opening chords to "Take My Breath Away," from the *Top Gun* soundtrack, sank into the room.

I pushed a small laugh out of my nose and covered my mouth. "Oh, no," the nurse looked to my eyes, concerned. "Do you feel pain or pressure?"

"No, neither," I answered. "It's just a funny song. It's the first song I slow-danced to with a girl. I was in the fifth grade." The nurse smiled, and while I held her gaze, I said, "It's romantic, isn't it? Doctor, a little vasectomy music, please."

"You're so young," she said.

"I know."

"How many kids do you have?" she asked.

"None," I answered, and she looked sad. She had the same look of sadness I'd seen on a lot of people's faces when I explained I would never have any kids and didn't want any.

Doc snapped his gloves off and said, "That's it, you're all done," and I thanked him. I gathered a little bag of after-care products at the front desk, and my friend, Barb, drove me home.

And here I am, watching late-night TV, wearing a jock strap filled with bandaging with a bag of frozen peas on my lap. The remote flips through channels; nothing good is on, and I keep pulling back the elastic and checking on the swollen boys. I scan the adult contemporary music stations, hoping for Berlin's greatest hit.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

CELEBRITY DUETS

FOX 9:00 P.M.

This show is *American Idol*'s little cousin. It has leg braces, a weepy eye, and has to take its asthma medicine before it can go outside. It's too small to play sports, but it has studied for the big Scrabble tournament coming up and knows five words that start with the letter X. Oh, how it wants a "Bee Excited!" sticker for its Trapper Keeper and a CD of the Beach Boys' greatest hits.

DAYDREAM BELIEVERS: THE MONKEES' STORY (2000)

VH1 CL 10:00 P.M.

There's an exact date in 1965 when America died. I haven't nailed it down, but it's somewhere between the airing of the first *Monkees* episode and the release of Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello's *How to Stuff a Wild Bikini*. Sure, I'd like to blame Reagan for the death, but he was just the undertaker. Simon Cowell is a grave-robbing necrophiliac. I could go on.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

THE REAL TOMB HUNTERS: SNAKES, CURSES, AND BOOBY TRAPS

HIST 2:00 P.M.

Ha ha ha ha ha! Booby.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

TOP 20 COUNTDOWN

VH1 9:00 A.M.

How is it that I've never met a living soul who is an REM fan? Sure, everyone says they liked "It's the End of the World as We Know It" and there are those really sick people out there who touch animals and enjoy "Losing My Religion," but that doesn't account for a 20-year career of irritating, knock-kneed, whine-rock that gets VH1 VJs doe-eyed and wet in the mouth.

SATURDAY NIGHT BEAUTY

QVC 4:00 P.M.

If you think Saturday night starts at four in the afternoon, buy your beauty products from QVC. I swear the whole bingo hall will go silent as you make your entrance, and Widower Harmon will finally share his smokeless ashtray with you. He might even buy you a Tab from the vending machine. Won't that be the living end? My, my, my...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

END OF DAYS (1999)

USA 10:00 A.M.

You ever walk through a park on a Sunday morning and find a pair of rumpled, torn, and probably stained underwear in a shrub or off the sidewalk behind a bush? What in God's green creation was so important to that man that he had to tear his skivvies from his body, chuck 'em into the greenery, and dash off into the night? I wonder about that man's life and health. So that I may avoid the same fate, I want to know where he had eaten that day. Was he being chased? I can't imagine there would be, but if there is some sort of misconduct on the part of the Parks and Recreation Department, I would like to be informed of this hazard. I don't know. I don't know what happened there.



Celebrity Duets

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

DEAL OR NO DEAL

NBC 8:00 P.M.

I want to pat Howie Mandel's head. Pat-pat-pat-pat. And then yank his ears, and when he goes, "Ow, what are you doing?" I'll yell, "Shut up, Howie!" and wedgie him until he tastes cotton. Howie Mandel, with your annoying ass.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

160-POUND TUMOR

DHC 8:00 P.M.

Thanks, Discovery Health. Because there weren't enough mother-in-law jokes out there already.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

BONES

FOX 8:00 P.M.

Big night on Television. *Bones* on Fox competes with *The Biggest Loser* for dominance of the 8 p.m. time slot. Yes, it's also a metaphor for my sex life. I'll be under my bed if anyone needs me.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

KENNY CHESNEY: BACK WHERE I COME FROM

CMT 10:00 P.M.

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My idea of a good time on Friday nights has evolved (or devolved) into avoiding crowds.

