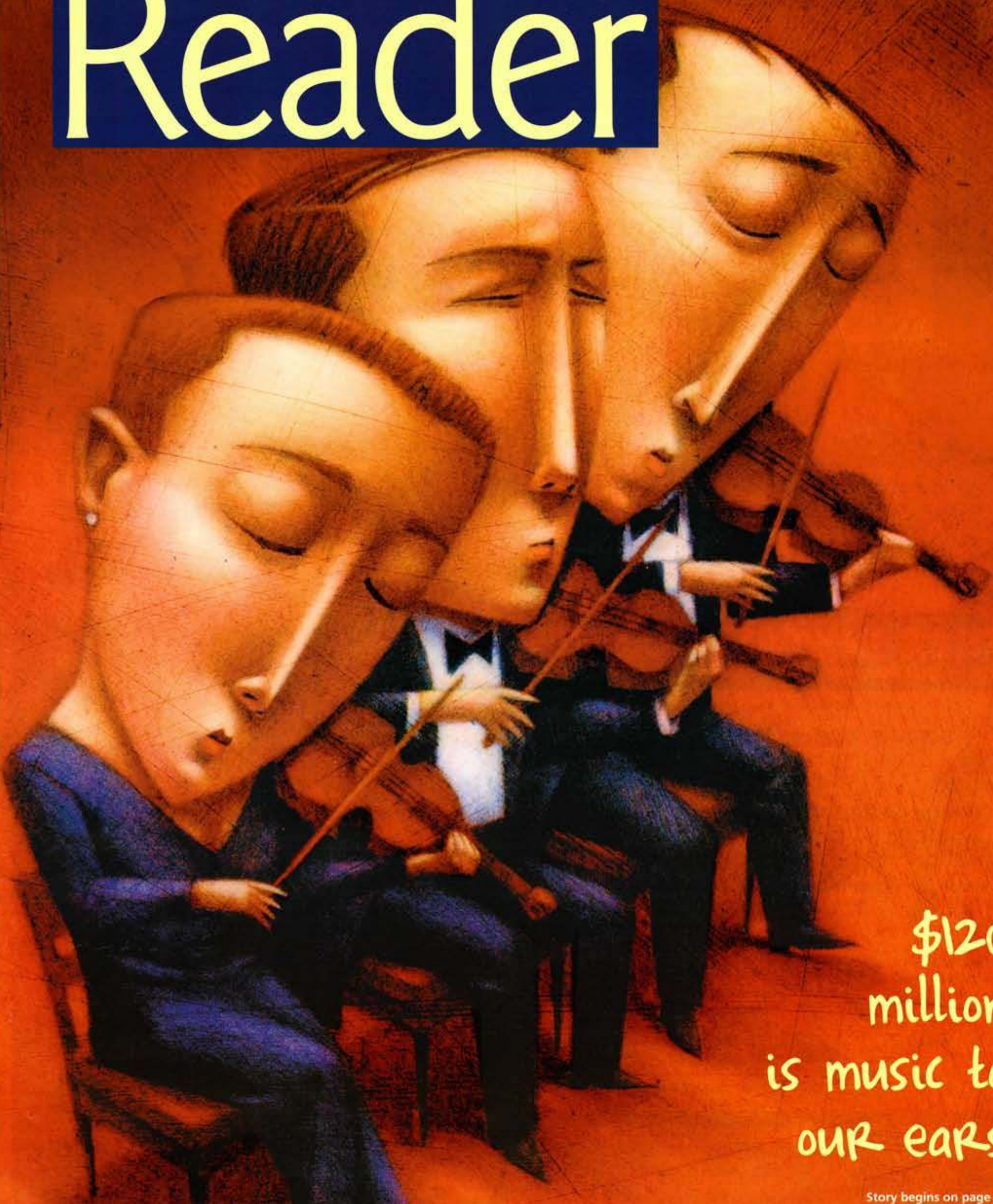


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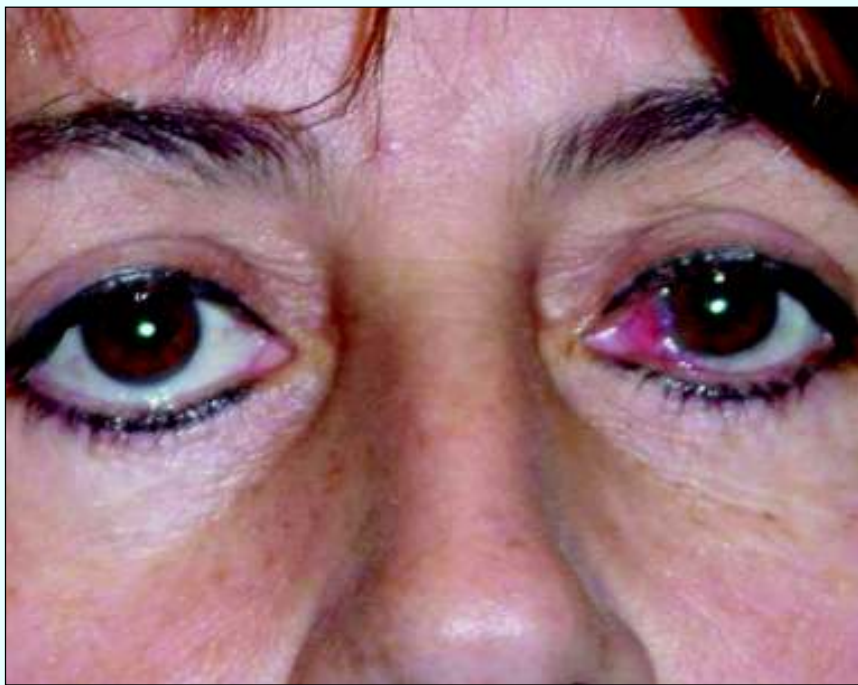
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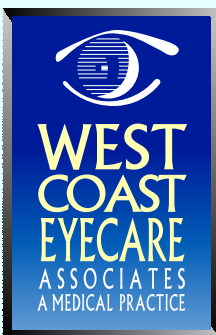
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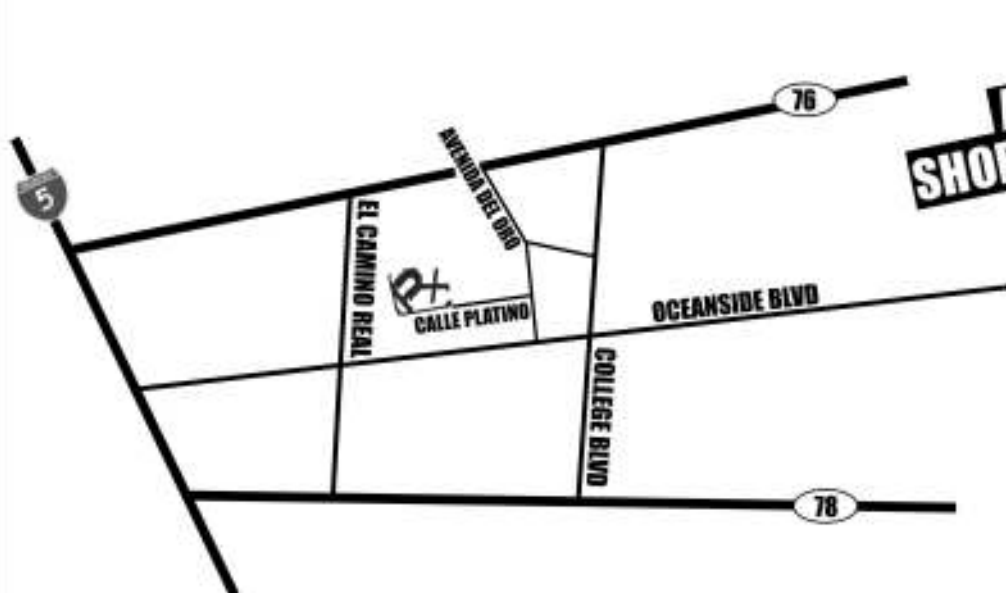
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BREAKING NEWS

Special assignment *Union-Tribune* investigative reporter **Brooke Williams** has asked the office of San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders** to turn over documents it has



in its files on a former *U-T* colleague. In a Public Records Act request filed on September 18 — the day the *U-T* announced that its B-1 columnist **Gerry Braun** had abruptly left the paper to become director of special projects for Sanders — Williams requested “Any and all correspondence between March 1, 2008 to September 21, 2008 among or between Gerry Braun and any and all current or former city employees that hold or held any and all positions in the Office of the Mayor. In this request, ‘correspondence,’ means any and all e-mails, letters, facsimiles, voice mail messages, instant messages, as well as handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostating, photographing, photocopying, words, pictures, sounds or symbols or combinations thereof, regardless of the manner in which the records are stored.”

A San Diego State University graduate and 23-year employee of the newspaper, Braun had a hot-and-cold relationship with some members of the paper’s management. For many years he served as the paper’s writing coach because of an inability to type on a keyboard due to carpal tunnel syndrome.

He eventually returned to print with a column that focused on, among other topics, politics and policy at city hall. Some observers speculated that Braun had spun his coverage to win favor with Sanders, but others saw him as a fair and honest reporter of the often-byzantine local political scene.

When Braun signed on with Sanders in his new \$140,000-a-year job, the mayor’s office issued a statement saying he would be “working in a variety of capacities, essentially assisting and advising in framing of policy matters, including water conservation and reliability, disaster preparedness and anything else that requires public outreach.” Reached at his office at city hall, Braun said he was aware of the *U-T* request, but added that “I have no idea” why his former colleague had asked for the information. He said he had not been contacted by the newspaper, nor had he talked to Williams about the matter. In a telephone interview, Williams said the request was made as a matter of “due diligence,” in part to determine if there was any evidence Braun had been talking with the mayor’s office about his future appointment while still employed at the paper. She said that the documents turned over by the City did not show any such contact and that there was “no story” in the records.

Doing dues With the expected onset of a recession, the City of San Diego is fac-

ing mounting budget woes. But so far, at least, Mayor **Jerry Sanders** has continued to spend plenty on the City’s Sacramento lobbyist. According to a disclosure statement filed on October 24, the City paid \$42,000 to the lobbying firm of Sloat Higgins Jensen and Associates during the quarter ending September 30. For the first nine months of this year, the firm has collected a total of \$297,500. The company boasts a long list of public and private clients, including the California State University’s office of the chancellor. Other of the City’s lobbying-related expenses have included \$4460 in tickets on Southwest Airlines and dues payments of \$27,220 to the California Redevelopment Association; \$100,000 to the Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works, which advocates on sewage issues; and \$15,196 to the California Association of Sanitation Agencies.



Jerry Sanders

On tour Legislative-lobbying filings are in for the third quarter, and, as usual,



James D. Boyd

utility giant Sempra Energy has been one of the big free spenders. The company paid \$120 for food, beverage, and transportation for each of **James D. Boyd**, a member of the California Energy Commission; **Javier Avila**, district representative for Democratic senator **Denise Ducheny**; and **Tyree Dillingham**, a staffer for Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger**. The occasion was the August dedication of Sempra’s new liquefied natural gas terminal in Baja California. The company also hosted **Leticia Vasquez**, field representative to 52nd District assemblyman **Mervyn Dymally**, a Democrat. The tab was \$69.21 at San Diego’s posh El Bizcocho restaurant in the Rancho Bernardo Inn Golf Resort & Spa. In Long Beach, Sempra paid \$102.79 for food and beverage at the Cohiba restaurant for **Elaine Jennings**, a gubernatorial home security director. ... Torrey Modic, executive assistant at St. Paul’s Cathedral, says she did not contribute \$1000 to the No on 8-Equality California campaign committee, as the group reported in an October 14 campaign finance disclosure statement it filed with the state Secretary of State’s office on the same date. The No on 8 Committee did not respond to a request for comment.



Mervyn Dymally

— Matt Potter

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Pause Before Jumping

By Don Bauder

Chances are your stockbroker or financial planner is telling you to buy stocks now. Oh, there is a chance they will go down

in the short run, he or she will say, but in a fairly short time you will realize that late fall of 2008 was *the* time to buy stocks because they were so cheap. “Buy when the blood is running in the streets” is the relevant Wall Street adage.

But there is another Street axiom: “Don’t try to catch a falling knife.” While it’s true that many stocks are very attractive if the recession is moderate, and any rally could go on, there are three good reasons to ponder before putting your toe in the water: (1) This may be a secular (as opposed to cyclical) bear market. (2) A deep recession may grind all through next year and even into 2010. (3) The world’s governments and central banks are now throwing trillions of dollars at the credit

crisis to fight deflation, or falling prices. But once they are successful, all that money



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and credit will cause the opposite: nagging inflation. That could be three years from now, but stocks and bonds will move in advance of the data.

Let’s take them one at a time. We are all used to cyclical bull and bear markets that last about a year. However, a secular bull or bear market is

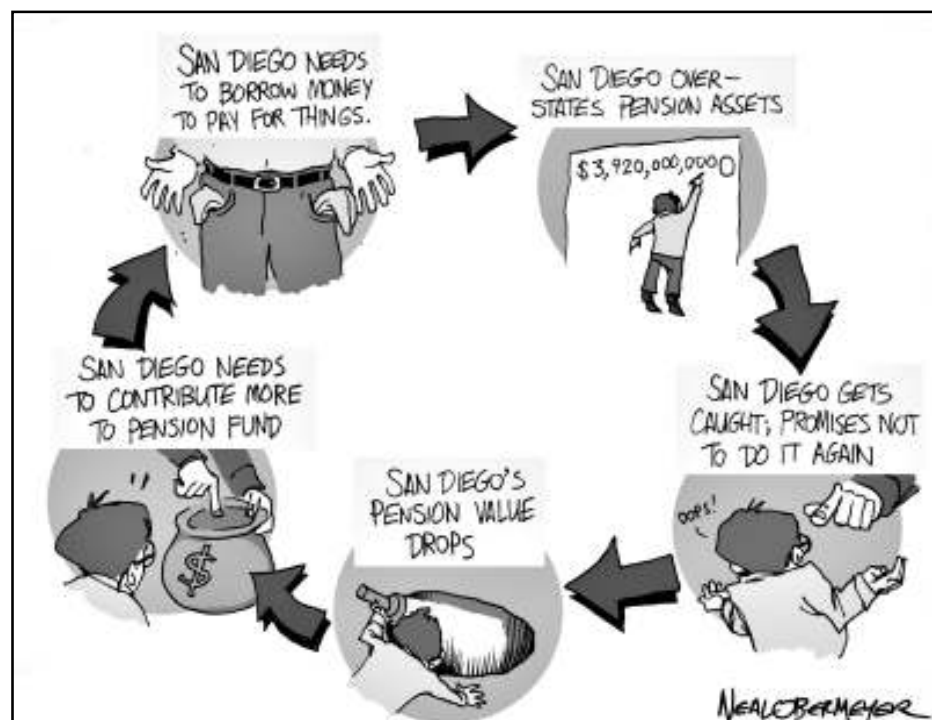
one that hangs on 15 to 17 years or more. For example, 1983 to 1999 represented a secular bull market. Stocks rose an average of more than 15 percent a year. Whoopee! From 1950 to 1965, they rose 10.6 percent a year. But look at the gloomy side. Those who bought stocks at the peak in 1929 didn’t get their money back until the early 1950s. From 1966 to 1982, stocks rose about 1.6 percent a year, but inflation was horrendous

then, often running more than 10 percent. Stock buyers lost massively in that secular bear.

Now, this doesn’t mean that you can’t make money in a secular bear market. There are cyclical bull markets that take place inside the secular bear — periods of a year or

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Neal Obermeyer



Ping-Pong Park

By Dorian Hargrove

In the midtown community of Banker's Hill, a convertible Mercedes drives down Olive Street straight through the intersection with Third Avenue and onto a narrow paved driveway. The car coasts past a wooden sign displaying the names of three medical offices, loops around a light post, and parks in a shady spot, under the canopy of a eucalyptus growing above the slope of Maple Canyon.

For patients and employees of the medical center and



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Kevin Faulconer

many residents of Banker's Hill, the piece of land abutting the building, 80 feet wide by 120 feet long, is nothing more than a driveway and parking lot, flanked on one side by the low-growing shrubs in front of the building and on the other by an area covered with wood chips, recently landscaped with small trees and perennials.



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Olive Park

donated piece of land.

The City granted Brandon's wish with one condition: the site must be maintained as a park. Brandon agreed, and on June 11, 1963, the parties signed a Revocable Encroachment Permit, granting permission to the "Permittee to landscape, develop, and maintain as and for a public park that certain parcel of land conveyed to City by deed."

During the next decade, Brandon built his medical office from property line to property line and developed the adjacent land. He paved more than a third of it, laying down a circular driveway large enough for four parking spaces and extending the driveway to the back of his building, where cars enter the underground parking garage. He put in a wall, excavated a palm tree in favor of the light post, and planted the area in front of the building and south of the parking lot.

Michal McKee, the great-granddaughter of one of the benefactors, was a teenager when she learned about the new building and the changes made to the land. "Basically, they designed the whole building intending to use city property to park on. They paid nothing for this right; they just did it. My stepfather, back when I was a teenager, saw I was upset about this and wrote a letter to the City."

The City's Park and Recreation Department responded by looking into the intent of the permit and the condition of the land. In 1975, two let-



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Michal McKee

ters were sent to Brandon informing him of the department's concern.

"From a recent inspection of the property, it is apparent the property does not conform with the conditions of the permit," Ed Mendoza, director of the Park and Recreation Department, wrote in his second letter to Brandon. "[It] has the appearance of being a private driveway and parking lot which was not the intent of the permit... This is to advise that failure to comply with the terms of the permit will make it necessary to initiate action to revoke it."

The City, however, began to question what should be done with the property. Just months after Mendoza sent his letter to Brandon, city staff recommended to the Central Area Committee (a community advisory group) that Olive Park be deleted from the park department's inventory. According to city records, the committee considered the park too small, too close to Balboa Park, too costly, and too dangerous, as much of it was canyon slope. But after "heated and intense discussion," the committee voted to keep the park.

Frustrated with the City's indecision, the McKees sued

the City in 1981, claiming the City in 1981, claiming the reversionary rights on the property due to improper usage.

The court ruled in favor of the City, stating that Brandon was not in direct viola-

to happen. I had spent the last ten years banging my head against the City wall, so I just went on with my life."

Despite McKee's capitulation, the City's file on the park continued to expand.



McKee family

tion of the encroachment permit and had a right to use the land for access, as had the property owners before him. The court interpreted the words "for use as a public park" as meaning the canyon portion of the lot — despite the City's earlier opinion that it was "dangerous."

Upset about the defeat, McKee dropped the issue altogether. "About that time, I felt like the process was so corrupt and nothing was going

The opening line in a 1992 city memorandum on Olive Park from Olin Hughes at the property department began, "I guess it's time for another memo-on-the-record on this subject (the property file only has six or seven in it so far)."

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so when the market trends upward. Also, even if you are in a cyclical bear inside of a secular bear — theoretically the worst of all worlds — you can make good money on certain stocks if you choose correctly.

The consensus of economists is now that the U.S. economy will contract in the fourth quarter of this year and the first and perhaps second of next year. But there are some who say this downturn could last well into 2010. Be forewarned: the economists who are most pessimistic now made the accurate predictions months ago, when the optimists thought there might be no recession.

World governments and central banks have taken unprecedented moves to get

banks to make loans again. Wielding the prod, governments now own big chunks of the biggest banks. The rationale is that inflation is bad, but deflation is awful, as the world learned in the 1930s. But the gobs of money and credit used to whip deflation may cause inflation three years from now.

E. James Welsh of Carlsbad's Welsh Money Management believes that we're in a secular bear that will last to 2016 or 2017. It may have begun with the shorter bear market of 2000–2002 or the current one that began midyear 2007. For months, he has been telling his clients to sell their stocks and go into cash equivalents. "You may be making 1 or 2 percent in a money market fund, but if assets are going down 30 to 40 percent in value, your purchasing power is going up," says Welsh. He thinks the Dow Jones Indus-

trial Average, now above 9000, could go as low as 6000 or 7000. "It may not happen until next year sometime. Most of the guys will say the market is cheap, there will be a recovery in mid-2009. If we see some stabilization in the credit markets, the bulls will come out and cause selling pressure to dry up. But the idea of a recovery in the second half of 2009 is too optimistic," and reality will drive the market back down.

Welsh also suspects that in three years, after all the money has been thrown at fighting deflation, inflation will raise its ugly head again. "Government deficits will be gigantic. We're in one hell of a pickle."

Robert Snigaroff of Denali Advisors concluded that we were in a secular bear in September of 2000 and has had well over half his portfolio in cash equivalents since then. Stocks may stage rallies in the short run, "but they are not that good a bargain now and are not likely to do well

in the long run," he says. Greatly because of the trillions of dollars of dangerous derivatives poisoning the financial system, "We are in a slow-motion crash."

Neil Hokanson of Solana Beach's Hokanson Associates thinks there is a "good chance" that this is a cyclical bear, but he, too, doesn't know if it started in 2000 or 2007. Analysts often wonder whether an economic or market recovery will be V-shaped (bouncing right back), U-shaped (bouncing back after a pause along the bottom), or L-shaped (plunging and then running flat along the bottom for a long time). "What will surprise people is that the recovery may not be sustained. People will think we are off to the races, but it will be kind of an L-shaped recovery, a longer slog" for both the economy and stocks, he says. He believes inflation may return: "Government is borrowing from the future. At some time that has to be inflationary." But this could cause bond yields to

rise, making stocks more competitive against bonds.

In this slog period, there will be winning stocks. Certain consumer stocks are generally stable, such as Johnson & Johnson and Teva Pharmaceutical, the Israeli maker of generic drugs. Femsa, a Mexican seller of both soft drinks and beer, fits in perfectly with the young population there, says Hokanson.

John Messner of Messner and Smith suspects we're in a secular bear market. "Hedge funds and mutual funds are liquidating stocks" as their investors pull their money out, and the process may last a long time as the world deleverages, or sheds excessive debt. "I pity the new president," he says; there is so much that has to be done to pump the economy up and then to try to stave off inflation after the job is done. "We definitely have toasted the consumer," says Messner. That's one reason he likes stocks like Jacobs Engineering, which has been cut in half. Among many

things, it does scientific and environmental engineering and consulting for governments all over the world.

Mike Stolper of Stolper and Company, which advises wealthy families and foundations, says this is no secular bear. "It fits the contours of a cyclical bear market," says Stolper. "In terms of intensity, we saw a full-blown financial panic."

The bad news has been compressed into a short time period. "This is a head fake," says Stolper. "We will have a short, sharp recession," says Stolper. There will be a V-shaped recovery in both the economy and stocks. "A year from now, we will have difficulty remembering whether the swoon took place before or after the election." In particular, he notes that stocks were reasonably valued in relation to their earnings and book value before the sell-off commenced. At the market's bottom, those valuations will be extremely compelling. But

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people hold off buying: "They look to the [stock] market as a gauge of prosperity, and they have this vague feeling they are being bankrupted." But the fear will evaporate quickly, Stolper predicts.

"I don't know that it is a secular bear," says hedge fund pro Todd Buchholz, Solana Beach author/economist with degrees from Cambridge and

Harvard Law. "The economic problems are more than can be patched over. So much restructuring is needed." For now, hedge funds and mutual funds will be selling heavily because of redemptions, and there won't be enough buying power on the sidelines. "If the credit markets unlock, we will be out of this in the spring. The consensus is that we will stay down a long time. I don't agree." He thinks the stock market will be higher a year from now. ■

Ping-pong park

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Two years later, the land was mentioned in a 1994 letter from Mayor Susan Golding to a concerned citizen. "I have contacted the Real Estate Assets Department... who are currently investigating the matter. If a resolution is not forthcoming, then the department is prepared to proceed with the steps necessary to revoke the permit."

During the next ten years, no more complaints are found in the City's file on Olive Park, and no changes were made to the land. Then in 2004, Leo Wilson, chair of Uptown Planners, an officially recognized city advisory group, noticed activity occurring in Maple Canyon. "We saw some trees go down in the canyon, and it was listed as surplus property for sale by the City. The impression we had was somebody had taken the trees down... preparing to purchase it. But because it is dedicated parkland, it requires a vote of the people. If it wasn't for that, the property probably would

have been sold."

Wilson says that sale would have provided a larger footprint for future developers. "If the City sold one portion to them, then they could get a tall building overlooking the canyon. Eventually, you could stick in a big condo complex, and the impact on Maple Canyon would be enormous."

To Wilson's surprise, in May of this year, Park and Recreation representative Debra Sharp showed up unannounced at the monthly meeting of the Uptown Planners to discuss options for Olive Park, despite the fact that the item was not on the agenda. Wilson said he felt as though the City was "passing a hot potato" to the planning group because the City wasn't sure what to do with the land.

Wilson was even more astounded to see KUSI News investigative reporter Michael Turko arrive at the meeting to report on the issue.

Responding to the newfound interest from the City and local media, Wilson, along with fellow boardmember and law professor Don Lid-

dell, took the initiative and spent the following months reviewing the court's 1981 decision and visiting the city attorney's office for advice.

Armed with new information and reassurance from the city attorney's office, Wilson and Liddell were prepared to make a recommendation.

The City gave them four options to choose from. The first three involved selling all or portions of the park to Brandon. The last option included charging Brandon rent for his use of the land, as well as enlarging the park through a City purchase of two adjacent vacant lots to form a one-acre park called Wood/McKee Community Park.

In August, Uptown Planners voted 13-0 in favor of the last proposition.

Mark Brandon, son of Milan Brandon, says there are some misconceptions about the property and how his family has managed it over the years. "One of the pieces of misinformation is the idea that the McKees and the Woods gave the property to the City as a gift," explains Brandon. "It's a misleading way to portray it. What really happened was all of the families were using Olive Park, or then Olive Street, to get to their properties, just as we use it today. Somewhere along the way, one of the families suggested to the City that they close the paper street. If the City closed the paper street, then the homeowners agreed not to take the property. What they proposed to the City was, if you close the street, when the property comes to us we will give it back to the City and the City would keep it as a park. So that's how the property got created as Olive

Park. When that happened, the families still used the land exactly as they had before, and everyone just used it that way for decades. Nothing really changed. When we bought our property, we bought it with the understanding that we would always continue to use it the same way they had.

"Our position is we are not taking anything from the City, and we shouldn't be paying rent on this," says Brandon. "It's an established access to our property that existed long before we bought it, and it's the only way to get into our garage. At this point, we're concerned with what to do because so many people have gotten involved in this recently. Frankly, the City hasn't come to us — we've been hearing about all this from everyone else. We're getting hit from all different directions on this."

The Brandons feel that they have been fighting for access to their garage the entire 40 years they've been there. "It just means there would probably be another lawsuit. We're in the neighborhood too — we've been here for four decades — and we like the idea of a park here. There's been talk to take some of the other property and use some of that land for it. We'd support that, but no one has come to us."

Councilmember Kevin Faulconer favors the establishment of a new Olive Park. "I will be working with them [Uptown Planners] and the rest of the community when we figure out the best options for the site," he says. "Parks are very important, and getting new parks is good for every community. Earlier this year, we became aware of the renewed community effort to pursue the park, so I think it's taking on a lot of momentum."

According to Wilson, the Bankers Hill/Park West Community Association, a citizens' group that works on neighborhood issues, formed a task force in September to make sure Olive Park isn't once again forgotten, and Wilson vows to push the City forward with buying the adjacent lots for parkland. "The City will move forward, but we need to push them to make this happen," he says. "We're going to take the ball and run with this in Banker's Hill." ■



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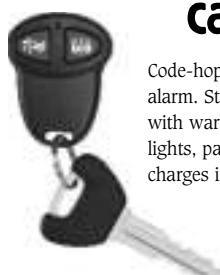
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Don Bauder didn't contact enough people before writing his diatribe about the "Wolverine" network ("Smear Machine," "City Lights," October 30).

Had he done what a journalist should have done (and Don used to be a journalist, before the Colorado cold froze his brain), he might have gotten a response — assuming a response is what he wanted — I have some doubt about that.

I'd just like Don to know that I have never once used anything I read on the "Wolverine Network" as a basis for a story involving

Mike Aguirre. This is the first time any such comment by Mike has reached me, and I just wanted to assure Mike that anything I have said about him in my many stories regarding him has been based on my own personal observations of and about Mike Aguirre.

I don't need John Kaheny to feed me information — the facts are there in plain sight for anyone to see, if they will only look.

Doug Curlee
 KUSI-TV News

Don Bauder replies: I contacted almost 20 people for the column. Few responded.

Crasher Basher

Despite his consistent exploitation of the English language in a manner that is altogether deplorable, Josh Board has been allowed to write his "Crasher" columns and daily blogs for the Reader for what seems an inexcusable amount of time. The very idea of a "party crasher's diary" begs to be interesting, if not hilarious, when done well, and I find it hard to believe that week after week Mr. Board is permitted by the

Reader to print (and unfortunately get paid for) his work. It is an insult to those who read your publication (which I happen to enjoy doing) and to the writers in San Diego who bothered to learn correct grammar and would jump at the opportunity that Josh Board manages to squander week after week.

Memorable "Crasher" Quotes (MCQ) #1:

— "I went to Disneyland today." (End paragraph)

— "I was expecting the worst. It's a Saturday. Great weather, the place would be packed." (Hemingway rolls over in his grave.)

— "And, loved that there was only a 15 minute wait." (I think most of us learned not to start sentences with conjunctions in the third grade. Or, possibly earlier.)

First of all, I understand that the "Crasher" is just a guy going to parties he's invited to, usually accompanied by his girlfriend or a friend who he makes pay for parking. Said crasher then writes about them in your publication to let the general public know what a

grand old time he had. I also know he normally leaves out the names of the people to preserve their identities when necessary (unless he's misspelling or misquoting them) and keeps the specifics to a minimum (which is either admirable or incredibly lazy).

Smattering of MCQ #2:
 — "An example being this story from a few weeks back." (I wonder if he knows what that long, green dotted line underneath all his incorrect grammar in Microsoft Word means?)

— "As would many of their parents." (Parents that didn't teach them what an incomplete sentence was.)

— "Gillian Anderson, who stared [sic] in the X-Files, was probably getting sick of her costar David Duchovny [sic] making all the news with his sex addiction and divorce" ("Daily Crasher," "Blogs," October 22). (We all know Agent Scully stares intently through season 873.)

I have had the opportunity to meet Josh on two occasions during the past three or four months. We

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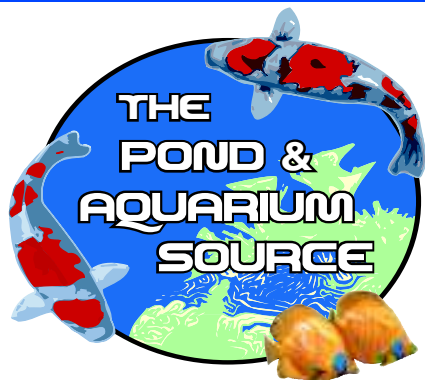
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Matt:

I can't figure this out. Maybe you can. When I'm at work, mostly, I seem to always be rubbing my face and eyes. I rub them pretty hard, which really messes up my makeup. What's with this eye rubbing? I'd really like to stop it, but at the time it really feels good.

— Toby, via email

Oh, Grandma knows just how you feel. After a big day of pie baking, she rubs her face to cool down and her makeup always comes off on her apron. Big mascara blobs, lipstick smears, two whooshes of blusher. For the rest of the day she has a pattern on her front that looks like an Andy Warhol painting. So why do you and Grandma grab your mugs when the going gets tough? It's your body's built-in calming mechanism. All kinds of things happen when you rub your eyes. If they're feeling dry and sore, gentle eye rubbing stimulates tear production to wet things up. If your eyes are feeling tired, rubbing them massages the overworked muscles attached to your eyeballs that make your eyes move. It's like rubbing a sore arm muscle to make it feel better. But most of all, eye and face rubbing sets in motion the oculocardiac reflex.

Hard to believe that poking yourself in the eye could slow your body down, but it does. This is because ocular nerves are connected to the all-important supernerve, the vagus. This hard worker runs down the middle of your body, from your brainstem to your gut, and pokes its nose into just about everything you do. In the eye department, stimulating that area eventually stimulates the vagus nerve, which signals your heart to slow down. This reflex is used in all sorts of practices, including massage and therapeutic hypnosis. There's some indication that nerves in your jaw might also create this response. So, face and eye rubbing actually serve a useful purpose.

You sound like a wound-up chick if you do this a lot. First of all, don't rub your eyes hard. Not good for the eyeball. Or the eye shadow. Instead of rubbing your eyes, you might try closing them, then concentrating on slowing your breathing until you calm down. Or maybe just find a more pleasant job.

Heymatt:

I'm pretty interested in the International Space Station, and I pretty much worry about it being hit by a meteor. What are the chances that this will happen, and what has NASA done, if anything, to prevent it?

— Spaceball, via email

NASA's not about to fling billions of dollars' worth of space gear into the universe without a few backup plans. NASA tracks both the ISS's orbit and the paths of surrounding objects in real time, so given a little heads-up warning, the ISS can be moved out of the way. Rockets on the station can change the orbit of the ISS by as much as 6 miles. These are also necessary to keep the ISS in orbit. It's in space a little more than 200 miles up, which is still within a thin layer of earth's atmosphere. This creates drag, which eventually would make the thing fall out of orbit if they couldn't correct it.

ISS dwellers do hear pings caused by tiny bits of space debris hitting the station, but nothing big has hit it so far. But if something big does hit it, statistically it's more likely to be a hunk of the space trash that's collecting up there. Old dead satellites and rockets and pieces of them. A while ago, a Chinese weather satellite collided with something and was smashed to smithereens. NASA (actually, the Air Force) now has to add weather-satellite bits to the junk they already track to avoid a smashup.

Here's another infobite to soothe your brain. The ISS is built in modules, so if one module is hit by something, the others won't be affected. I hope you're less worried about an ISS collision now. There are so many things right here on planet Earth to fill in that freed-up brain space. Please find one soon.

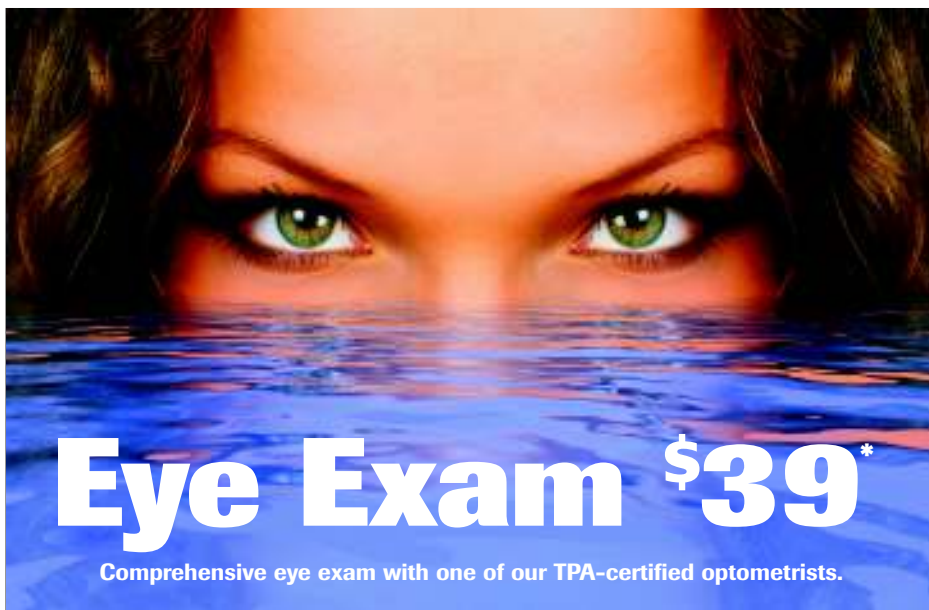
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Heymatt: You did mention that UV light is not good for the eyes, but you should have been explicit. Any extra UV light to the eyes is a permanently bad idea. I have to change UV lamps on biotech equipment, and it says not to be in the same room when the lamps are on. When I have to be around UV lamps when they are on, I wear goggles that completely cover the eyes and block 99.9 percent of the UV. I still limit any skin exposure to minimum time. I have also seen the UV lamps destroy a vinyl-covered laboratory chair. Also, anyone in a tanning booth has their eyes covered.

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Last Light

Like sandhill cranes. It's the pterodactyl in them, the too-long toothpick legs, the Ichabod Crane anatomy, the black beak, and the 1950 Mercury convertible red top that sends me back to those Triassic period days.

If you want to see sandhill cranes you have to go where they are, which means a trip up the hated I-5. Last year I went to Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex in Willows, about 85 miles north of our capital city. That was my first birding trip. There were a few sandhill cranes standing about, but I was busy with the Big Picture.

I wrote, "We saw white-faced ibis, white-fronted goose, snow goose, Ross's goose, cackling goose, red-tail hawks, northern pintail, mallards, pied-billed grebe, tundra swan, northern shoveler, herons, sandhill cranes...*enough*. The point is, there are 3,000,000 ducks and 1,000,000 geese around here or on their way.

"The sound is impossibly loud. Two, five, ten, who-knows-how-many thousand snow geese have lifted from a marsh forming one huge skein of geese, a swarm of geese, a living tornado of geese, and are flying toward me, honking and flapping so loud that their sound is all the sound there is to hear.

"This. Is. Thrilling."

It was like going to your first baseball game, the absolute first game — no sandlot baseball, no Little League, no high school or Pony League or college baseball, no TV or radio baseball. You've never watched a baseball game in your life, and the first one you happen upon is Game 7 of the World Series between Boston and San Diego.

But, it wasn't until six months later, in Fairbanks, at Creamer's Field (Migratory Waterfowl Refuge), that I got to know sandhill cranes. The 1800-acre refuge is within Fairbanks city limits, couple miles from downtown. My morning routine was to wake up, quickly leave my host's house (as a good guest should), drive into town, acquire one BIG coffee and two croissants at Mocha Moose, drive down College Avenue, and turn left into Creamer's Field. Park. Exit the vehicle. Walk ten paces. Place manly butt on picnic table, boots on picnic bench, sip coffee, munch croissant, lift binoculars and, "Good morning, fellas."

Sandhill cranes remind me of circus clowns running around, bumping into each other, climbing in and out of a Mini Cooper. They have a wacky gait, like a clown walking on stilts, and a Bozo-the-Clown countenance highlighted by

round eyes and thick red crown.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology (the authority in these matters) says, in their wonderfully ornithological dialect, that cranes "...are perennially monogamous and provide extended biparental care of their young." They are among the oldest living birds and can live 20-plus years (average is 12 years).

And right now, sandhill cranes are coming into the Central Valley of California like a flying freight train jammed with circus clowns. This year I'm going to the Cosumnes River Preserve, 46,000 acres of wetlands 40 miles south of Sacramento. The draw is a new place, cranes, and the river. The Cosumnes is the only free-flowing river left in the Central Valley.

There are 12 of us on this trip, a standard birding expedition. All white people, minimum age of 60, more women than men, careful non-birding conversation, and high-end snacks. We travel in one van, one station wagon, and my truck.

We arrive at the preserve at noon. It rained this morning, which makes the afternoon air especially sweet. It's going to be 70 degrees.

We work alongside wetlands, then take a river walk for three miles along the Cosumnes. It's a dirt path under a canopy of tree limbs. Seen from the rear, we are the Seven Dwarfs marching off to work. We turn east, away from the river, onto flat, dry land with few trees. This is what the Central Valley looked like 300 years ago.

We are gone four hours and spy a normal selection of bird species, but no cranes. It happens. One thousand cranes could be here tomorrow or yesterday.

At the visitors' center, we decide to drive north a half mile, then turn east and catch the fly-in, as birds, after a hard day of feeding, come home for the night.

It's 4:55 p.m. A stunning orange-turning-to-pink sunset is happening underneath dark, puffy clouds. And here they come, a flock of 26 sandhill cranes making a big circle over the marsh, legs dropping straight down, wings stretched, coming in to land as darkness sweeps over the valley. And now come Canada geese and more cranes, everyone coming home, just beating pitch dark by a honk.

I feel like a World War II aircraft-carrier captain, standing on the bridge, watching his Grumman Hellcats come back from battle. No light in the sky.

The Vegas Line

NFL – Week 10 (Home Team in CAPS)				
Favorite	Spread	Thursday	Over/Under	Underdog
CLEVELAND	3		46	Denver
HOUSTON	1 ½		41 ½	Baltimore
Jacksonville	6 ½		44 ½	DETROIT
Tennessee	3		39	CHICAGO
NEW ENGLAND	4		42	Buffalo
ATLANTA	Pk 'em		49 ½	New Orleans
N.Y. JETS	8		44 ½	St. Louis
MIAMI	9		43	Seattle
MINNESOTA	2 ½		45	Green Bay
Carolina	9		38	OAKLAND
SAN DIEGO	14 ½		48	Kansas City
PITTSBURGH	3		NL	Indianapolis
PHILADELPHIA	3		43 ½	N.Y. Giants
ARIZONA	9 ½		46 ½	San Francisco
Bye week: Cincinnati, Dallas, Tampa Bay, Washington				

Escondido at La Costa Canyon

Posted November 1, 2008, 3:21 a.m.

Halloween is supposed to be about orange and black. Friday night, it was instead about the La Costa Canyon's "Gang Green" defense, which shut out Escondido in the second half and helped the hosts to a 21-17 come-from-behind win.

"Our defense knew that they had a challenge in front of them," said La Costa Canyon head coach Darrin Brown, "and they did a great job of stepping up and listening to the adjustments and the coaching points that we made during the week."

Escondido opened the scoring with a Sam Altimirano 20-yard field goal midway through the first quarter, but La Costa Canyon did not take long to respond. Two minutes later, Mavericks quarterback Sebastian Frausto found Kenny Stills for a 22-yard touchdown to put the home side ahead 7-3.

Escondido's defense forced La Costa Canyon out of their comfort zone by shutting down Stills, holding the Mavericks wide receiver to only two catches for the entire game. The Mavericks responded with 200 total rushing yards, led by sophomore Erik Nelson's 129 yards on 17 carries.

La Costa Canyon got the ball first in the second half and marched right down the field for a score. Less than three minutes after the break, Frausto ran it in from five yards out to cut Escondido's lead to three.

Frausto found the endzone again at the start of the fourth quarter. And his 25-yard touchdown scamper put La Costa Canyon ahead 21-17 with 11:25 remaining.



La Costa Canyon wide receiver Kenny Stills lines up against Escondido's Ricky Seale

Fallbrook turning things around

Posted October 30, 2008, 11:23 p.m.

After losing their first three games of the season, it would have been easy for Fallbrook to write off 2008. They certainly had enough excuses, from adjusting to a new coach to dealing with injuries all over the field.

Instead, the Warriors have won three of their last four games. Friday night, Fallbrook (3-4, 1-1 Avocado) hosts Torrey Pines (2-4-1, 0-1-1) at 7 p.m.

"After the three losses, we regrouped and thought our philosophy on the season," said junior wide receiver Cody Williams.

First-year head coach Joe Silvey said one reason for Fallbrook's recent success is that the team is starting to grasp the new systems he implemented on both sides of the ball. Because Silvey was hired in March, he couldn't really start teaching the team new schemes until spring ball.

On defense this year, Fallbrook is running the same odd stack defense that Silvey ran as Carlsbad's defensive coordinator for the previous eight seasons. Offensively, the Warriors converted from a West Coast offense to a spread this season.

"It was difficult learning the system, but it was okay," Williams said.



Escondido wide receiver Tony Crosland

Comment:

Patrick Henry was buried on Halloween at Manchester Stadium as the Cathedral DONS dominated the Patriots 66-10. The Patriots' nightmare began with their third play with a DONS interception and return it for a TD. Sadly, there may have been a benevolent spirit in this haunting, for the sideline judge spotted a defensive hold and nullified the turnover.

By JustWondering 10:59 p.m., Oct 31, 2008

An important recruiting lesson

By ryanmettee261 Posted October 30, 2008, 1:37 a.m.

I was never heavily recruited or offered any scholarships by any big division one schools — they all only offered me a preferred walk-on status. I'm still trying to figure out what the heck that means.

Luckily for me, I knew early on I wanted to go somewhere in the Ivy League.

The one key statement that I will never forget was during my freshman camp when talking to my coach who had recruited me 7 months earlier. He told me that I would have probably received about 15 scholarship offers if I had played high school football on the East Coast. He mentioned the large number of college football programs of all divisions on the East Coast dwarfed the number of schools on the West Coast. The map below (you must go to RawHideNation.com to see) depicts what I'm talking about.

At this moment, I learned an important lesson, which at the time didn't offer me much value. Majority of college programs, specifically those that are not considered "big-time" IA schools, focus almost all of their recruiting resources on targeting players in close proximity to their region. If you live on the West Coast and want to have more options to play college football, YOU MUST REACH OUT TO THESE SCHOOLS.



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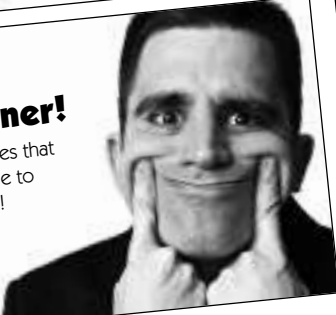
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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

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Founded locally: 1893
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Congregation size: NA
Staff size: NA
Sunday school enrollment: NA
Annual budget: NA
Weekly giving: NA
Singles program: NA
Dress: semiformal
Diversity: Caucasian and Hispanic
Sunday worship: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon (Spanish), 5 p.m.
Length of reviewed service: 55 minutes

November 2 was the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed at St. Mary, Star of the Sea—All Souls' Day, the Day of the Dead. Sheets of parchment hung along the walls of the Spanish-style church, listing the names of all the parishioners who had died over the past year, along with their date of departure from the world.

