

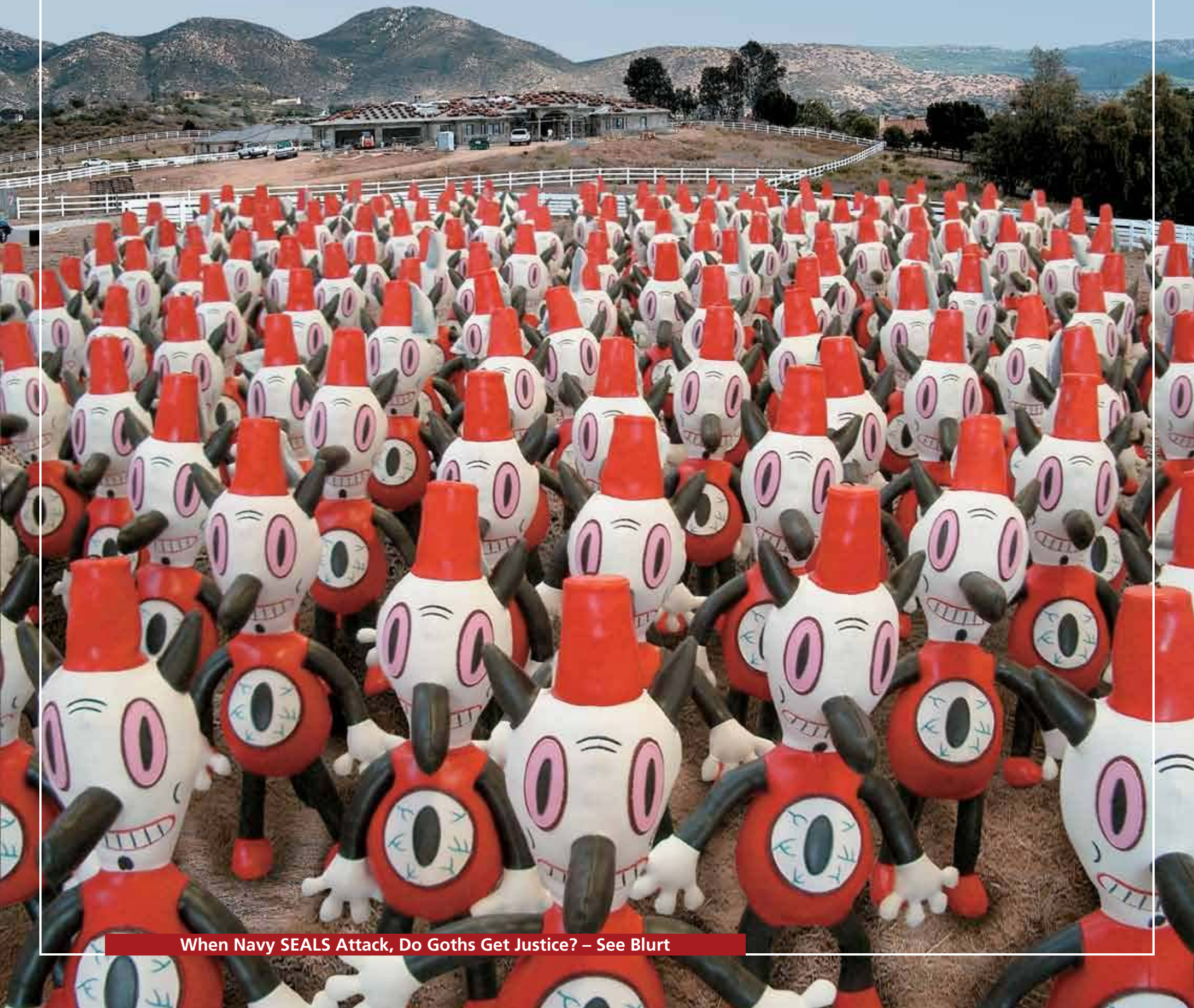
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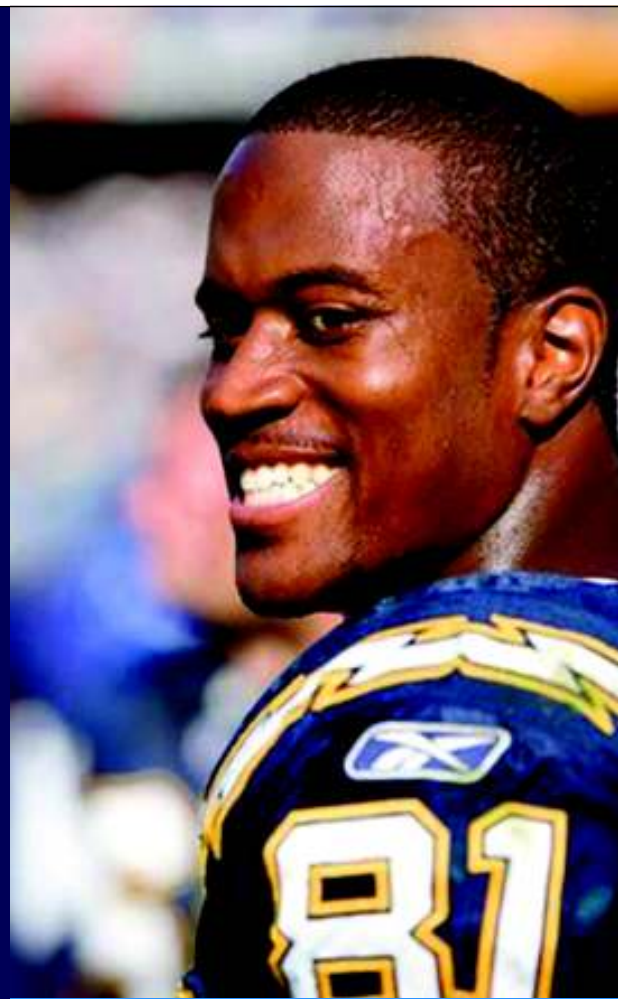
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John McCain

On the McCain side, Qualcomm executive vice president **Len J. Lauer**; **Fredric J. Maas**, CEO of Black Mountain Ranch; **Joel L. Reed** of R.A.A. Capital; and Poway contractor **Doug Barnhart** are down for between \$50,000 and \$100,000 each. Among the \$100,000 to \$250,000 bundlers are San Diego hotel magnate and GOP stalwart **Sam Hardage** and Brahma Holdings COO **John Heubusch**. Chargers president **Dean Spanos** brought in between \$250,000 and \$500,000.

Obama hasn't broken down his contributors by city as McCain has, making it harder to determine who is who on the Obama list, but his local chairwoman, La Jolla **Christine Forester**, is listed as raising over \$200,000. ... Despite the state's budget crisis, another round of big salaries was handed out by University of California regents last week at their meeting in Santa Barbara. **Jeffrey Elman**, who was named UCSD's dean of social sciences effective September 1, will make \$277,400, plus life and travel insurance. Elman, a cognitive science expert, has been serving as interim dean. In addition, **Mark Thiemens**, UCSD's dean of physical sciences, was given a special "summer salary" increase of \$22,117, bringing his total annual pay up to \$287,517, according to a university document. The extra pay, covered by NASA grant funds, was part of a program to reward faculty for their "summer research activities." In exchange, they agree to forfeit "an equivalent amount of accrued vacation."

Right wing light KPBS, the San Diego State University-owned public broadcasting



operation that has been suffering financially of late, is looking for a new voice from the right. The website of the TV station and FM radio combination "has an opening for a Republican blogger with a conservative perspective on politics," according to a recent advertisement on craigslist. "Bloggers write once a week and are paid a monthly stipend of \$225." But would-be Rush Limbaughs apparently need not apply. The ad notes that the KPBS blogging gig "is not a platform for advocacy; bloggers must be willing to listen and consider the views of others. Seeking diverse (culture, life experience, gender, and geographic) applicants to write about how election issues affect their lives and communities." The ad goes on to say, "Applicants should

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Murray Galinson

Brian Caster, proprietor of a self-storage warehouse chain, gave \$10,000 to the National Organization for Marriage California, which is promoting the measure. ... **Scott Alevy**, the ex-Chula Vista councilman who departed as PR vice president of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce a bit ago, signed on last month as a lobbyist at **Karen Hutchens & Associates**. According to the firm's San Diego city disclosure filing, it currently has only one client, the Academy of Our Lady of Peace.

Alex, Mike, and Jerry San Diego city attorney **Mike Aguirre** and Chargers owner **Alex Spanos** finally may have something in common. At loggerheads for years over Spanos's attempts to build a new taxpayer-financed football stadium, Spanos and Aguirre have encountered a shared nemesis in the form of state attorney general **Jerry Brown**. In Aguirre's case, Brown issued a preelection report exonerating San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders** of the corruption charges Aguirre had leveled against him in connection with the Sunroad overheight building scandal. For Spanos, Brown's intervention comes in the form of his reported threat to support legislation repealing the general plan of Stockton, where Spanos wants to build thousands of new units and a commercial center.



Mike Aguirre

According to a recent account in the *Stockton Record*, Brown has been meeting quietly with opponents of the Spanos-friendly general plan, adopted by the city council there earlier this year, and said he "was appalled at the range of sprawl" it would cause. Brown's office declined to provide any details of the discussions, and A.G. Spanos Companies spokeswoman **Natalia Orfanos** said the developer remains out of the loop for now. "We don't want to muddy the waters," she was quoted as saying. "We're not going to interject ourselves. If he calls us, that would be nice. We have plenty to tell him. Good stuff, you know?"

— Matt Potter

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Flipped

By Don Bauder

Rancho Santa Fe's John Eggemeyer III gets reams of favorable publicity for buying, rehabilitating, and flipping small

banks. But now the stock market is flipping the bird at his prize, the newly renamed PacWest Bancorp, San Diego's largest community bank, formerly named First Community Bancorp. Also getting flipped off is Eggemeyer's second-most-prized monument, Guaranty Bancorp, a collection of small Colorado financial institutions.

Stocks of small regional banks have been beaten up over the past year, although there was a big recovery last week. It was spurred in part by the Securities and Exchange Commission's declaration that it would crack down on investors betting that stocks of the major financial institutions would go down. So those stocks soared, and the effect spilled over to smaller regional institutions. At the beginning of last week, PacWest

stock was down 79 percent from its high; on Monday, the loss was 71 percent. The stock gained \$5, rising to \$18.11 in five trading days. Guaranty had been down 55 percent; the loss dropped to 48 percent over the same period.



John Eggemeyer III

Both financial institutions were built through multiple acquisitions. And both have recently had to write off the value of the banks they bought.

Eggemeyer heads Rancho Santa Fe's Castle Creek Capital, a private equity group that takes in funds from heavy-weight investors and looks for small banks to invest in. Once Castle makes an investment, it takes a major man-

agement role. In particular, it likes to shift a bank's emphasis to small business lending. Also, it prefers to pay low rates of interest on accounts—say, stressing money market accounts rather than certificates of deposit. Castle also introduces numerous efficiencies at the banks it buys. Then it may sell—or flip—the reconditioned banks, or, in the case of PacWest and Guaranty, keep them in the portfolio. Right now, Castle has five bank chains in its portfolio, including PacWest and Guaranty.

PacWest began in 2000 with the purchase of Rancho Santa Fe National Bank. Then it bought 18 more Southern California banking institutions, including the former First National Bank in downtown San Diego and Bank of Coronado. The parent's headquarters is at 401 West A Street. PacWest has 60 branch banks in San Diego, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.

But here's the rub. Of \$4 billion in loans at the end of last year, 53 percent were commercial real estate loans and 10 percent were commercial real estate construction loans, according to PacWest's 2007 report to the Securities and Exchange Commission. The construction loans are made to builders working on both residential and commercial projects.

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Off-Road on Private Land

By Catherine Cranston

In January 2005, Alan Inn bought 816 acres in Ocotillo Wells, smitten with the desert's rugged beauty. A general contractor

with experience ranging from residential remodeling to government projects, Inn planned to build a "wellness center" and resort.

Ocotillo Wells has been an



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off-roaders' sandbox for many years. The Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area, 80,000 acres of washes and hills, is located just north of Inn's land, across Highway



Alan Inn and David Thompson

78. Inn knew that off-roaders came onto his property, even camping in large numbers on the 70-acre level bit along the highway, but he did not mind.

That autumn, spending weekends at the site, Inn began to develop his land. He put up fence on the western property line. He drilled a well. He bought a 10,000-gallon water

tank, a submersible pump, and a small generator. By the end of the year he had a trailer on the land and a bulldozer, backhoe, motor grader, more water tanks, and a truck.

But as the days grew cooler and more off-roaders arrived to spend their weekends in the desert, Inn found that he was being vandalized. Thieves unplugged his well lines and stole his generator, compressor, pumps, and power washer. Inn reported these problems to the local sheriff's office, and Deputy William Painter came out to take a report.

Inn decided that off-roaders were no longer welcome on his property. He put up more than 50 No Trespassing signs and a dozen Off-Road Activity Prohibited signs given to him by the deputy, attaching them to fence where he could or to posts placed where established trails came



Southern fence line

places. In two encounters with bikers in the spring, Inn learned that the vandalism wasn't just malicious mischief but an effort to stop him from developing his land.

Inn bought five more 10,000-gallon water tanks. In May, vandals poured gasoline on them, burning two; they shot the other tanks full of bullet holes. This time Deputy Carlos Medina came out.

Inn, who was 60 at this time, started life in a small town in Turkey, immigrating to the United States at 23 to attend college in New Jersey. He became a U.S. citizen when he was 30. He still speaks with a slight accent.

The conversation Inn had on May 13, 2006, with Deputy Medina, as Inn tried to obtain answers on how to protect his property, would lead, Inn believes, directly to the events at the end of the year, when Inn would be arrested for assault. Deputy Medina's testimony in court, two years later, would not support Inn's version of the day.

Inn says he asked the deputy how to stop the vandalism, and Deputy Medina replied, "Should I be watching after your property?" The sheriff's office in Borrego Springs has only two deputies on patrol at any time to watch over 700 square miles.

Inn says he asked if he could become a "volunteer deputy and be given a badge so that I could arrest vandals if I caught them." He says that Deputy Medina replied, "That's not going to happen."

Then, Inn says, the deputy suggested he could make a citizen's arrest.

"How could I accomplish that?" Inn says he asked. "Can I shoot their tires flat so they don't get away?"

"What if you shot them?" Inn says Medina replied.

Today Inn says, "I said I would never do that; taking life belongs to God. I asked him again if I could shoot their tires flat. He told me he could not give me advice and that I should do what I needed to do."

More trouble occurred on October 15. As Inn installed fence, he heard motorcycles and went to investigate. He found eight bikers. Leaning out the window of his truck, Inn motioned to them to stop, told them they were on private property, and said he was trying to keep everybody out because of the vandalism.

Two of the bikers, Jaime Chausee and Joe Albertelli, testified at Inn's trial that they saw no signs and did not know they were on private land.

"One of them asked me if I was the one who was digging those ditches," Inn says. Two bikers in the group had crashed into a ditch. They apparently considered the ditches a booby trap. "I told him yes, that was the property line. And until I catch up with the fencing, I am digging the ditches to discourage intruders."

Chausee then angrily said, "I'll bury you in those ditches! With your own shovel!"

Inn jumped out of his truck, grabbing a pistol he had resting on the front seat.

He demanded that Chausee remove his helmet, so he could see who was threatening him. He repeated this demand several times, finally smacking the side of Chausee's helmet with his free hand. At this point, all the bikers took off their helmets. Albertelli later

According to Inn, "When I told [the deputy] my gun was not loaded, with shock in his voice he asked me, 'What if they pulled a gun on you and shot you?' I said, 'How would they know it was not loaded?' He repeated the question, 'What if they pulled a gun on



Burned water tank

testified that he could see bullets in the chambers of the revolver that Inn held, although Inn swears the gun was not loaded.

"Eventually I told them to leave and do not ever return," Inn says. He hoped the bikers would spread the word that the property was private. Instead they reported Inn to the sheriff.

"Sheriff Medina came and questioned me about the incident," Inn says. "I told him what happened, and he told me that the off-roaders had told him the same thing and he told them, 'You threatened the guy on his own property. What did you expect him to do? I thanked him for standing up for me.'"

you and shot you?" And he advised me not to point an empty gun at people. I thought about it and started to load my gun from that point on."

During the Halloween weekend, more fence line was cut, and as the big New Year's weekend approached, Inn used earthmoving equipment to build tall earthen berms in certain spots on the perimeter of his property. He placed telephone poles along the tops and the edges of the berms. Off-roaders often follow sandy

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is bracing for small regional banks to begin reporting big losses on such loans, particularly to residential builders. Analysts expect the banks to begin the mea culpas in second quarter reports. Southern California has been one of the hardest-hit real estate areas in the nation. How many of those loans will go sour? Investors are anxious.

"I think small banks are going to be in the news in the next few months," says Peter Q. Davis, retired banker who headed one of San Diego's small banks. "It reminds me of the savings-and-loan-crisis years" of the late 1980s and early 1990s. Many analysts are anxious about possible bank failures.

Eggemeyer claims that he is not anxious. "We feel very comfortable," he says. "We saw the economy softening

a year and a half to two years ago and began to take action accordingly. Our real estate construction and development loans have been coming down every quarter. We feel we are very well positioned throughout Southern California."

Companies that make a lot of acquisitions, such as PacWest and Guaranty, have another potential problem: goodwill. When a company pays more than the value of assets for another company, the acquiring firm has to make an accounting entry, goodwill, to reflect the overpayment for those assets. In the old days, the acquiring company could write off the goodwill little by little over a long period of time. But in 2001, the accounting profession said that a company had to evaluate its goodwill every year. Typically, if a company decides it is not going to rake in enough

money from that acquisition for which it paid too much, it takes a write-down called a "goodwill impairment."

For the first quarter of this year, PacWest took a \$275 million hit for goodwill impairment. Then, even before announcing second-quarter earnings, PacWest wrote off the rest of its goodwill—a whopping \$486.7 million—stating the move was in response to volatility in the banking sector and the beating that bank stocks, including PacWest's, were taking. PacWest noted that it was not a cash write-off, so it didn't affect the bank's liquidity. "Clearly the write-off was so large as to be alarming," says Davis. "Investors may be worried." However, says Davis, "They [PacWest] deserve credit for doing this." It doesn't mean that Eggemeyer's strategy of making lots of bank acquisitions is no longer working.

Eggemeyer agrees with that summation. "Actually, we are doing what the accounting profession requires," he says. "It is very bad accounting, but we have no choice."

Since the huge first-quarter write-off wiped out the company's earnings, it could no longer pay dividends under California law. So it changed its incorporation to Delaware and also changed its name to PacWest, because Delaware had a conflict with the former name of First Community. Now PacWest stock yields a juicy 7.5 percent.

Almost entirely because of the goodwill write-offs, PacWest lost a whopping \$10.05 a share in its first quarter and \$17.47 a share in its second quarter. The company noted, however, that net operating earnings (not including financing expenses, taxes, etc.) improved sharply from the first quarter to the second. But loans and deposits decreased from the first quarter to the second, as did net interest income. Nonper-

forming assets doubled in that period. One good sign is that construction loans declined. The stock market reacted positively to PacWest's write-offs, but the rally may not last. Eggemeyer may be superconfident, but it's easy to see why investors aren't.

Guaranty had taken a goodwill-impairment charge of \$242.2 million in 2007. It had also boosted its provision for loan losses by \$20.4 million.

Eggemeyer is active in each of the five bank groups in Castle Creek's portfolio. He has been praised for being both a banker and bank investor. I asked Davis if Eggemeyer might be spreading himself too thin. "There is a point where even smart guys are spread too thin and begin guessing at choices," says Davis. When one strong person is active in several companies, "others defer to him, and he then has a problem judging the performance of the individual banks and management." However, Davis doesn't

know that this is true of Eggemeyer.

Davis does say that banks can grow too fast. "Whether you acquire quickly or grow quickly, you are exposed to a sudden change in the market. They used to say, 'Small volume, small problems. Big volume, big problems.'"

Eggemeyer, however, sees the ailments among small community banks as an opportunity for Castle Creek. "Going back over 18 years, we have stepped in to recapitalize and help restructure banks having difficulty. We haven't had a lot of banks in that category since the early part of the 1990s," he says. Now there are more banks needing help, "and we are excited about that. We may buy some more. The current environment is unparalleled in my 40-year banking career." Prices of banks are much lower, but those lower prices reflect problems.

He says that "market-oriented investors" have been

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dumping small-bank stocks in the past year, but sophisticated players, such as private equity investors, may see "enormous opportunity." Castle Creek may well raise more money and go fishing.

But Castle Creek may have to prove its mettle with its crown jewel, PacWest. The company has enough capital "to make it through the pre-

sent situation," says Davis, "but there could be a long delay before it brings the \$60 a share the market valued it at just a short time ago." ■

Private land

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washes for long distances. One wash that led onto Inn's property seemed to be the route vandals and thieves were

taking. Inn built a berm in the wash to block this route. He nailed a No Trespassing sign onto the post by the trail.

Inn decided to maintain a watch during the weekend from a high spot roughly in the center of his land.

"With the binoculars I observed all directions where I could see," Inn says. "Before I left I saw a dust cloud generated by off-roaders riding up to the location of the berm

and turning back. I was happy to see that."

On Friday morning, December 29, Inn says he watched the berm for over half an hour. "In that period of time I saw dust clouds approaching the berm and turning back several times." Inn left to run errands. "When I returned late in the afternoon, right before sunset, I went up to the lot again to see what kind of activity was

going on. Again I observed dust clouds arriving and turning back at the location of the berm. Therefore, my berm was still intact by sunset on Friday the 29th. I did not hear any riders that night anywhere on my site."

The next day, December 30, Inn surveyed his property at about 9:00 a.m. "It was quiet everywhere except at the location of the berm. There I saw some activity that was creat-

ing low-density dust clouds. I watched the area maybe 15 or 20 minutes. Eventually I saw a motorbiker pop up from the wash onto my side of the property. I realized at that moment they had just breached the berm again.

"I got into my truck," Inn says, "and tried to get to the location as fast as I could. As I was riding down I was determined to make a citizen's arrest this time if I could."

Inn parked his truck, grabbed his loaded .357 revolver, and ran toward a biker who was trying desperately to kick-start his stalled motorcycle. Inn could see two other bikers about 280 feet away, waiting for their stranded friend.

"I ran first down into the wash and then up to his location on the south of the wash and told him to stop and that I was placing him under arrest for trespassing. He did not obey and kept on pumping his pedal to start his bike. Pointing the gun at him, I repeated several more times. He did not stop but said that he was just trying to get back up the hill. Which was a lie.

"I glanced at the berm about 110 feet to my northeast and saw only the heavy end of the post sticking up at the north end of the berm. The rest of the post was not visible." Someone had pushed over the telephone pole. "I told him he was a liar and that they had just breached my berm again after my numerous times of repair. I don't think he thought I was serious, because he kept on pumping the pedal to start the bike."

Inn says the man on the bike, Matt Walker, continued trying to kick-start his bike despite Inn's repeated requests to submit to a citizen's arrest.

"Finally I reached down to the front of the front tire and took a shot at the tire. I wanted to make sure I did not hit the rim" to avoid a ricochet. "Doing so, I missed the tire. I tried again to give him a flat tire and missed again. This time he stopped and got off the bike but was still holding on to it. I told him to let the bike down. He did and immediately removed his helmet. When he removed his helmet, I realized he was exhausted. I was afraid he was going to have a heart attack.

"I told him to take it easy and called his friends to come

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down and help their friend. I told them he might be having a heart attack. One of the men told me to put my gun away before they came down. I immediately tucked the gun away under my belt and told them again to come down. One of them did come down."

Matt Walker got back on the bike, and his younger brother Justin came down to see if his brother was okay. Before the bikers left, they told Inn that they were going to have him arrested.

"I did not think it was a serious thing to discharge a weapon trying to shoot a tire," Inn says, "so I repaired the berm again and was digging some ditches when Sheriff Painter arrived."

The three bikers returned

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with the deputy. The first thing Deputy Painter did was confiscate Inn's revolver.

Then "he turned to them who were sitting on top of my post that I had just placed back on the berm and asked them if they [wanted to press] charges. One of them said, 'Absolutely.' Sheriff turned to me and said that he was placing me under arrest. I told him he must be joking. He said he was not."

Inn was charged with three counts of assault: assault with a firearm against Matt Walker, assault with a firearm against Justin Walker, and willfully maliciously discharging a firearm at an occupied motor vehicle.

The trial was held last

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month in the superior court in Vista. The three bikers — Mike Catherine and brothers Matt and Justin Walker — described Alan Inn as a crazy man waving a gun at them and threatening to kill them.

The bikers said they were unaware they had crossed onto private property, and they denied destroying any property or barrier. They said the berm was only about 4 feet high, not the 14-foot tower that Inn showed later in court, using photos he took of his property. The bikers said there was no large pole on top of the berm. They said they didn't see any No Trespassing signs and

that Inn never said anything about making a citizen's arrest.

The three bikers said they had been coming out to this area off-roading for at least seven years — but did not know that they had crossed from public land to private property when they saw the berm.

All parties — Matt and Justin Walker, Mike Catherine, and Alan Inn — testified that Justin asked his brother, "Are you hit? Are you hit?" Justin, from his perspective a distance away, said he thought Inn was aiming the gun at his brother's person. Apparently both bullets went into the desert earth, striking neither man nor motorcycle. Both brothers did say that Inn told them to leave — because he

was afraid Matt would have a heart attack on his property and sue him.

Inn testified that he felt threatened by the man who refused to get off the motorcycle, saying he could "get kicked into a ditch" by the much larger and younger man on the bike. Inn described his efforts to fence his property. At first he used a simple double strand of barbless wire, but that was swiftly cut everywhere. He moved to wire mesh fencing, which took more effort to defeat. When he progressed to 3/8-inch steel cable on telephone posts every 25 feet, he felt successful. He put up No Trespassing signs about every 150 feet — these were easily torn off but also easily replaced. Inn's attorney brought in witnesses to confirm this fencing activity.

Deputy Medina never confirmed the conversation in which Inn asked to become a

deputy. This important exchange, in which Inn claims he asked the deputy for instruction on how to make a citizen's arrest, was excluded by the court. The prosecutor successfully made *in limine* motions to keep this evidence away from the hearing of the jury.

After a lunch break, Inn was cross-examined by deputy district attorney Brenda Daly. The prosecutor offered Inn court's exhibit number ten, the revolver. He seemed eager to demonstrate the confrontation that happened December 30, 2006.

The large handgun was disabled with a plastic tie threaded through it, and there was a big orange evidence tag, which fluttered awkwardly. Inn took firm grip of the handgun and pointed it toward the prosecutor. There was a tremor through the courtroom — almost every per-

son in the room shifted in his seat at the same time.

On June 17, in closing arguments, Daly reviewed the case. "This case is about the defendant who went crazy and into a violent rage with a gun," said Daly. She told the jury the self-defense argument was an "excuse."

"The self-defense claim is something new, that was entered at trial. The right to self-defense may not be contrived. A person does not have the right to self-defense if he provokes a fight with the intent to create an excuse of self-defense.

"The reason we are here is this claim of self-defense," she said. "His testimony was a bunch of lies."

Daly described the land. "Everybody rides it. No signs. These are working people obeying the laws," she said, repeating the testimony of the bikers. "It is a wide-open

area. That's what they have always ridden, and there is nothing marking it.

"He bought a property where everyone rides their motorcycles." The prosecutor went on, "The property was just dirt; nothing is posing a threat to the sand. He has completely overreacted. Because he goes into rages. Rage plus gun."

Daly showed a PowerPoint screen that said, "RAGE + GUN = CRIMES."

"Matt Walker thought a madman with a gun was going to kill him. [Defendant] was in a rage — he wasn't thinking. This was a crazy man with a gun."

Daly told the jury that the law does not allow use of deadly force for a misdemeanor arrest, such as trespass.

She told the jury that Inn was guilty of assault with a firearm because he had threatened the bikers. Daly said that by pointing the gun at the bikers and declaring, "I'm going to kill you," Inn met the definition of assault, stated in California Penal Code, section 240: "An assault is an unlawful attempt, coupled with a present ability, to commit a violent injury on the person of another."

Daly took court's exhibit number ten out of its box and waved it around during her arguments. The attorney showed the revolver to the jury several times.

In his closing arguments, Inn's attorney, David Thompson, said that Matt Walker was "a mountain of a man" who would not respond to the landowner's fair demand to "stop." Thompson emphasized that a person acting in self-defense is allowed to "stand his ground." Thompson pointed out that Inn's two shots at the tire would never have been required if the trespasser had yielded to Inn's lawful requests.

At 3:45 p.m., the jury returned with its verdict: Guilty on count one, felony assault with a firearm personally used by the defendant on Matt Walker. Inn was also found guilty of an alternate lesser charge of negligent discharge of a firearm.

He was found not guilty of assault on Justin Walker and not guilty of willful discharge of a firearm at an occupied motor vehicle.

Sentencing is scheduled for August 1. ■



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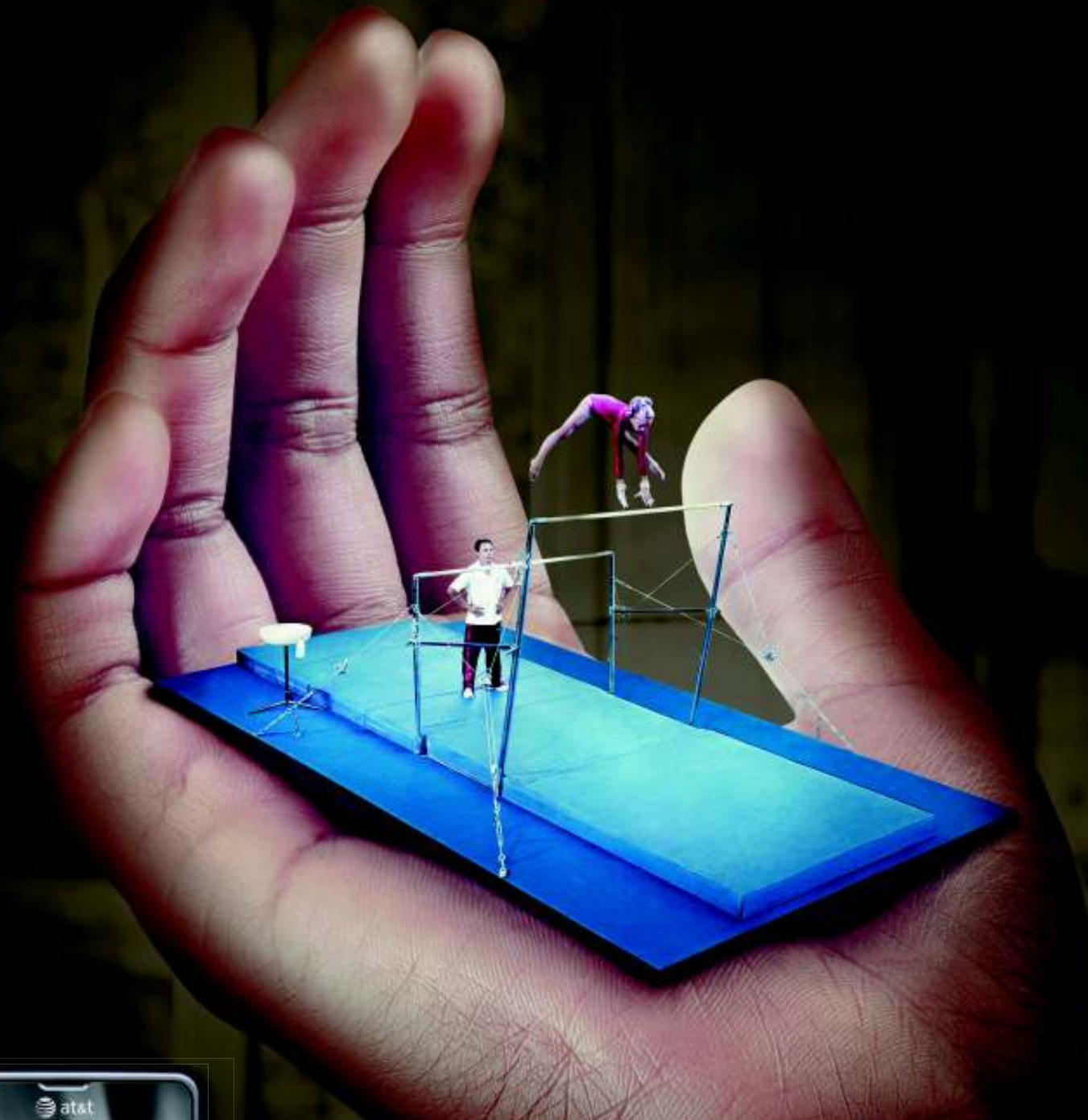
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Daughters Are The Best

That was a great piece of writing about your father ("Daddy's Girls," "Diary of a Diva," July 3). It touched me greatly! I was choked up, and that doesn't happen often. On behalf of all fathers, especially single ones with daughters, thank you so much.

R.G.
Carlsbad

Devil-Worshipping System

In the Reader's July 3 article, "Intimate Murder," the long sentences in two of the cases, where manslaughter or acquittal verdicts may have been appropriate, exposes how cops, judges, and prosecutors lie, entrap, and stack nonrelevant and vague charges to obtain the longest possible sentences to advance careers and the prison-growth industry. Innocence or guilt? Immaterial. DNA tests have released about 200 innocent death row inmates in recent years. How many more innocent noncapital convicts are incarcerated?

To finance local government, bail bonds, tickets, and convictions are assigned an arbitrary value, becoming a security bond (commercial paper, which has no real value), bundled up and sold to underwriters and securities dealers like Merrill Lynch, who factor in

more value, then sell it to other corporate institutions.

To pay dividends to the corporate buyer, all lawmaking bodies must invent new violations, penalties for convictions to keep the Ponzi going. This parallels thieving cops stealing cars to enhance municipal welfare plus police benefits and retirement, which most of us don't have.

To cripple this corrupt legal system, become a knowledgeable juror: (1) *U.S. v. Moylan*, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals 417 F.2d at 1006 (1969): "If the jury feels the law is unjust, we recognize the undisputed power of the jury to acquit, even if its verdict is contrary to the evidence.... If the jury feels that the law under which the defendant is accused (or) for any reason that appeals to their logic or passion, the jury has the power to acquit, and the courts must abide that decision."

(2) *U.S. v. Dougherty*, D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals 473 F.2d at 1130, 1132 (1972). "The jury has a non-reviewable and irreversible power...to acquit in disregard of the instruction on the law given by the trial judge." Do not reveal this knowledge to the judge or out you go; as such, you can stop atrocious sentencing in "intimate murder" cases as presented by the Reader.

Blackstone, greatest of all 18th-century legal minds, said the ultimate of all rights was the right of self-defense. Had Patricia Joellen Morris and Geraldine Meyers openly packed Second Amendment equalizers, they likely never would have seen prison, because an armed society is a polite society and heavy-handed boyfriends fast become gentlemen.

Finally, the Old Testament justifies lethal force against burglars caught in the act: Exodus 22:2. "If a thief be found breaking (in) up and be smitten (stabbed-sliced) that he die there shall be no blood shed for him." (No prosecution or execution of the homeowner.)

Jesus Christ addressed the disciples in Luke 22:36: "Then said He unto them, 'But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it and likewise his scrip; and he that hath no sword [gun, today] let him sell his garment and buy one.'" (No doubt to help local farmers harvest corn.)

Our devil-worshipping

Masonic legal system of today has real problems with the above and creates the same for you and me.

Sam Clanton
Vista

Comments from Reader Website

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City Lights, by Don Bauder Published July 16

Posted by JohnnyVegas on July 16, 12:12 p.m.

Since there is high leverage in the building of so many of those Casino's it will be interesting to see if any go BK.

Steve Winn might be sweating a few bullets about now.....

Las Vegas has not really had a downturn for over 20 years.....in fact it has probably had more economic expansion than any major city in the US over the last 20-30 years.

Posted by Fred_Williams on July 16, 1:32 p.m.

This underlines the folly of any economy depending too much on tourism...including San Diego.

Posted by JohnnyVegas on July 16, 5:25 p.m.

I know there is literally tons of new building being foreclosed on in Las Vegas, especially the high end condos built on or near the strip.

Miami, Las Vegas and San Diego were at the top of the real estate bubble, so now that the bubble has popped we see these areas really getting hammered, and hammered hard.

It will be interesting to see what happens if a serious downturn hits Las Vegas. I was always surprised that Las Vegas could have such a long economic expansion.

As for gambling-it is nothing but problems.

Posted by seahorse on July 17, 8:57 p.m.

When will people figure out that casinos and lotteries are scams? You're a financial guy so you and I look at expected returns. A lot of people see their losses in Vegas as the cost of entertainment. The lottery is a different story. The lottery can't be judged quantitatively alone. Some people think that their only chance at wealth is the lottery.

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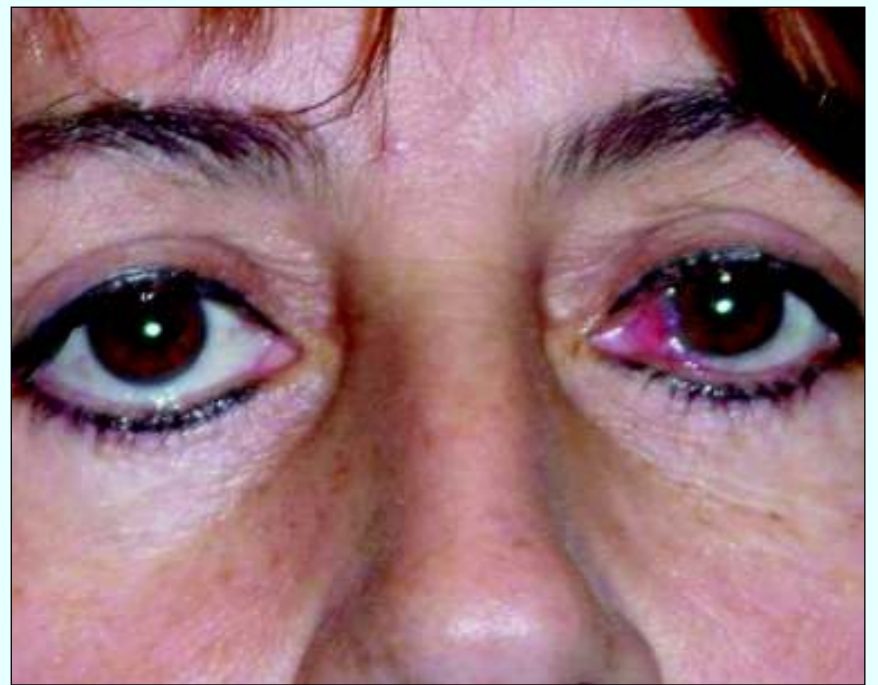
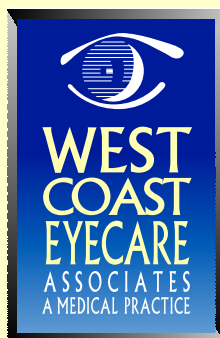
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Heymatt:

My home-office chair is missing its back, and I nearly fell out of it this morning, giving me the "butterflies." While the vision of a tiny jar full of butterflies fluttered through my head, I find it highly unlikely. Only one man will truly know, and so I ask...

— Catch me, I'm falling, via email

Man, anybody who's been called on the carpet by Grandma has a major case of small birds in the stomach. Seagulls. Eagles. Or maybe big old spiders. Why did we decide it's butterflies we have in there? Houseflies can flutter around just as well. Anyway, your particular butterflies come from our flight-or-fight response. Heavy-duty panic, like what can be caused by the threat of falling off the chair and landing on the back of your dome. Your body goes into panic mode, adrenalin is released, all your blood is corralled for your muscles, leaving your stomach pretty much abandoned. Stomach spasms are your butterflies. Fix your chair, Bubba.

Hey, Matt:

What's the deal with fall/autumn getting two different names for the same season? Are there any other names for spring, summer, or winter that exist? Also, which word is more appropriate? "Autumn" sounds a bit more romantic, doesn't it?

— Jay, via email

Many of our long-ago ancestors didn't give much of a damn about autumn/fall. Or spring either. They divided the year up into winter and summer, which pretty much makes sense if you're an ordinary guy scrabbling around in your stone hut, living with the cows in the winter and trying to get edible weeds to grow in the summer. No big surprise then that winter and summer are very ancient words, and those seasons have never been known by other names. "Summer" is derived from words related to the sun. "Winter" comes from "wet" words.

Spring and fall seem to pop up during the early Renaissance, at least in England. At some point before this, once domestic agriculture was well established, the planting season acquired the name lenten (has nothing to do with the religious observance). "Lenten" is derived from words related to "long." No obvious connection with the season that I can see. The word nerds speculate it has to do with how long the spring months seem, what with all the tilling and planting. But that's the word nerds, not me. They also speculate that "spring" really is related to the meaning "to jump." Like, the way plants jump out of the ground. Leaves jump out of tree branches. Writers of the era did refer to the time as "the spring of the leaf."

I'll bet you know what's coming. If they wrote about the spring of the leaf, you bet they talked about the fall of the leaf, the source of the word "fall." But the original name for the vague season between summer and winter, again derived from agriculture, was harvest. Then people started moving into cities, and they didn't have much connection with harvests. So the French loaned the British their word, which was Anglicized to autumn. Autumn and fall, coming from different sources, existed side by side. The British tend to favor autumn; Americans tend to favor fall. Apparently we've never felt forced to choose between them. So, no, there is no other season that currently has two names. But at one time the four seasons were winter, lenten, summer, and harvest.

Howdy, Matt:

I was boring the socks off my son with old girlfriend stories, and somewhere along the way I told him that back in the day it was believed that if you were chewing gum and then gave a girl a passionate kiss, your gum would disintegrate. My son said he'd never heard of that and from his experience didn't think it was true. Is this an urban myth? I always thought it was true. Well?

— Old Fart, via email

I'd figure the passionate kiss would have to be of Guinness caliber to screw up your gum. Even then, the odds are slim. Gum is not digestible. If you swallow it, it goes right through you like, oh, corn, maybe. But that's not to say it doesn't fall apart. Heat seems to be the biggest culprit in chewing-gum breakdown. Leave a pack on your sun-baked dashboard, and when you come back to it, you'll probably find it falls apart fairly soon. Hot coffee or any hot drink washed over a big chaw will also speed things up. The explanation seems to have something to do with the breakdown of carbohydrate chains, the same thing your saliva will do if you make your gum last three or four days.

The whole story sounds like something some high school boy made up to try on some hot freshman, figuring it was just weird enough that she might fall for it. Kids today are way past that kind of stuff. More likely you have to have a stick to fight off the girls who are stalking your son.

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Janet Jackson's Breast Walks

Monday, July 21, 2008, will be remembered as the day activist federal judges decided it was okay to force-feed pornography into the minds of elementary school children. The Third Circuit Court of Appeals threw out a righteous \$550,000 fine imposed by the Federal Communications Commission, said fine levied against CBS for beaming pornography into the living rooms of 90 million innocent Americans.

As you must know, I'm referring to Janet Jackson's right breast. Activist federal judges ruled on Monday that the FCC's interpretation of their long-standing policy that bars broadcasters from airing "sexual or excretory organs or activities" between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. — a policy designed to protect American children and American pregnant mothers — was, in this instance, applied in an arbitrary and capricious manner.

You remember the horror. As I wrote in 2004, "During Sunday's Super Bowl halftime show, international superstar Janet Jackson and Name-Reminds-Me-of-Paper-Towels

Justin Timberlake were performing a duet, singing and dancing to the haunting melody of 'Rock Your Body.' Justin crooned the closing line ('I'm gonna have you naked by the end of this song') then, apparently swept up by the moment *and* the animal tom-tom beat of the music, reached over and pulled off enough clothing from Ms. Jackson's chest as to reveal Ms. Jackson's right breast, although, in fairness, one must report that even in the breast's naked state, the breast's nipple was modestly covered by one of those adorable pieces of metal exotic show business professionals refer to as a *nipple protector*."

Since then I've learned more details. Ms. Jackson's right bosom was exposed for 9/16 of a second. Rounding up, that's one second of breast exposure. A frightened nation turned to the Federal Communications Commission, then chaired by Michael Powell. The big man did not disappoint. Powell issued a press release that said, in part, "Like millions of Americans, my family and I gathered around the television for a celebration. Instead, that celebration was tainted by a classless, crass, and deplorable stunt. Our nation's children, parents, and citizens deserve better." The chairman ordered an investigation into Janet Jackson's breast as well as the entire Super Bowl halftime show.

Americans were left to sit with the image of an exposed female breast, clearly visible for one second (rounding up) of a five-hour broadcast. The telecast also showed commercials featuring erectile dysfunction medications, a crotch-biting dog, a

monkey attempting to seduce a human female, and a horse farting. I cannot stress enough that those commercials were not pornographic — they were bought and paid for by some of America's most prestigious corporations.

One year passes. Another Super Bowl, another column: "Here's the guts of it. Super Bowl XXXIX is hours away and Janet Jackson's right breast is unaccounted for. I have warned the NFL by fax and by phone. I have called the Jacksonville police, the Jacksonville mayor's office, the 125th Fighter Wing of the Florida Air National Guard, and finally, Jacksonville's Prime F. Osborn III Convention

Center, where 3500 members of the accredited media have gathered to watch a football game on convention-center TVs. I talked to a Latin man. He claimed to have no recollection of Ms. Jackson's breast.

"A Google search of 'Janet Jackson' returned 173,000 pages. But, a Google search of 'Janet Jackson, where is her right breast?' returned zero pages.

"What this means to you.

Ms. Jackson's right breast is at large, possibly armed, its location and intent are unknown.

"I am prepared to work through the night on this. I needn't remind you that this is the breast that brought America to her knees, launched congressional investigations, lawsuits, a rack of new federal laws, a walk-in closet of new FCC regulations. This is the breast that put live TV on a seven-second delay (Oscars, Grammys, NBC sports, *Monday Night Football*, et al.).

"Where is Janet Jackson's breast today? Is it lurking in a Jacksonville bar or back alley, perhaps planning another attack, this time without a nipple guard?"

I can tell you now that Janet Jackson's right breast kept a low profile during the Jacksonville Super Bowl — no reported assaults during the game or, for that matter, the festivities leading up to the game. Although there were many reported sightings of female breasts, not one could be linked directly to Janet Jackson. Strange.

Since then, Jackson's breast has seemingly dropped off the side of the world. Waiting.

And now, just four years after America was recklessly assaulted by a deranged breast, the nation still recovering from its wound, our collective psychic scab just beginning to heal, three activist federal judges allowed that breast to walk free on a lousy "arbitrary and capricious" technicality.

Where do we go from here? Let me put it this way: do you really think that bosom is done with us? It's not over until Janet Jackson's breast says it's over.



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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Pentecostal Church of God
Address: 402 East Washington Avenue, El Cajon, 619-444-3797
Founded locally: around 1950
Senior pastor: Dan Slagle
Congregation size: 200
Staff size: 3
Sunday school enrollment: 35
Annual budget: n/a
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no
Dress: casual to semiformal
Diversity: mostly a mix of Caucasian and Hispanic
Sunday worship: 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. (summer schedule)
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour
Website: newlifesd.com

"I wish I'd known you were coming," said Pastor Dan Slagle when I spoke with him after the service. If he had known, he could have warned me that part of the regular band was away at camp with the congregation's youth group. (Part of the church's promise on its website is, "The music will be rockin'") But the summertime substitutes did a fine job of filling the clubby space (black barrel-roof, black exposed ductwork, art-deco light towers along the sides) with sound. It's been a while since I've heard a church band produce chest-rattling bass, and the guitarist worked a razor's edge. The two ladies on vocals added sweet harmonics — rarely has the phrase "Your grace is enough" possessed so much sentimental force just by the simple sound of it.

The songs segued one into another, broken up by the occasional prayer or announcement or call to communal greeting. The congregation sang along, but to little sonic effect — the sound belonged to the band, and the cheers and applause from the congregation gave the service's opening a concert feel. I wasn't surprised to hear the announcement: "I just found out this morning that there's a concert this weekend at SDSU. It's Mercy Me, David Crowder Band, Tenth Avenue North — it's going to be awesome. Those bands are fantastic." But the congregation's murmurs of adoration during one song's fade-out served as a reminder that this was still worship.

Apart from a power ballad of pure praise — "Clothed in rainbows of living color/ Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder/ Blessing and honor and strength and glory and power be to You the only wise king" — most of the songs focused on forgiveness and grace. That fit the theme of the service, the third in the church's series on living in Graceland. "In the Old Covenant, God saw people through the lens of sin, or what they had done," said Pastor Slagle. "Thank God that in the New Covenant, God sees us through rose-colored lenses, shaded by the blood of Christ.... I'm not dependent on a merit system, but on what

God has done for me."

The first Graceland sermon had shown that grace is God's gift. "None of us has earned the gift of grace.... The economy of grace goes against everything that we've been taught, and that kind of messes us up. It's not a merit system." The second had argued that "in Graceland, everyone is equal.... There's not one sinner that's better than another...but the equality that we receive is always a 'being brought up.' I'm made equal to Jesus Christ, and I take on His goodness.... He made Jesus become sin so that you and I might become the righteousness of God in Christ."

But: "So what? How should we respond to the grace of God?" The answer? "Do not waste the grace." Slagle proposed three ways to avoid this. First: "Give your life to Christ...grace only comes when you give your life to Christ.... You can't earn salvation, but it's not free — it costs you everything. You start a relationship with Jesus Christ and it will mess you up." He

warned against adding Jesus to your life without making this whole-hearted commitment and counseled us to become "slaves to righteousness" instead of slaves to sin. Second: make your life count. "Jesus didn't die on the cross so that you and I could go on living any way we wanted to.... Whose life did you affect?"

