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**Eternal Lindbergh**  
The San Diego Weekly Reader's weekly San Diego readers need not fear who is on the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority ("The Fix Is In," November 20). Whether Sheriff Kolender got his man on the SDCRAA has no importance. Kolender and Lynch are a matched pair anyway: Lynch smart enough not to be a Copley puppet and Kolender dumb enough to think he is.

The readers especially need not worry that the SDCRAA will build a new airport. The deck is stacked against that. The plain facts are these:

1. Not in my or your lifetimes or our children's or grandchildren's lifetimes will Lindbergh Field close. We won't allow it. Every fancy new condominium we build downtown is another vote for Lindbergh Field. We are creatures of comfort. It's politically impossible to close Lindbergh Field.

2. With Lindbergh Field open, another airport anywhere in the region is economically infeasible. There will never be enough air traffic for two airports, no matter what anyone says.

3. For the question "Where does the air cargo and passenger overflow go in the future?", here's the answer: Abelardo G. Rodríguez International Airport, of course.

Regional air-transport planning isn't rocket science. It's a matter of dropping things. Some have to drop the scales from their eyes, some drop the chips off their shoulders, and others drop the pretense that they know what they're talking about.

James Varnadore  
City Heights

**Wonderful Lynch**  
I'm known throughout San Diego as the Bookman, the

crazy nut who gives away with his lovely crew of all-volunteer people a half million free books per year. You were wonderful enough to write an article about our work maybe four or five years ago. I read with interest your article ("The Fix Is In," November 20) vilifying Sheriff Kolender and a dear man by the name of William D. Lynch. William D. Lynch and the Fabulous Five, I call them — the Nice Guys: Ron Blair, Lou Ferrero, Bill Lynch, John Carlson, Bob Bradley — have been my staunchest supporters, and I'm not running for any political office or any appointed office. I think the San Diego area is very blessed to have a man of William D. Lynch's character, background, and business savvy on our airport authority. This dear man comes up with \$3000 a year — along with the other Fabulous Five, also \$3000 each a year — to support our program that reaches literally thousands of needy people here. He does this without any fanfare, without any paybacks, without any political ambition.

The most admired man in the sheriff's department is their leader, Bill Kolender. He's respected by his staff, and it's been my delight to furnish over a million books to the seven jails in San Diego. He's a wonderful, caring man, and we're lucky to have him as the leader of the sheriff's department.

Hear this from me, Bill Lynch is a wonderful, wonderful guy, and I hope you'll look into his business sense as a matter of fair play.

I do respect your paper. I love it.

Irwin Herman

**Press Pun**  
The *San Diego Union-Tribune* bowdlerizes the San Diego news, and the San Diego *Reader* baulderizes it!

Paul E. Nenner

**Unfiltered Inaccuracies**  
The article titled "Corporate Effluent" in the November 13 issue of the *Reader* ("City Lights") is full of inaccuracies — both implied or outright stated.

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## Like daughter, like father, like Pete Wilson

When 36-year-old San Diego native and longtime **Pete Wilson** operative **Margita Thompson** was named press secretary to new Republican governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger** two weeks ago, nothing was said in local media about her father, **Barnard R. Thompson**, a noted local consultant, columnist, and Mexican-affairs lobbyist. But the day after Margita's new appointment was announced, the *Union-Tribune* — without mentioning the father-daughter relationship — ran a column authored by Barnard on its op-ed page, blasting the state legislature of Baja California Sur for what Barnard described as its "asinine" move of declaring Schwarzenegger "persona non grata" for his support of the Wilson-era anti-immigrant measure, Prop 187. In the same piece, Thompson also took a swipe at Democratic congressman **Bob Filner**, calling him "an often mean-spirited politico" with "ties to" the PRD (in English, the Democratic Revolution Party) "that could allow him to influence anti-American politics" of party members. Thompson cited a story in a Tijuana daily quoting Filner as saying, "We know very little about Schwarzenegger, but one thing we do know is that his main political ally is Pete Wilson, the same governor who was clearly against the migrant community and who pushed for Proposition 187. The win by Schwarzenegger means that [California] will return to the climate of hostility that existed during the era when Pete Wilson was in power." Reached at his home by phone last week, Thompson said he was heading back to Washington to help his daughter — whose last job was as political producer for CNN's **Larry King** — pack up her belongings for shipping to Sacramento.

**Union-Tribune's urgency** There's been a recent posting on the Journalism Jobs website that faithful readers of the local daily might find a bit amusing: "The San Diego *Union-Tribune* is looking for a reporter who values covering public policy issues and explaining to readers the political reasons behind decisions made by the county Board of Supervisors and the bureaucrats [sic] it supervises. San Diego County has a \$4 billion annual budget and the supervisors' actions affect everything from tax collection to health care to agriculture to land use.... The county reporter must have keen watchdog instincts and the news judgment to zero in on issues important to residents. A sense of urgency and a competitive edge are essential. Strong writing and reporting skills are a must. Applicants should have at least five years of government/political beat reporting experience. Please send a résumé and five to 10 clips to Metro Editor **Lorie Hearn**." ...Yet another local agency is withholding information sought by a San

Diego taxpayer under the state's Public Records Act: **Rocco Versaci** is suing the Palomar Community College District, alleging that it refused to give him a copy of "the eleven annual goals agreed to by the Governing Board" and Superintendent **Sherrill D. Amador**



Christine Kehoe

... Democratic assemblywoman **Christine Kehoe** told the *Union-Tribune* last week that she was going to change her position and vote to repeal that controversial illegal immigrant drivers' license bill. It wouldn't be the first time that Kehoe, now running for state senate, has done a spectacular flip-flop. Back in 1998, when Kehoe was on the San Diego City Council and running for Congress, she repudiated her own vote to approve the costly Chargers ticket guarantee and Qualcomm Stadium deal.

## Influence peddling on a full stomach

It's turkey time again, and this year local legislators have lots to give thanks for. Take, for instance, Democratic state senator **Denise Moreno Ducheny** and Republican assemblywoman **Shirley Horton**. According to lobbyist disclosure records on file in Sacramento, each received at least one free meal from none other than Sempra Energy, the utility giant that owns SDG&E. On February 20, Horton got a meal worth \$91.45 at



Shirley Horton

downtown's posh Rainwater's restaurant. On September 9, Sempra picked up a Ducheny tab of \$58 at Centro Cocina Mexicana in Sacramento ... According to an in-house memo from food services director **Gary Petill**, employees of the San Diego Unified School District are being offered "'ready-to-go' Thanksgiving Dinner" at a bargain rate. The menu includes "a complete dinner for 8 people," featuring a "10-12 lb. Oven Roasted Turkey w/Gravy" and choice of apple or pumpkin pie, "ALL FOR ONLY \$39.99!" ... Atlas Hotels owner **Terry Brown** and wife **Charlene** were big donors to an effort earlier this year to gather enough signatures to put a hotel tax increase measure on the San Diego ballot. According to disclosure records, the couple kicked in almost \$200,000 to the campaign from early August to late September. In October, a deal worked out between the competing hotel and city labor-union interests to put a 13 percent hotel-tax increase before voters in March was approved by the city council 6-3, with Mayor **Dick Murphy** voting no.

— Matt Potter

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## A Metabolife Death

By Don Bauder

On November 15 at 8:54 p.m., certified public accountant Michael Compton died of a gunshot wound to the head. The county medical examiner's office ruled it a suicide.

Compton, who lived in Spring Valley, was the outside accountant for Metabolife, the diet-drug maker whose ephedra-based compound has engendered multiple personal injury and wrongful death suits, as well as government investigations.

Now it can be told:

Santa Fe Farms was also raided. Agents carted off reams of documents and computer data from both locations.

Very quietly on November 5 of this year, only ten days before Compton's apparent suicide, the application and affidavit for a search warrant was unsealed in U.S. District Court. It reveals that

skimmed cash from the company.

And, according to the affidavit, Compton knew about it. A poignant section of the affidavit describes how Al Golden, another certified public accountant, had been hired to put a valuation on Metabolife. Golden talked with Compton.

"Compton told Golden that Bradley, Ellis, and Blevins each had over \$1 million in unreported cash concealed in safes within their homes," says the affidavit. Compton had personally seen the cash in the homes of Bradley and Ellis. (Ellis lives in a waterfront mansion on Nichols Street in Point

48. Compton also related how he traveled to New York City along with Bradley, Ellis and their attorney, John Lauer, to set up off-shore bank accounts and trusts. Compton also told Golden that this group also made a trip in December 1997 (or early 1998) to the Cayman Islands to set up off-shore accounts.

From affidavit for search warrant, unsealed on November 5, 2003

Metabolife and its three owners — Michael Joseph Ellis, Michael Lee Blevins, and William Robert Bradley — are also suspected of massively evading taxes through trusts in offshore tax havens.

In July of 2002, criminal investigators of the Internal Revenue Service raided Compton's Mission Valley office. At the same time, Blevins's palatial home in the gated community of Rancho

criminal investigators from the Internal Revenue Service believe that Metabolife failed to account for \$93.7 million in income on its income tax returns from 1996 through 1999. Ellis, Blevins, and Bradley "utilized Metabolife to commit millions of dollars in tax evasions," says the affidavit by Thomas Martinez, special agent for the Internal Revenue Service. Also, it appears that the three

Loma, according to a neighbor.)

The affidavit relates that Compton told Golden how he had traveled to New York with Bradley, Ellis, and their attorney "to set up offshore bank accounts and trusts." In

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## Neal Obermeyer





## Unnecessary Seal Harassment

By Joe Deegan

**W**hile waiting for public discussion later this fall of a Parks and Recreation Department plan to make Children's Pool

available for swimmers, some of La Jolla's residents are busy trying to make precedent out of plans of their own. One camp's partisans routinely enter the water now from the Children's Pool beach, still cordoned off by the city from visitors, and swim north to Seal Rock and back. The other camp has appointed itself guardians of the large seal population that has made the beach its home and regularly chastises or reports to the authorities anyone it deems in violation of the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Don Riley has made the seals of Children's Pool his special interest for at least ten years. Early every morning he drives his motorhome to the cliffs above the beach, a place he calls "a sacred spot," and assesses the well-being of the seals that each year are visited by thousands of peo-

ple from all over the world. Riley thinks any human entrance into Children's Pool or onto its beach cannot help disturbing the seals and thereby breaking the law. The Marine Mammal Protection Act is written in such a way that something as little as causing a seal to look up could be interpreted as a violation.

San Diego's lifeguards, claims Riley, are unnecessarily encouraging seal harassment these days with a message written on the signboard outside their station. On a day early this November, the message read: "Persons are allowed to enter Children's Pool as long as seals do not get disturbed." That, from Riley's perspective, is impossible.

According to Riley, a lifeguard lieutenant once told him that seals are protected only on Seal Rock.

"But," Riley says, "the law protects seals from humans everywhere."

Several times since late August, from the cliff and the sea wall donated by Ellen Browning Scripps in 1931, visitors watching the seals booed people who had gone beyond the protective cordon onto the beach, yelling at them to get off. In one such incident, several people had walked onto the beach when the seals were gone only to have two seals swim ashore. As the crowds from above began taking notice of the animals, pointing them out and photographing them, the humans on the beach walked toward them and flushed them back into the water. The onlookers made their displeasure known with derisive shouts.

Those who favor human use of Children's Pool, however, maintain that Riley and others provoke incidents like this one by working visitors up and urging them to yell at people on the beach. Feeling endangered by the crowd displays, John Steele and several other La Jolla residents went to court on September 21 and obtained a two-year restraining order against Riley.

Contentiousness over



Don Riley

seals increased with the rapid growth of the pinniped population during the 1990s. People from all over San Diego have memories of swimming with seals at Children's Pool. It was a more idyllic time, perhaps, when they could do so, but even today, says Jeanne Perry of La Jolla, seals "come right up next to you while you're snorkeling, and you'll feel something tugging on your fin. Then a head pops up. They're quite curious. And they certainly have the advantage in the water."

What exasperates many

today is that, in donating money for a sea wall, Ellen Browning Scripps had intended to create a safe place for children, the handicapped, and the elderly to swim in the ocean. The beach was smaller and farther back from the water then, and few if any seals frequented it. Instead, the seals hauled themselves up onto Seal Rock farther north toward Shell Beach. But as the Children's Pool beach got larger from sands washing onto it, seals migrated to it for the softer rest and sun's warmth it provides. Esti-

mates today put the number of seals using the beach at near 200.

When asked why humans should not return to the beach, Jim Hudnall, from La Jolla Friends of the Seals, says, "When people go too close to the seals, and one seal gets frightened, she'll often panic into the water, and that causes all the other seals to flush into the water. To cause something like that is patently against federal law. So, for practical reasons, it's impossible to share that little piece of sand."

According to Hudnall, sudden flushing of seals into the water can affect their survival adversely. "For instance, anytime they're frightened into the water when moms are with little pups," he says, "there's the chance for mom-and-pup separation. And the Marine Mammal Protection Act is designed to give the animals the best chance for survival they can have on their own." Hudnall did his undergraduate work in geology, worked in marine geology at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and did graduate study in oceanography. For the past several years, he has been closely watching seal behavior off the coast of La Jolla.

"The seals," he says, "are now using the Children's Pool beach as a rookery for birthing their pups, nursing their young, and hauling out of the water year-round to reoxygenate their blood, something harbor seals need



Harbor seals at Children's Pool



## Metabolife death

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December of 1997, the group went to the offshore haven of the Cayman Islands to set up secret accounts.

Then comes the punch line. In early 1998, Compton asked Golden if he (Compton) might be criminally liable because he knowingly prepared corporate tax returns that concealed cash that had come into the com-

pany. "Golden advised Compton that he thought he might be criminally liable," says the affidavit.

Through a spokesman, Metabolife made this statement: "The company and its principals were shocked and

deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Mr. Compton. As to the IRS investigation, the company maintains it did nothing wrong, and is confident that when the investigation is completed, it will be fully vindicated."

The affidavit goes deeply into the backgrounds of Ellis and particularly Blevins. It has already been reported that in 1988, Blevins and Ellis were arrested for conspiracy to manufacture meth-

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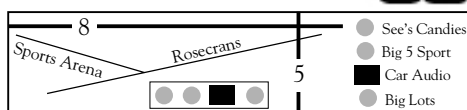
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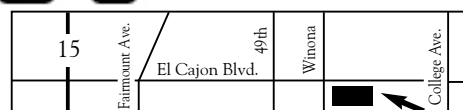
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amphetamine with the intent to distribute. They were doing it from a rented house in Rancho Santa Fe. Ellis was

placed on five years' probation, and Blevins was sentenced to five and a half years in prison.

This affidavit has more. In 1973, Blevins was charged with battery on a police officer. Two years later, he was

arrested for conspiracy to distribute cocaine. This charge was dismissed. The same year, he was arrested again for cocaine distribution. Apparently, that charge was reduced to possession, and in mid-1975 he got a

three-year suspended sentence and was placed on probation for a year.

The next year, he was charged with drunk driving and pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of reckless driving. In 1977, he was placed

on probation for two years. All that was prologue to the 1988 arrest and later imprisonment for the methamphetamine charges.

In the early 1990s, Ellis and others, including Bradley, formed two compa-

nies to market a supplement called Nepegen. It was not successful.

In 1995, Ellis formed Metabolife. On his release from prison, Blevins was named vice president. Bradley was chief executive officer. The product, according to the affidavit, was essentially Nepegen.

In 1998, one of the cofounders of the original companies distributing Nepegen sued Ellis and Bradley for misuse of the formula. The suit was settled for \$4 million, according to the affidavit. Then the cofounder sued a second time, claiming that Ellis "had grossly misrepresented the sales of Metabolife during 1997." The cofounder said sales were several hundred million dollars. Ellis said they were \$27 million. Tax returns indicated they were \$31.6 million, according to the affidavit.

Metabolife is sold through multilevel marketing, often called pyramid marketing. Distributors were encouraged to turn in money to headquarters in cash. According to one source quoted in the affidavit, Metabolife would receive half a million dollars in cash a day during 1998 and 1999. However, the company turned in far less than that to its onshore banks, according to the affidavit.

A number of former employees, including a chief financial officer, say that Ellis, Bradley, and Blevins "were skimming large amounts of cash from the operation (before the cash receipts were deposited into the corporation's bank accounts)," says the affidavit.

The former chief financial officer told investigators that "Bradley had bragged about setting up a bank account in Switzerland to hide the cash skimmed from the corporation," according to the affidavit. A former in-house lawyer told investigators that "Ellis and Bradley paid for their houses and other items with large amounts of cash," according to the affidavit.

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Andrea McGinty,  
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Enter It's Just Lunch!, a dating service for busy professionals that hand selects couples for lunch dates. The company was born in 1991 in Chicago. Founder Andrea McGinty's fiancé jilted her weeks before the wedding, and she began the tedious search for a way to meet "normal," well-educated professionals. Her friends sent her out on blind dates, she tried personal ads and even thought about a dating service, but she just wasn't comfortable with any of the options.

**The ideal date, she decided, was a lunch date.** Ms. McGinty launched the company with the simple premise: a dating service based on a personalized screening and a painless meeting with her to determine whether she had the type of people the client would like to meet.

The dating service caters to an upscale audience, Ms. McGinty explained. Nearly 95% have college degrees, 60% have an advanced degree; many are lawyers, doctors, people in the arts and entertainment industry, bankers, teachers, marketing entrepreneurs and business executives. Men who join are in age from 26 to 55, most women from 24 to 45.

In fact, one of It's Just Lunch's recent success stories occurred in a matter of 6 hours. Elizabeth, a 33-year-old advertising executive came in at 10 a.m. and joined the service. Tim, a 37-year-old doctor, signed up at 4 p.m. "I was so excited during the interview with Tim because I knew I had exactly what he was looking for...Elizabeth. They were both passionate about the outdoors; he had just come back from mountain climbing in Denver and she had just finished biking in Italy," says an It's Just Lunch! director. **Her gut was right on the mark! They have been dating for 7 months now.**

**The majority come to It's Just Lunch because they are tired of the bar scene, have not been meeting the right people or they don't want to date co-workers.**

More than 70% of her clients are referred by another client, Ms. McGinty says. In general, a client calls the service for information. Then, a one-hour meeting is set up between the client and Director to discuss the type of person they'd like to meet. A wide array of topics are covered: age, education, background, hobbies, interests, people they have dated in the past and what their goals are.

If It's Just Lunch can offer good matches and the person decides to join, IJL accepts a \$1,500 check for a one-year membership (several smaller packages available). Within 48 hours, the company will call to tell the client all about their first date. The service handles all of the information in a confidential manner—while both people will know a lot about each other, last names and phone numbers are not given. It's up to the clients to do so after they have met—and most of them do exchange phone numbers and make plans to get together again. Then, they each check in with the company and give feedback on the date.

Ms. McGinty smiles and confesses to being a romantic at heart. "It's an absolute blast," she says "And I believe there's absolutely somebody for everyone."



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### Seal

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to do. They have a strong need in the course of their survival to pull out of the water, and there are only certain kinds of places they can do that, fairly sheltered places, because they can't rotate their pelvises up underneath them and walk, the way sea lions can."

The local seals, Hudnall has observed, use the Children's Pool beach more than Seal Rock, except at lower tides. "My theory on that," he says, "which is not proven, is that Seal Rock is eroding at a rapid rate, as is the rest of the coastline in that area, and probably has lowered so much in the last few years that it is not a suitable place for harbor seals to haul out the way it was, say, in the '50s and '60s, when they were using it and not using Children's Pool beach. On most days throughout the winter, you will see, at higher tides, huge waves sweeping across the top of the rock. So, today, Seal Rock is absolutely an impossible place for a mother seal to keep her baby or haul out and stay dry to get warm."

Some who support humans using Children's Pool want to encourage the seals to find another place to haul out. But the seals appear to have no inclination to leave. And that raises the question of how to encourage them to leave, perhaps to return to Seal Rock, which, according to many, offers visitors a good view of the seals, too.

"The last thing the politicians want," says local resident Carl Lind, "is to be shown on video with their agents chasing seals off the beach. But they don't have to do that, because several times a day, at least once, there will be zero seals at the Children's Pool. They have to go out to feed and do whatever they do. So you see this beautiful sandy beach down there with not one seal on it. The way to do it is wait until the seals leave on their own and then hire a rent-a-cop and let him walk back and forth on the beach. This is passive. You can do it without scaring the seals. They'll see some action on the beach and find another place. Right now they might not care [about people on the beach], because they're so used to

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seeing them. But if the rent-a-cop had a dog on a leash, that might do something. It would be a passive way of doing this."

Jeanne Perry thinks the mere presence of people sitting on the beach would discourage the seals from coming there in the numbers they have been. But she doesn't want to drive them all away. "Think of going to the beach," she says, "and you want to find a patch of sand to sit on. Well, somebody's already got their beach towel there, their beach chair, and their umbrella. You'll move down the beach a little more and find your own patch. Isn't that what seals would do, too?"

The current concentration of seals at Children's Pool makes many surfers in the area worry about sharks, for which seals are natural prey. Melinda Merryweather says some fishermen told her that last winter they spotted a white shark several hundred yards off Windansea beach thrashing a seal in the water. Many marine biologists believe that most shark attacks on humans are "prey-identification mistakes."

Merryweather has lived in La Jolla all her life. "A thing that's scaring me now is that we're attracting sharks, and my son is a surfer. The city has been warned that this is a scary possibility."

Other, less serious but still unpleasant possibilities have occurred to Merryweather. "At any moment," she says, "the seals could go around to the Cove and take it over. What are we going to do then? What happens when ten of them start lying down at La Jolla Shores? Harbor seals are not endangered in

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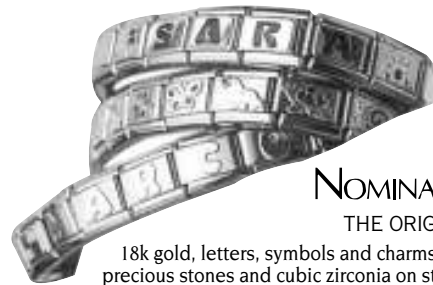
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"My grandmother swam at the Children's Pool, my mom swam there, I swam there, I taught my son to swim there, and I now want to teach my granddaughter to swim there, because it is one of the safest places that we have to swim in the ocean.

"The awful thing that has happened," continues Merryweather, "is that we have lost one of our most beautiful resources, which is criminal. There should never be loss of any beach, anywhere in the world. Nobody should ever be told they can't go on a beach. That police barrier, that piece of rope up there at the Children's Pool, is ridiculous. To tell you the truth, the other day I walked right through it. Myself and a swimmer. And the seals didn't move. We were within our rights. Unless you bother the seals, it is no big deal. I would like to go down there and talk to the seals and say to them, 'Do you know that a whole generation is going to miss swimming at this pool that all our other generations of humans swam at? Would you guys mind moving down the beach a way?' And I think they would say, 'Sure.' "

At the April 1 council meeting last spring, Jim Hudnall handed Mayor Murphy a stack of more than 11,000 signed petitions asking the city to make Children's Pool a seal reserve. The city council ignored the petition in favor of ordering a study on how to make Children's Pool suitable for swimming again. An announcement of that plan is now more than two months overdue. ■

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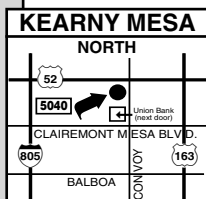
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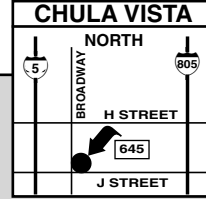
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With her father, mother, older sister, and twin brother, Kloeung fled from Cambodia to Thailand and from there to the Philippines, living on the run and in refugee camps until a Catholic charity helped them emigrate to the U.S. They landed in New Orleans when Kloeung was four years old and lived there until a friend who had discovered San Diego told them the culture out here was more diverse, easier for strangers to find their way in.

Now they live in a San Diego apartment, Kloeung, her parents, and two brothers. Her father, who usually worked as a landscaper, is retired. Her mother doesn't work outside the home. Kloeung

is 24; she's in her last semester of college, a psychology major, which offers meager career prospects. She works only part-time, shares rent, and helps with groceries. She never intended to buy such a car.

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"You're kidding me," Kloeung said. "I can't even get approved for a student Visa."

Not only would they front her all those dollars, but she had walked into a

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So Kloeung and a girlfriend went shopping. They started at Pacific Honda. But while test-driving a Civic, Kloeung realized she didn't feel good about it. Besides, she thought, everybody she hung around with expected her to buy a Honda. And why spend all that money unless it makes you feel good?

Then they passed a Mercedes dealership, and she thought, *I'm going to test-drive one of those and see how it feels.*

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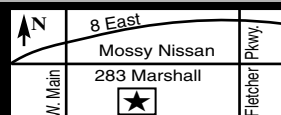
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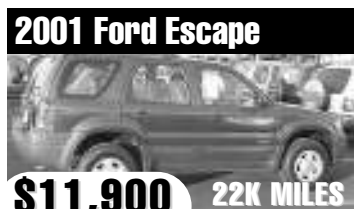
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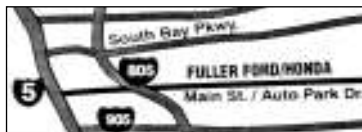
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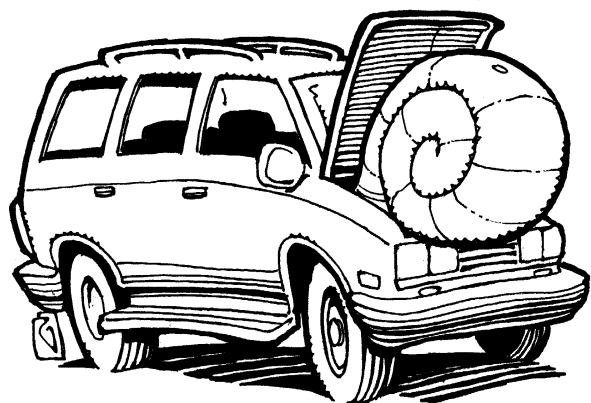
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BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Hey, Matt:

The other day I popped open the hood on my Mitsubishi Montero gas-guzzling SUV, which I park outside, and found about six to eight somewhat intact snail shells. The shells weren't smashed, but the animals were gone and parts of the shells were gone. Do you have any idea how they got there? By the way, my wife also had a couple in her engine.

— Rick in Encinitas

Maybe this will take the edge off the guilt over the gas-guzzler: you're running your own little wildlife sanctuary! The wildlife in question is rats, but, hey, they're wild and life, so they qualify. Rats are everywhere in the county, and they'll eat pretty much anything, including garden snails. And one of the hideouts rats love is inside engine compartments. They can insinuate themselves into surprisingly small spaces. So fall asleep each night with the comforting picture of the neighborhood rats picking up an order of snails to go, then snacking in the warmth and safety of your Montero.

As a public service — completely free, you-didn't-ask-about-it facts — I'll add that when you discover something is eating the wiring and hoses in your engine (and you will...), that's also your rats. They are champion chewers, and something about electrical insulation is irresistible. Do-it-yourself rat poisons are very dangerous to cats, dogs, and other better-behaved animals, so call the county's ratbusters, the vector control office, for advice (858-694-2888). One home remedy you might try is moth balls, said to be a reliable ratproofing.

Dear Matthew Alice:

While wandering through department stores this weekend, I saw hundreds of ugly articles of clothing on sale that no one would ever buy at any price, no matter how low. With all the concern about recycling these days, what happens to all these clothes?

— Sonny G., downtown

If you'd look around, Sonny, you'd realize that most of those vicious garments will be snatched off the rack and perhaps even worn in public. Fashion scientists call the phenomenon shopper's coma — a momentary taste blackout caused by the sight of a "Reduced for Clearance!" sign. It's like a lost-time experience. One minute you're idly strolling into a department store, next thing you know, you're at home removing from your shopping bag a half-price orange spandex jumpsuit with a large black eagle embroidered on the back, though you have no memory of actually having bought it.

Fashion designers and retailers aren't in the business of offering us things they're sure we won't buy. Little of what you see on those racks will go unsold. But if it can't be moved by the department store, the clothing will be bought by a jobber, who will resell it to smaller discount stores, which then offer it to us again at even more delightful prices. Remember, a weed is just a flower in the wrong place; a \$100 orange spandex jumpsuit might look like crabgrass in a fancy department store, but when we find it at a discount house, marked down to \$9.95, it's suddenly a rose.

If the jumpsuit has no good Halloween potential, it will next end up hanging from a bush in our front yard at a garage sale. And here we'll proudly point out to browsers that it *has never been worn!* See? The price tag's still on it!" Who could possibly pass up a \$100 orange Spandex jumpsuit for only 75 cents? But in case they do, we then donate the thing to Goodwill or the Salvation Army, where someone will buy it, later try to sell it at a yard sale, then donate it back to Goodwill. This yard sale/Goodwill cycle is a vortex from which the jumpsuit may never be rescued. But just think of all the people who've made a living off the ugly thing in the meantime.

Mr./Ms. Matthew/Alice:

Perhaps you could resolve a lingering dispute between a friend and me. He insists that armadillos cross streams by holding their breath and walking along the bottom until they reach the other side. This seems as problematic as it does improbable.

— Mike, San Diego

Though it may look like an ambulatory football, the U.S.'s nine-banded armadillo has quite a gymnastic repertoire. A Georgia town used to hold armadillo Olympics to showcase the animals' running, jumping, and swimming skills. From a flatfooted stance, a startled armadillo can jump about three or four feet. Digging tunnels is what they do best, but that doesn't have as much spectator appeal. 'Dillos like water. A swimming armadillo overcomes his ballast problem by swallowing air for buoyancy and executing an efficient, snout-up dog paddle. But he can go with his natural design by expelling air and plodding into a stream to lumber along the bottom or just hide out. Because of his naturally slow metabolism, six or seven minutes underwater is not out of the question. On the other hand, once he's been run over 10 or 20 times on the highway, he's probably flat enough to float.

Got a question you need answered? Get it straight from the hip. Write to Matthew Alice, c/o the Reader, P. O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or fax your questions to 619-231-0489, or e-mail to [heymatt@cts.com](mailto:heymatt@cts.com) via the Internet. A searchable archive of past columns is available at [SanDiegoReader.com](http://SanDiegoReader.com).

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By Patrick Daugherty

# Home For The Holidays

This is a home-from-college experience except college, for me, was a long time back. And yet, here I am, bare feet on green synthetic rug, staring at a bookshelf populated by ancient Reader's Digest condensed books, placed next to an equally ancient RCA color television set, which is adjacent to a small maple desk. It's one o'clock in the morning and I can't sleep.

I arrived a day early at my hosts' suggestion so we could catch up. Sadly, without plan or knowledge, we've become strangers to each other. The evening was awkward, everybody went off to bed a little early, and now I can't sleep and I won't get up and walk around the house for fear of disturbing two people who have always been generous to me.