The choir, sounding bigger than it was, swelled forth at the opening, "I heard the voice of Jesus say/ Come unto Me and rest." (And at the end, in a plea for the deceased: "Come to his aid, O saints of God/ Come meet him, angels of the Lord.")

The first reading was taken from Isaiah. "On this mountain, the Lord of hosts...will destroy the veil that veils all people, the web that is woven over all nations. He will destroy death forever." The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, delved into the mechanics of that destruction. "We were indeed buried with [Christ] through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead...we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with Him through a death like His, we shall also be united with Him in the resurrection." And the Gospel made it particular with Christ's words before visiting the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whosoever believes in Me, even if he dies, he shall live." This was the destruction of the veil, the point of the crucifix that dominated the church's simple sanctuary.

Father John Hannigan's homily stressed the importance of prayer for the dead. "We believe that almost everyone, if not everyone, is, at the moment of death, not the person that needs to be there for all eternity... We pray that our faithful departed may journey along that road that leads to the Light of the World. We pray that our loved ones, who have gone ahead of us marked with the sign of faith, may be purged of all temporal punishment, that they may be cleansed. For the scriptures tell us that nothing unclean enters the kingdom of heaven, and we hear in the Book of Maccabees how it is good to pray for the dead... We pray that they may be cleansed of their sinfulness completely, so as to enjoy

entirely the beatific vision."

During the prayers of the faithful, the lector petitioned "that the members of this community remember with love those who are no longer among us." When Hannigan offered the bread and wine to God during the Eucharistic prayer, he also asked God to "raise our departed brothers and sisters into full life with You." And after the Consecration, he prayed, "May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring us all unto life everlasting."

In the silence following Communion, mariachi trumpets could be heard outside; Oceanside's celebration of *Día de los Muertos* was beginning to hum. By the time Mass ended, the thump of a drum was bulleting the air. The drummer stood near the church entrance, alongside an altar that was unmixing with either Christian symbolism or modern sentimental touches. The mounded border of marigolds at its center surrounded a flowered skull, not the Virgin of Guadalupe. There was incense but no candle bearing images of

Christ. There were bread and corn but no packaged candy or liquor. Most noticeably, there was no photo of the deceased. It seemed to honor not the dead but the Aztec Lady of the Dead. Later, the drummer was joined by a dancer in traditional garb — his leggings jingling, his feathered headdress adorned with a skull.

That altar was the exception. Most of the others focused on particular people and showed some signs of Christian influence, though some were clearly more political than religious in intent. Where one honored a deceased husband with family photos, hot sauce, and a game of dominoes, another commemorated the Tlatelolco massacre of 1968 with news accounts and photos of beaten protesters. Only the bright orange of the marigolds remained a constant.

Beyond the altars, there was food and music and merchandise. Men and boys sat at a craft table, gluing foil and sparkles to Mexican sugar skulls. The usual *calacas* — skeletal wedding couples and *caballeros* — were joined by more fanciful versions: surfers, Elvis in his white-gold jumpsuit. And in a grand blending of politics, commerce, and religion, one T-shirt for sale depicted the iconic pop-art image of Che Guevara, his face reduced to a hollow-eyed skull.

What happens when we die? From the Eucharistic Prayer: "In Him who rose from the dead, our hope of resurrection dawned. The sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality. For Your faithful people, life is changed, not ended: we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven."

— Matthew Lickona



St. Mary, Star of the Sea
Oceanside

★★

Sermon

content★★
delivery.....★★

Liturgy

.....★★★

Music

congregational.....★★½
band.....★★½

Snacks

.....no snacks

Architecture

.....★★★

Friendliness

.....★★½

Poor to satisfactory

.....(none)

Good

.....★

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.....★★

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—EVE KELLY

"This recession is taking a toll on my love life," sighed my friend Tara. "My husband and I used to go out every Friday night. Now it's just too expensive — especially when you factor in babysitting."

"Isn't your oldest 11 and a half?" I asked. "She's a responsible sort. Maybe if she had a little training, she could take over."

"Is that old enough?" asked Tara. "I thought you had to be 13."

I started calling around, first to Don Ross, who runs the babysitter-training company OptiWell with his business partner Sue Lockhart (619-204-3838; babysitter-training.com). "The class is best suited to kids from 11 to 15," said Ross. "There is no legal minimum age for babysitting in California, but the best guidelines I've seen come from the military. They say that an 11-year-old can babysit children from toddler on up, and a 12-year-old can babysit for an infant on up. Of course, those are guidelines — it varies depending on the maturity of the child. In San Diego, there is a real consciousness about the importance of babysitter training because the Red Cross has been offering classes to the community for such a long time. We cover everything the Red Cross does, and we also offer pediatric CPR certification."

The class lasts five hours. "We can do it either in one whole day or over two days. The first half covers topics such as starting and advertising your business," but mostly focuses on "child care and babysitting safety, including water safety. Things such as basic care, feeding, diapering, hand washing, and holding a baby. We have baby dolls for them to practice on...and baby bottles and food dishes. They go through the physical motions of feeding or holding the baby while protecting the baby's head. We also cover age-appropriate games and discipline. The program is very interactive, with lots of skits and role-play. For discipline, we'll give the kids various scenarios." First-aid training is administered via video "to cover a broad range of topics. Things like how to prevent burns — keeping hot cups away from places where kids could pull them onto themselves. And we give them some supplies so they can start to assemble their own first-aid kits. They get Band-Aids, stickers, a first-aid manual, and the *Babysitting Lessons & Safety Training* book."

The second half of OptiWell's babysitter training focuses on CPR for kids. "After they complete the training, we can give them a two-year certificate for infant and child CPR. They don't get a certificate for adult CPR

"They'll still be able to save their parents' lives."

because we don't teach them about heart disease, but the technique is exactly the same — they'll still be able to save their parents' lives."

Costs for the class vary with venue and class size, ranging from \$55 for the class held at the Scripps Mendel Well Being Center (call 619-204-3838 to register) to \$85 for the Pacific Athletic Club (call 858-509-0700 to register). Also, OptiWell is willing to go anywhere in San Diego County. "It's a nice option," says Ross. "We'll come to your home or facility. The minimum is \$200, which would be \$50 for each of four students. If it's a big enough group, we'll take it down to \$45 per person. In that case, we'd shorten the skits, bring the class down to about four hours — but you'd still get all the content."

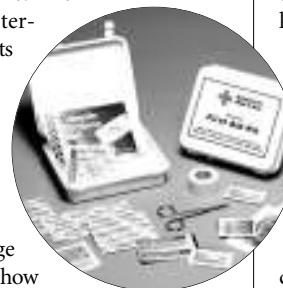
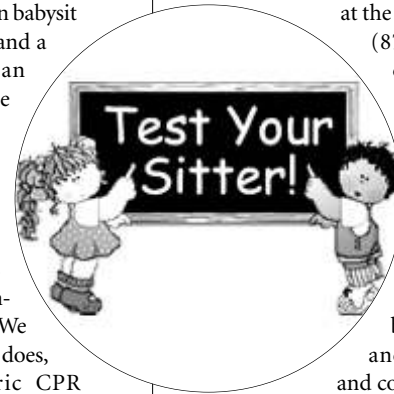
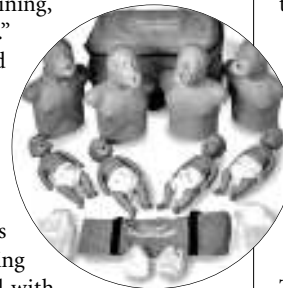
Next I spoke with Debbie at the American Red Cross (877-454-7229). "The course here is designed for 11- to 14-year-olds, and it offers training in safety, safe play, and basic care. The price includes a babysitter's handbook, a first-aid kit, and a babysitter pen. It's six and a half hours long and costs \$70."

Finally, I called *Babysitting-class.com* (800-710-7437), a San Diego-based online company. Representative Kate Evans said that the course was "written for a sixth-grade reading level and is designed for ages 11 to 17. But we've had grandmothers take it."

The course consists of chapters with quizzes interspersed "to see if the child is absorbing the material" and a test at the end of each chapter. "The first chapter is about the importance of planning in order to prevent problems. The second is about safety and security. In the third chapter, you learn about age-appropriate activities to help keep kids busy and out of trouble. Fourth chapter is discipline and problem children. The time-out is the biggest weapon, also the denial of privileges. The fifth is a basic business lesson on how to set up and run a babysitting business, and the sixth is about applying things you've learned in babysitting class to other areas of life."

At the end, there is a final exam, which can be taken more than once if necessary. "The average student takes about one hour per chapter. We offer support — you can call or email with questions. When you pass the final test, we mail you a certificate and a business kit. From the time a student registers, they have a yearlong pass to access the site and take the test. It costs \$17.50."

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by Barbarella

Portuguese Hospitality

I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.

— Abraham Lincoln

Before finalizing the itinerary for our European vacation last year, David posted a message on his website soliciting recommendations for places to visit. He received emails from more than 20 countries, including Slovenia, Norway, Ireland, the Czech Republic, Italy, France, Belgium, and Germany; the highest number of responses from a single country (five) came from Portugal.

Though we were unable to make it to Portugal on our first tour of Europe, the beckoning from the fishing country's locals had caught our attention, so we

vowed to include a stop there on our next trip. Because food and wine feature so prominently in our travels, we were interested in visiting the city of Porto, the center of the world's port wine production. There we would also be able to meet Fernando, a photo enthusiast who had

invited us to dine on regional fare prepared by his wife at her restaurant in their hometown, Espinho (pronounced "eshpeeny-oo"), 20 kilometers south of Porto.

David and I arrived in Porto by plane on a Friday afternoon and were deposited at our hotel by the friendliest cab driver we'd encountered in Europe. Once settled in our room, I pulled back the curtains to reveal a breathtaking view of the Douro River and the Dom Luís Bridge, whose metalwork is reminiscent of the Eiffel Tower (the bridge was designed by one of Gustave Eiffel's associates). As the sun slipped behind remnants of gothic granite turrets and belfries, David and

I walked to a small restaurant a few blocks away. We exited the restaurant to find the lights of Porto had emerged; the black water beneath the bridge reflected a thousand incandescent bulbs. The scene was so magical that as we strolled along the waterfront and back to our hotel I was inspired to stop and pilfer a passionate kiss from my man.

The next morning, after showering and breakfasting in the hotel, we stepped outside to learn just how harsh the light of day can be. "I don't get it," I said, surveying the endless rows of dilapidated tenements leading up the hillside from the river. Rusted, corrugated tin stood where walls and roofs had obviously failed. Only glass shards remained where windows had been. Mangy mongrels sniffed for scraps in passageways. Earlier, the concierge had informed us that our hotel was filled to capacity with German, British, and American tourists. "How can a place that draws people from all over, with such a gorgeous view and primo wineries, be so...forgotten?" I was reminded of American cities whose heyday had come and gone, such as Coney Island in New York or Galveston, Texas.

"It's as though someone took Tijuana and dropped it in the middle of Paris," David said.

We were standing before the entrance of our hotel, marveling at the *Twilight*

Zone-y strangeness of it all, when Fernando pulled up in a four-door sedan. He wore an untucked blue denim button-down shirt over lighter blue jeans and camel-colored construction boots. He sounded something like *Sesame Street's* Count von Count and looked a lot like Nicholas Sarkozy, only taller, tanner, and with a longer chin and shorter nose. He greeted us with handshakes, then hugs and kisses, and then invited us to get in the car.

Fernando took a meandering route along the river to its mouth, at which point he followed the coastline south so he could point out areas David might be interested in photographing. He was disappointed when David confessed he'd left his camera back in San Diego, but he seemed pleased when David suggested a possible return trip to Portugal for the sole purpose of taking photos.

After 20 minutes of Portuguese coastline, Fernando turned onto a cobblestone road and drove two blocks inland to park on an empty street lined with whitewashed buildings, many decorated with yellow, blue, and white tiles. As he stepped over a cocker spaniel lounging on the sidewalk, Fernando said, "He is the enemy of Dick. I must to make sure Dickie don't see him." Shortly afterward, we met Fernando's Macedonian shepherd — a giant, lovable beast that seemed way too mellow to have enemies.

"It's as though someone took Tijuana and dropped it in the middle of Paris."

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Inside Casa Floro Adegas Restaurante, David and I were introduced to Paula, Fernando's wife, who is acting owner and operator of what had been her parents' restaurant for 50 years. At nearly six feet, Paula was almost as tall as her husband. Her hair was long, dark, and straight, her cheekbones high and chiseled, her body that of a willowy fashion model. Toby, Paula's obese beagle, loitered at her feet while we were treated to a tour of Portugal's greatest culinary hits. Platter after platter was delivered to the table: blood, bean, and pork soup; cod croquettes; suckling pig with veggies; and cod baked with potatoes, followed by slices from seven different kinds of cakes and tarts.

Fernando told us the Portuguese red wine he was pouring was better than any wine we could have tasted in Rioja. He beamed when I said his wife's espresso was better than any I'd tasted in Spain. He produced a bottle of Portuguese brandy, and while he and David enjoyed their glasses of the golden stuff, Fernando explained how this Aguardente Velha Reserva was superior to any French cognac. "Zee French," he said, "is a laboratory. Here, this wine is genuine."

To facilitate the return of easy breathing after our feast, Fernando guided David and me on a walk along the boardwalk, by "Portugal's casino," through a shopping square, around the town's modern styled, eye-shaped planetarium, and into a lavish church. It was a small, quiet town; we encountered few people along the way. As we walked, Fernando filled us in on more Portuguese trivia. "In English, you have only one word for one thing, is as bread," he said. "In Portuguese, we have six words for bread." I secretly hoped he would count them (*Vhun! Vhun bread, ah ah ah!*) but no go. He also said that the

Portuguese who study English end up speaking the language with better diction than any native English speakers. Listening to Fernando's enlightenments, I couldn't help but think of the father character in the movie *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, who traced the origin of anything and everything back to Greece.

When we made it back to the restaurant, Paula, having closed up shop and thrown a brown suede jacket over her stylish ensemble, stood ready by the door. The four of us piled into the sedan, and Fernando continued playing docent. He drove for an hour, singling out landscapes that might interest David's artistic eye. When we reached the tip of the peninsula, we stopped in a small fishing village, where we watched the sun set as we sampled some more of that Portuguese espresso.

Once back in the car, David, who is used to deflecting the spotlight my way, mentioned my writing and how much I love to read. Thus began the new focus of our tour.

Fernando whisked us to a shopping mall and led us into Fnac, a French-based chain of book and music stores. The mall — so modern, well kept, and bustling with people — was jarring after a full day of quaint, barren towns.

While David and Paula wandered around, Fernando led me to the foreign-language section

and began pulling down books — the short stories of Jorge Luis Borges (who was Argentine but wrote in Portuguese) and the Portuguese poet and philosopher Fernando Pessoa. Enlivened by his passion for Pessoa, Fernando insisted I flip to any page ("Is not matter which; all equal are good") and read a poem. I did and was duly impressed. "I will be ordering some of this from Amazon as soon as I get home," I said.

While Fernando and I had been geeking out over poetry, Paula had been on a clandestine mission. When the four of us reconvened in the middle of the store, she presented David and me with specialized chocolates — for David, a chocolate camera; for me, a bag of chocolate letters and an oversized chocolate pencil. We were awed by her generosity and thoughtfulness.

Fernando invited us to join him and Paula for dinner at a Japanese restaurant in Porto to celebrate his birthday, which had fallen on the previous day. On the way there, and

on the way back to our hotel afterward, he continued to regale us with tales of Portuguese prowess. We bid Paula and Fernando farewell in front of our hotel, 11 hours after Fernando had come to collect us. "Is nice to see both of you in Portugal and show you a little piece of this country," said Fernando. Paula smiled. "Keep in touch and beginning to plan a bigger trip to Portugal. You are always welcome, and if you need something and we can help, is just to say."

Hugs were exchanged, and each cheek was kissed. As Fernando and Paula disappeared back up the steep hillside, David and I gazed at the stunning, Monet-like sight of the glimmering bridge over shimmering water and reflected on the warmth and kindness that had been extended to us by our new Portuguese friends. ■

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The Coronado Bridge and downtown loom large, and the green lawn and blue waters of the bay complete a scenic color palette.

Approaching the stage from the parking area, dozens of people — older, distinguished-looking fellows with mustaches and smoking jackets, alongside young Asian women in shorts and T-shirts — stride along with instruments slung like guns.

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The orchestra is warming up.

Tonight, the men will wear tails and white bow ties and cummerbunds, and the women

In 1996, all of the musicians and the conductors were laid off.

will be in black formal wear, with sleeves past their elbows and skirts past their knees; but right now, there are

visors and straw hats, reading glasses and Ray-Bans, dress socks and sandals.

The rehearsal begins with some announcements. Monica Mancini, the guest artist for tonight's summer pops show, is introduced. The orchestra members clap. Many of them — instruments in hand — "clap" by tapping their feet.

Mancini waves and smiles to the symphony members and says nothing. Her performance with the summer pops this evening will celebrate the music of her father, Academy Award-winning composer Henry Mancini. As for Monica, she's been nominated for multiple Grammys and sung with everyone from Stevie Wonder to Michael Jackson to major symphony orchestras.

Matthew Garbutt, summer pops conductor for the symphony, says good morning. And then, "Let's begin."

Garbutt is wearing high-top white sneakers, khaki shorts, and a red, short-sleeved, collared golf shirt. His outfit provides counterpoint to the conductor's baton in his right hand.

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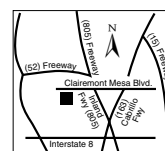
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the mark of a specialist among specialists. Leonard Bernstein referred to the conductor's baton as an "instrument of meaning."

"First up, we'll do 'Pink Panther,'" Garbutt says, referring to one of the elder Mancini's most famous tunes.

For much of the three-minute instrumental, Garbutt taps his right foot, his hands behind his back, his head bobbing in tacit enjoyment. Every half-minute or so, he turns the page of the score on the stand in front of him.

Slinking along the notes, the orchestra sounds flawless. That is, until something almost imperceptible occurs, and they all stop playing at once.

The strings are confused about a transition. "Bar 105," a voice says. And then the same voice asks a question. Garbutt leans forward, addressing the question.

Then Garbutt speaks up and says, "Everyone! Let's take it from 105." And "Pink Panther" plays on to the end.

Mancini steps up to the microphone. She's thin and attractive, with long arms and legs. Wearing sunglasses, she faces the empty seats on the lawn of the Embarcadero and sings "It Had Better Be Tonight" with the orchestra sounding spicy behind her.

After the tune, the harpist applies hand lotion.

Then "Moment to Moment" comes on, seething and slow, but stops after a few sultry measures. The woodwinds have a question about tempo. Garbutt responds, "It's two-four in the alto part," the rest of his answer mostly swallowed by an airplane flying over.

The orchestra starts again.

They seem like a race car in the slow lane or a hurricane-capable wind

lifting a few leaves, half-hiding their potential.

This is the orchestra's second time rehearsing the Henry Mancini material and its first time rehearsing with Monica Mancini.

Tonight will be the show.

After an hour, it's time for a break. The musicians tend to their instruments first — wiping down strings, protecting reeds — before they tend to their own needs. They have a snack in a tent behind the stage

and then shuffle back up to their places.

During the first piece after the break, Garbutt interrupts. "We need the brass a little more raunchy," he says, "a little dirtier, a little more *hot*." The tune

they're playing is, after all, called "Le Jazz Hot."

"Should we stand up to play it?" asks one trombonist.

Everyone laughs. "Do whatever blows your skirt up," calls out Mancini.

But Garbutt says no, no need to stand.

Garbutt, 57, has been with the symphony since 1977.

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Garbutt is also the principal tuba player for the symphony, when he's not waving his baton.

"For the summer pops, we played along with a Pink Floyd cover

band this year," Garbutt says. "And we did the music of Billy Joel."

Back from the Ashes
Ward Gill leans earnestly across a small round table in the corner of his

Flurries of notes — a Mozart clarinet concerto — scurry over the wood floors.

office. Gill has served as the symphony's executive director for the past five years. His office in the Symphony Towers building on Seventh and B

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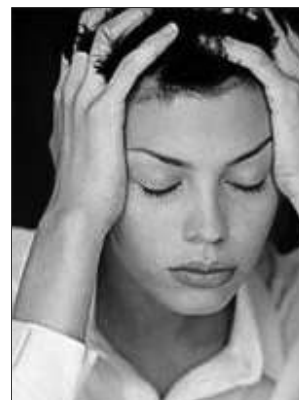
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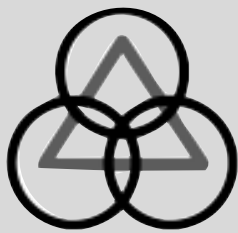


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through the 1996 season, the symphony made increasingly impassioned requests to local banks and the citizens of San Diego.

Symphony violinist John Stubbs remembers guest conductor Murray Sidlin all but begging the audience after one of the last concerts in 1996. "He gave the most heartfelt speech," Stubbs remembers, "about what a treasure this was. And how it was hard to imagine a civilized city like San Diego allowing this treasure to slip from its fingers."

To no avail.

After the final scheduled show in 1996, almost everyone on the payroll — including all of the musicians and the conductors — was laid off. Only a skeleton administrative crew remained, trying to seek the funds necessary to restart the symphony.

At the time, the *Union-Tribune* reported that a 600-page Chapter 7 liquidation bankruptcy filing by the symphony listed assets of about \$6.5 million, liabilities of \$5.2 million, and no money in the bank for operating and payroll expenses.

The musicians were left to seek out solo gigs and extra students, and to make ends meet, many of them were able to find jobs playing in the symphonies for the San Diego Opera and the California Ballet.

Stubbs remembers the dark season well. "It seemed like such an embarrassment," he says. "It was just unbelievable that the city would allow that to happen. But I remember thinking that with a city of this size, the symphony would inevitably have to come back at some point."

San Diego's mayor in 1997, Susan Golding, was influential in getting the orchestra restarted, even assembling a save-the-symphony task force, according to Gill.

"We didn't actually

go through and officially file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy," Gill says. "We just went dark, if you will, instead of going through all the legal proceedings. And in order

for Symphony Hall not to be liquidated, a gentleman by the name of Larry Robinson came up with the necessary funding to take control of the hall. At the same time, he

made a gift back to the symphony, stating that the hall officially will become the property of the symphony again in 2014."

Robinson's gift of \$2

million and pro bono efforts by local bankruptcy attorneys Ted Graham and Jeff Garfinkle were instrumental in the symphony's resurrection.

After going dark for one season, the symphony resumed concerts on July 23, 1998, with a limited summer season of ten weeks. "Most all of the musicians came

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back," Gill says, "but we could only pay them on a per-concert basis."

For the shortened, 26-week season in 1998, stand musicians received roughly \$25,000 apiece. A restructured labor agreement raised their salaries to the \$40,000 range in 2001 for a 41-week season. In 2006, their salaries were raised again, to a minimum of \$46,412, and under the current labor agreement, the salaries will continue to go up every year, to a minimum of \$55,776 in 2011, according to Gill. Since 2006, the symphony has played full seasons of 42 weeks.

The 2008 San Diego Symphony employs 80 musicians and 40 administrative staff year-round. According to reports from the symphony's Form 990, both Gill and principal conductor Jahja Ling earn in the neighborhood of



Jeff Thayer, Jisun Yang (foreground)

\$250,000 each. Principal players within the orchestra will make in the range of \$75,000 to \$125,000.

These positions are supplemented by 100 or so ushers and part-time

workers, many of whom volunteer, and about 20 additional musicians who will augment the orchestra throughout the year — Monica Mancini, for instance — sometimes to the tune of as

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- Awaken during the night but usually fall back to sleep
- Wake up too early and not be able to fall back to sleep
- Be impacted in your daily life by your sleep problems

If you are 18 years or older you may qualify to participate in this insomnia research study evaluating whether an investigational medication improves quality of sleep.

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much as \$200,000 for a single concert appearance.

The symphony's budget has recovered gradually since the Chapter 7 filing, escalating at a rate of at least \$1 million almost every year, from \$6.9 million in 1998 to a current figure of about \$17 million. Roughly one-third of the orchestra's revenues come from ticket sales,

and the rest is due to endowments and fundraising.

The major turnaround for the symphony occurred in 2002, when the largest individual orchestra endowment in history — \$100 million from the founder and chief executive of Qualcomm, Irwin Jacobs, and his wife Joan — all but ended the financial woes. According

to reports in the *Union-Tribune*, this historic donation is to be doled out to the symphony at the rate of \$5 million per year for ten years, with the remainder to be left to the orchestra as a bequest.

In 2004, when Gill was hired, expensive and historically significant instruments were purchased for some of the musicians, and Maestro

RESEARCH STUDIES

Research participants needed for a study of Families with Schizophrenia

Has one of your family members been diagnosed with Schizophrenia?

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Ling came onboard as well.

Today, the San Diego Symphony is one of the 20 largest symphonies in the United States.

The current \$17 million annual budget covers musicians' salaries (\$9.5 million), administrative salaries (\$3.3 million), and production costs (\$1.6 million for lighting, repairs, and maintenance); the remaining \$2.6 million goes for advertising and non-staff-related expenses such as office supplies.

"We've always been undercapitalized," says Gill. "We're undercapitalized even now. But thanks to the largesse of the Jacobses and other benefactors within the community, our worst times appear to be behind us."

A \$2.5 Million Violin

Soon after Jeff Thayer was hired to be the San Diego Symphony's concertmaster in 2004, he was told that Irwin and Joan Jacobs — the symphony's major benefactors — wanted San Diego's orchestra to have an instrument with few peers in the music world.

They'd arranged for a dealer to collect a handful of Stradivarius and Guarneri violins, and they wanted Thayer to try each one out and decide which one they should buy for him to play.

Most experts agree that the apex of violin making was reached in the late 17th and early 18th Centuries in the workshops of Antonio Stradivari and Giuseppe Guarneri, who were both from Cremona, Italy. Today, only about 1000 or so of these prized instruments still exist. And because a violin, well cared for, actually improves over time, today's "Strads" and Guarneris are worth millions of dollars apiece.

The instrument Thayer selected was a

Stradivarius from 1706 called the "Sir Bagshawe."

"Sir Bagshawe was an Englishman, and this violin was in his family for about a hundred years," Thayer relates.

The Sir Bagshawe

Stradivarius cost the Jacobses \$2.5 million.

Thayer is a redhead, or, as he insists, a "strawberry blond." As such, he'd be relatively easy to pick out among his colleagues, even if he wasn't

the one who led the tuning of the orchestra before concerts, and even if he didn't sit right in front of the conductor, in the concertmaster's chair.

Is the Strad really that different from other

good violins?

"Maybe nonmusicians wouldn't be able to tell the difference," Thayer says, "but most musicians that have trained ears would be able to discern the differ-

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it is, those cars don't drive themselves. So you need to have someone who can get the most out of the potential of the car to make it worthwhile. That's the thing about having a Strad. Everyone thinks that if you have a Strad, you're supposed to sound like a million bucks. But there's a famous story about a famous violinist, Yasha Heifetz. After one of his concerts, an adoring fan came backstage and said, 'Oh, Mr. Heifetz, your violin sounds so wonderful.' And Mr. Heifetz

picked up his violin and put his ear to it, and he responded, 'I don't hear anything.' "

Maestro!

Jahja Ling, 56, the San Diego Symphony's music director and principal conductor, is the kind of local celebrity who inspires admiring auto-graph-seekers.

Ling relates a story about driving in Cleveland — where he was a conductor for over 20 years — and being pulled over for speeding. "The officer said to me, 'You're Jahja Ling, the conductor, right?' And I said, 'Yes.' And he said, 'This time, I'll let you go. But my wife is a fan of yours. So before you go, could you sign an auto-graph for her?'"

Ling, an American citizen of Chinese descent, grew up in Jakarta, on the island of Java, in Indonesia. After

high school, he won a piano competition and received a scholarship to attend Julliard School of Music in New York City as a concert piano major. It was his first time out of Indonesia.

After graduating from Julliard with a piano major, Ling decided to pursue a doctorate in conducting. He was the lone student accepted into the doctorate conducting program at Yale, under Otto-Werner Mueller. Ling was 24.

From there, he went to the Massachusetts summer proving ground for all the great classical conductors — Tanglewood — and performed so well that Leonard Bernstein came up to Ling and told him that he would one day be a great conductor.

Soon thereafter, Ling landed his first job, in San Francisco. He then



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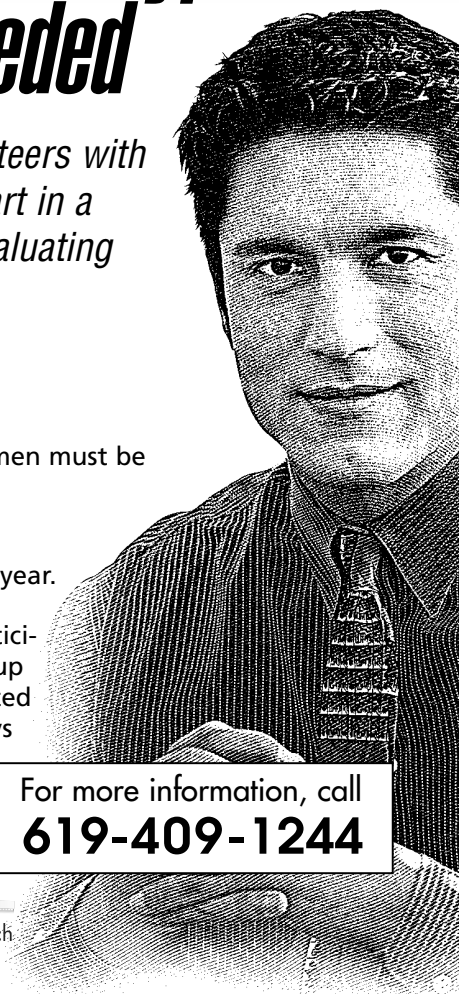
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spent 14 years as director of the Florida Orchestra, 20 years with the Cleveland, and now for the past 4 years he's been at the head of the San Diego Symphony.

How does Ling classify his own conducting technique?

He comes, he says, from the German tradition, thanks to Mueller, his teacher at Yale. And German and Austrian roots — Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, etc. — are the core of classical music. "I got all of the most strict, deep, analytical musical tradi-

tion," says Ling. "But then I met Leonard Bernstein, and I got the American side. I learned to feel the composer, instead of just intellectually trying to understand the music."

A Day in the Life of a Tutti Violinist

John Stubbs practices the violin nearly every day. "I at least try to do a half hour of maintenance," he says. "You know, scales, arpeggios."

This week, Stubbs is practicing excerpts for violin auditions, since two openings in the vio-

lin section will be coming up soon. He'll be on the audition committee, and he wants to be intimate with the material.

"One of the things that I really enjoy doing is coaching people when they're going to be taking auditions," Stubbs says.

Stubbs wears round, thin glasses over his blue-gray eyes. His hair is kept short, and his body is thin and wiry.

The modest South Park house Stubbs shares with his wife Denise, a semiretired prima ballerina, is full of books and modern art.

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The whole time that Stubbs talks, the whirr of his wife on a treadmill hums faintly from another room.

"A violin not only sounds beautiful, but it also has a beautiful shape," says Stubbs.

Stubbs plays an August Hermann model that was made in Berlin in 1907. He bought it when he finished graduate school in 1977 for

about \$4000. "It's appreciated since then," he says, then adds, "but it's a German instrument. It's not really worth all that much, relatively speaking. But I love this instrument. It's a joy to play. It has enough sound, and it blends in beautifully. It's my tool in the orchestra."

Stubbs goes from sitting cross-legged in an armchair to sitting cross-

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footed in a high swiveling office chair. He takes up his bow and places his August Hermann to his throat.

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When he finishes playing the Schumann, Stubbs places his violin and bow down on the glass coffee table in front of him. He's dashed off a rendition of one of the more difficult technical

pieces in the classical repertory but has a look on his face that seems to say, "Well, so that's what I do."

Stubbs is right-handed, and the left side of his throat bears the telltale mark of a violinist: a hickey. "You'd think we were all attacked by the same weird vampire," Stubbs laughs. "You can pad the violin all you want, but it doesn't change the fact that you've got this thing there, and you're pinching down. Also, you can't have too much padding, or you wouldn't have

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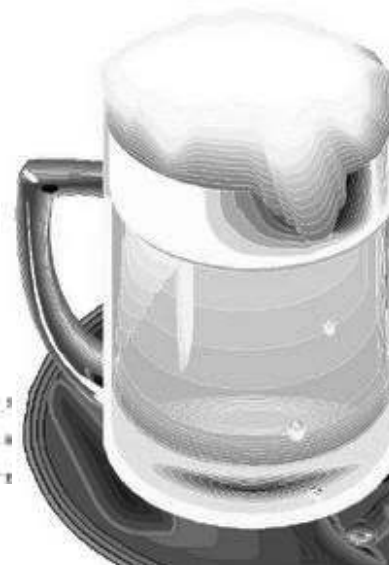
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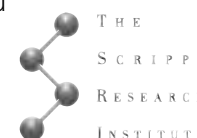
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control of the instrument.”

Stubbs has played the violin since he was eight years old, and he's been in the San Diego Symphony for more than 30 years. He also conducts.

“In December,” Stubbs says, “the symphony splits the orchestra, and half does winter pops, and the other half comes down to the Civic Theatre with me, and I conduct for the California Ballet.”

But Stubbs wants to make it clear that he's not just a “wimpy” musician. He's proud to mention that he has a “baby” in the garage.

“It's a 1946 Willys, and I've been working on it for a while now,” Stubbs says, smiling widely. “It's the first civilian jeep model after World War I.”

Besides making music on the stage and in his garage, Stubbs also rides his electric bike just about every day.

Are most classical musicians athletic?

“Well, the orchestra's young,” Stubbs says. He sits in calm silence for three or four seconds, thinking of an answer to the question. “Everything we do is actually pretty physically demanding,” he says, finally. “We're prone to injuries. You can get tennis elbow from playing the violin. I've had cortisone shots in my shoulders. So we have to sort of keep in shape. If you want to sustain your career, you have to do something. I've started doing Pilates now.”

Without the Union, Musicians Would Be in a Bad Way

Ward Gill, the symphony's executive director, paints an equivocal picture of the American Federation of Musicians (AF of M), the national musicians' union. “Because of the union, musicians make a pretty good wage, and their salaries are guaran-

teed, but those salaries also don't go up very much,” says Gill.

“The union is one of those things that has helped musicians, but at the same time, it has hin-

dered them. Because of the position of the national union, there is very little new recording being done. Almost none.”

The San Diego Sym-

phony releases two limited-run editions of recordings made from live concerts every year, but they aren't pure recordings done in a recording studio. “They

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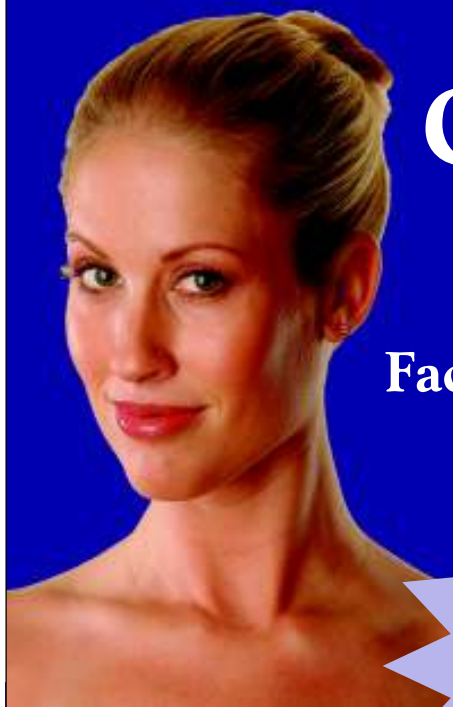


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"The biggest thing that the American Federation of Musicians did to help the musicians was to make their jobs full-time jobs," Gill says. "It used to be, you had a concert series, you collected money, you paid it back to the musicians, and that was it. And then when you wanted to do another series, you went and got the musicians together again. All of that changed in the 1960s, with the inception of the endowment concept, and then we had these full-time musicians around all year, so we had to keep trying to think up new ways to use them."

Maestro Jahja Ling, for his part, notes that for the past three years or so, no one in the San Diego Symphony has filed a single grievance.



Jahja Ling, music director, San Diego Symphony

A Day in the Life of a Second Clarinetist

Flurries of notes — a Mozart clarinet concerto — scurry over the wood floors through a downtown loft. The clarinetist's eyes flutter closed, then open again,

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the city. Her husband, Peter Otto, is the director of music technology at UCSD.

This morning, Tunncliff sits in a swivel chair in the corner of her living space with a music stand in front of her. Her legs are straight and her feet are crossed, and her clarinet is poised in both hands in front of her.

"All orchestras are filled with people who wouldn't take 'no' for an answer," Tunncliff says, after she finishes the Mozart. "Really, the thing that separates professional musicians from good players who can't make a living is just being able to stand up to failure. There are people who've had to go through hundreds of auditions to get where they want to be."

Was Tunncliff herself a natural?

"No, no," she says. "Not at all." With her short, straight hair and thick-rimmed glasses and dark cardigan over a straight dress, Tunncliff looks exactly like a...well, a clarinetist.

"I would say most wind and brass players start around 10, 11, or 12 years old," she continues. "They're not like little pianists or violinists who start at age 3 and are great. For one thing, your teeth aren't settled in, and also your hands don't reach. You know, there's not a Suzuki-sized clarinet, like there is for the violin. Also, when you're young, you don't really have the strength."

On the word "strength," Tunncliff points to her diaphragm. "You need a lot of breath support. Just to get a sound out of a clarinet takes a lot of facial muscles and lip strength, and a lot of breath strength as well. You have to train your facial muscles, and you have to breathe by filling the bottom of your lungs and by using your diaphragm in a very controlled way. It takes

some discipline and training, really; it doesn't come naturally at all."

If Tunncliff takes some time off from playing, her fingers — her muscle memory — will

come back first, she says. "And the embouchure part of it, getting your face in shape again, is the next thing. But I would say the last thing to come back is the breath sup-

port. That's the hardest thing to get in shape."

During downtimes for the orchestra, Tunncliff practices a couple of hours a day, doing scales and "basic maintenance."

But, when she'll be in rehearsals for several hours a week, she won't practice much at all. "On clarinet, you can't physically play that many hours a day. There's a

limit." She points first to her mouth, then to her belly. "Your facial muscles and breath strength can only be pushed so hard. And anyway, at this level, when you're play-

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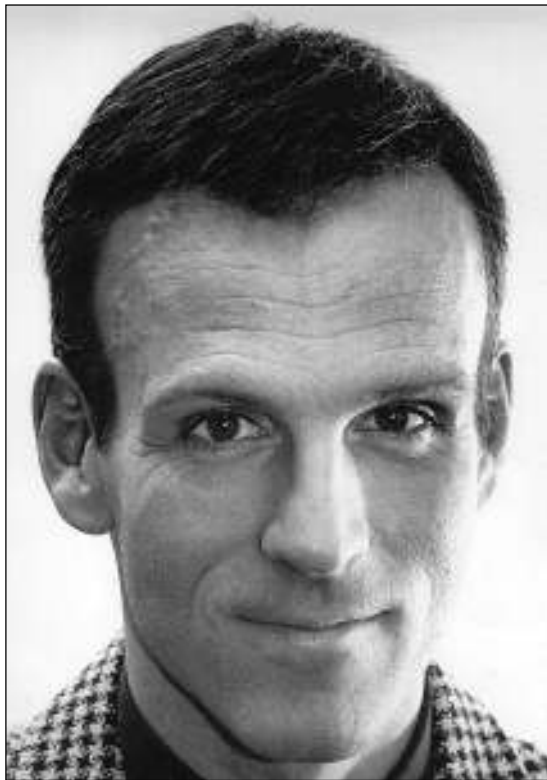
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Tunncliff has been with the symphony for four years. But she played with the opera for four years before that, back before the opera orchestra and the symphony orchestra merged in 2004.

"When I first started playing the clarinet," Tunncliff says, "it interested me, but it didn't really create a huge spark until I started playing in the ensemble. Because we're all — 70 or 80 musicians — creating something together, almost like one organism. We're all like cogs in a big wheel. And that's the exciting part, making something happen by all coming together like that."

There are four major sections of any sym-

phony orchestra: the strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion. The three clarinet seats are part of the woodwind section, along with oboe, flute, and bassoon.

Tunncliff plays second clarinet and E-flat clarinet. The E-flat clarinet is tiny and plays the very high parts.

"My clarinet is my voice," says Tunncliff. "It's so lyrical. When I play, and everything's working the way I want it to, and I'm visualizing the parts fully, and it's all clicking, in my mind's eye, it's like I'm singing."

Tunncliff's main clarinet is a French model made by Buffet Crampon. It cost about \$5000. One of the worst things about playing a clarinet is that you have to replace it after eight or ten years.

She has her instruments professionally cleaned and oiled and

has the pads periodically replaced. This can cost Tunncliff as much as \$1000 each year. The reeds for her clarinets can cost her close to \$1000 a year.

She supplements her family's income by giving \$60-per-hour lessons and has four or five students at any given time.

Tunncliff points out a loft window in a building about eight blocks away. "That's Symphony Hall," she says. "So my workplace isn't very far away." She rides her bike just about everywhere, and she'll often carry her instrument in a case on her back.

Having been with the orchestra long enough to feel a sense of great pride in their recent growth, Tunncliff says, "Historically, in the past, the orchestra really suffered. And now we're in a really good place." ■

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“Look,” he said, exasperated, “what does a wife tell a husband to get him to share his money with her? Nothin’ in particular. It’s ‘We’re in together on this, and I got to bring in mine, and you got to bring in yours.’”

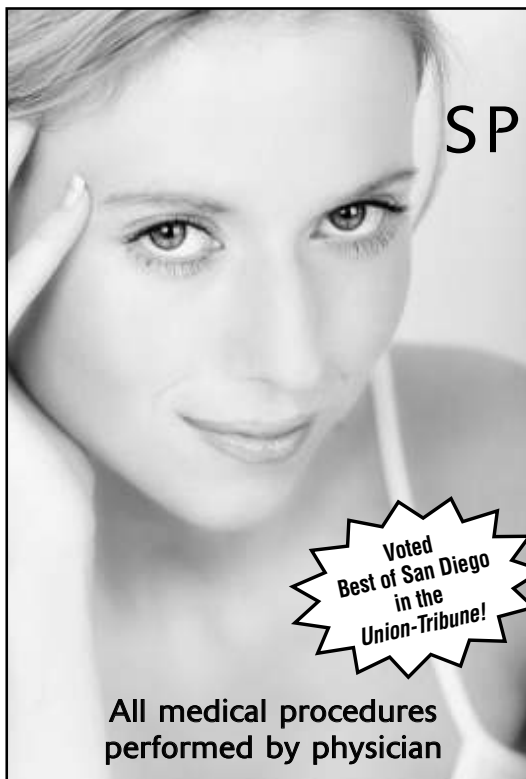
He rattled his ice. I rattled mine.

He gave me what I knew was my last chance at it. “It’s not a psychological ‘Lay on the couch, let me tell you why you ought to give me your money’ kind of thing. If you got to spend time trippin’ a woman why she ought to give you her money, then she’s not a ho; and you’re not pimpin’.”

He wore a cream-colored Fila velour jogging suit, white Fila cap, and doeskin slippers. No socks. A gold watch, flat. Pinky ring. Manicured nails that were buffed, not polished. Right under six feet, beginnings of a paunch. High forehead. Apostrophe sideburns and hair cut back to burr. Starting to bald. High cheek bones. Big brown eyes, with irises flecked yellow.

It was almost lunch time at Seaport Village. Women wearing bright dresses and men in neat slacks and shirts came in twosomes and parties from offices. He frowned, looked around, and said, “Prostitution’s older ’n Jesus. Been goin’ down ever since Eve stuck

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out that apple for Adam.”

He had agreed to discuss the myths about pimps and pimping and what the actual facts are, as he “lived” them. He would tell me something, not much, about his business. As with any business, he said, what pimping is about is making money. “Pimps, we sit up at the table together, and we say, ‘Gee, I’d sure like to catch homeboy’s ho’ Donna.’ When we say that, it’s because we’re thinking about the monetary thing, nothin’ else. Based on what the rumor says, Donna’s a hell of a moneymakin’ motherfucker, and we want to own her on the strength of that.”

A pimp, he said, acts as go-between between the girl and her trick, or customer. He is also her banker, representative, personal manager, and protector. “A ho’ who has a pimp is like a girl who’s got her daddy

behind her. Guys know, ‘Man, I mess with Suzie Mae, her ol’ man’s gonna put new button-holes in my jacket.’”

Naw, he wasn’t going to tell me his name; that wasn’t part of our deal. Nor would he tell me where he lived, where his girls lived, what he drove, if he carried a gun, if they carried guns, or how much he — or they — earned. I asked if he paid taxes, and he laughed hard enough that people around us looked up.

“What do I call you, then, in the story?”

“Some name what you think fits me.” He recovered from his laughter and, wiping the tears from his eyes, opened a leather portfolio and smoothed down a lined yellow legal pad. At the top of the paper, he’d printed “Myths about pimps.” A line of long-hand ran down the page.

He drew on his menthol More, looked steadily across the table at me, exhaled, and said, “So, let’s do it.”

I asked about the word “ho.”

“Where I come from in Mississippi, in Big Foot country —”

“Big Foot country?”