Third: "Share the good news of God's grace.... Why wouldn't you want to? If you've found the grace of God — the best thing — wouldn't you tell people about that? In Scripture, whenever somebody meets Jesus, what do they do? They run back to town and tell everybody about this man who has healed them. The same thing is true here. Who invites people to church? New believers."

Slagle concluded, "I pray that You would help us to be a people who not just receive

your grace but, God, a people who would learn to live responsibly with the grace that You have given us." Then he led the congregation in a sort of grateful creed: "I can't pray a prayer for you that's going to work, but the Bible says that if you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth, you will be saved. So let's pray this prayer together all across the building. Say, 'Dear Jesus, I believe You're the Son of God. I believe You lived a sinless life, and You died on the cross for my sins. I believe You rose from the dead, and today I receive your grace. Thank You for the gift. Amen.'" Shouts and applause followed.

What happens when we die?
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— Matthew Lickona



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BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

I've fought a decade-long battle to keep hairbrushes in the Kelly home. I'll snatch a few into custody at the store, but once home, they go underground, never to be found again. The time has come to invest in another lot of them, and I'm going to test the theory that if you pay more for something, you'll do a better job taking care of it. But what type to buy? I called some friends and experts for advice.

"As someone with hair that tends to frizz, a good hairbrush is absolutely vital to taming the mane," stated my friend Anna. "For years I've been satisfied with only one: the Widu bristle hairbrush — handmade in Italy, with wood bristles [\$39.95 at Isabella in Spring Valley, 800-777-5205]. It's totally hypoallergenic and synthetic-free, made especially for longer, thicker, curlier hair such as mine, but I would recommend it to anyone. The wood is easy on the hair and minimizes breakage. I used to brush through my hair only when it was wet, to avoid frizz, but now that I use the Widu brush, I can do so whenever I want."

"You always want to look for something that is either boar bristle because it has naturally rounded bristles, or something manufactured in nylon," explained Doug Yeagley, creative director and owner of Tops Salon in Mission Hills (619-295-1525). "It is very important to have the tips rounded; it gets the tangles out faster. If pointed, they're going to catch on any kind of imperfection in the hair; they'll rip through it. And then when the hair is damaged, it can never be repaired."

"And with some brushes, the length of the teeth is something you have to concern yourself with because they will grab in the hair. Some people do better with a longer brush, some people do better with a shorter brush."

Do you have a favorite hairbrush?

"I am a hair cutter, so I always have a brush that I like. I use a Paul Mitchell Sculpting Brush — nylon, a cushion on the base, the teeth are wider apart so you can move the hair a little bit. The tighter the teeth, the more it grabs at the hair and the more it smashes the hair together. A sculpting brush is something that you can work through a normal density of hair and get through it easy. Sculpting brushes have a soft pad and fewer teeth in them. The paddle brushes have a lot more teeth in them; they are designed to pull the hair together and brush the scalp. They have a cushion to them, so when you are brushing on the scalp it actually stimulates the scalp and releases the oil and stimulates blood flow, just like a massage."

Will a brush last a lifetime?

"No. If it is boar bristle, which is a more-expensive bristle, depending on how often you use it, you have to check the tips of the



"A good hairbrush is absolutely vital to taming the mane."

brush to find out if they are pointed or not. If they are still rounded, you are okay. If they have worn to a point, then it is going to rip your hair."

How should you clean your brush?

"You want to pull all the loose hair out of the brush. Why would you want dead hair on a brush? And then what we do is spray the brush with rubbing alcohol. Then we take two brushes and brush them together and that gets the hairs off the base and then you can pick them off."

"I do like the bristle brushes," said Dario Enemocon, owner of Dario Salon in La Jolla (858-456-1339). Enemocon has been doing hair for 20 years. "I found that with bristle brushes the hair gets a better shine and the styling holds better. I've found that even working on very ethnic hair, you have more control over the hair and it provides more shine, a more smoothing look."

For the home stylist, "Spornette brushes are easy to work." (A medium-size brush runs between \$28 and \$30 at Dario's; larger sizes run \$30 to \$35 a brush.)

"Denman brushes, made in England [\$35 each at Dario's], are more flat paddle brushes — 16 rows or 9 rows. They are mainly used for people with very fine, straight hair that doesn't need too

much work. Or, for someone who doesn't know how to work with a round brush as they do their hair at home, the Denman is the perfect brush to use. And Marilyn are fantastic brushes also [\$35 to \$40 at Dario's].

"Brushes must be cleaned at least every two weeks. Remove all that hair that is building up on the brush. That hair, with the heat [from the blow dryer] is going to start burning, and it's going to create split ends on your hair."

What about curly hair?

"After shampooing and conditioning," Enemocon explained, "definitely using a comb is the best way to go with that type of hair. Combing the hair is the key to probably 50 percent of the client's own styling at home. I tell my clients to comb the hair when it is wet. Put the styling products on the hair, brush the hair for two or three minutes, making sure that the product goes all the way through the cuticle of the hair. It kind of stimulates the cuticle of the hair; it creates a little bit more of the strength of the hair. It makes the scalp of the hair produce more natural oils without making the hair oily. Then you will achieve more shine, a little more of a smooth texture than you would by just putting the product in there and not doing anything."

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My arms were trapped above my head by the unforgiving garment I was attempting to shimmy into. After pulling a muscle in my right arm in an effort to escape the silk prison I'd created, I paused and tried to picture my awkward reflection in the mirror I couldn't see. Howling in frustration and misery, I leaned against the bathroom wall and considered my predicament, a task that would have been much less melodramatic had I not been intoxicated.

It had been around three months since I'd acquired the "iridescent espresso" gown that now held me captive — "iridescent espresso" being Ann Taylor's words for "brown." My pants were snug from two months of serial wining and dining at my preferred San Diego eateries sans exercise, a regimen that would leave even

the fittest women with a bit of bloat. I knew I'd gained some weight, but I'd refused to contemplate the exact amount.

I took a deep breath and wormed my way free of the chocolate-colored evidence of my denial. I tried again, this time unzipping the wretched thing before throwing it over my head. Once I'd squeezed the bridesmaid's dress (the one I was supposed to wear at my sister's wedding just seven no-carb days away) around my abundant hips, I tugged the two zipper halves on the left side of my torso together. "Not even close," I spat at the mirror. Despite my exertion, the two muddy shores yawned around a four-inch river of flesh.

Once my sobs had tapered to sniffles, I texted David, who was a few states

away at a photography workshop. His first response, as always, was born of logic — he thought I probably just needed help with the zipper, and that if the dress was still too tight, I'd simply need to have it altered. As if it wouldn't be a horrific experience to stand in front of a complete stranger and say, "Is there enough fabric for you to extend this thing to cover where I've porked up?" Just as I was imagining my humiliation, David texted, "Don't panic, don't cry." I typed, "Too late, bawling like a baby." We communicated this way for a few minutes, me writing that I was a big fat failure, David assuring me that I don't fail at anything, me apologizing for being a freak, David agreeing that, yes, I'm a freak, but a beautiful, wonderful freak whom he loves very, very much.

When my thumbs grew tired, I toggled to the phone and called David. He'd had an easier time understanding my texts, as my voice was obscured by sniffles and snorts. I gave him a run-down of my evening thus far, beginning with the moment our friend Jen arrived with the 1932 horror flick *Freaks*, and ending ten minutes after Jen went home, when I — filled to the brim with a bottle of wine, a pound of cheese, and images of freaks dancing in my head — supposed it was good time to try on the dress.

When I'd finished blubbing, David spoke soothing words in a soft tone; he asked me not to stay up all night fretting

and suggested I visit a seamstress first thing in the morning to get the matter settled. I kept him on the line until I sensed I was exhausted enough to be able to fall asleep.

The following morning, within 30 seconds of waking, my plight consumed my brain, at which point I groaned and pulled the comforter over my throbbing head. I decided that instead of running around to find a seamstress, my time would be better spent in bed, wallowing in self-pity. My plan was perfect but for one small, overlooked detail — I hadn't silenced my phone.

"Barb? I'm so happy you picked up," said Jenny. "I need to ask a favor of you. It's kind of urgent." I murmured a greeting to my sister, the one for whom I was suffering. "One of the groomsmen dropped out, and now the bridal party is uneven."

In the fraction of a second during which she paused to take a breath, I spotted my solution and, tears renewed, I gushed forth: "It's okay, because I gained a bunch of weight and the dress doesn't fit, so how 'bout I back out? I really don't mind if I'm not in the wedding. I mean, I'll still go, of course, but it's totally fine if I'm not up there standing next to you. I mean, with only one week to go, it's not like I have much of a choice, and this works out for the better."

"No, that's not what I meant," Jenny said. "I was going to ask if you thought

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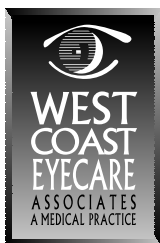
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David might be interested in being a groomsman." She paused to adjust to the conversation's new direction. "You know what? It doesn't matter if the number is uneven. Don't worry. We'll figure this out. You're going to be in the wedding, and it's all going to work out just fine."

While Jenny was apparently rallying the troops (within the next minute, I ignored calls of support from Jane, Heather, and Mom), I received and accepted a call from my friend Jen. Jen and I had tentative plans to go for a walk, plans that, in the midst of my crisis, I'd entirely forgotten. With hot tears streaming down my cheeks, I told my friend what had happened after she'd left, and how miserable I was at the prospect of trying to find a non-judgmental tailor on short notice.

It was a Friday, and Jen had the day off. After she'd been briefed, she said, "Do you want me to come and try to zip you up?" I could think of nothing I wanted more. Less than 30 minutes later, Jen stood in my bedroom while I struggled to get as much of myself as I could into the dress. I hobbled over to her. Jen, upon witnessing the sausage effect

first-hand, smiled and stifled a giggle.

"Shit, that bad, huh?" I said.

"No, it's not that," Jen said. "Barb, you never fit into this dress. There's no way."

"No, it used to fit, I just got fatter," I argued.

"If you gained any weight, I can't tell. But even so, say you did. Then wouldn't the rest of your clothes not fit?"

"They don't," I whined. "Two weeks ago, I was fastening my bra on the tightest hook. And now, I'm using the middle hook."

"That's like half an inch," said Jen. "This," she

pointed to the dress, "is, like, five inches. If you grew five inches wider, none of your other clothes would fit."

"Oh my God," I gasped. "You're right. You know, when I first tried it on, they said they were having a sale in a week, so I left it at the store. When I went back to pick it up, I didn't try it on again, I just bought it! I must have had the wrong size in my closet all this time. But now what?"

When Jen suggested I exchange it, my face fell. This dress was from last season. There was no way any stores would still have it. Still, Jen insisted I

check, and sure enough, just one iridescent espresso strapless number remained in California, and as fortune would have it, that one dress was in the size I needed, which was *two* sizes larger than the one I'd been trying to cram myself into. "It's at the store in Costa Mesa. That's, like, an hour and a half away," I said.

Jen, my dear friend, and my handler in David's absence, smiled at me, shook her head, and said, "Well then, let's hit the road." I grabbed the dress and followed Jen to the door. As we belted ourselves in to the Mini, Jen flaunted a mischievous

smile.


"What?" I asked her.

"Now that you don't have to lose 30 pounds this week, I was just thinking after we pick up the right-sized dress, we can go grab a burger and a beer."

"Rockin'," I said. As I

zoomed onto the freeway, I turned to Jen and flashed the smile of a woman who'd just been liberated. ■

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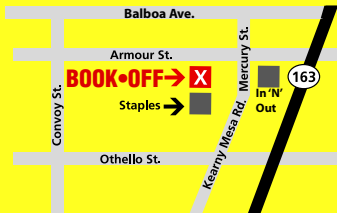
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people live out here



A

lawsuit was filed in March of this year by five environmental groups — including the Center for Biological Diversity and the Sierra Club — stating that overarching land-management plans prepared by the U.S. Forest Service in 2005 do little to protect federally listed species and critical habitat from harm. The suit involves all four national forests in Southern California, including the Cleveland National Forest in San Diego County.

Forest service officials, sick of being vilified, would rather see compromise.

Meet the New Development...

Most of the countryside north of Ramona is still rugged and beautiful. Vaulting hills pull the view up toward the blue sky, wide valleys pull the view out toward the distant horizon, and a litter of boulders pops up periodically among the pervasive ground-covering green. Whole vistas in this scenic area remain almost untouched by human hands.

But then...

Just outside downtown Ramona, a mile or two after Magnolia Avenue turns into Black Canyon Road, you turn left onto Stokes Road and head up into Rolling Hills Estates.

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Glistening white plastic fences and streaming yellow pennants herald the arrival of the "royal" subdivision: the development of a new place for people to come and live in huge houses close to untouched mother nature.

"We're in a subdivision that is one of the best and worst examples of how development is unfortunately occurring next to the Cleveland National Forest," says David Hogan, 38, unfolding his lanky frame from the driver's seat of his truck and surveying the wide scene through sunglasses. Hogan is the conservation manager for the Center for Biological Diversity, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help "those who come after us to inherit a

world where the wild is still alive."

Well over half of Rolling Hills Estates isn't built yet. A few finished, lived-in houses stand next to a few finished, vacant ones, next to half-finished construction sites, next to cleared empty lots, next to areas where lots will presumably be. Much of the land of these estates is just exposed soil that's eroding.

"Development is going to occur, obviously, and in some areas it's going to be inevitable," Hogan says, sounding like a teacher. "But it can be done in a way — especially when you're at the edge of these precious natural lands — that don't spill the impacts of development into the national forest."

Hogan's tone changes.

"Here, there's this very arrogant spillover of impacts into the forest," he says. He sweeps his huge hand across the landscape with a motion that seems to encompass both that landscape and his own disgust. "The lots

"It seems like the hands of the forest service are tied."

are bulldozed right up to the forest boundary. Which then implies that there's an expectation that the national forest has to manage the shrublands that are right next to it to prevent fire risk for the people that move here, instead of the developer or future residents taking responsibility for protect-

ing homes and managing vegetation on their own property."

Rolling Hills Estates is situated along a paved road cut up into and over a hillside. At the end of the road, at the top of the hill, two empty lots overlook a vast expanse of shrubland. From there, it's

easy to see the differences between healthy native chaparral and chaparral that has burned recently and chaparral that burned a long time ago. The healthy chaparral is dark green, tall, and bushy; the recent burn is light green, short, and has black spindles sticking up out of it. Interspersed are dead gray

branches with healthy bushes growing out of them, the result of a fire back in the mid '90s.

The Witch Fire burned through here last October. It started 15 miles to the east, and intense winds pushed it through this area within a few hours.

"This illustrates a major concern, which is unnaturally frequent fire in the national forest," Hogan says.

The landscape looks like an advertisement for fire, telling prospective home builders, *You're next.*

Hogan's eyes are hidden behind his sunglasses. He half chuckles and half shakes his head. "This is an extraordinarily dangerous place to live, when it comes to fire risk," he says.

Hogan reaches into the truck and grabs a bottle of water. It's a hot April day, close to 90 degrees. Hogan stands a full 6'5", but he never played basketball. "I'm an enviro-geek, not a sports guy," he laughs. His height and long limbs explain why an enviro-geek would drive a Toyota Tundra truck. "It's the first car I've ever fit into," he says. He adds, guiltily, "But that doesn't make it good for the environment."

Hogan grew up in Solana Beach and has been engaged in endangered-species advocacy and conservation work since he was 17. Nowadays, one of his major concerns is protecting what is probably San Diego County's most valuable patch of land-

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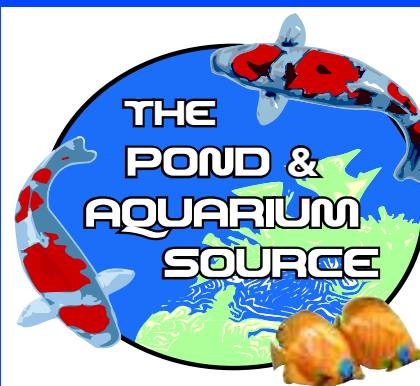
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scape, the Cleveland National Forest.

One of four Southern California national forests — along with the San Bernardino, Angeles, and Los Padres — the Cleveland National Forest runs from the Mexican border up to Orange County in the Santa Ana Mountains. The Southern California counties that contain those forests

are home to 12 of the 50 fastest-growing cities in the U.S., and 60 of the nation's 250 largest cities are located within a two-hour drive of most parts of these four national forests. This places an enormous developmental pressure on natural resources.

Rolling Hills Estates is a poster place for the threats of urbanization

on the national forest.

"The concern isn't the homeowner who wants his 40 acres or his 180 acres or whatever," Hogan says. "The concern is the subdivisions. This was done for profit. Somebody came out here where land was cheap,

bought it, subdivided it into smaller pieces, and is now selling it off to people who may not know what they're getting into. So the ultimate responsibility, first of all, [is] the County Board of Supervisors that approved the subdivision. They're cul-

pable for the harm that comes to the natural environment and the risk of putting people in harm's way. Then you have the developers. They might be the worst villain, because they're entirely driven by a profit motive. And then, there's

the people that move in, and often, they're fairly oblivious. So whatever we can do to increase the education is good."

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worst development decisions of all time in San Diego, in terms of harm to nature and risk to people from wildfire,” David Hogan says hyperbolically. He’s still wearing his dark sunglasses, and we’ve driven back down through Ramona and headed south on San Vicente Road. “It’s distant from the urban core,” he says. “It sticks out like a sore thumb in the Cleveland National Forest, and its exposure to fire risk is enormous. Yet there’s thousands of people who live here.”

San Vicente Road — which turns into Ramona Oaks Road — is the only access to San Diego Country Estates. That route was gridlocked for hours with evacuees from the 2003 Cedar Fire and the 2007 Witch Fire. The residents were essentially trapped here as the fires burned around them.

“Way too many people live out here in an area that doesn’t have the resources to support them,” Hogan says. “And that’s to say nothing of fire risk and the fact that there’s only one road in and out.”

San Diego Country Estates pops up out of a nowhere of mountains and valleys. Suddenly, it’s all golf courses, tennis courts, fountains, green lawns, lush trees, thick shrubs, and large houses.

“A part of me likes to think that this is the bad planning of the past,” Hogan says. “But it’s not true. Right now, the City of Santee is pressing forward with its approval for a massive new subdivision called Fanita Ranch, and it’ll be exactly the same situation as this, surrounded by public lands. So nobody’s learned their lessons from this.”

Because San Diego

Country Estates is here — and it was built back in the 1970s — the forest service is compelled to subject the forest to fuels-reduction activities nearby. “There’s a din from the County Board of Supervisors,” says Hogan, “especially when there’s fires, that the forest service isn’t

“Everybody wants their piece of the forest.”

doing enough to get rid of all of that brush. But ‘brush’ is a pejorative term. And the brush that they’re referring to is an intensely valuable native ecosystem called ‘chaparral and coastal sage scrub’ that in turn provides incredible value not just for wildlife and plants but for people. These shrublands are what prevent all the hills from washing down into

our reservoirs and water supplies.”

Hogan, who often seems to mint phrases that sound as though they would work as bumper stickers, then says, “The brush is treated as public enemy number one. But the real enemy is bad land-use planning.”

their roads, I would love to see the developers of these subdivisions be honest for once,” Hogan says. He parks his truck along a dead end. “Ugly Stucco Home Way. More Purple Iceptant Drive.”

Out at the end of Ramona Oaks Road, the mountains of the Cleveland National Forest recede beneath a blue sky and blazing sun. There’s almost no sound out here, except for the wind across your ears.

To walk out into the scrubland, Hogan takes along a telescoping metal walking stick. “For rattlesnakes,” he says. “To let them know you’re coming.”

This area at the end of the last road of San Diego Country Estates burned in the Cedar Fire but has recovered beautifully. In most places, bright greens have taken over the grays and the blacks. Cuyamaca Peak

and Julian Peak are visible in the distance, with Eagle Peak looming front and center.

Hogan explains that the chaparral ecosystem actually benefits from fires, but only from fires that start up infrequently. Before humankind, the only way for fire to start in the wild was a lightning strike. It may have been a hundred years between burns in a wilderness area, plenty of time for the place to become robust and established.

But now we have power lines that fall in high winds, cigarette butts flying out of car windows, kids playing with matches, hikers lighting campfires, and on and on.

When these places burn every few years, the plants that replace the old growth are usually exotic weeds and grasses that aren’t indigenous —

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though they do grow more easily than the native plants. These plants don't play a part in the natural order of wildlife in Southern California. This shifting of ecosystems is called "type conversion."

"The forest service is actually pursuing type conversion here," Hogan says incredulously. "They have a project called the

provides very few values for protecting people, and it does tremendous harm to nature."

Hogan says a big part of what the Center for Biological Diversity is doing now is trying to educate people about creating a narrow defense zone around where they live and leaving the rest of the shrublands alone.

"They changed the whole definition of a land-management plan."

San Vicente Community Defense Zone, and they want to do heavy-handed vegetation treatment here to protect these houses from fires. Now, it's really important to do vegetation management right near where people live, but this is a very poorly designed project that's not right at the edge of where people live. It's out in the forest, where it

"We don't know whether these hillsides will ever recover," Hogan says, again waving his very large hand across the range of all that can be seen. "Those hills have burned twice in the last 4 years, and the hillside that we're on has burned six or seven times in the last 50 years. And that's just too much."

The abutting juxtapositions of San Diego

Country Estates and the natural landscape that surround it are striking. A litter of man-made colors and shapes — rectangular oranges and metallic corners — stand among the rounded gray rocks and rolling green contours.

"It seems like the hands of the forest service are tied," Hogan commiserates. He's trying to understand the motivations of the government agency that's supposed to protect the forest but so often seems to put it into harm's way. "It's like someone's telling the local forest service representatives not to rock the boat on certain issues. Or, more subtly, maybe there's a kind of understanding, where, if you want to get promoted and work your way up through the ranks, then you don't do anything to cause the board of supervisors to send a letter to Washington, to your bosses, trashing you."

But the "Bad Guys" Aren't Really Bad Guys

"Everybody wants their piece of the forest," says Will Metz, his eyebrows raised. Metz is the forest supervisor for the Cleveland National Forest. "Whether it's power-transmission lines, new highway systems, aqueducts for water transmission, or mountain biking, or off-road vehicles.

And something that I found out recently was that 26 percent of California's registered off-road vehicle use is here in San Diego County. And 10 million people live within an hour of the Cleveland National Forest. Amazing impacts. And, of course, everybody wants a piece."

Ever since he earned a forestry degree at

Humboldt State, Metz, who is 52, has worked in forest services all over the country. He's held his current post for almost a year.

So what does he think? Are the hands of the forest service tied?

Metz barely blinks. "Everybody likes to talk about 'Oh, our budget's going down, we don't have the capacity to do our job on the landscape

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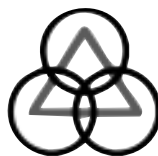
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anyone, we can't fill these vacancies because we don't have the budget, we can't accomplish this work because of the budget,' but I'm a guy who likes my cup half full." He sits back on a sofa in his office and crosses his legs. "I take what I get and optimize it, maximize it the best that I can. Sure, our budgets have been showing a declining trend, but overall, I'd say we're a fairly healthy forest."

What about the scientists who work for the forest service? Do they

maybe toe the company line sometimes instead of thinking about what's best for the environment?

Metz adamantly rejects this notion. "They are the stakeholders of their specific resource,"

"We could pull anybody in here right now, like our wildlife biologist, and she is unflexing in her desire to do the right thing for the wildlife," Harris says. "Now, she also knows that we are a

"I see a lot of money being spent on lawsuits."

he says of the scientists who work for him. "It's in their best interest to make sure that the forest is sustainable and that we're not doing irreparable damage."

Metz has been sitting on the sofa in his office next to Brian Harris, the public affairs officer for the Cleveland. Harris, who has been with the forest service for over 25 years, has been silent up to this point. But he now feels compelled to take Metz's words one step further.

multiple-use agency, and maybe sometimes she's not going to get everything that she wants. But that's what we are. We're the forest service. And sometimes if there's a biologist that doesn't like that, then they usually won't stay with us for very long. Because it is our job to be a multiple-use agency. But, man, it would be hard to take any fisheries person, for example, and convince them that what they're telling us is not the right thing and they should



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just roll over and play dead." Harris laughs. "That just doesn't happen."

As Harris talks, Metz nods. The two men both have quiet speaking voices, and both give off an air of calm.

"I recognize that this is an incredible natural resource that we have in our backyard," Metz says. He uncrosses his legs, puts his hands together, and leans forward on the sofa. "And a lot of this sense of value comes from the fact that shortly after I arrived, we had the fires. And we had to close large portions of the forest for months. It was like putting a stake through my heart. They're public lands. I expect them to

be open."

The Cleveland National Forest was established on July 1, 1908, so this is the forest's centennial year. It covers 437,000 acres — rather small compared to other national forests. The Tongass National

things instead of one. The workforce includes over 300 firefighters and 243 full-time employees.

Just outside of Metz's office, in the main foyer of the Cleveland National Forest office on Rancho Bernardo Road, a forest mural is painted

"Not all acres of the national forest are created equally."

Forest in the southeast, for instance, fills 17 million acres. Yet the Cleveland is divided into three ranger districts, the Tribuco, the Palomar, and the Descanso, which means that it gets more attention than most forests, with three full staffs taking care of

on one wall. Dozens of maps and smaller photos of trees and animals fill the space. Opposite the mural, dominating the wall above a few chairs, is a framed photograph of the boss himself — the man who tried to gut the Endangered Species Act, and the man who expedited all sorts of projects through sensitive lands without environmental review — a broadly smiling George W. Bush.

When Metz is asked, point blank, "What's it like working for the worst environmental president in history?" he and Harris share a long, nervous laugh. Finally, Metz says, "I don't know if that's a fact." And then he stops smiling altogether. He repeats, more sincerely, "I don't know if that's a fact."

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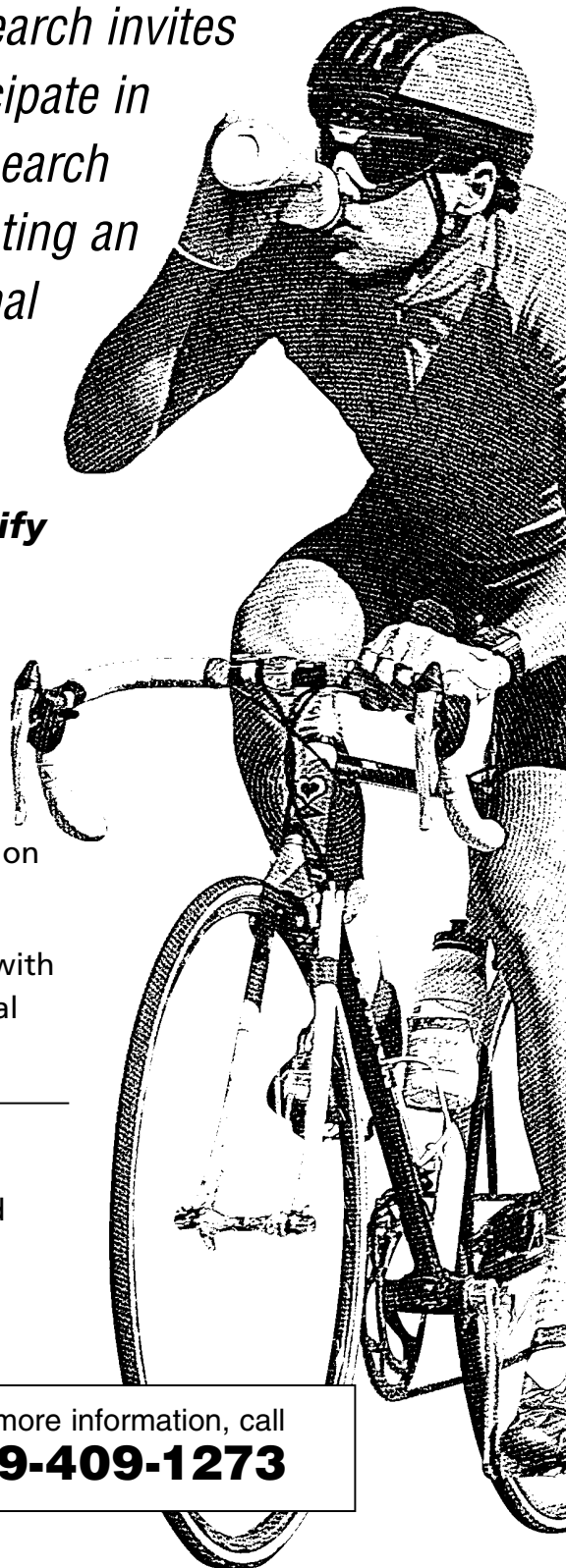
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Into the (Less and Less) Wild

"This is Cedar Creek," David Hogan says.

Leaving San Diego Country Estates, Hogan has driven almost 40 miles — up Highway 78 to Pine Hills Road toward Julian, then right on Eagle Peak Road, then another right on Boulder Creek Road — but as the crow flies, he's now standing only 5 miles or so from San Diego Country Estates.

Cedar Creek babbles in the background. Goldfinches chirp and flit through the oaks overhead. Sunlight streams down among the leaves. Boulder Creek Road is 1 1/2 lanes wide, at most, and no cars have passed Hogan's truck. It's just nature, nature all around.

"This is definitely one of the most remote areas of the county," Hogan says.

Cedar Creek is still recovering from the Cedar Fire. Parts of the landscape show blackened char among the lush green. Eagle Peak Road was where Sergio Martinez parked his car before getting lost and starting the initial signal fire that subsequently burned out of control.

"It's not like anyone's mining out here," Hogan says. "It's not like anyone needs to build a reservoir here. The reason it's so pristine is no one's ever found a reason to mess it up. And yet, for whatever reason, for politics, the forest service won't give it the most protected designation, the wilderness designation. They've in fact fought it tooth and nail."

In the forest service's land-management plan, Cedar Creek is designated as "backcountry, nonmotorized."

"This means that the forest service can still do whatever they want with it," Hogan says, "but it's on their terms. The first thing they think of is 'We'll try to keep it that way.' But if, say, SDG&E

wants to build power lines through there, we can't stop them, because it's not designated wilderness. And in fact, that's where the Sunrise Powerlink is supposed to go, through the roadless area

to the south of us."

What Hogan and other environmentalists would prefer, regarding an area this pristine, is that it be locked up. "And throw that key away," Hogan says. "Because

there's so few places left like this."

Leaving Cedar Creek and heading south, Boulder Creek Road is no longer paved. Clouds of dust fly up around Hogan's truck and hang

in the air. There's no signal on your cell phone out here. For 15 miles, the dirt road winds through hills and trees with no signs of people anywhere. Top speed: 35 miles per hour.

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sighs and shakes his head. "You had towns like Poway and Escondido, Temecula and San Marcos, but they were small, consolidated footprints. They weren't the sprawl that we see today."

Crossing Boulder Creek, Hogan stops to say that this is yet another area that has been recommended for, and denied, wilderness designation.

In the shade by the creek, Hogan removes his sunglasses for the first time all day, and the whole character of his face changes. His blue-green eyes are filled with a gentle sadness and the sincerity you might associate with a self-proclaimed "enviro-geek." But without the sun-

glasses, you're more apt to notice that although Hogan sports a young man's haircut — short, yet wavy on top — some of that hair has begun to turn gray.

"San Diegans are fortunate to have a national forest like the Cleveland that acts as a sort of wall against the evils of urban development," Hogan says. Nearby Boulder Creek bubbles, as if in agreement. "But that doesn't mean we can let our guards down. As more and more development is undertaken, more and more conservation attention is needed."

Back inside his truck, with his sunglasses back in place, Hogan's think-

ing focuses on the big picture.

"Our biggest complaint," he says, "with the way the Cleveland National Forest is being run, is that they're still doing things that are very harmful for endangered species, and they just don't emphasize proactive management to bring species back from the brink of extinction."

The (Latest) Lawsuit: The Plaintiffs

"The forest service went through this whole land-management plan," David Hogan says. "We're suing over the noncompliance with the Endangered Species Act within that plan. What we're saying is that they never really made sure that when they crafted the plan they were fully protecting endangered species and critical habitats as required by law."

Bill Corcoran is the senior regional representative for the Los Angeles Field Office of the Sierra Club. Corcoran's been with the club since 1984.

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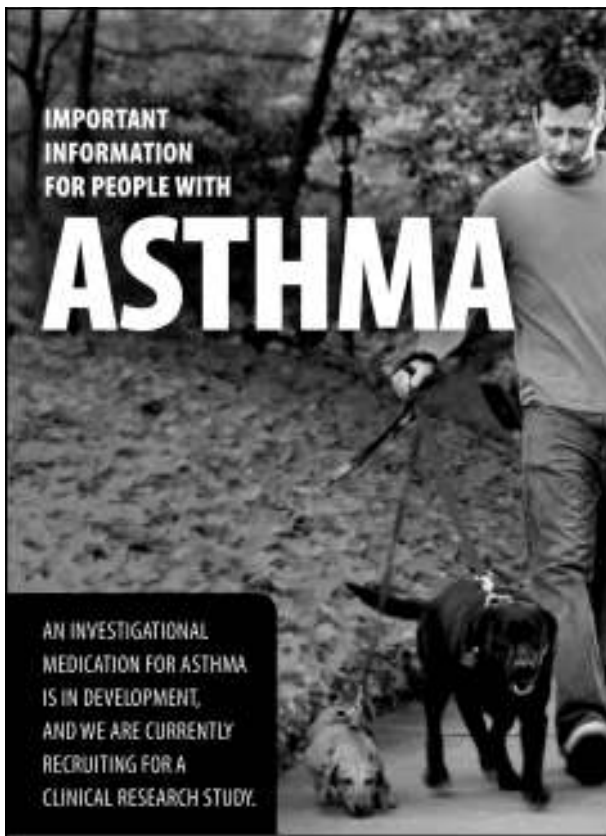


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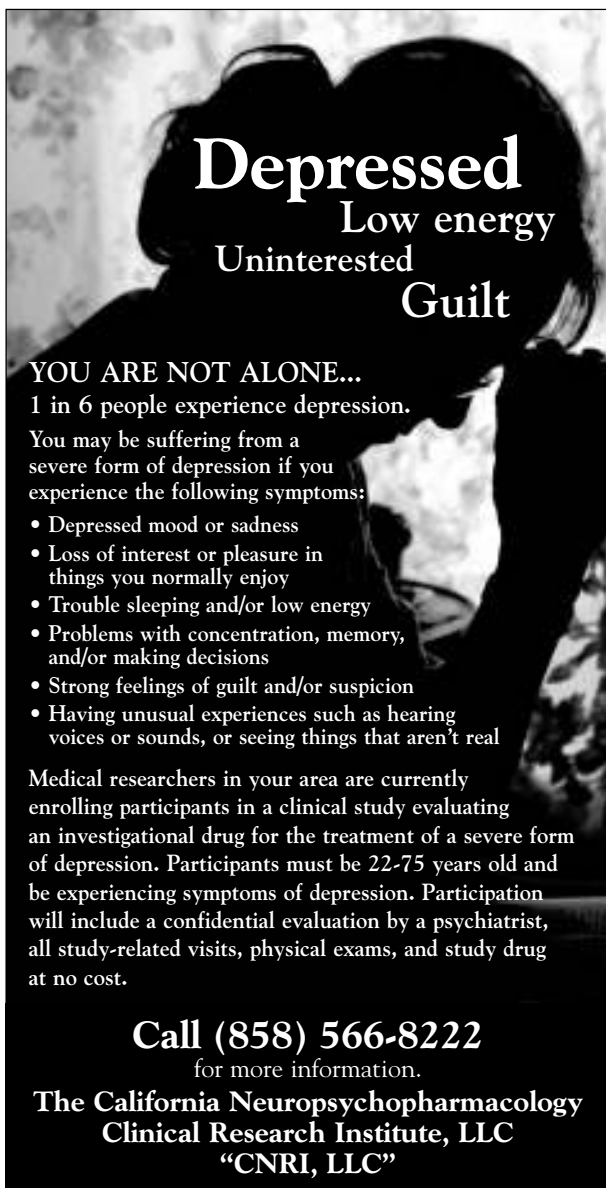
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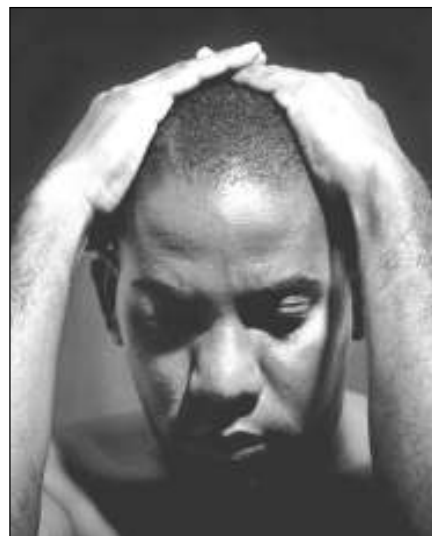
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"In our opinion," Corcoran says over the telephone, sounding incredulous, "the forest service had an amazing opportunity to step up to the plate and to create a vision for the forest that the public was asking them for, which was, we want our wildlife heritage protected and restored, and we want to have better opportunities for nonmotorized recreation than you are providing us with, and we want to see a plan from you about how we're going to get there."

Instead, the forest service basically said, "Okay, we'll look at each thing later as it comes up."

Because the Cleveland is divided up into what amounts to little islands of forest spread countywide, it faces the unique challenge of maintaining habitat linkages among the parts of

the forest, as well as dealing with encroachment from adjacent development. At least 116 species classified as sensitive, of concern, or at risk, including more than 25 endangered or threatened species, live within the boundaries of the Cleveland. These include the arroyo toad, Quino checkerspot butterfly, Tecate cypress, San Diego thornmint, and creeping sage. The forest has become the last area holding these species, since we've built on all the other land.

"I've already said the plans are vague," Corcoran says, "and they're weak, and they don't give guidance to local managers. But they also have this tendency — because they don't set broad goals to work toward, with standards and guidelines — they fall into the trap of saying, 'Well, if bad things hap-

pen in the forest, we will monitor that and fix it.' But that fix-it model fails Southern Californians who value the forest because their forests can't afford any more damage."

So what should a land-management plan do instead?

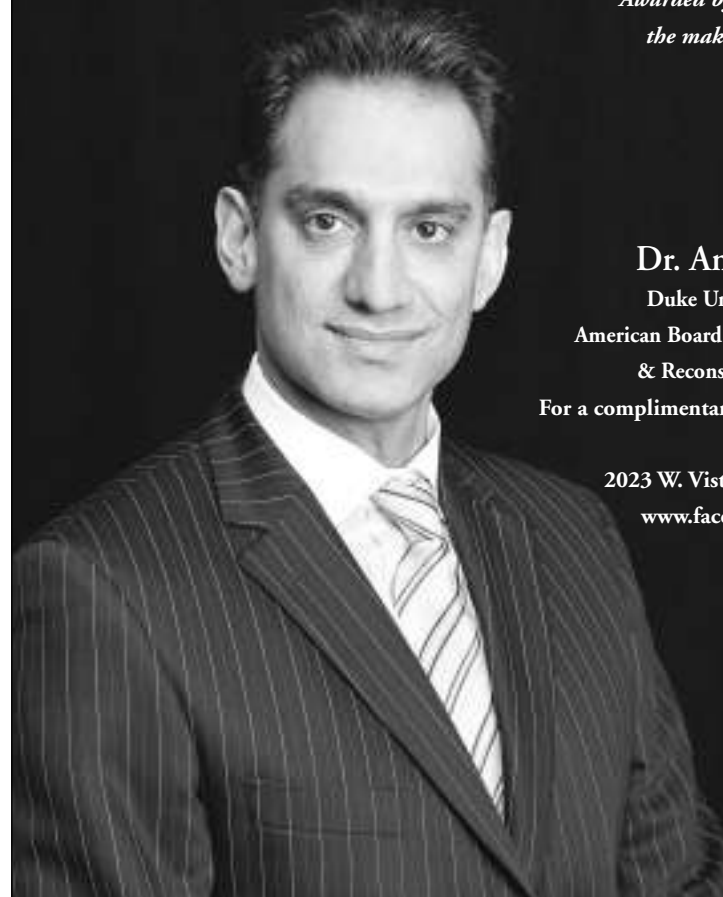
"Typically," Corcoran says, "in the past, you would have a management plan that set specific outcome goals for a place or a species, and that would have strict standards and guidelines for how the agency was going to meet those goals. For example, take the checkerspot butterfly. You would have a long-term plan and specific guidelines for how to protect the butterfly and its habitat, and the public would understand what the forest service was committing to do. In this case, we have a very vague document that just

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talks in general ways about outcomes for the forest."

Leading into the revision process for the forest's current land-management plan, the Center for Biological Diversity and the Sierra Club drafted up suggestions for the forest service to follow. Essentially, they did a lot of the forest service's work for them. Or so they thought.

Instead, the forest service completely ignored the report and carried forward its abstract overview rather than address the minute specificities and suggestions drawn up by concerned environmentalists. The revisions were finalized in 2005.

"They changed the whole definition of what a land-management plan is," Corcoran says. "Now, it's just a broad statement of intention that pushes all of the analysis down to a very local and specific level, which in and of itself is not bad. But if, in its analysis of its overall plan, the forest service can't give the public a clear picture of how this management plan — which is really the blueprint for how they're going to manage the forest — if they can't credibly and clearly explain what the forest service is specifically hoping to achieve forest-wide, it's difficult to understand the purpose of such a plan."

It's almost like having a construction site that comes under scrutiny because the developers are saying that they're going to use asbestos in the ceilings and lead in the pipes and no insulation on the wires; and so, to make amends, the developers draw up a new blueprint that says the ceilings and pipes and wiring will be handled in the best way possible by the most qualified subcontractors at the appropriate time, and then, if something

goes wrong, they'll fix it. It doesn't say they won't use hazardous materials but does make them less culpable if the materials they do use end up hurting anyone.

"What we're trying to do with the lawsuit," adds Hogan, "since they refused when we were proactive and asking nicely, is we're trying to get them to listen to us."

The (Latest) Lawsuit: The Defendants

"I see a lot of money being spent on lawsuits," Brian Harris says, grimacing noticeably. The U.S. Forest Service faces

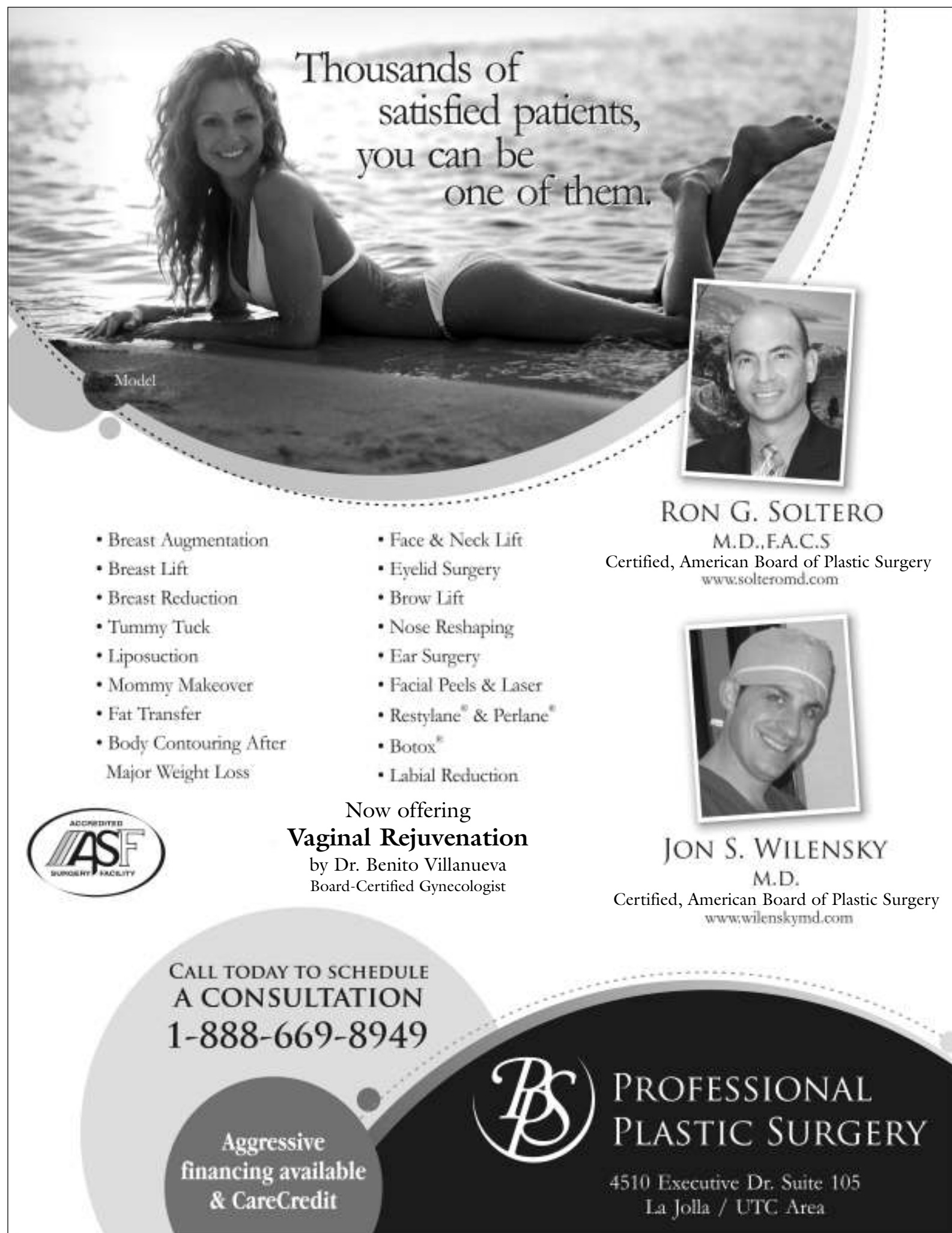
multiple lawsuits yearly from various environmental groups. "But, in reality, if we all just came together as a big happy group and focused the money to do things on

the ground, things would work out a lot better."

Will Metz agrees.

"It's amazing what some collaboration will do, what some creative thinking will do." Metz

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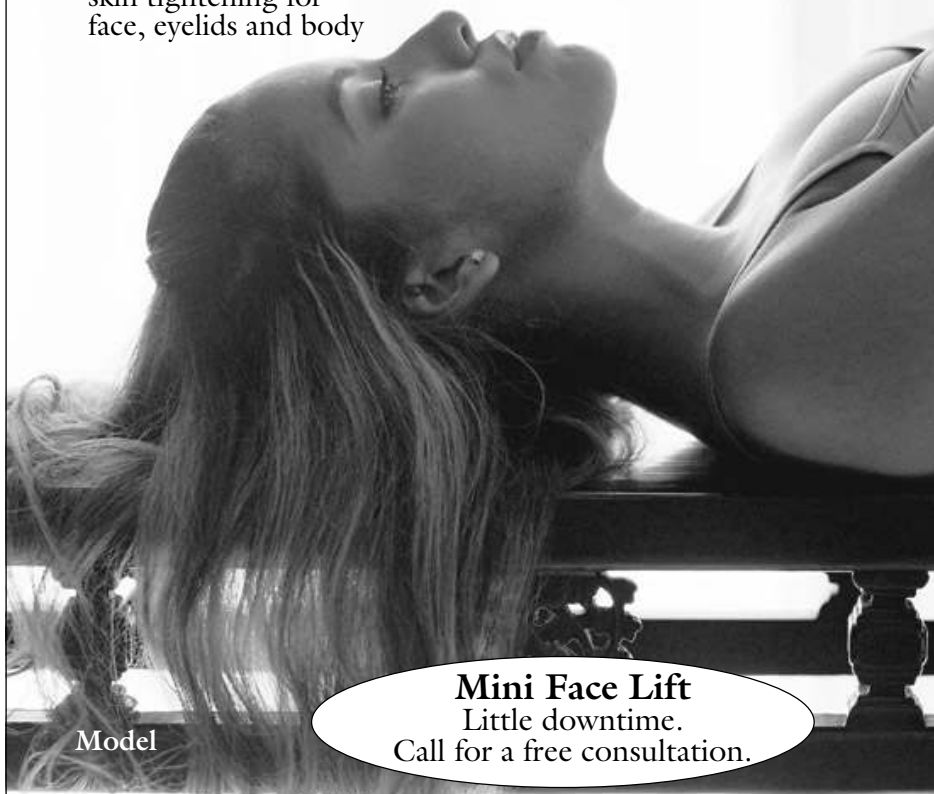
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nods, pursing his lips. "We have a lot of tools in our toolbox, so to speak. If it's the right thing to do, to close an area to protect a species, then I'll do that. But I also try to find other ways around that before I just close the door. Because once the door's closed, it's hard to open back up."

Interesting that Metz uses the same metaphor as Hogan, where the wilderness is a kind of treasure chest or chamber of wonders that has a protective padlock on it. But Hogan wants the padlock permanently closed, and Metz emphasizes the need at least to keep the keys on hand.

"Not all acres of the national forest are created equally," Metz says.

Harris, for his part, outlines an important distinction that centers on the word "sensitive," stressing that this word needs to be interpreted

and defined on a case-by-case basis. "A lot of people in the environmental community seem to feel that the entire forest is sensitive," Harris says. "But we need to be a little more specific than that. If we're talking about a specific habitat for a specific animal or plant, and the sensitivity of that area to a certain kind of use, then that's one thing. But we have to be careful about the word 'sensitive' in a larger context. Because, just how sensitive is an area, and sensitive to what?"

So everyone seems to be saying the same thing: specificity is needed. But what about the generalization in the current land-management plan?