I turn on the TV, switch to channel 3, and push the console's power button. Gads, I hear primitive computer music and then the opening screen. I select the one-player option, and — great balls of fire — am thrust into World 1, Chapter 1.

This was the game that made Nintendo. Super Mario Bros. 3 was released in 1990 and sold 15 million copies before they stopped

The game's screen is flat, two dimensional. Mario goes up and down and back and forth only. The music, if you can call it that, is a dinky, repetitive tinkle. Nothing moves fast, the Nintendo box is powered by a Motorola chip running at a blazing 1.79 MHz aided by 2 kb of ram and 2 kb of video ram. And that doesn't matter. What matters is how sweet the game is. No bleeding guts. No body parts. No guns. No whores. No pimps. No auto theft. No nuclear explosions. Nobody is hip. Nobody is ironic. This was cutting edge 13 years ago. Unbelievable.

I ran into Mario by way of a neighbor's nine-year-old child. I saw the urchin at play, sat with him for ten minutes, became mesmerized, and the next day bought a box for myself. My primary urge was fun, but there was also an adult agenda. I was writing 8, 10, 12, 14 hours a day. A writer's office is his mind, and, if you're not careful, you'll never get off work. Mario got me out of the office.

I bought cheat books and subscribed to Nintendo Magazine. Part of that was a goof, “Hey, baby, would you like to come up and see my Nintendo library?” part of it was writer’s curiosity, “How does this thing work?” and part of it was gratitude. I was making myself into a writer, and Super Mario Bros. 3 was saving me thousands of dollars in bar bills and scores of hangovers. (There is a reason why so many writers are drunks.) If I appeared to others as childish, as simple-minded, as ridiculous, well, fuck them.

Time passes. I have never been able to recreate the experience I had with Mario Bros. 3. At one time or another, I have tried Super Nintendo, SEGA Genesis, PlayStation 2, but it was never the same. Then again, nothing is ever the same.

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**Year founded:** 1988

**Senior pastor:** Toby Dorfman

**Congregation:** 120 members

**Staff:** 3 part-time

**Annual budget:** \$78,000

**Sunday school enrollment:** 8

**Singles program:** no

**Diversity:** Jewish, non-Jewish

**Dress:** casual to dressy casual

**Services:** Shabbat services twice monthly; call for details

Last Friday evening at the Humanistic Jewish Congregation of San Diego, Toby Dorfman, the congregation's *madricha*, or leader, asked those present to share their memories of the Kennedy assassination. More than half of the two dozen or so people attending the service had, at the time of Kennedy's death, either been teaching high school, working at the State Department, or attending college. While they spoke of their shock and sorrow and alluded to the horrors of WWII, I realized I was picking up information I wouldn't get from a different crowd.

The Society for Humanistic Judaism was founded by a Detroit-based Reform rabbi, Sherwin Wine, in 1963. Wine's notion was that Jews should edit God and Jewish law from Jewishness and instead celebrate Judaism's more universal, modernity-friendly aspects. Wine's idea wasn't new. At the turn of the 20th Century, a movement among eastern European Jews advocated a God-free Jewishness grounded in Yiddish ("a language like any other") and Marxism. Wine's particular genius was in creating a secular Judaism that was more left-wing liberal than firebrand socialist.

Last Friday evening's service began with cantor Deborah Davis lighting candles on an abstract menorah while Toby Dorfman explained what each candle signified. One for those who were ill. One for the dead. One in memory of those who suffered through the recent fire, including all the animals. One commemorating the Massachusetts State Supreme Court's recent decision legalizing gay marriage. Etcetera.

Since Humanistic Judaism eschews the *siddur*, or traditional prayerbook, we followed a liturgy photocopied on pink paper. The evening's theme was "Intercultural Marriage." We read aloud, "We are here to celebrate/We are here to celebrate the importance of love/We are here to celebrate the importance of love between two people." And we read aloud, "Loneliness is not the best of human conditions."

It's a mystery how well-educated Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Jews, who would

never write their own business contracts, diagnose their own illnesses, or even prepare their own tax returns, believe that composing a liturgy is something that *anyone* can do.

In the case of Humanistic Judaism, whose stated purpose is the celebration of secular Jewish culture, why not employ the work of Jews who devoted their lives to language? Poets like Delmore Schwartz, Maxine Kumin, Anthony Hecht, Philip Levine, and Adrienne Rich? There are many more. And since Humanistic Judaism defines a Jew as anyone who identifies with Jewish culture, why not extend the liturgy's reach to the work of John Berryman, a Gentile poet who so famously identified with Jewishness that he wrote a short-story called the *Imaginary Jew*?

Such questions probe too far. Cantor Deborah Davis's lengthy sermon on "Intercultural Marriage" instructed us that intermarriage between Jews and non-Jews was not only beneficial to the Jewish people as a whole,

but to the children of such marriages in particular: "They learn to appreciate the beauty of both cultures." Should particular difficulty arise, "Easter and Passover are both about the celebration of spring and new life." In my informal familiarity with world religions, I'd thought that Easter more or less hinged on the Resurrection and the divinity of Jesus, and that Passover had something to do with the liberation of the Jewish people culminating in the awesome recognition of an intangible, infinite God.

Cantor Davis's voice wasn't banal. She's a Brooklyn-born, classically trained opera singer who not long ago started studying Yiddish. After last Friday's service, she told me that Jewish music informed her interest in Judaism. She said that she was married to a Jew and had sent her children to a Jewish day school. She said that as a small child she'd attended an Orthodox school.

During last Friday's service, when Cantor Davis sang traditional Jewish songs, especially one in Yiddish, something within her opened up. She is so pretty as to be self-confident. She has a fine voice. But when she sang in Yiddish, she became fluid and conversational. She put into question the universalism she espoused.

I was more interested in how the older people present responded to Cantor Davis, in how they sang along with her in Yiddish. After the service, the woman sitting next to me said that she was born in Germany and had been sent to England when she was 11 years old. In 1948, she made her way to America, first to Brooklyn, and later to Manhattan, to Washington Heights. I'd noticed that she'd dozed through most of the service, but came to life when Cantor Davis sang.

— Abe Opincar



CANTOR DEBORAH DAVIS

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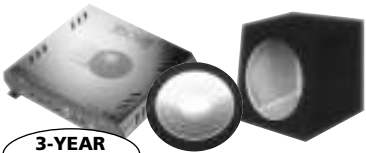


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yourself. Become financially self-reliant and conduct yourself like a wise, kind, ethical adult. If your parents still can't treat you like a grown-up after you accomplish these things, then they're the ones who have some growing up to do.

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— EVE KELLY

One reason nobody confuses me with Martha Stewart—style superwomen is because I don't usually do much in the craft department. But this Christmas, I wanted to put a little bit of me into my gifts — especially the one for my sister Megan, who is forever finding me that perfect, personal something. I knew I'd need some crafty assistance, and I found it on Ray Street in North Park, at the San Diego Art Department (619-295-4ART). My aide would be expert dyer Holly Stewart, who was offering a class in Japanese *shibori* (tie-dye). Students would be making scarves — bingo. I set up a meeting.

"Japanese *shibori* is an ancient tradition of dyeing silk fabric. *Shibori* is about folding, clamping, and tying fabric in such a way that, when you immerse the fabric into a vat of dye, the area where you tie the string or apply the resistance does not take the dye as the exposed fabric takes it. Also, a lot of *shibori* is about how the artist as an individual relates to the fabric and the process." One *shibori* technique is called *konoko*. "Indian and Japanese people sit for hours and tie little grains of rice into the silk. The places where the rice and string were resist the dye; it's beautiful." But if an artist wanted to make the process their own, they could substitute another tie-in, such as beans or pennies. "There is also something called *arashi shibori*; that's a process where you use a large cylinder and wrap the fabric, then constrict it with concentric rows of string and scrunch it." After dyeing, "you have a variegated piece of fabric."

Stewart will use various fabrics in her work, but she prefers silk. "Silk has a feel, personality, and life such as no other fabric." And if it's a good quality silk, "it's tough as iron. Layered silk is what the Japanese used for body armor. I could take the fabric I use, stomp on it in the mud and wash it out, and it would come back just as resilient." Still, some care must be used in washing. "I suggest that people put them in the sink and wash them with shampoo — because silk is a protein just like hair — and then condition them with hair conditioner and iron them. I use the hottest setting, because it's such a strong fiber." She favors silks from "Exoticsilks.com and Thaisilks.com; they're mail order, and they have fantastic prices. If you were to go to some of the fabric stores in town and get the same quality fabric, you'd pay \$30 to \$40 a yard. I'm paying \$3.50 a yard."

Besides string, fabric may be tied with steel wire and dried grass, but Stewart prefers to focus on the dyeing aspect of *shibori*. "I'm

*"Before we had chemicals, people dyed with natural products such as walnuts, onions, and indigo."*

really interested in how the dye moves on the fabric. With some pieces, I use a simple accordion fold; I want it to be loose. Then I wrap the piece loosely with string and lay it on the surface of the dye and let it do what it does. When organza is folded, in a sense, it filters the dye. The places where the dye touches the fabric become dark, and the places that are hidden from the dye might even remain white. You come up with an interesting pattern."

*Shibori* initially involved indigo, "a natural dye distilled from plant leaves. In the vat, it's green, but when you take the fabric out and it oxidizes, you see a deep, intense blue." But indigo in a vat "must be maintained. You must test the acidity and keep it alive. You maintain the vat as you would a family member." Further, "it's a huge mess," and it can be dangerous. "Before we had chemicals, people dyed with natural products such as walnuts, onions, and indigo.

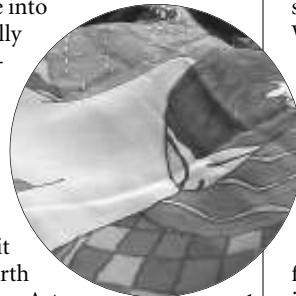
But to make those dyes permanent, they had to include a mordant. With indigo, the mordant is lye, which is caustic and difficult to use." Such dyes also usually require a steaming process. "You can make a stove-top steamer, but it's hard to use on large pieces."

Stewart uses MX dye. "It's a fiber-reactive dye that works on plant and animal fibers like silk, cotton, and linen. It doesn't need a heat setting; it can be batched, meaning that you leave it to set and it becomes permanent over a period of 45 minutes. I use some dyes and some pigments." Dyes, which cause a chemical reaction, are more permanent. "I use Jacquard pigments with silk screening, or to put a light color on top of a dark one" — an MX dye can't put yellow on a black background. Stewart gets her dyes from prochemical.com. And even though the dyes are not caustic, they can stain, so Stewart recommends rubber gloves.

After the fabric is dyed, "you rinse the fabric with soap to evacuate as much of the dye as possible — any time it goes back to a powdered state, it's hazardous. You can use Synthrapol, also available at prochemical.com, or Joy dishwashing liquid. Then I would wash the silk with shampoo and conditioner and dry it in the dryer."

Stewart's class runs from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on December 5 and December 12; the fee is \$55 (including materials). "What we'll be doing is making a silk wall hanging, three yards in size, and a 72-inch scarf." She has a collection of scarves and wall hangings for sale, prices range from about \$65 to \$200. She also teaches private classes and silk-screening techniques. She may be contacted at [stewartholly@earthlink.net](mailto:stewartholly@earthlink.net) or through the San Diego Art Department.

1. Scarf
2. Holly Stewart
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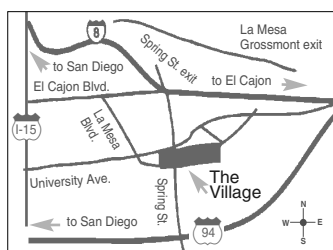
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### *In the Reader*

#### Thirty Years Ago

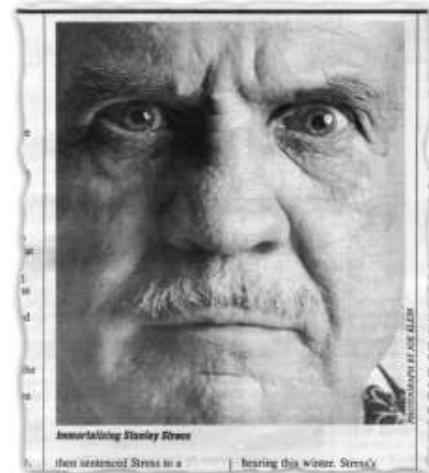
This morning, I began a series of rides with a lift from Cardiff to Del Mar in the back of a VW bus. Two guys in their early twenties were up front, and a surfboard stretched the length of the rear compartment; its nose sharing the back seat with me.

"Want some dates?" asked the guy in the passenger seat. I did, and took a couple of them from a large bag.

"Want some cashews?" asked the driver.

"We just got them at the date fair," he said, "I eat about five pounds of them a week."

— **"IT'S CRAZY HERE,"** Sam Wilson, December 6, 1973



San Diego Reader, December 1, 1988

#### Twenty-Five Years Ago

If you still think that all family bands must be pop-oriented, distinct echos of the squeaky-clean Osmonds...then segue along with the Weirz into: "The Night The Weir Gang Hit Vista."

"We worked this club in Vista one time. It was the first time after we were on the *Homegrown* album, and we built up a solid crowd there. We were really making the club money.

"We worked there for one solid week and then I got a call from my bank. They told me I was overdrawn about 500 dollars. I went down there, and they told me this check had come back. It was from the nightclub — a 900-dollar check. I went down to the club, but the manager was gone.

"Then me and a couple of other guys just went *into* that cash register. The police were on their way down. We just took that money and put it in a bag, and I got in this car, this getaway car, and drove all the way to L.A.

"The sheriff came up when they were still loading equipment in the truck. Tom told them the story and they just laughed. The next day in the paper there was a story; 'Band Robs Nightclub.' "

— **"SO YOU WANT TO BE ROCK AND ROLL STARS,"**

Jeff Spurrier, November 30, 1978

#### Twenty Years Ago

This morning I opened two eggs over toast. I remembered twenty years ago — when I opened soft-boiled eggs for two daughters. How careful I was, pushing my reading glasses back up onto my nose to better see shards of jagged eggshell did not slip onto the toast.

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When I answered the phone and S said, "Hi, Mom," I responded with an easy, "Hi, Sarah." No warning bell rose, resounding and resonating through my legs, belly, breast.

"Mom," she said, "I got beaten, and raped, and robbed. I was in the wrong place at the wrong time."

My baby, my brown eyes, your strong arms, your stiff upper lip, I see you. I hear you scream. Won't someone toss me the knife? I want to cut.

— **"LINES OF LOVE, LINES OF PAIN,"** Judith Moore,

December 1, 1983

#### Fifteen Years Ago

Stanley Stress's 1986 murder trial was one of the more bizarre legal dramas played out at the downtown courthouse. After driving an ax through his wife's skull as she lay on the living room sofa of their Point Loma home, the 69-year-old Stress telephoned police and reported the crime. He later confessed to the murder, telling detectives that he had killed his wife to bring attention to a conspiracy among professional football leagues, the media, and the federal government that allowed talented young athletes to escape the military draft.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"FROM STRESS TO INSANITY,"** Paul Krueger, December 1, 1988

#### Ten Years Ago

I knew that San Diego's North County offered more choice surfing spots than anywhere in California. When I was a teenager growing up in Inglewood in the '50s, it was nothing for my friends and me to drive 200 miles looking for good surf. Gas was 25 cents a gallon, and the highways weren't crowded. We used to drive from L.A. to Santa Barbara and back down to La Jolla on the old highway, all in one day, just checking out the surf. There were only a few hundred really active surfers on the whole coast, and you knew most of them, so if you passed a car with a surfboard on top, that was a brother. You'd both pull over to the side of the road and exchange information: Where you been? How was the surf? Who'd you see? Who's hot this week? Even if you didn't know them, you'd still pull over and chat, exchange phone numbers, and end up being friends.

— **"IN TIME FOR THE MORNING GLASS,"** Mike Doyle with Steve Sorenson, December 2, 1993

#### Five Years Ago

I'd been unlucky in love. Ergo: time to try poker. I hadn't played in many years and then I played badly, impatiently. But that didn't matter. Only the adage alluded to above mattered. And one other thing I was counting on: beginner's luck.

— **"ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE, NEVER DRAW TO AN EIGHT, AND NEVER TWO,"**

Thomas Lux, December 3, 1998

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**Diane Jones**  
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Marketing Director  
Married  
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Interviewed at the  
Natural History  
Museum, Balboa Park

I'm grateful that my father — he's 63 — is healthy and happy. He had an accident last year; he had a flesh-eating bacteria and he lost his arm. It was very twilight zone. I was in London when it happened. They don't know how it happened. But he's doing great now. He's doing everything he used to do, within a year: he's golfing and fishing. I'm also grateful for my husband and my family. Actually, I'm grateful for my whole family.



**Yasmin Sabas**  
21  
Student  
Not Married  
Escondido  
Interviewed at  
Starbucks in San Marcos

I'm grateful for my family, my boyfriend, my friends, my car. I have a Corolla. It takes me places. I'm thankful for my house. I live with my parents. I'm thankful for my parents' jobs because they support me completely. I have an older brother who's in the

Navy. He just got back from the war, so that's great. He's going to be here for two more months, and then he's going to go to Bahrain. He volunteered to do that. He's really changed. He's more grown-up. He's nicer.



**Alex Cumana**  
31  
Real Estate/Property  
Manager  
Married  
South Mission Hills  
Interviewed at the Festa  
in Little Italy

This year I am thankful that my family and I are here today. We were involved in a car crash last weekend on highway 5 going south from Los Angeles. It was late at night, around the San Juan Capistrano area, when a car hit ours. Our car rotated four times on a 360-degree angle at 75 miles per hour. We were hit by one of the two speed racers who lost control of his car. So most definitely I am thankful for the health of my family and mine and that we can enjoy being together today.



**Kayleigh**  
Ninth-Grade Student  
Interviewed at Mira  
Mesa High School

I'm thankful for everything that I have. I'm

just, like, the Pilgrim thing. No. Not that.



**David Baumgardner**  
61  
Retired  
Married  
Jamul  
Interviewed at Target in  
Rancho San Diego

Well, I'm 61, and I had polio, but I am still alive. I am thankful for that. I'm not as healthy as I used to be, but I am still ticking. I got the polio when I was 5. That was at the tail end of the big polio epidemic that went from 1935 to 1945. I had it over 100 percent of my body. But through physical therapy and hard work and being browbeaten by my folks and nurses, I got the use of my upper body back. Now I am up and around, and I can still do stuff, and I am very thankful for that. And even though I have some post-polio-syndrome complications, I have a pretty good outlook.



**Kathleen Baumgardner**  
47  
Retired  
Married  
Jamul  
Interviewed at Target in  
Rancho San Diego

I am thankful for family, good health, and great friends. I have three children, and I have two grandchildren. And all of my children are healthy and doing well. They are scattered all over the place — Hawaii and Colorado. I have lived in both spots. In fact, I have lived all over the world, which is another thing I am thankful for. I have lived in Europe, I have lived in Hawaii, and I have lived all over the United States. I have a sister who lived in Israel, I have a sister who lives in Thailand, and I've visited those places. I am very thankful to have done so much traveling and seen so many different places in my life.



**Frank Pswatai**  
11  
Student  
Spring Valley  
Interviewed at North  
County Fair

I'm thankful for having a good life and having fun in San Diego. I like to play with my friends and go to the mall with my brother and have fun. I like looking at people shop and looking at new stuff. I like to look at new video games.



**Paul Fisher**  
22  
Lance Corporal (E3)  
Interviewed at Marine  
Corps Air Station  
Miramar

Thankful for having two caring parents, both still together. Thankful that most of my brothers who I went overseas with have come home. Just thankful to be alive.



**Josefina Rivera**  
21  
Hostess  
Not Married  
Valencia Park  
Interviewed at El Torito  
Restaurant in Rancho  
Bernardo

I'm thankful that I have a good job. If I have a job, I can support my daughter. I can buy things for her. My daughter is a year and a half. I live with my sister, and her house is far away from my job. My goal is to be living alone in an apartment. I know that if I keep this job, I can get my own place and buy things for my daughter.



**Anne Silva**  
42  
Communications  
Manager  
Single  
Ocean Beach  
Interviewed at UCSD

I'm really grateful this year for some of the things I *didn't* get. An escrow fell through on an expensive condo — I'm going back to school instead with that dough. My friend/surrogate mom/muse Helena, 75, died after a painful illness. I'm grateful for the time I was honored with her friendship and that I now have a really cool angel watching over me. I'm grateful for all the bad dates I've been on this year (and there have been many) — it's helping me clarify what I want and realize I can do with or without the relationship thing. I'm grateful for divine intervention when I held on to things I realized later I really didn't need. I'm grateful for my really cool playwriting class at UCSD! Most of all, I'm grateful I can still be silly, hopeful, and not afraid of jumping off a cliff every once in a while and being given the wings to fly if only I try.

# Life Gets Better Every Day

# 100 GRATEFUL



**Peter Parmenter**  
38  
Internal Auditor  
Single  
Golden Triangle  
Interviewed in Hillcrest

I'm grateful for friends, family, health, and the fact that Arnold can't get legally elected president. I think the election was a sham, and I think he has the potential to create more havoc than help for the state. However, I did make sure that Austrian folk music was available in the office on October 8. I'm also grateful for my motorcycle, my matching helmet, and my new apartment.



**Victoria Lazos**  
35  
Optometry Dispenser  
Single  
National City  
Interviewed at Horton Plaza

Health, family...but life is hard...my father died this year, a neighbor around the corner died. I'm a single parent with a soon-to-be 18-year-old. Drugs have affected my life...I wish things weren't so hard...I just hate drugs; they've affected my son so horribly. You see? It makes me cry. I definitely wish for better times.



**Jason Ball**  
24  
Offensive Lineman for the Chargers  
Single  
Mission Valley  
Interviewed at Viejas Outlet Center

Well, I am thankful for good health and for my family and friends. And I am thankful for the well-being of the nation's troops and thankful for the effort that the troops put forward overseas. That is something we should all be thankful for.



**Mike Mannion**  
32  
Project Manager  
Married  
Rancho Bernardo  
Interviewed in Rancho Bernardo

What am I grateful for? My cell phone! Man oh man, do I love cell phones! They're the best — they are a great way to catch up with an old friend during a meal in a restaurant. Plus, I can drive while I eat, smoke, and chat! And I never have to know where I'm going, since I can just call ahead and have the person guide me to the location, street by street. Plus, mine is all silvery and metal. It looks real impressive. And the ring is so loud that everyone can hear it

within 500 feet. Love that phone!



**Macaria Avalos**  
26  
Banquet Server  
Single  
Pacific Beach  
Interviewed at the Natural History Museum, Balboa Park

I had the realization that current events, what's going on in Iraq — the nation that we live in, the taxes that we have for so many things — I realized all the benefits we have living here in the United States, being an American. We are such a wealthy nation; people don't realize that. From my travels around the world, I've seen how much we have, and people take it for granted. Even those whose parents immigrated here, their children don't realize. I'm grateful for my health; I have all of my limbs, I'm able to go to the gym, I'm able to run. Those who've been in serious accidents, they realize how much they took those things for granted.



**Jamie Pollard**  
33  
Merchandiser  
Single  
National City  
Interviewed at Horton Plaza

I'm grateful for my family. My freedom. My family's not as big as it used to be, so the little bit of family left that I do have, I'm still thankful for. For the most part, they're local, and I get to see them as often as I like to. As for freedom: with everything that's been going on, with the war...and troops still dying overseas — and they said the war was over — it makes a difference to know that someone's still fighting...it may not necessarily be freedom that they're fighting for, but, you know, it makes you think...



**Ariel Ramos**  
40  
Lifestyle Entrepreneur  
Single  
Oceanside  
Interviewed in La Jolla

I've gone through so much this past year, lots of personal challenges, and that's one of the reasons why I opened up my own espresso kiosk, why I made something totally different out of my career. I'm grateful because I'm meeting a lot of new people, enjoying what I'm doing; I have much less stress, and business is doing well. I have no regrets about the change. I'm thankful for all my friends and family, who've been very supportive.



**Daya Knyht**  
(M. Raymond Villamor)  
"Between 20 and Death"  
Drag Queen  
Downtown  
Interviewed at the Natural History Museum, Balboa Park

I'm happy that I live in a city where I have a job where I can do this [dress in drag] at a fabulous function party. I'm grateful for San Diego: I get to do what I want, support myself doing what I want. I have a fabulous husband, I'm moving into a fabulous place, and it's a fabulous life. What more could a girl want? Diamonds, honey, diamonds.



**Patricia Ortega**  
38  
Sandwich Maker  
Single  
City Heights  
Interviewed at Subway in Rancho San Diego

I am thankful for being clean and sober today. I am a recovering addict, and I've been sober almost ten months. I was addicted to drugs and alcohol for years. But today I am clean, and it feels awesome, just great. Life is wonderful today, and I can feel that God is working in my life. Overcoming my addiction was the biggest struggle of my

life, and now I feel a lot of freedom. Life is getting better every day.



**Anita Anton**  
71  
Retired  
Widowed  
Alpine  
Interviewed at the Souplantation in Rancho Bernardo

First of all, I would say that I'm thankful for my son. He's the most important thing in my life. And his wife. And my dear friends that I have. We always get together at Thanksgiving; I'm never alone. For that I'm very thankful. Even though I'm far away from where I originated. I started out in New York. I've been out here for 22 years. That's a long time. So I have all my friends here, now. I'm very content. Thank God. I just came back from the doctor, and my health is pretty good yet. I'm pretty active. I like to get around. I'm thankful for the fact that I can get around. I see other people who can't get around, and they're dependent on others. I'm not. And if I have a need, my friends are right there for me. So I'm thankful for all these things and for God giving me all these things.

# SAN DIEGANS



**Nick Ingrande**  
28  
Teacher  
Engaged  
Spring Valley  
Interviewed at the  
Festa in Little Italy

I am thankful that I found the girl of my dreams, even though the night I got engaged to her everything went wrong. First, my credit cards were maxed, so I

had to use my debit card. I started out the evening by taking her on a gondola ride in Coronado. My girlfriend felt really uncomfortable and could not get into the romantic mood, because, as she put it, "He is staring at us."

When I went to pay for the gondola ride, I found out that I had lost my debit card. So I attempted to give them my maxed-out credit card, and thankfully it went through. Later I took her to dinner, and I had to confess to my girlfriend that I might

not have enough credit on my card for dinner and if she could lend me her card... But as luck would have it, again the card went through. I planned to propose to her during a romantic walk, but she did not want to go for a walk; she said it was too cold. I wanted to offer my jacket for the walk, but the ring was inside the pocket of my jacket. Again, luck intervened. She needed to go to the bathroom, and I took my chance to get the ring from the jacket, and when she

returned, I offered it to her so I could go on with my plan. We went for the walk, I sat her down on the bench and asked, and without a hitch...she said yes!



**Isabel Burley**  
41  
Elder-Care Worker  
Single  
El Cajon  
Interviewed at Ralphs  
in El Cajon

I am thankful for the war in Iraq going so well and having our troops come back. I don't have any family or friends involved in the war, but as an American, I am very thankful that it went well. We all should be. And we should all be thankful to live here, after seeing so much about how people in other parts of the world live. I'm also thankful that I have my health and I have a job — I'm working and I'm making it. I am thankful that the economy looks like it's doing better — unemploy-

ment is going down, and there are more opportunities out there. Things are looking a little bit better for everybody.



**Blaire Harrington**  
26  
Quality Lab Technician  
Single  
Pacific Beach  
Interviewed at UCSD

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thankful for how liberal San Diego is. I appreciate the large amount of beautiful gay ladies (haven't seen a mullet in a year!). Despite the hard times (playing straight in the workplace, dealing with a coworker who thought I was stealing her boyfriend, or men with power issues), I still have a good story to tell. I'm really grateful that my best friend, my brother, is in L.A., so I see him often! That San Diego is diverse and open. I can hang out with just the girls or bring out all my friends anywhere and we are safe. It's never boring, and though it took a while, I am fortunate to have found colorful friends and loving family.



**Megan Schwarzbach**  
28  
Administrator  
Single  
Hillcrest  
Interviewed in Hillcrest

I find that the unremarkable and seemingly insignificant matters of everyday life are what I am thankful for most this year. One such instance is when my cat greets me at the door at the end of the day. He may bite and claw at my appendages for the other 80 percent of the time we spend together; but for those first fleeting five minutes, it seems

like he is genuinely happy to see me. Other things I am grateful for are the ludicrous plot-lines on *Days of Our Lives*, living near a 24-hour taco stand, and the latest issue of *US Weekly* arriving in the mail.



**Nicole Braa**  
29  
Housepainter  
Divorced  
Interviewed at Fashion Valley

I'm thankful for my daughter Zoe. And for having all the wisdom

that being 29 brings to you, because it's a lot more than when I was 21.



**Reno Harnish**  
Interviewed at Fashion Valley

My baby here. That's all I'm thankful for. I'm excited about going to Raleigh, North Carolina, with my baby here. That's where I usually go for Thanksgiving. My family is there. But it's always a damn riot act because there's too much wine early in the day. They start throwing pumpkin pie by around

4:00 p.m. Tears begin probably around 7:00.



**Joseph Helms**  
21  
Corporal  
Interviewed at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

One, I got back from Iraq all right. Two, I have a wonderful, beautiful fiancée. Health, of course. I'm thankful for being in the Marines. I have many different opportunities once I decide to get out. I can diversify in so many different ways. I'm thankful for a lot of things.



**Jean Schmiedel**  
70  
Retired  
Divorced  
Lakeside  
Interviewed at Los Cochinos Vons

I am thankful to be alive and healthy at my age. I am 70, and I have had some difficulties with my health, but I am overcoming them, and I am really thankful for that. I am thankful to have the finances to feed myself and live relatively comfortably. And I am very thankful to have people who care about me. That is very impor-

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tant to me. It is comforting to know that I have people that care about me.



**David Baginski**  
28  
Salesclerk  
Not Married  
Oceanside  
Interviewed at Galaxy of Costumes in Vista

I'm thankful that I'm still alive, that I haven't died prematurely, that I'm

doing well. I have a good job, a place to live, and clothes on my back. And that I have good friends who have helped me when I've been down and are happy for me when I do well. Things get tough, and it's not always easy. But you've got to have hope for the future that things are going to get better. That's the most important thing: to be thankful when things do work out and things do get better. Everybody has spells where things don't go well. I just think some people take it harder than others. I'm probably one of those people. If

you have enough bad things in a row, it's easy to get discouraged. I have a way of tricking my mind into thinking things are going to be like that permanently. That's not the case.



**Kellen Churchill**  
Tenth-Grade Student  
Interviewed at Mira Mesa High School

I'm thankful for friends. Mostly just my friends.