“Yeah, Big Foot country. That’s where you only have shoes in the winter. ‘Cause you poor. An’ your feet spread out, grow big in the summer-time. In Big Foot country, when the dog’s scratchin’ at the screen to git in, folks say, ‘Open the do.’ When they ain’t had enough gravy ladled onto their potatoes, they say, ‘Please pass me some mo.’ And when they talkin’ ‘bout a prostitute, they say, ‘ho.’”

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He stubbed out his cigarette

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and stuck his fork down in his salad. "Myths. One of 'em is how your pimp dresses. All that jewelry, those rings, two on each hand, one of 'em a pinky — his highlight ring — like he gotta bunch of Super Bowl rings on his goddam hands. Gold necklace made up in his name or the name of his car. Show-business clothes. Hair permed, rolled up. Conspicuous consumption. The better you can pimp, the less you talk about it. You can tell right off if a guy is jes' down and pimpin'. Or if all he's got in it is clothes and some Mercedes that ain't never gonna get paid for. I know a

pimp, he's got more money 'n most bankers, an' he drives a Toyota station wagon. His money goes into little businesses. Oh, there's no doubt that where there's easy money, there's gonna be flash. But how much there is, that's exaggerated."

I interrupted to ask if people — say, neighbors — wondered what he did for a living. "They may wonder. They assume, and they don't ask. With black people, well, jes' write, 'Black people have their own economies. Folks don't make a lot of inquiries.' For one thing, they don't really want to know.

Myth number two: Pimps and prostitutes are drug addicts. "Where there's easy money, there's drugs," he said, adding that he doesn't do hard drugs, and he doesn't work women who regularly use drugs. "A woman has a lot to think about when she's out there. If she's strung out, she's not dependable. She don't keep herself up. She messes up, goes off crazy on you, boosts stuff, brings herself under the eyes of police."

About the myth that it's a "sex thing" with prostitutes, that they're attracted to the work for the sex: "Ho's, they like to brag on how 'All I had to do was take off one leg of my pantyhose.' Whatever they can do and get away with it, they're gonna do it and git go. With her and a trick, it's *not* 'Hoo-ee, until you got here, baby, I ain't had no meat all week that I liked.'

"Ho's are gonna do the least amount of what they can do to get their money. A lot of tricks just get left right there, sittin' on the bed, holdin' themselves. Tricks don't operate in an area where they can demand a lot of quality control. Who they gonna call, *Consumer Reports*? The Better Business

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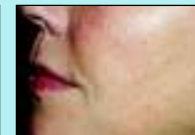
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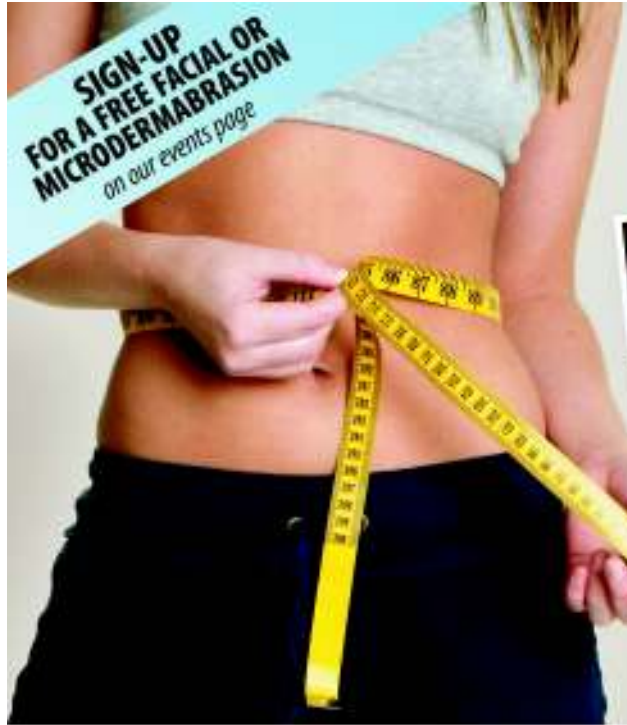
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Pimps, he readily admitted, do beat their women. "But it's not like you came 'round with nothin' else to do, and just to pass time, you start to hit 'em. Ho's are very rebellious women, very challenging

women, and they are brave. Ho's is some brave mother-fuckers! The one thing about a woman that isn't true of a guy, she's *dangerous*. I know men that got women that will kill for 'em." He thought it would be fair to say, he added, that beating your whores was a part of old-style pimp psychology that was "passing out."

Yeah, he said, he had beat up women who worked for him. "I had this ho, my buddy told me she was holdin' out on me. I sent another buddy over with 20 dollars to check her out. She give me 10. I got her down buck naked and kicked her ass. I wanted other guys to see me as a real down pimp, that I wasn't a guy you could say about him, 'You think you be pimpin', but you really be sympin'? I did, I kicked that woman's ass, an' I told her, 'Bitch, don't bring this on me no more.'"

The "hold," he said, pointing to his head, "is in here. It came from the git-go. It's in how you cut into a woman that first time. It's givin' her that

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together. This is for us.' To keep it that way, the pimp has to take care of business. These so-called 'gentlemen of leisure,' they may have magnetism for their ho's, but they don't git respect?"

He continued, "Things happen to those gentleman of leisure. They get themselves killed, for one. And I know pimps have had ho's leave their ass in some hotel. They take his jewels, all his cash, hit the highway in his car. Then you're really bad off because when a

pimp comes walkin' out of his hotel room with nothin' but his undershorts on, his ho' gone, his car gone, then he really has to hustle to get his thing back together.

"Or, his ho's get ripped off him."

I asked how that was done.

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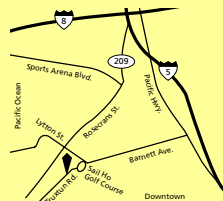
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"Losin' a good ho' is like losin' a good job. You broke 'em in, you schooled 'em. You put a lot into educatin' a woman. Clothes, hygiene, make-up, small talk. How to present herself.

"There is no doubt that ho-'in' is part show business. But a really good ho', she got a lot of natural game to her, and a lot of the stuff between her and a trick is spontaneous. She jes' has that feel for, 'Would it work right now? Would it go down?' A good ho' has a high degree of con."

As does a pimp, he added. "I could always cut into people, all my life. For some reason — my face, my make-up — people don't get alarmed right away. An' I can just let some-thin' roll out and then pick my rightful spot in it. You play on that ability. You play on whatever's your strength. The things you know you don't do well, you stay away from them."

I asked what, as a pimp, he didn't do well. Looking out the restaurant window, he nodded toward a group of young, uniformed men. "I don't like messin' with sailors. With them, you're gonna have some that get drunk and try to *take* 'em some sex. A pimp has to be knockin' those sailors out. But it's not just sailors that do that, either, don' get me wrong. There's tricks whose specialty is trickin' a ho' for free."

He sat back in his chair, portfolio on his knee, and drew tight circles on one side of the legal pad. "One thing that's said, in the game, is that a ho' ain't really a ho' until she done been ripped off. Had to give some sex up for free.

"Ho's are just like you. They got things people never suspect 'em of — they got grandmothers, little brothers. They get birthday cards. They get toothaches, they get the flu. They got preferences. There's all this 'lay on the couch' stuff about why women do it, about the shame, the guilt, the heartache, and sorrow. But there's a lot of fun to it. There's material gain, seein' stuff, bein' places, meetin' people.

"But a woman's not really a down committed ho' until some trick rips her off and she go back out on the street and start again."

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A pimp such as himself, one for whom the association with women is his primary source of income, is "fast becoming a dinosaur" he said. "Drug guys, especially with the crack — it's created

a glut of unsupervised prostitution, or what we call 'renegade ho's.' Or a lot of just sittin' around givin' up sex for drugs."

The old-style pimp who roughed up his women, used them to do his housework,

take his clothes to the cleaners, do his shopping, roll up his hair, that pimp, he said, is also fast dying out: "Ho's and pimps change along with ever'body else."

He has no idea how many pimps work in San

Diego. "In terms of number, nobody goes out and takes a toll. An' there's different ways to count who's a pimp. If a guy's a dope fiend, and to get his money to cop dope he's got a dope fiend woman with him, and she goes out

and turns a trick to get the dope, he's pimpin' her. But he may not count himself a pimp.

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But San Diego is a military town, a retirement town, "an' nobody buys sex faster than soldiers and old men. When you look at the scope of society, who'd want to buy sex? Who would be in such a hurry that they wouldn't go through the normal process of meeting, talking, or dating? Sailors, military, because they've got a certain amount of hours to get off the ship, get laid, get dressed, get drunk, and get back to the ship. Old people, they got no time either. They're single, or them and their wife haven't had sex in years. He slips out every once in a while and spends him a hundred dollars to be with Lola."

What his women earn

varies from week to week. "Sometimes I have a situation, one of my girl's tricks aren't around, and another's is." About his "main woman" he adds, "We been hooked up together most of four years. You run into her, shoppin' in Buf-fum's, you can look at her and tell what kind of four years it's been."

A four-woman stable is the largest he has had. "That was in L.A. But we wouldn't just stay in L.A. We'd get on the road, go to Denver, Reno, Vegas, get us a couple of rooms, work the lounges. Before that, when I was first startin' out, sometimes I'd be carryin' three girls, and we'd do this thing, we used to call it the 'ol' ten and two.' Two dollars for the room, and ten dollars for the girl.' All that happens with that is, you go an' get a room. It might not be, back then, but an eight-dollar-a-night room. The girls trick out of the rooms. You be downstairs on the street, shillin' for 'em. When you're not workin', you're usin' that room."

"It was makin' me crazy. There's a great drive between ho's to outdo each other, and there's a lot of bitchin'. There's

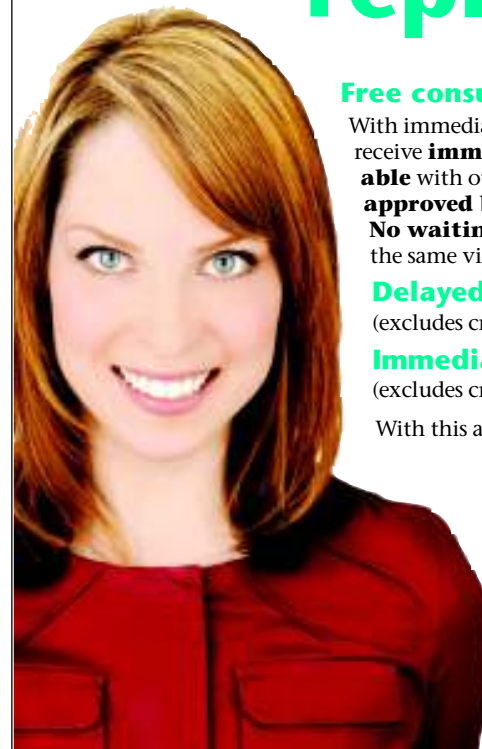
a lot of competition over the pimp. It's 'You like her better than me.' Or one of 'em won't want to work, and she'll say she's sick, and the other'll start screamin', 'She ain't really sick!' It's jes' like some little kids."

His women are black. Most of his tricks are white. "White boys like to try a black woman, no doubt about it. That's all I'm gonna say on the race thing." He said he had worked white women, but when black and white work together, there's a strain. "White women try too hard to fit in with black. It's pitiful. And the white girls that work Fifth Avenue don't make what black girls make that can work a hotel or convention. But it's not your color, it's where you can work and what kind of pimp you got."

He would not say how long he had worked in San Diego. "You can write, 'The pimp I interviewed, he's done it long enough to have clientele.' That means, you call me for girls, or you see one of my girls regular. You have some trust in me. You know there ain't gonna be no stealin', no police, no VD, no AIDS — I jes' don't

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"In group deals, I'll invite the guy to meet me for breakfast to work out details. I make a point of dressin' conservative, bein' on time. I show I'm dependable, all that. I want to make it smooth for him. An' with this approach, I'm makin' sure my girls is not gonna get ripped off. They pay me up front, and the guys the girls are with, they give the girls a tip.

"It's your belly that's gonna determine a lot of what you do. You try different strategies. You stay away from stuff where you have a lot of chance of police. You work off your strengths. You ask yourself, 'What kind of environment is my girl strong in?' Mine are no good on the streets. But some girls, they have a wit about it. They can get out there and beg those tricks. Some girls even like the psychology of it, the challenge. But it's too

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"So you lock in on that guy. You let the conversation roll. Then mebbe he'll say, 'I'm lookin' to date a girl.' So you do your story. Mebbe you say, 'I've got a buddy waitin' for me, I gotta go to him to go pick up some tickets to a show.' Now, you've never defined her as being a ho.' She's your friend. You just happen to be there together. Then you look at your watch, say, 'Why don' you and her set here, have yourselves another drink?' You get up and go. She's gonna do the rest.

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"Then you go somewhere and start over. Sometimes you won't get done until four in the morning. Mebbe after the last trick, you and your girl, you'll go have some breakfast. It's like anybody else then, come home from a day at work. You talk about what happened."

I asked if he felt contempt for the tricks. "No," he said. "Not at all. From a pimp's

standpoint, a trick is a guy we think has sense. He's sayin', 'Look, here's your 20 dollars, here's your 100 dollars. Jack me off, suck me off, do whatever you gonna do, and I'm gone.' He won't ask, 'Was it as good for you as it was for me?' It's just, 'Here's my dollars. Any complaints you got, voice them to yourself. I'm back onto my business.'"

I'd heard that pimps get together, socialize. He said that was true, they did, that in larger cities, there were regular pimp bars, but in San Diego there was no "pimp gathering place." And he felt he was getting too old to enjoy "a lot of socializing" with other pimps. "The mentality of pimps when they are together is a lot like a locker room. All that poppin' the elastic on the jock strap, puttin' shave cream in your shoes. I remember a time in L.A., we [a group of pimps] were sittin' in a suite in the Marriott on Century, an' we put a trash can out in the middle of the floor, started makin' spit balls, seein' who can throw in the most, bettin' 20 dollars a crack. I jes' don' enjoy that anymore." He was careful to tell me

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his was just one of many “niches” in pimping, that his business, while “well organized,” was, comparatively, “nickel-dime.” He made a living, but he was no big-time pimp. He knew pimps who were, who operated “bordellos, whore stadiums.” Some of the better of them, he added, are women. “Women can be very good at it. They’re more discreet. They don’t have the need for all that ego.”

I said I appreciated that he didn’t brag. “I wouldn’t brag to you,” he said. “I’d only brag to another pimp.”

I asked how he got into pimping. He shook his head no. “That’s that ‘lay on the couch’ kind of question. Jes’ write, ‘His uncle in Chicago hipped him to it when he was still a young man,’ and you’ll be writing the truth. You can also write, ‘From the start, he was a very whorish boy.’ Then write, ‘The pimp I interviewed said he had never been totally committed to “You have to work a regular job.”’”

Still, making a living as a pimp isn’t easy. “You’re always having to overcome the lazy atmosphere and get yourself up and to work. There are dangers. There is always police.” He has never had a big bust of his prostitutes, and he’s never been busted, not since he was a youngster. “You got to do a lot of stupid things to get busted. When a ho’ gets busted, nine out of ten times, you aren’t there. It’s only those rough-hustlin’ street pimps that are out there. But then, there’s the other side to it. I’m pimpin’ an’ I get shot. My ho’s don’ die.”

He spoke of what he called one of the gravest dangers. “You can find yourself mixed up with a woman who is a little bit too much for you. I’ve seen that happen with pimps many times. A buddy of mine got all hung up on one of his broads. Turned out she was a lesbian an’ in love with some woman. He finally committed suicide.” He drew more circles on the pad of paper. “I know more than one pimp what has killed himself.”

He has a son who lives in the Midwest. The boy’s mother “didn’t want no part of that pimp and ho’ life.” I had asked him if he saw the boy. “No, it’s one of those ‘mail your money order, go to Toys R Us, pick up something for the birthday’ kind of things.”

I asked, if he had a daughter, would he want her to work as a prostitute? “Hell, no. But

it would be fair to say that I’d want my son to be a pimp.”

“How long can you pimp?”

He snapped his portfolio down on the table, sat up straight in his chair. “A long time. I know a guy, he’s in his

sixties. Still pimpin’. Got him a BBQ joint, couple of little businesses, still runs a book on the side.”

Unprompted by any question, he added, “In any profession, you wanna be good at what you do. Don’t you?” I

nodded. “What determines how good you are as a pimp is if you’ve been able to get a Rolls and a nice house, a tailor-made wardrobe, a bank account, and a couple of little businesses.

“But a pimp’s report card

never comes until the end of his life, until he says, ‘Hey, I’m not pimpin’ anymore.’ Nobody writes your report card until you’re through.”

What kind of hopes, I asked, did he have for his future?

“You waited too long to

ask me. Now, I just want to know I have a ho’ for tomorrow and some tricks be waitin’ for her.” ■

— Judith Moore

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first met at Thanksgiving in July, a party for which his column somehow ended up titled "Sumo Follies" (August 7). I believe it is only fair to mention that I was peripherally involved in the planning of this event, as well as more directly involved in organizing the Intense Individual Party featured in the October 23 "Crasher." Disclosure seems to be a tactful journalistic endeavor that Mr. Board doesn't quite understand.

While appalled at his ability to reduce Thanks-

giving in July to a pathetic description of how great he was at "horse" and spit incomplete sentences such as "And there was a blow-up 'Moon Bounce' for kids," I'll limit my discussion to his latest column, "Ignore the Joker" (October 23).

As Josh so kindly mentions in "Ignore the Joker," the Intense Individual Party was a charity event for ARTS, an incredible organization that provides art and music therapy and instruction to homeless and disadvantaged children in San Diego. I strongly resent his slanderous mention that the event probably lost money for the charity,

when in fact we made over \$10,000. He didn't bother to ask, despite many emails after the event demanding we provide him with all the photos for his article, complete with captions, because his camera conveniently wasn't working correctly — a stunt he pulled for the Thanksgiving in July article, despite taking several pictures at both events. I think it goes without saying that he was being paid for us to assemble the photos for him by midnight, as he asked several times, or the article wouldn't run. Well, Josh, you shouldn't have waited until the day your horribly written article was

due to ask someone else to do your job for you.

I was also confounded when I read that Josh and his girlfriend somehow felt bad for not paying the \$20 cover for the event, yet weeks beforehand he felt the need to send us an email making sure he didn't have to "drop \$40 to get in," because if so, he had a few other parties he'd rather go to. So apparently it's okay to ask to get in free to a charity event (which he was well aware of at the time), yet write about how guilty you felt that you weren't given the chance to donate to such a great charity because the organizers put you on

the list. This is exactly the kind of tactful disclosure that Josh conveniently doesn't apply to his poor excuse for humor. I'm sorry, Josh, but there was a donation box right on the table where you read all the literature about the charity, and you could have easily slipped at least a dollar bill in there if you wanted.

MCQ #3:

"I logged onto this, not sure what I would even write about. And, I noticed for the last few days, the advertisement for the Oliver Stone movie W." ("Daily Crasher," "Blogs," October 16). (Absolutely my favorite. Perfect evidence that

verbal diarrhea does in fact exist.)

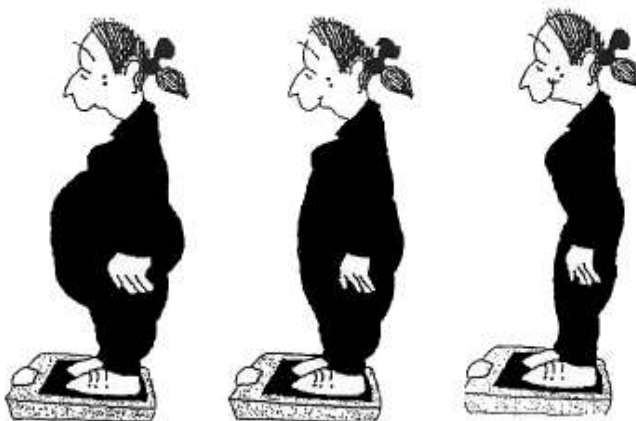
The only reason we had Mr. Board write about the party in the first place was to shed a little light on the people at ARTS doing great things for this community, and we were willing to put aside the fact that it would probably be poorly written. I am asking the editors of the *Reader* to allow someone to write a positive story about the Intense Individual Party and ARTS and to discontinue their promotion of Josh Board's continuous drivel, because it tarnishes the reputation of an otherwise excellent publication.

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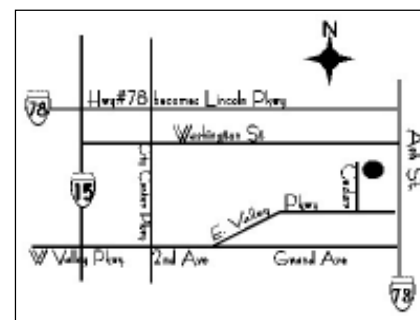
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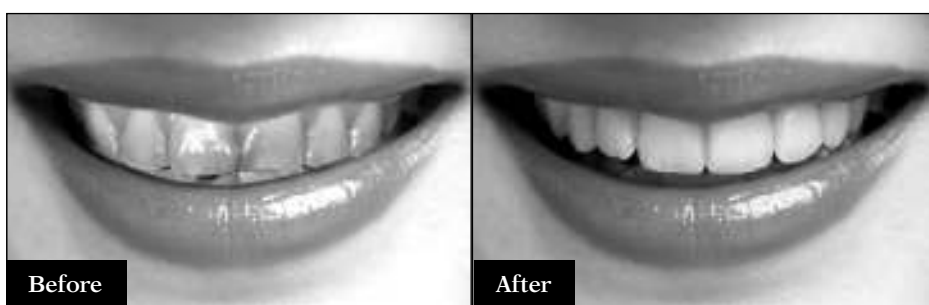


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If you continue to allow Mr. Board to write your party column, will you please package a pair of "Crasher Goggles" with each *Reader* so that we might all be able to understand what the hell he is talking about?

Robert Lowth
via email

Josh Board replies: I get invited to many charity events (some charge \$500 a person).

I occasionally say that if I'm comped, I might attend.

My digital camera wasn't working the night of the Intense Individual Party. When Lisa told me she'd provide photos the next day, I was thrilled. I didn't receive them. The following day, I asked again. I was told I'd have them by noon. At noon, no photos. I was working on deadline, so I let her know that if I didn't receive the photos that night, the story wouldn't run.

I did have photos for the Thanksgiving in July party, but I mentioned that I wasn't happy with them. She offered up their photos, and I thanked her and asked if she could give me the names of the people in them to provide captions.

Why Didn't We Think Of That?

I'm an avid reader of your magazine and have been picking up issues for about a year now, mainly because it's free. I guess that's one reason I shouldn't complain. However, does everything in it have to be

sexually suggestive and all your ads pertain to mental-disorder trials, plastic surgery, or laser hair removal? Is that essential to keep your publication running?

Then there are the columns, Barbarella, for example. The picture she uses is a big turnoff, first of all. I get this trendy goth feeling. I guess it fits the mood of the magazine, but I think she should lose all the facial work, including makeup, and just have a nice picture of herself. I also think one of your pages should have a dedicated page to crossword, chess problem, comic strip, and a brief political write-up like on page five or six.

I realize you're not a newspaper, but if you start thinking along those lines, your magazine may gain more popularity and you'll gain bigger sponsors, and then you can ditch the garbage. Thanks.

Ron
via email

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We normally process and adopt out 45 to 50 dogs a year — this year we have taken in and processed 87 dogs,” says Barbara McNair, president of Pug Rescue of San Diego County.

“Most of them need some type of medical attention. Many need to be neutered or spayed, some of them need more serious surgeries, and many need dental work.” McNair says medical expenses for 45 pugs averages \$36,000 per year.

On Saturday, November 8, Pug Rescue of San Diego County will host a “Pug K Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser” at Tidelands Park in Coronado. “Pugs are short, so we’re only going to have a 1K walk for them,” says McNair.

The organization attributes the sharp increase in relinquishments to the current state of the economy. According to Pug Rescue’s secretary, Jacki Milazzo, some people have had to give up their pugs due to the housing crisis.

“I have had several people who were renters, and the owners lost their homes, so people who were renting were told they could no longer stay there,” says Milazzo. “When we get dogs, we don’t hassle these people about why they have to relinquish.”

As stated on the online pug community forum *pugvillage.com*, “One of the least-considered aspects of owning a pug is the actual cost of caring for one.” Veteri-

nary costs for the first year are estimated to be up to \$1000, with an average annual cost of about \$450 (pugs live an average of 16 to 18 years). These numbers do not include food, bedding, or toys.

“We’re just getting by,” says Milazzo.

“Every surgery that has to be done, we’re watching our pennies.” She adds, “Dr. Martin at the Cuyamaca Animal Hospital in Santee gives us a tremendous break. We’ve never lost a pug with her in five years.”

In 2006, four puppies were found in a high school football field. Milazzo recalls, “These four pups, they all had demodex mange — they lost their fur, they were very itchy. They looked like little Yodas. Two passed, and Dr. Martin took the two that were still alive. She made an emergency room out of her bathroom at home with heat lamps and put them on IVs and had little tiny sweaters on them to keep them warm.”

Dr. Martin said she couldn’t keep the pups as she already had two pugs, so she was given the privilege of selecting the puppies’ new owners. Milazzo says, “When they were five months old and healthy...when that day came, she went home and cried to her husband, ‘I can’t do



it, I can’t do it,’ and she’s since adopted them.”

Because of their short muzzles, pugs require anaesthesia for even routine veterinary visits such as teeth cleaning. A common medical issue for the breed is retinitis pigmentosa.

“A big name for something that’s really quite simple,” says McNair. “Pugs, their eyes are protruding, and those little eyelids rub onto the actual eyeball. If their eyes stick out, it causes more pressure to be

exerted on the eyeball from the lid. If left unchecked or untreated it can result in blindness or lessening of vision, but it can be treated with eyedrops, and they’re not expensive. We’ve had a number of dogs come in blind because people were either not willing to spend five or six dollars on the medication or not wanting to take the time to put it in.”

One of McNair’s pugs, named Gumdrops, is deaf and blind. “She gets around the house perfectly — you wouldn’t even know it. She goes to the door like the other dogs. [Blindness] is truly not a problem for the dog. They adapt fine. It’s just a problem for the people.”

Although Pug Rescue does not press for details on a person’s reason for relinquishing a pug, they require full disclosure of the dog’s health and behavioral history. “Even if your pug bites,” states *pugbutts.com*, the organization’s website, “we will take him/her. A shelter will most likely euthanize a biting dog.”

— Barbarella

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DANCE

"Dance for a Chance" First Pacific Beach danceathon boasts dance-marathon, four beginner dance lessons (salsa, swing, waltz, cha-cha), prizes, professional dance performance. Participants encouraged to collect pledges, benefiting "homeless and at-risk youth." Registration: 11:30 a.m., dancing at noon. 858-232-5784. Saturday, November 8, 11:30 a.m.; \$35. Cheek 2 Cheek Dance Studio, 909 Grand Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Nomads: a Middle Eastern Fusion Dinner Show" The Shimmy Sisters perform their "the-

atrical belly dance," Danyavaad makes music. Also on program: DJ Sandbag, guest Laura Downing, AcroYoga by Mara and Adam. Included in purchase of dinner, or pay \$10 cover. 619-222-7678. Friday, November 7, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; \$10. Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

A Midsummer Night's Dream City Ballet of San Diego launches its season with ballet based on William Shakespeare's popular play, choreographed by Elizabeth Wistrich, with music by Felix Mendelssohn. Program includes company premiere of Petipa's *Grand Pas Classique*, more. 858-272-8663. Friday, November 7, 8 p.m.; Saturday, November 8, 8 p.m.; Sunday, November 9, 2 p.m.; \$19-\$49. Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre, 6611 University Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

Thicket San Diego premiere of piece by Jordan Fuchs, a "pre-opening event" for newly relocated Sushi. Performed in the round, piece features a sonic environment in which the audience, wearing headphones, watches dancers and becomes part of the movement itself. Performers: Toby Billowitz, Megan Boyd, Jordan Fuchs, Storme Sundberg. Original soundtrack by Andy Russ. 619-235-8466. Saturday, November 8, 8 p.m.; \$50. Sushi A Center for the Urban Arts, 390 11th Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Argentine Tango Class Introductory Argentine tango classes, ongoing. No partner required.

OUT & ABOUT

"ORIGINS AND MEANING OF SUITE FRANÇAISE"

Olivier Philipponnat on Irène Némirovsky, Sunday, November 9, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center.

(SEE LECTURES)



619-393-1974. Fridays, 9 p.m.; Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Hustle San Diego Trish Conner leads hustle workshop for intermediate/advanced dancers when San Diego Hustle Club gathers, 7-8 p.m. (\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers). Hustle Club dance party follows 8 p.m.-midnight (\$7), with beginner lesson 8-8:30 p.m. (included in admission). 760-803-9982. Saturday, November 8, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$15. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Boulevard suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

Nobody's Business Band makes music, Graham Hempel calls for contra dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Satur-

day, November 8, 7:30 p.m.; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Swing and Country-Western Dance Party DJ plays West Coast swing, country and western, and requests for singles and couples of all ages. Host and roving dance instructor: Jane Hance. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, November 8, 8 p.m.; Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Tribal SDstyle 2008 This festival promises "inspiring performances," marketplace with wares from around the world, gala show featuring Urban Tribal, Atash Maya, and other dancers and troupes from tribal belly-dance scene (Saturday, 8 p.m.). Belly-dance and drumming workshops

slated for both days. Marketplace offered at Granzer Hall (550 F Avenue). Tickets are \$10 per day, or \$15 for two-day pass; pay \$35 per workshop. 619-519-1879. Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m.; Sunday, November 9, 10 a.m.; \$10-\$25. Coronado School of the Arts, 650 D Avenue. (CORONADO)

FILM

Zeitgeist Addendum Screening of parts one and two of the film — *Fractional Reserve Banking and Economic Hitman John Perkin*. Presentation by peace activist Jeeni Criscenzo. Group discussion follows led by Mike Copass and Rob Leslie of Freedom Force International. Donation. 619-222-2120. Sunday, November 9, 6:30 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Architecture School Documentary screened with introduction by producer Stan Bertheaud (who co-created the film with executive producer Michael Selditch for Sundance Channel). Part of "Fission Sites" lecture series. 619-235-2900. Thursday, November 6, 7 p.m.; ages 16 and up. Woodbury University, 2212 Main Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Dinner Rush The man who directed Michael Jackson's music video "Beat It" captures "the choreography and chaos of a busy restaurant." This New York gangster flick screens for dinner and movie night series. No cover. 858-663-7752. Thursday, November 6, 8 p.m.; Sea Rocket Bistro, 3382 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Eloquent Nude: The Love and Legacy of Edward Weston and Charis Wilson This award-winning documentary chronicles "life of iconic nude model Charis Wilson and her contribution as lover, muse, and creative partner

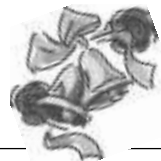
to the work of great modern photographer Edward Weston." Film screens for "Behind the Lens: A Documentary Film Series." 619-238-7559 x307. Friday, November 7, 7 p.m.; Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

L'Orchestra di Piazza Vittorio The documentary film screens with Italian director Agostino Ferrente on hand to answer questions in the Little Theatre. The film tells tale of two Italians assembling an orchestra of 30 foreign musicians living in Rome. 858-456-1735. Saturday, November 8, 6 p.m.; San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Paradise Now Film screens for UCSD/SDSU Arab film series in Aztec Athletics Center Auditorium. SDSU professor Farid Abdel-Nour introduces film, leads postfilm discussion. 858-822-5297. Thursday, November 6, 7 p.m.; San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

The Visitor Enjoy this "beguiling redemption tale" starring Richard Jenkins when it screens for Film Forum series. 619-236-5800. Monday, November 10, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

California Surf Film Festival Festival featuring new and classic surf films, with a number of filmmakers on hand to answer questions at screenings. Highlight: *Endless Summer* screening with live narration by Bruce Brown "as it was done close to 50 years ago" (November 8, 8 p.m.). Films include *Out There*, *One Track Mind*, *Under the June Sun*, *The Life*. 760-721-6876. Friday, November 7, 3 p.m.; Saturday, November 8, noon; Sunday, November 9, 12:30 p.m.; \$10-\$150. Grace Chapel of the Coast, 102 North Freeman Street. (OCEANSIDE)



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FOR KIDS

"Tots and Tales" Interactive story time for preschoolers with crafts and animals. Reservations: 619-243-3432. Tuesday, November 11, 10:30 a.m.; \$3. Ages 2 and up. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Juri and the Bearded Dragon A giant, a dragon, and a princess create fun in this Swiss fairy tale, presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, November 9. Next up: *Sleeping Beauty* performed by Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales, November 12-16 and November 19-23. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, November 6; Friday, November 7; Saturday, November 8; Sunday, November 9; Wednesday, November 12; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Melvin Might? Children's author Jon Scieszka discusses his newest "Trucktown" series book. 858-684-3166. Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.; Barnes and Noble Bookstore Mira Mesa, 10775 Westview Parkway. (MIRA MESA)

All Aboard! Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides. Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. Saturday, November 8, 12:30 p.m.; Sunday, November 9, 12:30 p.m.; Rohr Park, 4548 Sweetwater Road. (BONITA)

Bug Bonanza! Meet the "Queen of Grossology," Sylvia Branzei, as she presents "delightfully disgusting aspects of the insect world," signs copies of her *Grossology* books (noon, 2 p.m.). Visitors can see mutant fruit flies from Salk Institute, spiders and arachnids presented by SDSU, and Fleet's Madagascar hissing cockroaches. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. Saturday, November 8, noon; \$8-\$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Day Bookapalooza Event is part of 14th annual San Diego Jewish Book Fair. Children's authors on hand to sign, discuss their books include Yale Strom (*The Wedding That Saved a Town*), Sylvia Lieberman (*Archibald's Swiss Cheese Mountain*), Michelle Shapiro (*Hanukkah Mice*), Ryan Lederer (*The Adventures of Captain Candy*), Naomi Howland (*Latkes, Latkes, Good to Eat: A Chanukah Story*), Steve Gray (*There Was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea*), and Larry Keough (*Frogilly*). Also on tap: storytelling, craft activities, "Kids on the Block" puppet show, parenting corner. 858-362-1348. Sunday, November 9, 1 p.m.; Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

How's Your Breath? Experiment with fin shapes while creating a straw rocket, then try to land it on target powered by your own breath during family science day. Sessions last 45 minutes, included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. Saturday, November 8, 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; \$6-\$15. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

Meow! San Diego Junior Theatre opens season with Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical *Cats*, based on T.S. Eliot's *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*. Directed by Steve Anthony, production continues through November 9. For all ages. Performance on November 8 is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Friday, November 7, 7 p.m.; Saturday, November 8, 2 p.m.; Sunday, November 9, 2 p.m.; \$8-\$13. Casa del Prado Theater, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

Take a Brush to the Painted Bug! Museum's exhibition "child's-play" is open during "Target Free Second Sunday." Hands-on art projects including clay sculpture, entertainment by the Jumpitz, performances by Monarch School Steel Drum Band, SDSU Dance Team, and San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts Jazz Band. 619-233-8792. Sunday, November 9, 10 a.m.; New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

IN PERSON

"De Gracia y Pasión" Spanish dance and guitar on tap when guitarists Randy Pile and Scott Wolf are joined by singer-dancers Alexandra Roza and Micaela Castellanos in performance of Spanish classical and flamenco music, dance, song. Program includes works by Manuel de Falla, Enrique Granados, and Joaquín Rodrigo. 858-459-

3459. Thursday, November 6, 12:30 p.m.; Saturday, November 8, 7 p.m.; \$20. Lila Jolla Studios, 1002 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Glory Box" Self-described "queer performance artist and activist" Tim Miller presents his "funny, sexy, and politically charged exploration of same-sex marriage and the struggle for immigration rights for lesbian and gay binational couples" in Arts Building, room 111. 760-750-

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"She Had a Laugh Like a Beefsteak" Los Angeles-based artist Susan Silton plans performance in museum's galleries. For the performance, "The artist draws from diverse artistic, theoretical, and anatomical sources to contextualize her multidisciplinary practice." 858-454-3541. Friday, November 7, 7 p.m.; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Fancy Nancy Illustrator Robin Preiss Glasser reads from and signs *Tea For Ruby*, the new book she's illustrated for author Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York. 858-454-0347. Thursday, November 6, 4 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Wounded Warriors: Those For Whom the War Never Ends Journalist, author Mike Sager returns to sign his new collection of essays. 858-454-0347. Thursday, November 6, 7:30 p.m.;

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Rock Star Bottle-Signing Arizona Stronghold Vineyard vintners Maynard James Keenan and Eric Glomski sign bottles of debut 2007 releases as well as 2006 Merkin Vineyards Chupacabra, more. 858-642-6700. Friday, November 7, 5 p.m.; Whole Foods Market La Jolla, 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Cirque de Synergie Night of performing and visual arts with circus performer Zirk Ubu; live music by Tim Moran, Marhaba, and the Dee Ray Band; music and performance art by Steam Powered Giraffe; Hell on Heels burlesque dancers; artwork from Ancient Gallery; late-night electronic music spun by KIWI. Proceeds benefit local artists, musicians battling cancer. 858-509-1155. Saturday, November 8, 7 p.m.; \$35-\$40. Ages 21 and up. The House of the Future, 5481 Toyon Road. (COLLEGE AREA)

Lakota Flutist, Storyteller, Hoop Dancer Kevin Locke in concert, joined by Doug Good Feather. 858-513-2900. Saturday, November 8, 7 p.m.; Bonita-Sunnyside Library, 5047 Central Avenue. (BONITA)

Magic and Comedy Shows Master hypnotist and magician Michael DeSchalit presents comedy magic show at 5 p.m. DeSchalit returns for comedy stage hypnosis show using audience vol-

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unteers for "fun and crazy skits" at 8 p.m. 760-720-2460. Saturday, November 8, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.; \$8-\$15. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2808 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

Meet Guitar Great Joe Satriani plans signing, meet-and-greet with fans. 858-565-8814. Tuesday, November 11, 4 p.m.; Music Power, 7120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Open Poetry Open-mike poetry readings on tap. 510-296-0616. Monday, November 10, 8 p.m.; Twigg's Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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Return to Fat City Author talk by Kathryn Lilley, who will read from, discuss her new novel, *A Killer Workout*, the second installment of the "Fat City Mystery" se-

ries. Novel is follow-up to *Dying to Be Thin*. Books available for purchase. 619-236-5821. Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Jewish Book Fair The 14th Annual San Diego Jewish Book Fair continues in a big way through November 13. Author, journalist Sheila Weller presents her new book, *Girls Like Us: Carole King, Joni Mitchell, Carly Simon — And the Journey of a Generation* on November 6 (\$13-\$17).

Barry Lack, executive director of the Stillman Lack Foundation, focuses on *Ary Stillman: From Impressionism to Abstract Expressionism* on November 7 (\$13-\$16). Admission includes a Glatt kosher box lunch.

Actor and author Evan Handler presents his new memoir, *It's Only Temporary: The Good News and the Bad News of Being Alive*, November 8 (\$14-\$17). Cancer survivor Handler played Harry Goldenblatt on *Sex and*

the City, is currently seen in *Californication*.

Actor, producer, director Henry Winkler (the Fonz) presents the newest in his children's book series, *The Life of Me, Enter at Your Own Risk*, November 9 (\$16-\$20).

Bestselling novelist and short story writer Jonathan Safran Foer (*Everything Is Illuminated*) is on hand to discuss his most recent novel, *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*, November 10 (\$14-\$17).

Daniel C. Kurtzer, former U.S. Ambassador to Egypt and Israel, and Scott B. Lasensky, Middle East expert at United States Institute of Peace (USIP), focus on conclusions from lessons learned in past negotiations in their new book, *Negotiating Arab-Israeli Peace: American Leadership in the Middle East*, November 11 (\$14-\$17).

NBC News's Tel Aviv bureau chief and correspondent Martin Fletcher presents his new book, *Breaking News: A Stunning and Memorable Account of Reporting from Some of the Most Dangerous Places in the World*, November 12 (\$14-\$17).

Festival concludes with dialogue between journalist, self-described "anti-theist" Christopher Hitchens (*God Is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything*) and Rabbi David Wolpe (*Why Faith Matters: A Personal Faith Journey and a Response to the New Atheists*) on November 13 (\$16-\$20).

There are many other authors' appearances planned, as well as Family Day on November 9, with many children's authors visiting (free). 858-362-1348. Thursday, November 6, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, November 7, noon; Saturday, November 8, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday,

November 9, 7:30 p.m.; Monday, November 10, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, November 11, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, November 12, 7:30 p.m.; Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Separation of Church and State? Steven T. Newcomb — indigenous law research coordinator at education department of Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation — discusses and reads from *Pagans in the Promised Land: Decoding the Doctrine of Christian Discovery*, offering analysis of how religion has shaped U.S. federal Indian law. Books will be available for purchase. 619-236-5821. Sunday, November 9, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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

This Is the (Defensive) End Meet San Diego Chargers defensive end Luis Castillo in men's department (level 1). Participants must make a Perry Ellis purchase of \$50 or more to receive a football for Castillo to sign (time permitting). No personal items. Details: 619-299-9811 x4231. Saturday, November 8, 2:30 p.m.; \$50. Macy's Fashion Valley, 7017 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

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"China's Great Leap: Business and Human Rights" Arvind Ganesan, director of business and human rights division at Human

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Rights Watch, examines the role companies can play in promotion or violation of human rights through online activities and ground operations. Ganesan was contributor to book *China's Great Leap: The Beijing Games and Olympic Human Rights Challenges*. Arrive early to view related Human Rights Watch photography exhibit. Book signing, reception follow. RSVP: 619-260-7509. Thursday, November 6, 7 p.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Eating Out — Taking Healthy Eating Out of Our Home" Marge Wurgel returns to present class, which includes food demonstration and tasting. Wurgel's focus: "eating for health and vibrant living." 858-538-8159. Saturday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.; ages 18 and up. Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

"Fine Art Reproduction Seminar" Larry Stein, owner of Warp 9 Imaging, speaks for Professional Artist series. Participants learn about giclée process, "what it takes to make great reproductions and an archive of your work." 619-236-0011. Wednesday, November 12, 6 p.m.; \$5. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Fluctuating Borders: Speculations on Memory and Emergence" SueAnne Ware, professor of landscape architecture at RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia, discusses work done by American, Mexican, and Australian design students examining the U.S.-Mexican border as a place of possibility and memory when Friends of San Diego Architecture meet. 619-235-4100 x107. Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.; NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Internet Start-Up Seminars" Learn to create a profitable web-based e-commerce business, how to reach potential customers, how to create a dynamic e-commerce website. Talk takes place in Manchester Auditorium at USD. 619-884-2250. Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m.; \$25. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Introduction to Green Roof Design and Construction" "Green roof guru" Jim Mumford of Good Earth Plant Company leads a green roof seminar in room F607 5510. Mumford will be joined by architect Robert Thiele, roofer Ulf Waldmann of Mission Valley Roofing. Session will familiarize participants with existing green roof technology, design, construction. Lunch included. 858-576-9300. Saturday, November 8, 9:30 a.m.; \$20. Cuyamaca College, 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Marine Protected Areas: Coming Soon to a Coast Near You" Russell Moll, director of California Sea Grant, explains intricate processes involved at state, national, international levels and steps taken to see if these networks are achieving desired outcomes for "Perspectives on Oceans Science" lecture series. Required reservations: 858-534-5771. Monday, November 10, 6:30 p.m.; \$5-\$8. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

"Origins and Meaning of Suite Française" Olivier Philipponnat focuses on Irène Némirovsky for Alliance Française. Philipponnat is author of *La Vie d'Irène Némirovsky*, a comprehensive biography of the author based on letters, archives, drafts, and previously unseen texts. Lecture is in French. Requested donation: \$10 general, \$5 for students. 858-254-2253. Sunday, November 9, 4 p.m.; ages 10 and up. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Perspectives on the Kimono Artistry of Itchiku Kubota: Three Illustrated Talks" Panel

discussion on renowned kimono designer Itchiku Kubota. Panelists: Dale Carolyn Gluckman, guest curator of exhibition; Hollis Goodall, curator of Japanese Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art; Terry Satsuki Milhaupt, independent scholar of Japanese textiles. Question-and-answer period follows talks. 619-232-7931. Sunday, November 9, 11 a.m.; \$15-\$25. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Strangers in a Stolen Land" Historian Richard Carrico presents "The Story of the Kumeyaay and the Spanish Conquest in San

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Diego County" for "History Alive" series sponsored by Lemon Grove Historical Society. Question and answer follows. 619-460-4353. Thursday, November 6, 7 p.m.; H. Lee House Cultural Center, 3205 Olive. (LEMON GROVE)

"Striving for Excellence" Judith Content leads panel including Wendy Huhn, Linda Colsh, Nelda Warkentin, and Lori Lupe Pelish to discuss "Quilt Visions 2008: Contemporary Expressions." Reservations: 619-546-4872. Sunday, November 9, 2:30 p.m.; Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

"The Layers of Writing" Local author, educator Lisa Shapiro speaks when Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators gather. Topics: writing a story scene by scene, starting with character and creating a base with plot and setting, developing a manuscript by adding the layers of motivation and conflict, more. Meeting takes place in USD's Hahn School of Nursing Building (at Linda Vista Road and Marion Way). 619-713-5462. Saturday, November 8, 2 p.m.; \$7-\$9. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"The Politics of Anti-Racism in France: Lessons from Government" Novelist, essayist, sociologist Azouz Begag draws on his experience as Minister of State for Equal Opportunities in the Villepin government (2005-07) to examine challenges of introducing meaningful measures for promoting economic, social, racial equality in context of French Republican traditions of citizenship and partisan political climate shaped by rivalries between right and left parties in France. 858-822-5297. Monday, November 10, 4 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Vortex Plastique" Art Talk Artist and MiraCosta instructor Peggy Ann Jones and sculptor Jennifer Miller discuss their collaborative art exhibit, in which they were joined by friends, faculty, students to create works of and about plastic in our lives and the environment. Project includes a 13-foot-wide carpet constructed from approximately 3420 braided shopping bags; five life-sized, figurative sculptures constructed of discarded consumer plastics; and photographic images. 760-757-2121 x6596. Wednesday, November 12, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

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

Temescal Canyon and Will Rogers State Historic Park in Pacific Palisades are just two of the many units of parkland and open space that make up the sprawling Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The Rivas Canyon Trail, of relatively recent origin, now connects these two park units. This hand-tooled route at times resembles a rabbit run in the brush, so you can be assured of close encounters with the native vegetation. These encounters could include poison oak, but that can be avoided if you are aware of the plant's identity.