"Our forest plans are planning documents," Metz says. "They're supposed to be strategic in nature — or maybe not

strategic, but at least long-range. I was involved in the writing of these plans very early on. And I'm pretty impressed with them. Now, we've always struggled with standards and guidelines; for example, 'You will make sure that no more than 2.5 cubic meters of the soil...' You know, stuff like that. But those are very hard standards, in my opinion, to deal with. Because they're not addressing what the resource is actually doing out there. And so the plan is an umbrella, telling us where we need to focus our priorities. Now, I can understand why people say the land-management plan is too general and not specific enough. But there's a reason for that. It provides more flexibility with what we do out on the land and how we manage the land, rather than constrain us.

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Even without all the specificity, the current land-management plan for the Cleveland National Forest covers three volumes and hundreds of pages. A legally binding and publicly available document, it's the constitution for the forest service.

But Metz and Harris and the forest service maintain that for the plan to be effective, its generality and flexibility are essential. “We're learning stuff all the time,” Harris says, “and when it comes to the research side of things, and they come to us and they tell us something new, the last thing we want to do is have to wait 10 or 15 years to change our plans on the ground.

We need to have that flexibility to incorporate that new information into that site-specific project.”

Other Threats: Cows and Roads

Another problem facing the forest, and cited by David Hogan, is cattle grazing.

“You wouldn't think there are that many cattle in San Diego County, but it doesn't take that many to cause a lot of harm,” Hogan says.

“There's so little water to begin with and so little lush vegetation. They muck up streams, degrade water quality for native fish, and tear up stream banks. So, unfortunately, the places the cows tend to congregate — the riparian areas — are also the places that support the greatest number of endangered species.”

Hogan argues that

ideally there shouldn't be any cows here. San Diego County is the wrong environment for a creature that thrives in the temperate zones of Europe and the eastern United States.

“But there are also ways to minimize harm to riparian areas,” Hogan offers, by way of compromise. “You can fence cows out of those areas. But that's expensive, and fences do a lot of damage, too.”

He's parked his truck again in a slanting valley a few miles south of Boulder Creek, about halfway from Julian to Descanso, in the western shadow of Cuyamaca Peak, which, at 6512 feet, is the tallest peak in the county. On the clearest of days, from here you can just see the ocean in the far, far distance. The dust from Hogan's truck tires slowly dissipates into the blue air.

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"A couple years ago," Hogan says, "the forest service did a travel-management analysis, where they figured out where all the roads are on the national forest, whether they're needed, and

which roads are for what." He sips at a bottle of cool water. "In the United States, a lot of the national forests, unlike the Cleveland, are still wide open to vehicle use. If you're able to drive

there, you can go there. But in the Cleveland, back in the 1980s, the forest was closed to vehicle travel except on designated roads or trails." The forest service is going through a process

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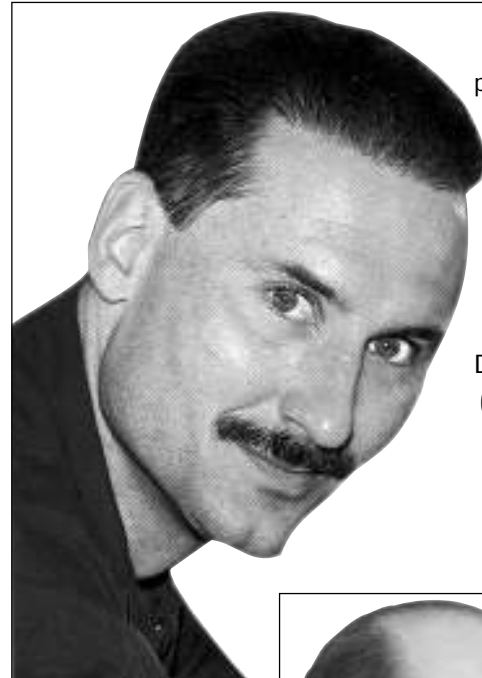


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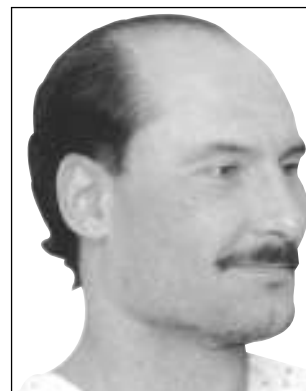
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right now where it's revisiting those decisions from the '80s. Says Hogan, "They're not going to open up the forest, but they're actually considering — instead of closing dozens of miles of harmful roads that are either unused or serve very little purpose other than to erode sediments downstream or to harm endangered species' habitat — they're considering adding more roads to the system."

Many of these unofficial roads, which are generally expensive and difficult to maintain because of the topography of the area, were made illegally, over time, by forest users driving into places where they should have walked. Now the forest service is considering officially adding these roads to its designated route system. "It's really the wrong way to go," Hogan says. "They should be closing as many roads as possible instead."

But Will Metz has a full response ready for Hogan's concerns. "Long before I arrived at the Cleveland," Metz says, "they had a system of off-road vehicle routes identified, but, over time, users obviously are always wanting to explore further and further, and new trails and routes were created. So, through our route-designation process, we've identified which of those user-created trails are legitimate, from the standpoint that they provide unique recreational experiences, they contribute to maybe a loop system, and it makes sense that they be incorporated into the overall program. The biggest issue, of course, is whether these user-created routes are creating resource impacts. For example, arroyo toad habitat. And in some cases, yes. But for those areas we're going through the NEPA process, the National

Environmental Policy Act. We're doing environmental analysis. And through that process, we can identify areas of concern. And then the management question becomes, do we close

those areas? Or can we mitigate those potential impacts in some way. For example, seasonal closures, or limited operating periods, or rerouting parts of a route. So there's a lot of

mitigations that are at play here."

And one of the routes for mitigation, of course, is the latest lawsuit.

"My best hope, concerning the lawsuit, is

that the forest service will see the light and we'll at least reach a compromise on all the issues," Hogan says. "Our preference would be to negotiate a settlement, where we can

protect endangered species and their habitats while letting people enjoy the forest. But if that doesn't happen, then we're prepared to fight it out." ■

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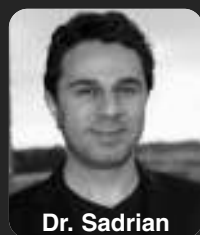
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In 1837 San Diego was under attack from the north, where a rebel political faction attempted to take over Alta California, and from the east, where native tribes banded together. Enraged by decades of abuse, they planned, wrote Agustín Zamorano, “to kill all the white men and carry off all our women to the mountains and there begin a new race.”

On May 29, 1837, in a letter to the leaders of Los Angeles, Zamorano demanded a “respectable force” to “crush” the “inhu-

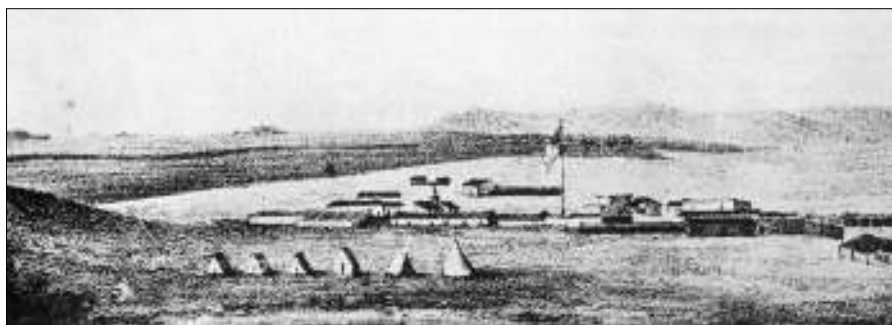
man Indians” and “obtain their total extinction.”

A year later, Don Sylvestre Portilla offered to build an army, at his own expense, and defeat every rebelling faction. He had one condition: make all the captives his “servants.”

Californios fought natives, and each other. Natives for the assault harassed those against it. And many, like Lorenzana and Felipa Osuna, found themselves at once outside events and trapped in the middle.

In 1837, San Diego had no garrison. The Presidio walls were crumbling. A rusty cannon lay half buried in the soil. When he toured the Presidio ten years earlier, Auguste Duhaut-Cilly called it “the bleakest we have visited in California.” Though surrounded by fields of brilliant mustard and boasting abundant olive groves and vineyards, the mission had deteriorated as well. Parts were in ruin, and a “disagreeable odor” penetrated “even the quarters of the fathers... who showed themselves as kind as they were dirty.”

The pueblo at the base of Presidio Hill had, at most, 20 or 30 adobe houses and 100 inhabitants. Many of its males were often away on business or combating the northern insurrection. In the spring of 1837, between 50 and 200 natives attacked Rancho Jamul. They killed four men, rus-



Old Town, San Diego, c. 1840

tled livestock, burned all the buildings, and took two young girls captive.

San Diegans hired Sergeant Macedonio González to track down the perpetrators. Known (and feared) by his first name, Macedonio was a famous Indian fighter from Lower California. “For him to shoot an Indian,” wrote Agustín Janssens, “was as easy a matter it seemed, as taking a cup of chocolate.” To save bullets, Macedonio often executed prisoners with his sword.

He justified his action, adds Janssens, by saying, “It was the only way to keep the savages quiet; the Indians were without mercy, except in rare cases. Indeed, whenever they attacked, they did so in blood and fire.”

The captive girls were Macedonio’s nieces. He, 25 soldiers, and approximately 40 Neji Indians tracked the attackers for several weeks. Macedonio’s interrogations included torture and murder. They often set villages on fire. In at least one instance, they killed everyone except the old women, who would warn other villages against reprisals.

Near Lake Cuyamaca, 300 warriors

ambushed the party in a tight, rocky box canyon. Hundreds of arrows rained down. Most, writes Janssens, were aimed at Macedonio. One punctured his lip. If his Neji Indian friend Jatini had not arrived with 200 braves, the entire company might have been massacred.

During this period, Apolinaria Lorenzana divided her time between working at the mission and at Rancho Jamacha, which she would eventually own. One day at the rancho, an Indian servant, Janajachil, approached. “Hard working, peaceful, and obedient,” he was a favorite, even though a “gentile,” a non-Christian native.

Janajachil’s darting eyes pleaded. His wife was in their mountain village, he said. He feared for her safety from rebelling tribes and vindictive soldiers. Could he please go and bring her to the rancho?

“He promised he would return in three days,” says Lorenzana, “so I gave him permission to go.”

She was at the mission when Janajachil returned with his wife. Before they had settled in, Macedonio rode up to the rancho. He taunted Janajachil, then bul-

QUOTATIONS

1. Jack D. Forbes: After the missions became secularized, beginning in 1834, lands promised to the converted Indians “became the ranchos of *gente de razón*, and most of the former neophytes who remained along the coast were reduced to the status of serfs or debt slaves.”

2. Agustín Janssens: “With the women, the [Indians] followed a course more cruel than death, carrying

them off to live with them as degraded consorts of savages, lost from their kindred forever.”

3. Father Antonio Peyri of Mission San Luis Rey: “In this country there are two distinct races, the barbarians and the semi-barbarians; the semi-barbarians are our poor Indians, the barbarians are the so-called *gente de razón* who seem devoid of all reason.”

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lied him to the ground. You just came from the mountains, Macedonio yelled. Did you meet the leaders, Cartucho, Martin, Pedro Pablo? Did they talk? Are they coming here next?

"No," said Janajachil. He'd only gone for his wife. But before he could say more, Macedonio murdered Janajachil.

"I was at the mission when it happened," Lorenzana recalled years later, still struck by the atrocity. "Perhaps [Macedonio] had suspicions, but I am convinced the poor Indian was innocent."

The burning of Rancho Jamul was part of a much larger plan to assault several San Diego ranchos at once, including Otay and Tia Juana. But the Jamul attackers, it turned out, jumped the gun, enabling Californios to form an expedition against them. After the ambush at Cuyamaca, native leaders devised a new target: San Diego.

The attack would come at midnight. A war party of at least 200 braves would assemble two leagues from Presidio Hill, where they'd stash arrows, clubs, and spears in the ruins. Every house would have an Indian ally—many of them cooks—who would unlock the doors.

Juan Antonio, a native and chief cook at the home of José Antonio Estudillo, had personal reasons for revenge: Janajachil was his brother. In what became known as the "council of the cooks," Juan Antonio conspired with servants from the other houses. They tried to determine when most of the men would be out of town.

Captain Henry D. Fitch owned the biggest store in San Diego. One day, when he was off on business, Candelaria, his Indian servant, warned Fitch's wife Josefa to be on guard: Candelaria overheard the cook talking about burning down the store and carrying the women away. Like so many caught in these events, Candelaria was divided; the servants were from her native tribe, but Josefa was her godmother.

The next day, Felipa Osuna saw some Indians talking to her gardener. Two were Fitch's servants, the third, Juan Antonio. The trio had been meeting for several afternoons, she recalled.

They didn't know it, but Osuna understood their lan-

guage and heard the plan: while Fitch was away, they'd sneak into his home when Josefa was kneading bread. They'd rob the store; kill Lawrence Hatwell, a despised American clerk; and, on horses waiting outside the back door,

kidnap Fitch's wife Josefa and Osuna.

Osuna told her husband, Juan Marrón, the pueblo's chief administrator. He didn't believe her. But to be safe, and since there were only six males in town,

Marrón ordered the women to ride to La Playa and stay with the "foreigners"—eight or ten English, American, and Hawaiian males—who worked there. The women would remain in the drying sheds until the danger passed.

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were many of us — the Pico women, and my family.” Exiled from their homes and husbands, possibly forever, the women found themselves in another world: warehouses warped by rough boards; thousands and thousands of hides; hordes of seagulls and ten times as many flies; and men, wearing bright red shirts and flaring straw hats, talking in a strange tongue and reeking of tallow and death.

The uprooted women spent the night huddled in

fear. Convinced that 300–500 natives would swarm the pueblo and burn it to cinders, they scanned the lowlands across the bay for the slightest stray flicker. They also feared that their “protectors,” many of them sailors who’d jumped ship in San Diego, would take liberties. Few slept during what they later called “*la noche triste*” — “the sad night.”

“The next morning,” writes Machado, “the foreigners went with us to the

pueblo.” Led by their boss, John Steward, they stayed for a week, until “we were out of danger.”

Not all the women went to La Playa. Since Captain Fitch was away, his wife had asked Osuna and her husband Juan Marrón to stay with her. Still unsure about the rumor, Marrón decided to set a trap. When nightfall came, he told Josefa, she should knead bread, as expected. He and Hatwell would hide behind the open

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Josefa agreed to play decoy. After dark, as she began folding and smoothing dough on the dining-room table, two tall natives blocked the doorway. Marrón and Hatwell rushed them from behind and took them prisoner.

The next morning, as the women returned from

Osuna. "Some were pulled out of their homes, others were lassoed as they tried to run away, terrified."

The plaza filled with shouts and screams. An Indian boy darted into Osuna's house and begged her to hide him. Too late. His pursuers burst in and dragged him outside.

One of Juan Bandini's servants confessed. He was supposed to open the doors

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La Playa, townspeople sent for Macedonio. He was staying across the river with Herculaneo Olivas, an old soldier. Macedonio formed a posse. After they rounded up the two Indians from the Fitch store, they stormed door to door through the pueblo.

"It was painful to see Macedonio's people running after the Indians like a pack of hunting dogs," writes

at midnight, he said, but didn't want to because he loved the family. Bandini assured him he was safe.

Bandini told the posse to spare his servant. But Macedonio cinched a rope around his neck and took him with the others. Osuna says the boy was eventually set free "but suffered for the rest of his life until he died."

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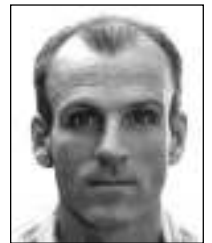
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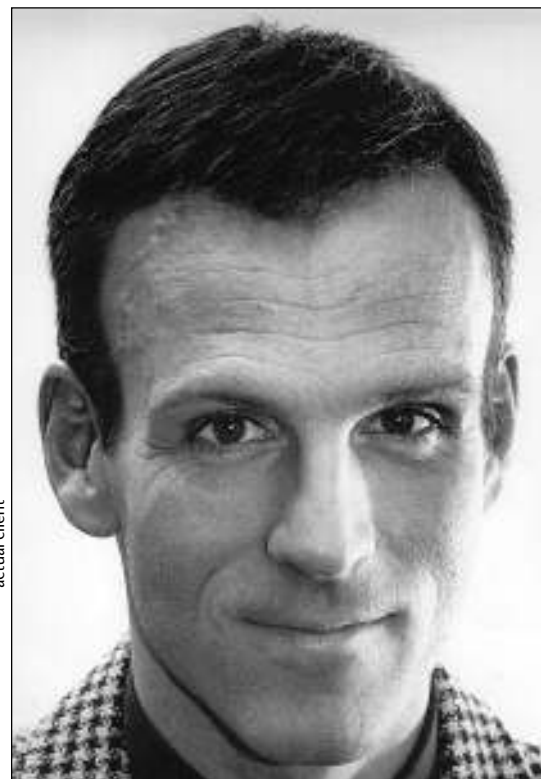
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herded between five and ten suspects to a small canyon. He ordered them to dig a long trench. When they finished, he had them kneel along one side. Then he and his posse shot each in the back of the head. Bodies tumbled into the pit.

Later that night, Macedonio and his men rode up to the Presidio. They captured an Indian spy who was waiting for the cooks to report. He knew where the war party had camped.

When the spy refused to confess, Macedonio promised instant death. The Indian remained mute. So Macedonio drew his sword and hacked off an ear. He vowed to slash the other, writes William Davis, and mutilate the Indian "little by little until he made the statement required of him."

The Indian relented. After he told all he knew, Macedonio jammed the sword through his heart.

"This mode of extorting confession," writes Davis, "although repulsive to those who participated in it, was the only way of securing the

desired information."

"These Jacum Indians were bold and brave," writes Janssens. "San Diego suffered much at their hands. If it had not been for the little frontier guard, commanded by a man as energetic as Macedonio, there would have been in the future terrible scenes in the town, and perhaps the destruction of everyone."

But, Janssens adds, "The violent execution without form of law brought sorrow to all the inhabitants, for no one had anticipated such a hasty proceeding."

Lorenzana, who was at the mission, said Macedonio acted "with much force and harshness." Judge José Antonio Estudillo fiercely objected to slaughter without the pretense of justice.

Forty years later, Thomas Savage interviewed Felipa Osuna. "The punishment produced a very beneficial effect," she told him, "because after that, there were no more robberies by Indians in San Diego."

When Savage assumed she'd finished her testimony, Osuna added: "I was so sorry

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that I had informed on the conspirators. The other women also felt sorry for the Indians and accused me of causing the whole thing. How could I have concealed a conspiracy against the lives, liberty, and possessions of so many people? They would have died."

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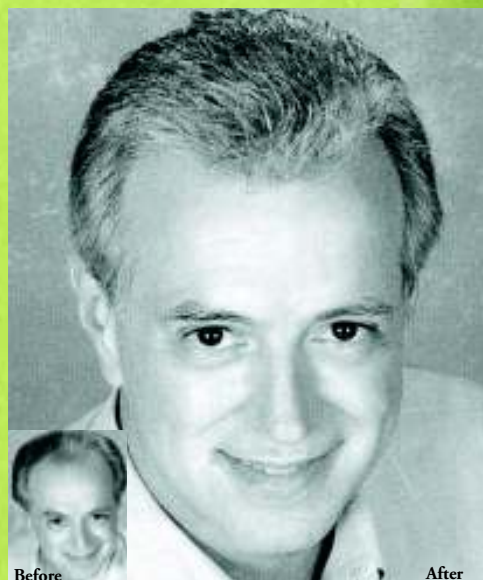
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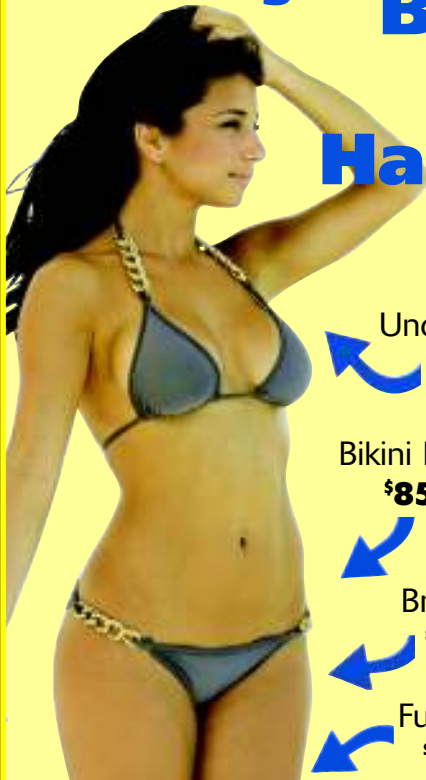
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left without a penny. Her sister in St. Louis wrote to say that she couldn't send any money, but she could take them both in, so Mrs. Woodman and her daughter moved east to St. Louis, where Mrs. Woodman's melancholy was finally diagnosed as tuberculosis, and she was sent to a farm in the country to rest.

It was another death that brought them back to San Diego — this time the death of a child. Another of Mrs. Woodman's sisters lost her baby in San Diego and wrote a letter that said, "I have to have you." Evelyn was nine when they returned, old enough to join the Girl Scouts in 1927. She learned to swim at the YWCA when she was ten.

"My mother worked for a steamship line whose office was on a pier down at the foot of Broadway," Evelyn says. She can't recall the exact salary for taking shorthand and writing letters in those days, but she does know that in 1935, when people felt the deepest effects of the Depression, she was

married herself and counting pennies. Bread was 5 cents a loaf and ground beef was 15 cents a pound. "In other words," she says, "I was able to get along on a budget as a housewife on \$20 a week and save money at the same time."

Her mother must also have been good at saving money, because "besides being a single head of household of one child, she was able to afford the hats and gloves. I even remember she had a fox fur neck scarf that still hangs in the closet. And her clothes, they were purchased. They were not handmade."

Marston's, Evelyn says, was the major department store downtown, and it had the most elegant things. Marston's had been selling dry goods in downtown San Diego since 1878. When George W. Marston opened his new store on Fifth Avenue and F Street in 1881, the sewing silks and White sewing machines and bolts of cloth were lit with gas lamps. It wasn't just the store that took Marston's name,

but the entire block.

If, on a March day in the midst of the Depression, Evelyn's mother had stretched out a finger in the Marston's shoe department to touch Cuban heels and strap slippers, she would have touched "suntan," "tropical tan," and "nautical blue." Had she needed underfashions, she might have gone upstairs two flights to see, among the rayon bloomers and the step-ins and the slips, the "unusually pliable" Carter Mouldette. The Mouldette wasn't underwear but a "foundation garment" that fit like a stocking from armpit to thigh and gave you the clean-cut lines you needed for the Bond Street look. Four dollars for that.

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Evelyn herself didn't

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care much about clothes. "I was an athlete," she says. In 1930, when Evelyn was in junior high, anklets came into fashion, "and, oh my goodness, was there a fuss about that," she says. "The parents just didn't approve of that at all. The school counselors didn't. But finally the fashion took power over concern and we got to wear anklets." Five years later, Marston's was selling lisle anklets in a Host of Spring Colors for 28 cents a pair.

Until she graduated in 1935, Evelyn wore the prescribed uniform to Hoover High: middie tops and dark skirts in the winter, pastel dresses in the summer. When she went to a special service at Trinity Methodist Episcopal, she may have worn kid leather gloves and a hat, but she isn't sure. What she remembers instead is playing in the city softball league in the early '30s, when her teams were sponsored by Kerrigan Jewelers and Conkling's Bakery. They played home games at Central Playground and the girls wore shorts "down at least to the knee."

Conkling's and Kerrigan's bought the team shirts, but the girls furnished their own mitts.

"That's the nearest I came to gloves," Evelyn says.

A woman I'll call May was born in Hurley, New Mexico, the same year that Evelyn was born in San Diego: 1917. Hurley was a copper-mining town, and

May's father worked in the mill. May's mother was a good seamstress, and she sewed May's clothes because there weren't many stores in Hurley.

"The houses were all owned by the company when I lived there," she says, "and it was segregated in that the Hispanic workers lived across the tracks from the white people, and they could actually own their own houses—build a little shack or something there on that side—but we had to live in the company-owned houses."

The upper class of Hurley, including the doctor and the superintendent of the mine, lived on a paved street, "but the rest of us just had dirt streets, and if you were not respectful and so forth to the important people in town," May says, "your father could lose his job." May says that when she got married, she told her husband that if he ever wanted to go back to Hurley to live, she would get a divorce.

May and her husband didn't come to San Diego until after the war, in the decade of the calotte, beret, cartwheel, postilion, and bonnet. When May and her husband arrived, they moved into temporary government housing in Linda Vista. "Some of the houses were permanent," she says. "They were stucco houses, but the ones I lived in were wooden duplexes, and they were meant to be taken out after the war."

May and her husband had two children by then, and they went to the Baptist church in Linda Vista. "I can remember going to church," she says, "but I didn't wear a hat or gloves." When the children were older, she started working, but she didn't have to wear a hat or gloves then either. "I never was one who went out much to parties and things," she says.

Those who did go to parties—if they were the right parties—had a chance of posing in their hats and gloves for the photographers of *San Diego Magazine*. In November of 1948, Mrs. George Carter Jessop, "noted for her outstanding blonde good looks," posed in a cocoa gabardine suit and a pillbox hat trimmed with coq feathers. Mrs. Harold Starkey, "one of San Diego's most attractive and vivacious matrons," stared heavenward in a \$4000 mink cape. Mrs. Peter Crabtree, the young surgeon's wife, wore a bronze-feathered hat and a baby-leopard collar. "Leopard, of course, is high fashion this season."

The hats of Mrs. Peter Crabtree (secretary of the Junior League, vice president of the Camp Fire Girls council) and Mrs. George Carter Jessop (seen frequently at the San Diego Yacht Club) came from El Patio Apparel and Lion's department store, but May shopped at Marston's and at Walker's on Fifth Avenue.

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"Walker Scott was a very popular store," she says, "and I would ride the streetcar downtown. That was when we first came, and the children were small. I've ridden the streetcar, which is something that a lot of people who are here now never did."

"I guess it was Marston's that I particularly remember. It was a little bit — well, I want to say 'higher class,' but it carried a little bit better grade of dresses than Walker's did, and I think that was the one that used to bring in, in the springtime, beautiful bouquets of flowers. They would decorate the store with lilacs from up in the North County.... It always was real beautiful."

Alene Austin Cole's family came to San Diego from Oklahoma in 1929 because of the Depression. "We were one of those Okies or whatever you want to call it. We got flooded out, and Mother said that was the end of that."

Alene went to Sherman Elementary, then Roosevelt Junior High, and then San Diego High, known then as "the gray castle." "My son was born in '37," she says. "I would have graduated in '38."

At the gray castle, the girls wore white middies and black skirts with a black tie. "My mother, now, she always had gloves, and she always thought you should wear a hat when you go shopping or to church or something

like that."

Alene, however, didn't have to wear a hat. "They called us the dancing family. Mother and Dad met on an ice rink, so when we came out here, he said, 'Well, we know how to dance on ice. Let's learn how to dance otherwise.'" Alene and her parents and her brothers would dance to swing music at Mission Beach. "Mission Beach had a beautiful ballroom then.... They had dance contests and we all wore evening clothes. Like on a Wednesday night they'd have waltz night."

After Alene became pregnant, she worked for the high school in what was called the youth administration, doing typing and filing. "And then after I had my boy, I went into the restaurant business. That was the most lucrative one you could find." She wore a white uniform in the beginning, and she continued working as a waitress for 35 years.

Alene didn't buy manish sharkskin suits at Marston's for \$67.50. Her mother made the gowns Alene wore to the Mission Beach Ballroom and the black-and-white checkered suit in which Alene graduated from high school and a jacket for her brother ("he was the clotheshorse of the family") into which her mother sewed a Lion's department store label. Her mother had access to labels because she worked upstairs in the alterations department of

Lion's. "That's how she ruined her eyes," Alene says. "She was blind toward the last."

Like Alene, Nancy Ketcham moved to San Diego the year the stock market crashed. "My family moved here from Imperial Valley in 1929. It was so hot over there that my mother got sick, so we moved over here. I was four."

Mother stayed home then, Nancy says, but her mother and the other women on the block did piecework in their free time even if they didn't like to sew. "They made little scarves and they made little dickets and things to go around the neck." The collars and scarves were then sold to manufacturers in L.A.

Nancy started attending Alice Birney Grade School when she was four, which was too early, she says, and she never did catch up. From there she went to the old Horace Mann Junior High School and then to the gray castle. "San Diego High School was a beautiful school then." Nancy remembers not a uniform but a dress code that required students to wear blue and white and that angora sweaters were very popular. The thicker the angora, the more expensive the sweater, and "we had a lot of girls who were from pretty wealthy families, and they had, of course, the real thick angora sweaters and angora socks." Nancy says she couldn't have afforded angora, and she couldn't,



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thank goodness, have worn it anyway — “I was allergic to it.”

Summers, Nancy rode her bicycle to Mission Beach, where she surfed and played volleyball. “During the war, my family didn’t have a car. My father went in the service and sold the car, and my mother didn’t drive, so we always did the streetcar bit.”

Like Alene, Nancy danced at the Mission Beach Ballroom, where she remembers listening to Harry James and Duke Ellington. She danced at a ballroom called Pacific Square on Pacific Boulevard, where one corner was called the “Jitterbug Jungle.”

To jitterbug, Nancy wore four-inch heels, a skirt with tights, or, on occasion, a zoot suit. “We’d wear ’em once in a while to some of the crazy dances. We actually had the huge, big legs and a key chain that went down to our knees and huge big shoulders — we looked like I don’t know what. We thought it was neat.”

In 1943, she says, “Most of the girls wore ‘V for Victory’ haircuts. The top of the hair had kind of a little cut in it, in a V.” Nancy didn’t wear hats to school or to USO dances at the Hotel Del, but when she went to Los Angeles, “it was almost required.” If a hat was required, so were gloves. Jitterbugging got you out of both, because you couldn’t dance in a hat. “I never was a hatty person,” Nancy says.

Beatrice Watson came to California in 1944, when Nancy Ketcham was jitterbugging and working as a switchboard operator at the El Cortez Hotel. Beatrice was Catholic, and she wore hats to church every Sunday, which meant that she also wore gloves. Her daughter did the same. “It was the thing to do,” she says. “You matched your shoes, your gloves, and your hat. You wore the same color all the way through.”

Although Beatrice still has, at age 72, all of her gloves, it was the hats she loved. “I tell you,” she says, “if there’s any piece of clothing I liked, it was hats. Some people go buy shoes when they’re depressed. I used to buy hats.”

She owned about ten hats at a time, of all different styles. “It didn’t matter as long as it looked nice on me. I wouldn’t wear something just because it was in style. If it didn’t look good on me, I didn’t buy it. I had so many — the brims down, the big brims, small pillbox

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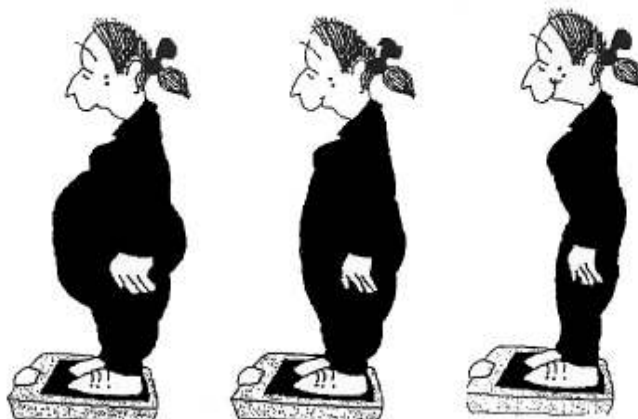
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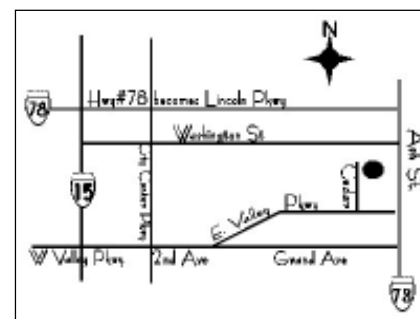
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hats, tams."

Tams were practical because they were easy to pack. "You could just lay them flat and then you could wear them to church on Sunday."

When Beatrice first came to California, she brought three or four hats in hat-boxes because she was used to wearing hats and gloves even when she went to the movies, "but then right away in California you saw that people didn't do that. And so you just stopped. You'd sometimes carry your gloves, but you just didn't wear them."

Anne Wayman was born in Fallbrook in the midst of the war. It was 1943, and Fallbrook didn't have a real hospital yet or any streetlights. When Anne was very young, her parents went to air-raid watches, and they posted silhouettes of fighter planes on the refrigerator because "we were afraid the Japanese were going to attack the mainland."

"I also remember my folks kept a selection of booze to entertain people, and they had some White Horse Scotch." The bottle came with a tiny plastic horse on a chain around its neck, and Anne was permitted to go downstairs into the pantry, open the door to the crawl space where the liquor was kept, and take the little horse off the White Horse Scotch.

The Waymans were an old Fallbrook family. Anne's great-grandfather had been the pastor of the Methodist church where Anne's family still went on Sundays and where she always, as a girl, wore a hat. Her father owned a real estate office, and with his father, he helped settle a part of town called Winterwarm. "They essentially dragged people down from L.A. on the train. Wouldn't let them go until they bought."

At the Mission Theater downtown, where it cost 50 cents to see a movie, Anne saw her first film, *Bambi*. "We wore dresses," she says. "Girls always wore dresses."

"The earliest fashion memory I've got was when I went to visit my grandmother in Chico. My folks drove me down here to the airport, to Lindbergh Field when the terminal was on the other side. And I got on a DC-3 through the back end of it, and I wore a coat, a hat,

and gloves. I was probably six or seven," so the year was 1949 or 1950.

When Anne was growing up, she and her mother drove to downtown Oceanside or San Diego to shop. In Oceanside, "there was a store that had an escalator, and then next door was the Dutch Bakery, where you could get the best — and I mean swear-to-God the best tuna sandwiches. On white bread, of course."

In fifth grade, Anne's mother took her all the way to Marston's, which also had an escalator, to pick out the clothes she would wear at Parnell Preparatory school in Yorba Linda. It was the early '50s, and her mother bought her a sweater set, a plaid skirt, and a pair of Ultrasuede flats, all the exact same shade of avocado green. "It was finding the shoes that, in my mind, pulled the whole thing together. You know how you watch your shoes when you walk? I did that a lot with those shoes. The other stuff was fine, but it was the shoes that were the *pièce de résistance*."

The next year, Marston's fitted Anne for her first bra, "and the next fashion memory I have was in seventh grade, when we girls were allowed to wear Capris." Jeans were still out of the question, but once a month, girls could wear Capris (close-fitting pants that stopped at mid-calf) instead of dresses and skirts. "I didn't really think women should wear Capris at school," Anne says. "It felt very bold to me. Very, very bold."

Anne's older cousin, who was in her first year of studies at UCLA, came for a visit the following year. By then it was about 1955. The cousin had the audacity to wear Bermuda shorts in downtown Fallbrook, and although Anne thought her cousin looked great in them, "I just couldn't imagine wearing shorts in public that way."

The next shocking development came when Anne was a sophomore at Fallbrook High, and there was "a huge brouhaha over spaghetti straps." It all started with the McCann twins — small-breasted, blonde, gorgeous girls who wore spaghetti-strapped sundresses to school. "And they were not promiscuous girls at all," Anne says, "but the powers

that be decided that spaghetti straps were too risqué." She adds that it was also against the rules to be pregnant on campus. "We protested that, too," Anne says, "by all wearing pillows under our shirts one afternoon." The protest annoyed everyone, but it "didn't make a bit of difference."

Anne graduated from high school in 1960. It was about then that she went with her father to San Francisco for a real estate convention. "San Francisco was the dress-up city," she says. "I don't remember whether we wore a hat and gloves on the plane, but we certainly wore a hat and gloves in San Francisco."

San Francisco, she thinks, was "the last hold-out on the West Coast for hats and gloves."

The Marston Company, whose millinery department opened in the spring of 1880, doesn't sell hats downtown anymore. The escalator, the mannequins, the glass counters, the new clothes — all were acquired in 1961 by the largest West Coast department store group of the time, Broadway-Hale, which promptly opened stores in the suburbs. If you want a hat now — and you wouldn't want one for anything but a wedding, a funeral, a day at the beach, or a very good box seat at the Del Mar racetrack — you could still ride a streetcar and an escalator to the fashion accessories department in Nordstrom, where the hats sell, according to the salesgirls, at the average rate of six per day.

The hats for the spring of 1998 looked like the hats at Marston's in 1935, when straw brims were said in newspaper ads to "know the witchery of a forward flare." In a brown polyester cloche with a brown satin flower (\$125), or the crumpled black sisal cloche, or a \$200 blocked straw hat the color and texture of *crème brûlée*, you could pretend it was 1924, but the illusion would be brief. Beyond the carpet and glass of the fashion accessory department, nobody's wearing a hat, and only those wearing bell bottoms could be said to know the witchery of a forward flare. ■

— Laura McNeal

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Thrashers

Bull Riding at Del Mar Fairgrounds

I grew up on a farm in Cole Camp, Missouri. I enjoyed watching amateur rodeos, but my family wasn't a rodeo family," says professional bull rider Matt Bohon. "I'd see bareback riding, bucking horses, calf roping, saddle bronc riding, and steer wrestling."

The eight seconds a bull rider attempts to stay atop a thrashing bull are often referred to as the most dangerous eight seconds in sports, yet Bohon would rather jump on the back of a bull than a bucking horse.

"Bucking horses scare me. Horses are just crazy and stupid," he says. "Bulls, yeah, they may be mean and wild, but they're going to look after themselves before they

worry about throwing a guy off; whereas I've seen horses flip and do just about anything to get a guy off. I'd

rather get an 1800-pound bull that is smart than a 1300-pound horse that's stupid."

Nearly 30 bull riders, including Bohon, will compete this weekend at the Del Mar Fairgrounds as part of the Professional Bull Riders Tour. Bohon, who talked his parents into letting him ride his first bull at age 13, learned much of his technique from bull-riding schools. Like riders, bulls are often put through a training regimen.

"At two years old, [bulls] will attend futurities," says Anna Hunt, one of many stock contractors supplying bulls for the competition. During a futurity event, a dummy weighing approximately 30 pounds is affixed to a bull's back, as is a flank strap, which encourages kicks — the strap is pulled tight enough to irritate the bull, but

loose enough to make him think he can kick it off. The dummy is kept on the bull for six seconds and then released by remote control. Six seconds is enough time for judges to determine how well a bull will perform.

Despite the brutal image most people have from having seen video footage of a bull tossing a cowboy around like a rag doll, Bohon says that it is during the dismount that injury is most likely to occur.

"Even at the level we're at, you'll see a lot of guys, after the whistle blows, go to get off and land either right in front of the bull or right up underneath the bull. If a guy lands square on the middle of his back, he's kind of like an upside-down turtle there," says Bohon.

In 1989, professional bull rider Lane Frost was gored to death when, after having safely rolled off the bull, the animal turned and charged him. Rodeo clowns, now referred to as bull fighters, are on hand to distract the bull after the rider is bucked off. In Frost's case, the bull was too fast.

"If a guy just lands right beside a bull, not only is he in danger of getting stepped on, but he puts the bull fighters at risk," says Bohon. "What I do depends on which way the bull's spinning. If he's spinning to the



Matt Bohon

C4") or their femurs. One friend suffered an open fracture on

his forearm, the bone having broken through the skin.

"That was kind of neat looking," Bohon remembers of the rare injury.

"The most common injuries are knees and shoulders," Bohon continues. "The knees, when you land you might blow your knee out, and the wear and tear on your shoulders from riding...I've been very fortunate. The worst injury I've had is a broken hand, the right one that I hang on with. I was in the middle of a ride and got into a little bit of a bind and broke a little bone up in there. But I was able to keep competing."

— Barbarella

left, I can get off to the right — I just kind of slide over to the right-hand side of his body and let his momentum and his hip throw

me out of there a good five or six feet away from his hind feet."

Bohon has seen his share of injuries at the rodeo. "I've seen a kid die. The bull stepped on his neck. He ended up dying on his way to the hospital." Bohon, 15 at the time, was next in line to ride. As the trampled teenager was being taken away on a stretcher, Bohon was positioning himself on top of another bull in the chute.

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man starring Christopher Reeve, Marlon Brando, Gene Hackman, and Margo Kidder screens for "Parking Lot Pictures" series. Bring a lawn chair, blanket for comfort in museum's outdoor parking lot. 858-454-3541. Thursday, July 24, 8 p.m.; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

FOR KIDS

"Animal Athletes — Olympians of the Natural World" "While human athletes around the world are preparing for this summer's Olympic Games, animal athletes are competing, too — not for medals, but for survival." Learn about "animal athletes" during program for adults and children ages 12 and up. Suggested reservations: 858-538-8159. Wednesday, July 30, 1 p.m.; ages 12 and up. Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Big Foot, The Musical Old Fashioned Kite Flying Puppeteers perform through Sunday, July 27. *Giddy Up, Cowboys*, when comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble takes stage July 30-August 3. Curtain rises at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, July 24, 11 a.m.; Friday, July 25, 11 a.m.; Saturday, July 26, 11 a.m.; Sunday, July 27, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, July 30, 11 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Thoroughly Modern Millie San Diego Junior Theatre season closes with this Tony Award-winning musical set in New York City in 1922, "filled with frisky flappers, dashing leading men, and a villainous dragon-lady." For all ages. Performance on August 9, is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Friday, July 25, 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 26, 2 p.m.; Sunday, July 27, 2 p.m.; \$8-\$13. Casa del Prado Theater, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Open Studios Hands-on art making event for all ages. First, families tour "Kenneth Capps: Metered," then take part in art project related to exhibition. Materials provided. 760-434-2904 or 760-602-2021. Saturday, July 26, 11 a.m.; Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

ROAM-O-RAMA

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

Pico Canyon cuts deeply into the rugged Santa Susana Mountains, a few miles south of the Six Flags Magic Mountain amusement park. The canyon is considered to be the birthplace of the oil industry in California (ignoring the small-scale use of oil tar as a caulking agent by early Native Americans and missionaries). All of the wells in the canyon are capped today, and the surrounding property has become a part of the publicly accessible Santa Clarita Woodlands Park.



Historic oil derrick at Johnson Park

To visit Pico Canyon, exit Interstate 5 at Pico Canyon Road and head west. Drive 2.5 miles to the gated park entrance (open daily, sunrise to sunset), and continue 0.4 mile farther to the large parking lot/trailhead at the historic site of Mentryville. A few structures in this former oil boomtown remain intact: an 1890s barn and chicken coop, the 1898 home of oil driller Charles Alexander Mentry, and the Felton schoolhouse built in 1885 to serve more than 100 families residing in the canyon at that time.

From Mentryville, either by foot or by mountain bike, you may travel up the canyon as little as one mile to the rest stop known as Johnson Park, or as many as three miles to a canyon-rim perch offering a panoramic view of the entire Santa Clarita region. The

latter option is not advisable during the heat of a typical midsummer day, but fine during the early morning, late afternoon, or early evening hours.

As you proceed uphill into Pico Canyon, right alongside the canyon's sluggishly flowing creek, enjoy the green ribbon of riparian vegetation and trees — mostly live oaks, valley oaks, and arroyo willows. Natural tar still seeps into the stream, and it isn't unusual to catch a pungent whiff on the passing breeze.

At Johnson Park, a former oil-company picnic site with picnic benches and restrooms, don't mistake the wooden oil derrick you'll see there for a historic artifact; it's in fact an accurate replica of an early-20th-century oil rig.

At 1.3 miles up the canyon from Mentryville, two historical plaques indicate the site of the Pico Canyon Oil Field Well Number 4, which was not only California's first commercially suc-

cessful oil well, but also the longest continuously operating oil well in the world (1876-1990) at the time of its closure. Its yield of 150 barrels of oil per day was modest compared to modern oil wells.

On ahead a short distance, the Pico Canyon service road, graded dirt at this point, bends sharply left and rises very steeply onto the brushy slope of the canyon. After many twists and turns, at 3.0 miles, the road ends at the flat spot (elevation 2801 feet, some 1200 feet higher than your starting point). Look for a rusty old sign indicating a defunct Union Oil well.

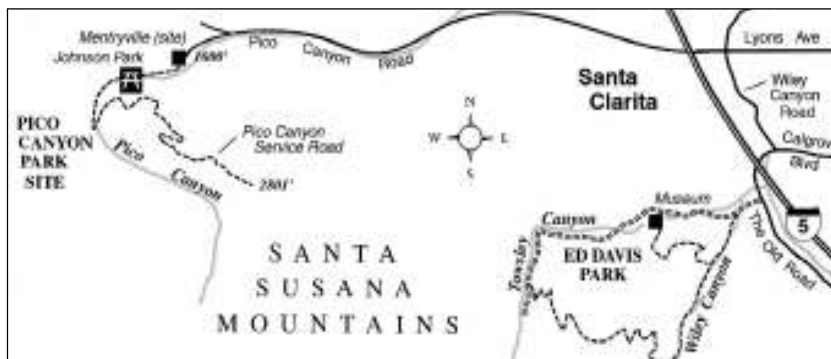
Intrepid hikers have forged a sketchy path along the ridgeline connecting this point to the Towsley Canyon unit of the Santa Clarita Woodlands Park. This effort is hardly within the scope of a casual visit to Pico Canyon, however.

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

PICO CANYON

Learn some early history about California oil at Pico Canyon in Santa Clarita.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 148 miles
Hiking or biking length: Up to 6 miles round trip
Difficulty: Easy to moderately strenuous



Flow Rider Nights for Teens Board enthusiasts invited to "ride the wave" during nights "devoted to the...flow rider," a wave simulated attraction supplying a perfect wave every time, allowing body-board enthusiasts to show off skills. 760-940-WAVE. Sunday, July 27, 7 p.m.; \$4-\$6. Wave Waterpark, 101 Wave Drive. (VISTA)

Gypsy Belly-Dance Classes Leilainia leads summer intensive seven-week dance class for those 6-12 years old. Participants learn traditional Middle Eastern drum rhythms and tambourine Gypsy dance. Fee: \$68 for seven weeks.

619-295-2773. Wednesdays, noon; through Wednesday, August 13, 2008, \$68. Ages 6 and up. Studio in North Park, 3800 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

It's Science! It's Mad! Catch the reading bug with Mad Science — it's all about bugs. "Budding scientists will love this...educational program." All ages. 858-573-5007. Thursday, July 24, 10:30 a.m.; Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

What Exactly Is a Flower? Why are flowers beautiful? Find out when Secrets of the Garden presents "Flower Power." Partici-

pants "experience the lovely colors, scents, and textures of flowers." Create artwork to display at home, enjoy story time, treat. Materials fee: \$5. For those four and older with an adult. 619-660-4350. Sunday, July 27, 1 p.m.; \$15. Ages 4 and up. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

IN PERSON

"Speakeasy 1950s" Chronos Theatre Group celebrates 1950s with music, poetry, comedy, and

visual art of the era. 619-615-8928. Friday, July 25, 7 p.m.; \$10. Ages 21 and up. The Hole Bar, 2820 Lytton Street. (POINT LOMA)

Air: Or, Have Not Have Science fiction author, editor Geoff Ryman signs, discusses his "thoughtful look at...dire impact of new technologies on civilizations." 858-268-4747. Wednesday, July 30, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Cacti, Agaves, and Yuccas Stephen Ingram plans multimedia presentation on his new book. Signing follows. Included in regu-

lar admission. 760-436-3036. Sunday, July 27, 2 p.m.; Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Ghosts Among Us Medium, author James Van Praagh discusses, signs his book. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, July 29, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Children's Chinese Folk Dancing Shining Star Art Performing Group takes stage in conjunction with "People, Prints, Politics: China 1920-1980" exhibition. 619-239-2001. Saturday, July 26, 1 p.m.; \$2-\$12. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Comedians of Comedy Patton Oswalt, Brian Posehn, Maria Bamford entertain. Tickets: available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Saturday, July 26, 8 p.m.; \$25. Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

Comic Ventriloquist Willie Brown and Woody Duo has toured with Cedric the Entertainer, worked with Steve Harvey, Jamie Foxx, Mike Epps, opened for many. 619-978-2000. Sunday, July 27, 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Ages 3 and up. Sews and Shows Community Theatre, 7860 Golden Avenue. (LEMON GROVE)

Meet a Professional Chocolatier "Master chocolatier" Michael Antonorsi will be on hand to share story behind Chuao (his local company) and "the sweet chocolate life." 858-755-0770. Thursday, July 24, 2 p.m.; Chuao Chocolatier Chocolate Café Del Mar Highlands, 3485 Del Mar Heights Road. (DEL MAR)

Science Fiction Author David Weber signs, discusses *By Schism Rent Asunder*. 858-268-4747. Tuesday, July 29, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

The Pornography of Power Journalist, author Robert Scheer discusses, signs his new book, subtitled *How Defense Hawks Hijacked 9/11 and Weakened America*. Book "is an examination of American foreign policy, the quiet expansion of our military presence throughout the world, the destructive influence of America's military-industrial complex, and corporate profiteering in Iraq." 619-236-5921. Monday, July 28, 7 p.m.; Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

Teeny-Tiny Fun Scott Paulson brings his "massive barrage of noisemakers and sound-effects tools" to library for performance with his Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra. 858-538-8181. Wednesday, July 30, 6:30 p.m.; Carmel Mountain Ranch Library, 12095 World Trade Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

LECTURES

"Bad Light: Bruce Nauman's Luminosity" Michael Auping, chief curator at Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, is scholar in international developments of postwar art. In conjunction with "Elusive Signs: Bruce Nauman Works with Light" exhibition, Auping discusses how Nauman has engaged various types of light, either as a major theme or a sub-theme, in his art over past four decades. 858-454-3541. Friday, July 25, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Museum of



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Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Behavior Problems"? Parrot Education and Adoption Center seminar in room D-6 at 1 p.m.; followed by exploration of "The Wonderful World of Amazons" at 2:45 p.m. Reservations: 619-287-8200. Sunday, July 27, 1 p.m.; \$5-\$15. Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Bye Bye Grass, Part Two" Gardening expert Nan Sterman teaches how to evaluate irrigation, prepare soil, select plants. Reservations: 619-660-0614. Wednesday, July 30, 6:30 p.m.; Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Fireescaping with Native Plants" Learn essentials of fire-wise landscaping using native plants with Yvette Anderson of California's Own Native Landscape Design. Plant identification, grouping, care. Reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m.; \$10-\$15. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Illegal Surveillance: The Loss of Civil Liberties" Speaker from ACLU addresses Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meeting in community room. Another "Postcards for Peace" project will be completed. 619-574-7674 or 858-535-0949. Saturday, July 26, 11 a.m.; La Jolla Village Square, 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Religion and Government: Must They Be Separated?"