**Sister Sheila Collins**  
Age not for publication  
Pastoral Assistant  
San Marcos  
Interviewed at St. Mark's Church

"Gratitude is the fairest flower that blossoms in the soul." I don't remember who first said this, but it is a kind of creed for me. Life is the greatest gift we have, and I cherish every moment. I am grateful for the gift of life

given to me by my parents and the values they taught me which have helped me be a good citizen of the world and a faithful member of my church. I am grateful for God's call and the strength He has given me to be faithful to that call for 50 years. This weekend I will celebrate 50 years of ministry among the people of California. From my childhood, I was taught to build bridges, not walls, and so friendship is a very special value for me. I have made marvelous friends who have walked with me and encouraged me. For these I am very

grateful and give thanks every day.



**David Barclay**  
25  
Laborer  
Not Married  
Oceanside  
Interviewed outside Bub's Whiskey Dive in Oceanside

What am I thankful for? I guess for my health, my family. I'm thankful for the friends that I've

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met out here. I'm from Iowa. Music brought me here. I've had a lot of really rough times. Every last thing that I own has been stolen. I trust people too easily. I'll leave my stuff with someone for 10, 15 minutes. I come back, and they're gone and my stuff is gone. That includes two guitars, clothes, money, ID, Social Security card. As of right now, I'm couch surfing with some of my friends. I really don't have a place to live. But I'm working. I'm alive. I guess that's the best thing to be

thankful for.



**Will Maxwell**  
**22**  
**Military**  
**Married**  
**Oceanside**  
**Interviewed in**  
**Downtown Oceanside**

I'm grateful for being home. I was in Iraq from January to July. I did

nothing. I'm a radio operator for the First Combat Engineer Battalion. I provide communications for the battalion. What I saw when I was over there was sand. That's about it. I'm thankful for my wife. I've been married for a while.



**Danny Quach**

**18**  
**Clerk**  
**Not Married**  
**Rancho Peñasquitos**  
**Interviewed at Party**  
**City in Carmel Mountain Ranch**

I'm thankful for my family because they give me a lot of stuff. They give me encouragement and money. They give me food. I'm thankful for my car. I've got a 2002 Civic Si. I lowered it, and I want to do more stuff to it. I'm going to get a cooler intake and some nice

rims. I'm thankful for my health. I'm pretty healthy. I'm thankful for the money I make at my job.



**Margaret Jensen**  
**80**  
**Retired**  
**Widow**  
**La Mesa**  
**Interviewed at Vons**  
**in Fletcher Hills**

Well, I just lost my husband, and I could not say I was thankful for that. But I am thankful for living in Southern California, for one thing. I came from Omaha, Nebraska, and I do not like the snow. It was all right when I was a kid. We had ice-skating and sleigh riding and tobogganing and all of that good stuff. But when you get older, you do not do any of that stuff, and the cold and snow make life difficult. So I like it out here. My daughter wants me to

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and I are still physically strong, even though we are elderly, and are able to travel each year to different parts of the world, to Italy, where we visit the hometown of my parents and stay with distant relatives. We are still active with our community. I am still able to play golf three times a week and still pull my own golf cart. I am thankful for my wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren that surround me. I am thankful to my parents for passing on those

great genes. But mostly, I am thankful that I have been trying to show off my age since I was 75, but I haven't succeeded yet!



**Angel Hendrie**  
**32**  
**Firefighter**  
**Married**  
**Jamul**  
**Interviewed at**  
**Albertsons in**

**Rancho San Diego**  
  
I am thankful that I have a brand-new niece. She was very unexpected. My brother, her father, is not married, but my parents took him and his girlfriend in — no questions asked — to help them with the baby. They are going to get married next year. So soon I will have a new sister-in-law, and right now I have a baby niece, and she is a blessing. And it is something even more special that she was unexpected and

unplanned. She's a wonderful surprise addition to our family. Plus, she is my only niece here. All of my other nieces and nephews are out of state.



**Vikram Aggarwal**  
**21**  
**Import/Export**

**Single**  
**Carmel Mountain Ranch**  
**Interviewed at the Festa in Little Italy**

This year I took a trip to the United Arab Emirates and visited Dubai. While I was there, two things happened to me. First, I was given a great opportunity to start an import/export business selling clothing and giftware from that region. The other was an important lesson, which I am happy that I

learned early on in my life. That is, the truth of life. That whatever you give of yourself — such as your time, your money, love, generosity — it won't be in vain; it will be returned to you when you need it the most.



**Dana Kohlmeier**  
**30**  
**Nanny**  
**Married**  
**Oceanside**  
**Interviewed at**  
**Discovery Lake**  
**in San Marcos**

I'm thankful for good health. I had a scare with cervical cancer, but I'm all good now. I'm thankful for my family and my friends, my family especially. I



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





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have a very close-knit family. I have three sisters and a brother and an aunt. They live mostly in the Van Nuys area, but we're very, very close. It's the best thing ever. I'm grateful that my husband's home safe. My husband's a Marine. He's been in the service ten years. I have friends whose husbands had to go over to Iraq. I'm a lucky wife who didn't have to go through that. My husband was really grateful that he didn't have to go over. I'm grateful that all the Marines I know came

home safely.



**Golden DePesa**  
**24**  
**Pro Surfer**  
**Married to Denise**  
**Oceanside**  
**Interviewed at the Oceanside Skatepark**

I'm thankful for this skate park. It's pretty cool. I'm thankful for them keeping it going

on for as long as they have and keeping it maintained. It's been here for about a year. Lately I've been coming here a couple times a week. When the waves are flat, I come here to skate. I'm thankful for the waves and the ocean. I've surfed in the WQS, world qualifying tour. I'll be going to Hawaii in a couple weeks to compete out there. I'm going down to Mexico next week too. I'm thankful to be able to do what I do and live the life that I live. I'm thankful for my sponsors: WRV, the Boardroom, and Stay

Covered. I'm thankful for my family and getting married. I've been married for a couple weeks.



**Shawn**  
**26**  
**YMCA Employee**  
**Interviewed at Oktoberfest in Ocean Beach**

I'm thankful I have a lovely girlfriend that takes care of me. I'm

thankful my family is healthy. Thankful I have a roof to live under.



**Lucy Ryland**  
**7**  
**Student**  
**San Marcos**  
**Interviewed at home**

I'm thankful for my family. For all the gifts that God gave us: our souls and our house and our clothes and our beds

and our shoes and our pets. I have a new pet. It's a hamster, and its name is Button. He's a dwarf hamster. I'm thankful for Button. I'm thankful for our world and for my parents and for all the people and for my school and for my brothers and sisters and for all the saints.



**Charlie Riche**  
**43**

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I am thankful for my family and for my friends. I'm a married man. I have a son who turned five in October; he just started kindergarten this year. He is wonderful. I wish I could be thankful about our economy in California right now. But I am working, and I am thankful to be working, because this would be a bad time to not have a job because work is hard to find right now. A year and a half ago, I was working out in Lakeside, and jobs were plentiful. One day I got laid off, and the next thing you know, I am looking for a job again. The difference between then and now is, you would see five or six jobs in the paper then; now you see none in my field. So I am thankful to have work and thankful for health and family.



**Gabriella Vitale**  
47  
Supermarket Checker  
Married  
El Cajon  
Interviewed at the  
Festa in Little Italy

I am so blessed to have a great family, not just mine, but also my extended family. My mother passed this year after a long illness, but my dad is still alive and doing well. I come from a family of five sisters; two of them are twins, and I am one of them. I am really thankful for my husband that I adore and my two great kids. My husband just won a

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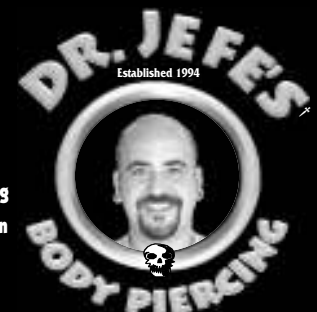
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**Brooke Carlson**  
**27**

**Web Designer**

**Married**

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**Interviewed at Trader  
Joe's in Hillcrest**

I'd have to say I'm grateful for my health and the health of my family and friends.

Lately I've been reminded of the transience of things like life and happiness and health. And I gotta say that I'm grateful to be alive and happy and healthy and that most of the people in my life are happy and healthy. Beyond that, I'm grateful for the sun, and yoga and my new husband — the everyday things — my pets, my neighbor, my garden, my close friends, my favorite taco, my Tivo, my feet, peace.



**Charles Bryant**  
**73**

**Retired**

**Married**

**Rural East County**

**Interviewed at Costco  
in Santee**

I am thankful that certain people in the state

of California are becoming aware of the way that we are being robbed by the government. I'm thankful that we're attempting to recall the governor, because I feel that he hasn't done what's right. I have a daughter in state college, and they just increased all the fees — I mean *all* the fees. It's one thing if you make \$150,000 a year. But if you're making \$50,000, you pay hell sending a child to college. I live in a house right now; it's worth \$500,000 or \$600,000. But I bought it 20 years ago. If I had to buy it today, I could not buy it. Gas has become very expensive too. I'm very grateful that we're trying to put an end to all the bullshit and do what is right.



**Annette  
Waterhouse**

**41**

**Special Education  
Teacher**

**Married**

**Rancho San Diego**

**Interviewed at Home  
Depot in Santee**

I would say I am thankful my family — just the fact that we are all healthy and we're all together. My husband and my two children and my siblings and their children, we are all here together. And we are all healthy. I am a special education teacher, and I see the other side all the time — the kids in the wheelchairs and the kids who cannot do anything by themselves. It makes me realize that my family has been very blessed to be all nice and healthy. And I am thankful for that.



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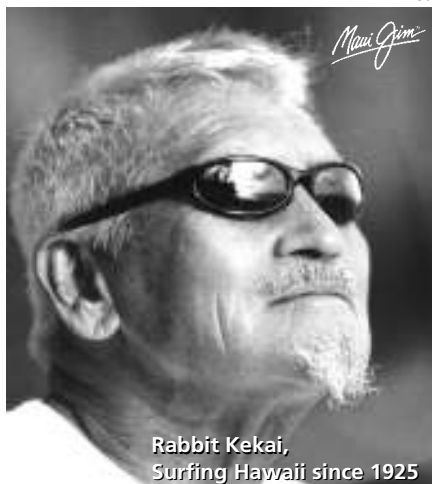
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I'm thankful for my health, my fiancée, my new business, new home, and being engaged. I'm grateful for life in general. I met my fiancée a little over two years ago. She worked at a local tavern that I frequented. We got to know each other, and we started dating about a year ago. We hit it off really well. We're getting married early next year. I just bought a new house in Oceanside, and I took over this magazine-distribution business. So things are going well.



**Annabelle Lee**  
**25**  
**Real Estate**  
**Single**  
**Del Mar**  
**Interviewed in Rancho**  
**San Diego**

This year I am thankful that I was able to get out of a dead-end relationship. I had been going out with this guy for a few years, and it was not going anywhere. It took a lot of guts to end it because there was a lot of history between us, but I had to put myself first. I guess I am thankful that I was strong enough to get through the initial three months of heartache and not just do the easy thing and return to the relationship. As a result of the breakup, I have been blessed: I have reacquainted myself with old friends, I went to Japan, and I was also able to buy myself a Tag Heuer watch that I have always wanted.



**Rich Toscano**  
**32**  
**Computer Professional**  
**Married**  
**Hillcrest**

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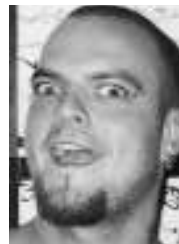
I would say that I am most grateful that I get to live in a country that is prosperous, peaceful, and respectful of individual rights. I *would* say that, but the truth is that I am really most grateful for beer. I mean, there are some good beverages out there, but none are as delicious as beer, and none are as refreshing, and none can so readily satisfy my thirst while anesthetizing me against the burdensome, crushing emptiness of my existence. I'm also really grateful for kittens, puppies, and rainbows. Oh yeah, and bourbon.



**Gail Saivar**  
**56**  
**Advertising Agent**  
**Single**  
**Point Loma**  
**Interviewed at UCSD**

I am, at last, grateful to be who I am. I'm grateful to Kaiser Permanente, to my counselor and my yoga teacher,

who both put me on the right path, to old friends who stuck with me through some very hard times, and to new friends who I'm sure will help me through more. My lifelines to love and laughter: my sister and my son. My ex-husband, for being the best father in the world, and his wife and family, for loving my son almost as much as we do. And lastly, I'd like to thank the Academy...



**Tommy Boy**  
**23**  
**Body Piercer**  
**Interviewed in Mission**  
**Beach**

I'm thankful for my job. And I'm thankful that my old lady just left me to go back home. Because I got a new lady in my life now. I love it.



**Henry Martinez**  
**37**

**Landscaping Business**  
**Owner**  
**Single**  
**Temecula**  
**Interviewed at the**  
**Vista Courthouse**

I'm thankful for my health, my family, my friends, and this great place where we live. I'm close to my family, and I have a great group of friends. We all look out for each other — the what-goes-around-comes-around system. So I definitely enjoy that. My business is going well. I'm thankful for the clients that we have. I think business could be a little better given the current situation, the economic fiasco in Sacramento. As a landscaping business, the workman's comp situation really affects us deeply. The insurance rates affect us. But we've got to make the best of it and be thankful for what we do have.



**Chaz Rhinehart**  
**34**  
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**Married**

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**Interviewed at Cross-**  
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**Center in Valley Center**

What am I thankful for? I would probably have to say love, light, and energy. The love that I'm able to connect with with others. Being able to experience another person's heart space. The light in my life being the way that God moves in my life and shines in my life. And the energy of the flow and the rhythm of my life. The way that everything is dynamically choreographed.



**Lorie Whitehead**  
**31**  
**Chiropractor's Assistant**  
**Single**  
**Valley Center**  
**Interviewed at Cross-**

**roads Holistic Health**  
**Center in Valley Center**

I am grateful for my son Grant, my family and friends, the love we all share. I am thankful for this beautiful world we live in and all the colors that brighten every day. Dr. Chaz brightens up my day, and I learn a lot to learn here at Cross-roads. Besides work, I'm learning about different religions. I'm learning about the appreciation for God and values for our family.



**Julie Stevens**  
**36**  
**Mom**  
**Married**  
**Murrieta**  
**Interviewed at Bell Gar-**  
**dens in Valley Center**

I'm definitely thankful for my family and the fact that we live here in America. We have the freedom that a lot of people in other countries don't have. We can do what we want. Moms don't have to work. Our families get good education and food and housing and everything we need.



**Marylee Ruehle**  
**28**  
**Mom**  
**Married**  
**Rancho Bernardo**  
**Interviewed at the Bor-**  
**ders Books in Carmel**  
**Mountain Ranch**

I'm thankful for my children. I'm thankful to be an American. I'm thankful for my church, St. John of Damascus

Orthodox Church. It's a very nice family church. There are so many people there who are very loving. The Orthodox Church is as old as the Catholic Church. They were one church until they broke apart about 1000 years ago. I love the historical aspect. It's an Eastern rite church. There are a lot of Orthodox churches in San Diego. We go to the one that's closest to our house.



**Ryan Barker**  
**42**  
**Air Traffic Controller**  
**Married**  
**Santee**  
**Interviewed at Home**  
**Depot in Santee**

Well, I have to be thankful for my kids. They are

a joy to be around. I have two girls. One just started junior high school and my other one is in third grade. They are both doing well in school, and I have to be thankful for that. I am very thankful to have my wife and thankful that we've been married for 17 years and she is doing well and doing a great job taking care of our kids. Also, my brother is here visiting, and I am thankful that he is going to help me with my yardwork and getting my yard straightened up.



**Laurie Harveston**  
**64**  
**Retired**  
**Divorced**  
**El Cajon**  
**Interviewed at Henry's**  
**in El Cajon**

I am thankful that my children and my grandchildren are all healthy and happy and they all have homes. They all have jobs, they all have homes, and that is a lot. I have four kids and four grandkids. All my kids are working, which is great these days, because so many people are not working and it is a tough market for finding jobs. And all my kids are nearby. I could not be more thankful for that.



**Bri Cave**  
**21**  
**Housewife**  
**Married**  
**El Cajon**  
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God has blessed us with just enough money for my husband and I to get by. It is not a lot, but it is enough, and I am just thankful for that. Another thing I thank God for is the fact that my husband was not sent to the war. Also, we are getting ready to move, and we are thankful that everything is going smoothly with that. It's been a really

good year. And even though it is hard to have a husband in the Navy, I think we have a lot of stuff to be thankful for.



**Josh Cave**  
19

**Navy Married El Cajon**  
**Interviewed in Downtown El Cajon**  
  
Mostly I am thankful for my wife. She is wonderful, and I am very thankful to have her. I'm thankful to be going home to Texas soon. We are going to be there for three weeks or so before I

ship out to Florida. I am looking forward to being home for a little while. And I am thankful that a stranger just walked up to us and gave us this little kitten. She said she had to get rid of it because she was moving and asked us if we could give it a home, which we are happy to do. I hope the cat we already have is happy about it.



**Kai Salmond**  
20  
**Bakery Worker Single**  
**El Cajon**  
**Interviewed at Vons in Fletcher Hills**

I am thankful for my God. I am thankful that He is a God who gives second chances. I mean, I am on about my fifth chance, and I am very thankful to have a God who continues to love me and give me His grace and understanding. I am thankful that His love for me is always there. I am also thankful that I have a very loving family. No matter what I do, they are always there, unconditionally.



**Donna Scheffler**  
54  
**Retired Nurse Divorced**  
**Lakeside**  
**Interviewed at Party City in Rancho San Diego**

Well, first, I am thankful to have a great family and good friends. I have a niece who is a teacher, and I volunteer and help her every day in the classroom, and it is a joy. I have seen her from a baby all the way up to an adult. She has her own child, and it is so neat to see her participate with a child like I did with her when she was young. Unfortunately, I did not have any children of my own. But now I am kind of a mother to all the kids at the school. I have 1000 students, and they all call me Aunt Donna, which I think is fantastic. I go to the grocery store, and they come running up calling, "Aunt Donna!" It is great. I have an awful lot to be thankful for.



**Lori Escalera**

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**\$2 off any new or used CD**

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La Jolla Residential Mortgage  
**Free home appraisal**

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**50% off appraisal**

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Multi Media Arts  
**Free voiceover class**

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**Free kitty gifts & pen**

Pacific Beach Surf Shop  
**Free skate or bike rental**

Pacific Elegance Limousines  
**1 free hour**

Pacific Southwest Railway Museum  
**Free train ride for child**

Photopassport.com  
**Free photography consultation**

☎ Real Personal Speed Dating  
**\$5 off**

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**10% off any one service**

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**Half-price tickets**

Sixth @ Penn Theatre  
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Skateworld  
**2 for 1 admission**

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**\$25 off freefall 1st jump course**

Top Cat Limousine  
**1 free hour**

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**Free Dom Perignon**

Vertical Hold  
**2 for 1 introductory lesson**

**46**  
**Artist**  
**Married**  
**Vista**  
**Interviewed at the Festa**  
**in Little Italy**

I am thankful that my 29-year-old husband of five years is back home safe and sound from his deployment in Kuwait. He works with helicopters as maintenance control. While he was

out there, he also did some humanitarian work in Baghdad. He will be leaving again next May, so I am just thankful for every moment we have together till then. I am also appreciative that I was able to find my dharma in life; that is, I found something I am good at and found a way to get paid for it. I'm an artist; I teach children and adults all over San

Diego County. I am also thankful that my 15-year-old daughter is happy and healthy. I am truly blessed, but it takes a lot of work.



**Kelly Nason**

**24**  
**Retail Management**  
**Lives with Boyfriend**  
**La Mesa**  
**Interviewed at Mesa**  
**College**

I am thankful for moving across the country to California. I had always dreamed of one day living here and escaping the bitter winters of Blaine, Minnesota. Another recent

event that I am grateful for is that my male roommate has decided to leave. This is a good thing because he never paid rent on time, would walk around in his underwear, and leave them on the floor for everyone to see. Lastly, I am thankful that I am pursuing my dream of attending college and getting my fashion-merchandising

degree.



**Stu and Linda Dobbins**  
**53, 49**  
**Semiretired/San Diego**  
**Zoo**  
**Married**

## RESEARCH STUDIES



Find out if you qualify for a research program that may help you **stop** both habits and **start** a new life!



**For Information** call **858-784-STOP** (7867) or visit <http://gcrs.scripps.edu/dcp>


# URINATION PROBLEMS?

We are looking for adults over 40 who suffer from the symptoms related to overactive bladder (e.g., need for frequent urination, sudden and strong urges, and/or wetting accidents) to participate in a market research discussion. All of your responses will remain strictly anonymous and confidential. You will be paid for your opinions and time. No sales are involved.



Please call Luth Research at  
**619-243-8052**  
 and ask for Christina.

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## Depression


**can interfere with your life.**

Have you tried Prozac®, Zoloft®, or Celexa®? Do you still feel hopeless and continue to suffer from sadness, poor sleep, lack of concentration and motivation?

This research study, conducted by a well-known pharmaceutical company, allows you to try an investigational medication being studied for depression for a limited number of qualified participants.


**If you participate, there is no cost to you...instead:**

- \* You receive up to \$450 for your participation.
- \* You receive no-cost research study-related medication and medical care.
- \* No reports are made to employers, schools or insurance companies.



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## Creepy, Crawly Nighttime Legs

Is a creepy, crawly feeling in your legs keeping you up at night? If so, you could be suffering from Restless Legs Syndrome (RLS). If you are over 18 and are in general good health, you may qualify to try an investigational medication being studied for the possible treatment of RLS.

Every study conducted by HealthQuest is staffed by a team of skilled and experienced physicians and medical professionals trained to place your comfort and well-being first.

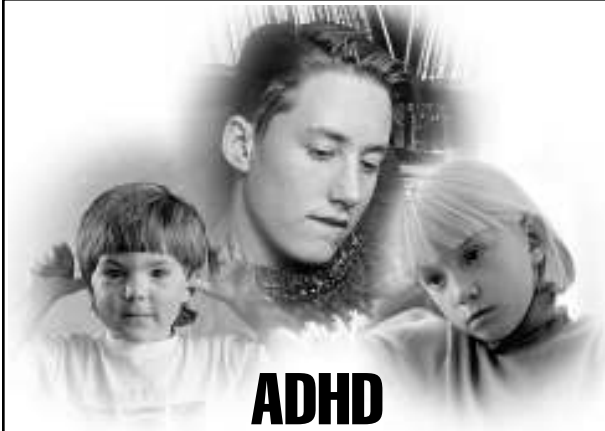
**If you participate, there is no cost to you...instead:**

- \* You may receive up to \$1950 for your participation.
- \* You receive no-cost research study-related medication and medical care.
- \* No reports are made to employers, schools or insurance companies.



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## ADHD

**Attention Deficit with Hyperactivity in Children and Adolescents.**  
**Has it interfered with your family?**

Is your child between the ages of 6 and 17? Have they tried other treatments? Are you considering having your child take any medications? If so, he or she may qualify to take part in a research study of an investigational medication being studied for the treatment of ADHD. This research study allows you to try an investigational medication being studied on ADHD for a limited number of qualified participants.

**If you participate, there is no cost to you...instead:**

- \* You receive compensation for your time and travel.
- \* You receive no-cost research study-related medication and medical care.



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**Lakeside  
Interviewed at Old  
Town Trolley Station**

*Stu:* My mother just had an operation. It was for colon cancer; we're lucky everything came out great. During the operation they did not find anything. So there was no chemo needed. We are really jazzed about it, especially when you con-

sider she is 82 years old.

*Linda:* Our son got married last May to the perfect girl, and we can't wait for them to have babies. I am thankful that I have been married for 19 years; that is pretty good for a couple who live in California. I am grateful that we live in a town like San Diego, where we have great

weather, great friends, and I have a nice job at the San Diego Zoo, where I have worked for 25 years.



**Dan Whitworth**  
44

**Writer/Editor  
Single  
Normal Heights  
Interviewed at UCSD**

Having been through a very chaotic year, I'm grateful to all the things that got me through it — first and foremost, the good friends who stuck by me (or at least put up with me) at my worst. Infinite thanks also to

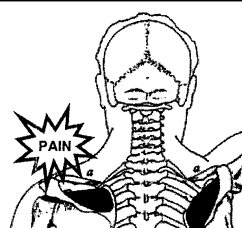
Dr. B and his Tuesday-night gang; my late teacher Carol Suley, for first encouraging me to write; Lori Uptegrove, my first honest critic, who left this world much too soon; the indispensable teachings of the Buddha; and, of course, my mother Jeannine, who (among so many precious other gifts) read to me when I was a child.



**Katie Carr**  
27  
**Stylist  
Single  
College Area  
Interviewed in Hillcrest**

For me, this has been a

**R E S E A R C H S T U D I E S**



## CHRONIC SHOULDER PAIN

A clinical research study is currently recruiting for patient participation.

If you are one of thousands suffering from chronic shoulder pain for at least 6 months but less than 5 years, are over the age of 35, and have failed to obtain adequate or sustained pain relief from standard physical therapy, oral medications, and steroid injections, then you may want to consider participating in this clinical study.

- ✓ Older than 35 years of age
- ✓ Chronic shoulder pain and limitation of motion for > 6 months < 5 years
- ✓ Inadequate or non-sustained pain relief from standard therapies (oral medications, physical therapy and steroid injections)

A new treatment for chronic shoulder pain is currently being investigated. This product has been approved for another related pain indication, and would involve an injection into the joint space of the shoulder. If you are interested in learning more about participating in this clinical research study and the availability of a doctor in your area, please call **The Damluji Research Center** at **(760) 421-0288 (North County)** or **(619) 293-0644 (San Diego)**.

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## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

### Hayfever or Allergic Rhinitis

Non-smoking, healthy volunteers with nasal allergies are needed to participate in a research study. Volunteers with asthma are welcome.

Research will take place in the General Clinical Research Center (GCRC) of Scripps Green Hospital. Participants will be paid.

**For more information, please call Scripps Clinic  
(858)554-2298 or (858)554-4272**

## Do You Have Difficulty Sleeping?

If you are between 18-64 and have *difficulty sleeping*, you may qualify to participate in a research study on sleep.



- ❖ Participation in this study involves 9 office visits to a San Diego-area sleep clinic.
- ❖ Volunteers will be compensated for time and travel.

*For information, call:*

**Pacific Sleep Medicine Services**  
**1-800-NEW-SLEEP**  
**1-800-639-7533**



*Pacific Sleep Medicine Services is a nationally recognized clinical sleep research center with offices located throughout Southern California.*

## IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME?

We are conducting a clinical research study for women who suffer from severe diarrhea-predominant Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS). Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, have suffered from severe diarrhea-predominant IBS symptoms for at least 6 months, and have failed conventional IBS therapy. All office visits, medical evaluations, and investigational medications related to this study will be provided at no cost to patients.

**For more information about this study, please contact:**  
**The Damluji  
Research Center  
619-293-0644**



very big year. I ended a seven-year relationship. I've moved twice. I started my own business, and I'm just thankful for the people in my life who have supported me and guided me and helped me when they could have been doing many other things, such as my friends Jeff and Tania, who have twin baby girls; my former boss Tim, who runs a restaurant...I really appreciate my friend Patrick, who's gone above and beyond, who let me stay at his place,

who helped me with my taxes, who has sent me lots of clients and talks me up and has helped make me successful. And my family, especially my sister Becky. At the drop of a hat she's been by my side; she does whatever I need. She helped me move every time; she packed up my house and practically moved me when I was at work one day. When I was sad she would call me or meet me for dinner. Everyone has their own life and everyone has a million things going on for

themselves and everyone has taken the time to help me and be a part of my life and support me, and they'll never know how much of a difference that has made in my life, no matter how many times I tell them, no matter how much I thank them.



Denise Lane

**48**  
**Retired**  
**Married**  
**Fletcher Hills**  
**Interviewed at Vons in Fletcher Hills**

I am thankful for my family, my own kids, and my extended family. I come from a very large family, and we are all healthy and we are together and we all get along and we all keep in touch. There are 22 grandkids in the family. I am thankful for our family. I am very thankful.



**Tom Fisher**  
**57**  
**Registered Nurse**  
**Married**  
**Santee**  
**Interviewed at Viejas Outlet Center**

A lot of things. I've got my health and, given my age, I feel very grateful for it. I have had some heart problems, but they

are all resolved. I've got a beautiful wife who loves me. I've got three great kids and six grandchildren. They are 17, 15, 14; then I've got a younger set who are just born, 2, and 4 years old. I've got a lot to be thankful for. I love being Grandpa. It is a lot of fun. I taught the boys how to go fishing and go out into nature. That kind of thing is priceless, and it is something that is here for all of us, but we have to enjoy it and stop and remember it and just absorb it.

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ADOLESCENT WITH MIGRAINE HEADACHE

The Division of Neurology at Scripps Clinic, is conducting a research study of Migraine Headache in Adolescents.

Participants must:

- Be 12 to 17 years of age and have permission from a parent or guardian
- Have 3 to 8 migraine headaches per month
- Be free of major medical problems
- Be able to come to the study doctor's office for 7 visits in 18 weeks

Qualified participants will receive study-related visits, tests, and investigational medication at no cost and may be eligible for reimbursement of travel expenses.

If interested, Please contact the study nurse at  
**(858)554-8296**  
Division of Neurology

If even happy things leave you down and blue, you may be suffering from a medical condition called depression.

Some other symptoms of depression may include:

**Hopelessness**  
**Sadness**  
**Loss of interest in daily activities**  
**Loss of energy and**  
**Difficulty concentrating**

If you or someone you know are between the ages of 18 and 65, have been experiencing the above symptoms for at least 6 weeks and have been treated in the past with other depression medication, please call Affiliated Research Institute at 619-688-6565.

All office visits and medical evaluations related to this research study will be provided to qualified participants at no charge.



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For more information about this study, please contact:  
**(619)688-6565**



Have you been worried because your child seems depressed, sad, irritable, cranky or hopeless?



The Research Division of Psychiatric Centers at San Diego is screening children ages 6 to 17 diagnosed with depression or exhibiting symptoms of depression in order to participate in a medically supervised research study of an investigational medication for pediatric depression.

Symptoms of Pediatric Depression may include:

- Loss of energy and concentration • Low self-esteem and guilt
- Increased irritability, anger or hostility • Frequent absences from school
- Extreme sensitivity to rejection or failure • Loss of interest in activities

For more information about this study, please call:

**Psychiatric Centers at San Diego**  
**Research Division**

**877-FOR-INFO** (toll-free) **Child & Adolescent Center 858-571-KIDS**  
**(877-367-4636)** **(858-571-5437)**



"I've tried antidepressants, but they're not working."

You are not alone.

10%-30% of people who suffer from depression fail to respond to drug therapy. If you have taken a medication for depression for six weeks or more and still feel depressed, you may have Treatment-Resistant Depression.

The physicians at PCSD~Feighner Research are now conducting a study of an investigational drug for Treatment-Resistant Depression. If you are between the ages of 18 and 65, you may qualify to participate in this study. Study participants will receive study-related medical evaluations and study medication, provided at no cost to you.