Rivas Canyon Trail at sunset

You begin at Temescal Gateway Park, immediately north of Sunset Boulevard on the extension of Temescal Canyon Road. Try to find a space to park in the northernmost parking lot, and head on foot toward some institutional buildings that make up the former Presbyterian Conference Grounds. To the right, look for a small sign indicating the Rivas Canyon Trail, and start following the obscure path indicated.

You make your way circuitously up the east wall of Temescal Canyon, gaining a ridgeline after about 0.5 mile. You then go up along the ridgeline itself, pass over a crest, and descend sharply and crookedly to the shady bottom of Rivas Canyon. A delightfully gradual downhill promenade ensues, taking you through riparian and oak woodland vegetation. Several private residences lie within the canyon; take care to stay in the canyon bottom and not take a wrong turn into anyone's backyard.

By about 1.8 mile into the hike, you're approaching the dead end of a residential street. To the left, find and follow the path that enters the grounds of Will Rogers State Historic Park. Proceed east into the main park area, which includes parking spaces, a polo field, and the historic ranch home of famed radio personality and pop-philosopher Will Rogers.

If you have arranged for someone to fetch you there, your hike is over. Otherwise, you have two options. You can return the way you came, or you can follow busy Sunset Boulevard back to Temescal Gateway Park — a possibly faster but not inspiring walk.

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

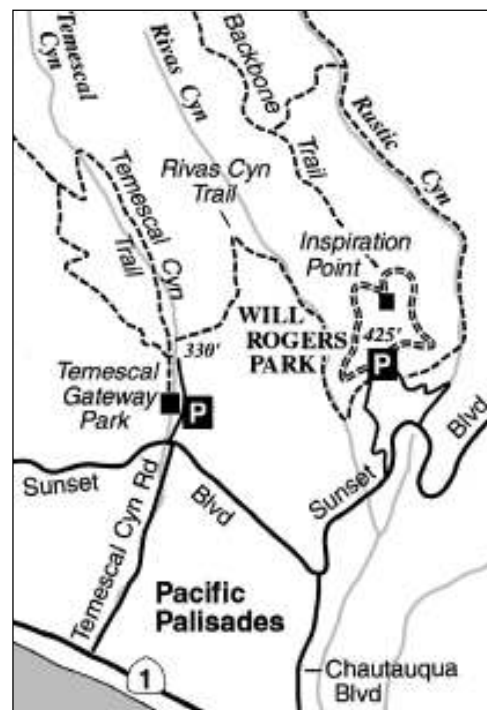
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RIVAS CANYON

The Rivas Canyon Trail gives a rabbit's eye view of Pacific Palisades chaparral and riparian vegetation.

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Hiking length: 2.0 miles (one way)

Difficulty: Moderate



"Water Wise Trees, Plants, and Flowers" Kurt Peacock "believes you can have trees, plants, and flowers and still conserve water." Learn how when he speaks for Point Loma Garden Club. Peacock has been involved in horticulture for 29 years. 619-564-7036. Wednesday, November 12, 10 a.m.; Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. (POINT LOMA)

"Wine, Celebration, and Power" Wine expert Barbara Baxter returns with another series of talks on interweaving of wine and art through history, complete with wine samples. Series fee: \$90 for members, \$100 for nonmembers. 858-454-5872. Wednesday, November 12, 7:30 p.m.; \$25-\$30. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Women of India: Transformation Through Art" Photographers and authors Stephen Huyler and Paola Gianturco share images and stories of Indian women who use their creativity as

a catalyst for social and economic change. Following presentation: reception, book signing of Huyler's *Daughters of India* and Gianturco's *Women Who Light the Dark and In Her Hands*. 619-239-0003 x405. Sunday, November 9, 4 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Consider Genocide... UC Hastings College of Law professor Naomi Roht-Arriaza and Professor Michael Bazylar of Chapman University Law School present "Civil Accountability in the Aftermath of a Genocide and Other Mass Atrocities: Lessons from the Holocaust Restitution Litigation." 858-822-5297. Thursday, November 6, 12:10 p.m.; California Western School of Law, 350 Cedar Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Family Legacy Writing Workshop Linda Weaver Clarke, lecturer and author of *Melinda and the Wild West*, plans workshops to instruct in "the most important elements of writing," including

importance of research and description. Class repeated at libraries in the county through November 14. Monday, November 10, 6 p.m.; La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Get to Know Spurias San Diego Iris Society hosts slide-illustrated spuria program in Lakeside Historical Society at Olde Community Church. Everyone in attendance will be given a free spuria plant. 619-840-2768. Sunday, November 9, 1 p.m.; Olde Community Church, 9906 Maine Avenue. (LAKESIDE)

Interfaith Dialogue *The Faith Club* authors Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner speak on their interfaith dialogue confronting issues of anti-Semitism, prejudice against Muslims, and pre-conceptions of Christians. Registration, space availability: 619-260-4236. Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Planetary Astrology Ed Khouh's six-week course on planetary astrology focuses on "central energy of astrology — planets and their aspects and combinations." Class concludes December 21. Fee: \$20 per class, or \$100 for series. 760-644-5461. Sundays, 11 a.m.; through Sunday, December 21, \$20-\$100. Ages 14 and up. Kindred Journeys, 510 North Coast Highway #101A. (OCEANSIDE)

Polish Your Prose Charles Harrington Elster divulges "How Not to Write Badly." Learn to "avoid common accidents of style" when this writer, radio broadcaster points out "mistakes that confound most writers." Be prepared to take notes, ask questions, and do hands-on editing. 619-533-3974. Saturday, November 8, 3 p.m.; Kensington-Normal Heights Library, 4121 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

Who's Your Favorite Founding Father? Mark Skousen — professional economist, university

professor, direct descendant of Benjamin Franklin — speaks on *The Completed Autobiography* by Benjamin Franklin. Skousen has created a new autobiography that picks up where Franklin's famous *Autobiography* leaves off, recording the last 33 years of his career, based on journal entries, letters, essays, papers in Franklin's own words. Question and answer, book signing. 619-435-0070. Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.; Bay Books, 1029 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Wildlife-Friendly Gardening Workshop Mel Hinton and David Kimball divulge "how to make your garden wildlife-friendly by using native plants and healthy gardening practices." Class focusing on native plants runs November 6, 13, 20 (7 p.m.), December 6 (9 a.m.-noon). Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Thursday, November 6, 7 p.m.; \$80-\$100. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

OUTDOORS

Santa Ana Winds in San Diego County often reach their greatest intensity during November, particularly at the mountain passes, where dry air from a high-pressure area over the interior deserts swoops coastward toward a low-pressure area offshore. The subsiding air warms rapidly while it descends, resulting in 80°-90° temperatures close to the coast. While passing over the mountains, though, the dry air can be surprisingly cool — 60° or less in the daytime.

Monarch Butterflies arrive along the California coast this month, migrating from their summer homes in the Sierra Nevada and the Rocky Mountains. Some 25 of the 260 wintering sites on the West Coast lie within San Diego County. The local sites include Presidio Park in San Diego, the UCSD campus, Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas, and Hosp Grove in Carlsbad.

Acorn Dropping reaches a crescendo early this month in the Cucuyamaca, Laguna, and Palomar mountains. Wiry scrub oaks, massive canyon live oaks, and the golden-leaved black oaks all contribute to the growing collection of acorns littering the ground. Acorn woodpeckers are busy stuffing acorns into the small holes they drill into the bark of pine trees. Beneath the trees, the browns of bracken fern and the reds of poison oak and squaw bush are among the last expressions of autumn color we'll see in the mountains this year.

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November's Full Moon rises like a pale, beige balloon in the east at around 4:20 p.m. — about 25 minutes before sunset — on Wednesday afternoon, November 12. Barring the incursion of overnight low clouds across the coastal strip, San Diegans can witness the same full moon setting over the Pacific Ocean at sunrise the following morning. Some folk names for the November full moon include “snow moon,” “fog moon,” “mourning moon,” “mad moon,” and “moon of storms.”

“Beat the Heat Mystery Walk” Naturalist Kathleen Flanagan leads early-morning, fast-paced, strenuous walk of about seven miles. Expect “a lot of map reading.” Bring a minimum of two liters of water, layer your clothing. 760-839-4680. Friday, November 7, 7:30 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours Led on second Saturday of each month, starting at Chinese Historical Museum. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. Saturday, November 8, 11 a.m.; \$2. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Discover Downtown Escondido Walking tour led by Escondido History Center, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Saturday,

November 8, 11 a.m.; Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Enjoy Golden Leaves Guided walks promising colorful foliage. 619-668-3281. Saturday, November 8, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, November 9, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, November 12, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Fall Color Walk Naturalist Linda King leads four-mile, moderately paced fall color walk from Carson's Crossing to Sycamore Crossing in Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Bring sun protection, water, good footwear. 858-342-8856. Saturday, November 8, 8:30 a.m.; Peñasquitos Preserve kiosk, Park Village Road and Camino del Sur. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Habitat Restoration Project Volunteers invited to help restore wildlife habitat during project on Zanja Creek in Black Mountain Open Space Park (meet on northeast side of Black Mountain Ranch Community Park, 14700 Carmel Valley Road). Bring gloves, water, sun protection. 858-342-8856. Saturday, November 8, 9 a.m.; Black Mountain Community Park, 12115-A Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Home Compost Workshop Certified master composters and Solana Center for Environmental Innovation present composting basics, worm composting, saving water in process. Registration: 760-436-7986 x225. Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m.; Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Palm Walk Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

River and Estuary Cleanup San Diego River Park Foundation hosts effort to clean, restore San Diego River. Volunteers needed to help remove trash and debris from river and river estuary. No experience necessary; tools, supplies provided. Wear sturdy clothing, closed shoes. Join group across

street from Old Town Self Storage (4835 Pacific Highway). RSVP: 619-297-7380. Saturday, November 8, 9 a.m.; Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Rocks and Earthquakes Naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads moderately strenuous hike up and down Ranch House, Crest, Boulder Loop, and Rock Ridge trails. Bring water, wear hiking boots. 760-839-4680. Saturday, November 8, 8 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Audubon Birding Bird watching outing starts at 5th and Iris. 858-755-7133. Saturday, November 8, 8 a.m.; Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

San Diego Field Ornithologists Expert birders lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. Saturday, November 8, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Seaside Beach Cleanup Beach cleanup hosted by Coastkeeper starts in parking lot. Wear closed-toed shoes. 619-758-7743. Saturday, November 8, 9 a.m.; Seaside State Beach, South Cardiff, South Coast Highway 101, north of West Plaza Street. (CARDIFF)

Tracking Walk Easy tracking walk for everyone, starting at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Adobe Ranch House. Learn to track animals, discover their environments. 858-484-3219. Saturday, November 8, 8 a.m.; Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 12020 Black Mountain Road. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Visit Kumeyaay Grinding Rocks And walk to historic Old Mission Dam with trail guide. 619-668-3281. Saturday, November 8, 8:30 a.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Weeding and Planting Party Help out with weeding in Old Town State Park's native plant garden. Bring: hat, water, gloves, a weeding tool, something to kneel on. Garden is found across Congress Street from trolley/train/bus depot, right next to parking lot. Saturday, November 8, 1 p.m.;



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Are You Death? Tijuana Needs You Alive Play for teenagers and families about violence. 011-52-664-687-2604. Sunday, November 9, 1 p.m.; \$10. Casa de la Cultura de Tijuana, Avenida Paris #5, in Colonia Altamira. (BAJA)

Alberto Cortez The Argentine singer and songwriter in concert. 011-52-646-152-1800. Sunday, November 9, 9 p.m.; \$50-\$60. Riviera Hotel, Miramar Street. (BAJA)

Aleks Syntek Enjoy this Mexican singer-songwriter-producer in concert. 011-52-664-634-3783. Friday, November 7, 9 p.m.; \$30-\$85. The Rock, Paseo de los Héroes, Zona Río. (BAJA)

Hispanoamerican Guitar Festival gets underway with concert by Zoran Dukic (Croatia) and Orchestra of Baja California on Thursday, November 6. Jason Vieaux (U.S.A.) presents "From Bach to Pat Metheny" on Friday, November 7. César Olguín and Cuatro para Tango (Argentina-México) take stage on Saturday, November 8. "Son for Three" is theme when Rafael Elizondo and Contrastez (México) perform Sunday, November 9.

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Local presentation of this exhibition is supported in part by the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture and the County of San Diego Community Enhancement Program.

IMAGE: Itchiku Kubota, *Ohu/Fuji and Burning Clouds* (detail), tie-dyeing and ink painting on silk crepe with gold waxes, 1991. Courtesy of the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum.

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Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

Taméz (México) on Monday, November 10. "Iran Virtuosity" explored on Tuesday, November 11, by Lily Afshar (Iran). Week ends with serving of "Italian Coffee" by Martín Madrigal and Simone Ianarelli (Italia-México) on Wednesday, November 12. Festival concludes November 15. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, November 6, 8 p.m.; Friday, November 7, 8 p.m.; Saturday, November 8, 8 p.m.; Sunday, November 9, 8 p.m.; Monday, November 10, 8 p.m.; Tuesday, November 11, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, November 12, 8 p.m.; \$15. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

International Latino Theatre Festival of Los Angeles Enjoy dance, comedy, music in Baja California. Among the festivities: *De risa en risa* by Azíz Gual of México on Friday, November 7 (free). *Antígona* is presented by Yuyachkani Company of Perú on Tuesday, November 11 (\$10). 011-52-664-684-8609. Friday, November 7, 11 a.m.; Tuesday, November 11, 8 p.m.; Multiforo ICBC, Avenida Centenario #10151, in Zona Río. (BAJA)

Mud Racing Competition for modified cars. 011-52-664-283-2193. Sunday, November 9, 8 a.m.; Rancho las Delicias, Cañón de Rosarito. (BAJA)

Syntek, Again Concert by Mexican singer, songwriter, producer Aleks Syntek. 011-52-646-174-

0170. Saturday, November 8, 9 p.m.; \$30-\$85. Salón Casa Blanca. (BAJA)

SPECIAL

UnScene Photography Tour The UnScene Photography Tour and W San Diego search "for San Diego's hottest emerging talent behind the lens and 'unscene' images of the city" during contest.

W San Diego hosts showcase of the five local finalists' best shots, live music on Thursday, November 20, 6 p.m. 619-398-3100. Ages 21 and up. W Hotel, 421 West B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"A Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City" Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières presents this 8000-square-foot interactive outdoor exhibit asking "visitors to imagine they are among the estimated 42 million people worldwide who have been forced to flee their homes and seek refuge from war or conflict." Experienced MSF aid workers (doctors, nurses, and logisticians) guide visitors through structures used by MSF in its work, including a cholera treatment center, a health clinic, emergency refugee housing, nutrition, vaccination tents. 800-490-0773. Thursday, November 6, 9 a.m.; Friday, November 7, 9 a.m.; Saturday, November 8, 9 a.m.; Sunday, November 9, 9 a.m.; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

"All Dressed Up" Chef Bernard Guillas demonstrates recipes including preserved fig orange tart cherry relish, thyme marsala gravy,

OUT & ABOUT

"A REFUGEE CAMP IN THE HEART OF THE CITY" Doctors Without Borders exhibit, November 6-9, Balboa Park.

(SEE SPECIAL)



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more. Donation benefits Mama's Kitchen. Reservations: 619-299-9811 x4231. Saturday, November 8, noon; \$15. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Lights, Camera, Fashion!" The 22nd annual Golden Hanger Fashion Awards event includes reception, boutique table vendors (6:30 p.m.), dinner (8 p.m.), fashion show with work by students of Fashion Careers College. Reservations: 619-275-4700. Saturday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.; \$50-\$125. Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Rock the Page" Grossmont College Creative Writing Department hosts creative write-a-thon fundraiser in Griffin Gate (inside student center on east side of campus). Donation includes lunch, an "I Rocked the Page" T-shirt. Pledge sheets, information: 619-

644-7523 or 619-644-7495. Saturday, November 8, 9 a.m.; \$50. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

"The Forgotten War — Korea" The 22nd annual Veterans Day Parade honoring veterans starts at Cedar Street, progresses south on Pacific Highway to G Street. 619-244-1886. Saturday, November 8, 11 a.m.; County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Coast Highway. (LITTLE ITALY)

A Bubbly Afternoon The Book Works, the Wine Connection, Venissimo Cheese present *The Widow Clicquot — The Story of a Champagne Empire and the Woman Who Ruled It*, a new book by Tilar Mazzeo. Event includes discussion of the widow's history and "special technique" making *Veuve Clicquot* a celebrated champagne. Venissimo will advise on champagne and cheese pairing. 858-755-3735. Sunday, November

9, 2 p.m.; Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

A Matter of Good Taste Event commemorating anniversary of 2007 Witch Creek Fire features music, wine from Bernardo Winery, food from restaurants including 150 Grand, Bernard'O Restaurant, Café Merlot, Capri Blu, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse, Holi Moli Ravioli, the Melting Pot, many others. Tickets: \$75 for two. 858-385-9395. Sunday, November 9, 1 p.m.; \$75. Ages 21 and up. Bernardo Winery, 13330 Paseo del Verano Norte. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Brewers for WorldBeat WorldBeat Cultural Center hosts San Diego Brewers Guild benefit. More than 20 brewing companies present their products with complimentary foods accompanying each brew. Live music entertainment. 619-230-1190. Saturday, November 8, 5 p.m.; \$15-\$30. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Cannons Will Be Used! Cannon battles promised in San Diego Bay between tall ship *Californian* and the *Lynx*, and you may spend the afternoon sailing along on board. Battles may be seen from sites around bay (free). 619-234-9153 x101. Saturday, November 8,

12:30 p.m.; Sunday, November 9, 12:30 p.m.; \$40-\$65. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Carlsbad Community Forum California Energy Commission is considering an application from NRG West to build another power plant on Carlsbad's coastline. The City of Carlsbad opposes building a new power plant. Get the facts, express your views during community forum. 760-434-2820. Thursday, November 6, 5:30 p.m.; City of Carlsbad Faraday Center, 1635 Faraday Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

Celebrate Diwali Diwali is a significant festival in Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, and Jainism, celebrated as a "festival of lights," where the lights, lamps signify victory of good over the evil within an individual. Shri Mandir and Little India merchants plan festival with cultural programs, ethnic foods for sale, more. 858-566-5644. Saturday, November 8, 4 p.m.; Shri Mandir, 9474 Black Mountain Road. (MIRA MESA)

Enjoy "Cringe Trivia"? R-Rated Trivia returns with "blend of comedy, mini-games, and trivia that will make you reconsider your faith." Winning team takes all. 619-294-4848. Sunday, November 9, 8 p.m.; \$3. Ages 21 and up. The Wit's End, 420 Robinson Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Fall Pottery Sale San Diego Potters' Guild hosts biannual sale of "thousands of pieces of handmade ceramics" by over 40 area potters. Pot-throwing demonstrations promised. 619-239-0507. Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m.; Sunday, November 9, 10 a.m.; Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

Foundation for Dog Sports Class Learn skills needed to help your dog get ready for participation in dog sports. Foundation for Dog Sport is intermediate-level class designed to help dogs and owners together learn skills necessary for beginning their dog sport

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choice. \$149 fee includes all six sessions, handouts, prizes. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2273. Thursday, November 6, 6 p.m.; \$149. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

HPR "Sampler" Program
Dance, music, cultural costumes promised when House of Pacific Relations hosts "sampler program." Food for sale. 619-234-0739. Sunday, November 9, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Head to Toe Women's Expo
Weekend of fashion shows, workshops, shopping, pampering, makeovers, inspirational speakers, more. 619-491-0677. Friday, November 7, 10 a.m.; Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m.; Sunday, November 9, 10 a.m.; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Holiday Open House Author appearances, food, holiday singing and gift wrapping courtesy of La Jolla High School Madrigals. Meet authors Andrew Peterson (*First to Kill*, 10 a.m.), Deborah Schneider and chef Jesus Gonzalez signing and serving food (*Cooking with the Seasons at Rancho La Puerta*, 11:30 a.m.), Beth Mallon (*Eyes of San Diego*, 1 p.m.), Cathy Scott (*Pawprints of Katrina*, 2:30 p.m.). 858-454-0347. Sunday, November 9, 10 a.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Human Sexuality... Is it still evolving? If so, how? Ponder with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, November 6, 7 p.m.; Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Kate Sessions's Birthday
Friends of the Marston House and San Diego Floral Association celebrate Kate Sessions, a.k.a. the mother of Balboa Park. Nancy Carter shares history of Kate Sessions and her contributions to natural landscape of region. Enjoy birthday cake on terrace of Marston House Museum, then follow Balboa Park Ranger Kim Duco on walking tour of Sixth Avenue side of Balboa Park, with focus on history of the trees and vegetation. Walk concludes at Kate Sessions statue (at Laurel Street entrance to Balboa Park). 619-232-6203 x129. Saturday, November 8, 11 a.m.; Marston House Museum, 3525 Seventh Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Mariachi Family Day Enjoy live authentic mariachi, local bands, and entertainment; kids' area, interactive music education area for kids, traditional Mexican food.

619-702-0790. Sunday, November 9, 11 a.m.; Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

Mata Ortiz Pottery Estate Sale
On offer are many pieces from personal collection of an aficionado who visited the village many times over a period of more than ten years and personally knew the artists. Pieces are signed originals, with work by Lidia Quezada, Jorge Quintana, Manuel Rodriguez, others. 619-692-0466. Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m.; Sunday, November 9, 10 a.m.; Four Winds Trading Company, 2448 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

Miniature Book Exhibition
Members of San Diego Book Arts exhibit books "not more than three inches in size" through Wednesday, November 26. This "is the smallest branch of the San Diego Public Library, so this is a fitting exhibit for" the location. 619-533-3974. Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.; Fridays, 12:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.; Mondays, 12:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.; through Wednesday, November 26, Kensington-Normal Heights Library, 4121 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

Painted Pony Arts Festival
See live horses painted in an artistic fashion in Jamul. View, purchase art while listening to music by Trails and Rails, Skelpin, the Burnsville Band. 619-669-7702. Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m.; Jamul Intermediate School, 14545 Lyons Valley Road. (JAMUL)

Quilt Walk and Talk
Judith Content, a juror for "Quilt Visions 2008: Contemporary Expressions" exhibit, leads walk through show. Reservations: 619-546-4872. Sunday, November 9, 11:30 a.m.; Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Thursday Night Thing (TNT)
Los Angeles-based multidisciplinary artist Susan Silton discusses her work, currently on view in "Memory Is Your Image of Perfection" exhibition, during TNT. "Playing off the fear and tension of current political and economic times, TNT-goers can pose for the camera with their most frightened face. Then, using the printed photo and a vibrant, transparent veil of vertical stripes, they can create their own Silton-inspired photographic souvenir." Live music by Transfer, Hot Rolling Empire, and mix of electro, alternative by DJ Skullcrusher. 858-454-3541. Thursday, November 6, 7 p.m.; Museum of Contemporary Art

San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Vietnam Photographs Exhibit
Reception for exhibition of 40 photographs from USMC 3rd Marine Division photographers from Vietnam in 1968. Exhibit may be viewed through November. 760-749-4636. Saturday, November 8, 1 p.m.; Valley Center Library, 29200 Cole Grade Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

SPORTS

Chargers Football
San Diego Chargers host Kansas City Chiefs during game broadcast on CBS. Tickets available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Sunday, November 9, 1:15 p.m.; \$54-\$98. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Compete for the Golden Dodgeball!
San Diego Chargers linebacker Shaun Phillips and local After-School All-Stars host first annual SP's Dodgeball Tournament. Create a five-member team to compete in winner-take-all format for coveted Golden Dodgeball. Teams judged on costumes and team names in addition to performance in tournament. VIP reception, team registration begins at 5 p.m.; main registration at 6 p.m.; tournament at 7 p.m. Registration: 619-223-3916. Monday, November 10, 5 p.m.; \$10-\$100. In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Del Mar Classic Dressage Horse Show
858-481-9085. Friday, November 7, 8 a.m.; Saturday, November 8, 8 a.m.; Sunday, November 9, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

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lery research. 602-909-1421. Saturday, November 8, 8 a.m.; Del Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Knickerbikers Biking Join group for 21-mile ride including coffee break at Silver Streak Cafe, Malcolm X Library, Harbor Drive, lunch at Brickyard, return to Balboa Park. 858-272-4710. Saturday, November 8, 9 a.m.; Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Pug K Walk-a-Thon Benefit for Pug Rescue. Registration, check-in at 9 a.m., walk at 10 a.m. Donations welcome. 619-508-1502. Saturday, November 8, 9 a.m.; \$30. Tideland Park, 2000 Mullinix Drive. (CORONADO)

Superheroes vs. Robots? San Diego Derby Dolls plan first exhibition bout in their new venue. Expect themed, mixed-team bouts pitting "Superheroes Against Robots." 760-500-7915. Saturday, November 8, 6 p.m.; \$13-\$15. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

MUSEUMS

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum Housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is lo-

cated in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. Witherby Street and Hancock Street, 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

Marston House Museum Historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. 3525 Seventh Avenue, 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

Museum of San Diego History "Dressing a City: Selected Styles from Marston's Department Store, 1878-1961" offers selection of pieces from San Diego Historical Society's costume and textile collection, with clothing and replica costumes. Through December.

"100 Years of Art," continuing through March, showcases a century of artwork by San Diego artists. "Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally walk on San Diego"; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society's collection. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

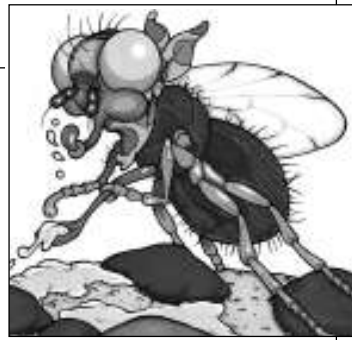
Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove "Messages from the World: The Story of the Lemon Grove Post

OUT & ABOUT

BUG BONANZA!

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, Saturday, November 8.

(SEE FOR KIDS)



Office" follows evolution of local post office from horse and buggy days through modern times. Also on view: "The Children's Room," "The Parents' Room," "The Sewing Room," offering installations evoking life in the parsonage from 1900-1940. 3185 Olive Street, 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center Oozing with disgusting science and hands-on learning games, "Animal Grossology" takes a scientific look at "some of the slimiest, stinkiest, and downright yuckiest creatures on Earth," adapted from author and science teacher Sylvia Branzei's *Grossology* children's book series. Visitors gain perspective on animal kingdom, with 16 exhibits bringing to life gritty and gross facts about some of "nature's most disgusting critters." Continues through Sunday, January 4.

"Tinkering" features more than 20 hands-on exhibits bringing out "your inner inventor" with pulleys, computer circuits, turntables, wind tunnels, more. In the

"Tinkering Studio," kids transform household items into catapults, robots, spectroscopes, more. Closes June 7.

Ongoing exhibitions include "Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology," "So WATT! An Illuminating Look at Energy," "Aging for All Ages," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "TryScience!" "Escape from Dino Island" is theme for motion simulator ride. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 1875 El Prado, 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions Ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum is dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement. 2131 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum "The Art of the Boat — Photos from the Rosenfeld Collection," continuing through July 2009, is collection of over 40 black-and-

white photographs celebrating marriage of great yachts and sea through lenses of father-and-son team Morris and Stanley Rosenfeld. Duo is renowned for photographs of yachts, tall ships, and speedboats and photography of every America's Cup race from 1885-1992.

The photography exhibition "Portrait of Tall Ships" features more than 30 photographs by Thad Koza and Michael Berman. Exhibit includes chronicles of sailing adventures of the museum's ships. Through February.

"San Diego's Navy," based upon book by same name written by Bruce Linder, is said to be "the only comprehensive exhibit depicting the extraordinary contribution the Navy has made to the history of the San Diego region."

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna-fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The HMS *Surprise*, used in film *Master and Commander*, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick.

Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers,

complete research library. 1306 North Harbor Drive, 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man "Beyond Reasonable Drought" examines "ways in which culture and climate are intimately connected today as they always have been." Exhibition examines how water resources have affected populations, cultures.

"Gods and Gold: Ancient Treasures from Mexico to Peru" showcases museum's collections of Mexican, Central American, and South American archaeological objects. Rare gold and jewelry, exotic figurines, intricate stonework, and pottery from the ancient world are on display, as well as a crystal skull, on loan from a private collector.

"Art and Expression: The Legacy of Our Collections" highlights 17 key collections, relates stories of the collectors, how collections came to museum, their significance in preserving history of past generations. Objects include pottery, baskets, beadwork, jewelry, woodcarving, folk art, katsinas, bone and ivory implements, shields, textiles.

In "Artists Speak: Contemporary Art from Ghana and Zimbabwe," museum has partnered with artists from Ghana and Zimbabwe to showcase paintings and sculpture by accomplished African artists.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 1350 El Prado, 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park Commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum Movie star, "world-class body-builder," and longtime Valley Center rancher Steve Reeves is remembered in an exhibit continuing through Tuesday, December 30. He appeared in 18 movies and is best known as star of *Hercules*. Exhibit includes photos, movie memorabilia, personal mementos.

The museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on exhibit: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. 29200 Cole Grade Road, 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

William Heath Davis House Museum Museum is said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego. The house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home, shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. 410 Island Avenue, 619-233-4692. (DOWNTOWN)

Women's History Museum 2323 Broadway, Suite 107, 619-233-7963. (GOLDEN HILL)

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"Radical Piano I" Pianist Christopher Adler plans recital of contemporary works by Christopher Burns, Stuart Saunders Smith, and Carmel Raz in French Parlor of Founders Hall. 619-260-4171. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 12:15 p.m., Thursday, November 6. (LINDA VISTA)

Starring: The Viola! David Medine, a graduate student in music from UCSD, in concert. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Thursday, November 6. (LA JOLLA)

Classical Chamber Concert Pianist Minna Han is joined by violinist Joo-In Lee for First Thursday Concert. 760-839-4329. Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street), 7 p.m., Thursday, November 6. (ESCONDIDO)

Symphony in the North! San Diego Symphony, led by conductor Peter Oundjian and joined by pianist Pascal Rogé, plans Jacobs' Masterworks concert. Program includes Wagner's "Prelude to Die Meistersinger," "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 2 in G Minor" by Saint-Saëns, and Béla Bartók's "Concerto for Orchestra." 800-988-4253. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 8 p.m., Thursday, November 6. (ESCONDIDO)

Diabolus in Musica This eight-voice ensemble specializes in

French music of 12th and 13th Centuries. Group performs Machaut's "Mass of Notre-Dame," including the accompanying Gregorian chant propers of a votive Marian mass, during concert hosted by San Diego Early Music Society. 619-291-8246. St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (743 Prospect Street), 8 p.m., Friday, November 7. (LA JOLLA)

Jacobs' Masterworks Concerts San Diego Symphony, led by conductor Peter Oundjian and joined by pianist Pascal Rogé, performs Wagner's "Prelude to Die Meistersinger," "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 2 in G Minor" by Saint-Saëns, and Béla Bartók's "Concerto for Orchestra." Reservations: 619-235-0804. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, November 7 and 8, and 2 p.m., Sunday, November 9. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Music of Will Ogdon" Pieces composed by Will Ogdon are performed. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Saturday, November 8. (LA JOLLA)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, November 9. (BALBOA PARK)

Fall Concert Series Mozart's "Sonata in A Major," the "Sonata in C Minor" by Schubert, American premiere of "Six Sphragidion" (2007) by Italian composer Elia Alessandro Calderan, and San Diego premiere of "Prelude to a Crash" (2007-2008) by Southern California composer Mario Godoy may all be heard during piano recital by Eldred Marshall. 619-236-5810. San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, November 9. (DOWNTOWN)

"Sacred Music Extravaganza" La Jolla Presbyterian Church's Chancel Choir hosts concert to raise funds for upcoming Italy tour. Expect a variety of sacred music, from traditional and classical anthems and solos to contemporary and gospel performed by choir, soloists, instrumental and vocal groups, totaling over 120 performers. Offering. 858-729-5502. La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue), 7 p.m., Sunday, November 9. (LA JOLLA)

La Catrina Quartet This Mexican chamber group — named for the Mexican personification of death — performs for Barbara and William Karatz Chamber Concert Series. Quartet presents new music as well as masterworks of the string

quartet repertoire; members are devoted to promoting Mexican, Latin American music. 858-454-5872. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), noon, Monday, November 10, and 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 11. (LA JOLLA)

Works by Brahms and Mozart Classical concert planned by Kate Hatmaker, Jessica Guideri, Travis Maril, Erica Erenyi, and Emily Helvey. Donation. 858-509-2580. Solana Beach Presbyterian Church (120 Stevens Avenue), 7 p.m., Monday, November 10. (SOLANA BEACH)

Piano Recital UCSD department of music graduate student William Fried in concert. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Wednesday, November 12. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

"Arts Express" Enjoy "celebration of raw art" by graduates, current students of institute. Mixed-media show includes paintings, lacquered lockers, sculpture, teen 'zines, masks, wood angels, body painting, more. 619-925-3794 or 619-239-1713. Expressive Arts Institute (NTC Promenade, 2820 Roosevelt Road, Suite 204), 6 p.m., Friday, November 7. (POINT LOMA)

"A Celebration of Artists from MiraCosta College" Opening reception for exhibition of work by seven student artists from MiraCosta College art instructor Kris Nugent's painting class and one ceramic artist from art instructor Kelly Berning's ceramics class. Closes Sunday, December 7. 760-729-9505. Rhino Art Company (97 North Coast Highway 101), 6

p.m., Saturday, November 8. (ENCINITAS)

"Chromatic Memories" Artist's reception for exhibition of paintings by Romanian-born Mariana Sain-Morar, on view through Wednesday, November 26. 619-876-4160. India Street Gallery (2165 India Street), 6 p.m., Friday, November 7. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Counter Hues" Opening reception for exhibition by seven artists of San Diego Mesa College museum studies class "who use dramatic color and an intense palette to express increasing concern over current social issues." Exhibit continues for two weekends in new building designed, owned by architect Michael Burnett. Artists' lecture: Saturday, November 15, 2 p.m. Viewing hours: 619-388-2829. Counter Hues (830 25th Street), 6:30 p.m., Friday, November 7. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Figures of Speech" Opening reception for Dave Ghirladucci's show, said to "playfully investigate the various clichés and familiar phrases we use in our everyday lives." Enjoy this mixed-media exhibition using "bronze, humor, paint, and a touch of irony" through closing reception on Friday, December 12. 619-795-3704. Colosseum Fine Arts (2400 Kettner Boulevard, Suite F-109), 6 p.m., Friday, November 7. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Over the River and Through the Woods" Reception for artists whose 100 original watercolor paintings are on exhibit through Friday, November 28. Juror was artist, teacher Richard Hawk. 619-876-4550. San Diego Watercolor Society at NTC Promenade (2825

Dewey Road #105), 5 p.m., Friday, November 7. (POINT LOMA)

"Reflections" Opening reception for PhotoArts Group exhibition exploring reflections, with work by 20 artists. Closes Saturday, November 29. 760-480-4101. InnerSpace Gallery (262 East Grand Avenue), 5:30 p.m., Saturday, November 8. (ESCONDIDO)

"The Presidents — From George W. to George W." Artist's reception for Reed Cardwell, who "has been working for four years painting portraits in his inimitable style for this...election day." See these paintings of the 43 presidents of the U.S.A. Through Friday, December 19. 619-231-3900. Simayspace at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street), 6 p.m., Friday, November 7. (DOWNTOWN)

"Vortex Plastique" Opening reception for collaborative exhibition by artist and MiraCosta instructor Peggy Ann Jones and sculptor Jennifer Miller. Duo was joined by friends, faculty, students to create works of and about plastic in our lives and the environment. Project includes a 13-foot-wide carpet constructed from approximately 3420 braided shopping bags. Exhibit includes five life-sized, figurative sculptures constructed of discarded consumer plastics, and photographic images. Jones and Miller plan artists' talk on Wednesday, November 12, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Exhibit continues through Saturday, November 15. 760-757-2121 x6596. Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive), noon, Wednesday, November 12. (OCEANSIDE)

Art and Photography Faculty Exhibition Opening reception for this exhibit with original work in variety of media. Show closes Saturday, December 13. 760-744-1150 x2304. Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road), 4 p.m., Saturday, November 6. (SAN MARCOS)

Karg Art Glass Show Meet glass artisan Rollin Karg, see variety of his "art forms." RSVP: 619-727-4080. Shorelines Gallery (411 Market Street), 5 p.m., Saturday, November 8. (DOWNTOWN)

Miniature Fine Art Show Ninth annual exhibition opens with reception for artists. Through Sunday, December 7. 760-765-2168. Banner Queen Gallery (36766 Highway 78), 1 p.m., Saturday, November 8. (JULIAN)

New Paintings Reception for exhibition of 20 new paintings by abstract expressionist Stephen Gonzalez. 619-461-7770. Studio 206 (2400 Kettner Boulevard), 6 p.m., Friday, November 7. (LITTLE ITALY)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum Eloy Tarcisio's 14th annual Día de los Muertos installation "Muerte de todos ofrenda de participación (Death Comes to Everyone: A Participatory Offering)" closes Friday, November 7. Participate by bringing objects (such as photographs, mementos, flowers) in memory of loved ones.

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Mingei International Museum
In honor of Mexico's Day of the Dead, museum exhibits a Day of the Dead altar through November 30. Traditional offering to the dead is a collaboration between the museum, Mexican Consulate in San Diego, and Mexican Cultural Institute.

"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. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum — North County "Nomadic Legacy — Tent & Textiles of Central Asia and Iran" presents aspects of rich artistic heritage of nomadic culture, traditions with origins in antiquity. Highlights include recent gifts to museum such as a Kyrgyz yurt, Persian bag faces, Central Asian hats. The Kyrgyz yurt — a round, domed, trellis-tent dwelling, 22 feet in diameter — won first prize in a national contest celebrating 1000th anniversary of Kyrgyzstan's existence. Also on view: rare Kyrgyz reed screens; Turkoman, Uzbek, and Kazakh costumes and textiles. Exhibit continues through Sunday, March 22. 155 West Grand Avenue, 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown "Human/Nature: Artists Respond to a Changing Planet" uses contemporary art to investigate relationships between fragile natural environments and human communities depending upon them. Collaborative multiyear exhibition project sent eight artists to eight UNESCO World Heritage sites around globe to complete mini-residencies, create new work informed and inspired by their experiences in these diverse cultural and natural regions. Exhibit features new commissioned

works by Mark Dion, Ann Hamilton, Inigo Mangano-Ovalle, Marcos Ramirez ERRE, Rigo 23, Dario Robleto, Diana Thater, and Xu Bing. Closes Sunday, February 1.

"Memory Is Your Image of Perfection," curated by MCASD assistant curator Lucia Sanromán, presents photography and video works from museum's collection created by women artists of Southern California and Baja California. Exhibition "investigates the subject of memory through associations, oppositions, and overlaps amongst photographic genres that range from straight documentary photography to manipulated photography." Artists include Eleanor Antin, Uta Barth, Andrea Bowers, Sharon Lockhart, Ana Machado, and Yvonne Venegas. Through November. 1001 Kettner Boulevard, 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla "Weighing and Wanting: Selections from the Collection" marks Hugh M. Davies's 25th anniversary as museum's David C. Copley Director. Exhibit offers "a personal, idiosyncratic selection of approximately 130 works acquired between 1983 and the present," including works by John Baldessari, John Currin, Robert Irwin, William Kentridge, Nathan Mabry, Yoshitomo Nara, Martin Puryear, Lorna Simpson, Bill Viola, and Lisa Yuskavage. View this "cross-section of paintings, prints, drawings, video, installation art, and photography" through Sunday, January 4. 700 Prospect Street, 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

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

"Writing with Light" is said to illustrate "the connections between photography and literacy using the photographic arts as inspiration." MoPA's annual youth exhibition offers opportunity to recognize talented students throughout San Diego, linking the medium of photography with writing. Through January.

"Nancy Newhall: A Literacy of Images" continues through Sunday, January 25. Best known for writing text to accompany photographs by Ansel Adams and Edward Weston, Nancy Newhall was also a widely published writer on photography, conservation, American culture. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art "Quilt Visions 2008: Contemporary Expressions" — opening on Sunday, November 9 and continuing through Sunday, March 1 — boasts 41 quilts selected from 586 entries. Jurors were Judith Content, Mary Anne Jordan, and Don Bacigalupi.

"DAMNGORGEIOUS: Millard Sheets and His Southern California Legacy" offers "a comprehensive look at his impressive career from the 1920s to the '80s." Over 40 works of art, including watercolors, oils, etchings, lithographs, and drawings, provide viewers with introduction to Sheets's legacy. In the early 1930s, Sheets helped define a movement known as Southern California Regionalism, depicting rural

scenes near his home in Claremont, California. Through Sunday, January 4.

"Revealing the Divine: Selected Works by Levi J. Casias" offers exhibition in which the Oceanside artist investigates "the concept of mysticism in a religious manner." Casias believes mysticism cannot be rationalized by the intellect but can only be understood by personal experience, bridging a link between art and spirituality. He uses industrial materials, methods to create contemporary art work. Through December. 704 Pier View Way, 760-435-3720. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art "Eleanor Antin: Historical Takes" focuses on Antin's recent series of large-scale tableau photographs based on Greek and Roman history and mythology, presented together for first time. "The three series are comprised of comic and psychologically complex melodramatic enactments of actual and fictional classical narratives."

"Kimono as Art: The Landscapes of Itchiku Kubota," closing on Sunday, January 4, features work of Japanese textile artist and kimono designer Itchiku Kubota (1917-2003). Kubota used a variety of traditional techniques, unique personal innovations to create abstract landscapes through complex layering of dyes and inks on monumentally scaled kimono. Exhibition includes Kubota's dramatic series "Symphony of Light," presenting a sweeping landscape across 30 kimonos placed side by side, as well as a selection of Kubota's individual works.

"Visible Places: Works by Women on Paper" — 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.

"Emerging Elites: Indo-Muslim Cultures in Transition" examines artistic transitions that took place in Indo-Muslim cultural centers in the 18th and 19th Centuries. Exhibition treats these paintings as creative, ongoing cultural transformations. Closes Sunday, March 15. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art "Kimono as Art: The Landscapes of Itchiku Kubota," closing on Sunday, January 4, features work of Japanese textile artist and kimono designer Itchiku Kubota (1917-2003). Kubota used a variety of traditional techniques, unique personal innovations to create abstract landscapes through complex layering of dyes and inks on monumentally scaled kimono. Exhibition includes a selection of kimono from Kubota's "Mt. Fuji" series, presented as three views of Japan's most famous mountain at different times of day, as well as a selection of Kubota's individual works.

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

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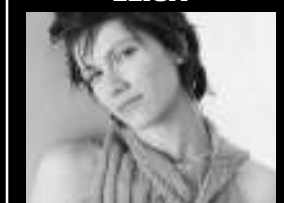
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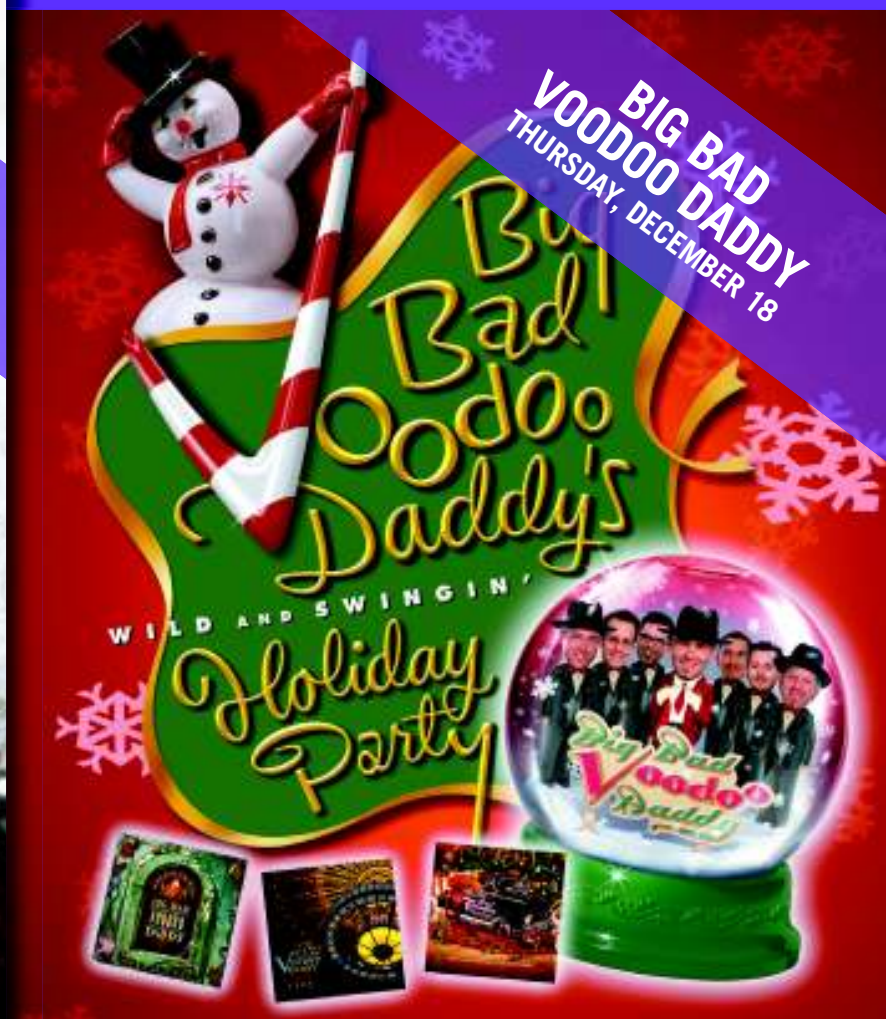
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"When you're dealing with high school kids, you're talking about money that comes from Mom and Dad, and that money isn't there like it was a year ago."