USD law professor Steven Smith, Americans United for Separation of Church and State spokesman Ross Porter, and Rebecca Moore of SDSU's department of religious studies ponder answers to this question for Humanist Fellowship. 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. Sunday, July 27, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Risk Management for Experts, or How to Avoid Becoming a Defendant!" Andrew Fiorica provides "detailed explanation of the *Lambert vs. Carnegie* ruling...exploring the facts of the case and why the court found that the appraiser in the case had immunity but the expert did not" when Forensic Expert Witness Association gathers. 888-322-3231. Tuesday, July 29, 7 p.m.; \$45-\$60. Doubletree Hotel San Diego, 7450 Hazard Center Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Secular Sobriety" Registered addiction specialist John McCready focuses on secular sobriety as an alternative to organizations such as Alcoholics Anonymous during next meeting of San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry. 619-421-3844. Sunday, July 27, 7 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

"The History of City College Excavations at Los Peñasquitos" San Diego County Archaeological Society's "Summer Saturday" lecture series continues with talk by Steve Bouscaren. San Diego City College students began an excavation program at two archaeological sites in spring of 1992. Both sites are located in Peñasquitos Canyon near adobe ranch house; radiocarbon dates in-

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COMEDIANS OF COMEDY

With Patton Oswalt, Saturday, July 26, Spreckels Theatre.

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dicated both archaic and late prehistoric/early historic use of site area. As part of program, students will uncover a portion of nearby excavated zanja for all those in attendance to see. You're encouraged to bring picnic dinner, beverages; dessert is provided. Bring flashlight for walk back to car. 858-538-0935. Saturday, July 26, 8 p.m.; Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

"Watercolor on Masa Paper: A Mixed-Media Approach" Create nature-themed mixed-media paintings on masa paper and canvas under guidance of Helen Shafer Garcia. Participants explore batik techniques with masa Japanese rice papers, dropped-in watercolor techniques, and collage, along with acrylic varnish methods. Materials fee: \$12. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Wednesday, July 30, 9:30 a.m.; \$65-\$75. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Another Chance to "Get Ready for Hiking" Nathan Briner of Rancho La Puerta Fitness Resort and Spa presents hands-on clinic to "enhance your movement and restore the natural, balanced posture within your body." 858-755-7662. Thursday, July 24, 7 p.m.; Adventure 16 Solana Beach, 142 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Bayfront Future, Again Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association meeting focuses on plans for Chula

Vista Bayfront. "Make your voice heard...before it is too late!" 619-425-5771. Monday, July 28, 6:45 p.m.; MAAC Charter School, 1385 Third Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

Clicker Training for Cats Teach your cat "some fun new behaviors" — like "sit" or "wave goodbye" — during class. Maybe "learn a new and exciting way to keep your cat off the kitchen counter." Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. Class is for people only. Friday, July 25, 6:30 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Getting Published... Harry Polkinhorn, director of the SDSU University Press since 1989, discusses the process of getting published, offers editing advice when San Diego Writers/Editors Guild meets. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., program at 7 p.m. 760-471-5323. Monday, July 28, 6:30 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Dog Open-forum workshop covers topics such as house training, socialization with people and other animals, calmness in home, communication with your dog, basic nutrition, more. For people only. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. Tuesday, July 29, 6:30 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Shakespeare in the Garden Talks Actors, directors, aca-

demics, offer "in-depth perceptions of the Shakespeare plays in the Old Globe Shakespeare Festival season" for public in Old Globe Plaza. Focus on *The Merry Wives of Windsor* on Saturday, July 26; *Romeo and Juliet* on Sunday, July 27. 619-23-GLOBE. Saturday, July 26, 7:15 p.m.; Sunday, July 27, 7:15 p.m.; Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Sit on It? Lauren Becker Downey teaches "Painted Plastic Chair Workshop." Upgrade! Turn an inexpensive stackable resin chair into a work of art. No previous painting experience necessary. Ideas, brushes, paints provided; priming instructions sent upon registration. Reservations: 619-231-3900. Sunday, July 27, 10 a.m.; \$86. Ages 14 and up. Art Academy of San Diego, 840 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

What's Up With Freethought Youth? Local humanist and gay activist Jason Frye focuses on "Freethought Youth" when Atheist Coalition of San Diego gathers. 619-342-7388. Tuesday, July 29, 6:30 p.m.; North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street. (NORTH PARK)

OUTDOORS

Birdwatchers need not despair now that the winter migrants are gone. Plenty of shore birds can be found on summer evenings in the natural coastal wetland areas of San Diego County. From south to

north the publicly accessible coastal wetlands include the Tijuana River Estuary, south San Diego Bay (just north of Imperial Beach and along the bay shore at Chula Vista), the San Diego River channel (inland from Sea World), Los Peñasquitos Lagoon (adjacent to Torrey Pines State Reserve), the San Dieguito River estuary, San Elijo Lagoon, Batiquitos Lagoon, Agua Hedionda Lagoon, and Buena Vista Lagoon. In and around these areas look for California gulls, American avocets, killdeer, and redwing blackbirds.

The Bright Planet Jupiter shines boldly from a prominent position in the eastern sky during early evenings this month. Jupiter's Galilean satellites, the four largest and brightest moons circling the planet, can be easily observed using equipment as simple as firmly supported, high-power binoculars. First observed by Galileo in 1610, these satellites noticeably change their configuration from night to night as they swing around the planet. Views through high-quality telescopes may reveal relative motion among the satellites in as little as a few minutes, and certainly within an hour. The innermost satellite, called Io, speeds around Jupiter in a period of less than two days.

The Delta Aquarid Meteor Shower, typically one of the year's ten best showers, embellishes the dark, early-morning sky during July's final week. In the hour or two before dawn (no later than 4:30 a.m.) you should see about 10-20 meteors under clear, unobstructed skies, as long as you are far from city lights.

Fleas, the bane of pets and humans alike, are hopping all over San Diego again as the warm summer progresses. Fleas were far more troublesome in San Diego County's past than they are today. Soldiers on the Portola expedition over two centuries ago named a deserted Indian village in today's North County "Rancheria de las Pulgas"; and the problem of *pulgas* ("fleas") in the dusty streets and dwelling places of Southern California were commonly mentioned in 19th-century journals and diaries. The place-names Las Pulgas Canyon and Las Pulgas Road in Camp Pendleton are reminders of a timeless torment.

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

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

Clean It Up Beach cleanup in South Mission Beach hosted by Surfrider. Meet at jetty next to lifeguard tower, next to public restrooms by parking lot. 619-758-7743. Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m.; Mission Beach, From Pacific Beach Drive to the South Mission Jetties on Ocean Front Walk. (MISSION BEACH)

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Explore Historic Grinding Rocks See where Native Americans processed acorns along San Diego River when guides lead walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, July 26, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, July 27, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, July 30, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Night Walk Explore transition of dusk into dark in canyon; look for nocturnal creatures and critters and contemplate night sky. Bring flashlight. 858-342-8856. Saturday, July 26, 7:30 p.m.; Los Peñasquitos Canyon trailhead, 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Stroll Around the Ranch Take a slow-paced afternoon stroll with naturalist Michelle Capodice and learn about plants and animals along the way. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Tuesday, July 29, 6 p.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Take a Dam Walk! Old Mission Dam, its historic past, and an interpretive guide await you. 619-668-3281. Saturday, July 26, 8:30 a.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Trail Repair Work Head to Paso Picacho campground in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park with work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Registration: 619-669-1697. Satur-

day, July 26, 8 a.m.; Paso Picacho campground, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Highway 79, five miles north of I-8. (JULIAN)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

"La Naranja Mecanica" Alberto Gutiérrez, Jesús Montalvo, Ezzio Avadaño talk about Anthony Burgess and Stanley Kubrick. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, July 24, 7 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Artist Talk Gregorio Luke discusses renowned Mexican artist David Alfaro Siqueiros. 011-52-664-687-9636. Friday, July 25, 8 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Baja Jazz Festival Enjoy the music. 011-52-664-687-2604. Saturday, July 26, 7 p.m.; Casa de la Cultura de Tijuana, Avenida Paris #5, in Colonia Altamira. (BAJA)

Beer Festival Fourth annual event promises beer, music, entertainment. 011-52-664-684-0481. Friday, July 25, 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 26, noon; Sunday, July 27, noon; \$5. Caliente Race Track, on Boulevard Agua Caliente. (BAJA)

Electronica Music Performances by John Creamer, DJ Three, Sean Miller, Alain de Saracho, Nakamura. 011-52-664-684-8609. Saturday, July 26, 5 p.m.; River Channel Tijuana, between

Cuahtémoc and Avenida Independencia. (BAJA)

Guitar Recital Roberto Limon in concert. 011-52-664-685-1489. Thursday, July 24, 7 p.m.; \$30. Galeria de la Ciudad, at 2nd Street and Constitución Avenue. (BAJA)

Harvest Festival Seasonal celebrations continue with lecture by Camilo Magoni, music, food, entertainment. 011-52-664-685-3031. Saturday, July 26, 11 a.m.; \$45. L.A. Cetto Winery, at km 73.5 on Ensenada-Tecate Highway 3, in Guadalupe Valley. (BAJA)

Jesse and Joy In concert performance. 619-734-2333. Saturday, July 26, 8 p.m.; \$21-\$42. El Foro, Seventh and Avenida Revolución, downtown. (BAJA)

Monkey in Concert Also performing at this rock concert: Solución Mortal, Barra Brava, others. 011-52-664-688-3272. Friday, July 25, 9 p.m.; \$7. Planeta Tijuana at Multikulti, at Avenida Constitución and 7th Street. (BAJA)

Summer Concert Violinist David Varela and pianist Ugo Varela perform classical selections in the Sala Ernesto Muñoz Acosta. 011-52-646-173-4307 or 011-52-646-173-4308. Friday, July 25, 7:30 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Centro Estatal de las Artes, Boulevard Costero and Avenida Club Rotario. (BAJA)

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"Who Signed That? Signed and Inscribed Books" Rare book exhibit in Wengenheim Room showcases over 100 signed and inscribed books by various authors, book artists, illustrators, publishers, people associated with literary world. Among the famous: Samuel Clemens, Jack London and his wife Charmian London, Ray Bradbury, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Herbert C. Hoover. 619-236-5807. Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.; Fridays, 1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.; Mondays, 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.; through Tuesday, September 2, 2008, San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"World-Famous" Lipizzaner Stallions Dancing white stallions return to perform their "unique equine ballet." Tickets through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Saturday, July 26, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; \$20-\$32. San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Reader Neighborhood Meetup Is a new business changing the face of your neighborhood...for better or worse? Does your community need more bike racks? Is crime on the rise? Tired of all the graffiti? Have a neighborhood hero? We want to know about it! Come meet Reader writer Dorian Hargrove and get it off your chest! 619-519-2227. Monday, July 28, 7 p.m.; Krakatoa, 1128 25th Street. (GOLDEN HILL)

Are Moralities and Truths Relative? P&R Discussion Group gathers to consider question. 619-370-1027. Thursday, July 24, 7 p.m.; Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Authentic Guadalajara Culinary Class Chefs and filmmakers Jude and Isaac Arstein showcase their knowledge of "Mexico's premiere colonial city" through demonstrations of culturally inspired traditional Guadalajara fare such as chile-marinated pollo adobado and ensalada de jicama and pepino. 619-610-6635. Saturday, July 26, 1 p.m.; Bloomingdale's Fashion Valley, 7057 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

BarrioFest 2008 Described as "San Diego's most unusual music fest," with "strange and unusual bands and musicians," unusual performance, circus acts, fire dancers. Two stages with continuous music: Willy Bologna of the Vulgarian State Circus, Harry Brained Ideas, the Brighter Day Gang, Bad Karma, SheFlies, Byron Blocker, the Technomania Players. 619-231-1950. Saturday, July 26, 5 p.m.; \$10. The Center for Amusing Arts, 2438 Commercial Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Bluegrass and Barbecue Point Loma Presbyterian Church presents the Brombies bluegrass band (5 p.m.) following a barbecue (4 p.m.), in closed-off street by Point Loma Library, at corner of Chatsworth Boulevard and Udall Street. Donations requested. 619-223-1633. Sunday, July 27, 4 p.m.; Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street. (POINT LOMA)

Bluegrass and Ice Cream Social Fifth annual social promises music by traditional bluegrass band Virtual Strangers plus an ice cream sundae or root beer float. 760-726-2114. Sunday, July 27, 4 p.m.; \$10. Rancho Buena Vista Adobe, 640 Alta Vista Drive. (VISTA)

Comic-Con 2008 The 39th annual event includes exhibit area with comic books, original art, toys, games, trading cards, cloth-

OUT & ABOUT

"WORLD-FAMOUS" LIPIZZANER STALLIONS San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, July 26.

(SEE SPECIAL)



ing, movie memorabilia; programming, anime, films, gaming, parties, lectures. Special guests include Forrest J. Ackerman, Eoin Colfer (*Artemis Fowl* series), Lynda Barry, Kyle Baker, Ralph Bakshi, Adrian Tomine, Signe Wilkinson, many others. Masquerade on Saturday, 8:30 p.m. (additional ticket required). Additional nighttime events and programming run until after midnight. 619-491-2475. Thursday, July 24, 9:30 a.m.; Friday, July 25, 9:30 a.m.; Saturday, July 26, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, July 27, 9:30 a.m.; \$12-\$30. San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Culture and Cocktails Summer installment showcases iconic women artists — "Georgia O'Keeffe and the Women of the Stieglitz Circle," "Eleanor Antin: Historical Takes" — along with DJ music, cocktails, live entertainment. Guests can make laurel wreaths, play dress-up with Greek- and Roman-inspired costumes on a staged set complete with props.

619-232-7931. Thursday, July 24, 6 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Doggie Café Take your friendly, on-leash dog to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Donation. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. Friday, July 25, 6 p.m.; \$10. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Etch-A-Sketch! August exhibit in Geisel Library (lower level, west wing) focuses on this 1960s toy. Stop by UCSD Arts Library starting on July 24 to borrow an Etch-A-Sketch; create a sketch on the toy and it will be placed in exhibit case. Visit throughout the month of August to see ever-changing gallery of sketches. 858-822-5758. Thursday, July 24, 8 a.m.; UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Family Open Studios Plus: Percussion To complement industrial-themed work in "Kenneth

Capps: Metered," percussionists Ross Karre and Fabio Oliveira will improvise music with found objects and traditional percussion instruments, then help children create their own music. Karre and Oliveira are members UCSD's resident percussion ensemble, red fish blue fish. 760-434-2904 or 760-602-2021. Saturday, July 26, 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Kick-a-Thon Martial arts students from 4 to 35 years old perform a number of kicks for sponsored donations per kick; you're invited to encourage participants during fund-raiser for Rady Children's Hospital. Open house of training facility follows (10 a.m.-1 p.m.). 619-582-1800. Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m.; Allied Gardens School of Martial Arts, 5154 Waring Road. (ALLIED GARDENS)

Mission Motorfest Car show (with people's choice awards), music, family festival, ceremony hon-

oring U.S. military with Camp Pendleton color guard presentation (noon). 760-630-6687. Saturday, July 26, noon; Mission Marketplace, 431 College Boulevard. (OCEANSIDE)

Obon Festival Performances, demonstrations, and displays in taiko drumming, koto/shakuhachi, tea ceremony, bonsai, calligraphy, and brush painting. Join in the "Bon Odori" Japanese folk dancing (6:30 p.m.). Japanese food for sale until 6 p.m. (or whenever sold out), carnival games for children. 760-941-8800. Saturday, July 26, noon; Sunday, July 27, noon; Vista Buddhist Temple and Japanese Cultural Center, 150 Cedar Road. (VISTA)

Picked, Gathered, Kegged, Caught, Killed! It's not a new slasher flick, it's part of what's on tap during Stone Fresh Dinner, boasting all (organically and sustainably raised food) items harvested on the day of the dinner. Reservations: 760-471-4999. Tuesday, July 29, 6 p.m.; \$49. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Pine Valley Days The Mountain Empire Men's Club hosts festivities including parade along historic Old Highway 80 (9 a.m.), including famous Oscar Mayer Weiner Mobile. Find craft vendors, games for kids, food, petting zoo, a treasure hunt, deep-pit barbecue, horseshoe tournament, climbing wall, more at Pine Valley County Park. Music by Southbound Jonny and the HonkyTonk Kings. 619-473-8180. Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m.; Pine Valley County Park, 28810 Old Highway 80. (ALPINE)

Revisit the Horseless Carriage Cajon Classic Cruise returns. Cruise nights continue on Wednesdays through September 24. 619-401-8858. Wednesday, July 30, 5 p.m.; Prescott Promenade, 211 1/2 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

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Samedai Faire San Diego Area Middle Eastern Dance Association presents 11th annual day-long festival of dance. Student and professional dance presentations. Belly-dance vendors from all over U.S. on hand. 619-444-4197. Sunday, July 27, 10 a.m.; \$5-\$12. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Shark Week Surfaces! Explorations for all ages into world of mesmerizing, misunderstood ocean predators. Daily activities include encounters with live sharks, viewing of more than ten species of sharks and their relatives in marine life displays, "show and tell" with Scripps Oceanography shark scientist. "Shark focus" feeding shows: July 26, 2 p.m.; July 24 at 10:30 a.m. Activities included in regular admission. 858-534-FISH. Thursday, July 24, 9 a.m.; Friday, July 25, 9 a.m.; Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m.; Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Sterile Rooms, Bad Lighting, Bored Models? Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School fights the trend and celebrates first anniversary with burlesque life-drawing poses by "the Gallery Girls, a legendary troupe of models from L.A." Admission: \$5 with Comic-Con badge, \$10 without. 619-231-4447.

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COMIC VENTRILOQUIST WILLIE BROWN AND WOODY

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Saturday, July 26, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Ages 21 and up. The Local, 1065 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Street Smart San Diego 2008 Event showcases green transportation strategies. Variety of alternative-fuel vehicles on display, representatives on hand to answer questions. Workshop focusing on "Who Killed the Electric Car"; tips from experts on "hypermiling," alternative-fuel vehicle technologies. 858-244-1177. Sunday, July 27, 10 a.m.; California Center for Sustainable Energy, 8690 Balboa Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

Summer Orchid Show San Diego County Orchid Society's summer show, sale, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Many rare or-

chids in bloom; growing information available. 619-405-0412. Saturday, July 26, noon; Sunday, July 27, 10 a.m.; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

The House of Lithuania Lawn program with ethnic costumes, dancing, music at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, July 27, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Xtreme Energy Makeover Open house promising guided tours, energy experts on hand to answer questions, self-guided tours, trade booths, energy efficiency educational materials, more. Home was selected for participation in renovation project in 2007 — survey the results. 858-514-4025. Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m.; Xtreme Energy Makeover, 6638 Cibola Road. (GRANTVILLE)

Bay Visitors' Center, East Mission Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Padres Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks arrive for games against Padres in Petco Park. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Monday, July 28, 7:05 p.m.; Tuesday, July 29, 7:05 p.m.; Wednesday, July 30, 7:05 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Showpark Racing Festival Horse Show 858-481-9085. Thursday, July 24, 8 a.m.; Friday, July 25, 8 a.m.; Saturday, July 26, 8 a.m.; Sunday, July 27, 8 a.m.; Wednesday, July 30, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Snorkel with Sharks! Adventures among harmless leopard sharks and smooth hound sharks during out-

ing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Saturday, July 26, 8 a.m.; \$30. Ages 10 and up. La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro. (LA JOLLA)

The Horses Are on the Track!

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club meet continues through September 3. "Donut Days" are Saturdays, July 26 and August 23, with free doughnuts, coffee, orange juice, questions answered by track announcer Trevor Denman. Racing slated every day except Tuesday. Post time is 2 p.m. except Four O'Clock Fridays (July 25, August 1, and 8 at 4 p.m.; August 15, 22, and 29 at 3:30 p.m.). Parking: \$8. 858-755-1141, 858-793-5533. Thursdays, 2 p.m.; Fridays, 4 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.; Mondays, 2 p.m.; Wednesdays, 2 p.m.; through Wednesday, September 3, 2008, \$6-\$15. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Tough Riders, Mean Bulls! Professional Bull Riders competition, with approximately 25 cowboys competing each night, plus "bull poker" and "teeter-totter" exhibition events. Tickets available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). 858-755-1161. Saturday, July 26, 8 p.m.; Sunday, July 27, 8 p.m.; \$26-\$66. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

MUSEUMS

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum The museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-op-

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Big Lagoon Ride Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for 50-mile "fun ride." 619-562-2882. Saturday, July 26, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

California Masters State Track Championships

Watch the best master's men and women bicyclists in Southern California compete for state championship titles. Free for spectators. Race-day registration opens at 8:30 a.m.: \$15 per individual event, \$10 per person for team events. 619-573-4953. Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m.; Sunday, July 27, 10 a.m.; San Diego Velodrome, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Fight Night Card includes Jose Luis Castillo versus Sebastian Lujan, plus undercard bouts. 619-659-3380. Wednesday, July 30, 5 p.m.; \$30-\$200. Ages 18 and up. Sycuan Resort, 3007 Dehesa Rd. (EL CAJON)

Giro d'Espresso Plan for a 33-mile bicycling adventure with Knickerbikers, including midride coffee stop and lunch at Saffron Thai (bring money). Ride starts in north parking lot. 858-272-4710. Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m.; Mission

What's That You're Reading?

NAME: ROB GLASPEY | **AGE:** 35 | **OCCUPATION:** FIREFIGHTER
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What are you reading?

"Right now, I'm reading *Pre-Hospital Emergency Care*. It's the textbook I need to study to become an EMT. It's actually interesting. Responding to people in need is something I get off on. It has a lot of gory photos of people in traumatic situations, but you have to get used to that."

Are you doing any recreational reading?

"I recently read *Rich Dad, Poor Dad*, by Robert Kiyosaki. I read it to learn about investing. But it wasn't written like an investment book. It was written more like a story. The author had a rich dad and a poor dad. The rich dad was his best friend's father, an investor who made lots of money through real estate assets, paper assets such as stocks and bonds, and small businesses. The poor dad was his own father, whom he loved. But his dad made poor financial decisions. He was a schoolteacher who made poor investments, if any."

Tell me about the style.

"It's easy to understand. I thumbed through it when I first got it, and there were these weird diagrams. But by the time I got to those diagrams in the course of reading the book, they totally made sense."

What did you take away?

"I learned the difference between an asset and a liability. Most people think their home is an asset, but really, it's a liability. It's not actually bringing money in. A true asset would be something that brings in money at the end of the month. The author doesn't say you shouldn't own a home, just that you should be aware that it's not an asset. Obviously, the people who bought houses in 2006 made huge financial mistakes — their homes became huge liabilities. It was a

pretty important book for me, even though I haven't implemented it. At least I understand what I'm doing wrong and the reasons why."

What book has been most life-changing for you?

"I was really into Hunter S. Thompson and Jack Kerouac when I was in my mid-20s. They were travelers who lived on the edge. Thompson was a journalist, but he was more than a journalist. Instead of just writing about the event, he wrote about his experience of the event. And he writes like he talks — you can actually imagine him going through the experience. Jack Kerouac wrote *On the Road*, and when I read that, I was on a two-month cross-country drive with a buddy, so I really related to the book. We were just driving from one end of

the country to the other, taking as long as we wanted."

Do you have any favorite authors now?

"I read Jack London, who wrote adventure-type books. He was the inspiration for Chris McCandless, the guy in *Into the Wild*. There's a movie about him."

Do you read magazines or newspapers?

"I don't read newspapers; I don't have time for that. As for magazines, I can't sit down for 45 minutes and read one unless it's about surfing. Otherwise, it just doesn't hold my attention."

How many articles do you read to the end?

"If an article has something to do with traveling, or if it catches my eye, I'll read it to the end."

Do you talk to your friends about reading?

"A little bit. I'd like to do it more, but not really."

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erated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. 9050 Memory Lane, 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

Barona Cultural Center and Museum 1095 Barona Road, 619-443-7003. (LAKESIDE)

Birch Aquarium at Scripps Facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Jolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge" examines science behind climate change; "Art of Deception" explores undersea camouflage. "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, bamboo, and wobbegong sharks. 2300 Expedition Way, 858-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

California Surf Museum "Tom Keck: Exposed" continues through March. Born in Coronado in 1937 and raised there, Keck "would discover a lifelong playground in the Pacific Ocean." Museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. 223 North Coast Highway, 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center Interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with comput-

erized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive, 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Coronado Museum of History and Art Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. 1100 Orange Avenue, 619-435-7242. (CORONADO)

Flying Leatherneck Museum Museum is dedicated to 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. Miramar Road (Marine Corps Air Station), 858-693-1723. (MIRA MESA)

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. 413 Market Street, 619-237-1492. (DOWNTOWN)

Heritage of the Americas Museum More than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644)

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The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus. 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West, 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

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John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library Museum and library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, 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. 2116 Tavern Road, 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

Junipero Serra Museum "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement. 2727 Presidio Drive, 619-297-3258. (OLD TOWN)

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 cabooses. La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street, 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Magee House Museum 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. 258 Beech Street, 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Museum of Making Music "The Violin in America: Old World Tradition, New World Sound" explores the transplanting of European violin-making traditions to American soil by 19th and 20th century immigrants, how communities in New World added innovation to tradition. Exhibition showcases significant violins from 1700s to present day. Closes Sunday, September 7.

Through July, see "That Beatles Sound: Recording @ Abbey Road," a special exhibition whose name is derived from comprehensive book *Recording the Beatles* by Kevin Ryan and Brian Kehew. Behind-the-scenes artifacts include tape recorders, microphones, speakers, session documents from 1960s.

"Gretsch 125th Anniversary" highlights instruments spanning the company's rich history. Through Friday, February 20, 2009.

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Olaf Wieghorst Museum Displays paintings and prints by Olaf Wieghorst and features exhibits of other artists' American West art. Adjacent to museum is courtyard with cactus gardens, 20 x 20-foot reproduction of Wieghorst's painting *Navajos at Castle Creek*, and original restored home Wieghorst lived in for many years starting in 1945. 131 Rea Avenue, 619-590-3431. (EL CAJON)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum Complex of historical buildings includes 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. 645 Main Street, 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 910 North Harbor Drive, 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

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. 2384 San Diego Avenue, 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum 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 op-

erating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum "Spirits in Stone — Art and Animals from Africa" features sculpture by acclaimed Shona sculptors, as well as masks, jewelry, and baskets; all the artwork is for sale. Exhibit includes "an open enclosure with African lizards," exhibits of various African insects, fish, frogs, snakes. Through Sunday, October 12.

"Water: H₂O=Life," opening on Saturday, July 19, explores culture, history, and future of water. Exhibit includes hands-on activities, live animals, "captivating imagery." Through November.

"Aerial Portraits of the American West: Photographs by John Shelton" closes on Sunday, November 2. Shelton is author of *Geology Illustrated*.

"Enraptured: Works by Mitch Dobrowner" is said to capture "otherworldly images of the Earth." The Ordo Gallery at the San Diego Natural History Museum also displays glass sculpture by Dick Ditore, photographs by Richard Garrod and Robert Walter, more. Show continues through Sunday, August 3.

Current "giant-screen film" is *Ocean Oasis*. 1788 El Prado, 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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paintings, and Russian icons. Saint Bartholomew, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 1500 El Prado, 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

Veterans Museum and Memorial Center Memorial to men and women who served in U.S. Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and Wartime Merchant Marine. Located in the former San Diego Naval Hospital Chapel (2115 Park Boulevard), the museum features original service-inspired stained glass, as well as historical murals painted by Richard DeRosset. Main exhibit hall features displays, exhibits of historic artifacts, documents, photographs, memorabilia, artwork honoring men and women who served. Museum is also home to San Diego Vietnam Peace Memorial and Veterans Memorial Garden. 2115 Park Boulevard, 619-239-2100. (BALBOA PARK)

Wells Fargo History Museum Museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House. 2733 San Diego Avenue, 619-238-3929. (OLD TOWN)

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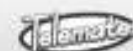
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"The Music of Billy Joel" "Piano man and singing sensation" Michael Cavanaugh joins Matthew Garbutt and San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts. Evenings conclude with fire-

works. 619-235-0804. Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way), 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 25. (DOWNTOWN)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, July 27. (BALBOA PARK)

"Ten Years, Seven Composers, One Pianist" Athenaeum Music and Arts Library hosts "Summer Festival 2008," with pianist Gustavo Romero manning the piano.

Series concludes with Beethoven's "Sonata in C Major No. 3," four "Impromptus" by Schubert, Mozart's "Sonata in A-Major," Beethoven's "Sonata in F Minor (Appassionata)" on July 27. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 4 p.m., Sunday, July 27. (LA JOLLA)

Catch a Rising Star Concert organist Nathan Laube performs for ongoing International Summer Organ Festival. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 7:30 p.m., Monday, July 28. (BALBOA PARK)

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GALLERIES

"Artifacts" Opening reception for new studio and work by artists Joseph Bennett, Brad Burkhardt, Lauren Carrera, Larry Caveney, Patricia Frischer, Jim Pearson, others. Show closes Monday, September 1. 619-972-3727. Artifact Art Studio and Gallery (2234 30th Street). 7 p.m., Saturday, July 26. (SOUTH PARK)

"Contemporary Views" Opening reception for group show. Artists Joseph Metcalf, Taraneh Mozafarian, Joshua Smith "display their unique...views of the landscape" through Saturday, August 30. 858-551-2010. Contemporary Fine Arts Gallery (7947 Ivanhoe Avenue). 6 p.m., Saturday, July 26. (LA JOLLA)

"Face Value" Opening reception for exhibit of work by local artists. Featured: recent works by Christian Michaels examining "altered recognition of celebrity icons and mass media sources." Through August. 619-851-4321. Kettner Arts Gallery (1772 Kettner Boulevard). 6 p.m., Friday, July 25. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Love for Sale" Opening reception for new exhibit of work by the talented and wonderful Jean Lowe. Closes Saturday, September 6. 858-454-3409. Quint Contempo-

rary Art (7739 Fay Lane). 6 p.m., Friday, July 25. (LA JOLLA)

"Mainly Black/Mainly White" Opening reception for featured artists Joan Everds and Rae Barney ("Elemental Energy, Sculptural Flow"). Juror Kinsee Morlan selected pieces for inclusion in "Outstanding Visual Artists of the Region." Show closes Sunday, August 24. 619-236-0011. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). 6 p.m., Friday, July 25. (BALBOA PARK)

"Pop and Beyond: Part Two" Opening reception for exhibition and sale of "iconic and rare" pop art, reopening with recently acquired works and contemporary Chinese pop art paintings by Liu Yan and Jiangyung. American artists include Jim Dine, Robert Indiana, Robert Rauschenberg, James Rosenquist, Roy Lichtenstein, Peter Max, Andy Warhol, and David Hockney. Closes Sunday, August 31. 619-876-4160. Noel-Baza Fine Art (2165 India Street). 6 p.m., Friday, July 25. (LITTLE ITALY)

"The Eighth Annual Invitational Drawing Show" Reception for exhibition of contemporary drawings by artists residing in San Diego County. Exhibit on view through Sunday, October 19, boasts work by Ken Goldman, Neill Ketchum, Alexia Markarian, Herbert Olds, Richard Reyes, Robert Treat, Michael Wheelden, Bill Canales, Joshua Eggleton, Scott R. Horsley, Clayton Llewellyn, and Colby Nichols. 619-238-6627. Pacific Beach Library (4275 Cass Street). 1 p.m., Sunday, July 27. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"The Good. The Bad. The Alien. Science Fiction, Movies, and the Graphic Arts" Exhibition, sale of original and limited edition art by artists of DC Comics, cinema master artists, John Alvin, Harrison Ellenshaw, Steven Chorney, opens with reception. RSVP: 888-294-9880. Chuck Jones Gallery (2501 San Diego Avenue). 4 p.m., Thursday, July 24. (OLD TOWN)

"Welcome to Paradise" Reception for artist Steve Barton. RSVP: 800-599-7111. Exclusive Collections Gallery Fashion Valley (7007 Friars Road). 3 p.m., Friday, July 25; noon, Saturday, July 26; noon, Sunday, July 27. (MISSION VALLEY)

Major Works Never Before Shown in U.S.! Opening reception for solo exhibition of work by Australian artist Shaun Gladwell. Exhibit — closing Sunday, October 12 — includes works from his latest ongoing series, "Maddest Maximus." Also on view: Joey Kötting's project, *Head's Up*, on walls of Mandeville Center. 858-534-2107. University Art Gallery at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive). 6 p.m., Thursday, July 24. (LA JOLLA)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum Five new exhibitions of work by local artists. See "Active Duty" by Owen Mundy; "Contemporary Ruin: A Selection of Prints by the Los Angeles Printmaking Society"; "United & Severed: That Window of Time"; "Shannon McNeill: Little Drawings"; and "Warning Signs," prints by R.H. Brownfield. Each "touches on issues relevant to contemporary life in America including motherhood, active duty

military life, loss, and more." Through November. 340 North Escondido Boulevard, 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum "Hungarian Folk Magic — The Art of Joseph Domjan" includes several of this master woodblock printer's pieces, along with objects from other cultures of the folklore images Domjan often portrayed. "Exhibition is an expression of the power of art to endure war, politics, and disaster and to rise, phoenix-like, from the ashes." Closes Sunday, October 5.

"India Adorned" features selections from museum's Stephen Huyler Collection. Exhibit "reveals the colorful diversity of Indian creative expression, presenting an evocative collection of works that are used in the daily routine of a typical Indian family — objects of worship, personal and domestic adornment, utility, and recreation." Closes Sunday, April 19.

"Forms in Wood and Fiber: Southern California New Work" features work of six distinguished San Diego wood artists and many California Fibers members. "Both fresh perspectives on traditional forms and cutting-edge contemporary expressions will be included in works of superior design and craftsmanship." Participating artists include Wendy Maruyama, Russ Filbeck, Patrick Edwards, Del Cover, Brett Hesser, and Gene Blickenstaff. Closes Sunday, January 4, 2009.

"American Viewing Stones: Natural Art in an Asian Tradition." Chinese connoisseurs began using large stones to decorate gardens, courtyards during the Han Dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 220); "Scholar's Rocks" is English name most commonly used for these items. American viewing stone collecting began with first- and second-generation Japanese-Americans who continued traditions of bonsai and suiseki.

The "Chinese Woodblock Prints in the Style of the Ten Bamboo Studio" are likely from a 19th-Century edition of *Treatise on Calligraphy and Painting of the Ten Bamboo Studio*. Prints are noteworthy for technique of printing using multiple blocks. Both exhibits are ongoing. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum — North County More than 50 items are included in "Artful Armadillos," on display through Sunday, September 7. The pieces are created from materials including wood, ceramics, metal, and shells, from collection of Katarina Real-Cate.

"Art of Play: Kinetic Toys of the World" — closing Sunday, September 14 — features objects that move when manipulated. See kites from many countries, pull-and-push-toys, antique mechanical banks, puppets, wooden toys. 155 West Grand Avenue, 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla "Elusive Signs: Bruce Nauman Works with Light" is said to focus "on Nauman's neons and light-room installations created over the first two decades of his career (1965-1985)." On view through Sunday, August 31, exhibition presents provocative body of work in which artist grapples with questions of how perception is shaped by light and space. 700 Prospect Street, 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts "Flesh: The Portraiture of Gary Schneider," continuing through Sunday, September 14, includes *John in Sixteen Parts*, a set of black-and-white fragments of Schneider's partner's face seen through time. Also included: *Genetic Self-Portrait*, an installation utilizing medical-imaging techniques to depict his own body from the inside out; and *Heads and Nudes*, where the South African artist uses exposures of up to three hours to explore and transform the flesh of friends and family.

"Picturing the Process: Landscape Through Time and Space" — continuing through Sunday, February 1, 2009 — includes selections from MoPA's permanent collection, exploring ideas and issues related to landscape.

In "Humanitas: Images of India by Fredric Roberts," the artist pictures people in India, Myanmar, Cambodia, Bhutan, Thailand, China as they go about their lives, selling water or herding camels. Through Sunday, September 7. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art "Ancient Marks: The Sacred Origins of Tattoos and Body Marking" features over 100 black and white photographs by documentary photographer Chris Rainier reflecting "humanity's efforts to forge identity, beauty, storytelling, and sacred beliefs." Closes Sunday, August 24.

"The Vibrant Edge: Paintings of Karl Benjamin from the 1960s, 70s, and 80s," "illustrates how this West coast painting icon became known as one of the founding fathers of Hard Edge." Benjamin, whose oeuvre spans more than half a century, says "color is the subject matter of painting." Closes Sunday, October 19. 704 Pier View Way, 760-435-3720. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art Touring exhibition "Georgia O'Keeffe and the Women of the Stieglitz Circle" boasts more than 80 pieces, including work by O'Keeffe, Gertrude Käsebier, Pamela Colman Smith, Anne Brigman, and Katharine Rhoades. These artists were "interested in redefining the identity of the modern woman and explored the changing themes of femininity in modernism." On view through Sunday, September 28.

"Visible Places: Works by Women on Paper" — opening on Saturday, July 26 and continuing through Sunday, November 9 — showcases works from SDMA's collection. The early- to mid-20th century pieces offer historical framework allowing consideration of how artistic styles changed over time, reflect upon active participation of women in the social and political currents of the period. Artists included are Mary Cassatt, Käthe Kollwitz, Isabel Bishop, Barbara Hepworth, Leonora Carrington. Exhibit includes "Spatial Gestures," focusing on abstract works by contemporary women artists acquired by museum between 2006 and present. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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Clothing Maketh the Goth? It's been almost a year since James Benham, a former Navy SEAL, was found guilty of two felony

unprovoked assault on him, Mark and Lora Williams, and area deejay Robin Roth resulted in over \$25,000 in medical bills.

"The defense tried to play the 'they were scary goths' card," says Howard. "So we all showed up to the trial wearing exactly what we wore the night of the incident,

version of the story, I was wearing a leather trench coat, steel-toed boots, and leather pants. Yeah, right, in mid-September? The only detail they got right was that I was wearing all black and had an earring."

Howard says the judge "...saw fit to extend a continuance of sentencing, until Mr. Benham serves out the remainder of his term in the Navy." That means Benham won't face sentencing any sooner than November 20.

"If any of us had been found guilty of such a hideous crime, we would have immediate sentencing [and] lose our jobs," says Howard. "Justice was soft-served. Even though I have physically recovered from the assault, the psychological effects still remain."

Howard, a member of the Gothic Volunteer Alliance, says his organization provides community services such as fundraisers for the SPCA, the Humane Society, and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The group takes part in graffiti removal, voter-registration drives, and its next beach cleanup takes place August 3 at South

Mission Beach.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Genius Singer/guitarist John McLeod designs bikinis.

"Five years ago I was designing men's clothes. My girlfriend at the time was a



MCLEOD'S HANDIWORK (THE SWIMSUIT)

model who was really skinny. She had a hard time finding a bikini that fit her, so I designed one for her. She loved it and all her friends wanted one. I said, 'Wait a minute. Maybe there's

something in this.' One yard of fabric will give you three or four bikinis. It just kind of snowballed from there."

His local Dahlia Swimwear company has 11 employees.

"There are a lot of bikini companies in San Diego," says McLeod. "[Two years ago] I sold \$150,000 [in bikinis]; last year was about half of that, but I'm earning a living."

McLeod has staged fashion shows at On Broadway and at venues in Orange County and L.A. Usually deejay music

accompanies the models. McLeod mixed live rock with a

runway show for the first time last summer, when Daredevil Jane played a Dahlia show at Canes. McLeod's new band, the indie-rock trio Good Lords,

will play a Dahlia runway show at Newport Beach's Chronic Cantina on August 17.

"Eventually I want to make a national tour [out of

live rock and runway shows]." McLeod insists he's not copying TV's *Project Runway* concept.

— Ken Leighton

The Struggle Two well-connected music-biz professionals say they have been told that the local House of Blues may be in trouble.

"I heard that if they don't have a rapid turnaround [in business] by March they might be closing," says one of them.

According to *Pollstar's*



SD HOB TO STAY OPEN, SAYS HONCHO

2007 rankings, of the ten House of Blues nightclubs, the local downtown venue sells the fewest tickets.

"Anybody who talks about a deadline, or that the

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counts of assault. He's still yet to be sentenced for those crimes and two misdemeanor counts related to a September 2006 attack on a few local goths in Old Town.

"I was called a gothic faggot," says James Howard, who asserts that the



BLINDSIDED BY JUSTICE TOO? (HOWARD)

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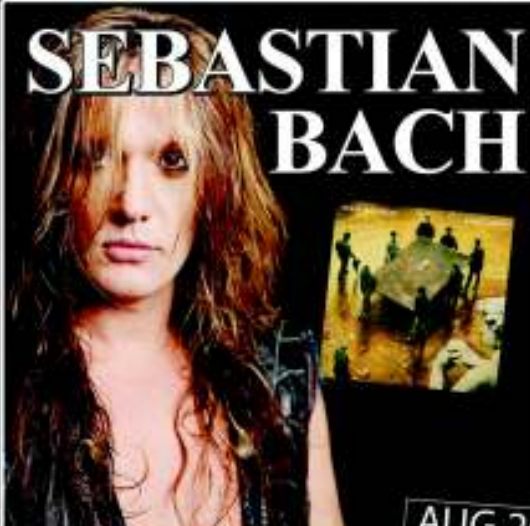
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[SD House of Blues] is closing down, is just not telling the truth," says Nick Masters, president of Live Nation booking. "When you have five-dollar-a-gallon gas and an economy that is in the toilet, every [city] is struggling. It is not just exclusive to San Diego."

Masters discounts the *Pollstar* ranking.

"I don't know if those numbers are true or false. We don't sit around and rank our clubs. Besides, it is silly to compare what happens in L.A. to what happens in San Diego.... We look at the club as part of an overall business unit."

Masters does admit that Live Nation/House of Blues' "overall business unit" in San Diego struggled last year. The corporation's local holdings include the operation of Chula Vista's Cricket amphitheater, SDSU's Cox Arena and Open Air Theatre, and the Pala Casino concert series.

Live Nation took control of Street Scene early last year and lost an estimated \$1 million, according to a source who'd know. (Founder Rob Hagey and the Casbah's Tim Mays will put on this year's Street Scene.) Last year Live Nation gave up on its agreement to operate and book 4th&B.

"As a company we were getting used to the combining of our San Diego assets," says

Masters. "It took a little bit of time to understand how to treat all that property.... We have better results this year, and we are doing better in San Diego, period."

Masters would not comment on the details of the club's lease.

Another insider says he did not hear specifically about a March turnaround deadline for the local HoB club, "...but I did hear that three of their clubs were in trouble: Cleveland, San Diego, and Atlantic City. And they already gave up [control of] the one in Atlantic City."

Meanwhile, the 11th House of Blues is set to open next month in Houston.

— Ken Leighton

Sweetness The events of September 11, 2001, precipitated a career change for Carla Sweet, who was at the time a Navy doctor.



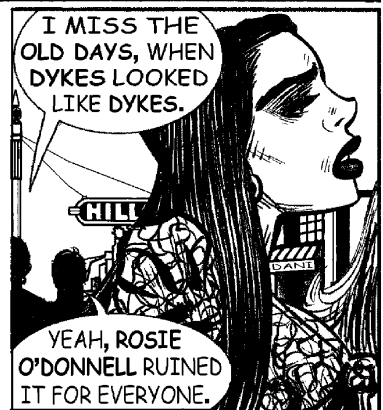
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WELLER FEELS THE POWER

Outraged, and "disgusted with the resultant Iraq War," Sweet became a novice filmmaker.

In late 2003, Sweet, a fan of mod icon Paul Weller, was in her car listening to his 1995 album *Stanley Road*. Considered a Weller classic, the song describes the aftermath of war and

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terrorism: "A bomb exploding in another town, children choke on a poison cloud."

"You can hear a song a thousand times," says Sweet, "and then it hits you a certain way and takes on a deeper meaning. All of a sudden the words made sense in a new way. The video formulated in my head as I kept pushing the replay button."

She signed up for a filmmaking class at Southwestern College and began work on the video in January 2004. Sweet used 9/11 clips recorded off news programs. To make a larger statement on peace, additional footage of past wars and Martin Luther King, John F. Kennedy, Ghandi, and John Lennon was used. Though a rough cut was completed in six months, it took Sweet two years to complete the version seen on YouTube (youtube.com/user/highvibration).

In February, Sweet found a message on her YouTube channel page: "Respect from Paul Weller. Found this video tonight and thought very powerful and moving. This is the video the record companies should be making."

"I didn't really believe it

was from [Weller]," says Sweet, but it was nice to at least think it was." A few days later she received a message from a Weller associate, confirming it was indeed the Modfather who was interested in her work. When the Weller camp requested copies for their collection, Sweet offered them the video free of charge.

"They own the music copyright anyway," she reasons. "Besides, I didn't make the video to make money." She has since received notice that UMG (Universal Music Group) now owns the clip's copyright. A link to the video will be included in Weller's forthcoming tour program and on his website.

— Bart Mendoza

Of Mouse, Men, and Mayer Before hip-hop duo Gnarls Barkley plays the Infield Stage at the Del Mar Racetrack on Saturday, July 26, the venue is required to purchase one million dollars of insurance "to cover all claims, liabilities and/or losses...with an insurance carrier acceptable to the [concert] Producer." Cee-Lo Green (Thomas Callaway) and Danger Mouse (Brian Burton) want their dressing

room stocked with a pack of Swisher Sweets Blunts (cigars), a case of beer ("Heineken or Corona"), a bottle of Hennessy, a bottle of Grey Goose vodka, and a box of Magnum condoms.

While Stone Temple Pilots appear at Concerts on the Green on Sunday, July 27, "It is artist's intention that purchaser maintains a drug and alcohol free backstage. At no time will alcoholic beverages or drugs of any kind be tolerated." Yet they want their dressing room stocked with a six-pack of Amstel Light ("bottles") and a bottle of chardonnay ("premium priced"). Requests include four packs of Marlboro reds ("hard pack") and a bottle of Crazy Glue Original All Purpose ("not Glue Pencil").

When John Mayer performs at Cricket amphitheater on Tuesday, July 29, "There will be no [stage-front] barricade for this show. We have a very well behaved crowd." His

dressing room requires a bottle of Listerine, four toothbrushes ("soft head"), two tubes of toothpaste ("Sensodyne or Tom's of Maine"), four organic lip balms ("not Chapstick"), and



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two packs of Altoids breath mints. He also requests a copy of that day's *New York Times*, a box of cereal ("Cap'n Crunch, Lucky Charms, Count Chocula, Cookie Crisp, or Cinnamon Toast Crunch").

From (thesmokinggun.com)

— Jay Allen Sanford

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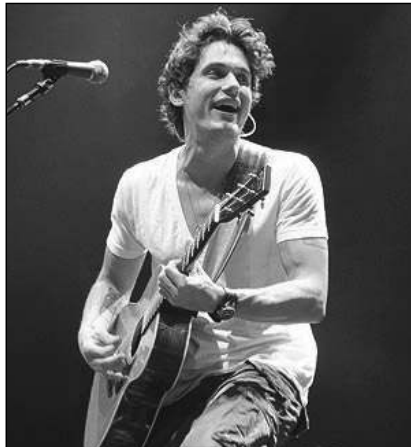


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"As soon as I left Mar Vista High School [Imperial Beach] in '65, I got drafted and followed my old man into the Navy. After flunking out of electronics school in San Francisco, I was a deckhand and later craft master on tugboats, working out of Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard. By January of 1969 I was an advisor to the Vietnamese Navy Junk Force's Coastal Group 14 on the Cua Dai River, 40 miles south of Da Nang. We stopped and searched river traffic all day. We patrolled and we got shot at all night."

When he returned to civilian life, Morin earned a B.F.A. in design from CalArts and began playing in a series of local bands. "I never really quit music," he says. "I've played the guitar for nearly 50 years and the harmonica for 40, and now people actually pay to see and hear me do this."

He currently performs in a trio, Johnson, Bosley, and Morin ("sometimes shortened to JoBozMo"), alongside Jack Johnson and John Bosley.

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Jeffrey Joe Morin

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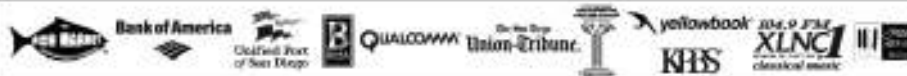


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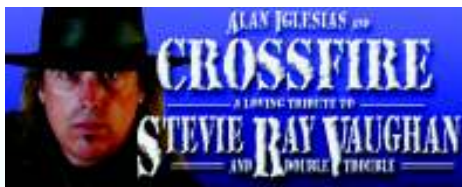
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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.