Please call us for more information about this important study.

There is no obligation to participate.

**PCSD~Feighner Research Institute**  
**877-FOR-INFO (877-367-4636)**

# Are you currently diagnosed with MAJOR DEPRESSION?

You may qualify to participate in a research study involving an investigational medication. You may be reimbursed \$75.00 for each study visit you complete. Total compensation will not exceed \$600.00.

Call (858) 566-8222 for more information.  
The California Neuropsychopharmacology  
Clinical Research Institute, LLC  
"CNRI, LLC"

## Are you currently suffering from Ulcerative Colitis?

If so, you may be eligible to participate in a medical research study.

Study sites in your area are currently seeking adults aged 18-80 to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an investigational medication to treat ulcerative colitis.

In addition to study-related physical exams and laboratory services, participants will receive the study medication or placebo once a day for 8 weeks during this 12-week study.

For more information, contact:  
Clinical Applications Laboratories, Inc.  
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**Robert Campbell**  
34  
Wal-Mart Department  
Manager  
Single  
El Cajon  
Interviewed at Wal-Mart  
at College Grove

Honestly, I am thankful to be alive, and I am thankful for my little girl. She turns three this November. Every day you wake up is a reason to be thankful, especially when you have a daughter like my little girl. Her name is Ashlynn. She is a good girl, and I love spending time with her. Also, I have a job, and that is another thing to be thankful for. There are a lot of people who are out of work these days.



**Dianna Baron Irvine**  
59  
Store Owner, Nana's  
Cottage  
Married  
Murrieta  
Interviewed at Nana's  
Cottage, North County  
Fair

I'm thankful for my family, more than anything, and these wonderful girls who work here in my shop. They're all angels. I've had the store for about 11 years. We've been everywhere. We just kind of move from location to location. I love where I live. For the most part, if you've got your health and you've got good people around you, what more could you ask for? I have five children, who range in age from 40 to 28. And ten grandchildren. They're

## Depression



If you are experiencing DEPRESSION but it has not impacted your SEXUAL FUNCTIONING, you may qualify to participate in a research study evaluating an investigational medication on the sexual functioning of individuals suffering from depression. Qualified volunteers will be compensated.

**Optimum Health Services**  
**619-667-4567**



## Do you have a *diagnosis* of **Schizophrenia** or **Schizoaffective disorder?**

If so, you may be eligible to participate in a research study evaluating an investigational medication. Study participants will receive compensation for time and travel.

For more information, please call

**Optimum Health Services**  
**619-667-4567**

## ALZHEIMER'S? forgetful?



### Are you between the ages of 40 and 85?

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, you may qualify to participate in a research study.

- Forgetfulness, especially about recent events
- Confusion or losing track of things
- Difficulty finding words
- Difficulty finding your way or performing familiar tasks
- Poor or impaired judgment
- Changes in mood, behavior or personality
- Lack of interest in activities
- Needing help with simple daily tasks

Qualified participants will receive study-related medical evaluations and investigational medication at no cost. Qualified participants will receive compensation for time and travel.

**Optimum Health Services**  
**619-667-4567**



## Have You Had Acne?

Do you now have dark-colored areas on your skin left over from acne?

We are conducting a research study of an investigational medication for patients who have discoloration of their skin after acne.

We are looking for participants who are:

- In good general health

Qualified participants will receive:

- Skin examinations by Stacy R. Smith, M.D., a Board-Certified Dermatologist
- All visits and study medication at no cost
- Reimbursement for time and travel

For more information or to schedule an appointment

call: 858-638-SKIN (7546) or  
e-mail: spots@therapeuticsresearch.com

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# Do You Have Genital Warts?

Genital warts infections have one of the fastest-growing incidence rates of all sexually transmitted diseases, with about 1% of sexually active adults in the United States suffering from this infection.

Women's Health Care is currently conducting a clinical research trial of an investigational ointment for the treatment of external genital warts.

## Requirements:

- 18 years or older
- be in general good health
- diagnosis of external genital warts

If you qualify for this study, you will receive at no charge study-related:

- health screening and visits
- lab services
- study medication

(You may receive compensation for time and travel for your participation in this trial.)

Please call 858-505-8672  
or visit us on-line at:  
[www.womenwellness.net/research](http://www.womenwellness.net/research)  
for more information about this study.



truly a blessing too.



**April Fernandez**  
**20**

**Sales Clerk, Jewelry**

**Not Married**

**Escondido**

**Interviewed at Nordstrom, North County Fair**

I'm grateful that I was born in the United States. Everything is good in my life. I can go to school and have a job here at Nordstrom. I had been in fashion-jewelry sales at another store before I got this job. I'm going to Palomar College studying to be a medical assistant. I'm thankful for my family, my friends, everything I have.



**John Crowe**  
**32**

**Auto Sales**

**Not Married**

**Escondido**

**Interviewed at GMC dealership on the Escondido Auto Circle**

I'm grateful for the incredible weather that we have here. The wideness of the streets. If you go to Europe, the streets are small and tiny and little, and you can't get by anywhere. The humongous size of the cars. The incredible opportunity we have in the unbelievable city that we live in that you can't get anywhere else in the world. We take it all for granted. Everyone must travel and go see what it's like elsewhere. Then, when

they come back here, they go, "Ahhhh." I lived in Greece for a long time, which is very nice. But the standard of living is very different. I've been many places: France, Japan, all through Europe, the Far East, the Middle East. It's amazing here, and you don't know how amazing it is until you leave and come back. I'm grateful

## CRYSTAL METH/SPEED USERS

Opportunity to participate in an addiction research study funded by NIDA and UCLA. Experimental medications with outpatient drug counseling at no cost.

You will be compensated in vouchers for your participation.

For information call:  
SOUTH BAY  
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**800-495-0001**  
Principal Investigator  
Joseph Mawhinney, M.D.

# Scar Research Study

Participants are needed in a 16-week study of an investigational injection for hypertrophic or keloid scars (thick, raised scars).

You may qualify to participate if you:

- ✓ Are age 18 or older
- ✓ Have 2 hypertrophic or keloid scars
- ✓ Are in good general health
- ✓ Have not had recent treatment of these scars

Qualified patients will receive:

- Investigational study medication at no charge
  - Office visits at no charge
- Financial compensation for time and travel

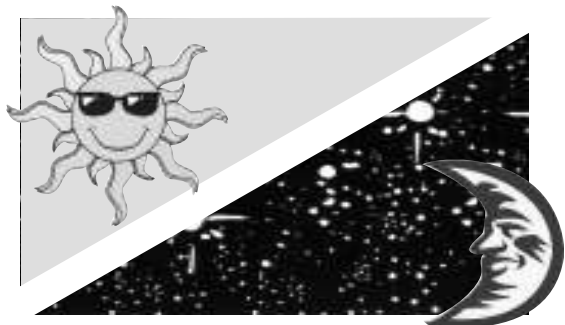
**Call 800-331-9599 for more information.**



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# BIPOLAR?



**We're looking for men and women diagnosed with Bipolar I Disorder.** Volunteers at least 18 years of age are needed to participate in a clinical research study testing an investigational use of a marketed drug for the treatment of Bipolar Disorder, also known as Manic Depression. Patients suffering from Bipolar Disorder must be currently experiencing a major depressive episode. All necessary office visits, medical evaluations, and study medications will be provided at no cost to qualified patients.



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For more information about  
this study, please contact:  
**(619) 688-6565**

# You CAN Quit Smoking



Volunteers are needed for a 1-year clinical research study of an investigational medication being developed that may assist smokers to quit and help maintain smoke cessation.

How do you qualify?

- 18-75 years of age who are motivated to quit smoking
- Smoking at least 10 cigarettes a day for the past year and who have not quit for longer than 3 months in the past year
- Never have taken Zyban or Wellbutrin
- Able to make 17 clinic visits and participate in 7 phone calls
- Able to keep a study diary

Call today for more information.



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# Health & Beauty Guide

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## Extension 7010 Abdominoplasty

- 1 What is abdominoplasty?
- 2 Full v. mini v. liposuction
- 3 Surgery
- 4 Risks & side effects
- 5 Recovery



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## Extension 7070 Botox

- 1 What is Botox?
- 2 Botox & wrinkles
- 3 Effects of Botox
- 4 How much does it cost?



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## Extension 7040 Breast Surgery

- 1 Breast augmentation
- 2 Silicone v. saline implants
- 3 Breast lift
- 4 Breast reduction
- 5 Male breast reduction



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## Extension 7150 Eyelid Surgery

- 1 What is blepharoplasty?
- 2 Will scars be noticeable?
- 3 Recovery period
- 4 Is laser used?
- 5 Alternatives



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## Extension 7020 Face-Lift

- 1 Who can benefit?
- 2 Explanation of procedure
- 3 Alternate procedures
- 4 Side effects
- 5 After surgery



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## Extension 7080 Laser Eye Surgery

- 1 About LASIK
- 2 Who is a candidate?
- 3 Your eye exam
- 4 Surgery
- 5 After surgery



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Mission Valley  
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## Extension 7090 Laser Hair Removal

- 1 About our center
- 2 How it works
- 3 Which laser is best?
- 4 Treatment
- 5 Appointments & costs



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Suite 1040, Mission Valley  
888-735-2737  
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## Extension 7060 Laser Vein Treatment

- 1 About our center
- 2 Causes of spider veins
- 3 How lasers treat spider veins
- 4 Treatments
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I'm thankful that we can have events like this for kids. Nice get-togethers where kids can enjoy themselves and it's safe. They don't have to see all the pain that's going on in the world. I'm thankful for my family, which is always there for me. My friends. And that there's a God.



**Diane Ray**  
53  
Cashier, Goodwill  
Industries  
Not Married  
Escondido  
Interviewed at the  
Goodwill Store in Vista

I'm thankful that I have a God in my life today. I'm thankful that I'm clean and sober. And I'm thankful that I have a job. I've been clean and sober four years as of the 29th of September. I think that's awesome. I went through Serenity House, over in Escondido, and it was either go to jail or get clean. And I've

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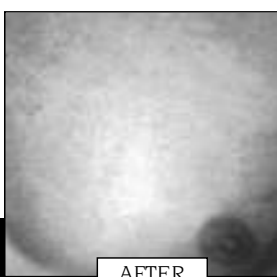
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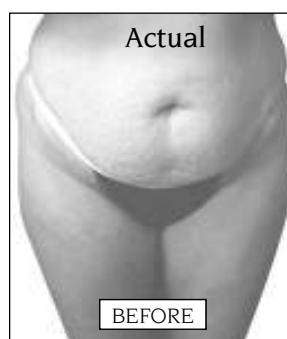
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**Fred McNeil**  
**47**  
**Drywall Business**  
**Owner**  
**Divorced**  
**El Cajon**  
**Interviewed at Los**  
**Coches Wal-Mart**

I am thankful to have work. I have been trying to start up a new drywall business, and it's been slow the last couple years. But this year, things are going a lot better. It is starting to pick up real good. It is going to be a better Christmas this year. I went through a divorce. She got the house, I got the kids. So I am raising them on my own and starting a new business. It is pretty scary, but it is starting to do better. I did it all on my own too.



**Kathy Welsh**  
**52**  
**Customer Service**  
**Single**  
**La Mesa**  
**Interviewed at Gross-**  
**mont Center Target**

I am thankful that I have work. So many

people are out of work and think they can't get work. But I've got two jobs. I am doubly employed. I think that is something to be thankful for, because if I did not have the second one, I would not be able to live here in San Diego. So I really am thankful for that. I am thankful for my health; I am thankful that I can work. That's pretty much it.



**Mary Anderson**  
**51**  
**Hairstylist**  
**Married**  
**Clairemont**  
**Interviewed at Claire-**  
**mont Square**

I am thankful because recently, my family has had some turmoil with our son's new wife and miscommunication. I was at a total loss for how to proceed when, out of the blue, we received a letter from a Catholic charity that included an inexpensive medal of the Blessed Mother. It seemed like a sign to me. I sent a modest donation and wore the medal to a family gathering that evening. Each time, before I spoke, I tried to imagine how Our Blessed Mother would respond. The evening ended on a positive note. Blessings can come in many ways. Some from the U.S. Postal Service.



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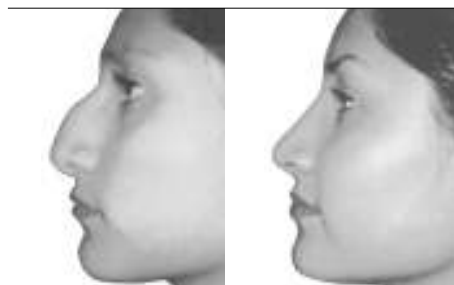
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Well, I am thankful that the people of the United States are being more aware of our soldiers and the people over in the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. People are much more aware of what is going on and pressing the government to take care of our people over there. For a while there seemed to be a lot of people saying we need to get out and things like that. But I am glad that people are more supportive of the troops

than the government is at times. I have family that is involved in the war, and my brother was involved in the last war with Iraq. I am very thankful for their efforts and for the support people are giving them.



**Sean Judd**  
**Early 20s**  
**Nurse**  
**Interviewed at Oktoberfest in Ocean Beach**

I'm thankful for God,

all of my homies. My friends, cousins, and life in general. The world. My mom. Brothers. I'm thankful, really, that every day we wake up and see our lives, you know?



**Francesca Cavallaro**  
**Married**  
**Interviewed at Fashion Valley**

I'm thankful that I have my husband and my family. And for beautiful days here in

California.



**Mike Smith**  
**23**  
**Security Analyst at Sharp HealthCare Mission Beach**  
**Interviewed in Mission Beach**

I'm thankful for the fact that I have a good job. Plenty of good friends. I live in a great area, right down the road. Great family. I just moved out here from Connecticut. I've been here a year and have

been lucky and successful out here so far. Things are going my way, so I'm thankful for that. My Thanksgivings were nice back home with family, and they will continue to be nice out here with friends.



**Bling Bling**  
**30**  
**Actor**  
**Pacific Beach**  
**Interviewed outside Saska's in Mission Beach**

I am thankful for the gift of life and living. There's so much, I can't even begin to tell you all the things I'm thankful for.



**Suzie Points**  
**20**  
**South Mission Beach**  
**Interviewed in Mission Beach**

I'm thankful for going home. I'm going home to Portland, Oregon. I live in South Mission Beach now. I'm thankful I live here

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and not in Oregon anymore. I'm thankful the weather is nice and it doesn't rain every day. And thankful for all the beautiful guys. It's such a beautiful place here. Back home was nice to have family and everything, especially on Thanksgiving, with a big gathering. But I'm so happy and thankful to be here now.



**Jeremy Bertrand**  
23  
Tattoo Artist  
Married  
Interviewed in Mission Beach

I'm thankful for my family and the busi-

ness opportunity that came in front of me. That's about it. I'll own this place in about a month. Thanksgivings for me used to be in Washington State. I'm so thankful that I got to move out of there and come here and enjoy the sunshine. The weather there sucks.



**Maria Salitrero**  
22  
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have such good friends, 'cause it's been a tough year and they helped me through it a lot. And my family, of course. But they live up north.



**Alex Mashir**  
22  
Server at Denny's  
Single  
Interviewed at Denny's  
in Mission Valley

I'm originally from Hamburg, Germany. We don't celebrate Thanksgiving over there. I've been here six

years, and a lot of my family is out here too. I'm thankful for everything I've got. Thankful I'm in this country. Thankful I have a family I can celebrate with.



**Ryan**  
23  
Valet  
Pacific Beach  
Interviewed at Saska's  
in Mission Beach

I'm thankful for my family. My friends. I'm thankful that I live in a great place like San Diego, with great

weather.

**Gia**  
23  
Stripper  
Poway  
Interviewed in  
Clairemont

I'm thankful that we only have one more year of George Bush.



**Jessie**  
18  
Bouncer at Strip Club  
Interviewed in  
Clairemont

I'm thankful I have a

lot of friends right now. They've been helping me out. We've had some good times.



**Tiffany**  
Receptionist  
Interviewed at Fashion Valley

Just for being alive.



**Trish Fogle**

**Student at Court Reporting Institute**  
**Married**  
**Interviewed at Fashion Valley**

I'm thankful for my life. And that I'm almost out of school. I've been going to school for almost five years.



**Tina Babaie**  
24  
Sav-On Employee  
Single  
Poway  
Interviewed at Sav-On  
in Clairemont

I thank God for everything that He gave us.

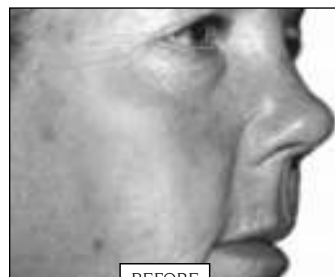


**Amy Nelson**  
22  
Veterinarian's Assistant  
Married  
Hillcrest  
Interviewed at Fashion Valley

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## WOODS ROCK TO WHISTLESTOP

by Josh Board

**O**ne night I went to two different parties at opposite ends of the spectrum. The first was at a giant house at the Coronado Cays that had a back yard on the water with a boat dock. The second was at a small bar in South Park crammed with college film students. One would have bottles of fine wine to go with the beer they had, the other had beers on tap and beer on the floor from where a few rowdy guys spilled their suds.

When I arrived at the first party in Coronado, I couldn't believe the houses in the neighborhood. It was harder to believe that this house wasn't even being lived in. It was Candice's parents' "summer home." She said, "I usually throw a few parties here. We have bands play on the roof deck." On the first floor, they had a catering company serving up Mexican food. The view was incredible. I saw a gondola go by, and somebody asked, "Are we in Venice?" His friend replied, "I think those are from Loews Resort."

With the caterers' setup,



the beer, tables, and 20 people, it was starting to get crowded. I was told by Wendy, who put on the party with Candice and a few others, "We'll be having the music upstairs. Just come up when you're done eating."

The spiral stairs led up to one floor, and I stopped to



Top: Alex Woodard band; Bottom left: Catered food; Bottom right: Gavin Allen (left)

walking down, we realized there wasn't room for both of us to pass.

When he asked a particularly hard question that nobody answered, he said, "And the crowd goes mild."

take in the view. I would still have to walk up another flight before getting to the roof. And when another couple was

When I got up to the deck, it looked like Woodstock. People were sitting on blankets. There was a beauti-

ful fireplace that a few ladies were sitting next to. I heard Candice tell somebody to get some hot apple cider. That sounded good, but I had already staked out a good place to watch the band. I didn't want to trek back down those stairs. She was telling others, "I have extra blankets if you need one."

The first performer was Cary Pierce. He was in a band called Jack O'Pierce that was big on the East Coast, and even appeared on Rosie

O'Donnell's show. He showed a great sense of humor with his song lyrics and stories. He said, "This is one of the top five gigs I've ever played. This place is beautiful." He then went on about how the back-stage area at the Belly Up Tavern sucks, and you feel like you're in somebody's office, and you have to dodge the empty kegs. Pierce's song lyrics had funny lines like "I can't call and hang up on you/Because of caller ID."

There was a helicopter pilot and instructor from the base at Coronado. He said, "When I found out Cary was playing here, I had to come. I have a briefing at 5:30 in the morning, but I used to watch this guy when I was in college back East. My wife is into him also, but she couldn't make it today."

Candice told me they were only going to invite a few acts but ended up having so many more. It looked like there were over a hundred people here. I saw a jar that said "donations," and asked Candice later if that even remotely helps her cover the cost of how expensive this

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whole thing must be to put on. She said, "We got \$201 in donations, and that went for the food only."

Candice got onstage before the next singer and reminded people to keep their cell phones off, "unless your wife is at home pregnant or something."

Cary Pierce played solo, but when Alex Woodard performed, he had a fiddle player, a guitarist, and bassist. His drummer is in the popular band Fountains of Wayne, and they're out touring. Alex did a version of "Always on My Mind" that was the most beautiful I have ever heard (sorry,

Elvis). He sounded like a combination of Springsteen and Dylan, but with a better voice. He did some great cover songs, including "Peaceful Easy Feeling," which his fellow Encinitas resident Jack Tempchin wrote. He also segued into Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower" during one of his tunes. Another great tune talked about "laying awake, wasting away/with Sinatra and Billie Holiday."

There was only one bad seat on the roof. Since the area was packed, a couple had to sit against a wall by a hose. Their friend said, "You guys are snuggled up next to a hose." She replied, "Who are you calling a ho?"

One lady said, "Are

you the reporter here? You're going to write about this party? Just make sure it's not a lame party review like Burl Stiff writes for the *Union-Tribune*. All he does is list people at the parties, and not what actually happens at them."

As I was leaving, two of that woman's friends were on the street yelling into a cell phone at the cab that got lost trying to find the party. They were going to the airport, so I gave them a lift. One said, "I fly into town for this party; it's that cool. Now we have to go back to Scottsdale."

The gal in the back-seat said, "Are you going to write that you took us to the airport?" I said, "If I do, I'm going to change

it to say it was two blonde stewardesses, and that I joined the Mile High Club." The blonde in the front laughed, and the brunette said, "Why can't you say we work at Bank of America? And why can't I be brunette? A voluptuous brunette."

Since this party ended around 8:30, despite the quick detour to the airport, I still had time to go to the party that some film students at SDSU put on at the Whistle Stop Bar.

Gavin Allen told me, "It's called Brew and View. They're movies that are perfect to drink to." I was surprised how packed the place was. The bar had rows of seats set up like a movie theater. There were well over a

hundred people here.

The first film was called *Glaadiator* [sic]. It was a gay take on the movie *Gladiator*, and it was quite funny. The film was a finalist in the Berlin International Film Festival and has played in over 60 film festivals around the world. Not bad for the \$13,000 the flyer said was spent to make it.

I was talking to two guys at the bar about movies. I asked, "Who's the best filmmaker ever? Preston Sturges, Kubrick, Fellini...?" One said, "It's got to be Hitchcock. Some film lovers love to praise Orson Welles. He was great early on, but became an overweight, overrated buffoon the last 20 years of his life." I looked at his friend and

asked him, "Who do you think the best filmmaker was?" He chugged his beer, smiled, and said "I'd say, without a doubt, it's Seymore Butts," a porno star/producer.

The next film was Ryan Powers's *Night of the Living Missionaries*. It was filmed like one of those old silent movies, and the dialogue appeared on the screen after each scene. It was filmed with grainy images and eerie music. Powers has been a cinematographer in San Diego for over five years. The flyer for this event said, "He's trying to make 'the next big thing' but so far has only succeeded in creating 'the last small thing.'"

This film had two guys drinking beer in the

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back of their truck, when Mormon missionaries come up from the ground, with black slacks, black ties, and white shirts, and black and darkened eyes. And, of course, carrying Bibles. They go after the two guys and drag them out of the truck. One of them grabs a cross and fends them off for a little bit. When they get into the truck to drive off, the missionaries continue their chase — on bicycles, of course.

One film called *Bun Bun* was about a little girl who wants a bunny that her parents gave to another little girl at a birthday party. She cries so much about it that the parents plot to steal it back. The scene where they go into the baby's room during a dinner party to steal it rivals the funny scene of Nicolas Cage trying to kidnap a baby in *Raising Arizona*.

During an intermission, I talked to Gavin outside. He said, "We try to do one of these a month, but sometimes that's hard to do." As we talked, everyone was coming out to say hi to him, and some wanted to talk about other movie projects. He had some trivia questions; prizes included tickets to Madstone Theatres. When he asked a particularly hard question that nobody answered, he said, "And the crowd goes mild." Gavin might be the only person I've talked to about science-fiction films who knew a lot about the genre and actually wasn't a geek (don't write letters when you read this, Trekkies).

The crowd seemed to be mostly college students, and some dressed like they were beatnik poets. Maybe that gives them the look of eccentric young filmmakers. All of them were nice, and all enjoyed talking about movies, without the slightest air of arrogance



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in talking about their craft.

I overheard another guy talking about Woody Allen films. He said, "There aren't better movies than *What's Up, Tiger Lily?*, *Sleeper*, or *Annie Hall*." I mentioned my favorite being *Love and Death*, and one guy said, "That was the last movie Allen made in that style, where he just threw in a bunch of jokes, one after the other." We ended up talking for 15 minutes about our favorite lines and scenes from Allen's movies.

The film Gavin was in was the longest. It was called *Francis Xharati Presents Invasion 14*. The flyer named all the people it would offend, which included "the Irish, or anyone who still finds Eddie Murphy even remotely funny." This film was hit-and-miss, but mostly funny. It was fun when the crowd would see somebody they knew in the movie and would yell out his or her name or applaud. Some of the crowd got restless, since it was almost half an hour long.

There was a fake commercial for a video called *Seniors Gone Wild* that had old people stripping and dancing in their underwear. A girl next to me asked, "Where did they find the old people to do this?"

Finally, there was a musical that was done by Justin Halpern. The flyer said it was "a film that takes one through the playful and cuddly world of STDs, and it cites major influences such as Gene Kelly and Masters and Johnson. It's reminiscent of *The Music Man* meets everyone's favorite *After-school Special*." The film was called *Genital Warts: The Musical*. ■

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**S**iblings are a mixed blessing. Sometimes, you love 'em. Other times, you want to hit them over the head with a two-by-four. Concussions aside, I really do like my sister, and I will miss her when I go off to college a year and a half from now.

Because I have no sense of direction, I'll miss her "human compass" abilities; she has an ability to find a street or a house or a shopping center in places where we have never been. It's kind of spooky. After I leave, I'll have to invest in a GPS to help me find my feet. I'll miss my sister's companionship on those ghastly family vacations we had to endure each summer. If it weren't for her, I probably would have thrown myself over the edge of Bryce Canyon last year. Our parents, God bless 'em, have the strangest ideas of what would be a fun family time. Sitting on a bus for 12 hours and hearing stories about Utah polygamists was definitely a nadir in our lives. If it weren't for my sib and her commentary, I would have jumped ship and joined the squirrels outside.

My sister has also provided me with laughs, usually at her expense. I remember once, before she could read, I told her that an emergency exit at Ralphs said "candy inside" and urged her to push open the magical door. After the sirens stopped and the red-faced manager admonished us, learning to read became her number-one priority.

I won't miss our petty disagreements over the TV, computer, and video games. Her stream of profanity when things don't go her way is another thing I could live without. Finally, her annoying habit of referring to herself in the third person (as if she were royalty) will no longer give me a migraine headache.

— Stephanie Feldstein,  
Bonita Vista H.S.

**I** have three years left till college. There are tons of things I'll miss when I leave: my house, friends, lovely weather, my dogs, and especially my brother Henry.

My 11-year-old brother Henry is one of the more inter-



Henry

esting people I know. For instance, he always feels the need to bang on his drum set anytime I'm either watching TV or sleeping. Henry hates to take showers, he leaves his wet towels on the floor, and throws fits whenever forced to wear a collared shirt to the golf course. I won't miss these aspects of his character.

Don't get me wrong; I love my little brother. He just has some habits that someday one of his girlfriends might be startled to discover. I don't see how anyone would be able to appreciate his need to wear dirty clothes or, on a hot summer day, dress in long, dark sleeves and jeans. Perhaps it's just that I am a girl who takes pride in being well and appropriately dressed.

However, the things that I won't miss fade in comparison next to the things I will: he has a mature sense of humor and is smart. He's considerate: he'll buy me a pack of gum at the grocery store or make me a snack without asking.

Though I don't want to let Henry be the only child for a few years, I am comforted by the fact that he will always be my friend, and as friends and siblings, we won't ever fall out of touch.

— Anne Baker,  
Carlsbad H.S.

**I** tend to associate with this kid that lives in the room next to mine named Grant Finley. In a couple of years, I'll be out of the house and into the workforce. The interaction I share with him today will be reduced to an occasional phone call or visit.

It's great to have a brother to talk with, to horse around with, and to struggle through life alongside. But having a brother is like having a friend over to visit...permanently; after a while, you tend to get irritated by habits and mannerisms.

Let's take it from the top: the morning ritual. This year I had to implement a schedule in order to avoid him as much as possible. For example, while I'm in the shower, he's eating breakfast. Every day, after finishing my bagel, I head upstairs to the bathroom to brush my teeth. He's always there before me. The door is always shut and locked. I knock. I hear a muddled cry, "Get your own bathroom." After two or three minutes, the door opens. The drawer that contains my brother's toiletries protrudes into the path of the doorway, so he has to first close the drawer in order to open the door. This is always done grudgingly, as if I only wanted to enter the bathroom to irritate him. Every day, as

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I conclude brushing my teeth, Grant begins to wet his hair in the sink. He stands directly in front of the sink while he gels his hair and combs it, all the while I am trying to spit out my toothpaste. I'm definitely looking forward to a lonely bathroom in the near future.

When we cross paths at school, it's always interesting. Occasionally, Grant will pass by and yell "FIN-LEY!" in imitation of the salutation I receive from some of the jocks I know. (Your last name's Finley too, Bozo.)

My brother has this idea that he is in charge of my morality. "Hey, don't you have homework?" "Are you going to tell Mom what you did today?" Of course, these questions are always asked in a loud enough tone for Mother to hear them.

He also has this policy of transferring

chores to me. While I'm in another room, I hear my mom softly ask Grant to take out the trash. "Greg, Mom wants you to take out the trash!" he'll yell. Brotherly love is constantly in the air at the Finley residence.

— Greg Finley,  
El Capitan H.S.

Throughout my 18 years of existence, there has been one person that I have felt every emotion imaginable toward. From love and hate to admiration and pride, my brother Brad and I have gone through it all. In fact, my brother and I probably fought more than other brothers because we were born 18 months apart.

We moved into a new house two years ago. Until then, my brother and I shared a room. This causes a few problems for most brothers, and we were no different. Nowadays,

when I recall the things my brother did to push my buttons, like steal the phone or remote control from me, I crack a smile. Even though he did bother me a lot, I can't blame him; we lived in the same small room for years.

The most irritating things he would do to me were also the most petty. I hated how he'd chat on AOL for hours while I sat without a computer or a phone line. Doing nothing was another annoying trait of my brother's; he deemed that it was 99 percent my responsibility to clean up the room, take out the trash, and clean up the bathroom.

Not everything about living with my brother was bad. Brad gave me guidance on girl problems and hung out with me when I had no one to chill with. Our closeness in age allowed us to experi-

ence everything together. When my brother and I were having a good day with each other, we would laugh the day away.

When I move out, I will have yearnings for my brother's wisdom, but I won't be able to get it whenever I want. I will also miss my brother's laugh. When my brother and I tell jokes or are giving each other a hard time, his laugh is the reason I try to make jokes.

— Nick Toft,  
Mira Mesa H.S.  
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For the past 13 years, I've spent every day of my life with my little brother Kyle. We've shared some fun times and created happy memories, but he's still a pesky little brother. Regardless, I will definitely miss him when I move out.