The tight economy means

packages are riskier. The box-office downturn has changed the way some independent promoters such as Paul are dealing with agents who represent national acts: Instead of flat guarantees for touring bands, some promoters are now able to structure "door deals" with band agents, relieving the promoter of all the responsibility if the show does not do as well as expected. Paul says this is the first year "in a very long time" that such door deals are being accepted by bands.

"Before, if you had to guarantee a band \$10,000 but you only took in \$5000, it was the promoter who took it in the shorts all by himself," says Paul. "Now, if you have a 50/50 door deal, the door revenue is split with the band, no matter what happens. This way the promoter, for instance, would get \$2500, and the band would get \$2500."

Not all agents are buying into the shared-responsibility model.

"Most of the agents are set up to get 10 percent off the top, and they usually get that fee right up front," says Paul. "To some agents, getting that

10 percent is all they care about. It's the agents who care more about the long-term career of their artists and who are not just about getting a quick buck who are participating [in door deals]."

— Ken Leighton

Great. Danny's Here

"There were naked people everywhere," says Lee Williams, drummer for the Burning of Rome. The band played San Francisco's Exotic Erotic Ball and Expo on

zoo," and Danny Bonaduce.

"Really, it was mostly sex-toy manufacturers and companies that make and deal porn," according to Williams. "All through the room were these stripper poles, and girls would just jump on them and start stripping. And then a hundred guys would appear out of nowhere, with backpacks full of cameras, all drooling and taking pictures...."

"There were naked guys too," says Williams, "guys who feel good about themselves probably more than they should."

The show's highlight?

"In the VIP room, they had piles of free porn DVDs, so we filled up a few bags. We had so many, we were tossing them from our hotel window down to people in the street, like New Orleans or something...."

"Even though we basically just provided the background music to all the bizarre stuff happening, this show probably had the best equipment we ever played through. It was a huge room, with expensive, top-of-the-line gear."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Bake It Blitz Recording Studios owner Richard Livoni

says, "I think only Signature Sound or maybe Studio West have been around longer." Livoni's Mission Hills storefront has been around for 14 years; before setting up shop on Reynard Way, Livoni worked out of a basement for 10 years.

"Business is tough," says Livoni. "Quite a few studios have gone under. You have to

blurt

the inside track

Recent Soma shows by national touring artists Norma Jean, Haste the Day, Anberlin, and the Academy Is also underperformed at the box office.

"They did 35 to 40 percent below what was expected, on average," says Soma owner Len Paul. Tickets for the Soma shows averaged \$17 at the door.

By contrast, an October 10 Soma show featuring Lower Definition, the Haven, a



PANIC AT THE DISCO (AND BOX OFFICE)

that all-local shows are more viable, says Paul, and expensive, national touring



BURNING OF ROME GETS HOT IN SF

October 24. Advertised as "A Celebration of Flesh, Fetish, and Fantasy," the two-day event included art exhibits, live burlesque performances, body painting and modification, porn-star wine-tasting, a "human petting



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really be creative."

To Livoni, being creative means he's learned how to "bake" deteriorating reel-to-reel tapes.

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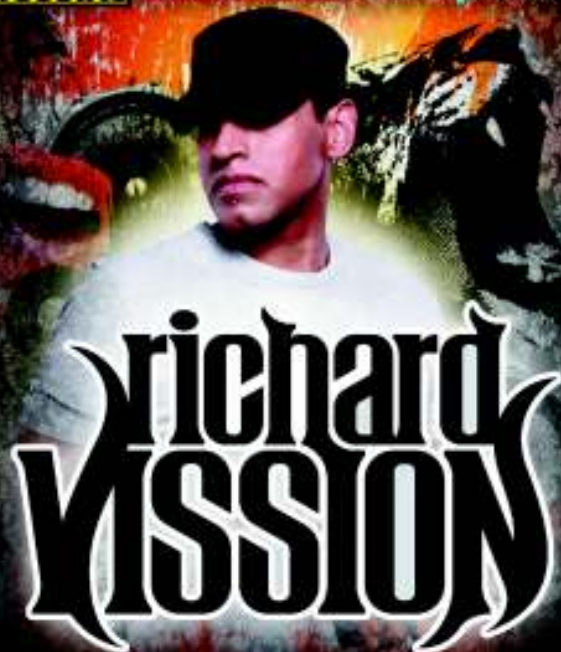
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Afterward, Livoni transfers the music to digital and then remasters it. He doesn't charge for the baking, but his remixing time is billed at \$35 an hour, \$50 on weekends.

"I've never had a tape that was not able to be saved. But I always do a disclaimer that says I can't take responsibility if the tape is too far gone."

Livoni, 57, started singing and playing guitar locally in the Blitz Brothers, his hard rock/blues band that in the '70s performed at Dick's at the Beach, the Spirit Club,

Wallbangers, My Rich Uncle's, Ledbetters, the Bacchanal, and the Trojan Horse.

"We played from 1973 to '86. Money was really good then. You'd make as much as \$1100 to \$1200 a night playing at a bar. We'd have encores every night. There would be lines at the door. I don't know any place where that happens anymore. Now you have to pay to play. I remember Winstons would let us charge \$2 at the door, which we would keep, and we'd get a cut of the bar. The owner would actually let me count the [bar] money."

Livoni says it wasn't the late-'70s disco craze that

snuffed out the good life for local rockin' bar bands.

"It started going down when the liquor laws got stiffer about 1983. That's when the nightclub scene started seeing a major decline. It was all over by 1986."

— Ken Leighton

Rollers to Rock Again

"I'm the new singer for the Bay City Rollers," says local Eric Crabb. "Their guitarist Ian Mitchell lives in Orange County now, and he saw me on YouTube. It was an audition video I did for the Canadian band Saga, which almost got me the gig.... The video stayed on YouTube, and next thing I know, Ian invited me to audition for his new version of the group."

The actual band name is the "Bay City Rollers featuring



'70S BAY CITY ROLLERS

Ian Mitchell." No other former members are in the group, and guitarist Mitchell was a Roller from April through November 1976 (though he took part in several latter-day "reunion" lineups). In the early '90s, he was sued by former Roller Eric Faulkner for unauthorized use of the band name.

"Judge threw it out of court," says Mitchell on his website, "as it was the promoter who was at fault. Spoke to Eric about it. We laughed."

Crabb doesn't think the lack of original Rollers will be a problem.

"It's such a famous name,

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and people love their music. We're supposed to start touring next year." Crabb is in the process of learning around 20 Rollers songs, as well as "Rockin' in the Free World" (Neil Young) and "Doctor Doctor" (Robert Palmer).

In addition to singing, Crabb is a part-time actor. He had a brief role in *Wayne's World* as the guitar-store clerk who won't allow patrons to play "Stairway to Heaven."

"From 1979 to 1982," says Crabb, "in around 15 Jolly Green Giant commercials, I was the voice of the Little Green Sprout!"

— Jay Allen Sanford

Glam Ghouls Spew Metallic Body Fluids

"Including the champagne and a gallon of gold body paint, it ran about \$30,000," says Michael Page of a 3D video recently shot by PassmoreLab, the local visual production firm at which he works.

(Page is better known for performing and recording bass with Iggy Pop, David Bowie, Chubby Checker, Jerry Lee Lewis, and New York Dolls guitarist Sylvain Sylvain.)

"We shot the entire project in one long day but spent a considerably longer time building the sets and even longer time cleaning up

afterwards. The cost for a 3D production is significantly more than 2D, partially due to the complex editing processes."

PassmoreLab didn't recruit a local band for the video (which included "taxidermy and glam ghouls spewing metallic body fluids," according to Page) but used a New York City band, the Semi Precious Weapons.

"The band was awesome and ripe for 3D," says Page. "The front man Justin is so full of energy and so animated.... They seemed to muster up an artistic concoction that had



SHOT IN 3D: SEMI PRECIOUS WEAPONS

similar tastes and sensibilities as my old cronies the New York Dolls, sprinkled with a bit of Iggy Pop flavoring." "Magnetic Baby" was shot

in San Diego, in both 3D and 2D format.

"We are interested in releasing the 3D version in Japan, where they have been successfully broadcasting 3D television for a while now."

Why did PassmoreLab make the investment?

The company owner says, "PassmoreLab is in the business of producing films and as part of this function finances and performs production services in exchange for back-end revenue off the resulting content."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Kill the Poor Twenty-nine years ago this week (11/10/79), the Dead Kennedys played the final concert staged at the city's first punk venue — downtown's original Skeleton Club on Fourth Avenue, across from Horton Plaza.

Owner Laura Fraser was forced to close the basement-level club due to problems with the hundred-year-old building meeting fire codes. In addition, plainclothes police ticketed patrons for public intoxication, drug possession, weapons violations, lewd behavior, and even for spitting on the sidewalk outside the club, prompting Fraser to allege municipal harassment.

When the Dead Kennedys hit the club's four-inch-high stage, lead singer Jello Biafra had recently run for mayor of San Francisco, coming in at fourth place. Around 300 patrons paid \$3.50 to see the band speed through a set that



THIS GUY FOR MAYOR? (BIAFRA) WHY NOT?

included "Holiday in Cambodia," "Kill the Poor," and "California Über Alles."

The Skeleton Club reopened on December 7, 1979, at 202 West Market Street, in a locale previously occupied by Climax Limited Disco World.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

Thursday 6

Just when you think they're going condo...4th&B regroups with a couple big gigs this week. Tonight, catch Omaha dance-punk crew the **Faint**. The former Saddle Creekers opened their own imprint, blank.wav, for this year's crit-hit



THE FAINT AT 4TH&B

Fascinatiion. Get to their Space page for a taste of lead single "The Geeks Were Right," a grade-A synth-rock blast.... That "Freaker by the Speaker," rock troubadour **Keller Williams**, is hailed as "a one-man jam band" from the land of jam bands, Fredericksburg, VA. Look it up. The longtime soloist last year assembled his dream band in **Moseley** (String Cheese), **Droll** (Marc Broussard), and **Sipe** (Leftover Salmon). The quartet will cut grassy rootsicana at Belly Up Tavern tonight. Check some sides from this year's Sci Fidelity disc *Live* for the stage show.... Uptown, heady indie act **Focus Group** breaks it down at Bar Pink. The local quartet harks back to Three Mile Pilot, which makes sense, as TMP's Pall Jenkins is listed under "additional dudes"...Cinci three-piece **Heartless Bastards** and the **Old Palominos** ride up on Beauty Bar...and folk-pop four-piece **Wendy Darling** dials in at Radio Room.

Friday 7

Dance this mess around! Odd-pop outfit the **B-52's** land at House of Blues Friday night. The five-tuos came together in Athens, GA, 'round about 1976; dropped their first *Billboard* bomb in '79; and many moons later, this year's electronica-meets-new-wave hit disc *Funplex* debuts at number elevum and cracks the dance-club charts with a pair of singles. Take that, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame — according to a *brooklynvegan* poll (I know, I know), the quartet's one of next year's most-deserving but overlooked artists. Go show Kate, Cindy, Fred and...the other guy some love.... Alt-country road warriors **Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers** and the **Mother**

Truckers haul the big rigs into Belly Up. Caught Mother Truckers at Brick by Brick a couple of months ago and the Texas trio cooks!... Saint Joe skate punks **No Use for a Name** dropped *The Feel Good Record of the Year* in April. No kidding. The punk-pop collection even includes "The Feel Good Song of the Year." **Pulley** and **Demasiado** open no-name's Casbah set.... *Which one of these things doesn't go with the others?* Ché Café stages L.A. gazers **Signal Hill** with thrash maniacs **Waco Fuck**, **Landmine Marathon**, and **Graf Orlock**. Catch Signal Hill's KSDT on-air at 4p.... Welcome Chicago transplants **Marasol** to the Southland. The alt-rock trio drops their catchy debut on Radio Room. **Irradio** and **Japanese Sunday** are also on the bill.... Acid-jazz combo **Pocket** funks up Bar Pink.... And lo-fi popsmith **Charles Musket** will be out at the Ken. Check out their tasty Space takes. (Those Millgaten kids've got their fingers in a lot of pie.)

Saturday 8

The other big gig at 4th&B is a hat-trick triple bill for radio 94.9's sixth anny. The showcase'll be headlined by hot-n-heavy Brooklynites **TV on the Radio**, with Detroit garage punks the **Dirtbombs** and local rock-n-soul hits **Delta Spirit** in support. All t'ree bands have got new product at your local



THE B-52'S AT HOUSE OF BLUES



TV ON THE RADIO AT 4TH&B

Target emporium, but TVotR's *Dear Science* is the shizz. Get it in your carousel and rethink pop music — it's grown a new limb.... Couple Midwest monsters go head-to-head at Casbah, when Detroit garage gang **Electric Six** takes on Chi-town rawkers **Local H**.... **Atoms**, **Powerchords**, Misfits cover band **Hybrid Moments**, and some **Rough Kids** from L.A. fill a bill at the Ché.... It'll be East Coast hip-hop playas **Jedi Mind Tricks** out at Canes.... And Arista artist Clarence Greenwood, aka **Citizen Cope**, brings his Jack-Johnson-sings-trip-hop shtick to Spreckles downtown.

Sunday 9

Folk-rock singer-songer **Vic Chesnutt** joins psych-pop act **Elf Power** at Casbah. They're all from Athens, but Chesnutt's from the REM side of town, while Elf Power's from the Elephant 6 side of town. Chesnutt pens tunes about you and me, and Elf Power sings about wizards and shit. It's all good.... The **Tighten Ups** cinch a Sunday-nighter at Bar Pink. Haven't caught the blue-funk band yet, and it ain't their fault because gawd knows they play out enough, but hear tell they do put on a fun one.

Monday 10

Belly Up's serving up chops Monday night, with '70s stalwarts **Little Feat**. The L.A.-based roots-rock outfit this year celebrates 20 years as a reformed band! That's twice their Lowell George heyday. George passed in 1979, leaving Little Feat in limbo. Since regrouping, they've dropped a couple pebbles in the pond, CD-wise, but this year's *Join the Band* is a pretty cool collection of rock classics performed with radio-rock luminaries such as Bob Seger, Emmylou Harris, and Dave Matthews. Check the fresh take on the Band's classic "The Weight," featuring banjo freak Béla Fleck. Love that song.... Two years of Anti-Mondays and the fuckers keep coming. Mondays, I mean. SD: Dialed In will stage **Writer**, **Low Red Line**, and **Joel P. West** for the anniversary gig.... Else: That jagged little pill **Alanis Morissette** appears at the San Diego Civic Theatre...and Brooklyn pop combo **Bishop Allen** blesses the Loft at UCSD.

Tuesday 11

King Khan & BBQ Show play Casbah Tuesday night. Nothing. Else. Matters.

Wednesday 12

More from Athens. Must be something in the water down there. The critics love **Dead Confederate**, and though their sprawling new collection of Southern psych-rock, *Wrecking Ball*, may not knock you over right away — it's an acquired taste — tour reports suggest the quintet kills it live. They'll take the stage at Casbah behind **Apollo Sunshine** and the **North-star Session**.... NYC transplants **Mad Juana** hit up their favorite hot spot, Bar Pink.... And guitar goof **Joe Satriani** headlines what would have otherwise been a pretty cool **Mountain** gig at House of Blues. Leslie West and Corky Laing, y'all.



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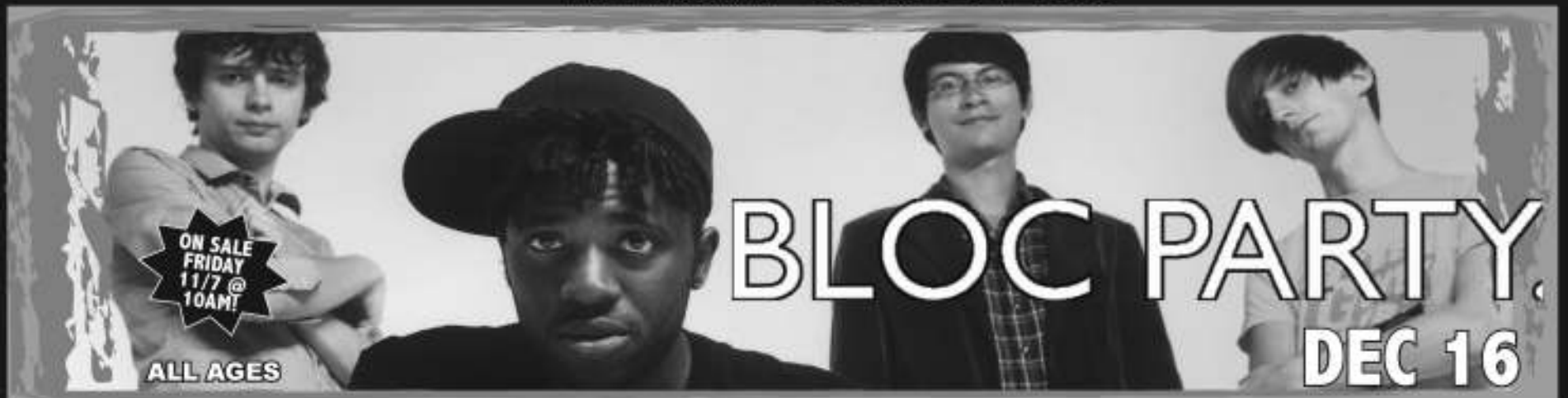
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 — Jac, "Be Who You Are"

Jac (pronounced Jack) was born in New York City to a Puerto Rican singer-songwriter father and a black mother who worked as a model. When his parents divorced, his mom moved to San Diego.

Jac followed and at the age of 17 began to pursue his musical vision through short tenures with several local bands. He eventually dropped his family surname Cruz and began calling himself (and his band) JAC.

"Late in 2003," he says, "I felt led to go solo with my own vision, musically and lyrically. The lineup of backup players has changed a bit, but the current musicians have been with me for a little over a year."

Though his lyrics often have a spiritual or religious meaning, Jac says, "I am not known to the Christian-rock crowd at all, simply because that is not the type of music I create...my music is real music, played from the soul, with sincere passion. My faith is also sincere, and [it is] the foundation for everything I do — not unlike the Beastie Boys, Garth Brooks, Godsmack, or a number of other popular mainstream acts that have some form of faith. So it would stand to reason that what is in me would become known via my lyrics and songs."

He cites influences such as Chris Cornell, Ja-

nis Joplin, Bono, Jeff Buckley, the Reverend Al Green, and James Brown. "Currently," says Jac, "I'm talking to a few industry-types about partnering up to get JAC music out to more ears."

Noting Jac's wide-ranging vocal prowess and onstage theatricality, *Reader* reviewer Mary Montgomery wrote in 2005, "At his best, he borders on a male version of Aretha Franklin."

LISTS JAY ALLEN SANFORD

FAVORITE SONGS?

1. Led Zeppelin, "Since I've Been Lovin' You." "From the first time I heard this song on *Led Zeppelin III* it connected with me, probably because I've not been very lucky with love. I'm going to cover this song very soon."
2. Sly and the Family Stone, "Que Sera, Sera." "I love the churchy, soulful sound of this song."
3. Jeff Buckley, "So Real." "A hauntingly beautiful song that's even better live. If you can find a good recording of the concert."
4. Nina Simone, "Feeling Good." "All I can say is just listen to this song, and you'll come up with your own glowing adjectives to describe it."

DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

1. "*Bedazzled* with Brendan Fraser and Elizabeth Hurley is hilarious! All of Brendan's characters in the movie are funny, but his portrayal of 'Sensitive Man' will cause you to implode with laughter the day you watch it and then again days later when you remember it."
2. "*The Passion of the Christ* is an amazing movie that should make you cry. The truth has that effect on souls."

3. "*The Notebook*, to remind me that true love is possible."

4. "Rage Against the Machine has a DVD called *The Battle of Mexico City*. I love their music because of the grooves, the intensity, and the passion in their delivery. This DVD captures it all."

5. "Led Zeppelin's double-DVD set from 2003 is just too much Led Zeppelin for a human to take in one sitting."

FAVE MAGAZINES?

"*In Touch* magazine, put out by Dr. Charles Stanley and his In Touch Ministries, is monthly food for the soul."

INTERNET OBSESSIONS?

"Following Padres news... I don't read the paper very often, so this gets me up to date on the Padres...who are not doing too good this year, but I'm still a fan."

GUILTY PLEASURES?

1. "Double-stuff Oreos."
2. "Cheez-It crackers."
3. "Not running or working out. Sometimes I just don't want to."

TWO PLACES YOU HANG OUT?

1. "The Rock Church in Point Loma. Go there and find out. You may find something you're missing there."
2. "The Living Room in the College Area or the



Jac

one in La Jolla. I don't do coffee, but I do like time with friends, and the Living Room is a great friendship facilitator."

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Friday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Tab Benoit. Blues guitarist. \$15-\$18.

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Toots Thielemans. With the Kenny Werner Trio. Jazz. \$28-\$32.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — David Garfield. With Alex Ligertwood. Jazz/rock. \$18.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Chris Cain. Blues guitarist. \$18.

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Beach House: 2530 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-753-1321.

Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Freefall. Jazz.

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

Thursday, 9 p.m. — Keller Williams with Moseley, Droll & Sipe. Acoustic/funk/rock. \$23-\$25.

Friday, 9 p.m. — Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers. With the Mother Truckers. Alt-country/rock. \$15-\$17.

Saturday, 9 p.m. — Stepping Feet. A Dave Matthews Band tribute. \$11-\$13.

Sunday, 7 p.m. — Ruby & the Red Hots. Blues. \$8-\$10.

Monday, 8 p.m. — Little Feat. Roots/rock/jam band. \$32-\$34.

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Claire de Lune: 2906 University Avenue, North Park, 619-688-9845. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Damaru. Afrobeat/world/acoustic.

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Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000. *Friday*, 7 p.m. — Beneath His Shadow and the Alert Signal. With the Authors Notes, Stage Kids, and Feldspar Brigade. Indie/alternative/rock. \$7-\$9. *Saturday*, 7 p.m. — Casino Madrid and Elizet. With Letters to a Hero, Eighth Round, and more. Rock/hardcore.

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698-2204. *Thursdays* — Fuzz-Huzzi. Alternative/pop/punk. *Friday, Wednesday* — The Stop. Hip-hop.

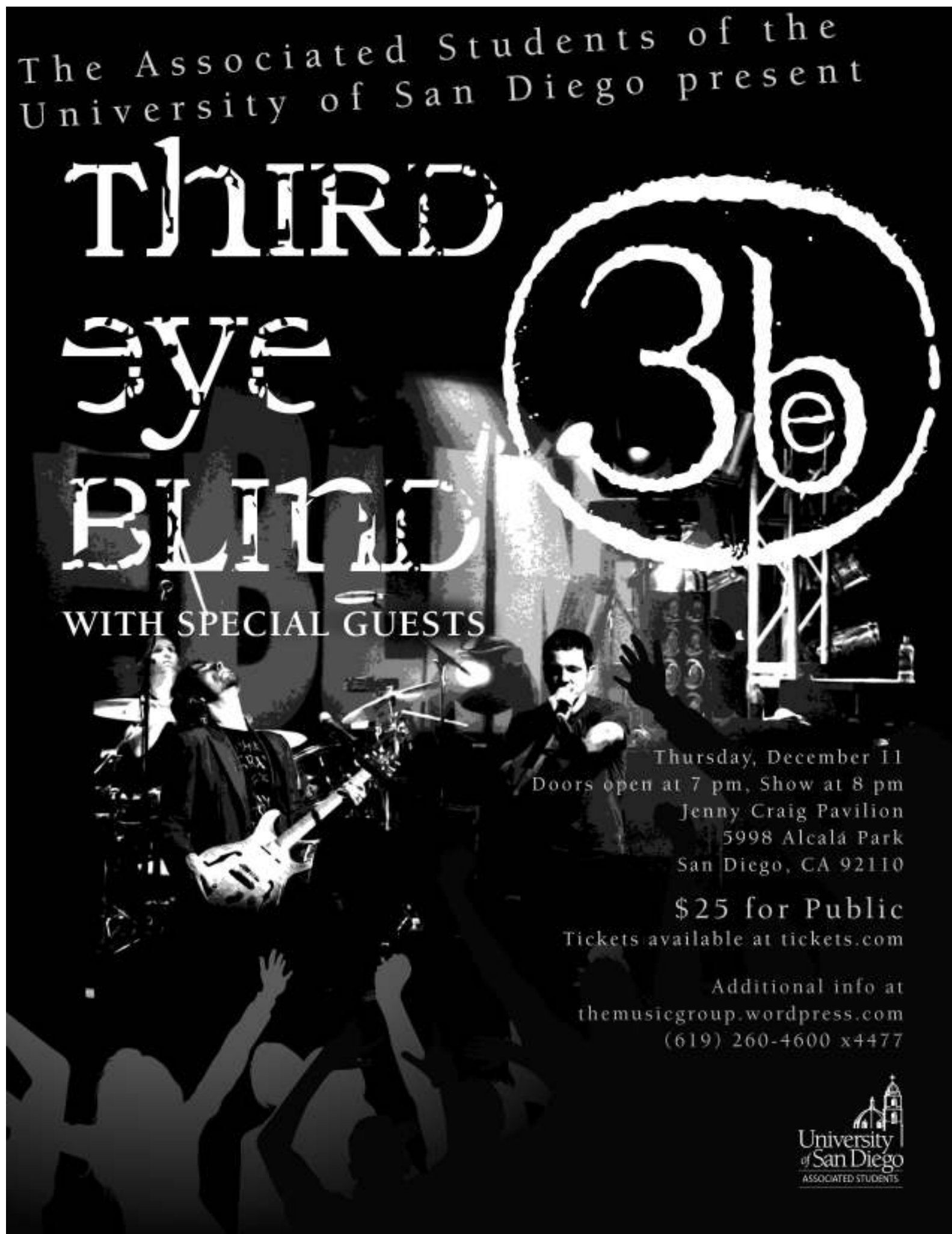
Gallagher's Pub & Grill: 5046 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Lipstick N Leather. Eighties hair-metal.

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Hornblower Cruises: 1066 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-686-8715. *Friday*, 7 p.m. — The Bayou Brothers. Zydeco/blues/R&B. \$66.

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of NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Ever since their inception during the Carter administration, the **B-52's** have been hard at work nailing down their status as the world's greatest party band. Max's Kansas City nightclub in Manhattan was a fit for the band's retro go-go-booted beehive look and their unstrung comedy. Their first official gig was there in 1977, and the band found immediate fans and a secure place in New York's trendy art-rock scene. Underground success began to turn mainstream with the release of "Rock Lobster."

The band is a quirky blend of sci-fi and surf rock and kitsch coupled to a dynamic

that has never changed, even with the death of Ricky Wilson in 1985: a trademark driving rock-and-roll backbeat groove on the two and the four. The B-52's would make a career of staying within that pocket.

Earlier this year they released their first new album in nearly 16 years. *Funplex* is a little heavier on the guitar hooks, and the beehives have been retired, but the call-and-answer interchange between singers and the band's basic message of silliness remains. "I'm a pleasure seeker/ Shopping for a new distraction/ I'm a pleasure seeker/ Looking for some platinum action/ I'm a pleasure seeker/ Movin' to the Muzak/ I'm a pleasure seeker/ Lookin' for the real thing." Onstage, the B-52's still look and act like a goofball parody of a rock band, but they throw down in the tradition of all



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B-52's, House of Blues, Friday, November 7, 7 p.m. 619-299-2583. \$62.50 and \$87.50.

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San Diego Public Library: 820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800.
Sunday — Kevin Locke. Lakota flutist and dancer. 619-236-5800.

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The Black Lips are famous for doing crazy things onstage — such as playing their guitars with their willies — so if you can find a performer who has shocked the Black Lips with his antics, you've really found something. And if he screams out lyrics like "My baby's fat/ She's ugly/ She's fat and ugly/ But I love her!"...well, all the better. That's the quick and dirty take on **King Khan**, who, with his 11-piece garage-soul band the Shrines, has been wowing, stunning, and shocking jaded European audiences for several years and has recently started conquering America.

His full story is more complicated, more interesting, and...well, probably just as vulgar. Khan used to be known as Blacksnake, and he played in a Montreal band called the Spaceshits. (See what I mean about vulgarity?) While touring Germany he decided to quit the band and stay in Germany. Eventually he renamed himself King Khan. At the same time Khan kept up a friendship with Mark Sultan, a.k.a. **BBQ** — a cohort from the Spaceshits days — who has his own garage-soul band, Les Sexareenos. In between tours with their bands the two formed a duo called the King Khan & BBQ Show and started playing shows and recording in a style that can be described as garage-punk doowop.

You can tell from song titles like "Teenage Foetus" that neither Khan nor BBQ put the weirdness aside for this project. Still,



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December 10 — J.D. Souther.
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December 13 — Kelly Joe Phelps.
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November 13 — Brennan Leigh.
November 14 — Jonatha Brooke and Glen Phillips.
November 18 — Barbara Tobler.
November 19 — NovaMenco.
November 20 — The Anthology House Band.
November 21 — Al Stewart.
November 22 — Charles McPherson.
November 23 — Johnny Polanco.
November 25, November 26, November 26 — McCoy Tyner.
November 28 — Back to the Garden.

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November 16 — Devon Allman's Honeytribe.

November 17 — Elisa.
November 18 — Jasmine Commerce and Alyssa Jacey.
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November 20 — The Bacon Brothers.
November 21 — Common Sense.
November 22 — Buddy Akai.
November 23 — Orquesta Primo.
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November 28, November 29 — The English Beat.
November 30 — Jangada.
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November 29 — Cash'd Out.
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November 14 — Torche, Black Cobra, Clouds.
November 15 — Mudhoney.
November 16 — Gang Gang Dance, Growing, Rainbow Arabia.
November 17 — Grand Ole Party, Love Is All, Vivian Girls.
November 18 — AIDS Wolf.
November 19 — Mac Lethal and Grievous.
November 20 — Billy Midnight, Desert Diamonds, Trophy Wife.
November 21 — Gram Rabbit and Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects.
November 23 — O'Death and Old Devil.

November 25 — My Brightest Diamond and Clare & the Reasons.
November 28 — Deerhunter and Times New Viking.
November 29 — Blitzen Trapper and the Parson Redheads.
November 30 — Subtle and Zach Hill.

December 1 — Holly Golightly and Delaney Davidson.
December 5 — Alex Woodard.
December 6 — The Sea & Cake.

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November 14 — Da Bears.
November 16 — Woods and Wavves.
November 22 — Lanterns, Weatherbox, Meho Plaza.

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November 15 — Viva El Mariachi Festival.
November 24 — The Australian Pink Floyd Show.

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December 15 — Metallica.

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December 30 — The Waiters.
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February 7 — Badfish.
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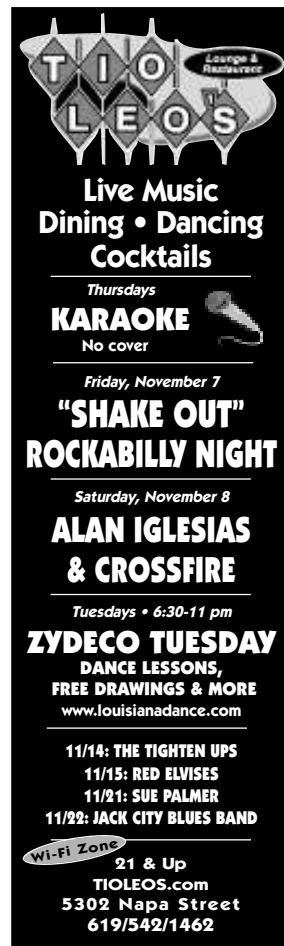
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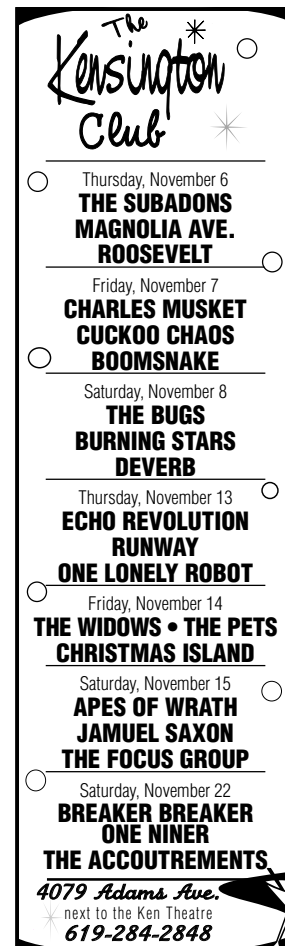
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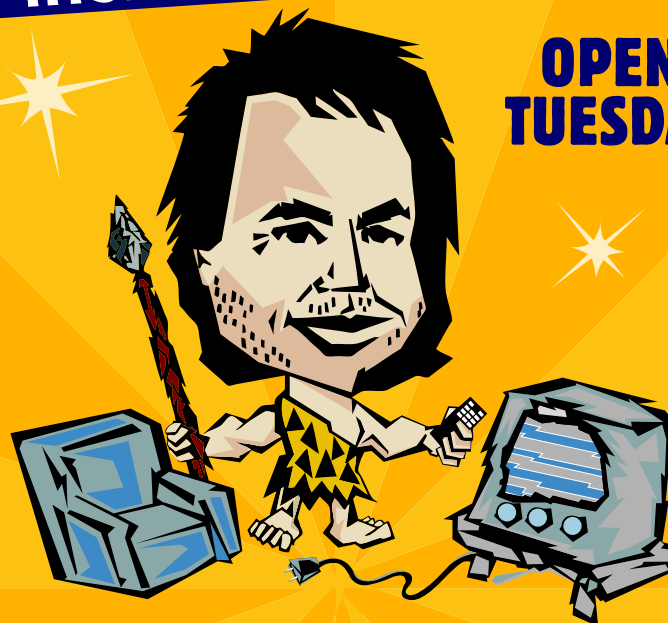


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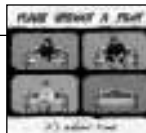
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Extra info: Plane Without a Pilot is scheduled to play Soma's main stage on December 5.

Standard San Diego punk reached national fame with blink-182 and has so far only been furthered along

(with fame and evolution of the musical style) by members of that band. Consider +44, Boxcar Racer, and Angels &

Airwaves, all headed by former blink members. Perennially, Poway and Rancho Bernardo high schools crank out pop-punk players all wailing the same tortured vocals, and hitting the sweet spot on the drums in the same time according to a template drawn up by the bands noted above.

Plane Without a Pilot is no different and blends in with the other North County homage acts. Gower's vocals hit that throaty whine that (for some unknown and god-awful reason) Tom DeLonge slithered into our ears via MTV and 91X. Gower is very good on the guitar — talented well above the superficial pop of the band. Puente's drums might be the highlight of the group.

Fact is, if pop-punk weren't so popular with teens, these bands wouldn't go any-



Plane Without a Pilot

where. Fans adore hometown punk, and Plane Without a Pilot is easily one of the better ones playing it. They're young and feisty, and with any luck they may move through the crowd that plays "everypunk" and change the sound for their and San Diego's benefit.

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STRANGERS HAVE THE BEST CANDY

by Josh Board

When KGB had its Sky Show at Qualcomm a few weeks ago, I heard about a party at a house nearby that had a perfect view — a nice way to avoid all the stadium traffic and still get to see the fireworks.

My girlfriend had a friend in town, and we brought her along.

As we drove up, a bunch of fireworks were going off. We couldn't figure out what was going on, as it was only 7 p.m., hours before the Sky Show was to start.

When we walked up, two senior citizens were at the foot of the driveway. They greeted us. We asked about the fireworks starting early. They thought it was just a test. They then told us to go in and have some cake.

We walked by a bunch of 12-year-olds playing basketball on the driveway. A teenager was on his way out but stopped to talk hoops with the kids. I remembered I had a bunch of clothes in the back of my car that I was going to donate to Goodwill. One item was a



leather jacket I bought in Tijuana 20 years ago. It had patches of every NBA team. (When I sobered up the next day, I realized how ugly it was.) It might have looked cool on Will Smith during his *Fresh Prince of Bel Air* days. I got it out of my car and asked the



you." He thanked me as he reluctantly grabbed it.

The 12-year-olds were playing a game of horse, and I

noticed the basket was low. An African-American kid said to me, "You're tall. There's no dunking." I replied, "I hate to admit this, but even with the hoop that low, I probably still can't dunk it."

An older kid playing with us was making all his outside shots. I said, "I think you have home-court advantage." The kid and I eliminated everyone and were now going head-to-head.

Every time I made a shot, he matched it. The only trick

shot I got that he couldn't follow was when I bounced the ball off the ground and into the basket.

For one shot, I got about 40 feet away, stood on this brick ledge that had flowers and plants around it, and made a shot. But he made the shot, too.

He eliminated me when he made a layup with this insane 360° spin in the air. I almost broke my neck trying to attempt it. The kid laughed, but he was polite. He kept addressing me as "sir," which is something I've never experienced on a court before. I told him he was a really good player, and he said, "Well, something to keep in mind is that I've been playing since I was four." I said, "I've been playing since I was eight." He replied, "Well, I've got four more years on you then." I laughed and said, "Well, I'm probably 25 years older than you.... I'm not sure that's how you'd look at that."

We played a second game, and again we eliminated everyone. And again, he beat me. As I went to the backyard I said,

"I hate to admit this, but even with the hoop that low, I probably still can't dunk it."

teen if he wanted it. He looked at it as if he too thought it was ugly. His mom said, "You might as well take it; he's giving it to

wanted in. I first checked in on my girlfriend and her friend. They were devouring Costco pizza, so I got in the game. I

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"After I eat some cake, I want a rematch." He smiled and said, "Anytime."

But 30 minutes later he was gone. He went to another party that was a few houses down.

The backyard had a great view of the stadium. I asked if this was considered Serra Mesa, and someone said, "No, it's Mission Village."

There were lots of balloons in the living room and a stack of presents. Earlier in the day, they'd had a birthday party for a child turning one. The older kids were jumping around in a Moon Bounce. There was also a swing set that kept them busy.

There were bowls of candy set out, so it surprised me when a four-year-old asked my girlfriend if she had any candy. She said, "No, but there's some on that table." The child's mom said, "I've told you not to ask strangers for candy." My girlfriend said, "I think that kid's smart. His parents probably told him never to take candy from strangers. So, he probably thinks that all strangers have candy, and so he asks them for some."

There were a few kegs, coolers filled with drinks,

and lots of snacks. I ended up eating junk: a bag of Fritos and a few miniature bags of peanut M&M's.

A couple was talking about the stadium and someone said, "I bought a used car there at one of those tent sales. The water pump blew, and it did some damage. The car was under warranty, and they said they'd replace the water pump but not the other damage that was done to the car. They said I did more damage to it by driving it, and I told them I pulled right over. We went back and forth. I wasn't getting anywhere and finally said, 'Okay. I'll get a lawyer.' Before I could walk out, they said they'd pay the whole amount."

Someone else mentioned buying a car there that had problems. I said, "Well, buying used cars doesn't just mean people are scamming you. If you buy a car that's used, a few months later, something can go wrong. Heck, a few days later. It doesn't mean they knew that problem would happen."

When the guy mentioned his threat of getting a lawyer, I said, "I didn't think that even worked. It's a bluff so many people

use."

A guy with a Chargers shirt on started talking about how bad they've been playing. One person said that it was because of Norv Turner's coaching. Since I like him better than Marty Schottenheimer, I tried sticking up for him. I mentioned all the injuries the Chargers have, and we debated it for a little while.

When I was getting ready to head out to go to another party, my girlfriend and her friend decided to stay. A big guy came out of the bathroom, saying to my girlfriend, "I wouldn't go in there. There was a little girl in here before me, and she stunk it up really bad." I said, "Well, I guess I won't go before hitting the road."

As I was getting on the I-15 at 9:20 p.m., before the fireworks started and ahead of traffic, my girlfriend called and said, "It's good you didn't use the bathroom. It smelled horrible. I almost couldn't stand it. And when I walked out, a woman said it was from the big guy before me. I told her it was a kid before him. She didn't buy it. Then a guy went in there to use it, and he ran out and started dry-heaving in the kitchen sink. He said it was

the worst thing he'd ever smelled."

I was laughing at the thought of this guy assuming it was my girlfriend. And I was happy that it wasn't just the traffic that I missed. ■

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Live Butchers — Live!

Face it, the meats at most local chain supermarkets are roadkill. Plumped with antibiotics, hormones, and pesticides and raised in crowded pens ankle-deep in their own manure, they lead short, unhealthy lives and periodically pass on their bad health to eaters (Mad Cow, E. coli, etc.). If supermarket beef has any USDA grade, it's Select — and a lot of it is ungraded, because the growers don't want to pay the USDA to confer a bad grade officially. Neither tender nor flavorful, it's not much fun to eat, either: Supermarket meats and chickens remind me of that old cult film *Repo Man*, which included a scene in a grocery that displayed cans generically labeled "Food."

San Diego is drastically lacking compared to San Francisco, New York, or Chicago, where a lot of the "better" markets have live butcher shops — expats of those cities typically suffer horrible food-culture shock when they start shopping here. True, select supermarkets in upscale neighborhoods (e.g., Whole Foods, Jonathan's, Harvest Ranch in North County, the Coronado and East Village branches of Albertson's, occasionally the Hillcrest Ralphs) carry some USDA Choice beef, and even a few Prime pieces, while at Whole Foods you may find a pretty good selection, including "natural beef." But in most neighborhoods, fat chance!

And have you ever rung the bell at a supermarket meat case to rouse a live butcher in hopes of getting the all-gone weekly special (sold out in the first two hours) or a special cut (say, a rack of lamb)? Lotsa luck. Eventually somebody will show up to tell you no.

When I was a yard-ape at the end of the Neolithic, butchers were really butchers, and they were better. Mom bought Tide at the new A&P in our neighborhood but bought meat from the friendly guy at the local butcher shop. She'd flirt or haggle to get the best meat at the lowest price, she'd have fun doing it and often actually get what she wanted — and it tasted like real meat. (As a grown-up, I've noticed that a lot of butchers, regardless of their looks or builds, are oddly sexy — perhaps their profession inclines them toward sensual pleasures, including flirting and haggling.)

To my joy, this backward way of life is starting a resurgence here, with the four "live" butcher shops discussed in this piece. Iowa Meats (owned by the same Cohns as the Cohn Restaurant Group) and Siesel, which recently joined the Cohn



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empire, are both reliable old-timers, while Home Grown Meats and Cowboy Star are brand new. All offer the joy of buying "live" from craftsmen whose artisanal medium is meat, whose knife skills are awesome, and whose wares are the best. But they offer many more products than the friendly guy on Flatbush Avenue: If they don't carry something regularly, most can special-order it for you and have it in a day or two, and that "something" can be as exotic as lamb tongues (delicious cooked Persian-style — gently poached and swathed in a saffron cream sauce), calf liver (so much milder and smoother than beef liver, wonderful in a sauce of sweet wine and golden raisins), or brains (ready for a sauce of brown butter and capers), or even springtime baby billy goats (*cabrito*) to be marinated in olive oil, lime juice, and cilantro and grilled over mesquite.

(As a footnote, the larger Asian groceries in

Kearny Mesa and Talmadge also have skilled live butchers with huge meat cases and live fish tanks; they're not great on deluxe beef cuts, but they can be fabulous on birds like duck, squab, and the Asian version of *poussins* and nearly every possible part of the pig.)

MEAT NAOMI WISE

HOME-GROWN MEATS

The newest and potentially most exciting of the butcher shops is Matt Rimel's Home Grown Meats in La Jolla, because its specialty is locally raised grass-fed beef, all of it from a family-run ranch on Palomar Mountain.

But even to mention the phrase "grass-fed" is to plunge into controversy. Much of the extraordinarily tasty, tender beef you get at steakhouses in Baja (such as El Nido) is primarily grass-fed in the state of Sonora, then dry-aged at length at the restaurants. Argentine beef, admired the world around, is totally grass-fed. When Argentines

come to the U.S., they find our beef fatty and insipid — but we Americans love our fatty, mild beef, and that means corn-fed. Nearly all American beef, from low-grade supermarket hamburger to USDA Prime Porterhouse, comes from cattle that, in the last months of their lives, are crowded into feedlots and fed great quantities of corn mush.

This practice grew more widespread, starting in the 1950s, when the U.S. government encouraged the wartime chemical-munitions industry to convert to making fertilizers and agricultural pesticides. Simultaneously, the government started subsidizing commodity crops (corn, soybeans, wheat, rice). This meant that the grain could be artificially fertilized for faster growth and sold for less than it cost the farmer to raise it. Where earlier in the century many family farms practiced mixed agriculture, raising both livestock and food crops (the manure fertilizing the pastures that fed the livestock, in a perfect circle of harmony), the new policies encouraged specialization in one or the other, as well as the growth of gigantic corporate-owned monoculture farms and ranches. As Betty Fussell writes in her new book *Raising Steaks, The Life and Times of American Beef*: "Cheap oil created cheap fertilizer which created cheap corn which created cheap beef."