Thursday — Flight to Athena and Young Goodman. With Building a Better Spaceship. Alternative rock.

Friday — The Big Provider and Mad Martigan. With Tim & the 23s. Pop/rock/soul.

Saturday — Stranger and 56 Hope. Reggae/rock/blues.

Wednesday — CDM and Nuclear Tomorrow. With Back Alley Hooligans and Roadside Affair. Punk/rock.

AcousticMusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Peter Lang. Fingerstyle guitarist. \$15-\$20.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Lee Rocker. Rockabilly. \$20.

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Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Sophie Millman. Contemporary jazz. \$18-\$22.

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Raya Yarbrough. Contemporary jazz. \$19.

Brick by Brick: 11307 Buena Vista, 619-275-5483.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — Aizen, Death Pilot, MNIYIC. With Pantera'd and Dying Regret. Rock/metal. \$10.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Likewize and Lighter Side of Being. With Mean Dinosaur, Irideside, and Inhale. Rock/reggae/experimental. \$15.

Cafe Lamaze: 1441 Highland Avenue, National City, 619-474-3222.

Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. — The Sandy Chappel Quartet. With Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian, and Hank Young. Standards/jazz/blues.

Sundays, 7:30 p.m. — Burnett's Bliss. With Robert Sebastian and Scott Wallingford. Jazz/standards/blues.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

Thursday, 8 p.m. — Freedom Sessions. With So Long Davey, the Whiskey Dicks, Livid Virus, and Atoms. Alternative rock/punk. \$10-\$12.

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

Thursday — Sounds Like JFK and the John Francis Impostors. With Manuok and Drew Andrews. Indie/alternative/lounge. \$5.

Friday — Buddy Akai and Mr. White. Alternative/electro/rock. \$5.

Sunday — Kid Vegas and Xanimo. With Gooferman and Mr. Mustache. Indie/rock/alternative. \$5.

Tuesday — The Stiletto Formal and Metroid. Indie/rock/electro. \$5.

Wednesday — Mon Marie and Singapore Sling. With the Meek and Austin Nicolai. Indie rock/garage/experimental. \$5.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

Thursday, 7 p.m. — Venice. With Charlie Vaughn & the Daily Routine. Rock. \$15-\$17.

Friday, 9 p.m. — Rub-A-Dub Friday. Live reggae music. \$5.

Saturday, 9 p.m. — Dread Zeppelin. Mixes reggae into Led Zeppelin tunes and has an Elvis impersonator as its lead singer. \$14-\$16.

Sunday, 8 p.m. — Orquesta Primo. Latin/mariachi/Tejano. \$10.

Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Kut U Up and Get Your Death On. With the Drowning Men. Alternative/experimental/metal. \$7.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.

Sunday — The Small Hours. Alternative rock.

Tuesday, 10 p.m. — Radiostar. Eighties new-wave rock.

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Friday, 9 p.m. — Junior Reid and the Reggae Angels. With Andrew & Wada Blood and Lambs Blood. Reggae/hip-hop/R&B. \$25.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Wild Child. A tribute to the Doors. \$15.
Sunday, 2 p.m. — Kapakahi. Reggae/pop/hip-hop.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Mean Dinosaur, Irideside, Inhale. With On the Line, Likewise, and Lighter Side of Being. Reggae/hip-hop/rock. \$10-\$12.

Casa de Oro Cafe: 9809 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-460-4830.
Friday, 6:30 p.m. — The Paragon Dixie Swing Band. Dixie tunes.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.

Thursday, 8:30 p.m. — Howlin Rain and Earthless. With Crystal and John Biz. Psychedelic/indie/rock. \$8-\$10.
Friday, 7 p.m. — The Life & Times. With Nueva Vulcano and Hialeah. Alternative rock/progressive. \$8.
Friday, 10 p.m. — Hercules & Love Affair. Experimental/disco/pop. \$15.

Saturday, 8:30 p.m. — Circa Now and Whiskey Circus. Rock/blues/funk. \$6.
Saturday, 7 p.m. — The Fuxedos, Renfield, Dactyl. The Kiss Action Comic-Con party with April Flores and Gunna Vahm. Experimental/rock/garage.
Sunday, 8:30 p.m. — Japanese Sunday, Syndicate, Fever Sleeves. With the Moviegoers. Indie rock.
Monday, 8:30 p.m. — The Modlins, the Happy Hollows, Apes of Wrath. Acoustic/pop/rock. \$5.
Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. — Big Elf and

Astra. Psychedelic/pop/rock.
Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. — Satanic Puppeteer Orchestra. Experimental/pop. \$6.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.
Friday — Peter Walker.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — 7 Generations and This Time Tomorrow. With Destroy All of Them. Hardcore/punk. \$6.

Cow Shed Bar and Grill: 502 East Mission Road, San Marcos, 760-471-2939.
Friday, 10 p.m. — Angelic Dimension, Trips, Jason Getz. Hip-hop/rap.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.
Tuesday, 6 p.m. — John Mayer. With Colbie Caillat and Brett Dennen. Folk rock/soul/blues. \$25-\$59.

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club: 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-1141.
Friday, 7 p.m. — Super Diamond. A tribute to Neil Diamond.
Saturday — Gnarl Barkley. Hip-hop/soul/experimental.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
Friday, Saturday — Full Xposure. Covers/standards.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Catherine Russell. With her trio. Jazz/blues/soul. \$15.

Downtown Café: 182 E. Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Joey & the Sting Rays. Covers rock and country hits.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

It was a few years ago when a friend told me about a band called Comets on Fire. I would hear other descriptions of them later — most labeling them as “heavy psych” — but all my friend would say was that they had an old tape-echo effects box and would constantly tweak it onstage, making crazy sounds. I said I would meet her at the next show.

I got to the club late, and the band was already playing — or at least that's what I gathered from the swirling, jet-engine-like noise coming from the door. I put my earplugs in before I even stepped inside, and

when I did I felt like the sound was physically pushing me back out of the room. So I left, and as the hype continued to grow around Comets on Fire I decided that this was one music phenomenon that I was going to sit out.

I had not heard **Howlin Rain** until last week, and if I had not first read somewhere that this was a Comets on Fire side project (Howlin Rain is led by Comets on Fire cofounder **Ethan Miller**), I would have had no idea that the two bands were connected. On Howlin Rain's second album, *Magnificent Fiend*, there's no crazy echo, no jet engine — just a loud rock 'n' roll band playing hippie soul, occasionally breaking into Allman Brothers-like guitar solos. It's so '60s-flavored that you can smell the patchouli. Still, there is a little creepiness around the edges. At



HOWLIN RAIN

one point Miller tweaks a hippie cliché to sing, “This is the dawning of the age of a cannibal world.”

HOWLIN RAIN, The Casbah, Thursday, July 24, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$10.

Ellen Browning Scripps Park: 1133 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla.
Sunday, 2 p.m. — Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Orchestra. Boogie-woogie for La Jolla Concerts by the Sea. 858-454-1600.

Embarcadero Marina Park South: 206 Marina Park Way, Downtown.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — “Video Games Live.” Jack Wall leads San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concert of “cutting-edge classical music.” Evening concludes with fireworks. 619-235-0804. \$20-\$90.
Friday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — “The Music of Billy Joel.” “Piano man and singing sensation” Michael Cavanaugh joins Matthew Garbutt and San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts.

Evenings conclude with fireworks. 619-235-0804. \$15-\$75.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
Thursday, 7 p.m. — Japandi, the Vaginals, Braaiins. With Di Nigunim and Batwings. Indie rock/pop/experimental. \$7-\$9.
Friday, 7 p.m. — The School of Rock All-Stars. From the Paul Green School of Rock Music. \$10-\$12.
Saturday, 7 p.m. — Barcelona and This World Fair. With the Napoleon Complex and Amber Sky Lane. Alternative rock/pop. \$8-\$10.
Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.
Thursdays — Fuzz-Huzzi.

Alternative/pop/punk.
Friday, 9 p.m. — South of 94. Covers/standards/rock.

The Ferry Landing Marketplace: 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-8895.
Saturday, 2 p.m. — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. Contemporary jazz/global music.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill: 5046 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300.
Saturday, 1:30 p.m. — Modern Day Moonshine. Blues/funk/rock.

Galley at the Marina: 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714.
Sunday, 3 p.m. — Bordertown Blues. With Toni Valdez.

The Handlery Hotel and Resort: 950 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley, 619-298-0511.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Barbara Nesbitt. Acoustic/blues/country.
Sunday, noon — Pool Party. With Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. Blues/soul/rock. \$5.
Wednesday, 5 p.m. — Christopher Dale and Friends. Acoustic/pop/rock.

Hennessey's Tavern - Gaslamp: 708 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-9994.
Sundays, 3 p.m. — The Bill Shreeve Duo. Jazz.
Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Brooklyn & Bradley. Covers/acoustic/rock.

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Friday, 9 p.m. — West of Memphis. On the Voodoo Stage. Blues/country/rock.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Missy Andersen. On the Voodoo Stage. Blues/soul/funk.
Sunday, 6 p.m. — Bullet for My Valentine. With Bleeding Through and Cancer Bats. Metal/hardcore. \$22.
Tuesday, 6 p.m. — Less Than Jake and Goldfinger. Ska/punk rock. \$21.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — The Pop Rocks. Covers '80s pop, rock, and new wave. \$5.
Friday, 9:30 p.m. — Rockola. Classic rock. \$5-\$12.
Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — Detroit Underground. Covers Motown and dance hits. \$12.
Sunday, 10 a.m. — Willowealot. Smooth-jazz brunch.
Monday, 9:30 p.m. — Dennis Jones. Blues/rock.
Tuesday, 7 p.m. — 52nd Street. A tribute to Billy Joel. \$5.
Wednesday, 9:30 p.m. — Rockola. Classic rock. \$5-\$12.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons. Doo wop/pop rock group from the '60s. \$95.
Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band. With Colin Hay, Billy Squier, Hamish Stuart, Edgar Winter, Gary Wright, and Gregg Bissonette. \$125.
Monday, 7 p.m. — Derek Trucks & Susan Tedeschi. Soul Stew Revival with Scrapomatic. \$55.

JC Feed and Supply: 10027 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-561-4479.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — Charly & Calico Ridge. Country. \$5.

Jimmy Love's: 672 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-595-0123.
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. — The Soul Revue. Jazz, dance, and top 40.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778.
Thursday — Antagonist and Sea of Treachery. With the Funeral Pyre, Rituals of Pain, and Damcyan. Metal/hardcore.
Friday — My Ruin, Nihilist, the Harlots. With Sangre. Metal/hardcore.
Saturday — Mean Dinosaur and Reason to Rebel. With Tan Sister Radio, Real Brew, and Love Motor. Reggae/experimental/rock.
Sunday — Adam Balm. Punk/rock.
Mondays — Reggae Infusion Irie Time. Various reggae bands perform.
Wednesday — Bleed the Sky and Eko Tren. With Straight Line Stitch, Within Chaos, and Dying Regret. Metal/hardcore.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848.
Friday — The Screamin Yeehaws and Rat City Riot. With Drunkin Punkin Idiots. Punk/country/rock.
Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — Manganista, the Self-Made Men, Monkey. Alternative/ska/rock. \$5.

Koehler Kraft Boat Yard: 2302 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-222-9051.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — The San Diego Concert Jazz Band. Contemporary jazz.

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Sundays, 4 p.m. — The Blues Brokers. Blues/soul/rock.
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Thursday — Insomniac Folklore and Nutmeg. With Soul-Junk. Folk rock/experimental/indie.
Friday — Mayfield and Oculus Sinister. Garage rock.


Saturday — Josh Damigo. CD-benefit show. Acoustic/pop/rock.
Sunday — Jennifer Vazquez and Kelly McGrath. With Robin Henkel & Johnnie G. Folk rock/pop/blues.
Wednesday — Jordan Reimer and Melanie Frontz. With Rachael Gordon. Acoustic/pop/folk rock.
McP's Irish Pub and Grill: 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280.
Friday, 9 p.m. — The Offbeats. Covers/standards/classic rock.
Sunday, 5 p.m. — The Stilettoes.

Rockabilly/jazz/roots.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Steve Brewer. A one-man band.
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Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Coldfire. Rock.


Saturday, 9 p.m. — Outta Line. Rock.
Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel: 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-448-8550.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — Joey & the Sting Rays. Covers rock and country hits. \$5.
The Musicians Union Hall: 1717 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-229-1610.
Friday, 6:30 p.m. — The High Society Jazz Band. Jazz.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub: 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.
Friday, 9 p.m. — The Scarry Garry Show & the Deity Girls. With Ninth Day, Double FF, and Bedpost Buzzards. Metal/rap/hip-hop.
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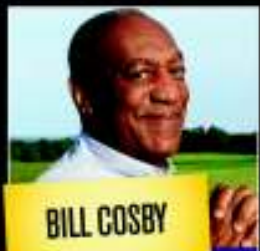
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Old Town State Historic Park: 4002 Wallace Street, Old Town.
Saturday, 2 p.m. — The City Guard Band. Performances will be held in the plaza; selections range from Sousa marches to concert pieces.

Open Air Theatre at 5500 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.
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Wednesdays, 8 p.m. — Los Reyes del Ritmo. Flamenco and Latin music in the E5 Lounge.

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Thursday — The Nik Simon Band. Blues/rock.
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Sunday, Monday — Ronnie Lane & the Twisters. Blues/rock.
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Poinsettia Park: 6600 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad.
Friday, 6 p.m. — Tinsley Ellis. Electric blues for TGIF Jazz in the Parks series. 760-434-2904.

Portugalia: 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678.
Friday, 10 p.m. — Stratosphere and the Orange Velvets. Alternative/rock/surf.
Sunday, 9 p.m. — Alan Silva. Free CD with admission. Folk/rock/pop. \$5.

Prescott Promenade: 211 1/2 East Main Street, El Cajon.
Friday, 6 p.m. — The Screamin' Primas. Tribute to Louis Prima for Concerts on the Green. 619-401-8858.

Qualcomm Stadium: 9449 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-283-0460.
Sunday, 7 p.m. — Stone Temple Pilots. With Wolfmother and Black Rebel Motorcycle Club. Rock/metal. \$48.

Radio Room: 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park.
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Friday — Island Irie.
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Saturday — No Duh. A tribute to No Doubt.

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Friday, 9 p.m. — JinxKing. Roots rock/blues/soul.
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Tuesdays, 6 p.m. — Charlie Blue. Blues.

La Scala: 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma, 619-224-2272.
Saturday, 7 p.m. — J.D. Boucharde. Acoustic/jazz/rock.

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown.
Sunday, 1 p.m. — Midnight Heat. Covers/standards.

Second Wind (Magnolia): 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-596-8350.
Thursday — Alan Iglesias & Crossfire. A tribute to Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979.
Thursday — Walter II and Orquesta Rumbaney. Salsa/Latin/tropical.
Sunday — La Charanga Cubana. Latin/salsa.
Mondays, 9 p.m. — Rock en Español.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-SOMA.
Thursday, 7 p.m. — Terror, Warriors, Death Before Dishonor. With CDC and Trapped under Ice. Metal/hardcore. \$12.
Friday, 7 p.m. — A Legend Unknown. CD-release show with This is the Hospital, Tragedy & Triumph, and more.
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Sunday, 6:30 p.m. — The Alkaline Trio and American Steel. With the Fashion. Punk/rock. \$17.

South Park Bar & Grill: 1946 Fern Street, South Park, 619-696-0096.
Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. — Open jazz jam.
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Tuesday, 6:15 p.m. — Mariachi Chula Vista. Mariachi for Twilight in the Park summer concert series. 619-239-0512.
Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. — Damaru. Afrobeat and world music for Twilight in the Park summer concert series. 619-239-0512.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Ronnie Milsap. Country/pop. \$35.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.
Friday — Meld. Garage/blues/soul.
Saturday — Elephants in Mud. Reggae/punk/hip-hop.
Tuesday — Trent Hancock. Acoustic/pop/indie.
Wednesday — The Rhythm Jacks. Rhythm and blues.

Tio Leo's Lounge: 5302 Napa Street, Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.
Thursdays, 7 p.m. — Cajun and Zydeco Dancing. Zydeco dance every Thursday night, with lessons

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Friday — Stepping Feet. A Dave Matthews Band tribute.

Tio Leo's Mira Mesa: 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa, 858-695-1461.
Saturday — The Burnsville Band. Blues/rock.

Trolley Barn Park: 1900 Adams Avenue at Florida Street, University Heights.
Friday, 6 p.m. — The Midili Brothers Band. Classic rock from

'50s-'80s for Summer in the Park concert series. 619-297-3166.

V Lounge: 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.
Saturday, 5 p.m. — The Jaime Valle Jazz Quartet.

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.
Thursday, 7 p.m. — Firefly. Classic rock.
Friday, 9 p.m. — The Heroes. Covers/standards/dance.

Saturday, 9 p.m. — Crush. Covers/standards.
Saturday, 4 p.m. — Innovation. Covers/standards.

Veterans Park: 785 East Palomar Street, Chula Vista.
Sunday, 5 p.m. — Night Shift. Classic, rock, blues, music from '60s for "Music in the Park" series. 619-585-5682.

Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park: 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.

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Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Coheed & Cambria. Alternative/progressive rock. \$12.

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Thursday — Bo Bice. Rock/soul/country.
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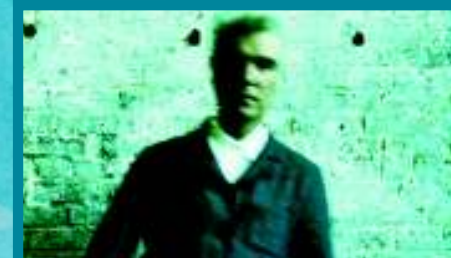
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- 8/3 Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo
- 8/4 Huey Lewis & The News
- 8/5 Lyle Lovett & His Large Band
- 8/6 Boz Scaggs with special guest David Jacobs-Strain
- 8/8 '60s Invasion featuring Peter & Gordon/Gerry & The Pacemakers/Gary Lewis & The Playboys
- 8/9 Jordin Sparks/Jesse McCartney
- 8/10 UB40 featuring guest vocalist Maxi Priest

- 8/11 David Sanborn/Lee Ritenour
- 8/13 Michael McDonald
- 8/14 Joe Cocker
- 8/15 Tower of Power
- 8/18 Gipsy Kings
- 8/19 Steve Winwood
- 8/24 Bill Maher
- 8/25 Hootie & The Blowfish (date change)
- 8/26 Lucinda Williams with special guest Buick 6



- 9/12 Alan Parsons Live Project
- 9/13 Air Supply with special solo performance by Graham Russell/Christopher Cross
- 9/16 Lindsey Buckingham
- 9/21 Musiq Soulchild
- 9/25 Kenny G
- 9/28 Etta James & The Roots Band



- 10/2 David Byrne: Songs of David Byrne & Brian Eno
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Mondays, 9 p.m. — The Electric Waste Band. Grateful Dead tribute. \$7.

UPCOMING SHOWS

1st Street Bar: 656 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0233.
August 2, September 13 — Misty & the Mobys.

4th & B: 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343.
August 9 — DJ Quik.
August 16 — Mack 10.
September 2 — Ice Cube.
September 6 — Xavier Rudd.
September 16 — Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds.

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.
July 31 — The B Foundation and Ballyhoo.
August 6 — Moontucky Risin.

AcousticMusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
August 2 — Belinda Gail and Curly Musgrave.
August 9 — Jim Kweskin.
September 6 — *Trippin' the Sixties*.
September 21 — Willy Porter.
October 4 — Eric Andersen.
October 5 — David LaFlamme and It's a Beautiful Day.
October 25 — Eliza Gilkyson.
November 9 — Ellis Paul.
November 28 — Tom Russell.

Adams Recreation Center: 3491 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-235-1149.
August 24 — Wee Rock Music Festival.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
July 31 — Arturo Sandoval.
August 1 — Johnny Polanco.
August 2 — Missing Persons.
August 3 — KaiserCartel.
August 3 — Carrie Rodriguez.
August 6 — Daby Toure.
August 8 — Larry Carlton.
August 12, August 13 — The Fabulous Thunderbirds.
August 16 — Michael Ward.
August 19 — Bridget Brigitte, Cynthia Hammond, Steven Ybarra.
August 20 through August 23 — Steve Tyrell.

August 24 — Steve Forbert.
August 26 — John Cruz.
August 27 — Jay Nash, Meiko, Joe Purdy, Chris Seefried.
August 29 — Jackie Greene.
August 30 — Dave Mason.
September 5, September 6 — Strunz & Farah.

September 10 — Tim Finn.
September 12, September 13 — Larry Coryell.
September 19 — Hiroshima.
September 24, September 25 — The Average White Band.
September 26 — The Eve Selis Band.
September 27 — Livingston Taylor.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-454-5872.
July 31 — Farrell Family Jazz.

July 31 — Kevin Hays & Eli Degibri.

Bar Leucadian: 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-2094.

August 15 — Hear No Evil.

Barefoot Bar and Grill: 1404 Vacation Road, Mission Beach, 858-581-5960.

August 16 — Charlie Imes.

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

July 31 — Fever Sleeves and AntiQuark.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

July 31 — Greg Laswell.

August 1 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.

August 2 — The English Beat.

August 3 — Orquesta Primo.

August 6 — The Iguanas and the Swingin' Kings.

August 7 — Immortal Technique.

August 8 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.

August 9 — Steve Poltz & the Cynics.

August 13 — Rob Corona and Laura Roppé.

August 14 — Never So Few and the Tornadoes.

August 15 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.

August 16 — The B-Side Players.

August 21 — Pato Banton and Mystic Roots.

August 22 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.

August 23 — Cash'd Out.

August 24 — Joshua Radin.

August 25 — Matthew Sweet.

August 26 — Los Amigos Invisibles.

August 27 — The Desert Rose Band.

August 28 — Patty Griffin.

August 29 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.

August 30 — Metal Snake.

August 31 — The Dirty Dozen Brass Band.

September 4 — Amos Lee.

September 8 — Lee "Scratch" Perry.

September 9 — The Toadies.

September 10 — Alejandro Escovedo.

September 11 — J.J. Grey & Mofro.

September 12 — The Pine Mountain Logs.

September 17 — Aesop Rock and Rob Sonic.

September 23 — Railroad Earth.

September 24 — Okkervil River.

September 25 — Bootsy Collins.

September 28 — Greg Brown.

September 30 — Johnny Winter.

October 1 — The Dandy Warhols.

October 3 — Dr. John & the Lower 911.

October 4 — The Tommy Castro Band and Magic Dick.

October 5 — John Brown's Body.

October 6 — Nick Lowe.

October 8 — Lotus.

October 23 — The Presidents of the United States of America.

October 24 — Stereolab and Monade.

October 30 — Cowboy Mouth.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps: 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, 858-534-FISH.

August 20 — Shawn Mullins.

September 17 — Sarah Borges and the Broken Singles.

Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave, North Park, 619-239-8836.

August 2 — Mark O'Connor's Appalachia Waltz Trio.

October 18 — Gaelic Storm.

Bird Park: 28th and Thorn Streets, North Park.

August 2 — Gato Papacitos.

August 16 — The Hayriders.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.

August 7 — Crash Encore and Holding Air Hostage.

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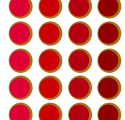
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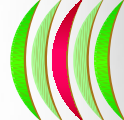
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August 2 — Mark Wood.
August 8 — Canibus and Dylan Dillinjah.

Calavera Hills Park: 2997 Glasgow Drive, Carlsbad.
August 8 — Oliver Mtukudzi and Black Spirit.
August 15 — Luna Llena.
August 22 — Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums.

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October 22 — Amy Grant.

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August 23 — SoCo Music Experience.

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August 2 — Dead Man's Party.
August 3 — Split Finger.
August 3 — Ooklah the Moc.
August 7 — Agent Orange and Critical Me.
August 10 — Roots Vision.
August 14 — Thumtac, JayWat, Anti Citizen.
August 15 — Lights, Jumping Jack Flash, Springsteen.
August 17 — Project: Out of Bounds.
August 21 — Moontucky Risin and Rhythm & the Method.
August 22 — Katchafire.

August 23 — B-Side Players.
August 24 — Tomorrow's Bad Seeds.
August 28 — The Melvins and Big Business.
August 29 — Stranger, Dirty Heads, High Tide.
August 30 — Little Brother and Wylde Bunch.
August 31 — Atomic Punks.
September 5 — Guttermouth and Chaser.
September 6 — Cash'd Out.
September 20 — Tainted Love.

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August 8, August 9 — Crossroads.
August 15, August 16 — Nightshift.
August 29, August 30 — Laguna.
September 6 — The Hype.
September 12, September 13 — Crossroads.
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October 17, October 18 — Laguna.
November 14, November 15, December 12, December 13 — The Hype.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
July 31 — Jay Reatard and Cheap Time.
August 1 — The Hold Steady.
August 2 — Buckfast Superbee.
August 3 — Thao & the Get Down Stay Down.
August 4 — Nomo.
August 6 — Saviours, Titan, Earthless, John Biz.
August 7 — Matt Curreri & the Exfriends and Paul Curreri.
August 8 — Joshua James and Cory Chisel.
August 8 — Transfer and A.M. Vibe.
August 9 — Manic Hispanic.
August 10 — The Silent Comedy and Or, the Whale.
August 13 — Octopus Project.
August 14 — Calico Horse, Colorstore, Swim Party.
August 15 — Xiu Xiu and Carla Bozulich.
August 16 — Ilya and Student Film.
August 18 — War Stories.
August 22 — Bob Log III and Scott H. Biram.
August 23 — Beachwood Sparks.
August 24 — El Vez.
August 25 — Buddy Akai and Head Like a Kite.
August 27 — HiFi Colossi and the Littlest Viking.
August 29 — Neil Halstead.
August 29 — Get Back Loretta.
August 30 — Polvo and Trans Am.
August 31 — Manual Scan and the Amalgamated.
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 September 23 — Silver Jews.
 September 25 — Federico Aubele.
 September 28 — Ra Ra Riot and Walter Meego.
 October 9 — Quintron & Ms. Pussycat.
 October 10 — Bang Camaro.
 October 17 — Born Ruffians.

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 August 6 — La Quiete, Phoenix Bodies, Ghostlimb.
 August 14 — Mister Valentine.
 August 15 — Weatherbox, Lanterns, BoomSnake.
 August 22 — Get Back Loretta and Man Without Wax.
 August 23 — Monsters from Mars, James Rabbit, Da Bears.
 August 29 — Matt & Kim and Best Fwends.
 September 5 — Graf Orlock, Zann, Lewd Acts.

Claire de Lune: 2906 University Avenue, North Park, 619-688-9845.
 August 2 — Scott Wilson.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B Street, Downtown, 619-235-0804.
 October 1 — Sigur Rós.

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 September 12 — Alejandro Fernandez.
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 September 21 — Luis Miguel.
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 September 30 — Carlos Santana.
 October 16 — Jimmy Buffet.
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 August 1 — Pinback.
 August 8 — The Bravery.
 August 9 — Ziggy Marley.
 August 22 — Black Francis.
 August 29 — Steel Pulse.
 August 30 — Devo.
 September 3 — The English Beat.

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Wed July 30th 10pm- Maddox Revolution	Thurs Aug 21st 8pm- Cathryn Beeks Showcase (4 Bands TBA)
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August 14 — Fran Hartshorn.

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August 23 — John January & the Mags.

East Village: 13th & K Streets, Downtown.
September 19, September 20 — Street Scene.

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August 3 — The Corvettes.
August 10 — The Westwind Brass.
August 17 — Benny Hollman's Big-Band Explosion.
August 24 — Yavaz.
August 31 — The Heroes.

Embarcadero Marina Park South: 206 Marina Park Way, Downtown.
July 31 — "A Celtic Celebration."
August 1, August 2 — "Mancini at the Movies."
August 8, August 9 — "Baseball Goes Pops with Dave Winfield."
August 10 — "Pops Goes Classical."
August 15, August 16 — "Broadway Here and Now."
August 21 — "The Machine: A Pink Floyd Tribute."
August 22, August 23 — "Daydream Believer...Davy Jones."
August 29, August 30, August 31 — "1812 Tchaikovsky Spectaculars."

Encinitas Library: 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas.
August 3 — San Diego Taiko.

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August 3 — The Subways.
August 21 — I Am Ghost, Eyes Set to Kill, the Urgency.
August 28 — Orangelo.
September 6 — Bamboo.

Escondido Library: 239 South Kalmia Street, Escondido.
August 7 — All-Girl Western!
September 4 — Cahill and Delene.
October 2 — T.K. Gardner.
December 4 — Peter Sprague.

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July 6, August 13, August 20 — Brooklyn & Bradley.

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August 1 — Cool Fever.
July 31 — Chromeo.
September 5 — West of 5.
October 3 — Z-Bop!
November 7 — The Bayou Brothers.

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July 31 — Chromeo.
July 31 — Modern Day Moonshine.
August 1 — The Cured.
August 2 — Richard Cheese.
August 3 — Cavalera Conspiracy.
August 8 — Me First & the Gimme Gimmes.
August 9 — Robin Thicke.
August 10 — Nas and Talib Kweli.
August 12 — Passenger.
August 13 — Bow Wow.
August 15 — Zebrahead and Buck-O-Nine.
August 17 — Matt Pryor and Chris Conley.
August 17 — Dramarama.
August 19 — Edwin McCain.
August 19 — Toots & the Maytals.
August 21 — Van Hunt.
August 22 — Sondre Lerche.
August 22 — Broken Social Scene.
August 23 — Eddy Grant.
August 27 — Toad the Wet Sprocket.
September 11 — DJ Flex.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

When the members of **Los Lonely Boys**, a trio of brothers from West Texas, began writing songs, they didn't stray far from their roots. It would be fair to assume that when they became a band in 1996 they already had a collective head full of material from their association with their father, a conjunto and country-western entertainer. Enrique Garza Sr. was a member of the Falcones; when he made the decision to go solo, he enlisted his young sons as backup musicians. It was, by their account, a hard life. They told a reporter that they lived for a while in a tent outside of Escondido. In Nashville, the father-son act eventually found modest success playing in bars, even though the boys were under age.

Los Lonely Boys are **Henry, Jo Jo, and Ringo Garza**. Ringo is the band's drummer (he told *Rolling Stone* that Ringo is his given name). Fronted by Henry, the band lays heavy claim to R&B and Tex-Mex as influences in a solid, gritty, horn-punctuated, guitar-and-bass-driven sound. Less *mexicano* than Los Lobos and on a par with Santana's pop, Los Lonely Boys found early favor with Willie Nelson, and for a while it was fashionable to have them as show openers. The Garza brothers toured their rootsy act behind Nelson, the Stones, Dave Matthews, Neil Young, and others of similar stature.

The band found traction on their own with a hit song titled "Heaven," written during a period of bleak poverty while still in Nashville. "'Cause I know there's a better place/ Than this place I'm livin'/ How far is heaven?/ So I just got to show some faith/ And just keep on giving." "Heaven" earned



LOS LONELY BOYS

Los Lonely Boys a Grammy in 2005.

The brothers won't talk much about why they split with their father, but they did once say in an interview that "lonely boys" was from a lullaby that he once sang to them.

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October 1 — Lagwagon and MxPx.
October 4 — Mindless Self Indulgence.
October 17 — Led Zepagain.
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January 25 — Ramon Ayala.

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August 20 — The Robin Henkel Band.

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August 1 — Dolly Parton.
August 3 — Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo.
August 4 — Huey Lewis & the News.
August 6 — Boz Scaggs.
August 8 — Peter & Gordon.
August 9 — Jordin Sparks and Jesse McCartney.
August 10 — UB40.
August 11 — David Sanborn and

Lee Ritenour.
August 12 — Paolo Nutini.
August 13 — Michael McDonald.
August 14 — Joe Cocker.
August 15 — Tower of Power.
August 18 — The Gipsy Kings.
August 19 — Steve Winwood.
August 20 — Hootie & the Blowfish.
September 4 — Lucinda Williams.
September 12 — The Alan Parsons Live Project.
September 13 — Air Supply and Christopher Cross.
September 16 — Lindsey Buckingham.
September 25 — Kenny G.
September 28 — Etta James & the

Roots Band.
October 3 — America.
October 5 — Cecilio & Kapono.
October 19 — Gordon Lightfoot.
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August 2 — The Farmers.

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August 4 — "The Prince of Kosher Gospel Music."

August 4 — Joshua Nelson.

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July 31 — Tim Bianco, Lelia Broussard, the Predicates.

August 3 — The Applebrow Jazz Ensemble.

August 17 — The Robin Henkel Band.

August 27 — Nathan James and Robin Henkel.

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July 31 — The Stilettoes.

Memorial Park Bowl: 373 Park Way, Chula Vista.

August 3 — Fattburger.

August 17 — The Scott Martin Band.

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August 3 — Lee Coulter.

August 17 — The Laurie Morvan Band.

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August 8 — Misty & the Mobys.

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September 6 — Slightly Stoopid and Pepper.

September 24 — The Raconteurs.

September 25 — My Morning Jacket.

October 2 — The Mars Volta.

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July 31 — Engelbert Humperdinck.

August 5 — Steely Dan.

August 11 — UB40.

August 27 — John Fogerty.

August 28 — Poison.

September 21 — Ana Gabriel.

September 27 — Anita Baker.

October 8 — Smokey Robinson.

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November 4 — Madonna.

Poinsettia Park: 6600 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad.

August 1 — Roddie Romero and the Hub City All Stars.

as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **Lanterns**

Song: "Knives Gleam" (from myspace.com/wearelanterns)

Heard By: **Katie Zangaro**, North Park



Katie

It had a light and easy enough sound to where anyone can get into them. I would consider it indie rock. It sounded like some latter-day Modest Mouse or Wolf Parade. It was pleasurable to the ears — everything went smoothly and nothing was too abrasive. It doesn't go too extreme rock-wise or weird indie-music-wise, so anyone can listen to it and fall in love with the sweet little sound of his voice. If they get big enough, I guess they would play at Soma. I don't think I would be too interested in seeing them play live, though. They're good — I would give them a six or seven out of ten. It's good "walking" music. Not "power-walking" music — more like "strolling" music.

Artist: **Weatherbox**

Song: "Trippin' the Life Fantastic" (from myspace.com/weatherbox)

Heard By: **John**, Clairemont



John

It was all right. The instrumentals were pretty good. It seemed like the lyrics were all over the place. He said something about "running in circles." It was kind of annoying because in the first verse it was the same lyrics over and over. It was a pretty long song; that's why it was all over the place — the lyrics started off on one subject and finished off on another. It was kind of like a new school kind of punk — rock and roll a little bit, too. It was teenybopper punk, kind of like Fall Out Boy. They seemed like good musicians. I could definitely see them being successful. It would go good on snowboard videos that you see on Fuel TV.

Artist: **Daysleeper**

Song: "Dsleeper" (from myspace.com/daysleeperrocks)

Heard By: **Shawna Ghafouri**, North Park



Shawna

It was okay. It was like "radio rock." The beginning instrumental part kind of reminded me of Incubus, but not the singing. In my opinion, nothing stood out — I don't think I would hear it on the radio and say, "I need to get that CD." I'm sure someone out there likes this kind of music. It was just kind of mellow and repetitive. I didn't pay attention to the lyrics too much. I could see them playing at some medium-sized venue in San Diego, like Canes or Soma. I guess that would be good music for people hanging out and drinking — something low-key. It's not really party music. I would give it a five out of ten.

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August 1 — The Hayriders.

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August 3 — The Gilbert Castellanos Latin Jazz Quintet.

August 17 — Raggle Taggle.

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August 1 — Paramore and Jack's Mannequin.

September 6 — Bob Dylan & His Band.

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November 8 — Carrie Underwood.

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Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown.

August 3 — Blue Rockit.

August 10 — Barbara Jamerson & Two Deep.

August 17 — The Cat-illacs.

August 24 — The Bayou Brothers.

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July 31 — The Jones Revival.

August 3 — The Temptations and the Four Tops.

August 14 — The Gipsy Kings.

August 21 — Sheryl Crow.

October 5 — Earth, Wind, & Fire.

October 15 — Randy Travis.

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August 30 — Melissa Etheridge.

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I met Patti LaBelle after a concert in the late '80s here in San Diego at the Sports Arena. She was playing with Luther Vandross. Her hair was mindblowing: it swept straight up and flared out at the top like a fan or peacock tail. And it was not a fake thing, or sprayed or lacquered stiff. It looked amazing on stage. Her dress looked futuristic with lots of sparkles.

Meeting her backstage, I was impressed. She's very flamboyant, gregarious, and surprisingly open. She's incredibly warm and friendly, even with

strangers. Meeting me for the first time, she had no reason to be open and friendly. I couldn't do anything for her career, why care? I mean, I played her music at a radio station. She wasn't just friendly to me but to everyone around us, including the friend with me; everybody backstage. She'd say, "Here's my phone number. I make barbecue all the time. You should come over. Arsenio loves my barbecue."

Years later, when she discovered she had diabetes, she came out publicly to talk about it. She didn't keep it private. She said, "Look, I love to eat. I love my barbecue." She talked about her concern of a soul-food diet, high cholesterol, and a high-fat diet...diabetes running rampant among black people. She tried to do something to help the cause. And, she looked for alternatives, implying you could have your cake and eat it, too.... I never did make it to her house for barbecue, though.



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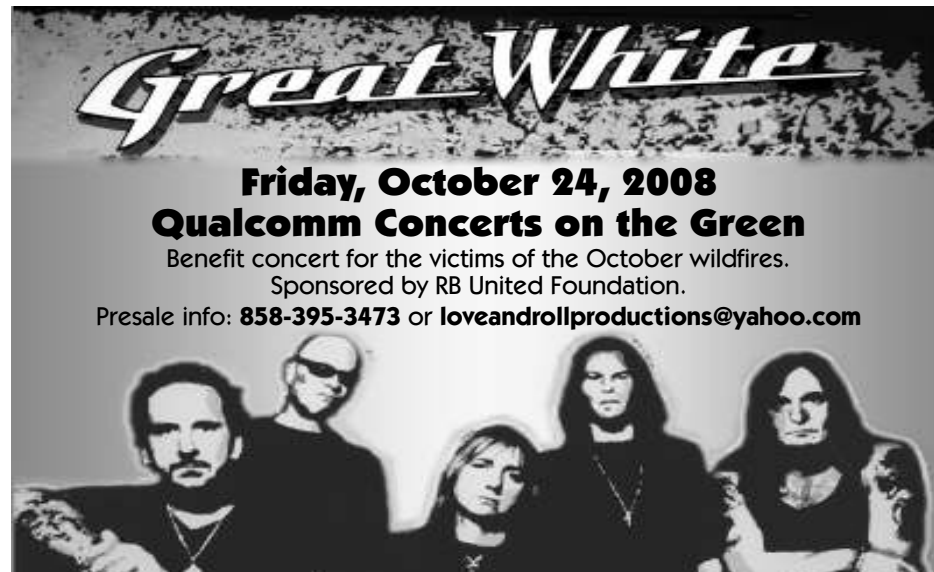


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by Josh Board

I tried to fit too much into one day. It started with a Padres game. Well, actually, a lunch and party at Petco Park for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and then a game.

After the party and game, I headed up to a party off Friars Road for a Filipino guy named Manny who was turning 60. The party had started at 1:00 p.m., so by the time I got there in the late afternoon, it was winding down. I tried to grab a soda, but all the two-liter bottles were empty. A guy named Joe apologized and brought over a jug of California Chianti and a cup of ice. I enjoyed a chilled glass of the wine. Another guy walked by and said, "Oh, you're enjoying some world-renowned Chianti there."

As a band played, Joe brought over a Fender guitar he had custom-made with the Filipino flag. Later, when a different band started playing, I noticed Joe was playing drums.

There was meat being cooked on a grill. My girlfriend isn't much of a meat-eater, so I



went looking around for something for her to munch on. I found some carrot cake, which I hate. But I brought her a piece.

My friend Gerald, who had gone with me to the Padres game, had no problem with the meat, but he did admit that he couldn't tell if it was done. He

he wasn't sure, and we both laughed.

There were a few more late arrivals to the party from the

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asked one guy how to tell and was told, "Just grab one and smile when you eat it. Hope for the best." Gerald grabbed a beer and a stick of meat. I asked what kind it was. He said

Padres game.

After Gerald headed home, my girlfriend and I headed up to Encinitas for a tiki party hosted by a bunch of surfers.

I met a woman who writes

the newsletter for San Diego Surf Ladies. She is one of their founders. She said they meet the first Saturday of every month at Pipes, and they take trips to Hawaii, Australia, and that they recently went to Costa Rica.

Another woman told me she's 38 and started surfing at 19. She said, "Only 5 percent of surfers are female. It's a male-dominated activity."

Another male-dominated activity, I found out, was golf.

One guy was talking about surfing and his wife was quiet. I asked if she surfed. She didn't. She told me she was a golfer in high school, but "They didn't have a girls' team in high school. It was in Pendleton, Oregon. So I played on the boys' team. They didn't like it much."

There was a guy who had a broken wrist but was walking around in a wetsuit. He was looking at the surfboards that were being auctioned off. Another guy mentioned having eight stents in his heart and that he still surfs.

A group of older surfers was talking about injuries and health problems. One of them said, "I had colon cancer. Too much beer and animal fat."

Too much information for me.

As I walked away from that group, I heard a woman tell one of them that he's old. He said, "See if I invite you to any more of these!"

I grabbed some chips and salsa and looked at a Don Wexler board that was going to

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be auctioned off. Someone said *Tiki Magazine* donated items to the party and that the founder of the magazine is a school teacher who lives in San Diego.

I sat down next to a woman who told me about her adopted son in Nevada. He used to model for Calvin Klein and Ralph Lauren. I asked if she had any photos of him, and she showed me his picture. He was a good-looking kid.

Another woman thought I was asking to see her driver's license. She said, "That is how you find out what a person's perfect weight is. You ask to see their license. If it says 145 pounds on there, well, that's probably what they should weigh. I'm sure it's not what they weigh, but it's probably their ideal weight. And, nobody ever questions it. Do police officers ever ask for driver's license and registration and then come back to your car claiming it's not you because the weight is off by 75 pounds?"

When I went to grab a soda, an Iranian woman came over and told me that she liked to party. It seemed like she was drunk. She asked me if I liked "making out." I said, "Uh, sure. So does my girlfriend." I pointed in my girlfriend's direction, but she was on the other side of the campground.

This woman then said she could read palms and asked to see my hand. I showed it to her. She was staring at it for a long time. I said, "It's bad, huh?" She said, "Oh, no. I can't really read palms. I was just looking to see if you were married." I laughed and said, "I told you my girlfriend is over there." She said, "Oh, I didn't hear you. I'll have to find someone else to make out with."

I saw her with a young surfer an hour later.

A surfer named Eddie was playing a ukulele. I asked him if the uke's a favorite instrument of

surfers. "Well, I wouldn't necessarily say that. But, it's light, easy to carry around. It sounds nice."

I heard two women, one named Corey, talking about surfing. Corey mentioned something about having "soul and compassion" and how it's not something you can just "learn by reading a book about it." The other woman was pissed that her board had been dinged recently.

As the sun was starting to set, several people mentioned the green flash. I made the mistake of saying that though I'd lived in San Diego my entire life, I had never seen it and don't believe that there is such a thing. They all explained why I was wrong. The most entertaining explanation came from a lady surfer. She had been drinking all day, but she spoke clearly and explained in great detail what creates the illusion.

I remembered that, earlier, when the old surfers were talking about

their illnesses, this woman knew a lot about diabetes and various medical conditions. After hearing her talk about light rays, I asked, "Are you a scientist or something?" She said, "No, uh, I'm a preschool teacher." I said, "Oh, I thought you knew so much about science...you just know about colors." She smiled and started singing a song that she sings with her class about colors. It was cute.

There were a variety of cakes. I saw pineapple-upside-down cake and a regular birthday cake with various names on it. I grabbed a piece, happy it wasn't carrot cake. ■

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Track of the Sushi Cat

It's like that Bible story of Ruth and Naomi: "Whither thou goest, I will go." Or that girl-group song of the '60s: "I will follow him wherever he goes." Change the last word of the first quote to "eat" and the last word of the second quote to "cooks," and you've got me and sushi chef James Holder, a handsome, long-haired *hapi-hapi* (half Japanese, half American). The former Japengo top toque is one of the two executive chefs at Nozomi, a new restaurant in Carlsbad.

Yes, Holder's personable, but that alone wouldn't be nearly enough to make me trek all the way to Carlsbad. (Cats are pretty too, but I wouldn't travel an hour just to look at one — unless it could cook.) I've been trying to catch up with Holder ever since he was chef at a little joint called Zen, hidden behind the Del Mar racetrack. Even though he had the night off when I ate there, I loved the food and raved about it in print. Holder soon quit and Zen promptly dropped dead, doomed by amateur owners.

Next I knew, he was at Ajiya in Flower Hill Mall. But it was winter and raining and I didn't get there, and then he was gone again. Now he's working at Nozomi in Carlsbad, a new sushi bar/fusion restaurant at the former site of Cafe Sevilla. He's co-executive chef, along with Ken Lee, a veteran lured away from mighty Sushi Ota.

"Nozomi" means "hope," and hope is universal: Nozomi Carlsbad is no relation to the Nozomis on Convoy Street and in La Jolla — which are also separate from each other, although both serve mainly Korean menus augmented by sushi. But there is a connection: The owners of the Convoy Nozomi gave the owner of Nozomi Carlsbad advice about opening a restaurant and also introduced co-executive chef Ken Lee. Nozomi Carlsbad is the brainchild of Derek Choi, a 28-year-old Korean-American from a prosperous La Jolla family. He's obviously got a talent for the business. The physical renovations he's made to the property are splendid, and both his chefs, when I spoke with them, sounded enthusiastic about working for him.

Sam and I, and his workmates Angela and Ryan, hopped on our camels and caravanned northward through the damned county-fair traffic in search of my elusive stray cat, chef Holder. Taking a break from the slow-oozing jam, we stopped to gather our scattered camels and meet up to enjoy drinks in Flower Hill Mall (about 20 minutes south of Nozomi), where we discussed the pressing question of man-made mammaries. That's what you do in a Del Mar bar: you glance around and try to guess, "Does she or doesn't



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she...only her surgeon knows for sure." You also speculate about how much that shoulder-bag might have cost. You're practically not allowed to do anything else, as they have city rules against nearly everything, except drinking pricey cocktails, shopping at boutiques, and enhancing your physical attributes by any means possible. You might as well buy a condo ruled by an uptight HOA. I'm only writing these gratuitous insults to Del Mar to set the stage for a later paragraph about Carlsbad — or maybe to get revenge for feeling vaguely dissed by the servers for being not the right "type" for that town, with my non-designer clothing and unperfected flesh.

Arriving at Nozomi, we'd never have guessed that the premises were previously a Spanish restaurant. They have been thoroughly transformed into a Japanese-aesthetic environment. Running along the base of the building is a narrow waterway with golden koi swimming; across the parking-lot driveway, the theme continues with a wooden Japanese bridge over the stream, a wooden gate, and a small waterfall. You reach the front entry by a short wooden stairway. Inside, another stairway leads down to a bar-lounge and restrooms and a serene indoor pool-garden populated by live turtles. (The parking lot offers direct entry into this room, making the premises wheelchair accessible. You can get

the same food as upstairs, minus only the view of the chefs.) The main dining room and sushi bar, decorated to resemble a Japanese country inn, are up another set of stairs, with an open kitchen behind the sushi bar. The first floor, between the turtle pond and the country inn, has a full kitchen for the cooked dishes.

It's amazing how much North County changes every few miles. Carlsbad is a wholly different story from the farther-south towns on the Gold Coast. I've never explored it much, but the town seems likable and down-home. It does not abound in exciting eateries, and the locals have clearly taken Nozomi to their hearts. On an ordinary Thursday, the dining room was SRO, with a diverse crowd encompassing at least four races, all adult ages (didn't see any kids that night), and all styles, except glitzy. Not Del Martian: no obviously fake boobs, nor screamingly obvious designer duds. Just folks.

The menu is vast — four pages — but it's

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PICK HITS: *Ankimo* (monkfish liver pâté), miso-yaki butterfish, mushroom-and-leek dumplings, "Drunken King," toro tartare and tofu, classic sushi (in the style of Sushi Ota). Chef's picks: hula roll (Ken Lee); creamy shrimp and lobster, Alaskan king crab up (James Holder).

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the same fish companies that supply Sushi Ota. The menu lists only krab (extruded crab-flavored pollock — yuck!) in the party rolls. But it turns out, if you ask for real crab-with-a-c instead, they'll be more than happy to serve it. The fake-crab default, Ken Lee told me, is for diners with shellfish allergies and those who follow the kosher prohibition against shellfish.

We wanted to begin with sea urchin nigiri, which I always order first as a test, since it's sublime when fresh and disgusting when old. Chef Ken Lee came out to our table to apologize: "We were not able to get good enough *uni* today," he said, eyes downcast. (It was fresh but, as sometimes happens, had a bitter undertone and a few bits of grit from the shell.) With that burst of honesty and conscientiousness, I realized I didn't have to worry about a thing. He suggested *ama ebi* (freshwater "sweet shrimp"), another of my favorite tests of a sushi bar. "Wow, these shrimp are ultra-fresh," said Sam, when they arrived. The rice was in the style of Ota, small short-grains, neutral in flavor. Lee also had given us a choice about the treatment of the heads — fried, baked, or soup. We chose soup, a simple, warming miso broth with the heads cooked in. (The last time I had this version of *ama ebi* miso, at Samurai Sushi in Solana Beach, they obviously had extra heads to lavish on our soup, and they threw in clams, too. Have to say, Samurai's was better.)