I will miss having my little brother

around to spend time with. I love picking him up from school each day and then spending the hour we have together before our mom gets home from work. It's also nice to have someone there to play board games with when I'm bored. I enjoy taking him to the movies, lunch, or miniature golfing; it allows him to go somewhere without our parents because he's not yet allowed to go out by himself.

I will also miss having my little brother around to do things for me that I'm too lazy to do. Right now I can get my brother to do any of my chores — including washing my truck — for the price of a Slurpee. It is also nice to have him around if a disgusting bug or spider appears; he isn't afraid of them, so he gets them for me.

Among all the good things about my

brother, there are a few things that I will not miss: I won't miss how my brother makes my car smell when I pick him up from school. He has PE, and he plays so hard that he gets really sweaty and stinky. Every day I have to roll down the windows — which causes my hair to blow all over — so that I don't have to endure his stench. Another issue I have with my brother is his hair gel. My brother spikes his hair every morning, and he manages to get the gel all over the counter. The gel is sticky, and he uses my hairbrush to spread it.

— Kristina Stratton,  
El Capitan H.S.

I was held captive as a younger sibling once, and when the time came for my sister to move on to college, it opened a world of opportunities. For one, it meant I would have the feeling of being

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raised as an only child, which was followed by the spoils of being such. I had more toys, and when I asked for a GI Joe, I got it. The times of being a prisoner of war within my own home were over.

There are things I miss about living with my only sibling. A brother and sister are always there to defend each other, to fight for each other, and that was gone. Suddenly, when some older kid would say, "Look at that goofy-lookin' fool," my sister wasn't there to tell them they were ten times as ugly as I was.

An older sister can be a link to new and exciting things, a person to talk to and share thoughts with that you wouldn't dare share with any other soul. They are the best guidance counselors an individual could ever ask for. Only a younger sibling could possibly know how great it is to have an older sister/brother there to cover for you when your parents are yelling at you.

The immediate gratification from their being gone is nice. All of a sudden, the ice cream in the freezer is yours for the taking. Using the last of the milk to wash it down doesn't matter; you are free, and you can finally go in that room that you weren't supposed to be in! My sister would constantly be watching over me when her friends were over, afraid I would do something to embarrass her (which I usually did), but now I can walk through the house in my underwear, and nobody will say a word.

When my sister left, I lost the guidance that she provided and gained independence. Now it's that guidance that I need more than anything. The questions of "Should I go to college, get a job, or follow my girlfriend" are left unanswered. ■

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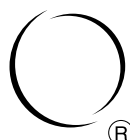
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## LETTERS

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ment and the operation and maintenance of municipal and industrial water and wastewater systems. Nearly all of the engineering services associated with our projects are provided by outside firms.

Second, just like all non-profit organizations, the WaterReuse association relies on members to host meetings and events. Sponsors come from both the private and public sectors. As a member of the WaterReuse organization, USFilter hosted the meeting noted in the article which included lunch for all attendees. Any interested individual can join the WaterReuse Association, and he/she, too, will be entitled to attend these meetings, lunch and all.

Third, neither USFilter, nor any other private company or public entity, can force the people of San Diego to accept indirect potable reuse, or any other use of reclaimed water for that matter. But it is important to note that communities in California and around the world are safely using reclaimed water for many purposes besides indirect potable reuse daily. Irrigation and industrial uses are just two widely used applications.

As noted in the current draft of the Department of Water Resources California Water Plan Update 2003, statewide over 500,000 acre-feet of reclaimed water are used every year, three times the amount used in 1970. The 2003 Update also estimates reclaimed water will account for approximately 25 percent of California's new water supply by 2030. This is because every gallon of reclaimed water utilized in California makes one more gallon of drinking water available for potable use.

Municipalities as large as Los Angeles and as small as Lathrop in the Central Valley rely on reclaimed water daily. As the population of San Diego continues to grow, water professionals are increasingly looking for information and innovative solutions to help deal with providing a sustainable, safe supply of water to the citizens of San Diego. The WaterReuse Association meet-

ings provide professionals with a forum for sharing information on how reclaimed water can be successfully incorporated into an integrated water-resource management plan to meet the water-supply needs of San Diego in the future.

If and when the people of San Diego decide they wish to increase the use of reclaimed water, USFilter has the expertise and would be honored to be a partner with other water professionals to provide San Diego's citizens with a drought-proof source of water.

Dawn Guendert  
USFilter  
Carlsbad

### My Suspicions Justified

I have visited the Gaslamp district several times during my trips to San Diego, and I could not help noticing how many bars were having ladies' nights ("No Way to Treat a Lady," Pop Music, November 13). These bars were much more crowded than their competitors who did not offer ladies' nights.

As an attorney, I was always amazed at the number of bars openly hosting ladies' nights in San Diego when gender discrimination is clearly illegal in California. My suspicions were justified when I read your article about these bars' almost immediate capitulation in the civil rights lawsuits filed against them for ladies' nights.

In my opinion, these bars had to know that what they were doing was illegal, but they did it anyway to take customers away from their competitors. Based on your article, the *Reader* appears to condone this type of discrimination. Does the *Reader* discriminate in a similar fashion with its male and female employees?

Litigation is very expensive, so it's no wonder it took \$125,000 to settle with the plaintiffs for having to hire two prominent attorneys to prosecute seven civil rights lawsuits. But my question is: Who is going to compensate the legally operating bars who suffered financial losses because their competitors hosted the profitable but illegal ladies' nights?

Joe Grant  
Houston, Texas

### Money-Hungry Jerks

I read the article "No Way to Treat a Lady" in the November 13 *Reader* (Pop Music), and I just want to say those guys suing clubs and bars for discrimination against men because of ladies' night are *probably* money-hungry jerks who cannot get laid anyway and want to mess things up for everybody else. (I only put in "probably" because they would most likely sue me as well for slander, defamation of character, or any other excuse to get money.) After saying that, I also think I may have come up with a solution to the ladies' night problem. The bars and clubs could give discounts to people wearing dresses or other feminine attire. That way women who come in wearing a dress can discount as well as men. This way nobody is getting "discriminated" against. The only disclaimer is, the bars and clubs may turn to transvestite hot spots, so this would not be a good idea for places in Hillcrest or North Park. Oh, and everybody can thank me later.

Jason Boyd  
La Mesa

### No Defense

I think it's quite interesting in the letters to the editor regarding the *Reader's* reports on the illegal porn stores in Hillcrest that the writers call me part of the moral police with nothing better to do on my hands. They negate to address the one main point of the articles ("Too Close," October 30, and "Bathhouse Quagmire," November 6, "City Lights"). These businesses are breaking the law with regards to their locations next to elementary schools and churches. Additionally, it is the city council of San Diego that has made the determination that these businesses must be kept at least 1000 feet from schools, churches, and residentially zoned properties to protect the citizens of San Diego. I guess the writers of these letters think they know more than the city council. If they know so much, then perhaps they need to run for city council, change the laws, and then end the dispute. They have no defense for their positions in this matter, so they decide to attack me personally. I am do-

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ing the best I can with the life that God has given me to actually do something about a problem I see in my community, rather than, like these letter writers, do nothing but complain with no action, like the vast majority of our society.

James Hartline

**Self-Loathing  
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Ernie Grimm gets it all wrong. His article "Bathhouse Quagmire" ("City Lights," November 6) is an example of how manipulative media (that ever so influential information filter) can be. This is an example of how personal prejudices get codified and passed off as "journalism."

The scariest thing about this article is that he almost sounds convincing. This story is replete with quotes from one gay man — James Hartline — whose narrative is used to represent an entire community. He is a gay man "born again." A cheerleader for the Christian right. A poster child for sexual deviance. He gives a sob-story victim narrative that perpetuates every god-awful myth about gay men our heterosexist society has ever ventured to pen (as media, as legal codes, as religious mandate). Grimm deftly uses "one of them" to denounce homosexuality and the corrupt "sex libbers." (Which I might add are two distinct movements — aren't some women pro-sexual liberation as well?)

According to Hartline, gay men are AIDS-riddled, drug-fiending, boy-corrupting, petty-thefting, power-mongering, sexually licentious Men interested in screwing over other Men (literally and figuratively).

Where did Grimm find this guy? Leave it to him to find the most self-loathing gay man with AIDS in all of Mercy Hospital and to quote him generously. Dear San Diego Reader, can't we get some other voices in this paper? Voices that discuss the whys of HIV-infection. Isn't it true that the economically disadvantaged are hit hardest by HIV? Aren't oppressed peoples lacking self-esteem and access to decent medical care? Isn't it true that HIV has reached epidemic levels in Africa and China, but if you asked the first person on the street they'd have no clue?

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Isn't it possible that gay men like Hartline learn these ways of speaking (speaking from self-hating positions of victimization and deprivation)? I think it's time for redress. This kind of writing just fans the flames of AIDS hysteria. We don't need to have the bathhouses shut down. We need to have these kinds of stereotypes shut down.

Sincerely Yours  
and Proudly Queer,  
Crystal D. Brownell

### Bathhouse Goons

Joshua Sanderson of Hillcrest boldly announces that he is, in his own words, a homo who frequents a bathhouse (Letters, November 20). Mr. Sanderson announces that he has safe sex. I regret to advise him that there is quasi-safe sex, but from the viewpoint of epidemiology, there is no 100 percent safe sex. For his own sake, Mr. Sanderson needs to face this.

The so-called bathhouses, according to investigations published in the American press, are centers for the transmission not only of HIV but of every other com-

municable disease. Also, they include among their clients male prostitutes who are infected with numerous diseases. The number of contacts for each person who frequents these places is from five to ten per night. That is only the lowest estimate. Politicians and police are regularly paid off by the owners, who are closely connected to syndicated crime. Criminal goons patrol these bathhouses and hand out beatings when they feel like it. Usually the bathhouse is a fire trap, but the fire marshals are also paid off. Certain highly respectable citizens with homosexual backgrounds have special rooms guarded by the goons. Supposedly there are only 3 bathhouses in San Diego County, but the truth is that there are more than 20.

Name Withheld

### Evil S&M Lifestyle

Scott "Scix" Maddix's November 13 letter defending his employer, the Crypt store, located at the southeast corner of Park Boulevard and University Avenue in Hillcrest, would be laughable

were it not so sad. As head clerk of this sadomasochist (S&M) playtoy palace, Maddix denies that his store has harmful effects on the surrounding neighborhood. However, any right-thinking person who peers into the Crypt's display windows will immediately understand that it is an evil place.

On Saturday, November 15, I visited the Crypt before opening hours to see what its "tarty mannequins" are wearing lately. That morning, there were male mannequins sporting studded chest harnesses and fancy jock straps, as well as two female mannequins dressed in S&M attire, one holding a studded spanking paddle and the other gripping a cat-o'-nine-tails whip. It was not my first visit: a few weeks ago, the Crypt displayed leather-clad sadomasochistic priests and nuns in a satanic affront to the Catholic Church.

Just inside the Crypt's entrance door is a rack containing copies of the Hillcrest community's staple reading fare: homosexual

pornographic magazines such as *Buzz*, *Update*, *Gay and Lesbian Times*, and others. These periodicals, which ostensibly purport to be "news" magazines but whose back pages are filled with explicit "gay" sex ads, are available throughout Hillcrest, including the taxpayer-funded LGBT Center and the main doorway of University Heights public library branch right next to the children's book section. Also clearly visible inside the Crypt was a rack filled with homosexually explicit greeting cards.

In addition to these so-called news magazines, the Crypt also carries applications for perverted sex clubs such as the Red Hankies of San Diego (RHSD), a "gay" fisting club, and Salt N Pepper Swingers. The RHSD application, stamped with the Crypt's name, invites men to join the club for a fee of \$30 per year after specifying their "hand size," HIV status, and preferred fisting position as a "top/ bottom/versatile." The Salt N Pepper Swingers applica-

tion, bearing the Crypt's Nazi-style double-headed eagle logo, invites potential applicants to "be a model/porn star \$\$\$." This is prostitution by another name, and the City of San Diego should prosecute it.

Maddix asserts that "minors...are not allowed inside our shop" and that "In truth, these stores do no harm." While it may be true that minors are not allowed inside his shop, Maddix neglects to mention that Roosevelt Middle School and Grace Lutheran School, which teaches children aged preschool through eighth grade, are just blocks away from his store. Nor does he disclose that three Lutheran senior citizen towers are also located in the Crypt's immediate neighborhood or that a San Diego Transit bus stop is right in front of the store.

What kind of eye-ful are children and "seasoned citizens" getting when they amble past the Crypt on their way to school or the bus stop and see those "tarty" S&M mannequins, "gay" magazines,

and other perverted sex accouterments in its windows? No harm done by the Crypt? Yeah, right, and I've got a bridge for sale about 60 miles west of Hillcrest...

Scix, please, find a decent job, go back to journalism, and come out of this evil S&M lifestyle before it sucks your soul into hell. It's not too late to change.

Name Withheld

### Sex Target

Regarding "Bathhouse Quagmire" by Ernie Grimm ("City Lights," November 6), it is hard to know where to begin in criticizing such a one-sided and hysterical propaganda piece against the gay community.

It appears that your reporter has been taken in by the Religious Right — which would undoubtedly ban going to the beach on sunny Sundays if it had its way — and failed to check out his sources.

A good place to start would be the article "Ex Gay Takes on His Past" by Robert Kumpel, published by the ultraconservative Catholic *San Diego News Notes* (go to [www.](http://www.)

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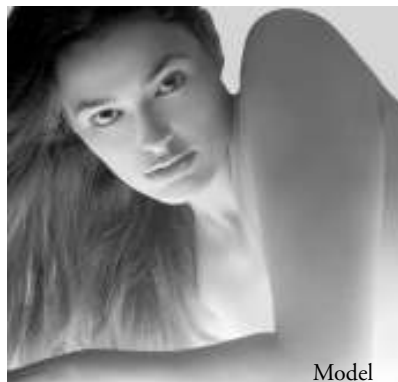
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Grimm opens his article by "shocking" the reader with his account of AIDS patients at Mercy Hospital going to their clinic almost within view of a gay bathhouse.

This is a nice hook to get people to read the article — since it appeals to their ignorance and fear — but it has no more significance than pointing out that there are fast-food restaurants, bars, and cigarette stores within three blocks of Mercy Hospital (which treats overweight people with diabetes and heart disease, alcoholics with cirrhosis of the liver, and people with smoking-induced emphysema and lung cancer — often at considerable taxpayer expense).

News flash: Bathhouses no more cause AIDS than restaurants cause obesity-related diabetes, bars cause alcoholism, and cigarette stores cause lung cancer and emphysema. None of these brick-and-mortar establishments causes anything except some variety of commerce.

The fact is, behavior combined with genes is the cause of these illnesses in most cases; and — in the case of AIDS — there are well-known ways to have sex while protecting yourself, whether you're doing it in a bathhouse, at home, or in a car.

So the real question (not addressed at all by Grimm's article) is: How willing are we to facilitate people in (or at least not discourage them from) taking risks — risks that they usually consider having fun, whether the "fun" is flying small airplanes, driving when you really don't have to drive, drinking, smoking, or, yes, going to a gay bathhouse because the guy you want to have sex with is an unknown quantity and you don't want to risk bringing him home?

In this still-hypocritical and puritanical society (think of Rush Limbaugh, Jimmy Swaggart, and Jim Bakker), it is quite remarkable that there are a lot of people out there who consider having sex fun and aren't afraid to say so. They do it in bathhouses. They also do it at home and in cars on lovers' lanes. Unfortu-

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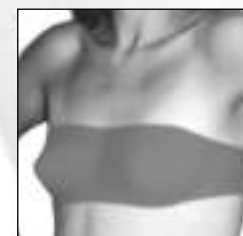
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nately, it is all too unremarkable that there are *also* people (who mistakenly call themselves “Christians” — people like Rush, Jimmy, and Jim) who want to stop other people from having fun.

Sex is the target now — especially gay sex, because gays are an easy target — but the target could be (and has been) other things, like drinking, smoking, dancing, and doing anything except going to church on a sunny Sunday.

Allied — wittingly or not — with these so-called Christians are people obsessed with health — the sort of people who want to stop other people from smoking, drinking, etc., not because they deem these things immoral, but because they consider them bad for one’s health and costly to society.

The question that people need to ask those who want to restrict our behavior for health and cost-saving purposes is whether they are willing to level the playing field. Usually the answer is no (hypocrisy is the major accompaniment to the health

police as well as to the religious police). So you have — for example — antismokers who drink and complain about the supposed deadliness of secondhand smoke while paying no attention to the undoubted deadliness of secondhand drinking in the form of tens of thousands of drinking-related highway accidents that kill nondrinkers every year.

Grimm is just plain wrong when he writes, “Though many large cities in the United States shut down their bathhouses....” No, they didn’t. Only two cities — New York and San Francisco — placed any serious restrictions on bathhouses. Just the fact that bathhouses continued to be open 24 hours a day in virtually every American and European city with a population of a million people or more throughout the AIDS epidemic *without* causing the AIDS holocaust they were supposed to cause shows that bathhouses not only do not cause AIDS, they don’t even increase its spread.

This is proven by the fact

that the incidence of AIDS is no higher per capita in cities with baths than in cities without them. I say this is a fact because I have yet to hear of a study indicating otherwise. And there is no doubt that such a study would be shoved in our faces by the likes of Grimm if it actually existed!

As for the fact — highlighted in Grimm’s article — that a sample of bathhouse patrons in L.A. tested positive for HIV at twice the usual rate for gay men, this says nothing about bathhouses except that the sort of people who go to them are more likely to be HIV positive for whatever reason. It does not show that they seroconverted in a bathhouse. Nor does it show that the absence of bathhouses would have prevented their seroconversion. They could have had unsafe sex anywhere.

The same goes for claims that bathhouses cause drug use. No, drug users may be more likely than nonusers to go to bathhouses, possibly because they are open late and speed freaks don’t

sleep. Well, I myself would rather have them prowling around a bathhouse than over my apartment while I’m trying to sleep, wouldn’t you?

And contrary to Hartline’s claim, bathhouses are strict about not letting in people who are under the influence and throwing out people who are caught using drugs. So even the bathhouse-druggie correlation is a weak one (which means we get more, not fewer, sleepless nights at home!).

Hartline’s claim that bathhouses “represent everything that the gay community is about” is about as accurate as the claim that gangs and living off welfare represent everything that racial minorities are about.

In fact, the sexual-liberation aspect of gay liberation long ago took a distant second place to other issues, like the remarkable reduction in AIDS incidence that gay men *themselves* caused by practicing safe sex, the still-incomplete fight for nondiscrimination in employment and housing, and

the struggle for domestic partners’ rights.

But then, Hartline is a veritable fountain of misinformation about gays. If you read the article at [www.sdnnewsnotes.com](http://www.sdnnewsnotes.com), you will find him claiming that child molesters tend to be disproportionately gay (not true), that gays are gay because they lack a father figure (a claim long ago discredited), and other unflattering characterizations by a Christian Right that resolutely refuses to acknowledge scientific studies and facts but instead spouts the minority views of discredited psychiatrists and psychologists like Socarides and Cameron.

It is interesting to read Hartline’s self-righteous condemnations of gays interspersed with his admissions that he spent many years in prison, never took responsibility for his own homosexual acts, and ended up living on disability at the taxpayers’ expense. Now this paragon is going to tell everyone else how to live. Hmm, makes sense to me.

So what’s next from the

*Reader?* An article about all them shiftless cullid folks? How about a think piece on the superiority of the Aryan race?

I can tell you, I’ve been far more discriminated against as a white and a male than as a gay man — so when can I expect a rant from you against affirmative action?

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Andrew Towne

## Misplaced Capital

I’m writing regarding the restaurant review of Hacienda de Vega in Escondido by Naomi Wise (October 16). I’m afraid Ms. Wise is a tad ill-informed about Mexico City’s whereabouts. She writes, “Mexico City is to Central America as Hong Kong is to China.” Ms. Wise, Mexico City is not in Central America. Mexico City is in North America.

Elias Campos  
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*Naomi Wise responds: Mexico City can be located any-*

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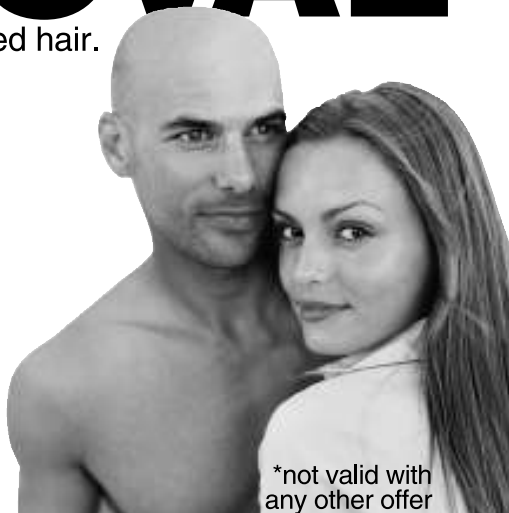


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where it likes, but it's still the culinary capital of Central America — not of North America. (And Hong Kong isn't actually in China either but is an island off the coast.)

## Eastern Exception

Through the years I have enjoyed reading Abe Opincar's column "Sheep and Goats," in which he gives his impressions of his visits to assorted churches in our town. There seems to be a glaring exception when it comes to talk about Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, or Byzantine Rite (example, Holy Angels). I wonder why and if this can be remedied in the near future?

Helga Barthold  
La Mesa

## Secret Code In The Reader

I first noticed this at least two years ago, but now it's buggin' me and I need to know. Every week the "Overheard in San Diego" comic strip has a hidden secret code in the art somewhere. I've seen it spelled on a license plate, book spine, tattoos, shirts, hats, and bottle of booze. It is "DB" or "DNB" or one time I saw "DANI." How long has this been going on, and what does it all mean in the scheme of things? Is it Jay Allen Sanford's lame attempt to be like the *New Yorker* artist Al Hirschfeld, who used to hide, much more craftily, his daughter's name somewhere in the lines of every drawing he did?

Ed Finn

Jay Allen Sanford replies: DNB is Danielle Nicole Barcheers ("Dani"). Her name or initials have appeared in every "Overheard" strip since May 11, 2000, when she was on trial in Vista for a tragic 1995 murder that occurred during a home robbery she and her then boyfriend committed. The boyfriend was convicted of having done the actual killing when the robbery went awry and sentenced to life without parole. Danielle, despite being just a few days past her 15th birthday at the time, was tried as an adult and sentenced to 20 years to life in prison. Mandatory California law states that if a murder takes place during the commission of a robbery, all parties are equally responsible for the killing. Danielle is a wonderful woman (now 23 years old)

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who does not deserve this fate. I cite my love and support of her with every strip published and plan to do so until the strip is canceled or Danielle Barcheers is freed from prison.

## What Was It About?

It is rare that I pick up the *Reader*, but when I saw the basketball story on the front page a few weeks back I grabbed one without hesitating ("B-ball," November 6). I was hoping to see perhaps an overview on various courts throughout the area, maybe where to sign up with different leagues, even meet some of the colorful personalities throughout the county. My hopes were quickly dashed.

I read the article in a continuous state of bewilderment. Why? I kept asking myself that question, numb with incomprehension. First of all, the writing is clumsy, awkward, and ungainly. Run-ons and fragments mar the unwieldy prose. I'm not the sort to quibble over an error or two, but the consistently blundering style defied even the simplest comprehension.

Secondly, and more importantly, I had to wonder at why the story was even published. What was it about? I really don't care if a self-proscribed loudmouth has the hots for a guy he plays basketball with, and I'm not sure that anyone would care. At least let him write a personal ad like everyone else and leave the basketball articles to those who are going to cover something about the game itself. I began this article not knowing anything about the writer, and liking basketball. When I was done, I knew nothing more about basketball but have since acquired a definite dislike for the writer.

Ahimsa Kerp  
Hillcrest

## Men Are The Violent Gender

Regarding Mr. Jack Mittermiller's response ("You Women Look Just Like the *Reader* Cover," Letters, November 13) to several women's letters about "What Do Women Want?" (October 2): his misogyny is showing. Also, his sophomoric jokes and asides are boring and unhelpful.

He also mentioned his problem with the women who wrote having asked that their names be withheld. One reason why those women requested that their names be withheld might be for safety. Men are still the gender committing the majority of violent crimes. They don't need you looking them up and retaliating, angry Jack.

Tony Nuerth

## Sondra's Version

We read with interest the "What Do Women Want?" article by Fred Moramarco (October 2) and the letters to the editor that followed. If Fred's intention was to create controversy, he did a good job. But it was disingenuous of Fred to portray this highly fictionalized story as factual, at least as to the Robert C. story. The true facts are quite different

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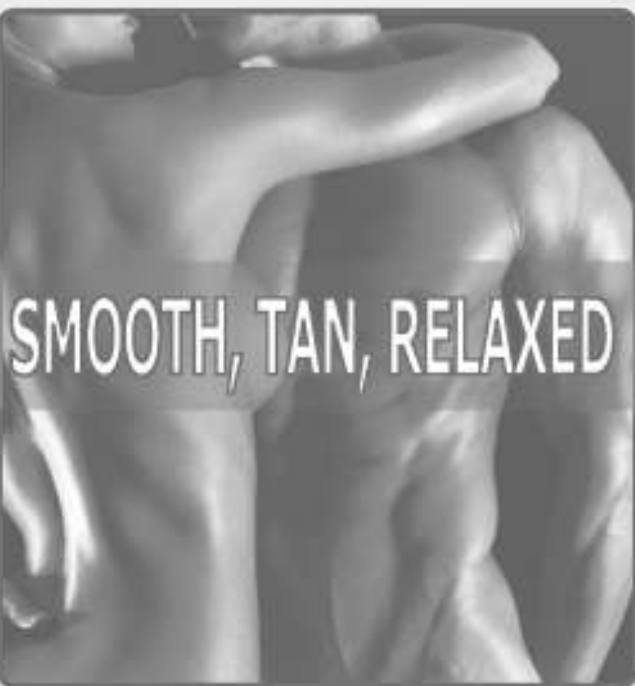
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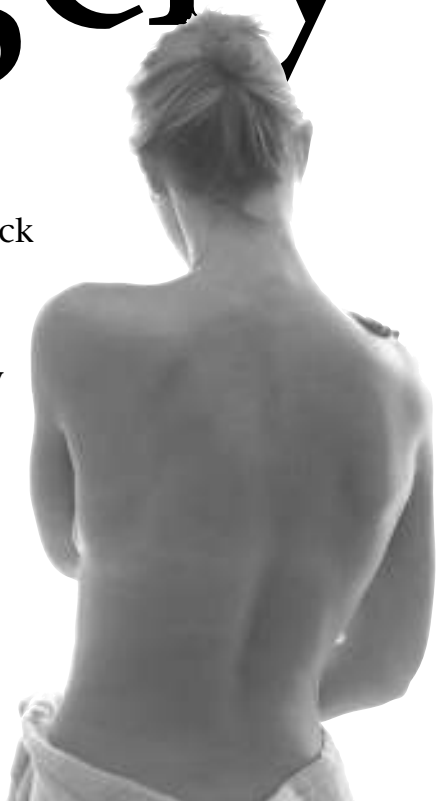
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than those stated. What is not clear is whether it is Robert C., a decade after the fact, who is simply lying, or whether the passage of time has warped Fred's memory of facts told to him a decade ago, or whether Fred has simply grossly overdone literary license in order to advance an agenda.

While we would not argue with Fred's premise that some women do mistreat some men, we implore Fred to be more honest in promoting his agenda. We know personally not only all the players in the Robert C. story, but also Fred himself. Thus, we would like to set the record straight lest your readers be misled:

1. At the time Sondra and Robert C. met, Sondra had looked for a husband for several years, dating several quality men but finding them to be unwilling to become fathers again in their 40s/50s. With her biological clock ticking ever more loudly, she had already determined she would go to a sperm bank. This, she had decided, was the ethical and safe way to become a mom.

2. Sondra was very upfront with Robert C. about her intentions. In fact, the second time she ever saw him, on that Temecula date, she told him she did not have time to get into yet another relationship; she could not afford to wait to see if a relationship would blossom into marriage and joint parenthood. Robert C., on the other hand, was so anxious for a relationship that he pursued Sondra anyway.

3. After several months of trying the old-fashioned way, Sondra and Robert C. consulted a fertility doctor; he informed them that Robert C.'s sperm counts were too low to impregnate Sondra. Sondra waited several months for Robert C. to come to terms with that. But, although Robert C. already had children of his own, and although he knew how dearly Sondra wanted a child, he selfishly insisted Sondra, nonetheless, continue to try to get pregnant by him. Seeing her chances for motherhood slipping away with each passing month and with the relationship deteriorating, Sondra opted to go through with sperm-bank insemination as originally planned.

4. It is true that Sondra

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was insistent that Robert C. get/keep a job. He had been terminated from two jobs in the 2 1/2 years they were together, and Sondra's per-

ception of him was that he was a couch potato by nature. He seemed quite content to collect unemployment and watch daytime

TV while surfing unsavory Internet sites. Sondra felt none of this boded well for her child.

5. When Robert C. moved out, the child was barely three months old. There was no year of fatherly nurturing by Robert C. In fact, Sondra occasionally had to find emergency babysitters when she had a work obligation and Robert C., who was unemployed, failed to come home to look after the child as he had agreed.

6. In the end, Sondra did not kick out Robert C. He chose to move out of her home. Sondra was in tears, but she knew it was for the best. She knew the relationship was never going to work, as there were problems almost from the start and those problems had intensified over time.

7. Robert C. did not beg and plead to see the child. In fact, he failed to respond

to Sondra's offer that he be a part of the child's life. He never asked to see the child and only once or twice accepted Sondra's invitation to do so. Then, after the paternity-test results, when the child was six months old, the parties never spoke again.

8. Robert C. had two prior marriages, not one. It was the second which involved the B&B; it was short-lived. The failure of that marriage was also chronicled in print, allowing us to see the similarity of the complaints of that wife and those of Sondra. The B&B wife had to carry the financial burden and felt cheated; so too did Sondra. There were also issues of alcohol abuse in both.

9. Additionally, in the relationship with Sondra, there were issues of frequenting of strip clubs when supposedly working/job hunting, the proverbial little black book with newly

obtained women's phone numbers, leering at silicone-enhanced women while a pregnant Sondra looked on, a pass made at Sondra's best friend in Sondra's home, and perhaps the most destructive issue of all, the increasingly disrespectful treatment of Sondra by Robert C.

There are other factual misrepresentations in Fred's story, but you get the picture. So, please, Fred, don't try to make a martyr out of Robert to advance a position which deserves a more honest presentation.