But there's a problem: Cattle can't digest corn. It gives them — *oy!* — such a case of gas! Not only do the cattle risk serious disease from this artificial diet (it's like feeding a kid nothing but Hostess Twinkies), but their belches and farts (not to mention manure pollution in the confined areas where they're raised) are causing ecological catastrophe: The United Nations says that the livestock industry is responsible for more greenhouse-gas emissions than the entire global transportation fleet. Turns out, corn-fed Bossie on the feedlot toots more than a Hummer with a road-raging driver.

Grass-fed steers, in contrast, are free of antibiotics, artificial hormones and pesticides for the simple reason that they don't need 'em — they're living the life they're naturally designed for. They're at no risk of Mad Cow because they're not cannibals — nobody's sneaking ground cow spines into their feed. (Mad Cow? Remember how upset Oedipus was when he discovered he married his mother? Imagine how mad he'd be if he found

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out he ate her!) Nutritionally, their meat is closer to buffalo than to industrial cattle — it's much lower in fat and calories (about as fattening as a grilled skinless chicken breast), low in bad cholesterol, high in mineral nutrients. The problem is getting it to turn out as tender and toothsome as our favorite corn-fed USDA Prime "heart attack on a plate."

Restaurateur Rimel (he owns both Rimel's Rotisserie and Zenbu in La Jolla) is the grandson of a North County rancher and has been a hunter and a fisherman since his youth. He prizes the pristine, intense flavors of creatures living wild, or raised as though they were living wild. But if you want succulent, well-marbled beef, you can't rely wholly on grass: During the final few weeks, you have to pen the cattle up (so they can lounge around like Mae West saying, "Peel me a grape") and feed them something a little richer. In this case, it's alfalfa, a grain they can enjoy and naturally digest.

"The main thing is, we want to produce our own product," Rimel says. "The cows lead a really nice existence on Palomar Mountain. They live in a beautiful place, all they do is eat and sleep. The essential thing is, cows are made to eat grass. They don't need all those antibiotics and chemicals. And the health benefits are amazing — it's like eating fish. Our cattle are all grass-fed, and after they come

off the meadows, we feed 'em straight alfalfa, to tenderize them. Our grass-fed is Choice. We're getting gorgeous marbling on alfalfa, and that's what they're made to eat! My goal is to get Prime from grass-fed beef. You can get 'em there by feeding them out longer on alfalfa. I'm putting the grass cattle-rancher back in the business. It's a sustainable deal. We're still carrying natural Choice and natural Prime, but my goal is to replace them all with grass-fed in four to five years — carrying corn-fed beef is against my religion. Our rib-eyes have about 30 percent less fat than the Prime, but they're terrific — leaner, more texture, more flavor. Grass-fed filet mignon is unbelievable — it's tender, but it's got all the flavor this cut usually lacks."

I asked where the meat was slaughtered and whether it was segregated from commercial cattle (which might be carrying E. coli and other diseases). The cattle go to a small facility in L.A. that serves only two other beef companies, both of them natural, and even so, Rimel's staff personally stand watch to make sure there is no adulteration. Furthermore, the ground beef isn't ground there, it's ground back at Home Grown, with no possible adulteration. (That means you can probably cook those burgers rare!)

"One thing that separates us from other grass-fed meat companies is that some of

them freeze everything," says Rimel. "We are a very small operation, we process weekly. And it's every dime going to San Diego County except the gas we burn going to and from L.A." When the meat comes back to town, the special treatment continues. Today, most beef is "Cryovac-aged," that is, wrapped tightly in plastic. It's a cheap process and doesn't take much space, and there's no loss of weight in the beef. This tenderizes the meat but does nothing to improve the flavor. In contrast, dry-aging meat is costly: the meat shrinks (from evaporation of water and blood, and then from the trimming required to pretty up the surface), and the flavors intensify. "We're dry-aging everything," Rimel says. "We take everything out of the cryopacks and dry everything at least four or five days, usually eight to ten days, and it makes a world of difference! All the excess water and blood seeps out, so you end up with pure meat. We're kind of going back to old-time meat. You can taste the difference." I asked if a customer could request longer aging. The answer is yes, at no extra charge.

Prices are quite high, of course, as they are for the best products at all four butcher shops — but chefs get 30 percent off. Paul McCabe of L'Auberge Del Mar tasted the ground sirloin, raved about it, and is now using it exclusively for burgers at his restaurant.

IOWA MEATS AND SIESEL MEATS

Midwestern corn-fed cattle are America's main source of Prime and Choice grade beef, and that's what is sold at Iowa Meats and Siesel Meats.

After interviewing the idealistic Rimel, talking with representatives of Iowa Meats can seem a little like chatting with a really nice Darth Vader. Courteous, pleasant, and intelligent, they stand firmly for the American way of beef — and frankly, I love a well-marbled American steak as much as anybody else.

The company's highly educational website lays out their basic philosophy of beef: "There are four elements necessary to produce tender and flavorful beef. The first three have to do with the animal itself, and they are youth, inactivity, and proper feed. 'Meat' is muscle. The more it is used, and the longer it is used, the tougher it becomes. So, the animal needs to be young and inactive.

"The 'marbling' in beef is the result of being fed grains with a high sugar content, such as corn. This intramuscular fat is what gives it the rich flavor and is an indication that the animal was, in fact, inactive....

"The final element is 'aging.' Natural enzymes act to both tenderize the meat and develop complex flavors. All of our beef is properly aged an average of 30 days. Most of it is done by using the 'wet'

method of aging in vacuum-sealed bags. We do, however, offer some steaks that are produced by the old-fashioned, 'dry-aging' method."

I asked Stan Glenn, boss man at Iowa, if they carried any grass-fed or "natural" beef. "We don't carry any grass-fed beef. If you go on our website section on beef, it talks about the four elements needed for great beef... And grass-fed beef is missing one of those elements, proper feed. Proper feed means feed with a high sugar content. Grass fed beef can be good, but when you're dealing with the volume we deal with, the consistency is not going to be there. At Homegrown Beef, they have 200 head of cattle. When I order our prime rib for Christmas, it will take 300 head of cattle just to supply our Prime grade rib roast and another 200 head of cattle for our Choice. That's just for Christmas! So to get that quantity of grass-fed beef, let alone quality, would be for us technically impossible."

They do carry some natural beef, such as Meyer. Their meat arrives broken down but not yet aged. They wet-age it on-site and dry-age the New York steaks and occasionally the prime ribs. "Generally what we do is vacuum-age for, say, 21–30 days and dry-age for an additional 14 days. We vary on that. If we happen to be running out, we'll cut the vacuum-aging and extend the

dry-aging. The average is about six weeks." Customers can special order for extra aging. But the extra work in aging ribs isn't welcome — unlike New York steaks (aged on the bone, but with the bone removed before sale), the bones of a rib-roast are integral to the cut, and they require cleaning off every 2 days to remove bacterial growth.

A few years ago, I did a "cheap steak" survey. The overall flavor winner was Turf Supper Club's rib-eye — a Choice cut bought from Iowa Meat Farms — beating out the Cohns' own Strip Club, which offered beef from a commercial jobber.

COWBOY STAR

Chef Victor Jimenez of Cowboy Star, a downtown restaurant with a small attached butcher shop, takes the diplomatic middle way when it comes to corn-fed versus grass-fed beef. His shop carries both, along with American Wagyu beef from Snake River Farms in Idaho. He and butcher Bill Bonis buy most of the beef in primal cuts that have already been aged — most of it wet-aged, but some cuts dry-aged. (There's no space on the premises for an aging room.)

"I guess there's a new romance going on for the old, traditional butcher shops," says chef Victor. "The response from the public has been really positive. It's been fun being



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able to carry meats in the traditional way and to talk to people face to face. We're not here to educate the public, but we like to make people aware of the difference between our meat and supermarket meat. I think some of the supermarket meats even use old dairy cows — the USDA will even grade dairy-cow meat so long as the cow has never had a calf. Meat from dairy cows doesn't have the same taste or texture as a steer."

I asked him to discuss the

differences between corn-fed and grass-fed beef, from a chef's viewpoint. "The grass-fed beef is leaner and it cooks faster, so the cooking time has to be adjusted or it will dry out," he said. "I grew up eating corn-fed beef in America, and I didn't have a chance to try grass-fed until a few years ago when I was traveling through South America and I got to Argentina. At first I thought they were overcooking the beef because I was getting a different flavor. ["They were overcooking it," I interjected. "All through Argentina, I kept asking for it cooked *azul* until I was blue in the face, and the best I could get was medium."] It has a stronger, more pronounced fla-

vor, and it's a little bit dryer. As an American, I love the feeling you get when you eat a good, aged Prime steak, the coating on your mouth of the fat. But I learned to appreciate both flavors of beef."

PRICES AND PORTIONS

Corn-feeding cattle is already an unsustainable mode of agriculture, given its ecological destructiveness. As the price of corn rises (now that some of it's going into fake ecological fuel), and the price of oil-based fertilizer rises — and if we get serious about global warming before melting icebergs swamp the San Diego harbor — it seems likely that our current methods of raising cattle are on the way out. Short of feeding cows Soylent Green, we may eventually see a return to raising cattle more naturally than we do now. I'd guess that in 50 years, the cost of meat will be a great deal higher, and the mode of raising it will have changed. Steak will be a treat, not a routine, but it will be very good, nutritious steak.

The price of the better meats at these butcher shops is, of course, quite a lot higher than ungraded supermarket meat. But the answer to that lies in adjusting down the portion. "Images eat reality, and we feed our hunger for power and glory more than our need for nutrients when we eat steak," writes Betty Fussell.

The plate-sized steaks you get at steakhouses are more for

"flaunt it while ya got it" show than for eating — a power display sized more properly for pure carnivores like the big cats and the macho men doing strenuous daily manual labor (who, of course, can't usually afford to eat at top steakhouses). But humans became the dominant life-form on the planet precisely because we are omnivores, willing and able to eat a vast variety of foods. (We didn't start out as mere hunters, but as hunter-gatherers.) For the typical desk-jockey, we are only lions to ourselves when we think we need a pound of animal protein per day — currently, the average American intake.

The proper portion of meat, as we've all been reminded too often by the nutritional nags, is about four ounces a day. This means that even if you're paying \$24 per pound for a superb steak, that pound of steak should furnish four meals at \$6 per person per meal, if you eat like an intelligent omnivore.

For a few casual recipes using the leftovers of that pound of steak, and one showcasing user-friendly partridge as an alternative to turkey for a small family's holiday dinner, check out this story online at SDReader.com.

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PARTIAL PRODUCT LIST: All parts of the steer, including "bull fries" and brains. Grass-fed beef, Prime beef, natural beef. Free-range turkey from Samuel Ranch: Call to order for Thanksgiving as soon as possible. Certified Berkshire (Kurobuta) pork, suckling pig, lambs (including whole ones), and all lamb parts (some by special order). Nitrate-free applewood-smoked bacon slabs (frozen), wild boar bacon, house-made jerky and pâtés, some sausages. Buffalo (aged New York steaks). Goat (baby goat by special order). Rocky, Rosie, and Red-Neck free-range or organic chickens. Muscovy duck. Rabbit. Pheasants, squab, partridge, and quail from Hemet. Veal is currently white, formula-fed Provimi, but they're trying out a new source for pink, milk- then grass-fed free-range veal (as served at Boulevard Restaurant in San Francisco).

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6041 Mission Gorge Road, Mission Valley, 619-281-5766; 4131 Ashton Street (just off Morena exit from I-5), Bay Park, 619-275-1234, iowameatfarms.signonsandiego.com. **HOURS:** Mission Gorge: Monday–Saturday 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Ashton Street: Monday–Saturday 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

PARTIAL PRODUCT LIST: Prime and Choice beef. Certified Berkshire (Kurobuta) pork and regular pork and lamb, formula-fed white veal. Muscovy, Pekin, and Long Island ducks. Diestel (free-range) and regular turkeys. Many sausages (in-

cluding Italian, similar to those at Pete's Meats). Pork from Iowa, including Certified Berkshire (Kurobuta) from Eden Farms. Nitrate-free applewood-smoked slab bacon (frozen). Wild boar bacon, applewood bacon, Missouri country ham (Burger's Smokehouse) in center-cut slices or, seasonally, whole. Lambs, occasionally including Frenched racks. Brains and tongues by special order. Free-range Fulton Valley chickens. Free-range Long Island ducks for holidays (for fresh, order in advance by about three weeks). Quail, pheasant, Guinea fowl, partridge, ostrich. Buffalo (rib-eyes, New Yorks, sirloins, aged on-site), New Zealand red elk, Cervena venison. Turducken (made in-house) for Christmas.

Cowboy Star

640 Tenth Avenue, East Village, 619-450-5880, thecowboystar.com.

HOURS: Tuesday–Saturday noon–7:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

PARTIAL PRODUCT LIST: Prime Beef, grass-fed beef, Meyer Natural beef, American Wagyu skirt steak. Pre-reduced demi-glace. Sausages, sliced applewood-smoked bacon, nitrate-free Eden Farms bacon slabs (frozen). Lamb loins (boneless rack), other cuts by special order. Bison rib-eyes, bison hamburgers, bison/beef burgers with dry-aged beef. Wild boar (future plans include elk). Fulton Valley free-range chickens. Diestel Farms free-range turkey for Thanksgiving (preorder ASAP). Turducken (order two weeks before Thanksgiving or Christmas), quail, other birds by special order, occasionally pheasant. White Provimi veal and sweetbreads, about to try out pink milk- then grass-fed veal. ■



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She buries her face into his shirt. He stares, bug-eyed, out the window. You know he’s pondering a bi-ig problem. They’re sitting on the side seats at the back of the Number 7. He gets out his cell phone and calls someone. “She lost it,” he says. “At the Greyhound. Yeah. We looked and looked. It has her whole life in there. Her social, her cash, her rent money, both of us are completely...John? My battery’s fading. Can you...?”

He claps it shut. She looks up at him. All he can do is shrug. She drops silent tears. There’s silence. Then this 40ish guy across from me starts fidgeting in his pocket. Brings out a wallet. Pulls a \$20 bill from it and reaches over. He doesn’t say anything. Just shoves it in the guy’s hand. Then the girl next to him does the same and hands them a pack of crackers. The guy is welling up. The lady breaks open the crackers and starts munching hungrily. Now I’m shuffling, see what spare I’ve got. I scramble some notes to them as I get out at Park and University.

Man. No noise, no questioning. Perfect strangers. Beautiful, and all thanks to that other guy who had the guts to listen to — what was it Lincoln talked about? — “the better angels” of his nature.

And here’s the weird thing. I’m climbing over the viaduct at University. At the top, where Georgia Street crosses, somebody has daubed a message on a garden wall.

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” —Aesop.

I’m still lost in thought when I come past El Sol, the Mexican restaurant I was heading for.

“Over here!” says this guy sitting at a plastic table outside the place next door. “Owner’s a crack-up.”

“And the best Philly cheesesteaks in town,” says another guy.

That’s when I hear a lusty voice yellin’ inside. “Ed! Sweet and hot!”

Ed? I must look at the first guy funny, because he says, “You Ed too?” He holds out his hand. “Two Eds are better than one, right, Ed?”

He says the cheesesteak he ordered has hot chili peppers and sweet relish in it. “My first, even though I’ve been coming since she opened.”

Now I’m really curious. I follow him in.

“Hey,” says Ed to the lady behind the counter. He points at me. “This is Ed. First time.”

“Be right with you, Ed,” says Suzanne, the lady. She heads back to a griddle where she has two torpedo sandwiches stuffed with a squiggly mess of curly-cut meat.

“So, which are you having?” she asks another customer named Gary. He’s a lineman for AT&T. “The chicken pepperoni,” he says.

“And your buddy? Where’s he?”

“He’s stuck up a pole.”

Me, I’m soaking up the atmosphere and garlic smells coming from her stove. The walls are hand-painted imitation brick with posters from Philadelphia, showing what look like 200-year-old brick doorways and a sign saying “French Quarter.” Huh. Who knew Philadelphia had a French quarter?

In front, above a WWII picture of Rosie the Riveter, hand-painted instructions: “How To Order A Steak, by I.M. Hungry. Step One: Specify if you want your steak with (wit) or without (wit-out) onions. Step Two: Plain, Cheez Whiz, provolone, American cheese??? Step Three: Have your money ready. Do all borrowing in line.”

Suzanne’s a solid, hearty woman with a big

laugh and an eagle eye.

“No! Out!” she suddenly shouts. “Sonya. Out!”

Turns out Sonya’s a pudgy, slobbery old bulldog, trying to wedge her way in through the screen door.

“Now,” she says, looking squarely at me. “What’ll it be?”

It’s quite a choice. You can have the basic traditional Philly cheesesteak sandwich with onions and cheese in 8- or 12-inch buns (\$8.19 and \$12.99) or with chicken (\$7.79 and \$12.09). With mushrooms added it’s \$8.49/\$13.59 or \$8.09/\$12.99. And down the list, at roughly the same prices, you’ve got pepperoni, Italian (with marinara sauce), garlic, pesto, barbecue, chili, and a hoagie (basically a Philly with lettuce, tomato, and cheese). They have a combo too, of course, with a 7-inch cheesesteak, fries, and soda, for \$10.69. Or Philly chili fries (\$8.49). She even does an “Atkins Lite,” a Philly on lettuce, instead of a bun.

Suzanne says she learned the art of Philly cheesesteak cooking at “Jim’s Steaks” in south Philly. “If you dithered this long in Philly, they’d send you to the back of the line.” She laughs out loud.

Hmm...okay. I go for the Philly Combo, with fries and a can of “Barq’s famous olde tyme root beer, since 1898.”

I sit at one of the few inside tables and watch Suzanne’s flying hands. She passes my Philly over the counter. And for sure, this is tender, garlicky stuff. Can see mushrooms in there too. Gadzooks, it’s good.

“It’s all rib-eye, and I slice it myself,” Suzanne says. “Thin. That’s the secret. Plus my seasoning. Fourteen different ingredients.”



Suzanne

The other secret is she created this all herself. She’d been a UPS driver. Had an accident. Fell three stories. When she finally mended, she decided she was going to work for herself. She borrowed nothing, used all she had, and set this place up. “See these ‘brick’ walls?” she says. “I painted every brick. My dad reminded me that 80 percent of all new businesses fail in their first year. Well, September 15 was five years.”

“The Captain of Her Heart” comes on the system as I head out. I tell you. I feel kinda uplifted. The Aesop sign, Suzanne, the guys on the Number 7 bus — who says this town don’t have heart? ■

The Place: *The Philly Grill, 2041 University Avenue (between Florida and Texas), North Park 619-688-9437*

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BEACHES

Baleen 1404 Vacation Road, Pacific Beach, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in re-

finéd renditions including gorgeous lobster bisque, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations. — N.W.

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m. weeknights; 11 p.m. Fridays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Point Loma, 619-692-1410. The pleasures of the Brazilian table go beyond the orgies of skewered meats served at *rodízios* (e.g., Rei Do Gado). Here you can eat like a real *carioca*, sampling typical dishes of Bahia, Rio, and São Paulo. You can happily make a grazing meal of stuffed things — appetizers such as *coxinhas*, *pastéis*, *croquetas*, and *kube* (the Brazilian version of Lebanon's *kiבה*) — and don't miss the luxuriant fried-bananas Milanese. Ask for the house's Brazilian hot sauce, hotter and livelier than the Mexican bottled sauces on the tables. The main-course masterpiece is *moqueca de peixe*, fish in a curry-like coconut milk stew. Other good choices include *prato feito* (beef, fish, or chicken, sprinkled with lemon juice and served over a sea of red beans) or filet mignon with *catupiry*, a stroganoff-like concoction

made with a rich Brazilian cheese of the same name. Weekends, there's *feijoada*, the Brazilian national dish, but it's a rather thin and soupy version. Good desserts, including passion-fruit mousse. Beer, wine, sake-based cocktails. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations accepted but not needed. Moderate. — N.W.

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 with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads, while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex restroom. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Monday. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

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 hid-

den (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.

Clay's La Jolla 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, 858-551-3620. In this oddly cozy penthouse with wide windows facing west, the curtains rise at sunset to reveal a panorama stretching to the sea. It's comfortable, attractive, not too formal — casual-chic. Here, chef-owner Clay Bordan cooks up a creative, sophisticated, seasonal California-fusion menu with international flavors seamlessly integrated, featuring organic vegetables, wild fish, naturally raised meats and fowl. With his discerning palate, his fare is unusually delicious. And it's healthful, low-carb enjoyment with interesting veggies, little starch, minimal cream. Wine list includes some high-end French bargains; good choices by the glass. Full bar. Free parking. Elevator-accessible restrooms same floor. Dietary restrictions accommodated. No kiddie menu, but child-size plates half-price from regular menu. Reservations recommended. Live local jazz in lounge most nights after 7 or 8 p.m.; big band Sunday nights. Can be noisy. Three meals daily. Expensive. — N.W.

Come On In 1030B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Parée" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the Popeye omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Of course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Open daily until 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — E.B.

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.

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house-made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — N.W.

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and California coastal cuisine, i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls" too.

Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. At least four Japanese beers and more than a dozen sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — N.W.

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best is octopus and shrimp with cheese and bacon. The children of Tijuana's elite come here to watch soccer, eat, and hang out, even though it's cramped and half underground. The menu has healthier alternatives, such as chicken salad or shrimp salad, but it's the octopus that has made him famous. Open noon to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

El Faro de Mazatlán Boulevard Sanchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Baja, 664-684-8882. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish-fare here. The "Lighthouse of Mazatlán" is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish abondigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the *cabichucho* (Mexican sea bass), char-broiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Vegetarian upon request. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.B.

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, km. 59, Baja, 646-155-0307. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambience, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Vegetarian upon request. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Original Ortega's Calle Principal (next to Casa de la Langosta), Baja. In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original Lobster Village restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually, Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and *antojitos*, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted Kitchen Maid margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Vegetarian upon request. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — N.W.

Saverio's Restaurant Mediterraneo Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escuadron 201 Street), Baja, 664-686-6442. Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant and says he eventually "got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian *palazzo* offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente Valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation is pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Vegetarian upon request. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B.

CENTRAL

4.0 Deli 5844 Montezuma Road, College Area, 619-281-4040. This low-ceilinged, dark, student sandwich hang-out gets the frat-house crowd, luring

them in with draft beers and big Buds that go for a song. Pitchers too, if you buy sandwiches with them, and the sandwiches are no dull lunch-counter fare. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a "kick-butt Southwestern dressing." Or Grilled Rivas, named after a much-loved Colombian who worked here: grilled turkey, Monterey Jack, grilled onions, and peppers. Check specials like the Buffalo Bleu, with grilled roast beef, bacon, red onions, bleu cheese, and Tabasco. The owners had a full-scale deli in New York, so this range is no surprise. Open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday to 7 p.m., Sunday to 5 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-230-0382. Despite its moniker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta-and-rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. Tastings of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Lunch weekdays, dinner daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W.

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious: a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billings. As to treats, the generous, marvelous, lavender-infused *crème brûlée* makes this a dessert destination — pause

to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Lunch and dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M.

Andrés Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Antique Row Café 3002 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove and El Cajon.) Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include The Works omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. Philly Steak Heaven (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Normal Heights and El Cajon, breakfast and lunch daily; Lemon Grove, three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Avenue 5 2760 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-542-0394. Chef-owner Colin MacLaggan offers a short, tasty menu of creative, seasonal, French-influenced California cuisine in a chic, classy-casual neighborhood bistro. Be sure to ask about daily specials. Desserts are all house-made, including baked *fromage blanc*, a charming cheesecake. The adventurous international wine list is loaded with interesting bottles at low markups. Full bar. Extremely loud when crowded. Reservations urged. Lunch

Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. High moderate. — N.W.

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charter a half-block south of El Indio has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Good choice of beers; a few affordable wines; \$5 corkage for BYOW. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low-moderate. — N.W.

El Borrego Restaurant 4280 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-281-1355. This bright, über-cool eatery offers dishes from the state of Hidalgo, Mexico, where lamb eating is a tradition. In dishes like the Lamb Special (lamb taco, quesadilla, cactus salad, rice), the rich taste of lamb cooked in maguery leaves comes through beautifully. Lamb *mixiote* (a spicier, smokier variation, with the lamb cooked inside the thin maguery skin) is also a "must eat." Or, just to get hooked on the whole lamb thing, slurp their luscious broth (with lamb, garbanzo beans, rice). If you're feeling adventurous, try lamb *pancita* (lamb's organs cooked inside its own sewn-up stomach). Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Café Delight 4646 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-298-5248. He used to run one of Baghdad's most famous restaurants, the Ishtar, when Saddam was vice president. When the government asked him to spy on his

customers, Sami and his wife Claudia left the country. You can tell from the cooking: this couple know what they're doing. They took over this little place (and little it is) from a Vietnamese-American couple, so the menu has echoes of Vietnam and the Middle East, as well as Italian dishes. Prices are very reasonable. Try the Vietnamese-style coconut milk soup with veggies, with a sandwich, or lamb shank with red curry sauce and couscous. Don't miss the classy Greek coffee. Open daily from 10 a.m. to late; closes at 5 p.m. on Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

California Cuisine 1027 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic alfresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioners. The choices are more Dude-friendly — that is, less venture-



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some than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for non-diners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — N.W.

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 multiregional "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.

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — 70 years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs—that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday menudo. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo!—downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or southwest chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people—not traffic—bustle by. — E.B.

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick udon noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One—that's what "ichi-ban" means. Open daily

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until 9:30 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ 4705-H Clairemont Drive, Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork



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ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomato sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-237-4900. The one-time ornate Royale Brasserie across from the convention center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include BBQ Shrimp, Man-ales' Style, a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye Cowboy Steak. Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — N.W.

Lucky Buck's Patio Bar and Grill 1459 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-297-0660. If you've got a craving for the wickedest-lookin' burger since Hodad's, this might be it. The only question: which burger? The Buck 'n' Bleu Ribbon Burger (with bleu cheese, bacon, onion strings, and chipotle sauce)? Buck's On Fire (pepper Jack, bacon, and jalapeño peppers)? Buck's Lucky Mushroom? Or the Texas Longhorn Buck (Cheddar, hickory bacon, BBQ sauce, and fried onion rings tumbling out of the burger like a Rolling Stones' tongue). All come with garlicky waffle fries. This'll take care of your cholesterol fix for a month. Next time try their healthier veg-

gie burritos and Chicken Buck 'n' Caesar salad. Daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (11 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Inexpensive. — E.B.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant 675 L Street, Downtown, 619-645-6545. Want to hang out with the baseball elite? They graze here, next to the ballpark. But what should really draw you is happy hour. It's an awesome deal where you get a half-pound burger and fries for under two bucks. Ditto steamed mussels, chicken satay, California rolls, fish cakes, cheese plate, more. Best beverage deal: Coke or (refillable) iced tea, and the staff is sporting about you ordering multiple eats and sitting on one drink. Feel guilty? Don't. This loss leader works: From one place, in Portland, Oregon, M&S has grown to 86 locations nationwide. Happy hour Monday through Friday, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on game days). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Morton's of Chicago 285 J Street, Downtown, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Midwestern grain-fed beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Morton's Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — M.N.

Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food, and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include

chicken-stuffed empanadillas, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). Moderate. — N.W.

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-and-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist Thursday through Saturday), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — especially the Sicilian steak. But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the entrées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only weekends. Reservations advised. Expensive. — N.W.

Pokéz Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street, Downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — E.B.

RA Sushi 474 Broadway, Downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder "Oriental" decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food's a mixture of the dire and the delicious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on

how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it's fun anyway. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read the menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 1 a.m. Bar open to 2 a.m. Moderate. — N.W.

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979. This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

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.

Super Jr. Market & Deli 1036 Seventh Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-6367. This unsung eatery sits in a hiccup between Broadway and the office towers of B Street. It wants that office business, but it's just beyond most of those folks' comfort zone. If only they knew. The prices are great, especially for sandwiches that include products like Boar's Head meat, all kinds of cheeses, and fixings galore. There are chafing-hot dishes bubbling with food also sold by the pound.

Pork loin, chicken fajitas, honey ham, turkey, catfish, tilapia — all with two side dishes such as rice, veggies, baked potatoes, or mash. And at the far end of the counter is a cabinet stacked with heated combos like rice and sautéed potatoes with beef fajita or a chunky pork chop. What's the deal there? It's yesterday's leftovers sold at reduced rates. Not bad when your wallet's thin. 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-7171. Chef Patrick Ponsaty, a master of flavor, reigns in this unpretentious but beautiful high-ceilinged bistro, producing creative, classic-based French-modern cuisine featuring fine seasonal ingredients. The food isn't merely creative, it tastes heavenly — the man's got a palate. You want to know what genuine (California-adapted) bouillabaisse should be? Or squab at its best? This is the place — and desserts are ravishing, too. Servers are mainly well-informed, enthusiastic fellow foodies who are right on the mark. Alluring wine list at all prices includes top French growths at near-bargain markups, plus full bar. One vegetarian entrée most seasons. Slightly dressy, reservations urged. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive but not exorbitant. — 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.

Cavaillon 14701 Via Bettone, Suite 200, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-433-0483. Cavaillon is likely to become your favorite neighborhood French restaurant, no matter how far you live from its neighborhood — it's, as *Guide Michelin* would say, "worth a detour." Provençoborn chef-owner Phillippe Verpiande (former chef de cuisine at Tapenade) offers seasonal, classic French dishes em-

phasizing his home region in a retro bistro setting. Don't miss the signature starter of *panisse*, a chick-pea cake with the texture of a marshmallow. Other great dishes include transcendent coq au vin, superb slow-baked salmon, and a dream version of crisp-skinned duck confit. Moderate-priced three-course prix fixe dinners (\$32) Monday through Thursday nights are as fine as the à la carte menu, although it's difficult to resist the siren songs of the alluring nightly specials. International wine list at lower-than-average markups, French "bargains" on the pricier reserve list, and merciful corkage fees to BYO special bottle. Dinner nightly, brunch weekends. Moderate to very expensive. — 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.

El Galeón 503 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter, and a salad bar. Shrimp and langostino ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W.

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San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — M.N.

WineSellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Sorrento Valley, 858-450-9557. This long-time favorite "splurge" restaurant, located in a soulless industrial park (there's no "there" there), sits atop a serious wine store, and your dinner quaffs, from an encyclopedic choice of bottlings, will cost just 20% over retail. The food is the comfortably upscale French cooking that San Diego cherishes — luxurious and modern, without a hint of exoticism. And many dishes would shine in any galaxy — e.g., foie gras with mango and tender pheas-

ant stuffed with foie gras, along with cured hamachi and yellowfin-tuna tartare. Dining room up staircase, no lift; accessible seating in first floor tasting room, with full facilities. (Call ahead to arrange, and to arrange vegetarian meals.) Reservations usually necessary, as restaurant holds many sold-out special events. Ask for directions, too, as all the architecture for miles is identical. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday (closed between meals). Lunches high-moderate, dinners very expensive. — N.W.

NORTH COASTAL

101 Café 631 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken-fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: bis-

cuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Cash only. No alcohol. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Jamroc 101 Caribbean Grill 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. At this former site of D.B. Hacker's, you can still get great fish-and-chips, mon. The shack by the tracks now sports bright tropical designs on its back-patio walls, and the fare is casual Jamaican (plus a couple of Cajun dishes). Check out the bargain-priced samplers, which include luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of beef, curry chicken, or veggies. The spicing of the jerks and curry entrées are down-tuned to suit tourist tastes, but the table bottle of Walkerswood Scotch Bonnet Hot Sauce can kick that right up. Don't miss the fresh coconut water, served out of a young Thai coconut. Soca, ska, and (clean) reggae set the mood, and there's live steel pan weekend evenings. Beer, wine, Bigga soft drinks. Open weekday nights until 8 p.m. and weekend nights until 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Oceanside Café 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place does lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. Dieter's Downfall, a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage,

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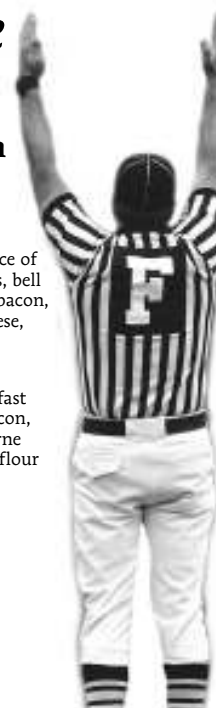
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Pizza Port — Solana Beach 135 North Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta (Pizza Carlsbad), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms (Pizza Solana). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Poseidon 1670 Coast Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO um-

brella-shaded patio is right at water's edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: wonderfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with dead-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine — that is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view's the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Savory 267 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include an ultrarich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; groups larger than ten accommodated with manager's approval. High tea Saturday afternoon. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W.

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What the Chef Eats

SEAFOOD BRODO

BY JOE MAGNANELLI, EXECUTIVE CHEF

Laurel Restaurant

I'm a self-taught cook. I never went to culinary school, even though I worked at some very established restaurants, such as those in the Ritz-Carlton and the St. Regis in Washington, DC. I cooked with my mom as a kid and the first job I ever had was at a Little Caesars in high school. When I was in college, I would sit in class and think about going to work and cooking. So I left and decided to cook full time with Capital Restaurant Concepts, an exclusive group of restaurants in DC. After two years at Chive Restaurant in San Diego, I am

the head chef at Laurel. My girlfriend is an awesome cook — she went to culinary school — and she does most of the food at home. If we cook together, we do a lot of farmers' market-driven food. We just had a bunch of friends over and made a big pan of mussels and clams and spicy sausage all steamed up. It's a great dish to do at home because it's fairly inexpensive. After the farmers' market we went to Point Loma Seafood and picked everything up. All of our friends love coming over because we really do it up right.

INGREDIENTS

Serves 10

- 5 pounds fresh Carlsbad mussels
- 5 pounds fresh Manila clams
- 1 handful corn meal
- 3 pounds fresh squid
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 2 pounds hard wine-cured sausage (diced by 1/5 inch)
- 10 peeled garlic cloves (divided use)
- 5 large shallots (peeled and minced)
- 2 cups white wine
- 1 bunch fresh basil, torn into leaves (stems discarded)
- 1/2 lb butter (2 sticks, divided use)
- 2 French baguettes
- salt and pepper to taste

HOW TO DO IT

First clean the mussels by scrubbing off the beard. Clean the clams by soaking them in a bowl of cold water with corn meal for a half hour, and clean the squid by separating the tubes from the tentacles, discarding the ink sack, innards, and the central quill of cartilage that runs through the tube.

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When in Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are

many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — E.W.

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each season. His skill with vegetables can turn even brussels sprouts into treats and celeriac into manna. There's everything to like, from the patio with a beach view to the comfortable atmosphere that's dressy but not stiff. The wine list is awesome — rather steep but no gouging, including reasonably mature top quaffs from France. Validated parking. Request assistance with handicapped access (stairs) when calling to reserve. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W.

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What the Chef Eats

pan over medium-high heat. When the pan starts to smoke, add the diced sausage and cook until slightly crisp on the edges. Then add 7 of the garlic cloves and all of the shallots until they just start to sweat down, watching carefully so they don't burn. Add in the mussels and clams, cover and

cook for 2 minutes. Next, add the white wine to deglaze the pan, scraping up all of the brown bits. Then add the squid and whole basil leaves. Cover and cook for another 2 minutes or until the clams and mussels have opened. When shellfish are opened, add half the butter (1 stick). When

melted, taste the broth, season with salt and pepper to your taste. Meanwhile, cut the French baguette horizontally, lengthwise, and place cut side up on a baking sheet. Rub with the remaining stick of butter and 3 cloves of garlic and toast in a preheated oven until desired

brownness. Use this toasty goodness to soak up all the delicious broth!! Enjoy with friends and a nice glass of chilled, unoaked Chardonnay.

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cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony's has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus—if you've got the bread—delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — E.B.

El Comal — Chula Vista 262 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-420-3811. No border compromises here, just great home cooking from the mainland (Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, Puebla, Oaxaca, and the Yucatan) in a pair of restaurants founded by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Stuffed tortilla dishes are back in their proper place as appetizers or lunches (don't expect numbered "combo plates"). A *botana* sampler plate that "serves two" (actually stuffs four) is a fun way to try a bunch of them, including outstanding pork-filled *sopes* that taste like somebody's loving *mamacita* made them. Also try a *mulita*, a soft, substantial, house-made tortilla folded over your choice of meat with melted cheese and guacamole, perfect for lunch. For entrées, look to the casseroles, with such exciting choices as *Lengua en Salsa Verde* (tongue in tomatillo sauce), *Barbacoa de Chivo* (tender goat in a lively red "barbecue" sauce), and an excellent *Mole Poblano* (tender chicken breast in sweet-spicy chocolate-based mole sauce). Fish are also well treated. Grilled meat choices, which include a full *parillada assortment* ("serves two," feeds six), are cut thin and cooked well done. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Crown Room 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even a chocolate fountain for large parties, available upon request. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot

Some Like It Hot, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or lukewarm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict—and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion—see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Open Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Expensive.— E.B.

Dakine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix—hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the *kalua pig* here isn't cooked in an *imu*—a hole in the ground—it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchi. But beware of the *haupia* cake—it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive.— E.B.

Olive Oil Organic Café 600 Palm Avenue, Suite 109, Imperial Beach, 619-429-1779. There are folks who believe the best two vegan sandwiches in the county can be found here—the Baby Greens sandwich (roasted eggplant, squash, sprouts, avocado on ciabatta or

focaccia) and the Vegan Fusion (imitation meats—smoked turkey and salami—mozzarella cheese, greens, tomatoes, red onions, sprouts, "mayo," deli mustard, olive oil, balsamic vinegar on focaccia). But they're all good: the Appalonia panini (grilled apples, bacon, cheddar) or the Tango (spiced beef pastami, Black Forest ham, provolone cheese on a ciabatta roll) or the Chicago Way (London broil roast beef with cheddar and horseradish) are all better than they have to be. Also pizzas, salads, smoothies, and homemade soups. 9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; closed Sunday.— E.B.

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a

pile of split, deep-fried fish—*daing na bangus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive.— E.B.

Romescio 4346 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-475-8627. Given the post-9/11 transit hassles, Romescio is a Tijuana restaurant family's way of bringing their fine food to this side of the border. This branch of the respected Casa Placencia and Villa Saverios features seasonal "Baja Mediterranean" cuisine, a creative blending of southern European and Mexican flavors, highlighting inventive uses of Baja ingredients. Don't miss smoked marlin carpaccio, grilled duck breast, escalar. The whole menu is worth exploring, full of surprising treats. Wide-ranging international wine list includes

Guadalupe Valley bottlings. Ambience is dressy-casual; reserve for dinners. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate to expensive.— N.W.

EAST COUNTY

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven. Also, try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for dinner on Sunday. Lunch and dinner (with inexpensive early-bird dinner) Monday through Saturday; brunch and dinner Sunday. Moderate to expensive.— E.W.

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 entrées 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.

Downtown Café 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Main, a French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana chicken

strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought-iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate.— E.B.

Geno's Barbecue 291 W. Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. The original owner, Geno, was a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He was a surfer, but serious. He'd won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he said nobody else had. Today, a new owner has continued the tradition. Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive.— E.B.

The Kopper Kettle 12108 Woodside Avenue, Lakeside, 619-561-0628. "Early to bed, early to rise, sit at Kopper Kettle, tell big lies." The plaque says it all: the Kettle's Social Central for this part of Lakeside. But its other claim to fame is important, too: They broast. Think broiling and roasting. They pressure-cook their chicken and their potatoes in oil. The result is a tastier, crisper, and less greasy chunk of chicken and wedges of potato that are crusty with light insides—great for dipping in their homemade ranch sauce. The menu features many broasted items, plus dozens of big-plate breakfast and lunch items. Expect tons of friendliness, traditional fare, less for the nuts-and-twigs crowd. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive.— E.B.

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Bali Hai, Shelter Island

My take on the Sunday Brunch...disappointing. This place, with its million-dollar view of San Diego Bay, serves up mediocre fare on its brunch offering. For what it is, where it is, and what you pay, it does not deliver the expected value. Scrambled eggs had a finishing taste of seafood. Their version of roasted potatoes should deliver something roasted. The carved beef was not savory. Many entrées seem to all have an undercurrent of the same flavor, like everything was cooked in the same skillet (this trait seems to be a theme with many Chinese buffets). It's not all negative; the fried mahi was nice; the salmon wellington was good; the fellas cooking your omelet to order couldn't go wrong; and that bayside view makes you forget that weird taste you got from the scrambled eggs. But for what you pay at this premium location, it should ALL be good. By **pilote** 3:33 p.m., Oct. 27

Rongbranch Restaurant, Julian

This used to be my "go-to" restaurant on my semiannual trips to wander around Julian. The surroundings were charming and the food was filling and tasty. My last visit in the spring was a disappointment, but rather than learn my lesson, today I brought my boyfriend to Rongbranch to give it another chance. Big mistake! I was willing to overlook the server taking our order as if she were a pod-person extra from *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, and I waited good-naturedly for what seemed an unusually long time for our order of two burgers with fries. But when the food finally arrived—bear in mind that I have rarely met a burger or a fry that I didn't like—the burger was dry and flavorless. The best flavor came from the red onions that I added just to get a taste of anything. The lettuce leaf that came on the plate along with a tomato slice was sad and droopy—not even worthy of serving as decorative garnish, much less food. But the fries were the worst! They were cold and dark, rather than golden brown and wrinkled—as if the bag of frozen potatoes had languished in the freezer for so long that the cold had sucked all the moisture from them. You know they were bad when the busload of senior citizens who were also customers in the restaurant were calling out to each other that "The fries are lousy!" I was prepared to voice my concerns to the hostess (also the owner?) when she asked the "How was your meal?" question as we paid our \$27 tab, but she never asked—and I guess for good reason. Someone call Gordon Ramsey! By **Isfpgirl** 5:44 p.m., Oct. 30

The Mission, Downtown

If you're in the vicinity of East Village in the morning and are looking for quality portions to fuel your day, roll into The Mission, tucked away off the main drag of Market Street. The menu here has great variety (get the French Toast for filling comfort food, or go for the Zen breakfast if you find yourself requiring something healthy). Bottomless cups of great coffee combined with a laid-back atmosphere equals a great place to chill on weekdays. Weekends are busier, but still worth the wait in line. By **meganhallinan** 6:43 p.m., Nov. 1

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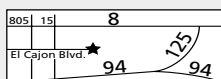
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Clint Eastwood was due for a dud. *Changeling* stacks up as his flattest film, his stumpiest film, since *Blood Work*, bookending his hot streak of *Mystic River*, *Million Dollar Baby*, and the Second World War diptych, *Flags of Our Fathers* and *Letters from Iwo Jima*. Time once again to take it easy. Perhaps a partial explanation (or excuse) might be found in the fact — do I have this correct? — that Eastwood took over the project from Ron Howard (still a co-producer on it), and certainly it possesses a moral simplicity that would seem these days to be beneath his interest. Never beneath Howard's, however.

An eighty-year-old nugget unearthed from the annals of the LAPD, fit for a remember-when newspaper story on a round-number anniversary, it tells of the disappearance of a nine-year-old boy on the day his working single mother, a roller-skating switchboard supervisor, was to have taken him to the new Chaplin picture (*The Circus*, presumably), and of the strong-arm attempts of the belea-

guered police department, five months later, to palm off on her an imposter rounded up at a diner in Illinois, pressuring her, despite her immediate protests of unrecognition, to “take

him home on a trial basis,” where she finds ample corroboration of her initial impression: he comes up

three inches short of the boy's latest pencil mark on the doorframe, and he's now circumcised. The police-appointed doctor assures her that such changes are quite possible in the space of five months: “You're in no position to be objective.” And after all, the imposter — the world's oldest changeling — welcomes himself, for reasons of his own, into the mother's arms. Doggedly gathering supportive opinions from her son's dentist and fourth-grade teacher, and taking her case to the press, only gets her thrown into a psych ward staffed by B-movie sadists. Ultimate instrument of torture: electroshock.