By John Brizzolara

Of sleep, every evening's sinister adventure, it may be observed that men go daily to their beds with an audacity which would be beyond comprehension did we not know that is the result of their ignorance of danger.

— Baudelaire

This past Friday night I went to sleep at an early, elderly-man's hour. I should, I suppose, have been out and about covering the best happy hours, ballroom or clog dancing, bee-keeping or basket-weaving, things I imagine — for no particular reason — are expected of me. It had been a full, tough week. The tough part was as it always is, negotiating my way through insufferable personalities. I have written before about the uncanny and ineluctable fact of my life: fools and wing nuts, disloyal and incompetent members of humanity constantly surround me. My idea of a good time on Friday nights has evolved (or devolved) into avoiding crowds. Solitude with only the backdrop of that rich tapestry that is my mind is my cup of meat. The people-happy social clowns that plague me may call my choice isolation, but I prefer to think of myself as discerning.

Still, the company of my own mind can be an alarming proposition.

After lulling myself to sleep in the bedroom of my East Village condo, with obliteration fantasies involving high-caliber weapons turning certain cretins who plot against me into lung soup, I dreamed.

At first I dreamed the dreams of

the just, reassured (with my orifice protectors in place) that deviate violators would not rudely rouse me from my slumber; but my dreams took a dark turn with the appearance of Froggy from *Our Gang* or *The Little Rascals*, the old black-and-white comedies.

Froggy had appeared in the landscape of my dream, a facsimile of the Edward Hicks painting *Peaceable Kingdom*. Out of place among the creatures with his red hair, freckles, and overalls, Froggy spoke to me in his prematurely whiskeyed and cigarette-scored voice, "Yer not getting any younger, Bozo."

I declined to respond to this observation on the obvious and instead appreciated my subconscious sense of the absurd. They say that entire dreams, no matter how lengthy they may seem subjectively, really last only seconds at most, but it seemed like a full half minute before I asked, "What do you suppose Freud would make of your appearance in my REM sleep confabulation of *Peaceable Kingdom*?"

Froggy scoffed, a gravelly sifting of phlegm against raw vocal cords. "When you bring Freud onstage in a dream, you're cheating." With that, Freud appeared behind Froggy's right shoulder, his cigar trailing wisps of blue smoke.

"Froggy," he said, "represents that aspect of your superego you see reflected in others and which you choose to despise."

"Huh?" This made no sense to me. If Freud was right about dreams, and everyone you dreamed about was really some aspect of yourself, what part of me might be symbolized by a long-dead child actor with an unfortunate speech impediment? And what part of me was Sigmund Freud?

"Must I bring your mother into this?" Freud threatened.

"No. Who said anything about my mother?"

"You, with every firing synapse of this dream."

"That's very Freudian."

"I do it better than most."

With that Freud reached into "the wings," as it were, of my dream. I closed my rapidly moving analog eyes, expecting to see the fleshy form of the late Mary Jane Arburn, Loins-of-Destiny, Bane of My Childhood, my mother — no doubt wielding some hideous castration device Freud himself had provided for her.

I opened my eyes, or thought I did. Clearly I was still asleep and dreaming because *Peaceable Kingdom* had been restored with all its quirky and Quakerish soothing quality, only there were two moons in the sky in the background and the lion with the odd eyes in the original painting had been replaced by a thin, blue-furred feline with black tiger stripes and a primate-like, almost humanoid head with needly sharp fangs. Its eyes rotated and it opened then clamped its jaws flecking steaming spittle into the non-air across the canvas of the



dreamscape.

It had become one of those nightmares of childhood that one has to claw one's way up and out of through layers of reality and consciousness. Sitting upright in bed, I saw in the wash of moonlight from the window that I was clutching my crotch protectively and had no idea why. Walking to the desk by the window, I thought I'd better write down some of the elements of the dream for later perusal and analysis. On a foolscap pad I wrote: "*Peaceable Kingdom* — Mom — Freud — blue monkey tiger lion w/teeth like blade *Moyel* uses for circumcisions." There was something I was forgetting.

I went into the bathroom, and by the time I returned to the bedroom I had pretty much decided to chalk the whole thing up to simple bladder anxiety. I paused at the window once more and looked out over a blue-white expanse of rooftops. *The moon must be full*, I thought and looked up to see two of them above the Coronado bridge.

If there be anything amiss — let the Dream be responsible. The Dream is a law to itself; and as well quarrel with a rainbow for showing, or not for showing, a secondary arch...the Dream knows best; and the Dream, I say again, is the responsible party.

— De Quincey

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