Next up: *ankimo*, monkfish liver pâté — a fabulous version, so richly smooth it was truly a maritime foie gras torchon. Thereafter, our meal mingled the raw and the cooked, the warm and the cold, all brought out in small groups — I can't remember exactly the order of arrival, but the service was fine, only occasionally overwhelming us with more food than fit easily on the table.

Toro tartare on tofu has exquisite raw fatty tuna belly treated like the old-time raw-steak classic — minced, seasoned, and heaped up and topped with quail egg. It's served over bean curd (substituting for blini). If you are sharing dinner with other foodies, you may want to order an extra portion, as it can arouse culinary greed. Mushroom-and-leek dumplings are steamed gyoza (Japan's version of pot stickers, with the thicker, chewier dough-casings typical of that country's rendition), filled with several wild-tasting types of fungi (shiitake, enoki, etc.) in a savory truffled miso broth. I didn't actually taste truffles — canned black truffles from Italy — but it had good depth.

Misoyaki butterfish offered a small fillet of very rich fish (with a fat content similar to black cod) in a sweet miso broth, delicate and refined. A tapa called "Drunken King" offered another fine broth, a blend of sake and *yuzu* juice (a sour Japanese citrus) surrounding two pieces of king crab, one shrimp, one scallop, one tiny Carlsbad clam, and one petite black Carlsbad mussel. This is a difficult dish to share because of all the singletons in it. (We were all terribly polite to each other — "You first." "Oh no, please take something.") But the main thing is the broth, and any piece of seafood will do. I got the Carlsbad mussel, and I think they should serve a whole dish of those local mussels in this broth.

Hokkaido scallops with ceviche has thin slices of delicate, delicious raw scallop topped with a spicy mince of raw seafood imbued with a red sauce made from scratch with tomatoes, lemon and orange juice, lemon rind, jalapeño, and cilantro — that nonetheless tastes like cocktail sauce. Baby yellowtail *tiradito* offers thinly sliced *hamachi* "drizzled with a citrus-soy olive oil topped with truffles," according to the menu. Once again, the truffles were bashful (I think in this dish it was white truffle oil), but the flavor was rewarding.

Most of the entrées are

combination party sushi-sashimi-fusion platters. We chose the introductory course, called "Taste of Nozomi." It included pristine salmon, tuna and yellowtail sashimi, and small tempura shrimp atop an organic garden salad dominated by radicchio. Miso-marinated sea bass was tender and fine. And there was a sample of the restaurant's *nuevo-wavo* party sushi, a hula roll — a wild mixture of shrimp tempura, krab (booi!), avocado, and cucumber, topped with spicy tuna, then drizzled with spicy-sweet sauce and sprinkled with crushed macadamia nuts and "green tea crunchies." It was hot and sweet, cool and baroque as chef-made sin. Heavy, too, but tasty. The chefs did something nice for us: Normally, this platter comes with three pieces of hula, but since we were four, they gave us four pieces. I think, by then, they might have noticed we were eating them out of house and home. After our long commute, we were making the most of our caravansary.

Finally — almost finally — the "Caviar Sizzler": sushi rice cooked and served in a hot pot over charcoal, topped with *tobiko* (flying-fish roe), *ikura* (salmon roe), and (substituting for the unavailable *uni*) tiny, crackly black *masago* (smelt roe). The waitress tossed it all at the table with a slightly spicy butter sauce. After a few bites I looked at Sam (who's Korean). "It's a Japanese version of *bi-bim-bap*, isn't it?" I asked, referring to the great Korean hot pot of sticky rice tossed with anything, everything, and hot pepper sauce, with chicken eggs mixed in. Here, it was fish eggs. "Yes, I can see the similarity," Sam said.

Ryan had been longing for the *hamachi kama*, baked yellowtail collar (the base around the head, prized for its tenderness). They gave us the most gigantic collar I've ever seen — fit for the cartoon dog Marmaduke — and added a huge separate hunk of cooked yellowtail steak. By now, my own palate was plumb worn-out from all the flavors of the night. The fish tasted good, but

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I wasn't tasting well. Ryan loved it, and by then he'd proven himself a hard-core foodie with taste buds and stamina.

The beverages are interesting. Nozomi has a good wine list, put together by restaurant manager Amy Kim, and a great sake list, cobbled up by Ken Lee. Although no sake expert, what captured my eye was the choice of three previously untasted brands of *nigori* (unfiltered sake, aka "Japanese fizzy water," or, in Japanese, "crazy milk"). I'm very much a fan of this stuff; it's like a low-carb boozy slushy. The cheapest brand (\$11 for 500 ml) was almost neutral in flavor. The \$13, slightly pink-colored brand had more character — if I could get it in my neighborhood, I would buy it eagerly as a treat, in place of my steady diet of the standard sushi-bar Takara from Berkeley. (To save you the trouble of asking: The Golden Hill boozeria that stocks Takara is Jaroco, right across the street from Luigi's Pizza and just north of the Turf Club. Lots of Luigi-eaters have discovered that fizzy-water goes great with New York-style pizza.)

Then Ryan offered to treat us to the pinnacle, "the Nigori-lover's Nigori." That's what the wine list says — it's the \$45 "Summer Snowfall" brand (a slightly larger bottle). Now, that bottling has character and depth galore — not just fizz but rich flavor. It's even better than Momokawa Pearl, my previous top *nigori* pick.

Our huge meal didn't even make a dimple in Nozomi's menu. I didn't love every dish, but I liked everything a lot and enjoyed the craftsmanship and fun in the food and the delightful atmosphere. If I lived nearby, I'd spend one whole evening at the sushi bar tasting Ken Lee's classic, Ota-style nigiri and hand rolls; comparing the "fatty tuna belly" with the "super-fatty tuna belly"; and contemplating the sultry, dark-eyed beauty of Jim Holder-san. Then I'd spend another mealtime with a posse, working my way through the *futo-maki* (party rolls) and more tapas. And once the chefs recognized

me as a regular, I'd do an *omakase* dinner (on a night when they have good *uni*). Aagh, Carlsbad — so far away! But if you're heading to Del Mar, for the horse races, say, this would be a fine place to eat afterward, with barely any time on the freeway since all the congestion is farther south. Even if your pet nag went lame, at least you'd have a terrific dinner to console you — and if you're really down in the dumps, the chance to eat next to a serene subterranean turtle pond.

ABOUT THE CHEFS

Ken Lee, soft-spoken and gentle-mannered, worked at Sushi Ota for nearly ten years before going to work at Nozomi. "I'm from Korea," he says. "I came to Hawaii and then New York City, and I came to San Diego ten years ago. I studied civil engineering in New York, but I worked part-time as a server in a sushi restaurant there. And one night I helped the sushi chef to make some things. And that's how I began to become a sushi chef. The major reason was that my mathematics was not really good enough to become a civil engineer. I liked making food better."

"When I was still single, I came to San Diego on vacation...and I liked San Diego. One day I stopped by a Japanese supermarket, and I asked the lady, 'Where is there a good sushi restaurant?' She said I should go to Sushi Ota. I was [still a beginner] and I went to Sushi Ota, and me and Ota-san sort of looked at each other and he hired me. He was my mentor and my teacher."

I asked Lee how he and James Holder divided the work. "Everybody knows Jim because he was working at Japengo. He is not only a sushi chef, he is a friend to everybody. I'm watching him, and he is very good with relations to the customer. He likes to make the customers happy. He's more fusion, and I'm more Sushi Ota-style. We combine together. He gets customers who like fusion, I get customers who like pure Japanese-style."

Lee's philosophy as a chef is always to remember what it feels like to be a customer, paying for the food. He tells his sous-chefs, "If you wouldn't like to eat this, don't serve it to the customers who are paying \$20 a plate for it."

James Holder spent his first 21 years in Japan. "I'm half Japanese," he says. "My mom's Japanese, and my dad is Italian and German. He came over to Japan when he was in the U.S. Navy and met my mom. Her parents initially wouldn't accept him because her father fought against the Americans in [World War II]...."

"I was raised in a fishermen's village, and every day we would have fresh fish that the fishermen caught.... Then I started to help my uncle, who ran a restaurant. I apprenticed with him. They would never put me in the front of the restaurant or sushi bar — I looked too American."

His parents still live in Japan, but at 21, Holder came to San Diego. Long accustomed to cutting fish (on the beach, at home, and then at his uncle's restaurant), he found a job in a Japanese restaurant in Escondido. Then he worked at Japengo for 16 years, becoming top toque, but felt it was "too corporate" and left to go on his own, first working at Zen and then at Ajiya. At both the owners were, he says, less than professional and honest. At Nozomi, he feels he's finally found a restaurateur who, although young, is serious enough and smart enough about the restaurant business to make it work. ■

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“No one even knew what curry was,” she says. “We had to do a lot of educating.”

Hey. Here it goes. The scalp. Prickling, breaking out in sweat beads. Ladies and gentlemen, we have liftoff.

Tonight I stopped outside this big red-and-yellow sign on Garnet. “World Curry.” Hmm... Why not? I like curry. It’s like Irish stew, but spicy.

I stop at the wall menu. Must be 15, 16 curries listed there. And yes, they’re from everywhere: India, Thailand, Britain, even Japan. Lessee... The Thai curries (all with the choice of a meat, tofu, or vegetables) include *mussaman* (from the Muslim south of Thailand, with red chili, garlic, and onion), *panang* (the sweet curry with chicken, tofu, or veggies), green (with green chili, cilantro, and basil), and *masala* (with cardamom, cinnamon, cloves, and coriander). All are mixed rich with coconut milk. The Indian ones have names like *murgh masala* (“tomato-based North Indian curry”) and *keema* (a minced chicken curry with tomato, cilantro, and peas).

The spinach curry looks like a good vegetarian option, and so does the Singapore, loaded with everything from cauliflower to carrots to spuds to chickpeas and cilantro — and the Caribbean would work too, with black beans, tomatoes, corn, and pineapple. The Japanese curry — who’d put “Japanese” and “curry” in the same sentence? — is brown, with potato, carrots, and onion. The *katsu* is like the Japanese curry, but with a breaded pork cutlet added. That sounds like a deal, ’cause the dishes are mostly priced at \$6.75 for regular, \$9.75 for large. Oh, and there’s a pretty sexy-looking teriyaki curry — breast of chicken with mixed veggies and a dark teriyaki sauce “using Momoko’s old family recipe.” Hmm... Momoko. Wonder if she’s the gal at the register?

“I’m Momo,” she says when I ask. She can tell I’m dithering about choices. “The Thai curries are

the most popular,” she says. “And vegetarians love the Caribbean.”

And the hot ones?

“You can have any as hot as you want,” she says.

I spot the vindaloo curry, “a hot and tangy curry for the adventurous curry eater.” Guess I’m that adventurous guy, heh heh. I order it — spicy — with brown rice and an iced tea. It’s \$7.49 for the curry and \$1.65 for the tea.

I go to find a seat. The place has green booths set against both side walls and a long table running up the middle. Yellow walls, and pinkish fabric banners slung below the ceiling, between big leaf-shaped paddle ceiling fans. Giant Asian photos take up one wall. The first one, I see, is of Ganesh, the elephant god. Yeah, he’s cool. I sit down. Notice that the front window lifts like a garage door. You can see the rails curving up the wall and along the ceiling. Huh. Daytime, this must open right onto the street. Great.

Gal named Devin brings up a small salad bowl with shredded cabbage, lettuce, and then, on an oval, biscuit-brown Bakelite plate, the vindaloo. It’s a brown mess of shredded chicken, plus a perfect pressed pyramid of brown rice.

I chomp in. Wow. What flavor is that? Tang of... chutney? In the meat? Whatever — yee-hi! It’s starting to pack heat. Bristles on my head’re standing up. Nose is starting to itch. This is a bronco I can ride. Only thing nagging me is that mystery flavor. I take a fork-load of the salad. Huh. Similar seductive taste.

“Rice vinegar,” says Momo when I ask. “It’s in both. Vindaloo and salad.” She sits down a moment. This is her business, with her husband Bruce. They met in Japan. He was a finance major at SDSU and went over on a student exchange. They

met when she was 19, on a weekend when she was helping her uncle put on an arts festival over there. She later took Bruce to *kari* (curry) stalls that, turns out, dot every Japanese town. “He loved it,” she says. “So he went to cooking school in northern Thailand, where they taught curry-making.”

That’s when they had this idea: Why not create a curry restaurant back in San Diego? And not just Indian or Thai or Japanese curries, but *all* of them. “We’re the only ones doing this in the county,” she says. “Probably the world.”

Of course, when they opened up here 13 years ago, it was tough. “No one even knew what curry was,” she says. “We had to do a lot of educating.”

Wow. I’m getting some education myself. Like, Momo says my vindaloo is shredded chicken slow-cooked in rice vinegar, brown sugar, garlic, ginger, and serrano peppers. And the soup I almost had, mulligatawny (remember that Seinfeld episode, “The Soup Nazi”?), is a thick, spicy, British-style-curry chicken soup. Mulligatawny sounds Irish, but it comes from Tamil words meaning “pepper water.”

“Would you like some chutney with your curry?” she asks. “Heck, yes,” I say. Momo gets up, brings back a jar of dee-licious apple-peach chutney that sets off the vindaloo meat with an even sweeter tang.

“Excuse me,” says this guy, Ravi, at the next booth, “but I asked for the tikka masala hot, like, spicy. It is not spicy.”

Momo apologizes.

“I know, they probably have to tame it for the PB crowds,” says Ravi. “I love this place. I bring my family all the time. And I love this beer.”

He picks up the large bottle of — wow — Hi-



Bruce

malaya Blue, from Sikkim, foothills of Mt. Everest. I swear. Next time.

I’m still curious about Japanese curry. So I order a plate to go, to take home to the long-suffering Carla.

“Hot?” says Momo. “Really hot?”

Ha! Opportunity knocks! Carla claims she can out-spice me any day. Maybe it’s time for a showdown. ■

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BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese, "run over" between two pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (half-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Lunch and dinner weekdays, three meals weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is Coast Toast, served until noon — the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy

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California Modern 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. With a new name and renovated for an even better ocean view, the former George's at the Cove continues to serve Chef Trey Foshee's ambitious, healthful California cuisine based on prime, seasonal ingredients and emphasizing sustainable wild seafood, local produce, naturally raised meats and poultry. The cooking style is a little lighter now, good for carb-counters, with only small amounts of starch on the entrées. The award-winning wine list offers few bottles under \$50, but many by the half-bottle or glass, including serious dessert wines. Full bar, creative "chef cocktails" with fresh fruit. Wheelchair elevator available but hidden (ask valet parkers); disabled can use neighbor Pasquale's mens' room on same floor. Vegetarians and vegans accommodated to order. Reserve well ahead. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — N.W.

California Pizza Kitchen — La Jolla 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order Hawaiian pizza, try

the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. — E.B.

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — N.W.

Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar — La Jolla 8970 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girls" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's Brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass, and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the key lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — A.M.

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe preshow dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheatre. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features fine seafood, juicy meats, and Prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preparations are pleasing but in no way startling — it's a hotel restaurant, after all. Reserve for show nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Free parking when there's no concert, valet parking when there is. Dining room pleasantly quiet. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet Sunday. Preshow prix fixe upper moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive. — N.W.

Isabel's Cantina 966 Felspar Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Café menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health food to the beach. A self-confessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast-Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Nine-Ten 910 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb's level of craftsmanship shows a culinary sophistication that would be at home in San Francisco or New York. You'll find adventurous, seasonal cuisine emphasizing fresh local produce (much of it organic or sustainably raised), naturally raised meats, and wild seafood. It's not just the food that's fresh — the ideas are, too, and the flavor matches are flawless. The wine list is superb, and new personnel in the front of the house have brought up the standard of service. Validated valet parking, full bar. Reservations urged. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W.



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Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W.

Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twentysomething crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative party sushi. And they're fabulous,

with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, daikon sprouts, and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter, but with full bar) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-436-6261. — N.W.

BAJA

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Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388, Baja, 664-685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank *vino tinto* — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *à la Vizcaína*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Vegetarian upon request. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

La Diferencia Avenida Sanchez Taboada 10611-A, Baja, 664-634-3346. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive

combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Vegetarian upon request. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachi play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W.

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great, dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. Vegetarian upon request. The restaurant's name means "the nest," and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — N.W.

Los Pelicanos Calle Del Cedro 115 #45, Baja, 661-612-0445. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less-gifted) sister, with a shorter menu and perhaps less-careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juárez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Vegetarian upon request. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — N.W.

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and Third, Baja. This is "just" a cart, but don't let that stop your making the effort. Students, local businesspeople, and workers agree: this is the real thing. It's always causing a people-bulge on the sidewalk. However, the cart is only here from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., so you have to time it right. But from tongue to mead, to *milanesa*, steak ranchero, *carne asada*, *chile relleno*, and *pescado* (fish), they create really big taco meals right there. Bonus: standing around chomping in the street is a great way to meet people and practice your Spanish. Nighttime only. Inexpensive. — E.B.

CENTRAL

Bali Thai Café 407 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the *tom kha koong* (shrimp in coconut milk soup) is outstandingly authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the richly tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as "seafood delight roll," corn fritters, the soothing *soto ayam* (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy *sambal goreng* (shrimp in chili sauce), among others. Short but smart wine list, beer, sake. Easy evening parking. Heated, roofed patio. Large portions. Reserve for weeknights, no reservations accepted for weekends. Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Low moderate. — N.W.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first

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Brothers Opéra, Patisseries Fines 1354 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-234-0425. Catherine de Medici brought her macaroon recipe to Paris in 1533. Thierry Cahez brought the same recipe to downtown San Diego in 2007. Customers have been swooning ever since. Well, this customer anyway. Cahez, a well-known pastry chef, has made a specialty of the delicate, golf-ball-sized, almond-based cookies. But the patisserie he opened also features breakfast pastries like chocolate-filled croissants and lunch items like little square French pizzas, *croque monsieurs* (toasted cheese sandwiches with ham), *croque madames* (*croque monsieur* plus an egg), and sandwiches. His pastries are exquisite, and the place has a genuine French feel to it. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday); closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Le Cake Château 1152 Seventh Avenue, Downtown, 619-325-0977. This feels like a real French patisserie. For starters, the display cabinet has beautiful golden flaky croissants, plus pastries too arty to eat. They do breakfast, but at lunchtime the place is abuzz. You gotta try their version of the *croque monsieur* (grilled ham-and-cheese sandwich covered with a mornay sauce), or crêpes with, say, blueberries and sweet cream cheese. The grilled chicken Caesar wrap is good, but it's their originality with simple items that'll turn you on. Like the onion roll loaded with marinated mushrooms, roasted peppers, caramelized onions, goat cheese, and caper mayonnaise. Or a dessert carrot cake with "pineapple raisins." Don't ask. You have to try it.

Open daily except Sunday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

California Pizza Kitchen — Mission Valley 7007 Friars Road #901, Mission Valley, 619-298-4078. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order Hawaiian pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-4283. Don't blink or you'll miss this Gaslamp bargain. The menu claims "New York-Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." Would you settle for decent Brooklyn- or Bronx-style eat-in/take-out? Here you're getting cheap-but-good Chinese fare for the price of a cup of soup nearby. Lunch specials (with soup, two egg rolls, rice) include green pepper steak with onions, kung pao hot chicken, beef broccoli, shrimp with veggies — all made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. The owner's last place was in New York, where customers ranged from Kofi Annan to Robin Leach. Chef Chen even has some of his old dishes here, on a page of multi-regional "chef specialties" (#90 to #107 on the menu). But what really makes this a "New York-ish" spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805 or even farther. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; closed Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged Prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50 but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super Tuscans, and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up- or downstairs). Reservations urged but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — N.W.

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woody dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, etouffee, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to restrooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W.

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street, Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. Beef is served, but numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ Tuesday through Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Where to get a good Chinese meal after midnight? This restaurant (next to Column One's statues and fountain shop) serves meals till 2:30 a.m. Inside is typical Asian decor, including black-and-white Chinese brush paintings and carved cherrywood

chairs. Their huge menu offers traditional Szechwan and Mandarin fare. The fried, pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage are delish, especially spiced with fiery Chinese mustard. The Singapore-style rice noodles (not often featured in Chinese restaurants) are tanged with curry, and excellent, as is the kung pao chicken. Also look at egg drop soup, pork chow mein, shrimp with lobster sauce, and scallion ginger chicken. Service is super quick. Lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Japanese Tea Pavilion 2215 Pan American Way, Balboa Park, 619-231-0048. One way or another they have been serving Japanese food here since 1915. Yes, it's usually crowded, and most go for the clichéd item, teriyaki rice bowl with beef skewers. But the teriyaki bowl with salmon, the sweet-ish *udon soba* noodle soup with tofu *kitsune*, and even the California sandwich piled high with "krab" meat are good and feel Japanese, especially out on the restaurant deck over a canyon. With Japanese flute music playing, the trees, and the noodles, you really feel in a Japanese space. Try kona-cha green tea for the nearest taste to tea ceremony tea. Open 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Lotus Thai — Downtown 906 Market Street, Downtown, 619-595-0115. This restaurant has taken a giant step up from standard Thai eateries. Most of the menu consists of the usual dishes, but each branch also offers a selection of chef's specialties. Some of these are more authentic; others are more creative than the norm. The chefs are from northern Thailand, and something in their cooking hints of their region — a certain zestiness, a love of strong citrus and fresh herbs that speaks of the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai. Well-chosen, affordable wine list, Asian and American beers, and cocktails based on *soju* (Asian lower-proof rice liquor), including a yummy rambutan cosmo. Noisy when crowded. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Low moderate. — N.W.

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Avenue, Downtown,

619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine sometimes shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy," with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandoori disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails. Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — N.W.

Old World Deli & Café 3930 30th Street, North Park, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves northern European food. Their Great Grilled Gruben — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, *gemütlich*. Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Osetra 904 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy decor, and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service; others take their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are overwrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if your wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining

room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly to at least 10 p.m. Reserve well ahead. Exorbitant. — N.W.

P. F. Chang's China Bistro — Mission Valley 7077 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-260-8484. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window, and there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the wait staff. But this busy mall Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terra-cotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the Sichuan from the Sea shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, if one searches for them. And — not that it's at all Chinese — the massive Great Wall of Chocolate dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.B.

The Prado 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix-fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — N.W.

Quarter Kitchen 600 F Street, Downtown, 619-814-2000. Don't be intimidated by the chic reputation of this high-end hotel restaurant. Normal people can eat here, too, dressed not to the nines but to the high-fives on

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weeknights, keeping in mind that the best appetizers can be so exquisite that entrées may be superfluous. The menu attempts to please all tastes, from haute cuisine down to publicity-grabbing high-end pub grub (Wagyu sliders, oversized Kobe hot dogs, et al.). Among the best tastes: Caviar "tacos" (in paper-thin potato shells with crème fraiche) are amazing even with non-endangered paddlefish roe. (Osetra is also available.) Salmon tartare and spicy crab soup also thrill the senses. The entrées include both delicate "chef" fare and steakhouse fare, including an irresistible side of truffled fries (forget the steak, buy the fries). You can eat fabulously here without bankruptcy if you're picky and go for light and superb rather than heavy and conventional. Three meals daily, until midnight on weekends. Very expensive. — N.W.

Rannoush 3890 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-235-1360. The full menu of Lebanese-Jordanian cuisine runs from *mezze* (tapas) to house-made sausages and kebabs to desserts — and includes fabulous falafel that's actually good enough to eat (especially the stuffed version). At this petite, pretty place with Scheherazade decor, all the cooking is from scratch — no nasty instant falafel mix or any other shortcuts, and you can really taste the difference. Other great dishes include vegetarian *kebbeh*, *sujuk* sausages, and shrimp ke-

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Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Restrooms not wheelchair accessible. Vegetarian friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — N.W.

Saffron Noodles and Sate 3737 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing-arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tom Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Super Cocina 3627 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-584-6244. If you're looking for authentic, rustic Mexican home cooking, this simple, bright cafeteria is the place. There's no chef; instead, local Mexican housewives from many regions prepare their specialties for the restaurant. They're mainly fascinating, complex meat or poultry stews, made without border compromises — if a dish should be spicy, it is spicy. The array of about a dozen entrées changes daily from a rotating repertory of about 100. The counter people will give you tastes of any entrée before you choose the two you want, which come in generous dollops with rice, lively ranchero beans, and tortillas. For breakfast, the *chilaquiles* are renowned. Free parking, family atmosphere, no alcohol, cash only. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Very inexpensive. — N.W.

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese appetizer restaurant is top quality. *Ama ebi* (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening, and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cucumber, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including miso-baked black cod and mushroom-topped *agedashi* (lightly fried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations, and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. — N.W.

Tamale Cart 1852 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with masa — ground corn meal — chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great

breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Uncle Joe's Pizzeria 4591 El Cajon Boulevard, SDSU, 619-584-2535. The owner's a retired Navy medic, one of the first women to serve in the Middle East combat zone. She's named sandwiches for career stops, like "The Recruit Training Center, Orlando, Florida" (chicken breast, bacon, avocado, provolone cheese, spinach, tomato, and onion) or "North Island Dental Clinic" (turkey, ham, bacon). But try a main dish like eggplant Parmesan or chicken with sautéed mushrooms. Or a massive chunk of lasagna, plus bread and salad. Coffee? You get a huge French-style press-the-coffee-down affair. Your big decision: eat out on the flower-strewn boulevard patio or inside among black leather easy chairs and a giant screen? Open for lunch and dinner daily until 10 p.m. (until midnight Friday and Saturday). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spin-off of the Brigantine chain features Pacific coastal cuisine, an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are discounted at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial tapas sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

NORTH INLAND

Bamboo Hut 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all mall. The

bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slippups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — N.W.

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best. — N.W.

El Bizcocho 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500. The deluxe restaurant in this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway features upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with relative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road to the RBI parking lot (with validated parking for restaurant goers). If disabled, specify when you reserve, and they'll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise there's a maze of short staircases to negotiate en route to the restaurant. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very dressy. Great service, luxury-resort ambience. Dinner nightly, Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — N.W.

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant 201 Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-480-5565. "Revels," as the locals pronounce it, offers zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Mi-

choacán-style carnitas (available in several "stuffed" dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house's slightly crunchy fresh-tomatillo version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — N.W.

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet-and-gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green-chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient lo mein (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, potstickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Flavor Thai 4768 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3750. This pulchritudinous, great-value place (especially for lunch), is housed in an ex-Taco Bell restaurant, but you'd never know it. It has a small rose garden outside and ferns and plants inside. Nearly two dozen lunch specials include curries, soups, rice, and noodle dishes. Mock (or real) duck with green curry is great, as is the *massaman*, the potato curry. They set the spice heater-meter at low but respect heat requests. Check out the chef's specials — a couple of dollars more but usually interesting, like *ho mok* (shrimp, green-shell mussel, and calamari with veggies in red curry sauce). Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin'

thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish are grilled plain, with nothing added but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of side dishes, two for lunch and three for dinner. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Sunday (dinner all day Sunday). Moderate. — S.M.

El Galeón 503 West Mission, 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 *abondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W.

Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. Most of their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic, and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

The Philadelphia Sandwich Company 3904 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummies' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans mufuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions, and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Puong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Vietnamese beers including 33; just two generic wines. Also bring a pad and

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The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the menudo, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Sunrise Buffet 3860 Convoy #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. "Oysters are here!" It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and *mochi* (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess *heaven*. Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just all-you-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too — included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Sunday all-day lobster buffet. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill — Escondido 890 West Valley Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-8667. The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Uno's expanded menu includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, and steak 'n' cheese burgers. Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660; 890 W. Valley Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-8667. — E.B.

Wayside Café 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old lube bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

NORTH COASTAL

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy chile rellenos, a crab enchilada, carne asada with all the trimmings, or a lonely a la carte chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M.

Joe's Crab Shack — Oceanside 314 Harbor Drive, Oceanside, 760-722-1345. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grown-ups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low

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Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q — Carlsbad 6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-929-1396. Joey Maggione doesn't produce Southern "Q" so much as So-Cal "Q" — more an homage to Memphis than anything you'd find in Memphis itself — but the tables include paper towel dispensers instead of napkins, a clear signal to go ahead and get messy. All the meats are smoked, not grilled, in true "Q" fashion. Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor and tender-chewy texture. Baby back ribs come in three versions: sweet ribs glazed with the "suh-weet" sauce, wet ribs glazed with the mild-spicy sauce, and dry-rubbed ribs sprinkled with spice rub. Sweet or wet are the best. Chicken plates come in a variety of sizes and parts. Housemade hot links are well seasoned in the Louisiana manner but extremely salty. The list of sides is long and varied. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Johnny Mañanas 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-white-and-red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There's a Caribbean chocolate, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and rice, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *my popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelry," and you'll find expert, courteous service and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily specials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti *a cartoccio* (baked in parchment) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day's offerings include *torta alla nanma*, a rose-scented nut confection. Parking behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list. Reservations advised. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. The grill features a free-form

menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine ingredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry vinaigrette, the Bag of Bones (house-smoked pork ribs), and whatever fruit creation is on the dessert menu. Busy and noisy; reservations urged for weekend dinners and all summer. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Sbicca American Bistro 215 Fifth Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine at both of her restaurants, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce on a menu that changes with the seasons. The irresistible lobster-crabmeat croquettes and lobster-shrimp bisque are pure Del Mar deluxe. Some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them: Salmon served with peas and mushrooms to one side, a creamy sauce on the other, creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. Both settings are family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with handsome, airy dining rooms and charming patios. Wide-ranging wine list emphasizing California, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. On different weekday evenings, Del Mar and Encinitas each feature \$5 martinis, no corkage fee, and 50% off all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list. Call for specific days. Del Mar branch crowded during racing season. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. High moderate to expensive. — B.D.

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a partner restaurant to Hillcrest's Arrivederci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for din-

ner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

SOUTH BAY

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghetti. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrees like orange chicken, kung pao chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Inexpensive. — E.B.

La Costa Azul Mariscos 1037 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-691-9812. Great family-run hangout for traditional seafood from Sinaloa and Nayarit, Mexico's crackling-hot desert/coastal states. Their ancient Sinaloa dish *aguachile* (shrimp in spicy brine) is simple, mouth-sizzingly effective, *langostinos* are lush, but maybe most satisfying are whole-fish dishes like *pescado Veracruzano*. Truly traditional offerings come in giant three-legged *molcajetes*. Even their less-traditional signature dish, *Camarones Costa Azul* (crab and cheese-stuffed, bacon-wrapped shrimp) arrives in a burning hot *molcajete*. Also delicious: the sizzle-plate fajitas *mixtas*, with shrimp, beef, chicken. Many customers come around sunset, just to sit with a cool drink under palm fronds on the patio. Even if you're actually on Chula Vista's Broadway, it feels strangely like Cabo. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.B.

Mary J's Café 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years, and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big-board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Truckee's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 4:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Open daily, standard pub hours. (Breakfast Sunday during football season.) Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Miguel's Cocina — Chula Vista 970 East Lake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

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.

The Tin Fish 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appezited by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. With a call, they'll give you a lift from the parking lot to their restaurant. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center, with live music during summer. Both locations open daily for lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. Mootime Creamery owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: a cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangling-Chianti-bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out. He wisely didn't destroy what was half of the famous old Mexican Village. Instant atmosphere! Ancient murals of guys with guitars serenading senioritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: you might have to handle pumped-up kids' sports teams cramming the booths around you. The good news: great calzones and pizza by the slice. (Pizza-by-slice portions stop at 6 p.m.) Open lunch through dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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La Casa del Zorro 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced

swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrees with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Reserve for weekend evenings. Open daily. Very expensive. — N.W.

Greek Town Buffet 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, spanakopita, moussaka, *dolmades*. And the decor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad...or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Grossmont Student Center Cafeteria 8800 Grossmont College Drive, Grossmont College, 619-644-7000. This is no UCSD, with its dozen food franchises and Persian and Somali food tents on campus. Grossmont's single cafeteria (open to the public) is big, echoey, and sticks to standard-issue food like crumb-coated chicken katsu, cheeseburgers, burritos, and really, really cheap pizzas. Breakfast? How about a sausage-and-tater-tot burrito? Health fans do have a plentiful salad bar. It's quite an experience, sharing lunch with local and foreign students, looking over the rolling hills to El Cajon — like being at an international finishing school in, well, Switzerland. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street, Imperial Valley, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef and chicken-fried steak. Open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. EOF

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Blackout

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When the smoke clears, *The Dark Knight* should emerge as just another comic-book movie, the fourth of the summer (*Hancock* wasn't based on a comic book too, was it?), avowedly "darker" than the others, certainly the only one to think of putting the darkness right up in the title—a synonym, that,

for "the bat man," as he is frequently and unfamiliarly referred to, or simply Batman to you and me. History, however, will likely show what current events are now showing, that darkness is the fashionable shade for comic-book movies (and comic-bookish movies) in our time. It will likely show further that the comic book is the fashionable literary model for the movies of our time. For those reasons the second installment in Christopher Nolan's restyling of the DC Comics superhero earns no points as a trailblazer. It would earn none even were it the first installment. That said, we must acknowledge that this trend-follower sets itself apart as an exceedingly oppressive, grinding, grueling, torturous experience. (The relentless, rumbling, theater-rattling background music alone could be a health hazard to any-

one with mild depressive tendencies.) It requires the stock figure of the Joker — banish all memories of Jack Nicholson in Tim Burton's 1989 edition, "dark" though it was itself, as well as Cesar Romero in the glaringly light TV series from the late Sixties — to carry the banner and the burden of the post-9/11 terrorist, targeting

the pillars of the community and closing all doors to negotiation, taking hostages and videotaping their torture and murder, tempting the Caped Crusader to stoop to the same level and indeed getting him to employ his own torture tactics (short of waterboarding) in the police interrogation room, forcing him thus to go over to the Dark Side and ultimately to accept the bum rap of a fugitive from justice. (Ostensibly the hero accepts this rap to protect the reputation of the handsome straight-arrow D.A. who halfway morphs into the Crypt-Keeper of another comic-book series. But it's not altogether apparent why any and all misdeeds can't readily be appended to the Joker's rap sheet.) "Some men," Batman's manservant succinctly sums up the emblematic evildoer, "just want to watch the world burn." Men, that



The Dark Knight

would be, like Osama, Saddam, the Joker.

Asking the movie to carry so much weight (and so much length: nearly two and a half hours) is asking an awful lot of a movie revolving around a martial-artsy crime-fighter in a bulletproof rubber Batsuit, driving a gadget-laden Batmobile with an ejectable Batcycle (wheels the width

of a tractor's), and risibly speaking in an electronically deepened voice whenever in costume, though not when in the well-tailored suits of his philanthropic public persona, Bruce Wayne. Christian Bale, an ostentatiously tormented actor, disappears into the Batman persona almost as completely as Edward Norton disappeared into the computer-animated

Hulk, maybe a smidge more completely than Robert Downey, Jr., disappeared into the armored Iron Man. It would be nice, meanwhile, to report that the swan song of the late Heath Ledger was a tribute to him as fitting as his jeans in *Brokeback Mountain*. Surely such a tribute needn't have been terribly grandiose to fit a Hollywood career that spanned less than a decade.

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Even so, his characterization of the Joker seems too grotesque to serve as a tribute to anything much but his grandstanding. To strive to invest some psychological realism and topical relevance into this figure — the parched and cracked face paint, the raccoonish circles around the eyes, the greasy stringy hair, the obscenely writhing tongue, the adenoidal voice pitched somewhere between Al Franken and Bugs Bunny — is not only a losing battle but a foolish one. However high Nolan might pile on the gravity, however long he might stretch out the agony, the comic-book iconography inevitably simplifies and trivializes the moral debate: Can you fight fair when you fight terrorism? Somehow bat ears and clown makeup ill become a crisis of conscience. The truth is that Nolan's lack of faith in the superhero of olden days — the White Knight — goes hand in glove with a larger lack of faith in the fairy-tale form. He can't trust it to convey its import (in spite of all the scholarly efforts of Bruno Bettelheim, Joseph Campbell, et al.) without an additive of grand-operatic bombast. His reformer's zeal amounts to just another aspect of his pretentiousness. That, all the same, does not divest him of a childish delight in splashy spectacle, even if it's the spectacle of terrorism. Even if, to say it another way, it's the spectacle of hypocrisy. And nor is this pretentiousness any help to him in staging coherent action scenes in which you can tell who's where and what's when. Evidently nothing needs to make sense as long as it makes an impression. And to make an impression it only needs to lug weight.

Mamma Mia!, the Catherine Johnson stage musical brought to the screen under its stage director, Phyllida Lloyd, is a romantic-comic bauble about a scheduled wedding on a Greek island, to which the bride-to-be, unknown to her mother, has invited the three men

who are sole candidates, according to her mother's uncovered diary, to be her biological father. (All three prove to be remarkably uncurious and acquiescent guys.) But that's a mere pretext for the players at short intervals to warble tunes from the ABBA songbook. Among the things that might be said about the movie are (a) that the trailer, apparently hoping to ensnare the unwary, does its damndest to hide the fact that the movie is a musical; (b) that ABBA, infectious though they can be, are not exactly the Beatles, as witness the latter's similar use in *Across the Universe* last year; (c) that another and better wedding movie, *Muriel's Wedding*, had already successfully plundered the ABBA songbook, without asking its cast to do the singing; (d) that this cast for the most part are not singers (Pierce Brosnan in full throat looks as if his head's about to explode), although no apologies need be made for Meryl Streep, who, besides her lusty belting, supplements her usual emotion-plumbing with some peppy physicality; (e) that the natural settings, clearly, brightly, sunnily photographed, somewhat temper the inherent campiness; and (f) that this tempering, in a work of such fragile artifice, is not necessarily a good thing.

To get down to a couple of specifics, the "Super Trouper" number on the eve of the wedding is a definite high point, and despite the shortage of competition for high points, the closing credits are well worth hanging on for, providing two higher points in the form of encores — twin peaks, if you please — with Streep and her bosom buddies (the blissfully confident Christine Baranski and the indomitably plucky Julie Walters) stepping off the Greek island and onto a secluded concert stage, in disco-era Vegas costumes. I can't predict how well this will play to a matinee crowd of eight or nine customers in the third week of release, but I had a hearty laugh when Streep, generating her own electricity between encores, calls out to an imaginary audience, "Do you want another one?" Whether you answer or not, you get another one.

Step Brothers [sic] is a mainstream comedy, at the broadest point in the stream, about a pair of developmentally arrested forty-year-olds (mental age in the seven-to-fourteen range), still living at home with their respective single mom and single dad, then living together after the parents meet and marry, living first at loggerheads and later in boisterous accord. One of the big babies is predictably, perhaps inevitably, Will Ferrell, under a plush-pile rug. The other one, thinner on top, is John C. Reilly, lowering himself from *The Promotion* to earn a presumably fat paycheck, a sobering sight. (Richard Jenkins as his father stands in a similar relation to *The Visitor*.) Everything is pushed to extremes with the intent of making it extra, extra funny, and with the result of making it not at all funny. It is to co-producer Judd Apatow rather than director Adam McKay that we are prone to ascribe the prosthetic testicles; and it's between the scriptwriting team of Ferrell and McKay that we are obliged to split credit for lines like "I want to roll you into a little ball and shove you up my vagina" and "I feel like a lightning bolt hit the tip of my penis." In holding back from such extremes, *The Promotion* of course stigmatized itself as an "art film," to be segregated on the specialty circuit. ■



Hellboy II

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Brick Lane — Glossy women's film, playing facetiously on our sympathies: a Bangladeshi Muslim shipped off to London, at an early age, for an arranged marriage to an oppressive older fatso, eventually courted as she deserves by a hunky young political activist. Nine-Eleven comes along to broaden the horizons further. With Tannishtha Chatterjee, Satish Kaushik, and Christopher Simpson; directed by Sarah Gavron. 2007. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 7/24)

Bustin' Down the Door — Historical documentary on surfing in the Seventies, narrated by Edward Norton, directed by Jeremy Gosch. (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 7/25)

Chris and Don: A Love Story — Documentarists Tina Mascara and Guido Santi recount the relationship of British author Christopher Isherwood and his American protégé, Don Bachardy. (KEN, 7/25 THROUGH 31)

CSNY: Déjà Vu — Neil Young, wearing the director's hat, chronicles the "Freedom of Speech Tour" by the reunited Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young. (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 7/25)

The Dark Knight — Reviewed this issue. With Christian Bale, Heath Ledger, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Michael Caine, and Gary Oldman; directed by Christopher Nolan. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Elsa and Fred — December-December romance between a withdrawn new widower and his blithe and spirited neighbor, still nursing a lifelong dream to visit the Trevi Fountain and re-enact the *Dolce Vita* scene involving Anita Ekberg and Marcello Mastroianni. (She, an Argentine, lives in Madrid, a short enough hop to Rome.) Pretty mushy but not actually messy. With

China Zorrilla and Manuel Alexandre; written and directed by Marcos Carnevale. 2007.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 7/24)

Encounters at the End of the World

— In miles at least, Werner Herzog has never travelled farther in search of a lunatic fringe: the dwellers in Antarctica, the bottom of the globe. His wide-angled camera finds some interesting interview subjects, "dreamers," misfits, seekers, in addition to interesting nature footage: underwater beneath the ice, at the rim of an active volcano, on the trail of a maverick penguin. Herzog himself, a fringy lunatic in his own right, stays off screen but always in our ear: "We flew into the unknown, a seemingly endless void." In spite of statements such as that one, his characteristic attempts to hype up his topics are comparatively toned down. 2008.

★★ (GASLAMP 15, THROUGH 7/24)

Finding Amanda — Small comedy of larger-than-average ambition, sharp in flavor and in perception, centered around a middle-aged racetrack junkie and hack sitcom writer. Peter Tolan, the screenwriter and first-time director, has his own sitcom résumé, *Murphy Brown*, *Home Improvement*, *The Larry Sanders Show*, far from the pits, though his work here is not without traces of hackery mixed in with the honest effort. The protagonist, in his wife's doghouse for his gambling, seeks to redeem himself by taking on a mission of mercy to Vegas, ostensibly hoping to persuade his hooker niece to enter rehab, but more urgently hoping to play the ponies in peace, backsliding on his drug and alcohol recoveries to boot. Matthew Broderick occupies the moral low ground with his perennial innocence intact, preventing the movie from sliding into the chasm of *Leaving Las Vegas*. Brittany Snow, less than half his age and perhaps less than half his innocence as well, does fine with the perky denial, but the cracks in the façade look like mere histrionics. Maura Tierney, Peter Facinelli, Steve Coogan. 2008.

★★ (GASLAMP 15, THROUGH 7/24)

Get Smart — Big-screen reincarnation of the late-Sixties TV spy spoof, no longer a saboteur of a thriving genre, but just another copycat grave-robber. Diligent homage is paid to the original ("Would you believe...") "Missed it by that much," etc.), and the jokes are cranked out industriously, and both Steve Carell and Anne Hathaway bring their own qualities to it (a transparent deadpan and a prissy irony, respectively), but mirth goes missing. With Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Alan Arkin, Terence Stamp, and James Caan; directed by Peter Segal. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson

— The truth-bending journalist, dooper, drinker, gun enthusiast, and suicide (1939-2005), in words and pictures, the latter ranging from a fuzzy video of the TV game show, *To Tell the Truth*, to big-screen impersonations of him in *Where the Buffalo Roam* and *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, and the former ranging from his own writings (recited by Johnny Depp) to talking-head testimonials from *Rolling Stone* editor Jann Wenner, fellow "New Journalist" Tom Wolfe, George McGovern, Jimmy Carter, Jimmy Buffett, Hell's Angel Sonny Barger, et al. A bumpy trip down Memory Lane, not without its points of interest, flooded the whole way with apropos pop songs. Directed by Alex Gibney. 2008.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Hancock — Two ideas prevail. The first may be summed up in the term "anti-superhero," or if you prefer it, "super-anti-hero." The hero, that is to say, possesses the full complement of comic-book superpowers, yet he boozes round the clock, goes days without shaving, dresses like a slob if not a bum (rejecting the conventional superhero's uniform as fit for a "homo"), is surly, rude, profane. Why he bestirs himself to pursue criminals is not apparent, but he never worries about collateral damage in the course of that pursuit, knocking down freeway signs, piling up cop cars, taking chunks out of skyscrapers, racking up a \$9 million repair bill in just the film's opening chase scene. The personality, in short, of an above-the-law pro athlete or rock star. The second idea, a late turn of plot, cannot be divulged. Then again, it is not really worth divulging. Nothing more, for that matter, is really worth divulging, if only because of the decision — the bad idea — the anti-idea — to sign up Peter Berg as the director, bringing to this juvenile fantasy the same *cinéma-vérité* affectations he brought to the ripped-from-the-headlines terrorist thriller, *The Kingdom*, or to the football docudrama, *Friday Night Lights*, the same jiggly, wavery, zoomy camerawork, the same pushy, tight, tunnel-vision closeups. To put a movie in his hands is to put it in very shaky hands indeed. Never mind a special-effects blockbuster, Peter Berg could not be entrusted to shoot a child's birthday party. Will Smith, Jason Bateman, Charlize Theron. 2008.

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Hellboy II: The Golden Army — A black mark on the record of director Guillermo del Toro, whose record, which

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started out so clean with *Cronos* in his native Mexico and *Mimic* in the Hollywood system, looks now a bit ink-stained: *Blade II*, the first and second *Hellboy*, and nothing else that comes close to those first two. If the panegyricized *Pan's Labyrinth* (immediately preceding) was itself overly clogged in its visuals, his present production has a lot more money, more graphic design, more CGI, more costumes, more makeup, etc., with which to be clogged. To try, amid the congestion, to pick out evidence of his personal obsessions with subterranean realms and creepy-crawly life forms has become a joyless, though not a fruitless, exercise. The pivotal scene in the movie, irksomely jokey already, is without doubt the drunken duet between the titular sunburned hero and his aquamarine sidekick, Abe, a lachrymose sing-along to Barry Manilow's "Can't Smile without You." (The red man is having troubles with his combustible new bride — "I would give my life for her, but she also wants me to do the dishes" — and the blue man has a crush on a flaxen-haired, powder-faced fairy princess, the sister of a netherworld insurrectionist scheming to overthrow humanity.) Some sorts of viewers — the immature, the tasteless, the silly — will possibly see this scene as the highlight, but the more seasoned are sure to feel it disqualifies the movie from its subsequent ponderings of the destruction of mankind, the eternal tug of war between self-interest and the commonweal, and the would-be wrenching death scene at the climax. They are likely to feel further that it disqualifies the movie from subsequent sequels. With Ron Perlman, Selma Blair, Doug Jones, Luke Goss, and Anna Walton. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA, FROM 7/25; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

In a Lonely Place — A veiled re-enactment of the tempestuous relationship of Gloria Grahame and director Nicholas Ray, with Bogart standing in for Ray, and Grahame staying on as Grahame, and Ray directing. The Bogart character — a hard-drinking, violent-tempered Hollywood screenwriter who is faintly amused to find himself becoming a suspect in the murder of a hatcheck girl — is fascinating for the amount of his behavior that's on or over the edge without having to enter a psycho-thriller pigeonhole. With Frank Lovejoy and Robert Warwick. 1950.

★★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 7/24 AND 25, 8:30 P.M.)