The single morally complicating factor is that her lone champion, a crusading cleric railing on the radio

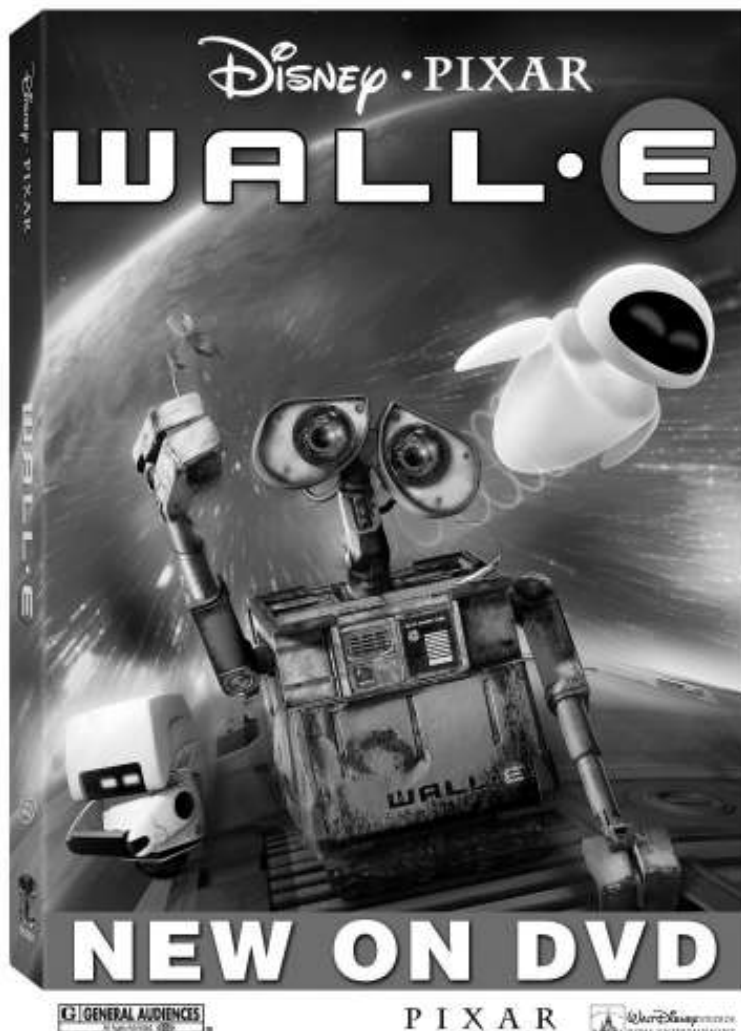


Changeling

against “the most violent, corrupt, and incompetent police department this side of the Rocky Mountains,” is played by the uncharismatic John Malkovich, donning a blond marcelled hairpiece and paste-on mustache. Angelina Jolie on the other hand, with *Star Power* on her side, in addition to *Mother Love*, in addition to *Truth and Justice*, campaigns for sainthood in a

cloche hat and a hummock of crimson lipstick, accentuating her most grotesque feature — a pair of novelty-shop plastic lips — and providing the only dash of color in a frigid blue image. Validation, if not official canonization, will come in the form of four rounds of applause in open court. With inferior material, Eastwood's “classical” style and deliberate pace

(filling, and overfilling, his accustomed two-and-a-quarter-hour time slot) amount to little more than proficient hackwork. I've seen the same subject treated fictionally on the Lifetime Movie Network, but, with a younger age of son and a greater passage of time, more plausibly and ambiguously. The situation here, for all its factuality, is too ridiculous to be truly gripping.



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Too much so even to be minimally maddening.

Synecdoche, New York, when pronounced correctly, is an obvious play, not to say a meaningful play, on Schenectady, New York, the main setting of the film, where a regional stage director of high pretension and acute hypochondria gets left behind by his wing-spreading painter wife and their young daughter, then gets a MacArthur Fellowship — the “Genius Grant” — freeing him to reconstruct his life in a never-ending work-in-progress inside a cavernous brick warehouse. In short — and it’s a challenge to keep it short — this is one of screenwriter Charlie Kaufman’s ongoing explorations of the human mind (*Being John Malkovich*, *Adaptation*, *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind*, *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*), except that for the first time he is also the director, a recipe for self-indulgence if not megalomania.

The early mundanities (perusing the paper at the breakfast table: “Harold Pinter died. No, wait. He won the Nobel Prize”) are often amusing, thanks in large part to the infectious dyspepsia of Philip Seymour Hoffman (heading a cast of indie all-stars: Catherine Keener, Hope Davis, Michelle Williams, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Dianne Wiest, et al.), and Samantha Morton brings a repressed sweetness to the role of the devoted and available box-office girl. But the narrative soon goes irretrievably off the rails, smashing through barriers of time and space, soaring off into fancy and obscurity, and viewers one by one are apt to be dropping by the wayside and waving at the film to go on without them. Not that the amusements altogether cease: e.g., the perpetually burning building, unnoticed by its occupants; the daughter’s diary, left behind in her bedroom, yet continually updated through all the years of her absence; and the inspired bit of casting whereby the Samantha Morton character is “played,” in the autobiographical theater piece, by Emily Watson. I’ve always had to work hard to keep these two actresses straight in my mind. (Three, adding Emily Mortimer.) Now I’ll have to work harder.

High School Musical 3: Senior Year, directed and co-choreographed by Kenny Ortega, is a candy-colored sequel to two Disney Channel television movies I had never heard of. (In what way, I’m left to wonder, did Gabriella change East High forever? And what’s the deal between Troy and Rocket Man?) Evidently intended as an anti-anxiety pill for growing tweens, it should work almost as well for hoary old nostalgists who mourn the illusory innocence of Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland musicals, and who will only need to grit their teeth for the vocal and dance styles. (The roof-garden waltz is most unobjectionable.) Two boys dashing out of the locker room in nothing but towels, straight through a girls’ volleyball game, and into the thick of a stage rehearsal, is about as racy as it gets. The well-scrubbed cast — Zac Efron, Vanessa Hudgens, Ashley Tisdale, Lucas Grabeel, Corbin Bleu, Monique Coleman — looks unsettlingly like a collection of dolls. It would not be surprising to find them for sale, singly or as a set, at the Disney Store.

Pride and Glory is a fuckin’ cop film of fuckin’ good cops and fuckin’ bad cops, some of both types in the same fuckin’ family of New York Irish cops, Edward fuckin’ Norton, Colin fuckin’ Farrell, Noah fuckin’ Em-

merich, and Jon fuckin’ Voight. (Lake Bell, so fuckin’ funny in *Over Her Dead Body*, plays it totally fuckin’ straight as Farrell’s fuckin’ wife.) With a literally and constantly fuckin’ script by Joe Carnahan of fuckin’ *Narc* (it fuckin’ figures), and direction by fuckin’ Gavin O’Connor of fuckin’ *Tumbleweeds* and the Disney-produced *Miracle*, of all fuckin’ things, it’s so fuckin’ gritty, it’s a virtual fuckin’ Sahara, up to your fuckin’ ankles every fuckin’ step of the way. And it’s a long fuckin’ way. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Appaloosa — Unpretentious, un-epic Western, adapted from a novel by the hard-boiled mystery writer Robert B. Parker. It bears more than a passing resemblance to a pseudonymous variation on the Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday legend, the 1959 *Warlock*, without itself qualifying as a variation on that legend. We have again the two-man team in a peripatetic “peacekeeping business” (Have Gun — Will Travel), the living legend and the overshadowed sidekick. We have also the outsized outlaw gang who hold the titular town in their grip. We have, in conciser form, an identical opening, the elimination of the incumbent peace officer and the appearance of his replacements on a hilltop overlook. We have forthwith the Earpian edict of no guns within city limits. We have the woman who comes between the two peacekeepers. (In *Warlock* it was actually two women.) And we even have a recognizable replay, on a reduced scale, and nowhere near movie’s end, of the showdown at the O.K. Corral. But we don’t have, among other things, any clear distinction, and thus any palpable tension, between the two peacekeeping partners. (There’s nothing inherently wrong with that, but their complete compatibility disqualifies the movie as a variation on Earp-Holliday.) Both are cookie-cutter Strong Silent Types, and well played in that mode

by the leathery Ed Harris, who also directed, and a Buffalo Bill-whiskered Viggo Mortensen, weighed down with a bazooka-sized eight-gauge shotgun. The movie, even while it would not compare favorably to its antecedent, can rest comfortably on the tight-jawed interplay between these men, and on its brisk and efficient action scenes, and finally, lingeringly, on the climactic act of friendship of the sidekick for his love-struck partner. That has some real nobility to it, and some subtlety, some irony. With Renée Zellweger, Jeremy Irons, Timothy Spall, Lance Henriksen, Ariadna Gil. 2008. ★★★ (GASLAMP 15; POWAY 10)

Body of Lies — The war on terrorism, or anyway a single battle against terrorism, conducted with slickness and razzmatazz, and time for romance too. Leonardo DiCaprio continues to breathe hard in his efforts to be an action hero; the steel-haired Russell Crowe, in a desk job, plays peekaboo around his glasses frames; both are upstaged by Mark Strong as the suave, ambiguous Jordanian chief of security. With Golshifteh Farahani, Oscar Isaac, and Simon McBurney; directed by Ridley Scott. 2008.

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Burn after Reading — The Coen brothers revisit their favored stupidity theme: *Raising Arizona*, *Barton Fink*, *Fargo*, *The Big Lebowski* (that one above all), *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, the secondhand *Ladykillers*, at least the Llewellyn Moss protagonist in *No Country for Old Men*. Back to the well once more. The placement of this timeless theme within the Washington, D.C., intelligence community is, however, highly strategic, calculating, revitalizing, resonating, and, well, intelligent. (The memorable line from the original *Manchurian Candidate* swims up from the depths: “Intelligence officer! Stupidity officer is more like it.”) The central theme has been interlaced with secondary themes of deception, discontentment, self-delusion, double lives, so that while the film is unmistakably a comedy, it’s a pretty deep one. And regardless how repetitive the theme, there is no slacking off in technique and execution. The fast hour and a half is consistently, unisistently funny, with only a rare

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BETH ACCOMANDO

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Whether you are rejoicing or reeling from the election, here is a trio of films fit for any election year. Michael Ritchie's *The Candidate*, with Robert Redford as a liberal golden boy who gets a little tarnished by the campaign process, still packs a sharp satiric punch some 30 years later.

For the younger crowd, there's a wickedly funny high school election at the heart of Alexander Payne's *Election*. Reese Witherspoon is perfectly annoying as the overachieving Tracy Flick.

And, finally, Robert Altman's brilliant cable series/mockumentary *Tanner '88*, in which Michael Murphy runs as a presidential candidate. Real-life politicians such as Bruce Babbitt and Jesse Jackson mix in with the top-notch cast that includes Pamela Reed. Gary Trudeau's script still has a savage bite.

THE CANDIDATE (USA) 1972, Warner
List price: \$19.98

ELECTION (USA) 1999, Paramount
List price: \$9.98

TANNER '88 (USA) 1988, Criterion Collection
List price: \$29.95 (two discs)



Why We Fight

JOE VECCHIO

Programmer, Lestat's West Community Film Series

From the opening remarks by former WWII supreme allied commander and president Dwight D. Eisenhower warning of the growing influence of the military-industrial complex to the moving stories relating the human impact of the Iraq war, *Why We Fight* calls upon Americans to consider who we are as a country and political force in the world. The film questions if the U.S. is a military influence for good and what kind of policies should we pursue globally. All wars are not created equal, and the world will be better off with less of them.

Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room is an outstanding exposé of the industry-lobby-government game and how greed can run rampant. Relevant in light of today's happenings on Wall Street, this documentary looks at how industry can game the system via influence at the highest levels of government — yes we're talking White House — and how consumers and employees ultimately get victimized.

WHY WE FIGHT (USA) 2006, Sony Pictures
List price: \$14.94

ENRON: THE SMARTEST GUYS IN THE ROOM (USA) 2005, Magnolia
List price: \$14.98



Birth

CRAIG OLIVER

Citizen Video

John Huston's *Fat City* is a quiet examination of a washed-up, alcoholic boxer (Stacy Keach) who tries to reenter the ring and takes under his wing a young upstart (Jeff Bridges). I fell in love with this constantly evolving portrait of a man forced to accept the fact that the world as he knew it has faded away.

In *Solaris*, scientist Kris Kelvin learns of a planet's attempts to communicate with humans, in his case through a replication of his deceased wife. As Kelvin asks himself whether to accept this facsimile or shun it, we begin to understand that although we might want to regain what's lost, we also must accept the transitory nature of our existence. Intensely philosophical and personal, Russian director Andrei Tarkovsky taught me what it is to let both exist.

Jonathan Glazer's *Birth*, a metaphysical take on eternal love, offers a haunting take on loss and the mystery of life and love.

FAT CITY (USA) 1972, Sony Pictures
List price: \$9.98

SOLARIS (Russia) 1972, Criterion Collection
List price: \$39.95 (two discs)

BIRTH (USA) 2004, New Line
List price: \$14.98

to carry the banner and the burden of the post-9/11 terrorist. "Some men," Batman's manservant succinctly sums up the emblematic evildoer, "just want to watch the world burn." 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. (Heath Ledger is the vanquished.) 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? 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. Christian Bale, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Michael Caine, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman. 2008.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Days and Clouds — Silvio Soldini's marital drama of a financially strapped couple in Genoa, starring Margherita Buy and Antonio Albanese.
(KEN, 11/7 THROUGH 13)

The Duchess — Fine costume piece. Well, the costumes anyhow are fine. The piece as a whole is only fairish, a predigested potage of 18th-century sexism, blue-blood cold-bloodedness, paramours, bastards, the mandatory male heir, all of it "based on a true story." Rachel Portman's music, much more than Saul Dibb's direction, creates the frequent illusion of something better than fairish. And Keira Knightley, unshadowingly surrounded by Ralph Fiennes, Dominic Cooper, Hayley Atwell, Simon McBurney, and Charlotte Rampling, commands the screen with force and nuance and bone structure. The camera, as they say, loves her. 2008.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 11/7)

Eagle Eye — Political paranoia thriller so utterly preposterous that it has the opposite effect and reassures us we have nothing to worry about. (And so pell-mell in presentation that we can barely follow it.) Shia LaBeouf and Michelle Monaghan, as ordinary citizens under the eye, thumb, and puppet-strings of Big Brother, are ordinarily likable, or in these circumstances, pitiable. With Billy Bob Thornton, Rosario Dawson, and Michael Chiklis; directed by D.J. Caruso. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Happy-Go-Lucky — Character portrait of a singular person, a primary-school teacher called Poppy, almost dementedly upbeat, seeing it as her mission in life to spread sunshine and joy wherever she goes. A tipsy giggler, a babbling fount of inanities ("Here we go, gigolo"), a constant commenter ("Never been here before," she announces to no one in particular on her tour of a bookshop; "Don't want to go there," she reacts upon pulling *The Road to Reality* off the shelf), an avocational clown, a tireless self-amuser, she's the nearest thing to Pee-wee Herman you could ever hope to find in a realistic context. (Is it significant that her bicycle gets stolen right off the bat? Unlike Pee-wee, she sighingly lets it go — "I didn't even get a chance to say goodbye" — and signs up for driving lessons.) The context, however, demands that she once in a while drop the good cheer in order to handle crises with her ranting, racist, rigid driving instructor ("It's not easy being you, ay?"), a violent bully at school, and an addled tramp in the street. She's not a one-note character. She can rise to the occasion, and there is always, even at the best of times, an underpinning of thin ice. Sally Hawkins, who had worked with writer-director Mike Leigh previously in *Vera Drake* and *All or Nothing*, takes total possession of the role, or vice versa, indelibly visualized in a neo- or retro-Flower Child wardrobe, too youthful by a decade, too loud by a hundred decibels, of clashing colors and multiple layers (a last layer, revealed on the chiropractor's table, of pink bra and orange panties beneath black fishnet hose), and a full range of mirth from lopsided grin, pulling to the right, to open-wide glee. Leigh himself, you might have noticed, especially if you saw either of the samples mentioned above, is not the jolliest sort of fellow, and it would be easy to imagine him making a movie in which the central character were the volcanic driving instructor — the stalwart Eddie Marsan, who also appeared in *Vera Drake* — and in which the bubbly driving student were only one of several supporting characters, a movie, that is to say, more like his *Naked*, a portrait of a negativist. Any viewer less effervescent than Poppy, in any event, will be inclined to look at her as a kind of scientific specimen, to be observed with curiosity and wonder — along with unscientific amusement and a silent prayer of thanks she's not living next door or coming over for dinner — in a somewhat amorphous and arbitrary succession of scenes, situations, circumstances. At all times the movie boasts beautiful bright color, rather as if Leigh's regular cameraman, Dick Pope, had emptied a bottle of Windex on our window on the world. (Ah, we can see!) And please don't propose that this is meant to be expressive of Poppy's *Weltanschauung*. Clear bright colors ought not to be the exclusive privilege of the Pollyanna. 2008.

★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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lapse in taste (a homemade marital aid, a couple of splashes of Scorsese-esque gore) and never really a lapse in tone. And although the regular and reliable Roger Deakins has been replaced with Emmanuel Lubezki (*Children of Men*, most noteworthy), the cinematography doesn't suffer, with its crystal-clear air, its fine-line focus, and its scythe-like camerawork, angling slightly upwards, attacking from all sides, intermittently cutting a path in a spurt of purposeful fluidity. George Clooney, Frances McDormand, Brad Pitt, Tilda Swinton, John Malkovich, Richard Jenkins, David Rasche, J.K. Simmons. 2008.
★★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Changeling — Reviewed this issue. With Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich, Jeffrey Donovan, Colm Feore, and Jason Butler Harker; directed by Clint Eastwood.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; 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; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Dark Knight — Fashionably "dark" comic-book movie, the first 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. Aside from the title, 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, although 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 anyone 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 glancingly light TV series from the Sixties —

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High School Musical 3: Senior Year

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I've Loved You So Long

The first film of French novelist Philippe Claudel, about a genteel parolee who moves in temporarily with her younger sister and in-laws, is leisurely, patient, closely observed, committedly acted (Kristin Scott Thomas, with dark circles around her eyes, and Elsa Zylberstein), drably photographed, and passably absorbing, at least until it dissipates into heart-tugging hokery. 2007.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Kung Fu Panda

Plump computer cartoon about a tubby panda (voice of Jack Black, tubby typecasting), an envious 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 dearily 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. Or the keyboard. With the voices of Dustin Hoffman, Angelina Jolie, Ian McShane, and Jackie Chan; directed by John Stevenson and Mark Osborne. 2008.

★ (SANTEE DRIVE IN, FROM 11/7)

Let the Right One In

Swedish vampire movie with Kare Hedebrant and Lina Leandersson, directed by Tomas Alfredson. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 11/7)

Loins of Punjab Presents — Cripplingly cheap comedy with the promising premise of a sort of Hindi Idol talent contest — the competitors singing cover versions of Bollywood hit tunes — sponsored by "the largest suppliers of pork loins on

the East Coast," a/k/a "The Loin King." It has almost no assets beyond the funny accents. With Shabana Azmi, Ajay Naidu, Ayesha Dharker, Michael Raimondi, and Seema Rahmani; directed by Manish Acharya. 2008.

● (GASLAMP 15, FROM 11/7)

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Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

Computer-animated sequel, with the voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer, and Jada Pinkett Smith.

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Max Payne

Steroidal cop film (literally, pharmaceutical performance-enhancement to a science-fictional degree) featuring dark shadows, leached color, CG hallucinations, and Mark Wahlberg's frown lines. With Mila Kunis, Beau Bridges, and Ludacris; directed by John Moore. 2008.

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Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist

Tolerably sweet teen romance, uniting two strangers from the same Jersey high school in a night-long search of Manhattan for a rumored concert by their mutual favorite band, Where's Fluffy? Gross-out gags are limited to a single, if ongoing, grossery: a drunken girl fishing her cellphone and a

wad of chewing gum out of the public toilet into which she has just upchucked. A gag that truly gags. The leads, however, are charming: Michael Cera, of *Juno* and *Superbad*, as the heartbroken heterosexual in a gay garage band called the Jerk-Offs, tooling around town in a balky yellow Yugo ("I think it might be the only Yugo in the country"); and Kat Dennings, of *Charlie Bartlett* and *The House Bunny*, as the pouty poor little rich girl with abundant brains and no boyfriends. Both of them, especially the latter, show a nice feel for the low-key humor of inarticulateness. In name only do they evoke the badinage of Dashiell Hammett's Nick and Nora Charles. With Alexis Dziena and Ari Graynor; directed by Peter Sollett. 2008.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Nights in Rodanthe

Two beautiful strangers of opposite sexes but equivalent hurts (she: "That must have been hurtful"; he: "I know you're hurting"), alone at an isolated inn on the beach; an approaching storm; a walk in the sand; a roll in the hay; a hope for a new beginning. The promise of unintended hilarity, held out by any adaptation of a Nicholas Sparks novel (*Message in a Bottle*, *A Walk to Remember*, *The Notebook*, thus far), remains frustratingly unfulfilled, despite the presence of Richard Gere. Directed by first-timer George C. Wolfe, the film contains nothing but sap, yet not a surplus of sap, not an overflow of sap. It can only be classed a disappointment. The eventual arrival of the storm is admittedly

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well done, and Diane Lane evokes a real feeling or two. With Viola Davis, Scott Glenn, James Franco. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Pride and Glory — Reviewed this issue. With Edward Norton, Colin Farrell, Noah Emmerich, and Jon Voight; directed by Gavin O'Connor.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18)

Rachel Getting Married — A sort of Rainbow Coalition wedding weekend: the father of the Jewish bride had remarried a black, the bride too is marrying a black (it might be noted that Sidney Lumet, the father of first-time scriptwriter Jenny Lumet, had remarried a black himself), and the theme of the wedding is inexplicably Indian. Director Jonathan Demme, striving for an improvisational feel, stages the goings-on with an almost Danish dishevelment: a hand-held camera in the grasp of an arm-weary cameraman. Anne Hathaway, as the bride's just-out-of-rehab sister, a constant and tiresome threat of disruption ("She needs a lot of acknowledgment"), proves to be too actressy for the style; but Rosemarie DeWitt makes a fine impression as her well-behaved sister, and the conviviality of the gathering, with heavy representation from the cool cats of the



Pride and Glory

music industry, is by and large believable and admirable. With Mather Zickel, Bill Irwin, Anna Deavere Smith, Tunde Ade-bimpe, and Debra Winger. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN, FROM 11/7; FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 11/7; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18, FROM 11/7; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 11/7; PARKWAY

PLAZA 18, FROM 11/7; SAN MARCOS 18, FROM 11/7; VISTA VILLAGE, FROM 11/7)

Religulous — Comedian Bill Maher, the smirking skeptic, travels the globe to goad and taunt, and talk behind the backs of, believers of many stripes (not Far Eastern), all in an effort to galvanize the silent minority

of Americans — 16% by latest count — who profess to be atheists and agnostics. He is content to keep it light and superficial and once in a while funny, though at the end he climbs into his own figurative pulpit, in a moralizing manner not dissimilar to the wrap-ups of Jerry Springer. Directed by Larry Charles. 2008.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)

Rocknrolla — Tangled intrigues in the London underworld, given the Guy Ritchie treatment, derivative, flashy, shallow, callous, utterly resistible. Depression, setting in early, deepens sharply at the finish: a written pledge of a sequel. With Gerard Butler, Mark Strong, Tom Wilkinson, Thandie Newton, Idris Elba, Karel Roden, Toby Kebbell, and Jeremy Piven. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Role Models — Mentoring comedy with Seann William Scott, Paul Rudd, and Elizabeth Banks, directed by David Wain. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; 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; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 11/7)

The Secret Life of Bees — The place is South Carolina, the time is 1964, right when LBJ has signed the Civil Rights Act ("Nothin' but a piece of paper"). An abused white teenage runaway and her fugitive black maid find refuge at a honey farm of "cultured" black sisters named after months of the year, August, June, and May (twin of the deceased April). Sticky sentimentality, by way of the Sue Monk Kidd novel, but Queen Latifah brings some real strength to it, and Dakota Fanning (apparently unspoiled in early adolescence) some

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9:55 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; I've Loved You So Long (Not Rated) Fri. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Rachel Getting Married (R) Fri. 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 11:30, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Religulous (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

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Mission Valley 7

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Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) **Appaloosa** (R) Sat.-Sun. 1:45, 6:55; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (PG) Sat.-Sun. 12:05, 2:35, 4:55, 7:15, 9:40; **Body of Lies** (R) Sat.-Sun. 2:10, 7:25; **Burn after Reading** (R) Sat.-Sun. (11:55) 5:05, 10:25; **Changeling** (R) Sat.-Sun. 12:15, 3:30, 6:45, 10:00; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. 2:15, 5:00, 7:55, 10:45; **The Haunting of Molly Hartley** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:05; **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 1:35, 2:10, 2:30, 4:15, 4:50, 5:15, 7:05, 7:35, 8:00, 9:50, 10:15, 10:40; **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 1:00, 3:30, 6:15, 9:00, 11:30 Sun. (10:30) 1:00, 3:30, 6:15, 9:00; **Max Payne** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. (11:50) 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. 2:25, 7:05; **Pride and Glory** (R) Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 4:25, 4:40, 7:30, 10:05, 10:35; **Quarantine** (R) Sat.-Sun. 12:10, 4:45, 9:25; **Rocknrolla** (R) Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; **Saw V** (R) Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 1:55, 2:20, 4:10, 4:35, 7:00, 7:40, 9:35, 9:55; **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30; **Sex Drive** (R) Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:05, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10; **W.** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. 1:25, 4:20, 7:15, 10:15; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R) Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:30, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20

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Africa (PG) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 4:05, 4:30, 5:00) 6:35, 7:00, 7:30, 9:05, 9:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30) 4:05, 4:30, 5:00, 6:35, 7:00, 7:30, 9:05, 9:30, 10:00; **Max Payne** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:15) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:15, 7:40, 10:10; **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 7:25; **Pride and Glory** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:10) 9:50; **Rachel Getting Married** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:45, 5:25) 8:05, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 5:25, 8:05, 10:45; **Rocknrolla** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:25p.m.; **Role Models** (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; **Saw V** (R) Fri. (12:25, 3:00, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45; **Soul Men** (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:55, 5:35) 8:15, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:35, 8:15, 10:55; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R) Fri. (12:15, 3:00, 5:35) 8:10, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 3:00) 5:35, 8:10, 10:45

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

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Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG); **Changeling** (R); **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G); **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG); **Max Payne** (PG-13); **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG-13); **Quarantine** (R); **Role Models** (R); **Saw V** (R); **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13); **Soul Men** (R); **W.** (PG-13); **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

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Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG) Fri. (11:25, 1:50, 4:15) 6:50, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 1:50) 4:15, 6:50, 9:20; **Body of Lies** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:50) 7:15, 10:20; **Changeling** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 2:40) 7:10, 10:25; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:45) 7:05, 9:50; **The Haunting of Molly Hartley** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:05) 6:35, 9:10; **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:35) 6:45, 9:40; **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30) 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00; **Pride and Glory** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:50) 6:55; **Rocknrolla** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05) 10:10; **Role Models** (R) Fri. (11:15, 2:15, 4:45) 7:45, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; **Saw V** (R) Fri. (11:05, 1:55, 4:25) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 1:55) 4:25, 7:40, 10:10; **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 4:05) 7:35, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:55) 4:05, 7:35, 10:35; **Soul Men** (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 10:15; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R) Fri. (11:20, 2:10, 4:55) 7:25, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 2:10) 4:55, 7:25, 10:05

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

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Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG) Fri.-Sun.; **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Fri.-Sun.; **Kung Fu Panda** (PG) Fri.-Sun.; **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG) Fri.-Sun.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG) (11:30 12:30 2:00 3:00) 4:30 5:30 7:00 8:00 9:30 10:30; **Soul Men** (R) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Role Models** (R) (11:00 1:15 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:45; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R) (11:45 2:15) 4:45 7:30 10:00; **The Haunting of Molly Hartley** (PG-13) (11:15 1:45 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **High School Musical 3** (G) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Saw V** (R) (12:00 2:30) 5:00 7:15 9:45; **Max Payne** (PG-13) (11:00 1:30 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (G) (12:00 2:30) 5:00 7:30 9:45; **Barbie: A Christmas Carol** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Otay Ranch 12

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Beverly Hills Chihuahua; Body of Lies; Changeling; Eagle Eye; The Haunting of Molly Hartley; High School Musical 3: Senior Year; Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa; Max Payne; Pride and Glory; Role Models;

Saw V; Soul Men; Zack and Miri Make a Porno

Palm Promenade 24

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Beverly Hills Chihuahua; Body of Lies; Changeling; Eagle Eye; The Haunting of Molly Hartley; High School Musical 3: Senior Year; House; Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa; Max Payne; Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist; Pride and Glory; Quarantine; Rachel Getting Married; Rocknrolla; Role Models; Saw V; Soul Men; Zack and Miri Make a Porno

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)

Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:50) 6:35, 9:00; **Body of Lies** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:10, 10:05; **Changeling** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 3:20) 7:05, 10:20; **Fireproof** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:30) 6:45, 9:30; **The Haunting of Molly Hartley** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:40) 9:15; **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Fri. (11:45, 2:25, 5:05) 7:40, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:05, 7:40, 10:25; **House** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:05, 4:35) 7:35, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:05) 4:35, 7:35, 9:50; **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30) 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:15; **Nights in Rodanthe** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40) 6:55; **Pride and Glory** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:35) 7:15, 10:10; **Role Models** (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:35; **Saw V** (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:45, 5:25) 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:25, 7:55, 10:30; **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:25) 6:30, 9:10; **Soul Men** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:15, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; **W.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:45) 6:50, 9:45; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R) Fri. (12:45, 4:05) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 4:05, 7:20, 9:55

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NATIONAL CITY

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NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

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ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)

Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG) Fri. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:40, 10:10; **Body of Lies** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:30) 9:35; **Changeling** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 3:35) 6:50, 10:05; **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:25) 6:30, 9:40; **Fireproof** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:45, 9:45; **The Haunting of Molly Hartley** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 4:10) 7:05, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 4:10, 7:05, 10:35; **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 6:40, 9:30; **House** (R) Fri. (12:55, 4:50) 7:45, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:55) 4:50, 7:45, 10:30; **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG) Fri. 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20, (11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:25) 2:30 Sat.-Sun. 4:30, 5:00, 5:25, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20, (11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 2:30; **Max Payne** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25) 6:35; **Rocknrolla** (R) Fri. (4:00) 10:25 Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 10:25; **Role Models** (R) Fri. (1:05, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **Saw V** (R) Fri. (1:10, 4:20) 8:05, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:20, 8:05, 10:40; **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50) 7:35; **Soul Men** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:50) 7:10, 9:55; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:40, 5:20) 7:55, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:20, 7:55, 10:45

FALLBROOK

River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG) (11:30 12:30 2:00 3:00) 4:30 5:30 7:00 8:00 9:30 10:30; **Role Models** (R) (11:00 1:30) 4:15 7:15 9:45; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R) (11:45 2:15) 4:45 7:30 10:00; **The Haunting of Molly Hartley** (PG-13) 8:30 10:45; **High School Musical 3** (G) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:30; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (G) (11:15 1:45 4:00) 6:15; **Barbie: A Christmas Carol** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu. No 11 am-3:45 pm shows Mon.-Thu.

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG) (10:00 11:30 12:30 2:00 3:00) 4:30 5:30 7:00 8:00 9:30 10:30; **Soul Men** (R) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Role Models** (R) (10:30 1:00 3:30) 6:00 8:15 10:45; **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:30 10:00; **The Haunting of Molly Hartley** (PG-13) (11:15 3:45) 8:30; **Changeling** (R) (10:15 1:15) 4:15 7:15 10:15; **Appaloosa** (R) 4:15 10:15; **High School Musical 3** (G) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Saw V** (R) (1:30) 6:15 10:45; **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) (11:45) 5:00 7:30; **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (G) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:00 7:15 9:45; **Barbie: A Christmas Carol** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

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DEL MAR

real vulnerability. With Jennifer Hudson, Alicia Keys, Sophie Okonedo, and Paul Betany; written and directed by Gina Prince-Bythewood. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Sex Drive — A crack-up, not in the sense of an out-loud laugh, but in that of a car wreck. Teen characters, and audience, are pushed into premature corruption: a gross-out road movie whose itinerary includes a pair of wet-dream-soaked briefs, a slingshot condom, an adhesive dildo, a prosthetic scrotum, coprophilia, and so on. With Josh Zuckerman, Amanda Crew, Clark Duke, James Marsden, and Seth Green; directed by Sean Anders. 2008.

● (MISSION VALLEY 20)

Soul Men — A former R&B duo, not speaking to one another in over a quarter-century, make an uneasy peace to drive cross-country for a reunion concert at the Apollo. Sort of a soul-music *Sunshine Boys*, without Neil Simon's craftsmanship. With, instead, nothing but crassmanship. Samuel L. Jackson and Bernie Mac, even as rusty old-timers, let down the music, and can't do much to elevate the comedy. The closing credits contain a tribute to Mac (interview, stand-up routine, outtakes), who died before the film's release, and a nod also to Isaac Hayes (in a small role as himself), who did likewise. With Sharon Leal, Affion Crockett, Adam Herschman, and Sean Hayes; directed by Malcolm D. Lee. 2008.

● (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;



Synecdoche, New York

RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 11/7)

Sukiyaki Western Django — Seeing that the spaghetti Western owes a debt to the samurai film — *Fistful of Dollars*, anyway, owes a debt to *Yojimbo* — cult director Takashi Miike takes things an illogical step further: a Japanese takeoff on the Italian horse opera, with the actors speaking barely intelligible English. It's a step into lunacy, or at best into costume-party inanity. With Hideaki Ito, Yusuke Iseya, Kaori Momoi, and (no more intelligible than anybody else) Quentin Tarantino. 2008.

● (KEN, THROUGH 11/6)

Synecdoche, New York — Reviewed this issue. With Philip Seymour Hoffman, Samantha Morton, Catherine Keener, and

Hope Davis; written and directed by Charlie Kaufman.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 11/7)

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 starry 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 mi-

nor 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.

★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 11/10, 6:30 P.M.)

W. — Pronounced "dubya." Oliver Stone's diplomatic biopic on our forty-third President (Josh Brolin, a dead-on impression, but where to go with it?) is so careful to avoid bias as to avoid purpose. It barely matches the caliber of a TV docudrama, much less the compensating snickers. In that department, Thandie Newton as Condi Rice takes the cake. With Elizabeth Banks (Laura Bush), James Cromwell (George Bush, Sr.), Ellen Burstyn (Barbara Bush), Richard Dreyfuss (Dick Cheney), Jeffrey Wright (Colin Powell), Scott Glenn (Donald Rumsfeld), and Toby Jones (Karl Rove). 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Zack and Miri Make a Porno — A Kevin Smith film, self-explanatorily titled, of incessant dirty-talk, a bit of dirty-do, and a splatter of dirty-doo-doo. It is strictly for those sufficiently sheltered that they're able to find it daring and sophisticated. Starring Seth Rogen (our reigning Everyblob), Elizabeth Banks, Jason Mewes, Traci Lords, and Justin Long. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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Vacancy 2007

Yikes! This movie scared the crap out of me! Wasn't expecting much going in, but I gotta give it some props for making my heart race and making me jump outta my seat a couple times. Reminded me of the early *Halloween* movies — was fun to watch something from the classic-style horror genre: car breaks down in the middle of nowhere, couple tries to run/hide from creepy guy trying to murder them. Much prefer this to the let's-see-how-gory-we-can-get *Saw*-style flicks that seem to be all the rage these days. (P.S. Reading Duncan's review here, I just gotta LOL that the director's name is Nimrod!)

By **Reader_reader** 1:07 p.m., Oct. 29, 2008

Titanic 1997

Glub glub. James Cameron's unsinkable opus, the 1997 Best Picture Oscar-winner and highest-grossing film of all time, is a waterlogged white elephant, a trite *Romeo and Juliet*-like story awash in cliché. *Titanic* stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet as doomed lovers, she from first class and engaged to someone she doesn't love (Billy Zane), he from steerage. I found myself growing weary ("Hit the iceberg, already!"), perked up only by a hint of nudity as he's a sketch artist and she agrees to pose nude, but fans of the film are legion. Over one hour shorter, and more admirable to boot, is a 1958 British version, *A Night to Remember*.

By **billjnz** 4:52 p.m., Nov. 1, 2008

Rachel Getting Married 2008

Anne Hathaway breaks out of her candy-coated shell and puts forth a powerful performance as a deeply flawed drug addict who serves as the nexus of a family haunted by the demons of the past. The deceptively cheery title of this movie belies the utter seriousness of the plot — we entered the theater expecting romantic comedy and walked out feeling like we were hit by a bus. The movie is good, albeit a little too drawn out during the extended wedding celebration scenes. It touches upon the idea that life is not always easy, and the inherent conflicts that reside within each family signal that not all things in life have resolution.

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Forget Gold

“There is no power without water, and no water without power.”

Water and Power, the title of Richard Montoya’s “stage noir” drama, sums up Southern California history in three words. Forget gold, railroads, or waves upon waves of health seekers. Water has always ruled our region. Around here you don’t have to follow the money, just the flow back to its source.

“There is no power without water,” Asuncion Garcia tells his twin boys in the play, “and no water without power.” Asuncion digs ditches for the DWP, the Department of Water and Power, or as one of the boys says, “the Department of White People.” He raises Gilbert and Gabriel to become East L.A. legends and players in a statewide arena. He nicknames Gilbert “Water” and Gabriel “Power.”

Problem is, the younger Gabe (by about eight minutes) doesn’t like being named “for a utility.” He needs toughening up. Gilbert does such a bang-up job that, when we first see Gabe, he’s a decorated police lieutenant holed up at the Motel Paradise on a dark and stormy night. Gabe snorts coke, slugs Cuervo Gold, and paces the floor. “Power” abused his power. When off duty, Gabe shot a released prisoner. Now half of L.A., it would seem, is headed to his Sunset Boulevard hideout to take him down.

Older brother Gilbert tries to save the day. “Water” became a lawyer, then an influential state senator. He’s close to fulfilling a dream: the César Chávez River Walkway, a greenbelt that will put one million trees in East Los Angeles. “Water” will exercise his power and void the contract on his brother.

The script creates a myth about legendary brothers. But then Montoya demystifies it. Philip Marlowe, Raymond Chandler’s gumshoe, “walked the mean streets” but was “not himself mean.” Like Philip, Gilbert and Gabe fly solo. But the more we learn about Water and Power, the less Marlovian they become. The public servants put private interests first: Gabe’s a felon, and Gilbert must choose between a dream and an unthinkable reality.

How many movie trailers in the past 30 years swirl up chaos and announce, “BUT THEN ONE MAN” will save the day? Why just one? Why not two? Or two women? Or a baker’s dozen? And

what does that “one man” do? Movie trailers like this have constituted an ongoing brainwash for above-the-law vigilantism: the Dirty Harry syndrome.

In the end, Montoya has written a cautionary tale about that syndrome. The brothers have abused their power. The long — extremely long — denouement decries their actions. “Chicano power brokers,” he says, need to learn from gringos how to “spread it around.” The need’s well taken. The shining gringo example, however, after eight years of unilateral ravaging, raises an eyebrow.

Montoya’s a mainstay of Culture Clash, one of San Diego’s most beloved groups (and one of our city’s most incisive critics). The script combines film noir intensity with Clash satire. Sometimes the latter shoots the former in the foot. The “dark and stormy night” effects, for example, parody a life-and-death situation. And the jokes pull us away as well (but they’re *funny*: politico-Gilbert says he stopped being a Chicano in 1995, “and after recovery started again”). Individual lines conjure up the gray ambiguities of film noir, as when a character says, “Nothing is concrete in L.A., except the river.”

Director Sam Woodhouse and the San Diego Rep have staged *Water and Power* in the round — including a four-sided rain effect. Woodhouse has smoothed out most of the play’s at times uneven rhythms. He and his cast obviously enjoy the hard-boiled genre of shadowy subtexts. As the brothers, Richard Trujillo (Gilbert) and Herbert Siguenza (Gabe) don’t resemble twins. But the pair creates such a strong emotional connection that the physical difference disappears.

John R. Padilla provides valuable support as the boy’s caring father (though the script tends to blame him, indirectly, for how they turned out). Marc Alexander plays both boys, in flashbacks, and a mystical, antler-crowned Deer Dancer.

Outstanding performances bookend the production. Mike Genovese does a cameo as the Fixer, a precise, white-suited developer-thug one twitch away from tearing Gilbert, and the posh restaurant they’re dining in, to tatters.

Water and Power’s obsessed with opposites —

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Richard Trujillo, Mike Genovese in *Water and Power*

Water and Power, by Richard Montoya

San Diego Repertory Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown

Directed by Sam Woodhouse; cast: Bobby Plasencia, Richard Trujillo, Herbert Siguenza, Marc Alexander Gonzalez, Mike Genovese, Arturo Medina, John R. Padilla; scenic design, Kriste Flores and Adam Lindsay; costume design, Kate Stallons; lighting, Lonnie Rafael Alcaraz; composer, Paul James Prendergast; sound design, Tom Jones; fight direction, James Newcomb

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high and low, north and south, ideals and realities — and the space between them. The character named Norte/Sur (“north/south”) embodies that middle position. Bald, with “L.A.” tattooed on his

head, Norte/Sur’s a paraplegic (shot by Gabe) and poet-shaman. In the wrong hands, Norte/Sur could become a yummy Obi Wan. Instead, Bobby Plasencia makes him such a self-effacing seer of

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A French farce, adapted for the British stage, now performed in America. The lineage of Marc Camoletti's script resembles its characters, each of whom becomes a different person for different people. Bernard and wife Jacqueline live in a converted barn outside Paris (one section's "the piggery," another "the cow-shed"). Both are having affairs, and their lovers, Suzanne and Robert, come to spend the weekend unannounced. Add Suzette, a gourmet cook who makes a wicked *sauce veloute*, and ruses run riot. Much of the humor comes from think-fast, positive-spin explanations, as Bernard and Robert must revise their webs of lies anew. The North Coast Rep's production, directed by Rosina Reynolds, is unafraid to perform broadly. Wide faces, dumbfounded, gaping-mouth reactions, and blazing eyeballs punctuate all stage business, along with slamming doors and some expert, flailing about, slapstick. One wouldn't want a steady diet of this hectic stuff (devices that worked earlier in the two-and-a-half-hour show). But along the way Reynolds and a game cast evoke many good-sized laughs as complications pile upon complications inside of complexities. As Bernard and Robert, Phil Johnson and Christopher M. Williams romp all over Marty Burnett's handsome set, one usually chasing the other with a semilethal weapon. Lisel Gorell-Getz provides icy stares as Jacqueline. Amanda Sitton's Suzanne has little to say, so Sitton fills in with style (hilarious modeling poses) and subtexts. Newcomer Jaque Wilke's a real find as Suzette. She's got all the comic goods and, thanks to designer Michelle Hunt Souza, performs an unforgettable costume change. **Worth a try.** NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH NOVEMBER 16.

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Michelle Procopio as the mercurial Charlotte, flashing red, yellow, and green at once; first-rate video cameos by Joan Westmoreland and Walter Ritter (though the onstage acting is uneven and often indicated). But the evening begins with full emotion and has few places to go, and the many mini-scenes tend to blur. This would be less of a problem if the relentless production provided occasional relief, some space — or nuances, like stressing the funny lines more — for the audience to catch its breath before heading back into the fray.

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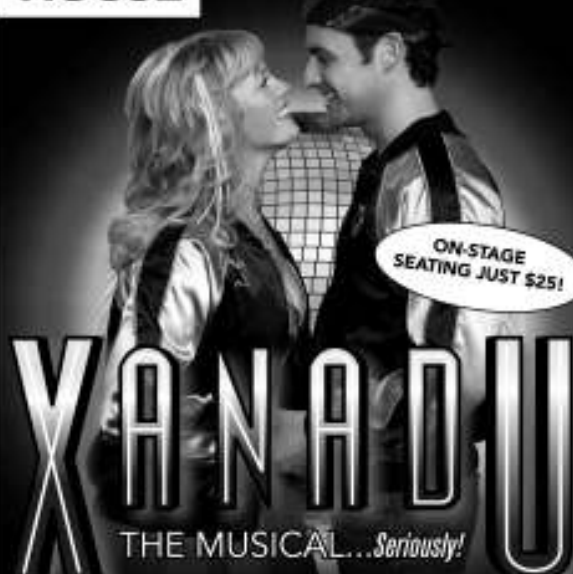
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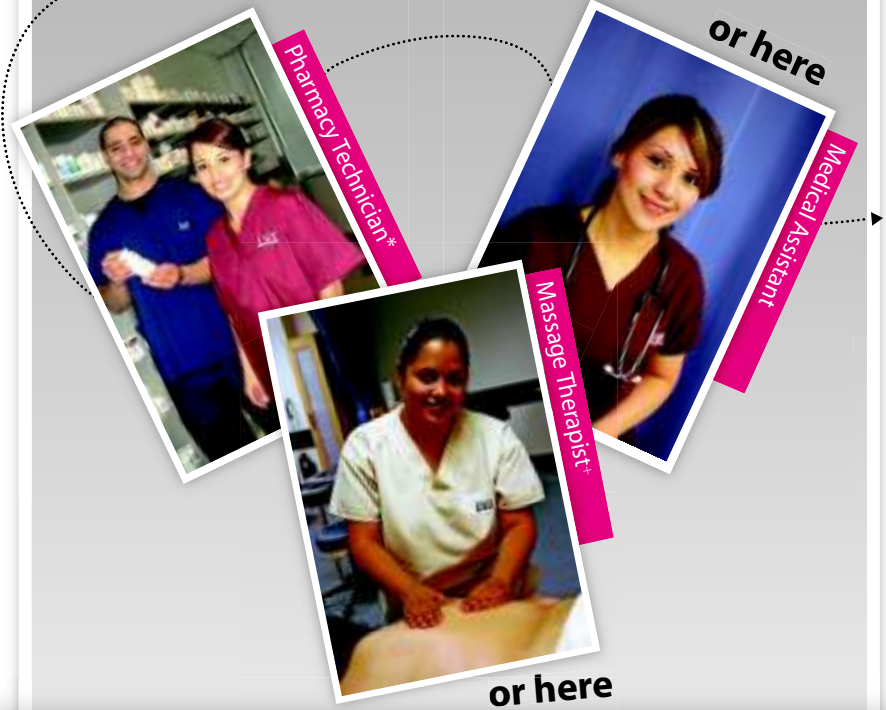
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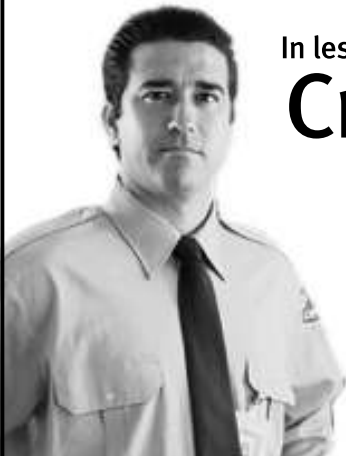
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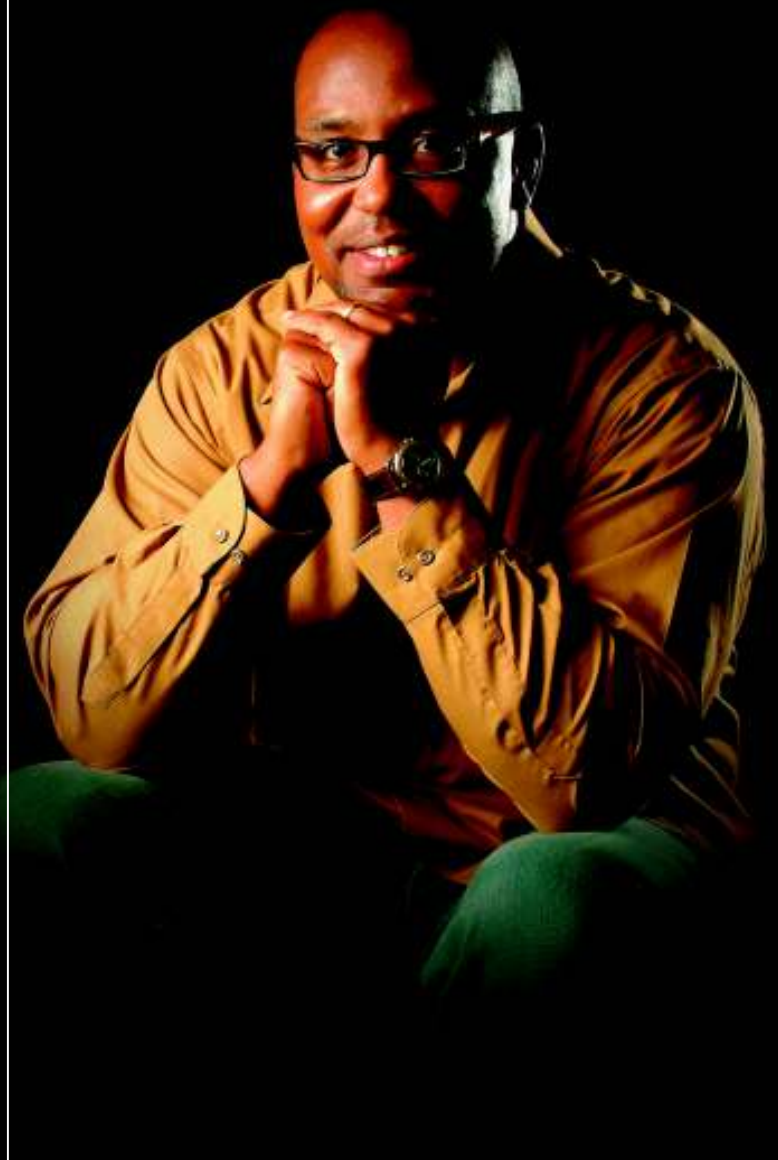
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Morgan Hathaway
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I had tinted windows. Oh, and my first car ever...I had saved all these band stickers, a few from punk-rock shows. I had Bad Religion, Blink, before they were blink-182. NOFX, lots of bands. I would lay them all on my bed and diagram how I was going to put them on my first car. It ended up being an '83 Volvo station wagon. It was big and square on the back, and I put all my stickers on it. I had that car for a few years and thought those stickers were cool.