Name Withheld

*Fred Moramarco responds: Well, just when I thought the controversy over my piece was dying down, along comes this letter from "Name Withheld" (interesting how so many of the respondents share that name), who seems to want to tell Sondra's side of the story. I said several times in the piece that I was*

*not presenting an objective account but conveying the men's views of how they saw their relationships. I said specifically, "While there certainly is another side to each of the stories related here, that is not the story I am telling." Robert's story is Robert's story, and Sondra's is Sondra's; it's a classic "he said, she said" story, and the fact that they see the same events so differently is just further evidence of their incompatibility and also of the essay's thesis that many men don't have a clue about what women want.*

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## Needle Hunt

### *Choose the Right Tree*

**O**n the day after Thanksgiving, as usual, the temporary Christmas-tree lots will open; so will the choose-and-cut tree farms. Some big national chains, like Home Depot, have already started selling trees.

Chain stores sell varieties that are “plantation-grown,” says David Shaw, a farm advisor with San Diego County’s Cooperative Extension, whose specialty, among others, is Christmas trees.

*Plantation?* It sounds like the Old South. In fact, some trees, like Scotch pines and yellow pines, are from the South, says Shaw, although most others are grown in Oregon and Washington, as well as the Midwest.

“Noble firs are your standard

Christmas tree from the northern lands,” says Shaw. “And they can

bring those in really cheap. About two years ago, their prices started to rise, which is good for growers here, because that sends more people to the choose-and-cut places, and there’s a number of them in the county.”

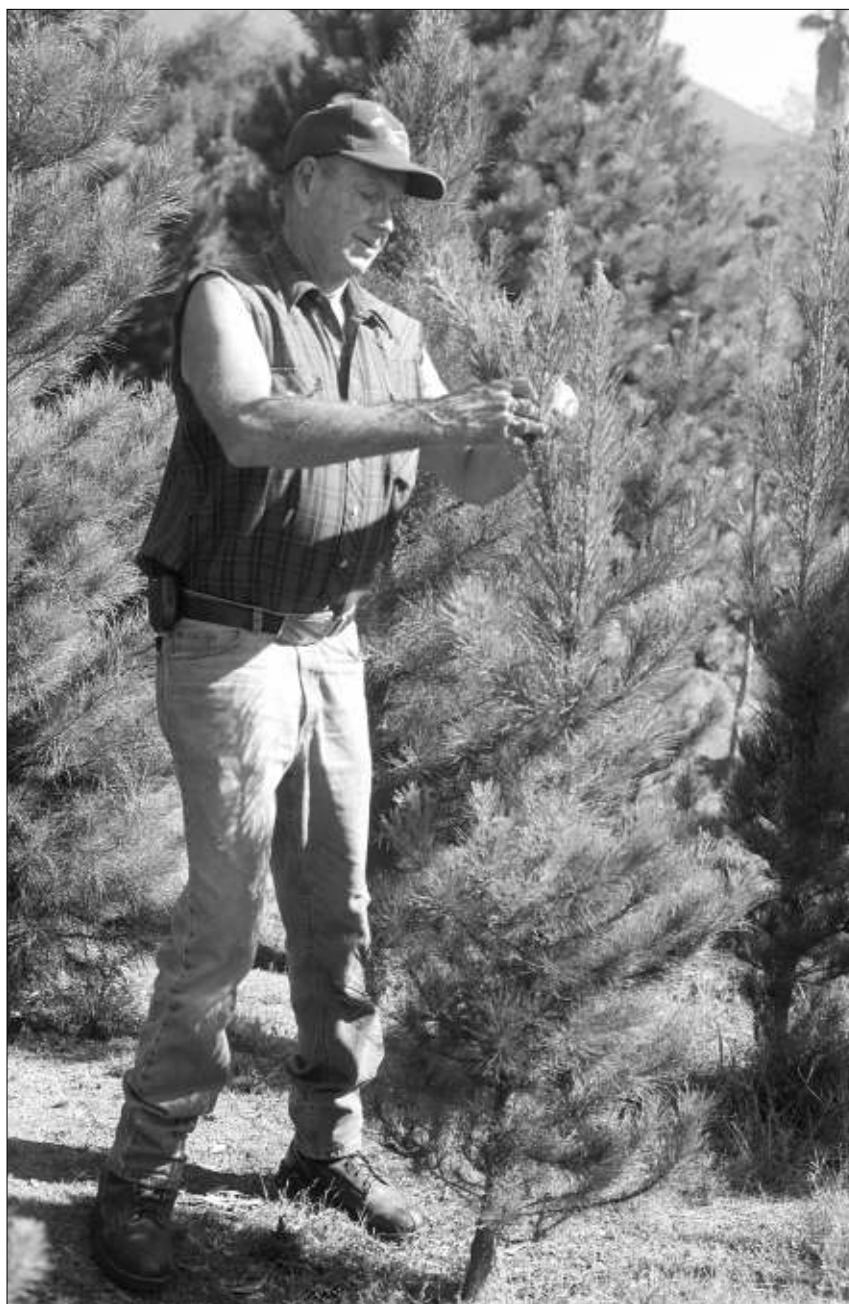
Lately, the Fraser fir has become a popular choice for growers. “That’s an East Coast tree,” says Jerry Klima. “It’s not indigenous to our area, but it grows well here.”

Klima, owner of ABC Tree Farms in Portland, Oregon, has to get out of the wind to speak on his cell phone. When he calls back, he says he’s currently growing half a million Christmas trees, 40,000 to 50,000 of which he’ll ship this season to retailers and temporary lots around the country, a dozen of them in San Diego. He also supplies three local outlets that carry the ABC Tree Farms name, including the one at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Still, his operation is relatively small, compared to the Home Depot-supplying plantations.

What Nobles and Frasers like and need is rain, says Klima. “In the Oregon and Washington area, we’ve had pretty heavy rains for the last month, so the trees look great. We’ve probably had one of the best years for moisture. Particularly in Washington, it’s been nonstop rain and really cold weather.”

Klima knows he’s stating an irony, considering the fires, which he watched on TV. Alan House watched live, from his home and choose-and-cut tree farm



Alan House

in Alpine. One might suppose that a tree farm would be in the greatest jeopardy from a blaze. But that’s not necessarily the case. “The fire affected the outer perimeters of the farm,” says House, whose two acres is called House Evergreen Forest. “I lost 120 trees and 30 seedlings, due to the heat. But the fire did not burn any trees. They suffered from the heat. They toasted but didn’t burn.” Nor did his home. “That’s because I keep the trees watered.”

And so he has trees available, same as always. “I usually sell 200 trees, easily,” says House.

House grows Monterey pine. That’s what all the choose-and-cut places offer. Northerners don’t grow them. “It’s a warm-temperature tree,” says Klima. “It’s indigenous to the area around Carmel. It’s not a common Christmas tree anywhere else but in California.”

As for another native, the Coulter pine, says Klima, “They grow rapidly but have poor ‘keepability.’” Keepability: a measure of how long a cut tree stays green, once cut and brought inside.

Shaw of the Extension Service says it’s not fair to compare Monterey with Coulters, because lots of genetic work

has been done on the former. “As they are now, the Coulters go into what we call ‘adult habit’ much sooner than the Monterey. Adult habit means it’s more leggy and open. You’ll see big gaps between their branch whorls. And most people don’t want that for their Christmas tree. They’d rather have a nice, full, conical tree” — like the Monterey.

The Monterey has another advantage, according to Shaw. “It probably has more fresh pine smell than something you buy that is cut and brought in.”

Shaw gets lots of calls from people who say, “‘I have five acres. What should I do with it?’ And there’s no real good answer to that.” That’s because the answer has more to do with marketability than keepability. “It’s the old adage: ‘If you can sell ice cream to Eskimos...’”

Growing small, potted Christmas trees is an alternative to running a choose-and-cut farm. “The ones that are grown here for that purpose are stone pines,” says Shaw, “and they look very nice” — at least at first. “If you don’t water them enough, they go into stress; and if you leave them in the container too long, the roots can circle and girdle the plant.”

But if you plant a stone pine in your yard, choose the spot wisely, to say the least. “The stone pine — you can look at the ones growing in La Jolla, along the coastline — has a big, big bushy top. They’re very nice juvenile trees, but they get probably 25 or 30 feet tall and that much or even more across.”

— Jeanne Schinto

**For preharvested trees only:**  
**ABC Tree Farms**  
**Del Mar Fairgrounds**  
**2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard**  
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**Info: 858-509-5187**

**For pre harvested, choose-and-cut, and potted varieties:**  
**Family Christmas Tree Farm**  
**300 Pepper Drive, El Cajon**  
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**Info: 619-448-5331**

**For choose-and-cut trees only:**  
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LOCAL EVENTS

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BAJA

**Music in Private,** Orchestra of Baja California performs in Sala de Espectaculos at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río), Thursday,

November 27, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

**Hernaldo Zuñiga in Concert,** Thursday, November 27, 10 p.m., at La Casa de la Trova, in Puebla Amiga Mall, Zona Río. \$40 U.S. 011-52-664-683-4900. (TIJUANA)

**Fifteen Wineries** offer their best during wine festival running Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, in Salón de Oro at Tijuana Country Club (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-681-7882. Admission is free. (TIJUANA)

**Opera Music** promised Friday, November 28, 8 p.m., at Café de la Opera (Calle 5a 351, Colonia Libertad). 011-52-664-607-3807. (TIJUANA)

**Catch the Largest Yellowfin Tuna** in San Quintin Bay during Thanksgiving Sport Fishing Tournament at Don Eddie's Landing, Friday and Saturday, November 28 and 29. Fee: \$50 per angler. Registration: 011-52-616-162-3143. (SAN QUINTIN BAY)

**Actor Gonzalo Vega Returns** to present play *Mrs. President* on Saturday, November 29, at 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

GETAWAYS



Candle Dance at Festival of Lights at Bazaar del Mundo, November 28 (see Special)

**Paquita la del Barrio and Lupita D'Alessio** perform in concert on Saturday, November 29, 9 p.m., at Palenque, Caliente Race Track. 011-52-664-633-7300 x4100. (TIJUANA)

**Enjoy the Energy at Mermaid Art Market** on Saturday, November 29. Artists invited 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; art enthusiasts attend noon to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free; artist space fee: \$20 (includes lunch). Find the market on east side of toll road, opposite Puerto Nuevo. 760-633-3012. (PUERTO NUEVO)

**Music on the Streets** — there will be music, food, entertainment on Manzana 8, Saturday, November 29, noon. Many bands performing “tributes to music of all times.” \$5 U.S. (ENSENADA)

**Tamal and Mole Festival** — with music and entertainment — Saturday, November 29, 1 p.m., at Festival Plaza. \$15 tickets include five beverages and four food samples. 011-52-612-612-0700. (ROSARITO BEACH)

**Millennium Ultra-Marathon,** this 50k run starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, November 29, at University of Baja California, Mesa de Otay. 011-52-664-682-2566. (TIJUANA)

**Amaury Perez in Concert,** Sunday, November 30, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río. Tickets: \$25, \$30 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

**Tijuana Cultural Center,** center (CECUT) offers guided tours in Spanish and English of exhibit on history of Baja peninsula, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cultural and artistic exhibits. Entrance fee is approximately \$2 (two-for-one entrance on Tuesdays).

*Anillo de Fuego, Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure, Stomp: Odisea del Ritmo,* screen at the CECUT Omnimax. Also screening at various times: *Cuevas, Ocean Oasis,* and *Mystery of the Mayas.*

The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río. Showtimes and information: 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

**Liquidambar Trees,** or sweet gums, the deciduous trees gracing front yards, parks, and campuses throughout the San Diego area, have been putting on an exceptionally colorful show. The leaves of some varieties turn to purple or red; the leaves of other varieties fade to golden yellow. Other vari-

eties hold on to their green leaves until sometime in December. Most liquidambars in our area regain their light green foliage by late February.

**Sycamores,** found in San Diego's coastal and foothill canyons as well as in suburban and park landscaping, stand at their autumnal best this time of year. Stroll beneath their crispy, rustling canopies and catch the sunbeams scattering among their mottled trunks and yellow-brown leaves. Some of San Diego's biggest native sycamores reside in Lopez Canyon, a part of Los Pe asquitos Canyon Preserve near Sorrento Valley. Hundreds of sycamores can be also be seen in Marian Bear Park (San Clemente Canyon) along Freeway 52 between University City and Clairemont.

**Shorebird-Watching** enters its most agreeable season this month, with migrant and resident birds sharing common winter grounds. Egrets, herons, terns, and a variety of other species provide endless entertainment as they go about the business of fishing and feeding in San Diego County's remaining coastal wetlands. Publicly accessible wetlands include the following (listed north to south): San Luis Rey River mouth, Buena Vista Lagoon, Agua Hedionda Lagoon, Batiquitos Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon, San Dieguito Lagoon, Los Peñasquitos Lagoon, San Diego

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“Rainbow Season” arrives with the first rains of late fall. Scattered showers are best for rainbow watching: sunlight refracting and reflecting through the raindrops causes two bows to appear — an intense circular arc at 42°, and a bigger but weaker arc at 51° from the antisolar point (the point in the sky diametrically opposed to the sun’s position). From November through mid-February, the sun never gets higher than 42° above the horizon as seen from San Diego, so (rain and sunlight permitting) the brighter of the two arcs may appear above the horizon at any time of day. In spring and summer, rainbows are never seen in the sky around midday because the sun is too high — and the antisolar point is too low.

**Golden Eagle, Bald Eagle**, feruginous hawk, red-naped and red-breasted sapsuckers — all are possibilities when Audubon Society birders head out for annual Lake Henshaw/Mesa Grande Road outing, Saturday, November 29. Meet leader at 8:15 a.m. at Dudley’s Bakery (at intersection of Highways 78 and 79). Bring a



Rancho Christmas at Rancho Guajome Adobe, November 29 and 30 (see Special)

scope and lunch. Minimal hiking. Free. 619-692-3246. (SANTA YSABEL)

**Birding Basics**, learn five simple techniques to identify birds at a glance when trail guide Winona Sollock presents one-hour class, Saturday, November 29, 1 p.m., Mission Trails Regional Park visitors’ center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

**Medicinal Uses of Native Plants** discussed during hike on Piedras Pintadas Trail in San Dieguito River Park on Saturday, November 29, 9 to 11 p.m. Easy three miles. Required reservations: 858-674-2275. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**See San Clemente Canyon** — a.k.a. Marian Bear Memorial Nat-

ural Park — with Walkabout perambulators, Sunday, November 30. See tress, native plants, birds. To reach trailhead: take Regents Road exit from Highway 52, go south on Clairemont Mesa, turn right into parking lot. Moderate walk over mostly flat terrain. Free. 619-231-7463. (CLAIREMONT)

**Architectural Heritage Tours** offered by Committee of 100, first Wednesday of each month, including December 3. Walks begin at 9:30 a.m. in front of visitors’ information center, in Plaza de Panama. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

**Ever Hiked to the Kumeyaay Solstice Observatory** on Cowles Mountain? The Kumeyaay used this site and similar sites to

mark winter solstice. The Canyoneers lead a solstice hike up Cowles (pronounced “coals” by those in the know), Monday, December 22, 6 to 7:30 a.m. Strenuous hike starts at northeast corner of Golfcrest Drive and Navajo Road. Dress warmly. 619-232-3821 x203. (SAN CARLOS)

**Escape to the Natural Beauty** of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, with secluded native plant communities such as oak riparian, oak woodland, coastal sage scrub, and chaparral. The 750-acre open-space park features ten miles of trails, primitive picnic areas, mountain viewing points. The reserve is found on Harmony Grove Road near Elfin Forest, open daily from 8 a.m. until around one half-hour before sunset. 760-632-4212. (ELFIN FOREST)

DANCE

**Bellydance Dinner Show** featuring Karyna and Ravynnah, with live music by Middle-Earth Band, Friday, November 28, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

**Jump to Contradance**, Graham Hempel calls and Jump Fingers provide the tunes for contradancing, Saturday, November 29, at Trinity United Methodist Church

(3030 Thorn Street). Hempel leads couples dance workshop, 4 to 6 p.m. (\$6). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners’ instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

**Review of Croatian Dances** and dancing, Saturday, November 29, (8:30 p.m. to midnight), following singing with Delores (7:30 p.m.), at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). \$5. 858-638-1810. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**San Diego N Line Dancers** host monthly dance socials with guest instructors and open dancing for all levels and ages, including Saturday, November 29, 6 to 10 p.m., in Recital Hall (2130 Pan

American Plaza). \$3 to \$5. 619-522-0162. (BALBOA PARK)

**Love Rockabilly Swing?** Hot Rod Lincoln performs for swing dancers, Sunday, November 30, at Aubergine (500 Fourth Avenue, at Island and Fourth). East Coast/Lindy swing lesson, 7:45 p.m.; band plays 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cover: \$8 (includes lessons). 858-395-6060. 18 and older. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

“Celebrating Christmas” is theme when Toni Michael leads Sufi dancing, Monday, December 1, 7 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). Donation: \$3. 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

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## LOCAL EVENTS

### FILM

**"The Story of Pale Male"** screens for Audubon Society meeting on Friday, November 28, 7 p.m., in Otto Center Auditorium (300 feet left of main San Diego Zoo entrance). Free. 619-682-7200. (CLAIREMONT)

**"Automatic Filming: Surrealism and Images of Desire"** continues at Museum of Photographic Arts. This week: *Fight Club* and *Week End*, Friday and Saturday, November 28 and 29. *The 5000 Fingers of Dr. T* and *Pee-Wee's Big Adventure*, Thursday, December 4. \$7 general. Showtimes: 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Trembling Before G-d,"** offering "a look at what it means to

be a Hasidic or Orthodox Jew and be gay," screens Saturday, November 29, 7:30 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue). \$5. 619-795-9899. (NORTH PARK)

**An "Icy Gaze into the Wicked Pleasures of the Gaming Life"** offered in *Owning Mahowny*, starring Philip Seymour Hoffman, Minnie Drive. Film screens Film Forum, Monday, December 1, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Les Films du Ballet,"** Carlsbad Library film series continues with *The Red Shoes* (1948), Wednesday, December 3, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

**"Journey,"** Warren Miller's 54th annual film with skiing and snowboarding scenes shot all over the world, runs December 3-7 at locations around the county.

See the film Wednesday and



Conrad Anker on "Exploration in the 20th Century" at San Diego Natural History Museum, December 4 (see Lectures)

Thursday, December 3 and 4, at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101; 760-436-5774); Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6, at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street; 858-454-3541); and Sunday, December 7, at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State

Street, 760-729-0089).

Tickets are \$16, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (ENCINITAS, LA JOLLA, CARLSBAD)

**Video Blast Night** at MAAC Community Charter School (1385 Third Avenue), Thursday, December 4, 6 p.m. Free. 619-818-0173. (CHULA VISTA)

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Australia: Land Beyond Time*, *Bugs!*, *Kilimanjaro: To the Roof of Africa*, and *Coral Reef Adventure*. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

### LECTURES

**Holiday Writer's Workshop** on "how to craft the perfect mood, setting, and narrative line for your personal memoir, fictional story, or holiday letter," offered by author Abigail Padgett and journalist Julie Brossy. For writers of all levels. Group discussions, writing exercises, individualized critiques.

Workshop I is Monday, December 1; workshop II takes place on Monday, December 8, at Dogbeach Dogwash meeting room (4933 Voltaire). Hours: 7 to 9 p.m. \$50. Reservations: 619-546-4204. (OCEAN BEACH)

**"People of Color HIV/AIDS Conference,"** Monday, December 1, at Westgate Hotel (1055 Second Avenue). David Malebranche,

M.D., presents "Black Men, HIV, and the 'Low Down' Myth." Workshops on a variety of topics. Fee: \$55 (scholarships available). Registration: 858-277-6090. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Tango and the Political Economy of Passion — An Anxious Quest for Freedom"** presented by classical guitarist and music historian Claudia Tornsäuer for "Music in Society" series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Tuesday, December 2, 7:30 p.m. \$17. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**Intro to GPS** being offered Tuesday, December 2, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Information on latest models and their features. Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

**"Procrastination Prevention"** presented by "Action" Jack McClendon, Tuesday, December 2, 12:15 p.m., in Heritage Hall at Magee Park (at Carlsbad Boulevard and Beech Street). \$5. Reservations: 760-754-1954. (CARLSBAD)

**Lux Art Institute** discussed when Carlsbad Newcomers meet on Wednesday, December 3,



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9:45 a.m., in Heritage Hall at Magee Park (at Carlsbad Boulevard and Beech Street). Free. 760-729-5989. (CARLSBAD)

**"Famosa Slough and the San Diego River"** — Recent News and Plans for the Future" divulged by Jim Peugh and Rob Hutsel for Friends of the Famosa Slough, Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m. Loma Riviera Clubhouse (3115 Loma Riviera Drive). Free. 619-224-4591. (POINT LOMA)

**"Irish Church Records"** discussed by Mary Russell for England-Ireland Interest Class hosted by British Isles Genealogical Research Association, Wednesday, December 3, 10 a.m., at LDS Church Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 858-453-9053. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Joseph Campbell — Myths and Modern Society"** is topic Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

**"Making of the Modern World: The Short Version"** explored during lecture series at UCSD Institute of the Americas, Copley International Conference Center. UCSD Professor Emeritus Stanley Chodorow examines "China," Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

**"Semites: Portraits of Arabs and Jews"** opens with reception for artist Doris Bittar, Wednesday, December 3, in Gotthelf Art Gallery. Bittar discusses and leads tour of show at 6:30 p.m. The Got-



*"Tango and the Political Economy of Passion — An Anxious Quest for Freedom" at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, December 2 (see Lectures)*

thelf is found in Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. 858-362-1174. Free. (LA JOLLA)

**Tour the Night Sky** during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, December 3. After show, view real sky through telescopes set up by Fleet Center staff and San Diego Astronomy Association (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Meeting the Divine in Everyday Life,"** Gertrud Mueller Nelson presents this lecture based on her book *To Dance With God: Family Ritual and Community Celebration*, Wednesday, December 3, 10:15 a.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (334 14th Street). Book

signing follows. Free. 858-755-1616. (DEL MAR)

**"Exploration in the 20th Century,"** world-renowned climber Conrad Anker answers the question "Is exploration still a valid human endeavor?" during slide-illustrated lecture on Thursday, December 4, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$8. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Power Wine Shopping"** in search of values and gifts discussed Thursday, December 4, 6:30 p.m., at Excelsior Brasserie (1025 Prospect). \$14 fee includes "gift foods," study guide. Reservations: 858-454-8092. (LA JOLLA)

**For Those Affected by Recent Fires,** book artist Renee Richetts offers beginning bookbinding class — without charge for materials or class time — Sunday, December 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Arts College International (840 G Street). Attendees learn Japanese stab stitch to make original hard-cover journal. Registration is required by December 4. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

**Create an Origami Ornament** when Hisae Batchelder leads class, Saturday, December 13, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Nonmember fee: \$15. Registration: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

**"The Science Behind the Star of Bethlehem"** discussed at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, Wednesday, December 17, 7 p.m. Astronomer Arther Young recounts known historical facts combined with celestial phenomena

that occurred in that time to unravel the ancient mystery of the star — was it a strange new comet, exploding supernova, or peculiar conjunction of familiar planets? 619-238-1233. General admission: \$6.75. (BALBOA PARK)

## IN PERSON

**San Diego Thanksgiving Dixieland Jazz Festival,** continues through November 30 at Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center. Participants include Colin Kingwell's Jazz Bandits (U.K.), New Orleans Rascals (Japan), Neville Dickie, Desert City Six, Dave Pinardi's Sopranos, Dixie Hasslers, among the many bands on roster.

Hours: 7 p.m. to midnight Thursday; noon to midnight on Friday; 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets prices depend upon date; ticket packages available. 619-297-5277. Find the hotel at 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

**The Comic Stand,** described as "new standup comedy showhappening," promises "best comics from all over California." Saturdays, 10:30 p.m., at 6th@Penn Theatre (3704 Sixth Avenue). \$10. 619-688-9210. (HILLCREST)

**Nitty Gritty Dirt Band Founder** John McEuen performs solo and with son Nathan and "special guest," Saturday, November 29, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights Community Center (4649 Hawley Boulevard). \$15. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Massachusetts Crime Novelist** G.H. Ephron signs and discusses *Obsessed* on Sunday, November 30, 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

**"One Man, One Wife,"** starring Mickey Rooney and Jan Chamberlin Rooney, presented by the duo on Sunday, November 30, at Avo Playhouse (303 Main Street). Show includes dancing, signing, film clips. \$35. 760-726-1122. (VISTA)

**Reading Like a True-Crime Thriller,** *The Beast in the Garden* focuses on what happens when humans displace wild animals from their habitats, and the changes that must occur. Author and NPR correspondent David Baron signs and discusses his book on Monday, De-

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cember 1, 7:30 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore (2536 University Avenue; 619-795-9899). (NORTH PARK)

Busy on Monday? Baron will also sign and discuss his work on Tuesday, December 2, 7 p.m., at Carmel Mountain Library (12095 World Trade Drive). Free. 858-538-8181. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

**Adventure Fiction Author**  
Clive Cussler signs his upcoming Dirk Pitt book, *Trojan Odyssey*, Monday, December 1, 6 p.m., aboard the *Berkeley* steam ferry (1306 North Harbor Drive). Free. 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

**Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author**  
Garry Wills discusses his new book, *Negro President: Jefferson and the Slave Power*, Tuesday, December 2, 7 p.m., at Institute of the Americas at UCSD. Wills explores “importance of his support for slavery to achieve his political and economic goals.” Booksigning follows talk. Free. Recommended reservations: 858-534-1183. (LA JOLLA)

**Holiday Concert** planned by San Diego Sun Harbor Chorus for First Wednesday series at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), December 3, 4 p.m. Admission is free, available on a first-come, first-served basis. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**“It’s a Swingin’ Holiday, Charlie Brown!”** Kristin Korb (bass/vocals), Gerald Clayton (piano), Steve Barnes (drums) present Jazz in the Park concert on Wednesday, December 3, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets: \$15 general. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**Poetry Unlimited** — featuring poet Terry Hertzler, music by Rob Atesalp and Francis Teller — convenes Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 p.m., at La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1658. (LA JOLLA)

**“What Can I Give Him?”** Singer/songwriter Deborah Liv Johnson performs with keyboardist on Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m., at Christ Lutheran

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Winding fjordlike through the boulder heaps of the arid In-Ko-Pah Mountains, Bow Willow Canyon promises — and delivers — solitude. During a weekday-morning’s exploratory venture into Bow Willow’s moist upper recesses, no one disturbed my silent reverie of warm late-autumn sunlight, cirrus-flecked sky, and soft puffs of air playing on bare skin.

The intriguing name “Bow Willow” seems to be associated with the supple wood of the desert willow, once used by the Indians to fashion hunting bows. Hundreds of these fragrant, bushy trees are scattered along the canyon’s lower end. At the canyon’s mouth lies the modest Bow Willow Campground, the only semi-developed campground in the southern reaches of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

To reach Bow Willow Campground, take Interstate 8 to the Ocotillo turnoff (75 miles

east of San Diego), exit there, cruise through the dusty desert hamlet of Ocotillo, and head west and northwest on Highway S-2 toward and finally into Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Look for the entrance road to the campground on the left at mile marker 48.5 along Highway S-2.

The hike up Bow Willow Canyon from the campground is a no-brainer. You simply go uphill on a broad ribbon of sand, and uphill farther into the ever-narrowing canyon for perhaps four miles; then turn around and do the reverse.

While you’re strolling up the lower canyon, look for several elephant trees clinging inconspicuously to the barren, bouldered hillsides on both sides. These curious succulent shrubs, common in central Baja California, are rare north of the border.

After about 2.5 miles of gently uphill travel, the canyon floor becomes increasingly choked with obstacles — brush, rocks, and the lower end of a stream that has dug itself into a deep trench. Willows and a few scraggly palms appear at about 3.0 miles; better specimens are seen farther on. Staying left of the stream, for the

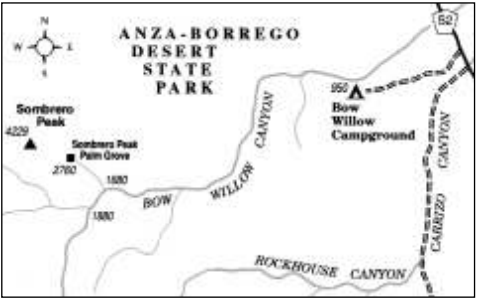


Smoke tree in Bow Willow Canyon

most part, speeds your way. That “stream” is likely to be dry at the moment but will likely revive during the coming winter season’s rains.

At 3.7 miles (1680’ elevation), a tributary canyon joins from the northwest. If you’re well equipped and inclined toward strenuous boulder hopping, this sharp crease points the way to an enigmatic, solitary cluster of palms high on the flank of Sombrero Peak.

Higher up in the main canyon, water cascades or trickles over and under mazes of giant boulders haphazardly fallen from the slopes. A major fork in the canyon lies a little farther up-canyon (4.0 miles, 1880’ elevation), with branches going west and southwest. Should you wish to press on, the left fork is the narrower and more interesting of the two.



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**UCSD Jazz Ensemble** presents class concert, Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

**All-Gershwin Concert** planned by UCSD Wind Ensemble, Thursday, December 4, 8 p.m., in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. Guests include Cecil Lytle for “Rhapsody in Blue,” Deborah Davis and Mark Goros singing excerpts from *Porgy and Bess*, Arthur Wagner reading letters to and from Gershwin. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

**The Jazz Duo** of Lori Bell (flute) and Ron Satterfield (guitar) per-

forms jazz standards, Latin rhythms, original compositions, Thursday, December 4, 7 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

**“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,”** written and directed by Randall Hickman, presented December 4-7 at Hearth Theater, San Marcos Community Center (3 Civic Center Drive). Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, and 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$7 general. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

**Carols by Candlelight** presented by performers including B.J. Thomas, America, Kim Carnes, Dan Seals, Stephen Bishop, Eve

Sellis, Buck Howdy on Thursday and Friday, December 4 and 5, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets range from \$20 to \$40. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**John Stowell** performs Thursday, December 4, 7 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

**The Boys’ Choir of Harlem** hits stage at California Center for the Arts, Escondido to present its “inspirational and thrilling holiday show,” Saturday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$36 to \$46. Find center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**Croatian Theater Performer**  
Zeljko Vukmirica presents “Mr. Single” on Tuesday, December 9, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Zelko, as he’s known onstage, has been called “Croatia’s answer to England’s Mr. Bean,” using acting powers and a made-up language. \$10. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

SPORTS

**The Annual Turkey Ride** hosted by San Diego Bicycle Touring Society starts at 8 a.m. on Thursday, November 27, at Costa Verde Center, 8650 Genesee Avenue. Expect

80 bicyclists on this 65-mile adventure. (LA JOLLA)

**Gulls vs. Ice Dogs and Condors**, San Diego Gulls host Long Beach Ice Dogs at San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, November 28, 7:35 p.m. The Bakersfield Condors arrive for game, Sunday, November 30, 5:05 p.m. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. Games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

**Post-Thanksgiving Day Calorie Burn-Off** hosted by Sierra Club bicyclists, Friday, November 28. Challenging, hilly 60-mile ride starts at 9 a.m. in Target parking lot (on Camino de la Reina, just east of Mission Center Road), heads to Alpine for lunch at Breadbasket Restaurant. Bring money for food. 858-565-7262. (MISSION VALLEY)

**The San Diego Sockers** host Philadelphia Kixx on Saturday, November 29, 7 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Listen to the games on KSDO (1130 AM). (SPORTS ARENA)

**Bolts vs. Chiefs**, San Diego Chargers host Kansas City Chiefs in Qualcomm Stadium, Sunday, November 30, 1:15 p.m. Tickets: 877-CHARGERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Statuary Safari**, combination quiz and scavenger hunt hosted by Knickerbiker bicyclists, Sunday, November 30. Riders given a series of (around 30) questions pertaining to local statues and “quasi-statues.” Thirty-mile ride starts at 9 a.m. at corner of Wallace and Congress Streets. During lunch (bring money) in Old Town. Tests will be scored and prizes awarded. 858-450-0373. (OLD TOWN)

**World Wrestling Entertainment Smackdown**, Tuesday, December 9, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets: \$21 to \$41, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

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You know him as Captain James Tiberius Kirk, from his many memorable movie and TV roles, and even for his best-selling TekWar novels. Now you can meet legendary performer William Shatner in person.