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull — Harrison Ford and Steven Spielberg rejoin forces, nineteen years later, for a fourth archaeological adventure. Ford, with his big-cat purr of a voice, remains an amiable fellow; and if he's a bit jowlier beneath that crumpled face (like a wadded-up piece of paper retrieved from the wastebasket and mostly smoothed out again), and if he occasionally throws in a disarming grumble or groan in recognition of his advancing years, he nonetheless keeps pace with the physical action, or else his director cleverly covers for him during it, so that he shows no such signs of wear and tear as would demand any added suspension of disbelief beyond the several tons suspended already in the prior adventures. Spielberg, for his part, eager to show that *Munich* burned no bridges, any more than *Schindler's List* or *Amistad* burned any, is still a superior technician. Superior, that is to say, to Michael Bay, Simon West, Brett Ratner, Roland Emmerich, Renny Harlin, John McTiernan, Jon Turteltaub, among other wannabes; and the relentless action scenes are always impressive in their engineering while never being in the least believable or involving. (A fencing bout conducted in side-by-side jeeps at top speed unflinchingly focusses our attention on the filmmaker rather than on the fencers.) In the end — in the accumulation — the action grows more than a little tedious. Spielberg's technique is superior not only to



Mamma Mia!

others' technique but also to his own taste. A good long time, needless to stress, has gone by since the previous Indy adventure, and the new one can't be content to try to top just that one. It has to try to top, in addition, *The Da Vinci Code*, the *National Treasure* hunts, the Lara Croft adventures, et al. With a plot that links Roswell, New Mexico, to the Erich von Däniken theory of evolution, Spielberg keeps pace in that race as well. To say so is no great compliment. Cate Blanchett, Shia LaBeouf, Karen Allen, Ray Winstone, John Hurt, Jim Broadbent. 2008.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Iron Man — Marvel Comics superhero (vintage 1963) rerouted through present-day Afghanistan. Weapons manufacturer Tony Stark, alias "The Merchant of Death," learns first-hand that his products sometimes land in the laps of America's enemies, and to combat this he devises a personal suit of flying armor (a gold titanium alloy, actually, not iron), transforming himself into a sort of airborne Robocop to police the world. The current-events tie-in is fairly tasteless, given the conventional jokiness of the approach, aggravated by the couldn't-give-a-shit affectation of Robert Downey, Jr., in the title role. With Gwyneth Paltrow, Jeff Bridges, Terrence Howard, and Shaun Toub; directed by Jon Favreau. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Journey to the Center of the Earth — The Jules Verne novel serves as a factual guidebook for a week of uncle-nephew bonding. The 3D effects can be a bit crude (twice we get spat in the face, once drooled in the face), and it takes a while to reach the fun stuff (the flying fish, the flesh-eating plants, the floating rocks, the lone dino), but at least the fun stuff is fun. With Brendan Fraser, Josh Hutcherson, and Anita Briem; directed by Eric Brevig. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Kit Kittredge: An American Girl — Social consciousness for kids, an orgy of benevolence, generosity, trust, fellowship, and so on, among the needy in Depression-era Cincinnati, with a few not-very-nice party poopers thrown in as object lessons. The lachrymose Abigail Breslin, in the title role of a ten-year-old cub reporter, has plenty of opportunity to promote herself as the preteen Meryl Streep. With Julia Ormond, Chris O'Donnell, Max Thieriot, Glenna Headly, Joan Cusack, Stanley Tucci, Jane Krakowski, and Wallace Shawn; di-

rected by Patricia Rozema. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15)

Kung Fu Panda — Plump computer cartoon about a tubby panda (voice of Jack Black, tubby typecasting), an evasive aficionado of the martial arts, dissatisfied with his lowborn "place" in the family noodle business. Wanting nothing more than to witness the anointment of the new Dragon Warrior, inheritor of the Secret of Limitless Power, he manages by dumb luck to get himself so anointed, in effect hitting the kung-fu lottery. With that, the filmmakers set about to purvey a dearly and widely held fantasy: the idea that the neophyte in any field, but especially the martial-arts field, can quickly close ground on the masters by means of a remedial crash course. No matter how low your opinion of kung fu or its film genre, you would be justified in finding this insulting, to both the specified martial art and your intelligence. And animation, despite its easy defiance of physical laws, does not much soften the insult. If the Furious Five — Tiger, Crane, Mantis, Monkey, and Viper — are together no match for the rogue snow leopard, Tai Lung, how can the Portly Panda compete? (As the Tiger rightly tells him, "If you have any respect for what we are and what we do, you will be gone in the morning.") Apart from its featherweight reinforcement of the something-for-nothing ethic, there is probably no great harm in the movie. And in its own field it cuts no corners, leaves no stone unturned. It wouldn't let a doodling neophyte anywhere near the drawing board. On the keyboard. With the voices of Dustin Hoffman, Angelina Jolie, Ian McShane, and Jackie Chan; directed by John Stevenson and Mark Osborne. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Mamma Mia! — Reviewed this issue. With Meryl Streep, Amanda Seyfried, Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth, and Stellan Skarsgard; directed by Phyllida Lloyd.

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Meet Dave — Eddie Murphy vehicle, casting him in only two roles instead of his customary multiple, that of an anthropomorphic alien spaceship designed in the image of its captain, and that of the Lilliputian captain himself, sent to Earth from the dying planet Nil to retrieve a lime-sized orb that can drain the oceans for their needed salt, thereby saving Nil and dooming Earth. The ship's crew, meanwhile, come to be affected by Earth's atmosphere

(the latent homosexual discovering Broadway show tunes, the latent romantic discovering décolletage), and come to understand that Earth is worth saving too. A

legitimate science-fiction idea, regardless of how unseriously taken. In his guise as the spaceship-cum-robot, Murphy executes some amusing comedy of mockery in attempting to fit in with human society, grotesquely imitating the human smile, the human laugh, human small talk. But the manufacture of gags is plagued by inconsistency (why is the tiny captain so articulate while his man-sized simulacrum is so tongue-tied?) as well as by excessive demands and low standards. With Elizabeth Banks, Gabrielle Union, and Scott Caan; directed by Brian Robbins. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; THROUGH 7/24)

Mongol — Genghis Khan, the formative years. Whatever he later might have been guilty of, here are the extenuating circumstances: the poisoning of his father, the abduction of his wife, his sale into slavery, etc., not to forget the burdensome birthright of all Mongols. It makes for a tedious case, sometimes enlivened by nice countryside and nice riding across it, but never much by the splashy bloodshed. With Tadanobu Asano, Khulan Chuluun, Honglei Sun, and Amadu Mamadakov; directed

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Persepolis — Cartoon recap of the comic-strip memoir by Marjane Satrapi, covering her childhood in Iran under (and then out from under) the Shah, her adolescence in Austria to escape the strictures of the Islamic Revolution, her return to her homeland as a depressed and medicated young woman, then a bride, then a divorcee, and her ultimate exile in France, stretching from the late Seventies, to put dates on it, to the early Nineties. The animation is not all that animated. With stiff movement, a flat visual field, and a black-and-white palette (but for the lightly colored framing scenes in the present tense), it is the furthest thing from the limitless taffy-pull of contemporary computer animation. It is in fact quite deliberately reactionary, a return to “nature” if you will, a homespun product of the human hand, staying as close as possible (notwithstanding some decorative embellishment here and there) to the naive style of the original drawings. And since Satrapi herself is credited as co-director along with a fellow comic artist, Vincent Paronnaud, we can be sure the result has her stamp of approval. The general effect, overriding any risk of trivialization, is something in the vicinity of the Brechtian “alienation effect,” something distancing, something cushioning, so that we experience such painful subjects as political oppression, imprisonment, torture, execution, etc., less viscerally and (for all the outward resemblance to a Saturday-morning TV kiddie cartoon) more cerebrally. That’s not to say the film goes in for in-depth analysis of Middle Eastern modern history. It goes at these subjects strictly from the point of view of a growing girl trying to make sense of them, and the emphasis gradually and eventually shifts to the individual. If she started out to bear witness to the events of her time, she wound up in the long run a witness primarily to the witness. And she delivers her unblushingly personal testimony with candor, with humor, with self-deprecation, and with aesthetic distance — a distance commensurate to that provided by the primitive animation. Whatever mixed feelings we might have about that animation, they fall away as it becomes merely a serviceable vehicle, frugal and no frills, to convey the unhackneyed story. A useful medium, plain and simple. With the voices of Chiara Mastroianni, Catherine



Step Brothers

Deneuve, Danielle Darrieux, Simon Abkarian, and Gabrielle Lopes. 2007.

★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 7/28, 6:30 P.M.)

Sex and the City — The big-screen resurrection of the defunct HBO series (1998-2004) runs, or better say sashays, two hours and twenty minutes. That’s a lot of clothes and accessories, a lot of accompany-

ing pop songs, a lot of chatty first-person narration, a lot of superficiality, a lot of vacuity. Maybe it would help if you had followed these four bosom buddies — the stringy Sarah Jessica Parker, the Amazonian Kim Cattrall, the pop-eyed Kristin Davis, the pinched Cynthia Nixon — throughout their six seasons of looking for love. To be sure, there’s not much looking anymore, and yet not much relating, either: the men, now that they’ve been landed, are little more than accessories themselves. Tempetuous developments do occur: one of the buddies neglects to wax her pubes, one of them poops her pants, one of them packs on a spare bicycle tire, and the remaining one dyes her hair. (Symptoms of bigger things, but even so.) Maybe, on the other hand, it would be better to follow these buddies no further. Written and directed by Michael Patrick King. 2008.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

The Shining — The movie starts out as if it is going to be about the psychic powers of a little boy with an imaginary playmate named Tony nesting in his mouth and transmitting messages to him through his index finger. Before long, however, an irreversible shift from the boy’s powers gets underway as Jack Nicholson, the boy’s father, begins hogging the limelight, hamming up a mental breakdown, and mingling in the society of ghosts at a Gilded Age resort hotel. Stanley Kubrick dawdles so long in his deliberately banal, slice-of-life dialogue and so long in appreciating his capital assets (the ornate hotel, a garden maze styled after the one in Laurel and Hardy’s *A Chump at Oxford*, tons of studio-manufactured snow that doesn’t look much like snow but at least looks like a pretty penny — and particularly one spectacular set-up of a snowdrift that climbs two stories high and conveniently comes to a peak directly beneath the window through which somebody happens to need to escape) that

the horror potential shrivels up and dies. And there is no reviving it at the climax by having a madman chase after his wife and child with an axe, limping like the Igor character out of Frankenstein movies. The easy mistake to be made about this movie is to conclude that the material must not have been worthy of Kubrick. The truth is vice versa. With Shelley Duvall, Scatman Crothers, and Danny Lloyd. 1980.

● (KEN, 7/26 MIDNIGHT)

Step Brothers — Reviewed this issue. With Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Mary Steenburgen, and Richard Jenkins; directed by Adam McKay.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 7/25)

Superman — Out of a desire to be definitive, this lavish Superman adventure allows itself to become bogged in biography. It presumes a familiarity with Superman mythology, and often plays on that familiarity, but it is still willing to bore the audience with elementary information about life on Krypton (where the culture is proven to be advanced by having the inhabitants speak in British accents) and about Superman’s rural upbringing on Earth. After an hour or so, the movie finally arrives in Metropolis (an uncamouflaged New York City, the Statue of Liberty and all, fills the bill) and introduces Christopher Reeve (forceful as the Caped Wonder, but rather lame as newsman Clark Kent, speaking in a gosh-darn-golly Andy Hardy idiom). And the rest of the movie recalls the *Batman* television show in the late 1960s, with its vaudeville villainy, facetious flag-waving, and Boy Scout morality. Gene Hackman, Marlon Brando, Margot Kidder, and Valerie Perrine; directed by Richard Donner. 1978.

★ (MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, LA JOLLA, 7/24, 8 P.M.)

Tell No One — If this doesn’t give us what we expect and want from a French thriller, part of the reason must lie in its source, an American mystery novel by Harlan Coben. Convoluted and contorted beyond resemblance to organic life on Earth, concocted and cockamamie beyond the realm of all probability, it boasts the sort of plotting where an unassuming Parisian pediatrician, hounded by a remorseless hit squad, can call in a favor (i.e., troop support) from a grateful hoodlum with a hemophilic infant. Or where a handy heroin addict will turn up dead at just the moment when you need a body in order to stage a *faux* murder, and you can count on no one noticing the discrepancies between the autopsy cadaver and the supposed victim. All along the way the storytelling employs withholding and delaying tactics whose effect is more annoyance than suspense; and at the finish it features a long-winded verbal summation that, besides its bookishness, compresses the absurdities into an intolerably small space. All that aside, the film is perforce populated with Frenchmen (and bilingual Canadian and British women), who, true to form, work hard and selflessly to engage our interest: François Cluzet, the Gallic Dustin Hoffman, in looks at least, if not also in rodney intensity, as the doctor who believes he has lost his wife to a serial killer, and comes to find out, on the eighth anniversary of the event, that he may not have lost her for good; Marie-Josée Croze (the Canadian) as the absent wife; Kristin Scott-Thomas (the Brit) as an uptown lesbian; the formidable Nathalie Baye as a high-priced and all-business attorney; François Berléand as the dogged, obsessive-compulsive cop on the case (exasperated, for example, at his underling’s carelessness in differentiating between the trash bin and the recycling bin); and the venerable veterans Jean Rochefort and André Dussollier as separately grieving fathers. The latter, with supreme poise and not a hint of a knee-buckle, shoulders the

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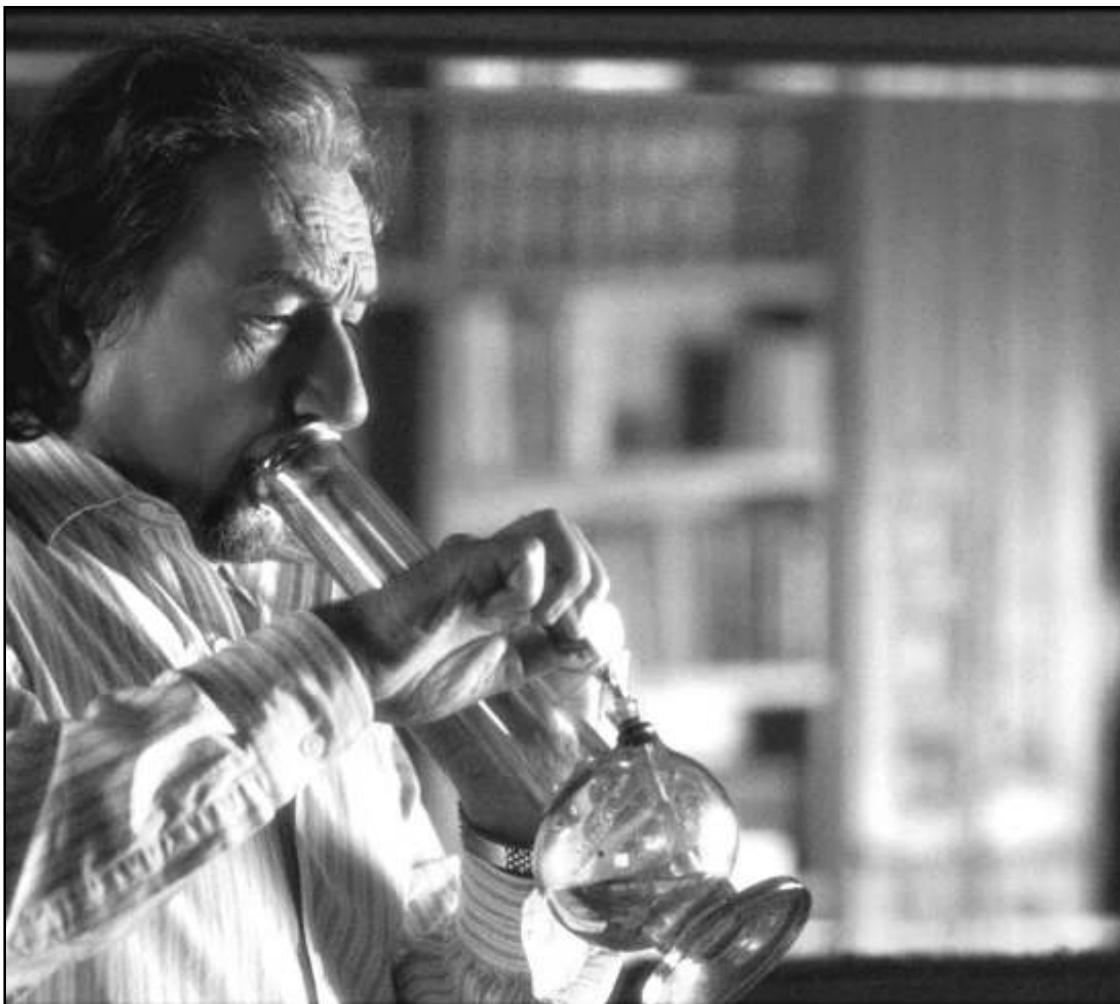
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brunt of the absurdity. Directed by Guillaume Canet. 2007.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Visitor — Deep absorption, at the start, in the enclosed world of a dour Connecticut college professor, the classroom, the private office, the school cafeteria, the empty hours at home where, to fill the void left by his late wife, a concert pianist, he tries desultorily to master the instrument himself, late in life. Then a reluctant change of scene, when he is forced out of his orbit, under departmental orders, to attend a Developing Nations Conference in New York City, where he finds his unused apartment occupied by two squatters, a musician from Syria and a jewelry designer from Senegal, husband and wife, Muslims both. The initial shock gives way to starchy hospitality (he never shows as much curiosity as the viewer might wish about the identity of the mysterious “Ivan” who rented out the apartment), and the walls of his world expand little by little, exposing the touching and amusing spectacle of an introverted man opening up, taking a stab at warmth, attempting something new, discovering that the African drum (which gets his head moving like a bobblehead doll) is more his instrument than the classical piano. The film takes a dire turn before the halfway point with an illustration of Racial Profiling and the incarceration of the happy-go-lucky street musician in a detention center for illegals: a bit of hot topicality to give the story Relevance, Significance, Importance. That notwithstanding, it presents just one, small, personal story of the post-9/11 world, not a Big Sweeping Statement. For all its liberal sentimentality, it indulges in no outsized emoting. And it offers a meaty role to Richard Jenkins, an able character actor, never the lead, who nibbles at the meat with proper restraint, hiding his avidness and gratitude. (With an eye on the most modest box-office, and with but a minor cost to integrity, the role could have been offered to more of a household name, a Richard Gere, a Kevin Kline.) Haaz Sleiman as the blissfully unguarded drummer, Danai Gurira as his fearfully guarded mate, and Hiam Abbass as his dignified and elegant mother, in from Michigan to stand vigil outside the austere United Correctional Corporation, complete the ensemble, a dissonant quartet, resolving into sweetness. All four of them in their separate ways

are painfully affecting. The outcome, although far from happy, could more plausibly have been a lot farther from it. A statement is made after all, if only a quiet one. Written and directed by Tom McCarthy. 2008.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 7/24)

The Wackness — Summer vacation after high school and before college: a romance blossoms between a teenage dope peddler and his classmate client, and a bond of

friendship forms between the former and the latter’s father, a crazy mixed-up psychiatrist. The action is set back in 1994, but that’s no excuse for the colors fading almost to ashes. And while Olivia Thirlby is appealing as the girl, Josh Peck isn’t the most credible friendless virgin, a social pariah despite his superficial attractiveness (in a too-cool-for-school sort of way, sleepy-eyed, slack-jawed, froggy-throated) and despite his flourishing candy store. Ben Kingsley’s strangeness as the psychiatrist is

more the strangeness of an actor than of a character, the strangeness of an affected, abstracted manner and a stifled, indefinite accent. With Famke Janssen, Jane Adams, Mary-Kate Olsen, and Method Man; written and directed by Jonathan Levine. 2008. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

WALL-E — Relentlessly sentimental science fiction about a cute anthropomorphized “male” robot — a rattletrap contraption of binoculars atop tank treads — programmed to pick up garbage on an evacuated Earth in the 28th Century (his name is an acronym of Waste Allocation Load Lifter, Earth-Class), all alone on the planet but for the company of an indestructible cockroach, until his world gets rocked by the arrival of a smooth white egg-shaped “fembot,” whom he follows up to a mother ship of epicene, spineless, walrus-like humans. Rather remarkable for any movie are the long stretches of nonverbal narrative, reminiscent of the opening and closing stretches of *2001*. (Other allusions to the Kubrick classic — the musical snippet from *Also Sprach Zarathustra*, the unblinking red eye of HAL-9000 — suggest the emulation is entirely conscious.) No less remarkable, in the context of a Disney computer cartoon, are the distinctive whiffs of post-apocalyptic and dystopian melancholy. The happy ending pretty much ruins it. If the film wanted full credit for evoking those feelings, the best ending it could have held out would be hopeful, not happy. With the voices of Ben Burtt, Elissa Knight, Jeff Garlin, and Sigourney Weaver; written and directed by Andrew Stanton. 2008.

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Wanted — Nerd’s daydream of getting out from under one’s pencil-pushing job, one’s bossy boss, and one’s cheating girlfriend, finding out it’s in one’s genes to be an elite assassin, learning the tricks of the trade in nothing flat, e.g., guiding bullets telekinetically, intercepting enemy bullets in midair, and so on. (A daydream only imaginable in the video-game era.) In its loosey-goosey humor, over-the-top action, anything-goes fantasy, and gimmick-riddled visuals (the rough grain of the image would not count as one of the gimmicks), the movie drips with disdain for its material and its audience alike. With James McAvoy, Angelina Jolie, Morgan Freeman, Terence Stamp, and Thomas Kretschmann; directed by Timur Bekmambetov. 2008.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

The X-Files: I Want to Believe — David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson reprise their roles of Special Agents Mulder and Scully, directed by Chris Carter. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL

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REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 7/25)

You Don't Mess with the Zohan — Adam Sandler's Israeli accent (plus his stammering multiple negatives: "No-no-no-no-no") seems like a sufficient base for a spy comedy revolving around a hirsute agent of Mossad, a sort of anti-*Munich* if

you please. But the jokes stray a long way off the base and in diverse directions: the hero's superhuman powers (snagging a bullet in his nostril, doing no-hands pushups, etc.); his pursuit, in America, of his secret desire to cut hair ("I just want to make people silky smooth"); his time-warp sense of fashion, gleaned from a disco-era Paul Mitchell catalogue; his sexual predilection

for grateful old biddies; his, or rather (one and the same) the writer-producer's, Pollyannish appeal for peaceful coexistence; and the hypocritical stigmatization, since *somebody* has to be the bad guy, of the corporate money-grubber — *anybody*, to be more particular, besides those altruists at Happy Madison Productions and Sony Pictures. Just as Sandler's accent could seem a

sufficient comic base, John Turturro might seem an adequate comic adversary as a Palestinian terrorist and fast-food entrepreneur, but this would be hard to verify on the laugh-meter. There are good-sized parts, too, for an all but unrecognizable grease-painted Rob Schneider, Lainie Kazan, Nick Swardson, and Emmanuelle Chriqui as a Palestinian cutie-pie, and bite-

sized parts for Shelley Berman, Chris Rock, Kevin Nealon, Mariah Carey, and John McEnroe — and not enough laughs to go around even were they sliced into thin smiles. Directed by Dennis Dugan. 2008. ● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
The Dark Knight (PG-13); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Space Chimps** (G); **Step Brothers** (R); **WALL-E** (G); **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13)

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Constantine's Sword (Not Rated); **Get Smart** (Pg-13); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **Kit Kittredge: An American Girl** (G); **Sex and the City** (R); **The Singing Revolution** (Not Rated); **Space Chimps** (G); **WALL-E** (G); **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13)

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 10:30, 11:50, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50, 11:20, 11:50 Sat. (10:00, 10:30, 11:50, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 3:10, 3:40) 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8; **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri. (10:50, 1:45, 4:30) 7:20, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:45) 7:05, 9:55; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri. (10:05, 12:25, 2:40, 4:55) 7:10, 9:25, 11:40 Sat. (10:05, 12:25, 2:40) 4:55, 7:10, 9:25, 11:40 Sun. (10:05, 12:25, 2:40) 4:55, 7:10, 9:25; **Kung Fu Panda** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:15); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 10:45, 1:00, 1:30, 3:30, 4:05) 6:45, 7:15, 9:20, 10:10, 11:50 Sat. (10:15, 10:45, 1:00, 1:30, 3:30) 4:05, 6:45, 7:15, 9:20, 10:10, 11:50 Sun. (10:15, 10:45, 1:00, 1:30, 3:30) 4:05, 6:45, 7:15, 9:20, 10:10, 11:50 Sat. (11:00, 12:00, 1:40, 2:30, 4:20, 5:00) 6:40, 7:45, 9:00, 10:30, 11:25 Sat. (11:00, 12:00, 1:40, 2:30) 4:20, 5:00, 6:40, 7:45, 9:00, 10:30, 11:25 Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 1:40, 2:30) 4:20, 5:00, 6:40, 7:45, 9:00, 10:30; **Wanted** (R) Fri. (10:55, 1:35, 4:15) 7:25, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:55, 1:35) 4:15, 7:25, 10:00; **You Don't Mess with the Zohan** (PG-13) Fri.

(11:55, 2:35, 5:20) 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15) 12:30, 3:15, 4:00, 6:45, 7:30, 10:15, 11:00 Sun. (11:15) 12:30, 3:15, 4:00, 6:45, 7:30, 10:15; **Get Smart** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05) 1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 10:20 Sun. 1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 10:20; **Hancock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 1:25, 4:20, 7:20, 10:25 Sun. 1:25, 4:20, 7:20, 10:25; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:20, 2:55, 5:30 Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:45; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 11:30) 1:30, 2:15, 4:15, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45; **Space Chimps** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 12:50, 3:05, 5:15, 7:35, 9:50; **Step Brothers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:25, 3:00, 5:35, 8:10, 10:45 Sun. 12:00, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30; **WALL-E** (G); **Wanted** (R) Fri.-Sat. 8:05, 10:50 Sun. 7:10, 10:05; **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Bustin' Down the Door (Not Rated); **CSNY: Déjà Vu** (R); **Mongol** (R); **Tell No One** (Not Rated)

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
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MISSION HILLS

Cinema Under the Stars

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Arizona Dream (R); **In a Lonely Place** (Not Rated)

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
The Dark Knight (PG-13); **Get Smart** (Pg-13); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13); **Iron Man** (PG-13); **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Space Chimps** (G); **Step Brothers** (R); **WALL-E** (G); **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13)

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



The Dark Knight (Pg-13) (10:00 1:15 3:45) 4:30 7:00 7:45 10:15 11:00; **Mamma Mia** (Pg-13) (12:00 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **Step Brothers** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Hancock** (PG-13) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:30 10:45 *No 6:00 & 8:30 Wed 7:30 & Thu 7:31; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) (10:30 1:00 3:30) 6:00 8:15 10:45; **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG 13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **WALL-E** (G) (11:00 1:30)

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
The Dark Knight (PG-13); **Get Smart** (Pg-13); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG); **Kung Fu Panda** (PG); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Sex and the City** (R); **Space Chimps** (G); **Step Brothers** (R); **WALL-E** (G); **Wanted** (R); **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Shining (R) Sat. 11:55p.m.

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Bustin' Down the Door (Not Rated); **CSNY: Déjà Vu** (R); **Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson** (R); **Mongol** (R); **Tell No One** (Not Rated); **The Wackness** (R)

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
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Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Antarctica (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m.; **Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk** (NR) Fri. 11:00, 3:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 3:00, 7:00; **Island of the Sharks** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure** (No Rating) Fri. 5:00p.m. Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 5:00

San Diego Natural History Museum

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)
Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 10:20, 12:00, 12:20, 12:40, 1:20, 1:45, 3:20, 3:40, 4:05, 4:40, 5:15) 6:40, 7:20, 7:40, 8:00, 8:35, 10:00, 10:35, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 10:20, 12:00, 12:20, 12:40, 1:20, 1:45, 3:20, 3:40) 4:05, 4:40, 5:15, 6:40, 7:20, 7:40, 8:00, 8:35, 10:00; **Get Smart** (Pg-13) Fri. (4:25) 7:10, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **Hancock** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:40, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 1:35, 4:30) 7:25, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 1:35) 4:30, 7:25, 10:15; **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:25p.m.; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri. (11:25, 1:50, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 1:50) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **Kit Kittredge: An American Girl** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:40); **Kung Fu Panda** (PG) Fri. (11:20, 2:00, 4:45) Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:45; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri. (10:55, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00) 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (10:55, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15) 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 10:30; **Space Chimps** (G) Fri. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:35, 7:00; **Step Brothers** (R) Fri. (11:25, 11:55, 2:00, 2:30, 4:35, 5:05) 7:10, 7:50, 9:45, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 11:55, 2:00, 2:30) 4:35, 5:05, 7:10, 7:50, 9:45, 10:20; **WALL-E** (G) ; **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 1:40, 2:10, 4:20, 4:50) 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 1:40, 2:10) 4:20, 4:50, 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100)
The Dark Knight (PG-13); **Get Smart** (Pg-13); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Space Chimps** (G); **Step Brothers** (R); **WALL-E** (G); **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri. (9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 2:20, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:20, 10:50, 11:20 Sat.-Sun. (9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 2:20) 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:20, 10:50, 11:20; **Get Smart** (Pg-13) Fri. (10:40, 1:45, 5:05) 7:55, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 1:45) 5:05, 7:55, 10:55; **Hancock** (PG-13) Fri. (10:10, 1:05, 4:25) 7:40, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 1:05) 4:25, 7:40, 10:40; **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13) Fri. (10:20, 1:10, 4:15) 7:35, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (10:20, 1:10) 4:15, 7:35, 10:35; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri. (10:25, 1:25, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:25, 1:25) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri. (9:35, 2:00, 4:45) 7:25, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (9:35, 2:00) 4:45, 7:25, 10:15; **Space Chimps** (G) Fri. (10:55, 1:40, 4:55) 7:05, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (10:55, 1:40) 4:55, 7:05, 9:55; **Step Brothers** (R) Fri. (9:45, 10:45, 1:00, 1:30, 4:20) 4:50, 7:45, 8:15, 10:30, 11:00 Sat.-Sun. (9:45, 10:45, 1:00, 1:30) 4:20, 4:50, 7:45, 8:15, 10:30, 11:00; **WALL-E** (G); **Wanted** (R) Fri. (10:35, 1:30, 4:35) 7:50, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:35, 1:30) 4:35, 7:50, 10:45; **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 1:15, 4:00) 7:15, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:15, 1:15) 4:00, 7:15, 10:00

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
The Dark Knight (PG-13); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG); **WALL-E** (G)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

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Step Brothers (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG 13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Space Chimps** (G) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:00 7:15 9:30; **Mamma Mia** (Pg-13) ((12:00 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Hancock** (PG-13) (11:30 1:45 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45 *No 6:15 & 8:30 Thu 7/31; **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13) (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:30 10:15; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) (10:30 1:00 3:30) 6:00 8:15 10:30; **WALL-E** (G) (11:00 1:30)

Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262)
The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 11:00) 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30; **Get Smart** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:45, 7:55; **Hancock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:45, 4:05, 6:30, 9:00; **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 10:05; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:25) 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 2:15, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; **Space Chimps** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 12:50, 3:00, 5:05, 7:10, 9:15; **Step Brothers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **WALL-E** (G); **Wanted** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:10, 5:20, 10:25 Sun. 5:20, 10:25; **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 2:05, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denney Road (858-558-2262)
The Dark Knight (PG-13); **Get Smart** (Pg-13); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG); **Kung Fu Panda** (PG); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Space Chimps** (G); **Step Brothers** (R); **WALL-E** (G); **Wanted** (R); **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (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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NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262)
The Dark Knight (PG-13); **Get Smart** (Pg-13); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Space Chimps** (G); **Step Brothers** (R); **WALL-E** (G); **Wanted** (R); **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13)

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
The Dark Knight (PG-13); **Get Smart** (Pg-13); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG); **Kit Kittredge: An American Girl** (G); **Kung Fu Panda** (PG); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Space Chimps** (G); **Step Brothers** (R); **WALL-E** (G); **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13)

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 10:30, 11:50, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 11:50, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 3:10, 3:40) 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:50; **Get Smart** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00p.m.; **Hancock** (PG-13) Fri. (10:55, 1:45, 4:15) 6:45, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (10:55, 1:45) 4:15, 6:45, 9:30; **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 1:35, 4:35) 7:45, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 1:35) 4:35, 7:45, 10:45; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:00, 4:25) 6:50, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:25, 6:50, 9:35; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 2:05) 4:50, 7:40, 10:25; **Space Chimps** (G) Fri. (10:15, 12:30, 2:40, 4:55) 7:15 Sat.-Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:40) 4:55, 7:15; **Step Brothers** (R) Fri. (10:50, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:20, 5:20) 7:20, 8:10, 9:45, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30) 4:20, 5:20, 7:20, 8:10, 9:45, 10:40; **WALL-E** (G); **Wanted** (R) Fri. (11:20, 2:15, 5:05) 7:55, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 2:15) 5:05, 7:55, 10:35; **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (PG-13) Fri. (10:35, 11:40, 1:10, 2:20, 4:00, 5:00) 7:10, 7:50, 9:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (10:35, 11:40, 1:10, 2:20) 4:00, 5:00, 7:10, 7:50, 9:55, 10:30

FALLBROOK

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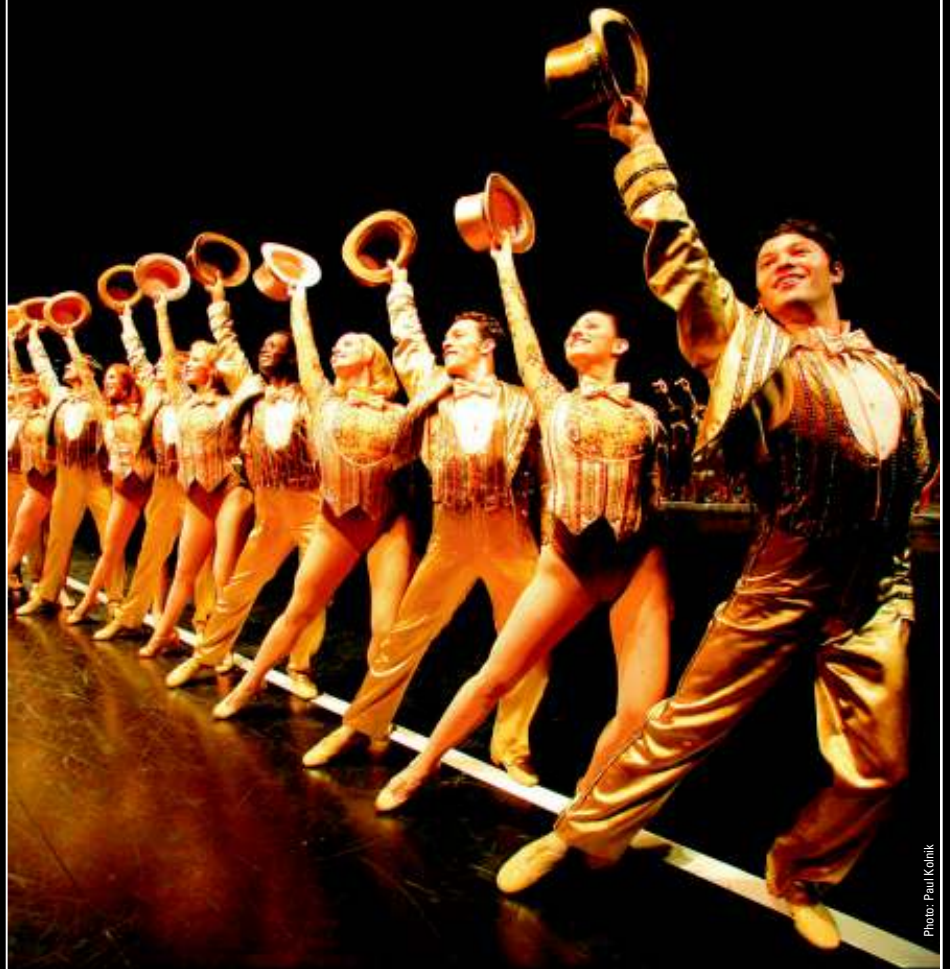


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Slanted Script

Pogo, they claim, "can order dinner but can't order his life."

The curtain rises at the Old Globe and *vwah!* We're in the majestic living room of a Victorian mansion. A bay-window seat, with nine-foot windows, overlooks the Golden Gate Bridge (we're in San Francisco's Marina District, east of the Presidio and up, maybe, around Lombard). An antique chandelier, sporting two tiers of large glass balls, hangs from the 12-foot ceiling. Intricate Victorian molding — polished maple or golden oak? — makes the entire room look sculpted.

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH

Add the occasional clang of a cable car and the dronings of tugboats and foghorns — like tubas and forlorn baritones — and Alexander Dodge's set for *The Pleasure of His Company* shouts "dream house." The set's so appealing, you wonder why anyone would ever want to leave such a stately, comfortable abode. But leaving is what the drawing-room comedy's about.

We're in San Francisco, June of 1958. In less than a week, young Jessica Poole will marry Roger Henderson. She plays piano and adores poetry and art; he raises prize bulls in the Napa Valley and is numb to culture. Though their differences are obvious, Jessica sees through them and loves, she says, his pure heart.

Jessica's prosaic stepfather Jim owns the house, which her mother Katherine treasures. The sturdy walls and glimmering antiques give Katherine a sense of permanence. During her first marriage, to Biddeford "Pogo" Poole, esquire, she knew nothing comparable. An international playboy, he's been globe-hopping since their divorce 15 years earlier. If Pogo's done half the things he boasts, he'd be stiff competition for the guy in the Dos Equis commercials ("stay thirsty, my friends") alleged to be "the most interesting man in the world."

Guess who's coming to the wedding? Even though he's only written Jessica three letters in 15 years, Pogo arrives. He orders 15 cases of Dom Perignon, vintage '43 and '47. But has he come to give Jessica away at the altar or steal her away before marriage "cuts her down in the prime of her life"? She should, he says, quoting Henry David Thoreau, march to her own drummer, hear her own music.

Sides form in the long, uneventful first act: the stay-at-homes vs. the hit-the-roads. The former — Katherine, her husband Jim, and Jessica's fiancé — advocate security, responsibility, respectability (Pogo, they claim, "can order dinner but can't order his life"). Hit-the-roads champion the spontaneity, beauty, and danger that travel affords. Their arguments exude excitement.

The script slants the case so relentlessly in favor of hit-the-roads, pogo-sticking from country to country on a grand tour, that the stay-at-homes' motives feel leaden. Their best reason, at the Old Globe, is Dodge's gorgeous living room, especially when York Kennedy's lighting crafts an incrementally roseate sunset throughout Act One.

If you don't inspect it too closely, *The Pleasure of His Company*'s a bauble and, though talky, somewhat entertaining. The play's so undemanding, you might be surprised that the authors also wrote the script for Hitchcock's *Vertigo*. Nonetheless, it's hard to overlook emotional gaps (how, for example, could Jessica romanticize such an absent father?) and blazingly clear-cut oppositions.

Fabio Toblini's period costumes — drab browns for the stay-at-homes, flashy hues for Pogo — enforce a current stereotype. Toblini could have dressed the former in red and the latter in blue, since the play reflects today's alleged red-state-versus-blue-state, conservative/liberal opposition. It's probably unfair to project contemporary concerns onto a period piece, but the cut-and-dried contrast between authenticity and elitism is as shaky in the play as it is among today's more rabid prognosticators.

In 1958, Pogo scored points for daring. Today, he's exhibit A for "Peter Pan syndrome." He's running not toward adventure but away from adulthood. Elegant Patrick Page almost succeeds in making Pogo dashing (after the opening-night curtain, those who stood applauded Page's lively comic turn), but he can't gloss over the obvious: Pogo's a spoiled brat. His lopsided feelings for his daughter sound more like a cry for attention than sincere affection. Pogo doesn't want Jessica; Peter Pan wants another Wendy.



Erin Chambers, Patrick Page in *The Pleasure of His Company*

The Pleasure of His Company by Samuel Taylor Skinner and Cornelia Otis Skinner
Old Globe Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park

Directed by Darko Tresnjak; cast: Sab Shimono, Patrick Page, Erin Chambers, Ellen Karas, Jim Abele, Ned Schmidtke, Matt Biedel; scenic design, Alexander Dodge; costumes, Fabio Toblini; lighting, York Kennedy; sound, Paul Peterson

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Among the stay-at-homes — including Jim Abele as Jessica's stepfather and Matt Biedel as Roger — only Ellen Karas's Katherine gets to fight back, some. Karas has spunk and an impressive slow burn, but the script sabotages her from the start. Sab Shimono gets laughs as Toi, the servant. Dressed in a white cotton suit with a mop of silver hair and mustache, Ned Schmidtke's Mackenzie Savage looks like Mark Twain and advocates Thoreau's rugged indi-

vidualism. But the script tags him too: the champion of the solitary life ends up playing solitaire.

Erin Chambers is a chipper Jessica, though her voice fades when she talks upstage (there may be a dead spot near the bay window). The character's underdrawn and, in the end, hard to take, even in a pleasant, drawing-room comedy. Jessica's plans don't just include having it all; she wants *all* of it on a strict deadline. ■

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All's Well That Ends Well

Most of Shakespeare's romantic comedies begin with an arranged marriage: the female's father chooses for her. But what if the golden slipper were on the other foot? What if the woman — Helena in *All's Well* — were free to name her mate with the King's blessing? And what if her intended — rich young Bertram — flat refuses enforced wedlock and would rather go to war than marry beneath his station? In effect, Shakespeare takes a social given of the time and dumps it on its ear. Helena persists; Bertram flees (and becomes a lying womanizer); then she really persists. At the Old Globe, director Darko Tresnjak relocates the play in Victorian times, which allows Linda Cho to dress the cast in cold, formal charcoals, the soldiers in

bright red and black. Tresnjak counters the stiff-upper-lip surface with bawdy touches, including a frontal view of Michelangelo's Goliath-sized statue *David* upstage (and upstaging all below). As Bertram and Helena, Graham Hamilton and Kimberly Parker Greene are adequate. The fun's in the secondary roles: Jim Winker's crotchety King ("wrapped in dismal thoughts"), Kandis Chappell, Charles Janasz, and music-voiced Celeste Ciulla. Bruce Turk is special as Parolles who, like Helena, becomes a threat to the male-dominated social order. Over the years, audiences and critics have had a "problem" with the play. But I never have. It's perplexities are much more lifelike than most of the happy-enders (how many weddings have you attended where people whisper, "Give it six months" and are being optimistic?). All may be well that ends well, but at the ending of *All's Well*, Helena and Bertram have only just begun.

Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 8 P.M. TUESDAYS, 8 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28.

Annie Get Your Gun

Vanguard presents the 1999 Broadway revival version of the popular musical about sharpshooters Annie Oakley and Frank Butler — music and lyrics by Irving Berlin, book by Herbert and Dorothy Fields. WESTMINSTER THEATER, 3598 TALBOT STREET, POINT LOMA. 619-224-6263. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M.

THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH JULY 27.

Boomers

Lamb's Players Theatre reprises one of its most popular shows at its new space, the Horton Grand Theatre. *Boomers* takes a musical look at "the most memorable events of the Baby Boom decades." Kerry Meads, who co-wrote the show with Vanda Egginton, directed. HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. 619-234-9583. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 31.

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The Merry Wives of Windsor

Shakespeare on short notice: legend has it that Queen Elizabeth wanted a play featuring Falstaff in love. The Bard had, the legend says, two weeks to write the five-act comedy. The script takes longer than his others to get going. And once it does, it's mostly setups and punch lines. Shakespeare used a fascinating shortcut, however: he didn't have time to develop characters, so he gave them distinct voices and turned the stage into a Babel of warped idioms. For the Old Globe, director Paul Mullins reset the play in the Old West. Ralph Funicello's versatile, stained-wood set becomes a dusty street, a dance-hall saloon, and a moonlit forest (okay, the relocation doesn't work 100 percent). Denitsa Bliznakova's multilayered costumes make the transition from buckram to buckskin with ease. If the production has a concept, it would be "*Merry Wives* is goofy. We're honoring that. Enjoy."

Mullins's large cast communicates the fun of doing one farcical lick after another. As Falstaff, Eric Hoffman's opening night was, at best, okay. Hoffman pushed for emotional breadth almost to the point of straining his voice (plus, Falstaff relishes language as much as he does capons; Hoffman gave his words more utilitarian deliveries). Some individuals shine. Katie MacNichol and Celeste Ciulla, as the merry mistresses Ford and Page, bookend the show with schemes and class (a favorite bit: at one point they adopt a 19th Century melodramatic style and frolic with histrionics). White hair down to his shoulders, Jonathan McMurtry looks like Wild Bill Hickock, until he draws his six-shooters and terrorizes the town. Wynn Harmon's Caius, a French doctor in an aqua jacket, malaprops amusingly. Deborah Taylor, Charles Janasz, and Sloan Grenz enhance scenes. And Bruce Turk, as Frank Ford, turns a minor character into a Falstaff-sized, green-eyed dupe. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. TUESDAYS THROUGH SUNDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28.

The Music Man

American Rose Theatre stages Meredith Willson's popular musical about trouble a-brewing in River City. Jeremy Lapp directed. Amy Paige choreographed. KIT CARSON PARK, 3333 BEAR VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 2.

The Night Watcher

As part of its Page to Stage play-development program, the La Jolla Playhouse presents Charlayne Woodard's one-person work-in-progress about family and "a sort of motherhood." Robert Egan directed. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, UCSD. 858-550-1010. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH JULY 27.

No Sex Please, We're British

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The Phantom of the Opera

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The Pleasure of His Company

The Old Globe Theatre stages Samuel Taylor Skinner and Cornelia Otis Skinner's comedy about an absent father, of 15 years, bound and determined to stop his artistic daughter from marrying a "sensible" young rancher. Darko Tresnjak directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH AUGUST 10.

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Robert Dubac's Male Intellect: The Second Coming!

Robert Dubac's sequel to his play *The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?* promises "more truth, less" — actually it should be "fewer" — "lies." Afflicted with too much

male chauvinism, he tries to find a balance between his left brain (linear, rational) and his right (emotional). He labels the two hemispheres "male" and "female." They aren't, but anyway. In Act Two, having found his balance, he ventures behind the "door of truth" and gives us unvarnished, outside-the-box revelations ("there are no stars in *Dancing with the Stars*"). Although the tidy oppositions — women are this, men that — come from pop psychology (which has always been allergic to bipolarities), and though Dubac upholds stereotypes as much as he warps them, the show's often quite funny. Some of the best material comes when his characters, like grumpy Uncle Bob, say unexpected things. His repertoire includes magic tricks (demolishing a newspaper, clumping it together, and unfolding the pristine original), a quasi-mystical blackboard with key words embedded, and, the highlight, a cigarette in each ear performing "Dueling Banjos" from *Deliverance*. On opening night Dubac blasted through the evening as if he had a plane to catch. His characters' accents often blurred the jokes, the punch lines in particular. Unlike most stand-up comedians, Dubac wants his audience to think. His show would be even better if he gave them time to do it.

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Romeo and Juliet

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and from the tomb. But Seer breaks the picture frame, so to speak, when Romeo and Juliet address speeches to the audience. If the choice was meant to endear them to us, they don't need it (I can't think of anyone audiences could care more about). And including us in their private thoughts breaks their tragic isolation. The night I caught the show, Graham Hamilton — and the production overall — settled in about a third of the way through. At first Hamilton dashed off his poetry as if it were prose. Later he hit his accents and began to mean what Romeo meant. Heather Wood not only expresses Juliet's youth and intelligence, she has a naturally melodic voice that only rings false when she tries to add melody to it. The production offers strong visuals, and the story, as so often in Shakespeare, works on elemental levels. But the second half's a mite stately and restrained. It honors the Bard but could improve if it unleashed the tragedy's opera-like impulses. *Romeo and Juliet* runs in repertory with *The Merry Wives of Windsor* and *All's Well That Ends Well*. Call the theater for days and times of each.

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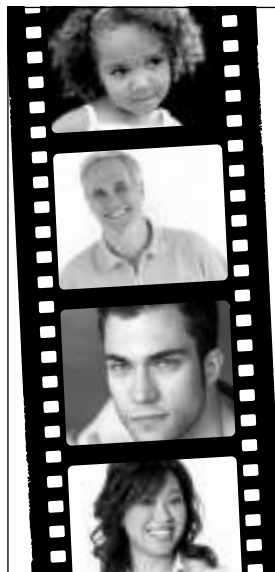
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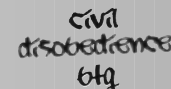
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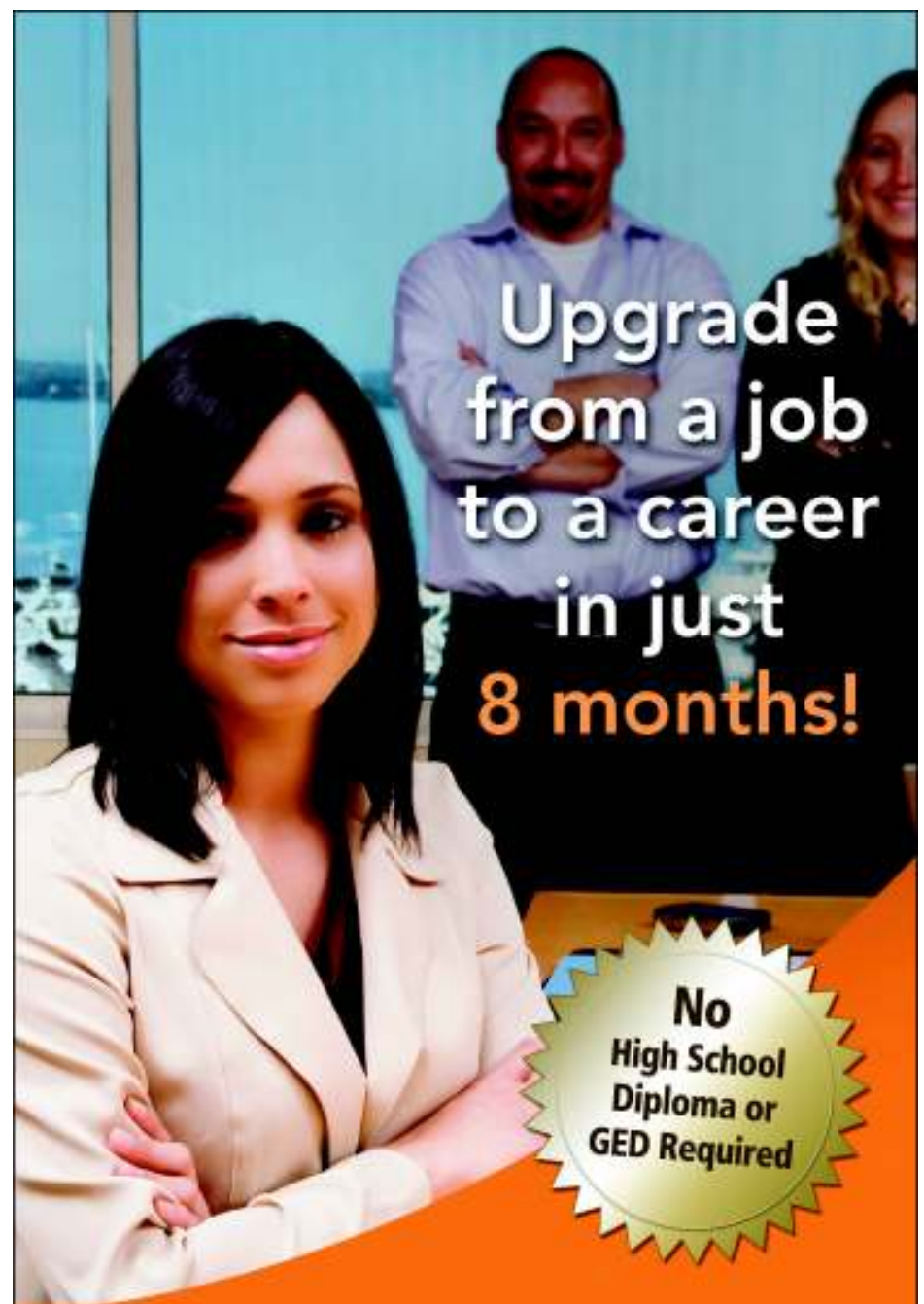
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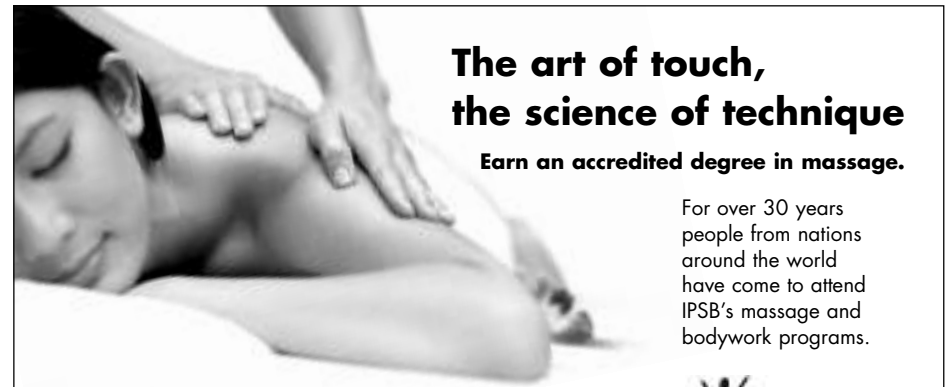
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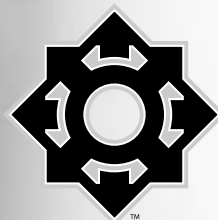
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Chris Andrews
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Yes, chlamydia. Oh, um, do you mean something they were happy to receive? Let me think. Actually, a few weeks ago, I was in Denny's, and there were some Marines eating. I sent them over some pies anonymously. I figured, hey, these are our soldiers. So, I just thought I'd send them over some pies.