Terrani Navarez
Student
La Costa

My cars never had anything all that cool. I hung things up on the mirror, like crystals and leis. Oh, I had stickers I put on my car. I had the Used. I had a surfing one and a Tinkerbell sticker. I also put in a stereo system, so I could add a CD player. I also bought a steering wheel cover that was furry, to match the seat covers. I guess I'm not very cool.



Eveyln Aquino
Marketing Specialist
Rancho Peñasquitos

I purchased a 1984 red Celica. I had it lowered a few inches, purchased rims, performance tires, and a kit for it, with front air dam and wing. I don't remember if that's the correct lingo now. At the time I hung out with guys who liked to cruise South Mission, San Diego, and on occasion drive up to Westwood near UCLA.



John Bear
Drywall Contractor
Encinitas

In Mammoth Mountain, you got 44 feet of snow a year. The two seasons were pretty much winter and August. I had a '63 Dodge Dart, with that typewriter transmission. It was gutless. I put studded snow tires on it. Four-wheelers would get stuck, and I never did. I jacked up the front end, way up high. It had the Mopar bolt you could just crank. But then I had to do something about the back. I bought the back end from an old Lincoln, put coil springs in it, and the entire Dart was so high up in the air. We thought it was cool.



Samantha Stracener
Schoolteacher
Vista

I never did. Maybe women don't do that as much as men. My ex-husband did, though. Well, he thought it was cool. He had a Toyota Corolla. We were in Miami, around 1990. He put stickers of Jesus on the headlights. Then he decided to make it a lowrider. He spent the entire day taking a hacksaw to it and going through a lot of blades as he sawed all the coils. He got it low, but it looked ridiculous. Oh, and he painted our Nova black by using cans of spray paint. He did a lot of dumb things he thought were cool.



John Crihfield
Sales
Santee

It was to a 1970 Plymouth 'Cuda I bought back in 1979. The first thing I did was get the big, fat tires and cool racing rims. I put in the four-speed Hurst shifter. I took out the motor and rebuilt it all. I'd go racing on Friday and Saturday nights out on Ruffin Road, back when there was nothing out there. But then I got married, and now I don't have the car. I wish I still had it. Those muscle cars have really gone up in value.

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2) When you successfully complete a puzzle, we'll also print a brief (10 words or less) message that you've written. This is optional, but it's a great opportunity for you to give a shout out to your mom, or toot your own horn! Each time you submit a new puzzle, you may submit a new message.

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 **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy.

5) Wow! Now we're giving away 15 Reader T-shirts each week to contenders chosen randomly!

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.

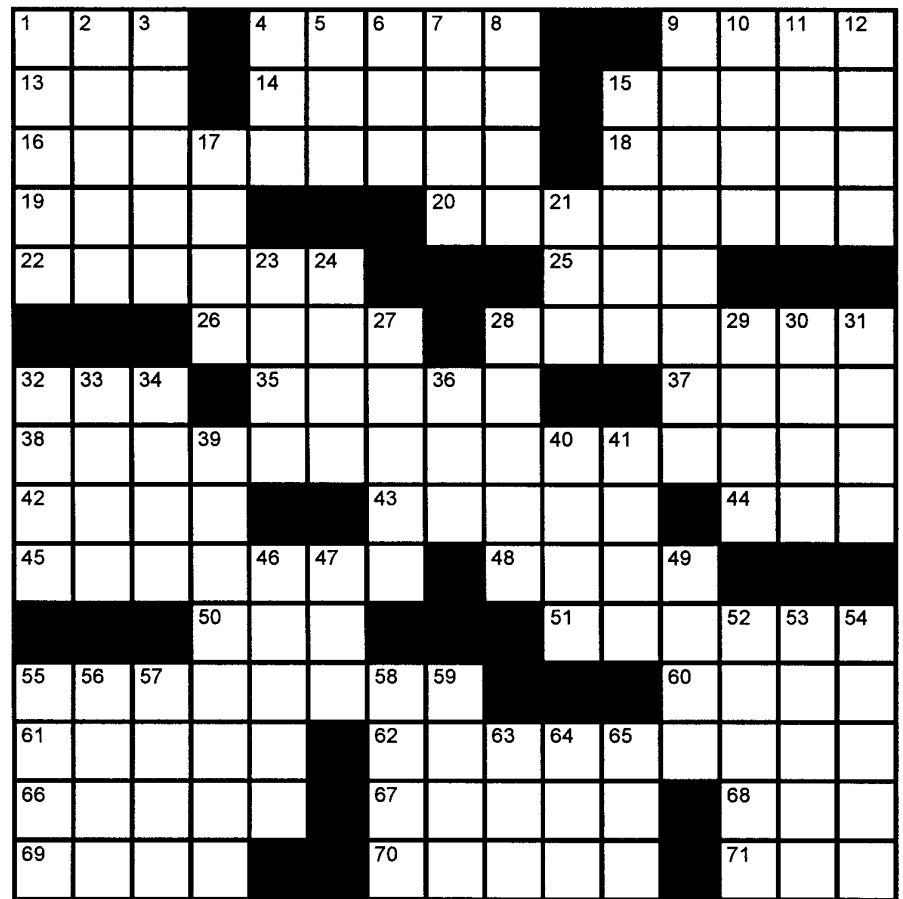
Across

1. Hippie's home
4. When a late lunch might happen
9. Dr. of afternoon TV
13. Equal: Prefix
14. Pie maker
15. "___ Lady" (1971 hit song)
16. Ode
18. Soprano Lehmann
19. Lena of "Chocolate"
20. Odd
22. Add
25. ___ Lanka
26. Made a case?

Down

22. Aid
32. It's south of Eur.
35. Fiction genre
37. Somewhat, in music
38. Classical composition with a famous section referenced by this puzzle's italicized clues
42. Sign of an allergy
43. Confess
44. Enzyme suffix
45. Bid
48. Surrounding glow
50. Oklahoma native
51. Bod
55. Boy
60. Shuffle or Nano
61. Stan's comedy partner
62. Joy
66. Skid row types
67. Register for
68. Maiden name preceder
69. It might be preapproved
70. Fountain treats
71. Alternative to dial-up

21. The Rams of the Mountain West Conference: Abbr.
23. "That's gotta hurt!"
24. Octavia's husband
27. Slice of fairway
28. Medicinal shrub
29. The last Mrs. Chaplin
30. Proofs of purchase: Abbr.
31. "Everything comes ___ who hustles while he waits": Edison
32. Start of a magician's cry
33. Heroic deed
34. Take a siesta
36. Kitten sound
39. It published an atlas in 2007 with the come-on "Now with 30% more Asia"
40. Double ___ Oreos
41. "Me neither"
46. Homeowners take them out: Abbr.
47. Drink brand that calls itself "The Antioxidant Superpower"
49. Feudin' with
52. Tip over
53. Valentine's Day dozen
54. Ford flop of the '50s
55. Scream of pain
56. Mixed bag
57. Limb bone
58. "Uh, excuse me"
59. Child's caretaker
63. Jim Bakker's ministry, in brief
64. Stroke
65. 1040-issuing org.



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Name: _____

Address: _____

Neighborhood/City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Circle T-shirt size: M L XL

Personal Message: _____

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

- Lil Wagner, Clairemont, 21.** "When is Atlas going to shrug?"
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 20.
Julie Osburn, North Park, 20. "This one was tricky to me."
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 20. "Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what's for lunch!"
Vince Cuseo, Vista, 19. "I can handle this thing - I'm smart!"
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 19. "Break time! C ya in a few weeks! PS - Go online already!"
Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 19.
Pamela Swain, College Area, 19. "It's over!"
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 18. "I love children, as long as they're cooked properly."
Janet Goff, Cardiff, 18. "Here's hoping! Although it's all over."
George Jackson, Oceanside, 18.
Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 18. "www.paintwithdan.com"
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 18. "Am I famous yet?"
Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 18. "Obama wins - America loses."

- Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 18.** "Thanks to the Chinowsky family for sharing Shabbat with us."
☛ **Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 17.** "Just one word: peace."
Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 17. "JG - It is my job to make you less jaded."
Jim Odell, Vista, 17. "Awright! Reader shirt I'll wear pedaling my bike (I'm 82)!"
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 17. "Watch out for pesky peds and bicyclers. Broken bones jam cell phones."
Paul Stanton, Canyon Hills, 17. "Adopt a homeless cat or dog today and spay/neuter."
Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 17. "Was that an assumed apartment number: EIK?"
Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 16. **Jeff Hunt, Hillcrest, 16.** "Proudly not part of Palin's Real America."
☛ **Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 16.** "Beer is proof God loves us."
Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 16. "I'll be gone for a week."
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 16. "Is Obama president yet?"
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 16.

- Lisa Torresscano, Spring Valley, 16.** "I'm not feeling it this week people!"
Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 14. "Do Florida beach shells make good files?"
Dan Blair, Linda Vista, 15. "What, me worry? George W. Bush is actually Alfred E. Neuman."
Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 15.
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 15. "By now I'm overjoyed about Obama or melancholy about McCain."
Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 15. "Look Ski, I'm a winner again."
Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 15. "The otologist's testimony was ear relevant."
Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 15.
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 15.
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 15.
Ron Meyer, Santee, 15. "Happy belated birthday, honey."
Danny Wilson, Mira Mesa, 15. "Solvers: Please, next week someone please tell me what EIK is."
Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 14.
Leslie Chase, Campo, 14. "Spessartite's a beautiful gem, but the real treasure is Bill!"
W. Hodgson, Escondido, 14. "Long time no shirt."

- ☛ **Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 14.** "I bet \$10 the Chargers won't lose this week."
John L. Drechner, North Park, 14. "If Kilroy wasn't here, where would he be?"
Roger Hunt, Carlsbad, 14. "The Joker is me!"
Barry Newman, Escondido, 14.
Jeff Smith, University City, 14. "San Diego Brewers Guild Festival November 8."
Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 14.
Marie Turock, North Park, 14.
Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 14.
Laurence Altobell III, Carmel Valley, 13. "I'm sure everything is right, but I don't get swing state."
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 13. "Q: What's an eviscerated hot dog? A: A hollow wienie!"
Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 13. "Happy birthday Debbie and you too, Dustin! Love ya!"
Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 13. "Keep the Supreme Court out of it this time!"
Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 13. "Just the fax, Ma'am - from Chicago AAR."
☛ **Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 13.** "Turn off the TV and read a book!"

- Jim Koziol, UTC, 13.** "Happy birthday Lukie!"
Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 13. "Remember? I still have Rosalyn's recipe for peanut soup!"
Dave Small, San Carlos, 13. "State of confusion."
Eddie Spaghetto, Coronado, 13. "143UNIT15! I can do forever standing on my...(head)! CIUM21"
Adele West, Rancho Bernardo, 13.
Don Austin, Laguna Beach, 12.
Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 12. "M is for making macaroni!"
A. T. Certik, Bonita, 12.
Sheilah Doyle, Santee, 12.
Joseph Dzajic, Clairemont, 12. "How about a poetry contest?"
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 12.
Nathan Petty, Santee, 12.
Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 12. "Eero and Aero - long lost brothers?"
Tom White, University City, 12. "Swing state?"
Kelley Wilson, Santee, 12. "Happy b-day to Beth! Vogue w/Madonna!"
Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 12.
Ivan Yanev, Santee, 12.
Carl Bennett, Escondido, 11.
Rolan Bloomfield, Santee, 11.

- Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 11.** "Hey Sage! I think Jenni gives you good advice!"
Neal Brown, Santee, 11.
Margaret Buckner, Santee, 11.
John Bullock, Santee, 11.
Tim Clayton, Los Penasquitos, 11. "Family makes my life."
William Cushing, RB, 11. "Congrats to Cory, Christina, and a new Great Granny."
Matt Dene, Santee, 11.
Ed Edwards, Santee, 11.
L.D. Hartpence, Santee, 11.
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 11. "75 days and counting."
Gary Kuske, Santee, 11.
Rick Marin, Santee, 11.
Kevin McNearney, Santee, 11.
Heber Moore, Santee, 11.
Kevin Hinton, Point Loma, 11.
Eugene Padua, Santee, 11.
Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 11.
Jean D. Smickle, Santee, 11.
Tom Somich, Clairemont, 11. "Congratulations Phillies!"
Stacy Tool, Santee, 11.
Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 11. "10 first time solvers win T-shirts. What's up?"
Doretha Albee, Santee, 10.
Bud Anderson, Santee, 10.
Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville, 10. "Thanks Jayne for all you do. You're the best."

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

Rick Austin, Santee, 10.
Brian W. Beadle, Clairemont, 10. "Happy birthday Kymmie. I love you."
Derek Besand, Santee, 10.
Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 10. "To many girls marriage has a nice ring to it. Where is mine?"
Rick Braithwaite, Santee, 10.
Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 10. "Mom - we love you."
E. T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 10. "Thanks Miami."
Dave Capehart, Santee, 10.
Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 10.
Doug Coffin, Santee, 10.
Dan Collins, Santee, 10.
Laura Conshafter, Santee, 10.
Andre Desilets, Downtown, 10. "Hope for a good election."
J. DeWitt, Santee, 10.
Jill Dickens, Santee, 10.
Mike Downey, Santee, 10.
Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 10.
Byron Ellsworth, Santee, 10.
Eduardo Emert, Santee, 10.
Rand Feura, Santee, 10. "Bye week stalls the Chargers losing streak."
Emma Friemuth, Santee, 10.
Tim Glover, Santee, 10.
Marie Grace, College Area, 10.
Mike Gross, Santee, 10.
Hugh Hagues, Santee, 10.
Ward Harrington, Santee, 10.
Sondra Hartpence, Santee, 10.
Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 10. "Is there life after the crossword dies?"
LeRoy Hemingway, Santee, 10.

Mark Hill, Santee, 10.
Eric Jespersen, Santee, 10.
M. Jordan, Santee, 10.
Troy Knapp, Santee, 10.
Bill Love, Santee, 10.
Eben Maat, Santee, 10.
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 10. "How about a shirt, Sporto?"
Donald Millsberg, Santee, 10.
Glen Milne, Santee, 10.
Ken Najbert, Mira Mesa, 10. "Patti and Noah, best bacon a guy can ask for!"
Bill Pischke, Ramona, 10. "A romona spessarite brightly will stay by my love tightly."
Derek Rasmussen, Santee, 10.
Richard Rose, Santee, 10.
Nathan Squire, Santee, 10.
Matt Taylor, Santee, 10.
Laurie Teemsma, Santee, 10.
Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 10.
Woody Weaver, Santee, 10.
Mary Woodbury, Santee, 10.
Ken A., Ocean Beach, 9. "Madonna stole Sly Stallone's GHG stash."
Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 9. "ITSB. But Jean Claude Van Dam would be less offensive."
Roy Bailey, Santee, 9.
Bruce Bell, South Park, 9.
Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 9. "Dearest O, whether near or far you're always in my heart."
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 9. "Love you Eric."
Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 9.
Mike D'Asaro, Santee, 9.
Susan De Masi, Fallbrook, 9.
Steve Fagerwold, Santee, 9.
Larry Hartpence, Santee, 9.

Jon Hutchens, Encinitas, 9.
Mary Hutchings, City Heights, 9.
EM Hutchings, Santee, 9.
Steve Jenks, Santee, 9.
Naomi Kashiwabara, Clairemont, 9. "Think think. Phone librarians."
Sara Khwaja, Poway, 9.
David Kuntze, El Cajon, 9. "If only we could all just get along..."
Donnie Nelson, Santee, 9.
Charles Overdorf, Santee, 9.
David Papworth, Santee, 9.
Robert Phillips, Downtown, 9. "Say it with me: President Obama."
J. Schwendinger, Santee, 9.
Ron Shields, Santee, 9.
Randy Sjoblom, Santee, 9.
Jeff Van De Moere, Banker's Hill, 9. "ME lady computer says, no."
Peter Woodbury, Chula Vista, 9.
Sue Worthen, Santee, 9.
Steven Young, Santee, 9.
Don Albee, Santee, 8.
Bruce Barshop, La Jolla, 8.
J. Breckenridge, Santee, 8.
Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 8. "Happy belated birthday, Caroline. Love Dad."
G. Doyle, Santee, 8.
Letty Hernandez, Chula Vista, 8. "Pinky: Hmm let me think. Brain: Don't hurt yourself, Pinky."
Edward C Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 8. "Billy rocks Hlromi."
Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 8. "Get ready for Thanksgiving: diet."
Phil Nichols, Escondido, 8. "Homystars?"
Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 8. "That'll teach ya AJ for getting rid of Drew Brees."

Dennis Lamboy, Santee, 8.
Don Romero, Ramona, 8. "Let me out of the doghouse, sweet Mei Ling!"
Jeff Smith, Santee, 8.
Marisa Torres, San Marcos, 8. "Noni rocks in her rocker."
Jan Dawson, North Harbor, 7. "Architects make solid erections; get you home assessment soon!"
Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 7.
"Chicago" Bob Gore, Bay Ho, 7. "Don't hate me because I'm beautiful."
Gail Kotner, University Hts, 7. "It's ok to hug a tree."
Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 7. "Heartland Lions, We Serve."
Connie Rittichier, Poway, 7.
Arno Safier, Hillcrest, 7. "Food for the brain."
Marilyn Contreras, El Cajon, 6. "November is finally here."
Ed Hefferman, La Mesa, 6. "Eli, my man! XXOO Grandad."
Diane Hutchings, Santee, 6.
Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley, 6.
Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 6. "Hi Ashley, I love you."
James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 6.
Gerry Austin, Chula Vista, 5.
Mike Deliman, Santee, 5. "Karen Marie Otter - not a good of boy!"
Alfredo Garcia, San Diego, 5. "And the winner is..."
Ernie Hsu, San Diego, 5.
"Ernie is Blackanese again! Yayuh!"
Aleksa Mendive, Normal Heights, 5. "Normal Heights is not the same as College Area!"
John Prince, Serra Mesa, 5. "Beautiful loving friend, most precious companion - that's my dog Pinto."

Denis Rees, Alpine, 5. "Here ya go, Sporto!"
Henry Romero, San Diego, 5. "Blue states bode well."
D. Tarantino, Hillcrest, 5. "Got enough guilt to start my own religion. - Tori Amos"
Bob Harper, Lakeside, 4.
Nathan Ladd, Mission Hills, 4. "Happy birthday, Dad! Let's see if you can do it."
Brian Tilley, Clairemont, 4. "Most important vote of my life. Yes we can! Obama!"
Edward J. Weidlich, Chula Vista, 4.
Westie, San Diego, 4.
Eric Yeager, Carlsbad, 4. "Hoping the next leap year will be the leap home."
Patzy and Leah, El Cajon, 3. "Patzy and Leah are back!"
Hilda Apodara, Chula Vista, 3. "Happy birthday Edgar!"
Shad Bee, South Park, 3. "Happy happy joy joy."
F. E. Cooper, La Mesa, 3.
Dean Lycas, Poway, 3.
EA McLean, El Cajon, 3. "Nyla, please do not read this aloud to yourself."
Estevan Soto, Chula Vista, 3. "I will not take my pants off! (whisper) Stop calling!"
Karen Steepy, Bonita, 3.
Jennifer Vuksinich, El Cajon, 3. "New York rocks."
M. Zimmermann, Vista, 3. "www.GOPnot4me.blogspot.com."
Philip Blase, San Diego, 2. "Jim-Jim Falls is where it's at."
Beverly Caldwell, Kearny Mesa, 2. "Avenge me, boys! Avenge me!"
Kyle Matzke, Vista, 2. "Did we lose the Cold War, Marxist presidential candidate Nobama?"

Walter Desmond Jr., Point Loma, 2. "Get those apps in."
Joseph McGuire, Downtown, 2. "We have voted. Now we hope - hope springs eternal."
Gordon Morse, San Diego, 2. "Mabuhay Lynn!"
Chris Schmidli, San Diego, 2. "Five deep!"
O. Tenny, El Cajon, 2.
Kelly Whitson, Carlsbad, 2. "Twice in a row!"
Eunice Willard, Chula Vista, 2.
Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 1. "Did your candidates win?"
Dana Bachman, San Diego, 1. "Finally!"
Manny Battaglia, Kearney Mesa, 1. "Dry ice man."
Jeff Carroll, Pacific Beach, 1. "Angie, you're hot. Let's blaze."
Pat DePew, San Diego, 1. "My first try!"
Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 1. "Break yo self."
Gian Ghio, Chula Vista, 1. "I play for keeps every day."
Maria Cecilia Gomez, Santee, 1. "Nursy, thank you so much - you know what I mean! He he he."
Lois Marsico, College Area, 1. "Hoorah for President Obama."
B. Parsons, Boulevard, 1. "Boulevard - SD County's secret place."
Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 1.
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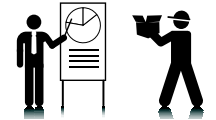
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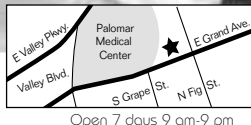
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This week's questions

1. Who forked over the \$2.5 million to buy the San Diego Symphony a 1706 Stradivarius violin?
2. What reflex does Matthew Alice say is activated by rubbing the eyes and face?
3. What's the average annual veterinary cost of owning a pug?
4. *Funplex*, according to Dave Good, is the first new album by the B-52's in how many years?
5. Don Bauder speculates in this week's "City Lights" that "a deep recession may grind all through next year," possibly ending when?
6. According to babysitter-training company OptiWell, quoted in "Best Buys," what is the legal minimum age in California for babysitting?
7. Name the local bassist who has performed with Iggy Pop, David Bowie, Chubby Checker, Jerry Lee Lewis, and New York Doll Sylvain Sylvain.
8. Jeff Smith quotes the character Asuncion Garcia, who declares that in California, "There is no power without _____."
9. This week Barbarella, in Portugal, samples what Portuguese brandy, which her host assures her is "superior to any French cognac"?
10. The Philly Grill, reviewed this week by Ed Bedford, has a hand-painted sign inside giving instructions on how to do what?

Last week's answers

1. A ring. (p. 29)
2. Veal. (p. 14)
3. John Kaheny. (p. 6)
4. An AA convention in Las Vegas. (p. 90)
5. *Aperture*. (p. 83)
6. A jar of peanut butter. (p. 171)
7. *Food Detectives*, *Iron Chef America*, *Top Chef*, or *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*. (p. 118)
8. Madonna. (p. 92)
9. The euro. (p. 22)
10. The Better Half, 127 University Avenue. (p. 116)

Last week's winners: Warren Grennan, Edmundo Luna

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LEAD STORY

— Legendary banjo player Eddie Adcock, age 70 and suffering hand tremors that failed to respond to medication, volunteered for a revolutionary neurosurgery in August in which he finger-picked tunes while his brain was exposed and Vanderbilt University Medical Center surgeons tried to locate the defective area. In “deep brain stimulation,” doctors find a poorly responding site and use electrodes to arouse it properly. As Adcock, conscious but pain-free, picked out melodies, doctors probed until suddenly Adcock’s playing became disjointed and electrodes were assigned to that spot. By October, according to an ABC News report, Adcock, with a button-activated chest pacemaker wired to his head, was back on stage, as quick-fingered as ever.

Fat Is Good

— (1) Clair Robinson, 23, told an interviewer in September that she believes the only reason she survived a deadly flesh-eating infection recently was because she had too much weight for the bacteria to consume. “Being big saved my life,”

she told Australia’s *Medical Emergency* TV show. (2) Though Mayra Rosales, 27, stands charged with capital murder in Hidalgo County, Texas, she was not ordered to jail pending trial but was allowed home detention because of her obesity. At about 1000 pounds, Rosales requires special transportation and facilities and was ruled by a judge in August to be no “flight risk.”

Equal Rights for All

— Roy Hollander filed a civil-rights lawsuit against Columbia University in New York City in August, claiming that its “women’s studies” curriculum teaches a religion-like philosophy that oppresses men by blaming them for nearly all social problems. When interviewed by the *New York Daily News*, Hollander declined to give his age, saying such a revelation would crimp his pickup success with young women. Frequently, he said, women “think I’m younger than I am, so I don’t want to disillusion them.”

The Litigious Society

— Murderers in the Money: (1) Reggie Townsend,

29, serving 23 years in a Wisconsin prison for reckless homicide against an 11-year-old girl, won \$295,000 from a jury in September as compensation for a two-month confinement with only a “wet, moldy and foul smelling” mattress to sleep on (about \$4900 per night). (2) Muri Chilton (aka Murray Gartton), serving a life sentence for the rape and murder of a 15-year-old girl, was awarded \$2500 by a Canadian Federal Court judge in September as compensation solely for feeling “utterly humiliated” in 2000 when guards roared with laughter after he mangled his thumb in a prison workshop accident.

What Goes Around, Comes Around

— Neighbors in the previously quiet New York City neighborhood of Nolita complain about the raucous, late-night trance music and crowds at the recently opened Delicatessen, according to an August *New York Post* story, but with little success. However, ten of the apartments next door happen to look directly down upon the club’s architectural signature, a see-through ceiling, and at least one resident has taken to relieving him-

self out his window, splattering the roof. Another of the residents, though, said that when the man misfires, it ruins his air-conditioning unit.

People Different From Us

— Christina Downs, 24, of Portsmouth, N.H., mounted a full-blown defense to the speeding ticket (44 mph in a 25 mph zone) she received in 2007 (even though the officer said Downs had arrogantly sped off again immediately afterward and had to be stopped a second time). Acting as her own lawyer, Downs filed motions and at a trial, put the officer through a meticulous, 96-point cross-examination about such matters as work schedule, training, engineering studies of road speeds, radar technology, weather conditions, traffic flow, and the use of a tuning fork to calibrate the radar device. The judge ruled against her, and in October 2008, the state Supreme Court ordered her to pay the \$100 ticket.

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I went to sign the documents Friday after-

Dumped

They Had Great Text

noon at his ocean-view office in Newport Beach. Designer jeans, hip retro paisley shirt with the top button open, chain around his neck, blinding whitened teeth, baby-blue eyes. After the papers were signed I said that I needed to find a gas station, and he offered to take me to one. ‘I’ll meet you in the driveway,’ he said in the elevator. ‘I have the black Porsche.’

At the gas station he asked me out, and I accepted. That’s when the text barrage started. ‘You know how to be a woman, and I like that.’ ‘You are smart, young, and hot. What else is there to know?’ ‘I wish I wasn’t

leaving town tomorrow.’

He had to leave the next day for Colorado. He was selling his eight-million-dollar architectural-award-winning house he built in Tahoe. He called me morning, noon, and night. The phone sex was hot. ‘I think I finally hit the relationship jackpot,’ I told my friends. ‘See, we told you it would get better after your divorce!’ they said to me. God closes one door and opens another. I could start to believe in the universe again.

Brent couldn’t wait to see me after Aspen. He set me up in a penthouse executive suite at a high-end

hotel in Newport so I could relax there after leaving work in Irvine. His plan was to come see me immediately upon landing.

As I sat on my ocean-view balcony sipping a \$100 bottle of wine, I planned out my new life with Brent in Newport. I’d quit my corporate dead-end job, meet the other ladies who lunch, attend fancy dinners, drive a complementary-colored Porsche. I debated what would go best with his black one. I’d never again worry about paying back my school loan or buying a new set of tires. I was tired of working 11-hour days. I could do this.

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The next day the seducing continued. He invited me to his house. Upon entering, the 180-degree view of Lido and Balboa Islands from his cliff above PCH had me enchanted. Luxury sheets that cost \$800. That's per sheet. I never knew sheets could feel like that. I woke up to an orange-pink morning sky overlooking the palm trees and yachts of Newport Harbor. Finally, something good had happened to me in this life. I needed to send God a thank-you note.

Then, it happened — without warning the tide turned and Brent became distant and cold. It was the ol' bait and switch. Now that he had my attention he didn't have to expend as much energy as he had in the beginning. Our relationship turned into texts. And sex. Mind-blowing hours of sex. That was it. My imagined life was getting distorted and melting away.

Not that I was complaining at the time. Brent's corner office with ginormous windows facing the ocean was the perfect setting for Friday-night sex on his granite desk. Million-dollar figures floated by on Excel spreadsheets on his monitor as we spent hour after hour

turning his office into what Kansas must look like after a tornado. Hey, a girl's got needs.

Then he began to blow off date after date via text. "Lunch tomorrow. Come to my office." I was constantly rearranging my schedule. "Rough day at office today. Lunch Monday?" He'd always let me down. "Very sorry we couldn't play today. Dinner & dancing next Tuesday."

I've read *He's Just Not That Into You*. I've watched *Sex and the City*. I know the warning signs. Men move mountains to be with a girl they're interested in. When he changed our Tuesday dinner date to Wednesday, the fourth blow-off, I should have known it was not going to get better.

On Wednesday the silence was deafening. I emailed, then called. At 4:53 p.m. came this text: "Been drinking since lunch with friend

from Atlanta. You never told me if Wed or Thurs worked better." I responded civilly, even flirtatiously. Brent, three sheets to the wind on a Wednesday afternoon like a frat boy, responded: "Been drinking since 1. Not a pretty sight." Forget it, right?

But the tail end of drinking always involves booty calls. Especially for an ultra-rich 51-year-old good-looking guy with game in Newport. I got two booty calls after being stood up two nights in a row. "Just got home. Where are you?" Seriously?

Reflecting upon this fiasco of a relationship, I find that what I'm looking for is much more elusive than oodles of money. In fact, I theorize that having a lot of money is inversely proportional to that person's lack of character. Prove me wrong. Wealth spoils people, warps their ethical compass. I smile and

say good morning to the janitor at work every day. I doubt Brent would do that.

The texting continued long after I had lost interest in the game. "I will be much easier to deal with after my house sells 10/15." I'm already gone, Brent. You had so much potential. Enjoy your checking account and your empty house.

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Yeah, she divorced him.

Good point.

In a sense, you're only as old as you feel, so don't be afraid to take steps to make yourself feel younger

Hey baby, good news!

Good news would be that you didn't spend \$60 on a toy meant for twelve year old kids.

Indeed! It was marked for ages ten and up!

Don't overdo it, though. Trying too hard to seem young is creepy and unseemly.

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WE'VE FOCUSED SO EXCLUSIVELY ON THE ELECTION that I'm unsure I'll know what to do with myself when it's over. I write this two days before The Tuesday, the incredibly important Tuesday, the Tuesday two years in the making, the Tuesday to end all Tuesdays.

Now I'm wondering, *What happens next?* Oh, sure, somebody takes the throne, that much is definite. But what of the others?

Let me go ahead and run with the most probable outcome. According to nearly every poll everywhere, Senators Obama and Biden should, sometime in mid-January, rush everybody out of the Oval Office, kick their shoes up on the coffee table, and then one of them will lift a leg and crack off the first wind.

Which leaves Senator McCain to putter his remaining years away on Arizona AstroTurf at the ol' barbecue, in a "Nam vets go deeper in the jungle" apron, wienie fork in one hand, and a single tear atop his can of Mountain Dew. He'll divide his time between guessing which plane flying overhead is *Air Force One* and scribbling insane little diagrams of what he'd do to George W. Bush given five minutes alone with him in a toolshed.

Every Easter he'll call Sarah Palin, just to be nice, and he'll mumble things like, "No, sweetie, it wasn't your fault. Still no word on Couric's home address. No, I can't get it from anyone. No, it's Easter; today's the day He rose from the dead not the day He created turkeys. That's another day, sweetie. Okay, you too. Bye, now."

If he doesn't already have one, I'm sure he'll buy himself a real nice golf cart, and when he's feeling sociable, he'll zip it down to the rec center for some shuffleboard or canasta.

Sarah (Oh, sweet, lovable, dumb Sarah) will continue her quest to singularly populate the planet with caribou hunters and snowmobile-race fans. When Alaskans pass her and her rabble of kids they'll say, "We're sure proud of you, Sarah. You betcha." But when it comes time to reelect her as governor, they'll write on their ballots "anybody else." She may even get her old job back as the rootinist, tootinist mayor of Wasilla, but offices of higher ambition and skill level (say, postal clerk) will ever evade her grasp.

And at night, John and Sarah will flip on their TVs and shake their heads and worry if the dull ache in their chests will ever go away.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

TODAY

NBC 7:00 A.M.

No more candidates and elections and crowds holding posters and all the detritus and flotsam that goes along with it. Back to the perennial "reporting" of Jell-O recipes and schoolteachers who get their kids involved by wearing a beard of bees. Good. I'm NOT going to miss John McCain's jowly, blinky, grumpy pan on the tube every morning — oof, there's a kick in the crotch I'm glad to see go.

KATH AND KIM

NBC 8:30 P.M.

This week on *Kath and Kim*, nothing happens. There are no jokes, plot-lines, endearing characters, or interesting situations. It starts in the center of the Bermuda Triangle, turns

three degrees to the south, and floats; it doesn't sink because that would be an event worth noting, and that sort of thing is obviously shunned by this show.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

THE STARTER WIFE

USA 10:00 P.M.

This program stars that girl who was on the show about the gay guys. She was the one that wasn't funny. Wait. There were two, weren't there? Okay, she's the one that wasn't funny with red hair, not the one who wasn't funny but always had her yams out the top of her blouse.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

SUPER LIBRO

AZTECA 9:00 A.M.

I'm writing a new Spanish-language show about a wandering dog. He's an outlaw. He steals to support a litter of puppies back in Juárez. He's

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CARMEL VALLEY. Saturday, November 15, 8am-12pm. Household items, clothes, etc. Please do not arrive prior to 8am. 3946 Santa Nella, 92130, off Carmel Park.

CHULA VISTA. Christmas around the world/house of Lloyd items. Used for display only! Hundreds of great items. 1756 Ithaca Street, 11/8, 11/9.

CLAIREMONT. Estate sale! 3128 Natchez Avenue. November 8, 9am-5pm; November 9, 10am-4pm. Furniture, ceiling fan, clothes, shoes, washer/dryer, kitchen, entertainment system, fountain, workout equipment.

CLAIREMONT. Multi-family sale. Furniture, tools, appliances, Christmas gifts, CDs, tapes, much more. Saturday, November 8, 8am-1pm. 3362 Aveley Place (off Marlesta Drive).

COLLEGE AREA. Saturday, November 15, 8am-2pm. Christmas, decor, gifts, treadmill, bike, Beanie Babies, keyboard, clothing. For details/directions, or to see anything sooner, call 619-269-6552.

COLLEGE AREA. Saturday, November 8, 7am-1pm. Odd tools, framed posters, furniture, appliances, men's clothing, books,

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hunted by a bumbling Tijuana dog-catcher, and he takes refuge in churches along his journey. He's ¡El Perro Libre! Now I just have to stitch up a small wrestler mask and get my neighbor's dog to wear it. Come here, Sparky! Time to make you a star!

LOST

ABC 9:00 P.M.

Lost is like a Rubik's cube with pictures of *Star Trek* characters painted on its sides. Sure, you could spend the next two years figuring out how to solve it, but you're still a fantastic dork who lives behind a comic-book store and keeps more lizards and pornography than one man should legally be allowed to keep.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

WHALE WARS

ANIMAL PLANET 10:00 P.M.

WHALE WARS! GOOD LORD, YOU

ANIMAL PLANET GENIUSES! I totally want to armor a whale and ride it to Mogadishu. If I could get it to fly, think of the bombs I could drop. And by bombs, of course, I mean poop.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

SAMANTHA WHO?

ABC 9:30 P.M.

Weird. Mary-Kate Olsen joins the cast for this episode. (Is she the skinny one on dope or the other one?) Apparently, the hot chick from *Married with Children* is supposed to help her with something. Whatever the cure is to Mary-Kate's problems, it should start with a burrito and a bottle of methadone. Correction: burrito, bottle of methadone, and a stern spanking. Wait a minute: burrito, bottle of methadone, spanking, antlers (for me), a Viking helmet (for her), and then "labor therapy," which begins

with her scrubbing my bathtub. There, all better. Damn, I'm like Dr. Phil.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

ROCK OF LOVE CHARM SCHOOL

VH1 9:00 P.M.

If VH1 flogs this *Rock of Love* concept any harder, it's going to look like Paris Hilton's tube of ChapStick. (That stuff really does moisturize and soothe cracked, chapped, and burning skin everywhere. EVERYWHERE. Think about it.)

WEDNESDAY,

NOVEMBER 12

42ND ANNUAL COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS

ABC 8:00 P.M.

Ugh. I'd rather watch Bridget the Midget eat a plate of cupcakes while riding in one of those motorized coin-op red rocket ships outside of a grocery store. Wait. To be honest,



Samantha Who?

I'd really rather watch that than anything else...ever. Damn, that'd be good. Can someone set that up?

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

KITCHEN NIGHTMARES

FOX 9:00 P.M.

Here's how my thought process goes after watching *Kitchen Night-*

mares: Oh, my God, that's disgusting! I'll never eat at a restaurant ever again. Oh, I got a text. What's it say? "Meet me at Burny McGarbagefryers in ten minutes and I'll buy you an extra-sloppy joe!" HOT DAMN! I'm back! I need eggs and shellfish prepared by an immigrant, right now.

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HILLCREST. Big yard sale, Saturday 11/8, Sunday 11/9, 8am-3pm. Oriental goods, golf clubs, clothes, household items and lots more! 2815 4th Avenue, 92103.

LA MESA. Saturday November 8, 8am-7pm. Oak dining set, lounge chair with ottoman. Floral wool rug, tools, and miscellaneous household items. 8661 Lemon Avenue.

LINDA VISTA. 6321 Caminito Lusito, San Diego, 92111. Saturday 11/08/08, 9am-2pm, camping equipment, golf clubs, inflatables, and other items.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Multi-family, 4789 35th Street. Sofa, chairs, entertainment center, shelving, bookshelves, walnut vanity, nightstand, clothes. Saturday November 8, 7:30am-noon. No early birds.

NORTH PARK. Garage sale, November 7, 8, 8am-2pm. 3049 Boundary Street. Please no early birds. Red oak hardwood flooring, vanities, English saddles, electronics, vintage clothing.

NORTH PARK. Saturday, November 8, and Sunday, November 9, 8am. Furniture, curios, antiques. 3225 Redwood.

UNIVERSITY CITY. Saturday November 8, 10am, 4813 Governor Drive. To help with medical/moving expenses. Jewelry, furniture, clothes. Some items free. No early birds, please.

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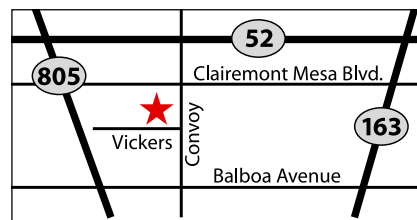
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T.G.I.F.

Halloween is taking on the aspect of its Mexican neighbor, the Day of the Dead.

By John Brizzolara

Shall I give Halloween a rest? I don't much think so. Why me? In fact, I notice it growing on me day by day, and I've been paying more attention to its utility as, if not competition, at least a way to deflate and parody the true nature of the human condition. This is hardly original and I don't mean it to be; it is just that I never saw that aspect of it as particularly effective until this holiday.

Since 2003 my own personal body count (consisting of close relatives and friends) has gone, if not through the roof, then through the back wall of the crematorium chamber in an unprecedented pileup. This includes one mother, one brother, three close friends, and a colleague, also a close friend. Over all of them leers the young, living face of madness, another close relative, like a scary clown mouth at the entrance to that crematorium.

Yesterday I heard of another. Gerald Durran Bowes, his brother told me by email, died four years ago, in 2004. He assumed I knew. While Gerry should probably not be included in a column about Halloween as if he were some absurd goblin, I wouldn't expect his objection to being enlisted in making my point. From 1977, the year my son was born, when Gerry and I met as bartenders in McFeeley's (in the historic Terminal Hotel, 23rd Street, near the

Chelsea), and from the time he stayed with me for weeks at my home in Mexico, to the last time I saw him in Manhattan in 1994, we were friends. I had always assumed we would speak, see each other again and soon, very soon. I assumed too much. I allowed myself to lose touch with him and, as his brother pointed out, it was assumed that I had died from either drinking, heart failure, a recurrence of cancer, take your pick. Halloween is taking on the aspect of or merging more gracefully with its Mexican neighbor, the Day of the Dead.

These holidays have already combined nicely along this stretch of the border and so have become more cathartic. That's my theory anyway. With this news about Gerry, I feel more prepared than ever to commingle with the horror, not some silly mask, but the essence behind the symbol — whichever one I choose (not Batman, for example) — and that would be me.

This leads me back to what started this whole train of thought a few weeks ago. I had turned to my friend Bill as we drove home from a funeral and muttered a quote from Samuel Delany that "The greater part of grief is fear," provoking an observation on my maudlin turn of mind. That part of grief, the fear, the look of recognition on one's face while staring at his own skull beneath the skin, is the face you'll find behind the ultimate fright mask.

Gerry was a couple of years, maybe three years older than me. We drank much (and often too much) together as both bartenders and friends. He drove my wife and me (along with his wife) to the hospital while my wife was in labor with our own little bundle of mortality. Actually, it was his wife who drove (I remember now), hitting every pothole on Second Avenue. We worked together in Brooklyn, at a place called Camperdown Elm, where I met his friend Pete Hamill and worked with Pete's brother John, another news writer; and their brother Dennis, the novelist, was a regular. I was not worthy. I really wasn't.

Gerry threw me a one-man bachelor party the night before I got married. We started in the West Village, at a place called Montana Eve's, and ended up at a party on the Upper West Side, at the apartment of someone we did not know. Gerry spoke Russian. He was a painter, and his huge, thick-daubed canvases hung in stairwells, apartments, shows in Park Slope and Brooklyn Heights and the Village coffee shops. He loved women and he painted them. He married one of his models. He and his brother Rick could recite entire Gilbert and Sullivan works. I was so impressed because I didn't know it was a nerd thing.



Gerry could explain flanking movements in the First Peloponnesian War, and his brother could delineate and describe all the rest.

I once asked Gerry a very important question. I knew he would give me a quick and definitive answer; he and his brother were the most literate guys I knew. "Who is good, Gerry? Who is the best with English?" His answer took no time at all. "Graham Greene and Evelyn Waugh." I took that to the bank, and though less so with Waugh, that answer dictated much of what I wrote for the next two years, mostly in horror fiction, about stuff that goes bump in the night.

If we need a way to contrive Gerald Bowes into this column called "T.G.I.F.," let us say that I've been writing more or less about or around Halloween for the past few weeks — and death. Well, Halloween fell on a Friday this year, didn't it? Well, thank God. And good night, Gerry.

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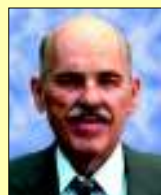
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