He has appeared as the Caped Crusader in Batman Forever, Jim Morrison in The Doors, and the title role in The Saint. And now Val Kilmer is appearing at Gen Con So Cal.

Daniel Logan made one of the most anticipated film debuts in history, playing a young Boba Fett in the most recent installment of the Star Wars saga, Attack of the Clones.

Meet the stars of Battlestar Galactica, Babylon 5, and Farscape: Dirk Benedict, Richard Hatch, Virginia Hey, Herb Jefferson, Jason Carter, Richard Biggs, Robin Atkin Downes, and Jerry Doyle.

## Enter a World of Famed Exhibitors

Many of the most renowned game companies will be showing off their latest creations, and you can even demo games firsthand. Some prominent names include:

- MICROSOFT - Asheron's Call, Halo
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## LOCAL EVENTS

largest...display of seasonal festive lights in San Diego," with holiday-themed displays Thursday, November 27, through Sunday, January 4, 2004.

Hours are 5:30 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 5:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission: \$11 per vehicle (up to five people), \$16 per vehicle with six or more people. Tickets available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Information: 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

**San Diego Arts Festival** — with over 200 contemporary craft and fine art exhibitors offering their wares — November 28-30, at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12, free for those under 6. 775-832-6603. (DOWNTOWN)

**Authentic Art**, "rare gifts," gourmet foods on offer during Dream Artisans Christmas Fair, Friday and Saturday, November 28 and 29, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 858-693-8591. (KEARNY MESA)

**Festival of Lights** at Bazaar del Mundo, Friday, November 28, 5 to 7 p.m. Santa Claus, life-size Nativity, Germania choir, Cambodian dancers, Hispanic Mexican ballet folklorico, Irish dance, more. Free. Bazaar del Mundo, 2754 Calhoun Street; 619-296-3161. (OLD TOWN)



"Trembling Before G-d" at Current Affairs Bookstore, November 29 (see Film)

**Step Back in Time** when Rancho Guajome Adobe hosts Rancho Christmas, Saturday and Sunday, November 29 and 30. The 22-room adobe, constructed in 1853, will be adorned for Christmas — 100 years ago — with historical decorations and arrangements. Period musical entertainment, candle dipping, haywagon rides, activities for children. Lighting of luminarias and carol singing at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$2 for adults, \$1 for those 6 to 12 years old, free for those under 6. Rancho Guajome, 2210 North Santa Fe. 760-724-4082. (VISTA)

**Art from the Heart**, juried art festival featuring ceramics, blown glass, jewelry, paintings, drawing, and 3-D art by over 30 artists, Saturday and Sunday, November 29 and 30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Hospice-by-the-Sea (312 South Cedros Avenue, suite 250). 858-794-0195. Admission is free; proceeds benefit hospice. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Professional Pet Portraits with Santa** offered Saturday and Sunday, November 29 and 30, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Rancho Coastal Humane Society (389 Requeza Street). \$35 fee includes three 5"x7" prints, three pictures on CD. Reservations: 760-753-6413. (ENCINITAS)

**Tree-Lighting Ceremony**, Saturday, November 29, 4:15 to 7:45 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Tree lighting (6:30), nativity scenes, Sun Harbor Chorus "Elves," music by civic organist Carol Williams, College Avenue Baptist Church Jubilate, San Diego Bay Bones, Santa. Free. 619-235-1100. (BALBOA PARK)

**Victorian Afternoon Tea Party**, benefiting Senior Citizens Legal Services on Sunday, November 30, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at My Back Yard Nursery (2234 30th Street). Fund and games, classical music, tea and pastries. Donation:

\$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-871-9273. (SOUTH PARK)

**Hand-Made Items** — blown glass, ceramics, jewelry produced by local artists — on offer 3 to 7 p.m. Monday December 1, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, December 2-4, in UCSD Crafts Center/Grove Gallery. Admission: free. 858-534-2021. (LA JOLLA)

**Commemorate World AIDS Day** with 12th annual Tree of Life Tree Lighting, Monday, December 1, 6 p.m., at Village Hillcrest (3965 Fifth Avenue, at Washington). Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego sings holiday carols. Free. 619-233-6262. (HILLCREST)

**"Rose Stone Collection,"** these "colorful stones bearing exquisite landscape images" discovered in Hualien, Taiwan, were discovered by Chung-chen Chang. See the rare stones Tuesday, December 2 through Sunday, December 14, at Taiwanese-American Community Center (7170 Convoy Court). Free. 858-560-8884. (LINDA VISTA)

**Skip the Malls**, museum stores at Balboa Park present holiday shopping event, Tuesday, December 2, noon to 7 p.m., in Sculpture Garden at San Diego Museum of Art. Books, toys, artwork, designer jewelry, textiles, more. Free admission. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

**"America,"** created by sculptor/retired veterinarian Paul Weber, the seven letters of this piece stand nearly seven feet tall and weigh between 100 and 250 pounds. Each letter is engraved with quotes from famous Americans.

Exhibit continues through April 30, 2004, behind Carlsbad



Artist Doris Bittar discusses "Semites: Portraits of Arabs and Jews" at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, December 3 (see Lectures)

Arts Office, 2955 Elmwood Avenue, next to Cole Library. 760-434-2920. Free. (CARLSBAD)

**Cedros Gallery Nights**, art galleries on Cedros Avenue stay open until 8:30 p.m. on December 4, and first Thursday of each month. Music, refreshments. Free. 858-793-6040. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Looking for Unique Art Objects?** The 36th annual student art and pottery sale at Palomar College runs December 4-6, in red/white striped tent near Howard Brubeck Theatre (1140 West Mission Road). Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday,

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. 760-744-1150. (SAN MARCOS)

**Rare Books and Unique Art Showcased** through January 2004, in Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Exhibits focus on early 20th Century photographs of American Indians by Edward S. Curtis, 18th- and 19th-Century exploration of Pacific Ocean, and colorful prints of North American bird species by Andrew Jackson Grayson (1818-69). Free. Hours: 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

**Five-Point Star Lanterns** from Philippines known as *parols* give their name to "Parol Festival" planned by PASACAT, Saturday, December 6, 2 to 5 p.m., St. Rita's Church (5115 Churchward Avenue). Filipino folk songs, dances, performances by PASACAT Harana Singers and Dancers, Filipino foods (for sale), *parol* demonstrations, exhibits. \$10 general. 619-477-3383. (ENCANTO)

## FOR KIDS

**"Santa and the Ho! Ho! Thief"** presented by Big Joe Productions at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater, through Sunday, November 30. Performances at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

**Teddy Bear Teas**, bring your family and teddy bear to teddy bear teas, November 30, December 6, 7, and 13-25, 2:30 p.m. each day. Storytelling, food and beverages, visit from Santa Claus. Fees: \$22 for adults, \$17 for children. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. Reservations: 619-557-3655. (DOWNTOWN)

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**Painted Ornaments** created with paint and glitter at the Magic Wand (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle), Tuesday through Thursday, December 2-4. Kids three to five years old, 10 to 11 a.m.; kindergartners through third graders, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. \$18 per class. Registration: 858-755-9263. (DEL MAR)

**Quail Trail**, head to Quail Botanical Gardens for tour of the gardens oriented for kids (aged three to six), Tuesday, December 2, 10:30 a.m. Meet at visitors' center located directly north of parking lot, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

**MUSEUMS**

(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

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

**California Surf Museum**, "Early California Surfriders, 1900-1940" honors Doc John Heath Ball, the first surf documentarian, telling stories of those pioneering surfers in photographs by Ball and text.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter John-

son, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

**Chula Vista Nature Center**, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

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

**Computer Museum of America**, "Secrets, Lies, and Teletypes: A History of Cryptology" explores the development of cryptology and code breaking from ancient times to the present, focusing on the role of machines and computers. The National Cryptologic Museum has loaned the German Air Force Enigma Machine; the three-rotor Enigma was used by the Nazis in World War II to secure messaging. Also on view, the M-209, a U.S. Army Signal Corps machine used by American troops to send and receive encrypted messages. Learn about the use of semaphore, punch card equipment, teletypes, and other machines.

Ongoing exhibits include vintage video games like Pong and Space Invaders, punch cards, a rare "millionaire calculator," and a Hectotron, described as "a 1970s vacuum-tube, sound-responsive electronic kaleidoscope." Find the museum at 640 C Street (at Seventh Avenue). 619-235-8222. (DOWNTOWN)

**WRITING**

The cursive crawl, the squared-off characters These by themselves delight, even without A meaning, in a foreign language, in Chinese, for instance, or when skaters curve All day across the lake, scoring their white records in ice. Being intelligible, these winding ways with their audacities and delicate hesitations, they become miraculous, so intimately, out there At the pen's point or brush's tip, do world and spirit wed. The small bones of the wrist balance against great skeletons of stars exactly; the blind bat surveys his way by echo alone. Still, the point of style is character. The universe induces a different tremor in every hand, from the check-forger's to that of the Emperor Hui Tsung, who called his own calligraphy the 'Slender Gold.' A nervous man writes nervously of a nervous world, and so on.

Miraculous. It is as though the world were a great writing. Having said so much, let us allow there is more to the world than writing: continental faults are not bare convoluted fissures in the brain. Not only must the skaters soon go home; also the hard inscription of their skates



Is scored across the open water, which long remembers nothing, neither wind nor wake.

— Howard Nemerov

"Writing" appears in *The Vintage Book of Contemporary American Poetry*, second edition, edited by J.D. McClatchy.

**Flying Leatherneck Museum**, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

**Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego**, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

**Heritage Museum**, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

**Heritage of the Americas Museum**, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (A.D. 206 B.C. to 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

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

**Heritage Walk Museum**, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

**John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library**, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of

Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

**La Mesa Depot Museum**, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

**Museum of History and Art**, art quilts with Coronado themes are showcased in "The Fiber of Coronado," continuing through Saturday, January 31, 2004. Quilt San Diego/Quilt Visions members were invited to submit quilts for the show. Many of the quilts feature hand-dyed fabrics and are embellished by hand, with others quilted by sewing machine.

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

**Museum of Making Music**, the myriad shapes and sounds of the electric guitar, and the first public West Coast showing of the Rick-enbacker "Frying Pan" featured in "Eclectic Electric." The "Frying Pan" was created in 1931 and has only been on public display once before, at the Smithsonian Institution. Through November.

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When George Washington wrote his will, he made the startling decision to set his slaves free; earlier he had said that holding slaves was his “only unavoidable subject of regret.” In this groundbreaking work, Henry Wiencek explores the founding father’s engagement with slavery at every stage of his life —

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Washington was born and raised among blacks and mixed-race people; he and his wife had blood ties to the slave community. Yet as a young man he bought and sold slaves without scruple, even raffled off children to collect debts (an incident ignored

by earlier biographers). Then, on the Revolutionary battlefields where he commanded both black and white troops, Washington’s attitudes began to change. He and the other farmers enshrined slavery in the Constitution, but, Wiencek shows, even before he became president Washington had begun to see the system’s evil.

Wiencek’s revelatory narrative, based on a meticulous examination of private papers, court records, and the voluminous Washington archives, documents for the first time the moral transformation culminating in Washington’s determination to emancipate his slaves. He acted too late to keep the new republic from perpetuating slavery, but his repentance was genuine. And it was perhaps related to the possibility — as the oral history of Mount Vernon’s slave descendants has long asserted — that a slave named West Ford was the son of George and a woman named Venus; Wiencek has new evidence that this could indeed have been true.

George Washington’s heroic stature as Father of Our Country is not diminished in this superb, nuanced portrait: now we see Washington in full as a man of his time and ahead of his time.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY: From *Publishers Weekly*: This important work, sure to be of compelling interest to anyone concerned with the nation’s origins, its founders, and its history of race slavery, is the first extended history of its subject. Wiencek (who won a National Book Critics Circle award for *The Hairstons: An American Family in Black and White*) relates not only the embrangled “blood” history of Washington’s family and that of the Custis clan into which he married, but also the first-person tale, often belabored, of his own search for facts and truth. What will surely gain the book widest notice is Wiencek’s careful evaluation of the evidence that Washington himself may have fathered the child of a slave. His verdict? Possible, but highly improbable. Yet his detective work places the search on a higher plane than ever before. Also, while being a social history of 18th-century Virginia and filled with affecting sto-

ries of individual slaves, the book stands out for depicting Washington’s deep moral struggle with slavery and his gradual “moral transfiguration” after watching some young slaves raffled off. While by no means above dissimulation, even lying, about his and Martha’s bond servants, by the time of his death in 1799, Washington had become a firm, if quiet, opponent of the slave system. By freeing his slaves upon Martha’s death, he stood head and shoulders above almost all his American contemporaries. This work of stylish scholarship and genealogical investigation makes Washington an even greater and more human figure than he has seemed before.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Henry Wiencek, historian and writer, is the author of several books, including most recently *The Hairstons: An American Family in Black and White*, which won the National Book Critics’ Circle Award in 1999. He lives with his wife and son in Charlottesville, Virginia.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Born in Boston in 1952, Mr. Wiencek said on the day that we talked that he was the oldest son, the oldest of three boys. “My father was a pipefitter. He’s retired. My mother was a homemaker and is still very much alive. They live on the same street in Boston where I grew up. They’ve moved across the street. But it’s the same block.

“I went to a Jesuit high school, Boston College High. And then I went to Yale. I double majored in Russian literature and what was then a new major called ‘Literature.’ Which was basically literary theory. Reconstruction and structuralism.”

“And Harold Bloom,” I said.

“And Harold Bloom, though I didn’t take any of Bloom’s courses, and now I consider all that stuff nonsense. But I absorbed it dutifully for three years and got a degree in it and never took history courses. I took several political science courses, but I never took any American history courses, unfortunately, because my

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**Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum** is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women’s clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research

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Concurrently, see “The History of Commercial Aviation in America.” A new section of the exhibit

celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a recreation of the airline’s first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

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interest then was literature. I wanted to be a novelist. After Yale, where I graduated in 1974, I got a job at Time-Life Books in New York in the book division, which now no longer exists. I started working for the book division in June of 1974 in the tail end of the Golden Age, when direct-mail book publishing was still a booming business. We had enormous staffs of people working in New York to produce these lavishly illustrated books of history and art history.

“Then Time-Life Books left New York and moved to Alexandria, Virginia. I stayed in New York and I became a freelancer. I did work for American Heritage. I worked for Readers Digest books, and then I went back as a freelance for Time-Life through a book packager in New York.

“The book packager got a contract with *Architectural Digest* in the early 1980s to do a set of books on classic American homes. He assigned me to go to Virginia to write about the great mansions of Virginia. I had never been to the South. I didn’t know anything about architecture. Virginia was an enormous revelation to me, to see how much magnificent architecture had been saved and restored and also to get a sense for the first time at this peculiar Southern closeness to history. In the South people worship the past. History is so personal because the family connections remain so strong into the past.

“I came from immigrant families. My families didn’t arrive here until the 1790s. When I came down to Virginia, I was meeting people whose families went back here to the 1700s or the 1600s. That really provoked a fascination with American history. And that continued, as I did another book in that series about plantations of the Deep South. I did a book called *Old Houses*, where I traveled around the country visiting family houses that had been in the same families for many generations. That book would lead to my writing *The Hairstons*.

“From 1986 until the end of 1989, I was the editor of *The*

*Smithsonian Guide to Historic America*, which was a 12-volume set of books describing historic sites that are open to the public in the U.S. It was an enormous undertaking. In the spring, it was in 1990 that I wrote the ‘Old Houses’ book. So I was then 38 years old.”

“And all those years after Yale were how you learned how to do research.”

“Yes. I had to learn it all by doing. When I began the *Hairstons* book, I had never done any serious archival work; the way I did it is I spent weeks in the library. When I started working on *The Hairstons*, I moved from New York City with my wife and our son down to Charlottesville for what I thought would be a year or two. But *The Hairstons* took eight years to finish. During those years I fell in love with living in the South. My wife and I decided to stay. I would go to the University of Virginia library and go into the stacks and sit with a pile of books on 19th-century Virginia and read footnotes and the bibliography and see how the scholars had done it and where they had gotten their information.

“I did a lot of traveling to courthouses and state archives and libraries that had newspaper collections, and I did a lot of interviewing. For *The Hairstons* the research was so complicated in part because the moral issues were so tangled. It took me a long time to get a grasp of those issues. It also took me a long time to win the confidence of the two families, white and black, to the point where they would talk.”

“How did you happen upon the idea for the Washington book?”

“It was a combination of two ideas. After the *Hairstons* book, I was thinking of writing a general book about blacks in the era of the Revolution. I wanted to explore that paradox of how we had kept slavery while fighting a war for equality. I wrote a proposal and sent it to my agent, and he was not excited. He got back to me, a week or two later, and said, ‘I was talking with someone who said that you should do a biography of George Washington.’ I didn’t like

that idea at all. I thought it would be an enormous undertaking about his cherry trees and his wooden teeth, the Revolutionary War, the Constitution, and I couldn’t imagine doing it. I said as much. I hung up the phone, and I began to think. I thought, ‘Why not Washington and slavery, combine the two ideas?’ This was 1999.”

Mr. Wiencek’s agent liked the idea. Farrar, Straus & Giroux promptly offered a contract. “The first thing I had to do,” said Mr.

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**black family.”**

Wiencek, “is sit down with the published George Washington papers and biographies and spend a year reading. I was fortunate in that Mt. Vernon decided early on to cooperate and allowed me to come in and review their archive of correspondence with members of the Washington family who had written in letters of inquiry or letters with family trees, and that’s how I came across the first clues about Martha Washington’s black family.

“I began following those threads. I met collateral descendants of George Washington. They had similar papers that I would not have found otherwise. They had the estate account that talks about the executor’s attempts to sell an elderly slave couple on the auction block. That illuminated for me the anxiety that I found in Washington’s last will, where that was exactly the act that he was trying to stop.

“It took me a year to sort the background writing. And then it took me another year to produce the first 100 pages. I was beginning to get these awful anxiety attacks thinking this book will never

original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

**San Diego Model Railroad Museum**, what’s more fun than model trains? How about Legos and model trains? The “Lego City

Exhibit” features skyscrapers, bridges, people, parks, and operating model trains created by the Southern California Lego Train Club. Through January 2004.

The museum celebrates American railroads with “the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit” in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the “San Diego County Relief Map” exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore sig-

nal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Natural History Museum**, “Spirits in Stone: The New Face of African Art” features sculpture by Shona stone sculptors from Zimbabwe, as well as masks, jewelry, and baskets, gathered in “Masks, Magic, and Meaning.” Shona sculpture is steeped in legends and traditions of an ancient African culture, using indigenous serpentine, granite, and verdite. The exhibition functions as a fundraiser for the museum, continuing through Sunday, November 30.

“The Endurance: Shackleton’s Legendary Antarctic Expedition,” on view through Tuesday, January 6, 2004, documents the epic story of Sir Ernest Shackleton’s 1914 *Endurance* expedition. Includes more than 150 awe-inspiring photographs of the expedition’s ordeal taken by ship photographer Frank Hurley, video, sextants, and replica of the *James Caird*, the lifeboat used to rescue the crew.

“Images of Nature: The Photography of Thomas D. Mangelsen,” includes 30 images on ex-

hibit through Sunday, January 4, 2004. Mangelsen spends up to nine months each year in the field documenting wild lands and creatures.

Also on view: “Natural Treasures: Past and Present” (ongoing). Current “giant-screen films” include *Shackleton’s Antarctic Adventure* (through Tuesday, January 6, 2004), *Wolves*, *Ocean Oasis*, exploring Mexico’s Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Desert. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Dieguito Heritage Museum**, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

**Serra Museum**, “Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum” is said to “remember the events leading up to the dedication

of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum” on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a “visit back in time to 1929.”

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

**Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum**, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico’s Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. The

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



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# READING

get done. But then in the next year, I wrote 400 pages. I wanted to do it well and do it fast but also do it carefully. It just began to come out. So it really did get done with remarkable swiftness.”

Reading Mr. Wiencek’s newest book, I learned many facts I’d never known. For instance, during Washington’s day, if a woman who was serving as an indentured servant had a baby out of wedlock, the baby could be taken from her and also be made an indentured servant. I asked Mr. Wiencek if he had known this.

“No,” he said and went on to explain the situation. “The churches were always on the lookout for any illegitimate babies of any race because the churches were legally responsible for the upkeep of abandoned orphans or poor children. But the worst thing was that these women — and many of them were very young, anywhere from age 17 to 25 when they got their first indenture — were forbidden to marry. To forbid people of that age from marrying is really quite cruel. Inevitably these women were going to have children, and their masters were able to get a hold of those children as servants. When the white women had children with a black man, then the bonus for the masters was even greater because then they could take over the ownership of that child until the child was 31 years old.”

“From where did these indentured women come?”

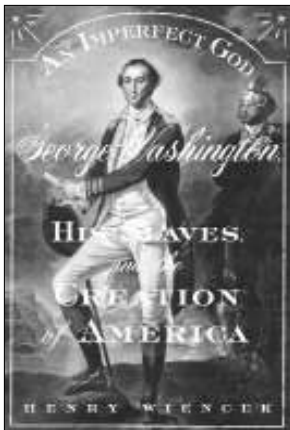
“Some were convicts. They may have been prostitutes or thieves in England who had been shipped to America. Or some may have decided on their own to come over and had entered into seven-year contracts with ship captains or brokers. When they got here, their contracts could be purchased by virtually anyone. They didn’t have any say as to whom they would work for.

“Washington grew up on what I call this border land of the races, where they didn’t quite know who was white, who was black, who was free, who was slave. You had some people who were legally slaves, but then you had people who were indentured, who were de facto slaves for 30 years. And then their children could be indentured for 30 years, and *their* children could be indentured for 30 years. So it was slavery in everything but name.

“It was a very strange system. The slave system was in great flux at the time Washington was coming up. Big planters began to see the vast sums of money that could come out of it if they managed it properly.”

Another fact that surprised me, reading Mr. Wiencek’s book, was that 25 percent of Washington’s army at Yorktown was black and that ten percent of the Revolutionary Army was black.

“Isn’t that extraordinary?” Mr. Wiencek said. “The black contribution to the winning of our independence was extraordinarily



large, and it really has been forgotten.”

“Or ignored.”

“And I think, almost as much by blacks as by whites. It’s something that we should all know and carry around with us the way we carry Paul Revere’s ride in our memory.”

Washington was relatively poor until he married Martha, the well-to-do Widow Custis. Mr. Wiencek explained, “Before the marriage he had a decent-sized plantation, but life would have been a real struggle for him. He was in debt, and he may eventually have lost everything he had because he didn’t have large-enough holdings in land and slaves to prosper. I would guess that if he had not married Martha, he would have tried much harder than he did to get into the British Army. Because he would not have had the funds to acquire all the land that he wanted. But when he married Martha, he got all that money, and he got all those

slaves, so he was able to prosper on a scale that he thought was appropriate. Certainly, he did not come from a very grand background in the way that she did.”

“Martha,” I said, “seemed to be quite a difficult woman, in fact, a bitch.”

“Well,” said Mr. Wiencek, “she was a conventional Southern lady who was completely preoccupied with social status. Don’t forget, the women of that era, they’re not just pretty adornments. They’re very intelligent and in many cases they were the conduits of enormous wealth. And they had enormous influence over their husbands and their children. And the society was not matriarchal, but they did wield influence, and they were enormously respected, and so that’s what gave Martha the power in that family. But when you look at the later history of the plantation South, or even in the colonial history of the plantation South, you see many very strong women — women who managed plantations after their husbands died or because their husbands were drunk or incompetent.”

“Do you think he loved her?”

“Oh, I think he did. I think he was very devoted to her. She spent about 60 percent of the Revolutionary War staying with him, in his camps. My first thought was that she was up there to keep an eye on him to make sure he was not dallying with the local women. But he was the one who invited her. It’s unfortunate that

all of his letters — or their letters — were burned, probably by her, and I’m guessing at his request, because he was very private.”

“I like that about him, don’t you?”

“Yes, I do. But of course the historian grinds his teeth.”

Martha Washington was not necessarily benevolent toward her slaves. Mr. Wiencek said about this, “To her the slaves were nothing but property. They represented the wealth and the status that rightfully belongs first to her children and then to her grandchildren. And she had suffered the humiliation in her youth of almost being turned down for marriage because she didn’t have enough money. And she did not want that to happen to her children. So that’s why, I argue, she was determined to hold on to all the slaves. Even though her husband was trying to set them free.”

During the time when Washington was president, one of Martha’s slaves — Ona Judge — escaped. Martha insisted that George get back this slave. I asked Mr. Wiencek about this.

“An odd thing is, in this universe of Washington studies, some Washington commentators and biographers have brought this event up as an example of Washington’s benevolence, because they say, ‘Well, Ona Judge escaped, and Washington made inquiries about getting her back, but he eventually let her go.’ And they don’t mention the fact that he tried to have her kidnapped. They don’t go into all the complexities of the story. They

don’t go in very deeply because once you look at it closely, you see that Martha is the one who’s really behind all of this and is pushing George to do it. It’s not a very flattering portrayal of Martha.”

“Or,” I said, “the marriage.”

“Or the marriage. No. No, not at all. And you can see how slavery could divide a marriage.”

In his will, Washington frees his slaves. But he doesn’t trust his own family to follow the will in this regard. I asked about this.

“That was really striking. That emerged after I’d read the will two or three times. It shows his isolation, it shows his commitment to the issue, and it also shows how slippery he thought these people were. He just couldn’t trust them. I know he was right not to trust them. He knew that they could find loopholes if they wanted to. But he was putting his moral authority out there, saying, ‘You’re going up against my ghost.’ But he was also putting full legal authority into it. They had to prove to the court that they were living up to the letter of his will.”

“Now that you’re through with the book, do you miss him?”

“Oh, I do. I do. The more you study Washington, the more you admire him and the more fascinating he becomes. We have succeeded in turning him into a man stuffed with straw, when he was not that at all. He was fascinating. And the more you study him, the more you realize how much we owe him.”

— Judith Moore



# Even a Harpsichord Hater Would Have Loved This Concert

*The rhythm literally inhabits her body.*

In a relatively brief period, youthful French harpsichordist Blandine Rannou (she looks like a slender *gamine* of 17 or 18 though she must be twice that age) has established herself as one of the finest artists in her field. She has made few recordings, but they are substantial affairs, and each of them is the best of its kind. Her double-CD sets of Bach's French Suites and English Suites are dazzling in their technique, their musicianship, and their sheer brilliance, something one becomes convinced of after the first ten measures of any one of the Suites. Her four-CD set of Rameau's harpsichord works (both the solo pieces and the chamber music) is even more impressive, because everyone knows how great a keyboard composer J.S. Bach was, but not everyone feels the same degree of certainty about the stature of Rameau's keyboard works. The standards of recorded Rameau performances up to now have been set by Trevor Pinnock and Christophe Rousset (to which I would add the selections by Albert Fuller), and they are high standards indeed. But Rannou surpasses them all, finding in some of these pieces an imaginative profundity that other performances have only hinted at.

It was thus a wonderful idea of the San Diego Harpsichord Society to bring Rannou to the Neurosciences Institute for a recital of 18th-century French harpsichord music, where she proved to be even more sensational than on her recordings (if such a thing is possible). The instrument was an exceptional French double by Curtis Berak, the acoustics were marvelously clear and live, the program was full of variety and inventiveness, and the playing was simply incomparable. I have never heard a harpsichord recital that delighted or moved me more than this splendid concert did.

One of the four composers on the program was — no surprise here — Jean-Philippe Rameau. Rannou played a selection from his

most mature and most daring keyboard compilation, the *Nouvelles suites de pièces de clavecin* from 1728: the opening four pieces (in A minor) and the final four (in G). Some of these made their point through their bravura, such as the virtuosic *Les trois mains* (with its spectacular hand-crossing) and the irrepressibly energetic *Les sauvages*. (I only wish she had also played, from the 1728 collection, the incredible *Gavotte* and its six *doubles* — one of the Baroque's most breathtaking variation sets.)

But what was most impressive about Rannou's reading of Rameau was the way she succeeded in showing that some of the slow pieces — the *Allemande*, the *Sarabande*, the ingeniously modulating *L'Enharmonique* — are the equal of anything the Baroque has to offer in terms of emotional depth and structural ingenuity. That immense, majestic, heartbreakingly beautiful *Sarabande*, under Rannou's hands, took on some of the intense, restless, searching quality one hears in many of Bach's slow movements (in the Goldberg Variations, for example, or in the Solo Cello Suites). It was a miracle of poignant inwardness, this performance, with every phrase compelling attention and leading the mind forward in its quest for an emotional and formal resolution.

Much of Rannou's superiority lies in her sense of rhythm. Rhythm is of course important to any keyboard artist (and, for that matter, to any musician), but it is particularly crucial for the harpsichord player, whose instrument precludes phrasing and expression through variations of loudness, and who is obliged to convey musical shape and meaning exclusively through rhythm and articulation. Here Rannou is supreme. Modern understanding of French Baroque keyboard performance calls for a flexible rhythm, with the metrical value of notes dependent on their context, and with some of the sense of rhythmic improvisation that derives

from the traditions of lute-playing. Often enough, modern performers exaggerate these features, to the point where the music seems constantly to stop and start, to hesitate, to stutter, to limp — sometimes in a way that can drive the listener's nerves into a quivering arrhythmia.

None of that for Rannou. For her, as all her playing at the Neurosciences Institute demonstrated, the rhythm is supple and fluid, yet without ever losing its underlying pulse; the irregularities are there less as a matter of style than for expressive purposes; and she enables the listener to intuit the meter even when elaborate ornamentation and stretched phrasing seem to obscure it (as they manage to do in less subtle performances).