Emily Ellis
Dog Trainer
Mission Valley

My only anonymous gift was when my work did a secret-Santa thing. I gave a Starbucks gift card. But, we had a \$15 limit so I couldn't really go crazy on the gift. Oh, I also pick up dog poop from other people's dogs. That's not really a gift. Well, actually it is. It's a gift to the community.



Jen Brown
Accountant
Mission Bay

I can't recall giving a gift anonymously. Usually when you hand someone a gift, they know who it's from. And on Christmas, they always have those cards that say "To" and "From" on the tag. Well, there was a time I mowed someone's lawn. They were going through cancer treatments, and I noticed their lawn was getting long, so I just mowed it anonymously.



Regina Hall
Manager
Sorrento Valley

I am not sure this counts, but as a kid growing up in Columbus, Ohio, I was Mormon. And my youth group was always involved in community-service things. One of the things we did often was bake cookies for people. We would leave them on doorsteps anonymously. You know, a survey was done once where 150 people were given a certain amount of money. They could buy a gift for themselves and with the same amount of money buy a gift for someone else. They always felt better when they gave the gift.



Laura Harris
Waitress
Mission Beach

I have done that lots of times... There was a time I had a best friend who was really having some financial problems, so I bought her groceries and left them on her doorstep. I spent around \$100. She never found out it was me and still doesn't know.



Bob Koch
Retired
Chico

I don't think I ever have. I mean, what's the point? I guess if you knew someone who really needed a certain thing and they couldn't afford it, and you wanted to buy it for them. It might make them feel better, and you wouldn't want them feeling awkward or like they had to repay you. There are a lot of rich people that donate anonymously to charities or give to people that are less fortunate. They might have to do it that way so they don't keep dealing with others that want something from them.

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 3) We're keeping track of how many puzzles you successfully complete. But your information will only be printed when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by the new puzzle deadline: 7:00 a.m., Monday.
 4) Entries must be faxed to 619-231-0489 or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy.
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 And now for the really small print:
 1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
 2) Entries that arrive after the deadline will not be considered.
 3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
 4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

1. Assess
5. Priest of the East
9. Goldman _____
14. Dressed
15. One logged in
16. Out of shape
17. Wind
19. Pooh's creator
20. Learn about
22. "Here it is!"
23. Speechify
27. "Tiger Rag" pianist
29. Rink confrontation
32. "Steady as _____ goes"
33. Kunis of "That '70s Show"

34. Wax producer
36. Chopin works
41. Sex appeal
44. "Page Six" newspaper, for short
45. Pay-____-view
46. Actor Jacques
47. Part of TGIF
49. Acetaminophen is its active ingredient
51. Site of a small school, perhaps
56. Rub out
57. Best Actress of 1997
58. Sunday songs
61. "I Should've Known" singer Mann
63. City in which to get a tour of the original 1867 Heineken Brewery
68. Substitute players
69. Indian bread
70. Bell sound
71. _____ voce
72. Former Concorde fleet
73. Part of a molecule (or an apt description of 17-, 27-, 41-, 51- and 63-Across)

Down

1. Color TV pioneer
2. His last professional fight was 1981's "Drama in the Bahamas"
3. Paving material
4. Bradley and Begley
5. Tackle box item
6. On the briny
7. Anne of "Awakenings"
8. Protects with heavy metal
9. Dim _____
10. Baker who's a singer
11. B's equivalent

12. Gandhi, for one
13. Cook, as broccoli
18. Red Sox general manager Epstein
21. Confed. stronghold captured in 1862
23. Darwin's "The Descent _____"
24. Like much Seattle weather
25. At _____ (without stopping)
26. Pedro's "I love you"
28. Head of Paris?
30. Feature of a certain pen
31. Relatives: Abbr.
35. Knock
37. Say
38. William and Harry's mum
39. These, in Tijuana
40. It's good to crack one
42. Saudi Arabia province
43. "_____ it?"
48. Sontag and Sarandon
50. Suffix with Congo
51. "_____ Wife" (2001 best seller based on a Herman Melville novel)
52. Capital in the Andes
53. Like some goals
54. Really annoyed
55. Half of a '60s group
59. Some coll. seniors take it
60. The Adirondacks, e.g.: Abbr.
62. Comic Philips
64. Vitamin label amt.
65. Period
66. "Can I take that as _____?"
67. _____ Grand Casino

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

- Julie Osburn, North Park, 6.** "Feed your brain."
John Rosenbach, Escondido, 6.
Pamela Swain, College Area, 6. "Go Chargers"
 ☛ **Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 5.** "Flo is part of the Raider Nation"
Lillian Wagner, Clairemont, 6. "Attention Jim Odess: Hospers lives!"
Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 5. "Pepe and Kevin, may the force be with you. Peace."
Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 5. "I still want to be a winner."
Vince Cuseo, Vista, 5. "Soylent green is people!"
Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 5.
Karen Davies, San Carlos, 5. "Thanks!"
Greg Del Campo, Temecula, 5. "Knock knock"
D Faulkner, University Heights, 5. "Be cool, ride a bike."
Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 5. "Hi Maria, Lisa, Robbie, Marcus, Lena are my grandkids, too."
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 5. "180 days and counting."
George Jackson, Oceanside, 5.
Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 5.

- Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 5.** "No J, Q, V, X, or Z"
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 5. "Read: The Four Agreements"
Ron Meyer, Santee, 5. "Three weeks and counting."
 ☛ **Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 5.** "JG, red roses mean one thing... Yes, the big L."
Jim Odell, Vista, 5. "Bob Barr, Libertarian for president or Dr. Ron Paul."
Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 5. "Go Scripps Soccer Gulls!"
Dennis Roth, Santee, 5. "Predilection, nice!"
Marc Rutter, University Heights, 5. "I'm back from Kansas. Forget Flinckote!"
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 5. "Solved with help from wine and 2 twenty-some-things."
Paul Stanton, Canyon Hills, 5. "Adopt a homeless cat or dog today and neuter/spay"
Rudy E Stegmann, Santee, 5. "Tammy Ames is a goddess! Now, how about that."
Stephan Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 5. "I still don't use lgn as a prefix."
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 5. "Golf is a gas!"

- Dan Baggett, North Park, 4.** "Woof Woof Will"
H J Broadhurst, Hillcrest, 4. "Okay, so I missed one last time."
Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 4.
Phil Cashman, University City, 4. "Did I make the puzzle deadline this week?"
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 4. "You think I'm joking?"
Anna Cornett, Mission Hills, 4. "A T-shirt. Large I hope."
Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 4. "Love ya Chorty!"
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 4. "Hooray for Marie! Bird Rock rocks."
Joseph Dzajic, Clairemont, 4. "Where's my T-shirt? I won."
Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 4. "I wish I had more money for Comic-Con."
Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 4. "Chloe is the B.D.E."
 ☛ **Jeff Hunt, Hillcrest, 4.** "SLP in da hizzy."
Mary Hutchings, City Heights, 4.
Mercer Kepler, Clairemont, 4. "I never watch Letterman."
John Mitchell, El Cajon, 4. "Almost forgot to send this."
C J Muellner, Spring Valley, 4. "Words to puzzle over: with; upon. Tee please to RIP."
Eric Ople, La Jolla, 4. "Hi there Franlie!"

- Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 4.** "Run away! Hide! In the woods, anywhere. Now go! Go!"
Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 4. "Football's coming! Anagram for Don Coryell: Once lordly."
Jessica Romero, Chula Vista, 4. "Bear, you're my favorite baby!"
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 4.
Geoff Shimotsu, Ocean Beach, 4. "Solonet there is still hope someone will pity date you."
Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 4.
Shirley E Bolden, College Area, 3. "Good job Erica. Jovani is so precious."
 ☛ **Louis Normont, National City, 1.** "Love you, Kris, you make me happy!"
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 3. "Love these puzzles"
Cody Bruhl, Carmel Valley, 3. "I can't wait and mail on Mondays anymore!"
A T Certik, Bonita, 3.
Carlos Cruz, Mira Mesa, 3. "Isla Del Encanto"
Andre Desilets, Downtown, 3. "Be kind to animals and your neighbors."
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 3. "Gimme a tee!"
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 3.
Paul Fowler, La Mesa, 3. "Fish on."
Arnold Holmes, San Carlos, 3. "Go Vipers! Going to state tourney."
Harry King, College Area, 3. "The better of things one no longer has to say"

- Ed Lester, La Jolla, 3.** "Just Es; no Is or Os."
Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 3. "Paint your home or business like new."
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 3. "www.geocaching.com"
Robert McQuay, Linda Vista, 3. "Hi Bre. Hi Ally."
Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley, 3.
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 3. "Clue 1A: Never lifts a thumb."
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 3. "Comic-Con is here!"
 ☛ **Joel Suzuki, Mission Valley, 3.**
Felina Thom, Lemon Grove, 3. "I won again."
Joe Griffin, Crest, 3. "Kapa'a Joe in da house!"
Bill Griffin, Crest, 3. "One small step for Bill: one giant leap for Google."
Janet Goff, Cardiff, 3. "Harry: It's vivid!"
Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 3. "Congrats Kristen on your condo purchase."
 ☛ **Kevin Kolodziej, Mira Mesa, 3.** "Thanks for 9 great months, baby!"
Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 3.
Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 3. "Third time's a charm."
Barbara Neill, Santee, 3.
Jerry S Anders, Carmel Valley, 2. "Shasifu is the new Snafu"
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 2. "What gives?"

- Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 2.** "To my sweet Olga, the summer of love starts now."
Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 2. "Happy 7th month Anniversary my luv!"
Mike Crowley, Ramona, 2. "Hi Em, Connor, and Aiden"
Rand Feura, Santee, 2. "My Reader T-shirt must be at least 15 years old."
Jon Hutchens, Encinitas, 2.
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 2.
Carmen Jacobo, Clairemont, 2. "Thanking you in advance"
Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 2. "Love my beach house."
Jaime Robinson, La Mesa, 2. "Brian Dall smells like farts!"
Jenn Avila, Clairemont, 1.
G Shock, Pacific Beach, 2. "World's premier young lifestyle website: Spring-BreakForever.com."
Dave Small, San Carlos, 2. "Happy 80th, Mom!"
Jessica Smith, UTC, 2. "I love Mark Thomas!"
Bill Stevens, Bay Park, 2. "Perscriptio in manibus tabellariorum est."
Margaret Buckner, Santee, 1.
Jeff Van De Moere, Banker's Hill, 2. "Just this once!"
Dave Washington, La Jolla, 2. "Den- nis is a poop!"
Edward J Weidlich, Chula Vista, 2. "Hey Joe."

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☛ indicates T-shirt winner

Bob Weir, Mission Hills, 2. "What is love but temptation — if not eternal? Nicole?"

Dot Waterman, Santee, 2. "I'm back."

Bob Werner, Bay Park, 2. "Sydnie is loved."

Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 2. "I look forward to the Reader puzzle."

Conway Redding, La Mesa, 2.

Jeff Smith, UTC, 2. "Reproductive rights for all, no parental notification."

Roger Hunt, Carlsbad, 2. "Two months until Hawaii"

Jenny McReynolds, Linda Vista, 2. "This is fun!"

David A Weim, Chula Vista, 2. "I wear a large T-shirt."

Corinne Nakamura, Bay Park, 2. **Ben Cooper, Clairemont, 2.**

☛**Kelley Wilson, Santee, 2.** "I need a T-shirt."

Linda Huynh, Bay Park, 2. "Welcome Maxwell Alan Silverman. I can't wait to meet you."

Tim Clayton, Los Penasquitos, 2. "Miss you Sarah."

Ken A, Ocean Beach, 2. "Abstain from Gaslamp activities."

Ken Najbert, Mira Mesa, 2.

☛**Lisa Torrescoano, Spring Valley, 3.**

"Lisa and Kell still rule. Thanks Erica."

Samantha Hovey, Clairemont, 2. "I've got the fever, Sports Fever."

Todd Gleed, Del Mar, 2. "Your ad here! Call 1-800-Todd is beating Mark"

Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 2.

Rebecca Farmer, Los Angeles, 2. "I'll always love you Padres, even when you're breaking my heart."

Patrick Koegel, North Park, 2. "Thanks to my wife Martha and my brother Norm."

C Hayes, Downtown, 2.

M Coda, Oceanside, 2. "Hi All!"

Elenore Stephens, Campo, 2. "P.Town for life."

Adrian N John, San Diego, 2. "Here's 2 years, my friend"

Selena J, Cardiff, 1. "Love you Pat McMann. On the board, yess!"

Janet Reilly, University City, 1. "Matthew Alice . . . Where are you?"

Dan Mendat, Downtown, 1. "Hey Debs and Pops, I made it big in Cali!"

Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 1. "If it all fell to pieces tomorrow . . ."

Tony Radna, Hillcrest, 1. "Love is a light switch away."

Ruth Pearson, Clairemont, 1.

Chris Byzewski, Linda Vista, 1.

William Johns, San Diego, 1.

Mark E Smith, Downtown, 1. "Don't vote — they don't need your permission anyway."

Tom White, University City, 1.

Ray Batenich, North Park, 1. "Used my brain, not Google!"

Robert Tucceri, El Cajon, 1. "I love you Tibu . . . And your tamales!"

Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 1. "Kimmer and Kev, I got one!"

John Bullock, Santee, 1.

Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 1. "Hooray, I'm finally retired. Thanks Tim for your support."

Eric Gomez, Chula Vista, 1.

Edward C Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 1. "Hirom rocks Billy"

Dennis Hicks, Del Mar, 1. "Here's to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Kim & Nate Padin, La Mesa, 1. "Cancel lunch!"

Robin Cory, Mira Mesa, 1. "Mom, you'd better run."

W Hodgson, Escondido, 1. "Watch out Nacie."

Gabriel Torres, Chula Vista, 1. "I get it now!"

Jean D Smickle, Santee, 1.

Cindy McMahon, El Cajon, 1.

Kevin Moreau, Santee, 1.

Stephen Young, Santee, 1.

Steve and Dawn, North Park, 1.

"Hope you're feeling better, mom!"

Milton Ginos, Point Loma, 1. "Easier than golf."

Erico Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 1. "Happy 2nd Anniversary Katiekins! I love you."

David Koza, Downtown, 1. "Congrats Becky and Zach!"

Chrisanne Gotta, , 1. "Gotta swim, gotta puzzle."

Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 1. "This victory is for all piano technicians."

Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 1. "Thanks to hubby for late night help. Love you Stephen!"

Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 1. "Oops"

Norm Spector, La Jolla, 1. "Whoop-di-doo! Did it again."

Vicki Flopp, Bonita, 1. "Mercy Mary C. Mercil"

Dean Lycas, Poway, 1.

Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 1. "Thanks Mariana and CP Mfg. Go Cubs."

Ron Hootman, Santee, 1. "World's 101 best crossword solver — in Santee."

Andre Diehl, MA, 1. "I am the sexiest woman in crosswords. Hi Letty!"

James Thomas, Downtown, 1. "Happy 10th Anniversary Sary Maryann"

Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 1. "Hi Pistonhead, pride of eastern division"

Joel Carlson, Hillcrest, 1. "We miss you Irene Hernandez."

Traci Doddy, Gaslamp, 1. "Everything and everyone prospers me now!"

Thom Michaels, San Diego, 1. "You'll get nothing, and like it."

Brian W Beach, Santee, 1.

Taylor Wilson, Santee, 1.

Mark Franc, Santee, 1.

Alan Richards, San Diego, 1. "I love my wife!"

☛**Mary Johnson, Del Mar, 1.** "Just until I get the T-shirt."

Stuart Auinger, Chula Vista, 1. "Hey Joanne, see you next Tuesday!"

Doug McPherson, La Mesa, 0. "Sing pirate songs."

Marc Larotte, San Marcos, . "The dude abides"

Trinaise Abbott, Rancho Bernardo, 5. "Here's to the branch!"

Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 5.

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 4. "Look out for the bus, Mr. Bill"

Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 3. "C is for Catching Colds."

Leslie Chase, Campo, 3. "Tee number three?"

William Cushing, RB, 3. "Hailie Rose loves her granny."

John L Drehner, North Park, 3. "If it is frozen, one can carry water in a sieve."

Len Giarratano, Clairemont, 3. "Love you Starlet."

Paul Hovey, Clairemont, 3.

"Banana!"

Martha Klages, Encanto, 3. "All right!"

Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 3. "Heart-land Lions, We Serve."

Steve Perraud, North Park, 3. "Hi Lisa. Hi Angelica."

Arno Safier, Hillcrest, 3. "Great food for the brain."

Tom Somich, Clairemont, 3. "Don't tread on me."

Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 3. "Don't ever give up."

Marguerite Tate, Ocean Beach, 3. "Hi mom, love you."

Mari Turock, North Park, 3. "Hi mom!"

Laurence Altobell III, Carmel Valley, 2. "Shine on you crazy diamond. Ah, Rose, love you."

A C Alvarez, Chula Vista, 2. "Bush + Cheney = Disaster"

Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 2. "Woody or wouldn't he?"

Don Austin, Laguna Beach, 2.

Fred M Baron, Carmel Valley, 2. "Get well mom."

Kim Boyd, Vista, 2. "Sorry to Lil and Mal, dinner came late tonight"

Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 2. "Help! I'm being held prisoner in a cross-word puzzle."

Milt and Corinne, Mission Valley, 2.

Susan De Masi, Fallbrook, 2. "Thanks Miss Lori!"

Nicholas Friesen, La Mesa, 2. "Sine your pity on the runny kine!"

Marc Gearhart, Imperial Beach, 2.

Sandra Groves, Bonita, 2. "I beat you, Walt."

Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 2. "To be or not to be, that is the puzzle."

Jessica Hayes, Lakeside, 2. "Murray!!"

Mark E Jones, Clairemont, 2.

Naomi Kashiwabara, Clairemont, 2. "I learn something each week."

Marc Lanotte, San Marcos, 2. "I'd rather have this bottle in front of me than a frontal lobotomy."

Kendra Lee, Chula Vista, 2. "Happy anniversary sweet wife!"

Steve Levitt, Cardiff, 2. "Tantan no win"

Geoff Mao, Encinitas, 2. "Dirty, dirty, dirty."

Duane Mealey, University City, 2. "Hey Marla, we did it!"

James C Nelson, El Cajon, 2.

Barry Newman, Escondido, 2.

Anne Ngo, Clairemont, 2. "Spamastic"

Jennifer Rabner, Escondido, 2. "Be kind to animals. Don't eat them!"

Brett Silva, Clairemont, 2. "Credo qui absurdum."

Kyle Sleeth, Scripps Ranch, 2. "It should be called the Formerly Wild Animal Park."

☛**Angie Longoria, Santee, 1.**

Tom Stam, Lakeside, 2. "No Barna 2008"

Madonna Voelkle, Normal Heights, 2. "Puggy loves Garrett."

Tessa Patton, Pacific Beach, 2. "Pussywillow, that's a terrible thing to say, Pussywillow"

Marvin A Brown, Clairemont, 2.

Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 2. "I go Pogo!"

Kevin McNearney, Santee, 2.

Ivan Yanev, Santee, 2.

John Stead, Santee, 2.

Jim Koziol, UTC, 2. "Hi Lukie!"

Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 2. "D, D, D, glad you're back!"

Nathan Petty, Santee, 2.

Maureen Stern, La Jolla, 2. "Second time around."

B McLaurin, Pacific Beach, 2. "Hero, OK President? No way! Bring our heros home now."

Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 2. "Robin, the federal marshals need a bigger payment. Please fix."

Sheilah Doyle, Santee, 2.

Mike and Karen, North Park, 1. "The adventure of 9 lifetimes is about to begin"

Warren Winters, Santee, 1.

Erica Aryizu, La Mesa, 1.

Nancy Ayres, Atascadero, 1. "Good puzzle. Wish you were available in San Luis Obispo."

Kathy Baker, La Mesa, 1. "Words escape me!"

Bruce Batchelder, Chula Vista, 1.

Marge Beck, Downtown, 1.

Dan Blair, Linda Vista, 1.

Paul Brown, Mira Mesa, 1. "Who gives the orders here?"

Steve Carroll, Santee, 1. "Let's get away from the Chargers, Padres, hopeless politics."

Gale Chapman, Chula Vista, 1.

Roger Cleamens, Cardiff, 1. "New guy is a bum! Cosmo loves Hershey kisses."

Tomato Clinton, Coronado, 1.

Martha Craig, Serra Mesa, 1. "Cats Susan De Masi, Fallbrook, 2. "Thanks Miss Lori!"

Paula Cummins, Ocean Beach, 1. "Dude!"

Karen Davies, San Carlos, 1. "Hi David. Call me when you see this."

Marilyn De La Cruz, Mission Hills, 1. "Send me an XL."

Dave Desateaux, Santee, 1.

Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 1.

Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 1. "This one's for Nicholas and Katrina!"

Vicki Flora, Bonita, 1. "Hi Kim W."

Karla Frandson, RB, 1. "Farrah rocks . . . And crawl!"

Marc Lanotte, Hillcrest, 1. "Thanks Puma! Macaroni and cheese, beaches"

Ross Glanc, North Park, 1. "I got your puzzle right here!"

Frank C Haskell, Encinitas, 1. "I haven't won since Christ was a corporal."

Peter Herrmann, Bonita, 1. "Love, hope, faith, hard work and discipline conquer all."

Berta Higgins, Pacific Beach, 1. "No ole? Wow, for once!"

Julie Hocking, Normal Heights, 1.

Vikki Hoots, Pacific Beach, 1. "Grandma loves Alanna's turkey thighs!"

SurfDIEGO

Name: Dick Vegas
Age: 44 ("...and a whole lot more.")
Occupation: Actor
Lives In: Linda Vista
Surfing: O.B. Jetty
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little better."

Dick praises Donna Frye's effort to clean up O.B.

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Issue of July 17, 2008

T.G.I.F., page 159

"baritone-flipping-to tenor" should be "baritone-flipping-to-tenor"
Found by **Linda Cox**, San Diego
("send money" \$10)

Most downloaded, page 102

"loves, loves meThe paper" should be "loves, loves me (new line) The paper"

Music listings, page 86

"Laterns" should be Lanterns"
"with Your Consent" should be "With Your Consent"

Unforgettable, page 54

"white powered" should be "white powdered"
All found by **Darien High**, Mira Mesa
(\$40)

Off the Cuff, page 141

"one of the stalk rings" should be "one of the stock rings"
Found by **Thomas McVeagh**, Lakeside
("XL please")

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— After languishing for two years in the Irish legislature, the Nuclear Test Ban Bill of 2006 has recently been rethought and refurbished, according to a June report in the *Irish Independent*. Originally, the bill codified the U.N. Test Ban Treaty, adding some provisions specific to Ireland. Among those additions was the punishment for anyone detonating a nuclear weapon in Ireland: up to 12 months in jail and/or a fine of up to 5000 euros (then, around \$6500), along with language that might allow a person found guilty to apply for first-offense probation. The proposed punishment this time is expected to be harsher.

People with Issues

— (1) In Singapore in June, a 36-year-old man was sentenced to 14 years in jail and 18 strokes of the cane after he was convicted of 23 counts of molesting women on elevators and other places, mostly by sniffing their armpits. (2) In June, a masochist was sentenced to four years in jail for encouraging two underage girls near Bicester, England, to kick him repeatedly in the groin

until he could no longer handle the pain.

Least Competent Criminals

— Not Ready for Prime Time: (1) James Milsom, 21, was arrested in Avon and Somerset, England, in June after a hidden camera in a police bait car caught him breaking in and swiping the GPS device. It was his third arrest in four months for breaking into a police bait car to steal a GPS (caught by the hidden camera each time). (2) In June, Reno, Nev., homicide detective David Jenkins was sitting in his unmarked car (but one with emergency lights on the dash and a police radio blaring away) when Mercedes Green, 19, hopped in and, yelling to be heard over the radio, propositioned him for sex. "You're not the police, are you?" she asked. "What do you think," he said. "I didn't think so," the streetwise woman replied. After her arrest, Green explained: "You wear glasses, and I didn't think police could wear them."

Can't Possibly Be True

— In the 1920s, when inmate "chain gangs" were in their heyday, Alabama sheriffs were allotted a prison meal budget of \$1.75 per prisoner

per day, with thrifty sheriffs allowed to pocket any excess for themselves. According to a May Associated Press investigation, the policy and the amount are unchanged to this day in 55 of the state's 67 counties, and also unchanged is the fact that sheriffs have cut the menus so cleverly or drastically that some sheriffs still make money on the deal.

— Mr. Gokhan Mutlu filed a lawsuit in May against JetBlue Airways for more than \$2 million after he was ordered out of his seat by the captain during a full New York-to-California flight and told to stand up or go "hang out in the bathroom" for the duration. Mutlu had only a gift ticket, and an off-duty JetBlue employee who had originally agreed to sit in the cockpit jump seat changed her mind and thus was given Mutlu's seat. Mutlu pointed out that he was un-seatbelted during turbulence and during the landing.

— Vendors in Qingdao, China (where Olympic sailing events will take place in August), were reportedly selling, as unofficial Olympics souvenirs, key rings with heart-shaped plastic charms that contained live (at least temporarily) goldfish suspended in water. Animal protection advo-

cates were incredulous, according to a June report in the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

Everybody Wants Some

— A 28-year-old woman, unnamed by Washington state's *Kitsap Sun*, was arrested in May and charged with stealing her husband's wallet and subsequently assaulting an arresting officer. According to deputies, she had awakened her husband, 24, demanding sex, but he had rebuffed her by insisting that from that point on, the two of them would quit smoking, drinking, and cussing, limit their sexual activities, and be "good Christians." Part or all of that did not sit well with the wife, and police arrived to witness her screaming (described as "blood-curdling"), swearing, slamming doors, and complaining about her unsatisfactory sex life while carrying around a large bottle of whiskey. At one point, she allegedly tossed the couple's 20-pound dog at a deputy (who caught it safely).

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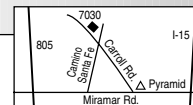
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'Twas mid-May in Ocean Beach. May Gray was momentarily at bay, spring had sprung, and every OBecian could smell and see sweet summer coming. Whilst walking my precious pooch, Kindle, on Voltaire Street mere moments before sunset, I daydreamed with the rest of my 'hood of long, warm, and salty Dog Beach days to come...drinkin' vitamin water. (We the people of O.B. are, after all, all law-abiding citizens, eagerly willing to comply with our right to drink alcohol at the beach taken away!) I can almost taste the cool grape of the Revive hangover-cure flavor.

Suddenly my personal O.B. pause is wildly interrupted by a beastly beak savagely pecking and terrible talons ripping, tearing, pulling the hair out of the crown of my head. Feebly flailing my arms in defense, I turn to face my attacker. Beady yellow eyes leer back at me, unafraid, from the rooftop this baby crow-wannabe black bird landed on. Fill in your own expletive here as I lunged toward said bird, and he departed for a higher perch.

Kindle and I quickly sprang home with our tails between our legs. (Has anyone out there seen that movie *The Birds*?) I shared the traumatic story with a few close friends, and it figures: I must've had it comin'! Wrong place, wrong time, maybe? Bad karma? Even though this happened in extreme close proximity to my pad, I avoided the area and scene of the attack for about a week and a half.

Then I awoke one morning, hungover and thirstier than anything, only to find one or two lonely drops remaining in the water jug. *Need water. Dying.* The voice spoke in my loopy half-drunk mind as I armed myself with sunglasses, slipped into my flips, found a quarter, and headed

to the water machine at Litickers. *You know that bird is right across the street.* Luckily my mind was talking, since my mouth was drier than an unsalted rice cake. I assured my inner voice that I would watch my back, a.k.a. the back of my head, lest I be attacked feeling this awful before my first cup of joe. Anyhoo, that feathered fowl would not be foolish enough to attack an animal-loving vegan more than once! (Did I mention I was drunk?)

All clear. I crossed to the safe side of the street, my red eyes peeled. *Mmm hmm...I see ya, black bird. I don't want any trouble. I'm just gonna keep an eye on ya. No funny business. I am going to walk backwards to this corner. Got my eyes on ya. We are cool, right? Cool. I am just gonna turn this corner, go home, and drink my...Wa-AAHHH!!! AaHHHHH!!! AHH!!! That mutha-scratcher!* I tried to fling the jug up for protection as I took off screaming and sprinting for home. Four times he dive-bombed me, painfully ripping and pecking.

Editor's note: We received more than 50 entries for our first monthly neighborhood website essay contest in June. Below is the third-place-winning essay — awarded \$100.

Next deadline for neighborhood essay entries is July 31, 12 midnight.

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I suddenly became a vegan bandwagoner, meaning I jumped right off of it! Banging through my front door: "Where's th F*#@*N slingshot?" Seconds later, my man is creeping around shirtless, slingshot in one hand, rock in the other. He didn't take long to come to his senses without taking a shot. I sipped my joe and my water inside, sad and defeated. Woe was me. Woe was me. Thoughts of self-pity quickly diminished to the sounds of bloodcurdling screams. *I bet they aren't vegan,* I thought to myself with a sadistic sense of satisfaction.

Thank God I am not the only one feeling that foul-feathered freak's razor-sharp wrath! I was fixin' to find out how far from the only one I was. "I figure in the last six weeks that bird has attacked me 50-plus times. Four times a day. He attacked me when I left home and when I came home," stated deep-in-the-O.B.-streets John R., who luckily also had a bird's-eye view of said shenanigans to counter the insults added to injuries.

"The bird just pecks me, and I'm just at the point where I'm over it. I went to the O.B.

Quik, and some Stick [Tilted Stick, bar] patrons were outside smoking. He [bird] went 'Chuh, chuh, chuh,'" John remembered, motioning to the back of his head. "I didn't react, and they yelled, 'HE DOESN'T EVEN CARE!'"

John then recalled that a couple of weeks ago he had had some people over. "Couple of random drunks, couple of locals, and some friends. One guy claimed he was an ornithologist and declared that the bird wasn't attacking to protect his eggs or to be territorial — he told us that he was collecting hair to line his nest. A few days later this bald guy was attacked. Disproved that theory — blew it outta the water! I think the bird is a grackle. I think they're distant mischievous cousins to the crow," he smirked. (I also heard that it was a starling, which actually are related to crows.)

John also witnessed a premeditated capture involving a few dudes watching and one dude baiting an attack. The friends told the bait when the bird was coming, and he threw a trash bag up over the back of his head and caught the bird, with every intention of slaugh-

tering it. Female onlookers persuaded them to release it.

I saw John a few days after that and inquired as to if he had any recent encounters to share, and he replied that he hadn't seen Ol' Grackle for days. "I think he...um...I think someone put an end to his life. That's not gonna be a very happy ending to your story." As grateful as I am for John's help, I am the writer. Naturally, I decided to look further for sources.

I asked Val, the sweet girl from Brazil who runs Cafe Bella in front of the O.B. Quik if she had seen Mr. Brazen Black Bird of late. She sorrowfully claimed that she had not. "It was here Wednesday, I had Thursday off, and Friday it was gone. I think he must have had his babies and left. I don't think someone killed him because there was two. I'm so sad. I had so much fun with those birds.

"This one girl, she's real vegetarian. She goes to People's every day and complains about our soy milk not being organic. She got attacked by the bird, and she just stood there under the tree staring at it for, like, five or ten minutes. Maybe trying

to talk to it, I don't know. But she finally turned around and it attacked her to right here," Val recalled, pointing to the drive-thru of Cafe Bella (about 100 feet from the tree the bird was in). "She screamed — she was so desperate, like from a horror movie. I laughed so hard. She was really mad!"

So there I had it. I gladly believed that this fierce beast did not meet its demise by a scornful victim. Heck, I knew how mad it made me. I am thankful my anger wasn't persuasive enough to convince my redneck boyfriend to shoot him with the slingshot. (Besides, we OBecians are law-abiding citizens, remember?)

I shared my happily-ever-after ending with John. I asked him for a final thought. "You know, what I miss most about him is his overall presence," he told me. "What I miss is sittin' out front, laughin' my ass off. I hope he had his babies and left. Otherwise someone took a big chunk outta the food chain." Touché, John. Touché. Well, this town, our town, is Ocean Beach. We are surrounded by reality. We believe what we want to believe, not what anybody tells us.

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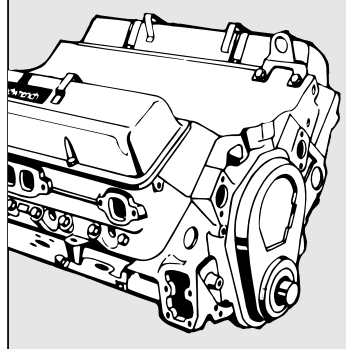
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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

In ironic contrast, I find the embarrassing effort at achieving intellectualism exhibited by Duncan Shepherd in his film reviews distasteful and a real turn-off. Now, I'm not putting down intellectuals.

—LETTERS: "MUNDANE MOURNING," *Katie Dunigan, San Diego, July 27, 1978*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

"The typical San Diego guy this summer is likely to be wearing a muscle shirt with checks on it, low-cut tennis shoes, a legionnaire's hat, and the Vuarnet or Phonet sunglasses," declares Bob, the proprietor of Paradise Beach Rentals in north Mission Beach.

—CITY LIGHTS: "HOT COUTURE," *Jeannette De Wyze, July 28, 1983*

Twenty Years Ago

Dear Matthew Alice:

San Diego is the only city I know of to have four deep grooves at most intersections. They are hell on my car's suspension and shocks. Why were they put there in the first place? An example of the "obstacle course" is along North Park Way through intersections at Thirty-Second Street, Herman Avenue, and Thirty-First Street.

*Isadore Nicholson
Pacific Beach*

In cities that get a lot of precipitation, you'll generally have an extensive system of storm sewers and drainage inlets to handle the runoff. San Diego doesn't because we have only a few big rains a year. The most cost-effective way of directing water out of road intersections are those infernal cross gutters.

—STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, *Matthew Alice, July 28, 1988*

Fifteen Years Ago

Charles T. DeWoody has been held on \$1 million bail since his arrest at Lindbergh Field in September of last year and his subsequent confession to the killing of his father, Charles O. DeWoody. The son beat the older man into a coma with ceramic pots containing orchids — "at least two of them," the discovery evidence states and deputy district attorney James Valliant underscores at every opportunity. Valliant also misses few chances to state that the victim's mouth and nose were "stuffed full of potting soil." Enough, according to paramedics, to make up a ball the size of "a standard orange in volume of dirt."

—"DREAMHOUSE MURDER," *John Brizzolara, July 29, 1993*

Ten Years Ago

Jamaica Kincaid, who worked for many years

at *The New Yorker* and later became Shawn's daughter-in-law, once told me in an interview that Shawn was her ideal reader. "I really didn't care," Kincaid said, "who liked my writing as long as he read it. And if he liked it, it was great. But just as long as he read it."

On the morning that we talked, I asked Mr. Mehta about the notion of the editor as ideal reader.

"The remarkable thing about Mr. Shawn was that he became almost your Siamese twin. He responded to a piece of writing as if he could see into your brain, see what your intent was, see what you hoped the piece would be — and in its best possible aspect. So that was just one kind of invisible ghostlike presence that was always with me when I was writing. That was an invisible aspect."

—READING: "REMEMBERING MR. SHAWN'S NEW YORKER," *Judith Moore, July 30, 1998*

Five Years Ago

A wealthy San Diego developer wants to construct what appears to be a first in American history: a private family cemetery on a public golf course, specifically designed as the final resting place for a golf fanatic.



San Diego Reader, July 24, 2003

On July 8, Manchester Resorts applied to the City of San Diego for permission to build a private five-plot cemetery on the company's super-upscale Meadows Del Mar Golf Club, just off the 15th tee, on the highest spot on the property, so that company owner and golf lover Doug Manchester and his family members can R.I.P. above a V.I.P. course.

—CITY LIGHTS: "BURY ME NEAR THE 15TH TEE," *Don Bauder, July 24, 2003*

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EL CAJON, Moving sale, Saturday July 26, 7am-noon. Furniture, tools, miscellaneous household items. Greenfield MHP. 400 Greenfield Drive, Space #98.

EL CAJON, Yard sale. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 7/25-7/27, 8am-5pm. Tools, electric/construction, household decor, books, records, jewelry, knickknacks, craft items. 2 acres big. 1490 South Magnolia.

HILLCREST, Multi-family garage/moving sale, everything must go, some vintage items. Saturday July 26, 3547 Sixth Avenue, 8am.

HILLCREST, Yard sale. Saturday, 7/26, 8am-noon. No early birds. TV, sewing machine, slide projectors, antiques, clothes, bowling balls, records, lots! 1002 Essex Street at 10th.

LA MESA, Clothes, new shoes, furniture, toys, books, dishes, all must go. Saturday July 26, 6am-3pm. 7354 Colony Road.

LAKESIDE, Garage sale. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 8/1-8/3, 9am-5pm. Multi-family sale. 10408 Escaderra Drive.

LAKESIDE, Driveway sale. Saturday/Sunday, 7/26-7/27, 7am-3pm. Dining table, 6 chairs, glass display case, rocking chairs, wood desk, bookcases, tables. 8245 Winter Gardens Boulevard. 619-938-0297.

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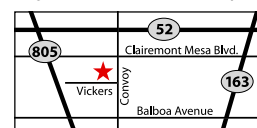
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THE TWO MOST EMBARRASSING ELEMENTS OF MY EXISTENCE are (1) I enjoy girl folk music, and (2) I occasionally wake up, still drunk from the night before, on the bedroom floors of complete strangers, reeking of stale booze with Nicorette gum stuck in my hair.

These should be considered my lowest moments, but I'm oddly satisfied and proud of them. On my last flight to Bangkok, Thailand, I sat down and plugged my headphones into the armrest and pressed at the cracked plastic buttons until I found a girly acoustic station. Then I lay back and relaxed, comfortable with the soft feminine tones filling my eardrums, and ordered the stewards to deliver me whiskey on ice. Once I landed and got through customs, I found a hotel room on Kao Son Road and located the nearest bottles of bourbon and commenced polluting my body with aircraft-gasoline-fume-y booze. The next morning I woke up, rubbed my hands together, tried to identify the people in the bed next to where I'd been sleeping, remembered I was 30 million miles from my home, and then walked out into the sun to find coffee and a girl to sing to me.

When I wake up from a booze blackout, I watch a little TV to divine just what country I'm occupying. If there are squiggly lines along the bottom of a newscast, I'm either in Asia or the Middle East. If the anchorperson wears a keffiyeh, I can narrow things down further, and if the news lady is in a gold silk gown, I can nail down my position to within a few feet. If most of the captions are in letters I can read, but some of them are backward or have dots over them, I'm in Eastern Europe. After I solve the mystery of my location, I hunt around local stations until I find a broadcast of a woman with an acoustic guitar to soothe my boiling head.

Not 30 minutes ago, I woke up on a stranger's floor. My hair still sticks up on one side, my eyes drift independently of each other, and my mouth tastes like New Jersey. After I breached the liminal surface and found my wallet (under the nightstand), I adjusted my nose to the farthest spot from my mouth and embarked in my car, flipping through stations on the radio until I found a soft voice devoting love.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JULY 24

DIVINE SECRETS OF THE YA-YA

SISTERHOOD

TBS 10:00 A.M.

Divine Sisterhood of the Skidmarked Underpants, Part Eight, Electric Boogaloo. Can someone save me from chick literature, please? For the love of all that's decent in this world, stop foisting this hand-squeezing, get-along-gang, glitter-and-smiley-face, stars-and-rainbows mule spit on me. Sweet, hot molasses. Enough.

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PBS 9:00 P.M.

John Holmes Mysteries are way better. The final sequence of each pro-

gram finishes with John scooting around from behind the satisfied client and throwing the case file in her face one page at a time until his manila envelope is empty.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

THE TRANSFORMATION AGE: HOW TO SURVIVE A TECHNOLOGY REVOLUTION WITH ROBERT X. CRINGELY

PBS 10:00 P.M.

I don't know who Robert X. Cringely is, but he better be good with a chainsaw if he's challenging me to survive after the technology revolution. I got my hockey mask, cowboy boots, and leather chaps on if you want to rumble, Mr. Cringely. You better get a dune buggy and a canteen because it's a long way out of the desert, especially with a freshly kicked ass.

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PACIFIC BEACH. Moving sale. 8/2-8/3, 8am-2pm. 50-year residents/collectors leaving mainland. Furniture, kitchenware, displays, jewelry, collectibles, tools, clothing. Great prices! Cash only. 2324 Walmar Lane.

POINT LOMA. Multi-family. 7/27/08, 8am-2pm. 3007 Sterne Street off Rosecrans. Kitchen, bedroom, holiday decor, clothing, coach purses, chair/ottoman, lots of stuff at good prices.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS. Neighborhood garage sale. Great stuff! 16-36 men's shirts, golf polos, 10-cent golf balls, books, DVDs, bookcase, silverware. 11367 Bavarian Drive. 619-994-1849.

SERRA MESA. Saturday, July 26th, 8am. Multi-family garage sale. 3021 Feiler Place, 92123.

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SATURDAY, JULY 26**PETER PAN**

ABC 8:00 P.M.

So NBC is running a marathon of *The Office* and CBS has Saturday-night cage fights. What does ABC bring? *Peter freakin' Pan*. A 60-year-old cartoon of a kid with a pointy head and his half-naked elf. Oh, go big, ABC. Way to compete. Just change your slogan to: "We're sad, watch because you feel sorry for us."

HANNAH MONTANA AND MILEY CYRUS:**BEST OF BOTH WORLDS CONCERT TOUR IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D**

DISNEY 9:30 P.M.

I've changed my name to Bonah Arizona, and I'm launching a world tour where I sing and dance and do cartwheels and smile and play a little guitar. For a fraction of the money this kid's pulling in, I'll also strip naked and French kiss a chimpanzee.

Pucker up, Buttercup, it's payday.

SUNDAY, JULY 27**SPORTSCENTER**

ESPN 8:00 P.M.

The entire world holds its breath in anxious anticipation of the 2008 Olympic Games, where every culture and every nation can for a short time set aside their differences and settle their disputes on the playing field, represented by the best and brightest cheaters on steroids.

MONDAY, JULY 28**BEST DAMN YO-YO CHAMPIONSHIP**

FOX SPORTS 8:00 P.M.

Soon, anyone associated with this station will travel to work with a rumpled tan jacket covering his head, like those teachers who get caught with tiny cameras in the locker room. The execs at Fox Sports should have to register with their neighbors for

putting on this medium-sized pile of garbage.

TUESDAY, JULY 29**OCEAN OF FEAR: WORST SHARK ATTACK EVER**

DISCOVERY 8:00 P.M.

In honor of Shark Week, I've taken to hiding under the table at restaurants and then shooting from beneath it and snapping at the butts of passing waitresses. OM NOM NOM! Thrash thrash. OM NOM NOM!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30**THE MUMMY RETURNS**

USA 9:00 P.M.

Brendan Fraser needs to break out of typecasting to explore other genres of mummy movies, such as comedy mummy movies, and maybe romantic mummy movies. After a while he can go to action mummy movies, but since the genre is too



Hannah Montana and Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert

close to adventure mummy movies, he'll have to wait until he's 60 or else everyone will just think of him as an adventure mummy movie guy.

THURSDAY, JULY**33.33333****DON'T FORGET THE LYRICS!****FOX 8:00 P.M.**

I have a problem with a popular old tune that goes, "You say potato, I say potato. You say tomato, I say tomato." Because if I'm talking to someone who says "potahto," they're obviously an idiot, so the song should go, "I say potato, and you're a dumb bastard! You say tomahto, and I'll call you Corky!" That's better. I fixed that.

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T.G.I.F.

“Write as if this is the last chance you’ll ever get to write anything.”

By John Brizzolara

In six weeks or so it will be nine years since I started this column in 1999. “TGIF” was the brainchild of senior editor Judith Moore, who died in 2006, just after publishing the critically acclaimed book she may well have been born to write, *Fat Girl*. Moore was a friend of mine and a real mentor who still thoroughly informs these pages. Her legacy to me is rather more than just this column but, in fact, the opportunity for me to make a living as a writer. I didn’t think I necessarily needed anyone’s help in that department at the time.

I met her in 1989. (I had published two books that same year.) But I was about to learn the meaning of the phrase “the vagaries of publishing”; and unknowingly she provided a golden parachute for just that. In my case, it was a huge German conglomerate devouring several publishing houses at once, including mine, and the resulting mandate to liquidate some 50 percent of their contracts. Without her, you would not be reading this today.

Moore is a presence over my right shoulder when I sit down to write this thing. I can always hear her voice, “Bleed on the page, Pumpkin.” She called everyone (I think) Pumpkin or Muffin or Sweetheart. “Write as if this is the last chance you’ll ever get to write anything.” Most importantly, she told

me early on, “Don’t be afraid to fail.” From her, this was blanket permission to do so. Naturally, I did. More than a few times.

This morning I can hear her voice as I flail at a subject beyond what to do on a Friday night or over the weekend. “What interests you?” She always asked that. I remembered replying once, “What I’m interested in and the reader’s interests might be two different things.” She told me, “Forget the reader,” although she did not use the word forget. Neither did she mean what you might think. “You could write about a barrel of grease and make it interesting,” she once said to me, and I thanked her. And then one day she called on me to do just that. The assignment was to trace the course of this town’s used grease from fast-food joints and restaurants to its ultimate destination. When I turned in a dull-as-dirt 1500-word piece she backpedaled, “Okay, I was wrong.”

She would call me often and, without saying hello, begin by saying something provocative such as, “Let’s see if we can get you over \$30,000 a year. Let’s list some ideas.” For the next 45 minutes we would each fill two or three pages of legal sheets with phrases such as, “24 Hour Donuts,” “24 Hour Laundromat: the southern and westernmost Last Chance Laundry,” or “Roomful of Egos: get a dozen best San Diego guitarists together in one room to play.” Or — this one I’ll never forget — “My friend Abe found a rock band in East County called Dahmer’s Diner. Why don’t you hang around with them for a week, interview their parents?” The resulting cover was one of the oddest and most deranged documents I ever put my name to.

When my brother, a drama teacher at Yale and in London, read that piece about sitting in a donut shop all night, he wrote to me, “A tour de force of nothing, Old Boy. How did you manage it?”

One of Judith’s suggestions, 12 years ago or so, was to spend a week in the Tijuana coroner’s office and write about it. I’ll never forget that week.

Her first suggestion for this column was to accompany a young couple on a first Friday-night date. I did once, sort of, but the young man’s tolerance for a chaperone was limited. I’d love to try it again. Another topic I long to do would involve a high school dance. For some reason I have not been able to finagle that one.

It was the second or maybe third appearance of “TGIF,” a piece about a little kid and an old man at Windansea beach at the La Jolla/Pacific Beach



border and how they watched crabs in a tide pool, that Judith Moore told me she liked the thing. I was half expecting her to tell me that this was not what I was supposed to be doing, that I should be providing tips on Friday-night recreation and not mood pieces. But her affirmation (“It was like a little parable.”) was a green light for me to broaden the possibilities of what the page could be.

As I write this, I have Turner Classic Movies on television, and Tony Curtis is talking about the committed friend and mentor that Cary Grant was to him. I find myself thinking of Judith as a kind of Cary Grant of literary journalism, only with periodic digressions into the ribald or at least the fleshly.

Some time ago I and other writers were asked to contribute a short piece for an issue commemorating her. While I could see that she had affected others deeply, I still felt special, and there simply wasn’t enough space to go on as to why.

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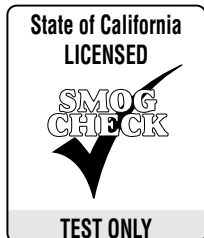
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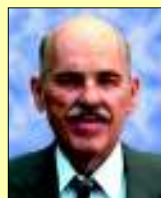
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