One of the reasons one might prefer Rannou live to Rannou on disc is that in the hall one can see as well as hear the sense of rhythm she is so gifted with. It literally inhabits her body, to which it imparts a swing, a bounce, a sudden veering or bending, a poised tension before the plunge, all of which reflect the inner spirit of the music, give it a palpable physical presence, and visibly and kinetically communicate it to the keys.

There is nothing intentionally histrionic in this, no effort to look interesting. With complete unselfconsciousness, Rannou appears to experience the musical rhythm in her muscles and blood and breath; she allows herself to be carried along by a rhythmic drive that comes out of the music rather than out of her own will; and the sounds she produces in this manner take on a life that seems independent of her: her master rather than her servant. All this with, at the same time, an authoritative control of all the instrument's resources, and a majestic yet self-effacing finesse. Rameau has never had it so good.

The same might be said for Antoine Forqueray, Jacques Duphly, and Pancrase Royer, who were the other composers on the program. Forqueray has never sounded so grand yet so lyrical, so weighty yet so elegant. Duphly, a polished composer of less sublime inspiration, benefited even more from Rannou's talents, for she made his piece in honor of Forqueray sound much like the master himself, and her stupendous performance of Duphly's *Chaconne* (admittedly his deepest composition) could have persuaded the most skeptical listener



Blandine Rannou

ILLUSTRATION BY CHARLES POWELL

**Blandine Rannou, harpsichord  
Neurosciences Institute (San Diego Harpsichord Society)**

*Forqueray, Pieces from the First Suite; Rameau, Pieces from the Nouvelles suites de pièces de clavecin; Duphly, Pieces from the Third Book; Royer, Pieces from the First Book*

that this was an authentic masterpiece.

As for Royer, that fabulous harpsichord showman, you would have supposed that Rannou would pull out all the stops (metaphorically) for a flamboyant show-stopper like his sensational *La marche des Scythes*. Rannou is a quintessentially dramatic musician. She can make a dramatic event out of a falling five-one cadence on single notes in the bass (she

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does it by a tension-filled pause before the drop to the tonic). Royer's "March of the Scythians," with its frenzied *ritornello* and its wild cadenzas, provides ample opportunity for the most melodramatic effects.

Rannou's performance was as exciting as anyone could have wanted, but what she was after — here as everywhere — was not showmanship but musicianship. Amazingly, she managed to transform Royer's sensational compendium of keyboard virtuosity into a work of real musical substance (without making it any less of a show-stopper). This woman can do anything.

Three cheers — no, make

it three hundred — to the San Diego Harpsichord Society for letting local lovers of the Baroque hear such a magnificent artist in the flesh! ■

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**Organ Concert** presented by civic organist Carol Williams, Sunday, November 30, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

**Piano Students** of Aleck Karis present class concert of their recent work, Monday, December 1, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

**"What Can I Give Him?"** Singer/songwriter Deborah Liv Johnson performs with keyboardist on Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4781 Cass Street). Traditional and folk music "in anticipation of Christmas." Offering. 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**"Music for the Holidays From Old and New Spain"** presented by La Jolla Renaissance Singers, Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (334 14th Street). Program includes Renaissance, baroque, traditional choral works sung in Latin, Spanish, Quechua, Nahuatl, Ladino. Donation. 858-755-1616. (DEL MAR)

**"Enlightenment: The Classical Period — 18th Century"** is topic when California String Quartet is joined by Clay Ellerbroek (flute) for "Changing Tastes" series at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, December 4. Lecturer is USD music professor Ronald T. Shaheen. Program includes Haydn's "String Quartet" and "Flute Quartet" by Mozart. \$15. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**A Bowed Psaltery, Krummhorn, crittern, racket, recorders, and harpsichord** may all be heard when Courtney Noyse performs for Escondido Library's First Thursday series, in Turrentine Room of library (239 South Kalmia Street), December 4, 7 p.m. Program includes Renaissance, medieval, baroque music from German, England, Spain, Flanders, Italy. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

**All-Gershwin Concert** planned by UCSD Wind Ensemble, Thursday, December 4, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Guests include Cecil Lytle for "Rhapsody in Blue," Deborah Davis and Mark Goros singing excerpts from *Porgy and Bess*, Arthur Wagner reading letters to and from Gershwin. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

**Computer and New Media Music** composed by members of Palomar Computer Music Ensemble performed Thursday, December 4, 12:30 p.m., for Concert Hour series, in Palomar College Performance Lab (D-10). Free. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

**USD Choral Scholars** present concert on Thursday, December 4, 12:15 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$8. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

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## GALLERIES

**"Semites: Portraits of Arabs and Jews"** opens with reception for artist Doris Bittar, Wednesday, December 3, in Gotthelf Art Gallery. Bittar discusses and leads tour of show at 6:30 p.m. The Gotthelf is found in Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. 858-362-1174. (LA JOLLA)

**It's C-Note Time!** Annual holiday "C-Note Fundraiser" at San Diego Art Institute begins Saturday, November 29, 5 p.m. Show includes original artwork by institute member artists; all pieces on offer for \$100, \$200, or \$300. Pieces of art are replaced on walls as they are sold. Continues through Sunday, December 7. 619-236-0011. Admission: \$3. (BALBOA PARK)

**Impressionist, Surrealist, Undersea-Fantasy** paintings by Lynn Buettner and wild nature

photography by Janice Biehl exhibit opens with reception, Thursday, December 4, 5 p.m., at Buettner-Biehl Art Studio (312 South Cedros Avenue, suite 145). 760-497-1779. (SOLANA BEACH)

**"Conversion Factor,"** Krista Marie Zimmerman's senior exhibition, on view Monday through Thursday, December 1-4, in Everett Gee Jackson Gallery, San Diego State University. Closing reception: Thursday, December 4, 6 p.m. Find gallery in lobby of fifth floor of art department building. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

## ART MUSEUMS

**California Center for the Arts Museum,** time for Eloy Tarcisio's eighth annual site-specific installation *Muerte de todos ofrenda de participación*/Death Comes to Everyone: A Participatory Offering. The installation consists of more than 100 wooden crosses, clay bowls — filled with grains, beans, and other organic materials symbolic of Mexico's pre-Hispanic past — and votive candles, which viewers are invited to light. Through November.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

**Mingei International Museum of Folk Art,** useful and beautiful wooden objects — chairs, tables, benches, cabinets — are on view in "George Nakashima, Woodworker — A Retrospective." The objects are exhibited along with paintings and drawings by

Nakashima's friend Ben Shahn. Closes Sunday, May 30, 2004.

"Origami Masterworks — Innovative Forms of the Art of Paper Folding," on view through Sunday, February 8, 2004, includes more than 150 pieces by 42 artists from across the globe. Most of the objects were created by folding single sheets of paper to make geometrical forms, flowers, trees, people, masks, and a menagerie of animals.

"Mingei of Japan — The Legacy of Its Founders — Soetsu Yanagi, Shoji Hamada, and Kanjiro Kawai," an exhibition of objects from the museum's collection by known and unknown craftsmen from throughout Japan continues until January 25, 2004. Included: *tansu* (Japanese chests), pottery, calligraphy, woodblock prints, stencil work, kimono and other textiles, baskets, toys.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown,** photographer Alex Webb has spent more than 25 years covering the Mexican border. "Alex Webb: Crossings — Photographs from the U.S.-Mexico Border," includes 40 photographs documenting Webb's coverage of border life since the 1970s. Closes Sunday, December 7.

Pasha Rafat explores natural and artificial properties of light in photography and sculpture he presents for his "Cerca Series" exhibit, continuing through Sunday, November 30. The exhibition is built around the installation of RGB, three monumental photographs taken at different times of day in the same bar in Las Vegas.

Los Angeles artist Wendell Gladstone's "Cerca Series" exhibit — Thursday, December 4, through Sunday, January 18, 2004 — explores the interaction between abstract sculpture and figurative painting. His canvases hang behind stark minimalist sculptures, bringing the narrative content of the paintings into three dimensions, with an intentionally humorous approach.

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Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla,** "Manny Farber: About Face" celebrates the life and work of one of San Diego's most important visual artists, with work from the early 1960s to present. Farber has contributed to American cultural discourse for more than 50 years as both film and art critic and painter. Closes Sunday, January 4, 2004.

"Self-Help Graphics and Art: Building Community Through Art," on display through Tuesday, January 6, 2004, includes a group of monoprints exploring a wide range of imagery. The works explore "the limitations of print media and techniques."

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

**Museum of Photographic Arts,** "The Discerning Eye: Southern California Collects" celebrates 20 photography collectors to commemorate the museum's 20th anniversary; show closes Saturday, January 3, 2004.

Also on view, "Collector's Group Acquisitions," concluding Sunday, December 14. Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

**Oceanside Museum of Art,** 33 original artworks by 20 artists in a variety of media are showcased in "OMA Regional 3," the third juried exhibition of regional artists hosted by the museum. Jury included Mark Quint, Reesey Shaw, Tina Yapelli. Show closes Sunday, January 4, 2004. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

**San Diego Museum of Art,** "Sculpture in Silk: Costumes from Japan's Noh Theater," offers opportunity to examine elegant designs and exquisite workmanship of layered costumes. Display includes more than 40 robes and accessories created during Edo period (1601-1868),

as well as 100 modern examples of Noh costumes created using Edo-period designs and techniques. Continues through Sunday, January 25, 2004.

"Partners of the Soul: African Art of the Baule" includes 45 objects from the UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History and private collectors. Show explores complex ways in which art functioned in Baule culture and society (Ivory Coast of West Africa) through a display of spirit spouse figures, portrait masks, miniature amulet figures, mouse oracles, wooden strikers. Through Sunday, January 4, 2004.

"Tradition and Innovation in European Modernist Drawings and Watercolors" showcases 35 works rarely on view due to their fragility. Artists include Paul Klee, Franz Marc, Emil Nolde, Paul Signac, Marc Chagall. See this show of works from the museum's collection through Sunday, December 14.

Paintings, sculptures, prints, videos, and photographs inspired by elements in nature are gathered in "Of Earth and Sky: Elements in Abstraction," closing Sunday, December 14. "The Later Mughals: Theaters of Power" presents more than 20 seldom-seen images telling the story of the waning of India's greatest dynasty. Through Sunday, January 25, 2004.

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**Timken Museum of Art,** "Portraiture in Paris Around 1800: Cooper Penrose by Jacques-Louis David" explores "the profound influence" of the French painter (1748-1825). The exhibit features works on loan from L.A. and New York, along with paintings from Paris-based collections "that have never before been seen in the United States." Through Sunday, February 15, 2004.

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*"Grain upon grain...suddenly there's a heap, a little heap, the impossible heap."*

Urgent e-mails said see this show. So I'm in an industrial warehouse off Alvarado Boulevard, watching a matinee of Samuel Beckett's *Endgame* and remembering Butch and Sundance. After they dynamite a boxcar to smithereens, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid flee into the mountains from relentless horsemen. At night the pursuers' lamps bob on rocky terrain. Butch and Sundance keep looking back, asking, "Who are these guys?"

Iris Theatre's production raised the same question. Here was a company I'd never seen before, doing Samuel Beckett's nearly impossible Medusa of a play, and just nailing it, frame after frame.

Iris is new. *Endgame* — which runs in repertory with Heiner Mueller's *Hamletmachine* — is the company's third offering. It opened in March with Leonard Melfi's *Birdbath* and Sheri Wilner's *Relative Strangers*, then staged Aime Cesaire's tricky *Tempest*.

*Endgame* takes place in a room. Hamm sits in a movable chair with a bloodstained handkerchief over his face. Clov, a generation younger than Hamm, stands frozen. Off to one side, two silver garbage cans — Beckett calls them "ashbins," suggesting "ashes to ashes," among other possibilities; two windows in the rear (some see them as eyes and the stage as a large face). It's gray outside. Nature, in fact, may

have ended.

That's the physical given. After a series of rigid housekeeping movements — at one point climbing up a ladder, hooking his feet over the sides, and sliding back down — Clov speaks:

"Finished, it's finished, nearly finished, it must be nearly finished." Then Clov builds forward: "Grain upon grain...suddenly there's a heap,

a little heap, the impossible heap." And we aren't in Kansas anymore.

Hamm is blind and can't stand up. Clov can't sit. They may have had a symbiotic father-son relationship that devolved into master-servant. But who's the master? (Hamm gives orders, but Clov controls the painkiller.) Clov says he'd murder Hamm if he knew the combination to the cupboard. Hamm later says, "I'll tell you the combination if you promise to finish me."

Hamm's parents, Nagg and Nell, are "bottled" in the ashbins (or does Hamm just dream them?). They lost their "shanks," an accident in the Ardennes, but still have great affection for each other. Hamm used to fill the ashbins with sawdust. Now he uses beach sand. He screams at his father: "accursed progenitor!"

Hamm and Clov "play," performing what look like old routines — or are they? Is this a "game" nearing its end, the imaginings of an addled narcissist, or some grotesque "party's

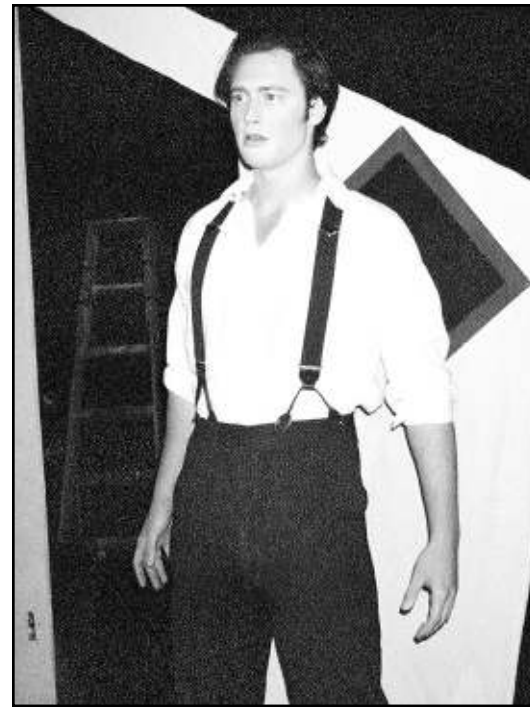
over" scenario at the end of Time?

*Endgame's* like an allegory told with mirrors. Stories pop out of stories. Conflicting realities occupy the same space. Every word reverberates with multiple possibilities (Clov's "it is finished," among other things, recalls Jesus' last words on the cross, in John 19:30). Nothing, in fact, is singular.

A third of the way in, Hamm frets that he might actually "mean something" — that if a rational being returned to earth he'd "get ideas into his head if he observed us long enough." But approaching *Endgame* rationally, or trying to connect dots for a pet scheme reduces the play to ideas about it (Hamm quotes *The Tempest*; is he a zoned-out Prospero? on Freud's couch?). *Endgame* doesn't mean, it just is.

In *Waiting for Godot* and *Endgame*, Beckett's characters perform habitual routines to disrupt our habitual ways of seeing. For example, you have a dream. You ask, what does the dream mean to me? Okay: the redwood trees symbolize X, and the golf ball with the Cheshire cat smile obviously refers to Y. And the eggplant? Well, we'll fit that in somehow. The familiar — even the comfort of familiar fears — replaces the strange. And the dream vanishes. Beckett wants us to look at the dream itself. Instead of single interpretation, he discourages choosing. In this sense *Endgame* becomes an Adventure in Otherland, where Mother Pegg can die "of darkness" and God may not exist "yet."

From Hamm's first yawn — which comes in the middle of "Can there be mis-



*Endgame*

**Endgame**, by Samuel Beckett  
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ery [yawn]...loftier than mine?" — to his vow to "speak no more," Claudio Raygoza's Hamm is remarkable. He wears clay-caked glasses, a brown *toque* (which looks like a monster flattop haircut), and a Turkish robe and projects a thousand-yard grin that conveys innocent delight and predatory hunger. He's seen everything and — like Hannibal Lecter's relish for precise details — sees things for the first time.

*Endgame* is Beckett's favorite and funniest play. Along with being a meditation on closure, and interminable terminations, it zings with grim one-liners, as when Clov remarks, "Better than nothing! Is it possible?" — or when Hamm refers to "the other hell," behind a wall (imagine Neil Simon writing a comedy after life just lost all meaning). To Raygoza's credit, he never goes for the laugh or italicizes the play's gleeful nihilism. Instead he creates a living enigma who would have made Beckett proud.

Young Daniel Heath also merits special mention. Clov — cloven hoof? a spice? — can't sit. Heath moves stiff-legged, as if on stilts. And he's as equivocating as Hamm (Clov wants to

leave but says, "I feel too old, and too far to form new habits... I'll never go"). Both robotic and human, Heath makes Clov a living margin.

Raygoza and Heath work so well together it's as if they've performed Beckett for decades: actors playing characters acting a time-worn routine, the dialogue keeping them alive. Although *Endgame* may never conclude, the Iris production closes this weekend. ■

THEATER

LISTINGS

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**Another American: Asking and Telling**  
For three years, Marc Wolf interviewed 150 people about the military's DADTPDH policy — "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass" — which punishes gays, lesbians, and bisexuals for coming out (a Diversionary Theatre note specifies: "a statement of one's sexual orientation to anyone, anywhere, anytime may lead to being fired"). Told in Anna Devere Smith's staged-monologue style, *Another American* presents different perspectives on the subject, among them a Camp Pendle-

ton Marine awaiting discharge and beaten for his honesty. On a raked stage, the walls painted battleship gray, solo performer Russell Garrett is never less than competent but never really inspired — and the show, at two hours with an intermission, is a good half hour too long. Garrett's characterizations and voice could use sharper delineations. Wolf wrote the piece as a tour de force for himself. Diversionary never achieves that level. The subject, however, is important, especially at a time, says Noam Chomsky in *Hegemony and Survival*, when "a radical restructuring of domestic society will roll back the progressive reforms of a century."

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH DECEMBER 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

**Beehive**  
Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as

Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin'" back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. Those big black round things all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

**Worth a try.**  
THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, THROUGH JANUARY 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

**Chalk It Up To Murder**  
In H.I.T. Productions' dinner-theater mystery, a terrible fire scorched the Cactus Gulch schoolhouse eight years ago. The culprit just broke out of jail.

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**Endgame and Hamletmachine**  
Reviewed this issue.

**Critic's pick.**  
IRIS THEATRE 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD (MISSION GORGE EXIT OFF INTERSTATE 8), SAN DIEGO, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30. FOR SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES, CALL 619-271-4144.

**Flaming Idiots**  
Lamplighters presents Tom Rooney's comedy about friends who open a restaurant, only to find that their customers and employees have agendas of their own. David Kievit directed.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, THROUGH DECEMBER 7; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-464-4598.

**Full Circle**  
UCSD Theatre and Dance presents Charles L. Mee's drama. It's 1989. An American woman flees through Berlin and across Germany with

the son of now-defunct East Germany's secretary general. Meredith McDonough directed.

MANDELL WEISS FORUM, UCSD, LA JOLLA, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, THROUGH DECEMBER 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

**Grease**  
Broadway"San Diego hosts a touring production of the 1950s musical (the "glory that was grease"), starring Frankie Avalon.

SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, THIRD AVENUE AND B STREET, DOWNTOWN, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, THROUGH DECEMBER 7; TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. 619-570-1100.

**Hamlet**  
The Poor Players' *Hamlet* is bare stage, modern-dress (Polonius wears a three-piece suit and yammers into a cell phone). Except for the lead, the acting ranges from rank amateur to marginal. Nuances are few, and too often a Laertes or a Horatio or a Gertrude will glissando through a line, substituting speed for sense. The Hamlet's something else, however. Richard Baird is around the Dane's age (it's one thing to hear a 45-year-old actor do the part and quite another hearing a 22-year-old raise those questions with most of his life ahead of him). At times Baird's performance becomes mannered — an impish Peter O'Toole peeks out — and others when the seams show in Hamlet's "north by northwest" madness. But Baird gets a *lot* of the role. Skittish, stormy, a spoiled brat yet worthy of angel's flights, Baird's moving Hamlet becomes a neophyte Magellan, probing mapless seas. Both are young actors attempting the toughest roles of their lives. In effect, and I've never seen this emphasis before, Hamlet awakes into the actor's nightmare. Everything is "out of joint," and he must improvise each moment to find "the readiness" to master his role.

**Worth a try.**  
ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH NOVEMBER 28; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-287-2406.

**How the Grinch Stole Christmas**  
Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Dr. Seuss's birthday and continuing its holiday tradition, the Globe Theatre stages its musical about the grumpy greenie. Jack O'Brien directed.

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**Late-Night Catechism**  
Every Monday night, during summer, the Laguna Playhouse stages the popular "interactive adult catechism class," taught by a sister from the old spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn't sound like much. The sister is substituting for the regular teacher (it's his poker night, don't tell a soul). She used to have the job but was deemed too strict for contemporary students. And the class is just that, part of a course on Catholic doctrine. But the sister's authoritarianism takes it to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when sister brings out a hard ruler and taps her palm). The results, the two times I've seen the show: a.) an almost nonstop evening of comedy; and b.) a thought-provoking look at education, religion, and much more. The sister, it turns out, is not kidding [note: the Laguna Playhouse has extended the show's run three times].

**Worth a try.**  
LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH DECEMBER 18; MONDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 949-497-2787.

**National Comedy Theatre**  
ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea

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from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

#### Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

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#### Nu

This could be the start of a new, physical vocabulary for Sledgehammer Theatre. At the same time these "plays without words" are just a start, and often balky. Three pieces, *Mr. Phosphorescent* (office politics), *Echoes Traveling* (a woman tries to shed a chrysalis-like past), and *Wintering* (from Sylvia Plath's *Ariel*) use gesture, movement, and music in ways resembling Meyerhold's "biomechanics" and Anne Bogart. The body talks. Overall, however, the work doesn't feel fully realized, the most arresting moments occurring in tableaux, when David Lee Cuthbert's expert lighting zones in on stillness. Too often, they have a lag factor: performed by a cast of varying skill, physicality's at the mercy of the music (which makes for slow stretches — got 16 more bars to fill — and more repeated stage business than the story needs; movement should dictate music). At times the stage flashes with voiceless communication. At many others, the production is in a nether realm, not dance or theater, just movements unequal to powerful music upstaging them. Focus, surprisingly, is also a problem (in *Wintering*, for example, the man in white, like the sun creeping imperceptibly across the sky, steals the eye; one follows his feet inching ahead rather than the angst below). For such an important project, you wish directors Kirstin Brandt and Jessa Watson and their cast had world enough and time to forge their theatrical lexicon in some Grotowskian retreat.

SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

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**Orphans**  
In 1985, Gary Sinese and Chicago’s Steppenwolf Theater brought Lyle Kessler’s comedy-drama to Broadway. The play, about orphaned brothers (a recidivist and a shut-in) who try to kidnap a wealthy man, hasn’t much to recommend. It’s a runt in the litter spawned by Sam Shepard’s *True West* — with a wide second-act sag. But Steppenwolf’s physicalized acting won New York. New Village Arts has extended the run of its current production, with good reason. Similar to Steppenwolf, NVA actors perform like caged gymnasts, trampoline off the sofa, wiggling through a window: hyper moves, done with skill by Frances Gercke and Joshua Everett Johnson, as the brothers. Jim Chovick centers the piece with an assured performance as Harold, the dapper, table-turning victim. The program says this is Kristianne Kurner’s first main stage directing

assignment. Except for a tendency to let the business last too long and slow the pace, Kurner deserves more assignments. Justin Hall’s two-story thrust set serves useful purposes, as do Mary Larson’s costumes, everything from Treat’s pajamas to Harold’s yellow silk tie. ***Worth a try.***

THE STUDIO SPACE AT JAZZERCISE, INC., 2460 IMPALA DRIVE, CARLSBAD, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 760-633-1130.

**Playwright’s Project: Plays by Young Writers**  
The 19th Annual California Young Playwright’s Contest had 282 entrants in 2003. Winners receive full productions. Tyler Moselle, 16, has written *How They See It*, a subtle look at missing children from second-graders’ point of view: the awareness of unthinkable evil grows in innocent, eager-to-deny minds. Director Linda Libby’s imaginative staging includes all adults cast in shadows on a scrim. In *40 Miles from Tel Aviv*, Brandon Alter, 18, sets his fiercely tragic drama in a Palestinian home on the West Bank. Malik and Salah have been married ten years. Their lives resemble a dance (Delicia Turner Sonnenberg’s direction flows like choreography). Then he straps dynamite to his body. A stunned Salah, who had no idea this was coming, must know why. Though

one could compress here and expand there, both scripts reach the core of their subjects and resonate. The Playwright’s project opens each performance with staged readings of another winner (the one I caught was *Madeline Learns to Fly*, a witty fable about a young robin, by Taylor Renteria — who, it’s hard to believe, is 10 years old!). ***Worth a try.***

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH DECEMBER 6; TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT 10:00 A.M., THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. (MORNING PERFORMANCES ARE FOR SCHOOL GROUPS, THOUGH INDIVIDUAL TICKETS MAY BE AVAILABLE). 619-239-8222.

**The Romance of Magn Rubio**  
The Laguna Playhouse stages Lonnie Carter’s Obie Award-winner about a Filipino farm worker in Depression-era California who falls in love through a lonely-hearts ad. Ralph B. Pena directed. LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH DECEMBER 7; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-2787.

**San Diego Theatresports**  
A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv,

making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports’ “game show” is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had “Team Sports” — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Improv*) I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.” ***Worth a try.***

SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. 619-465-7469.

**The Sopranos’ Last Supper**  
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**Story Theatre**  
In the ’60s, Paul Sills made improvisational theater out of his mother’s — Viola Spolin — theories. His *Story Theater*, a collection of Grimm Brothers and Aesop’s fairy tales, played on Broadway in 1970. Once it settles in, which takes at least a half an hour performed at wall-cracking decibel levels, the North Coast Rep’s re-re-telling captures some of the inventive flavor of the original (though it’s doubtful Sills’ version was so insistently ingratiating to its audience; the NCRT show *really* wants you to like it!). David Ellenstein’s stagings prefer the cute to the grim(m), but the performers — especially Fred Harlow as a host of harried males, the ad-libbing Randall Dodge (who does a good Governor Ah-nolt), and multi-talented Laura Bozanich (her mime of a randy dog’s *the* highlight) — all communicate relish for the playful, free-lance style of the piece. *Story Theatre’s* billed as a Christmas alternative. Be forewarned: it is not *Hamlet*. The woman sitting next to me said, “It’s so dumb it’s funny.” ***Worth a try.***

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH DECEMBER 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

**Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy**  
Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

***Worth a try.***  
HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

**A View From The Bridge**  
Longshoreman Eddie Carbone raised his niece Catherine in Brooklyn’s tough Red Hook district. Now she’s 18. He’s 40 and still considers her his “baby.” Calling him protective commits grave understatement. “Sometimes there’s too much love,” a lawyer warns Eddie, but in Arthur Miller’s stormy 1956 drama, Eddie pushes his obsession across the border. *View* resonates as a period piece about betrayal. Director George Flint and the Renaissance Theatre Company honor the style with Method-actor intensities and a headlong sprint into the operatic (in many ways, *View’s* a Yankee imitation of Tennessee Williams). RTC productions always showcase top local talent. And the males do capable work (although often a one-note fumer, Jessie Mackinnon’s best moments as Eddie come when he glimpses beyond the taboos that drive him). But the women shine. Jessica John isn’t 18 years old. But her Catherine is: a bright-eyed teenager on a collision course with love’s extremities. And Susan Denaker does one of the year’s best support jobs. On paper, Eddie’s wife Beatrice is another of Arthur Miller’s explanatory ciphers (“you kept her a baby,” she yells at Eddie). With gentle insistence, Denaker builds a multidimensional, long-suffering ’50s housewife — who knows her place but has to leave it — from next to nothing. ***Worth a try.***

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**"The city council unanimously voted** to get rid of all-you-can-drink nights in Tijuana. It won't affect us at all, but a lot of bar

traffic accidents, fights, a lot of negative consequences."

One bar owner, who did not want to be identified, said he thought the Tijuana City Council's decision, while well-intentioned, will not be a hard-and-fast rule.

"Believe me, they will find a way to work around it."

Meanwhile, von Borstel

\$150.

Sunday's show is the first time in 18 years all five original Duran Duran members have gone on tour.

This weekend's show is part of a 17-city tour of U.S. club dates. All 1500 tickets sold immediately.

"We could have sold out five [Duran Duran] shows at 4th & B," said Speth.

"People think we are getting rich over here. I will tell you Duran Duran is getting 93 percent of the door."

He said recent 4th & B shows by lush British band Spiritualized and the "Stone's Throw" hip-hop tour were not big successes.

Final arrangements are being made by Speth to sell 4th & B to new owners Pacific Entertainment LLC.

"Rumors are flying that they are going to clean house, but everybody is staying," said Speth. He said the talent-buying team of Wayne Reynolds (urban artists),

Steve Kader ("He does the youthful stuff and Latin music"), and Jeff Gaulton ("He does all the big stuff like Duran Duran and Willie



DURAN ONLY GETS 93% OF 4TH&B GIG

Nelson") will remain intact. Speth said those three have been part of 4th & B for eight, six, and five years, respectively.

— Ken Leighton

**"In three years we've only been paid twice** [locally]. Once at the Strand [in Oceanside] and once at the Vista Entertainment Center."

Nicholas Lynch of the Desolation Angels says band compensation is a lot better on tour.

"When we went on tour, we made enough money to

pay for our van rental, our gas, and we came back with several hundred bucks extra in our band fund. Every place we played they made money at the door, and the bands got paid from that."

The guitarist says his four-piece punk band has been unpaid at Brick by Brick, Dream Street, Pounders, and Boomerangs. So Lynch launched S.A.F.E. (Scene Against Financial Exploitation) to get bands to band together. He said S.A.F.E. includes 24 bands and has more than 100 members who each paid a one-time \$2 membership fee.

"We're putting out our own compilation CD, *Music Will Not Be Held Down*. We've got 20 tracks so far."

Lynch says the "most vile" part of the local scene is pay-for-play.

"At the Epicentre we had to sell \$150 worth of tickets. We came up short, so one of us had to pay them the extra \$20 just so we could play that night. Whenever we played there, there were these guys who wanted to record us. They would charge us \$10, and some guy who had no

idea what he was doing would record us. It sounded terrible. We walked out with nothing but a shitty recording. He said we could come back some other time and record by the hour and that we should also send them other bands, especially young bands. In other words, bands who don't know any better."

But some bands are happy to play for free beer.



SCHOGER AND LYNCH  
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"My band doesn't drink, so free beer does us no good. The first time we played Boomerangs [in San Marcos],

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owners are very unhappy."

Enrique von Borstel is the general manager of El Foro at the Jai Alai Palace. He says the new citywide ban won't affect his new 3000-capacity music venue, but it certainly will have an impact on nightclubs like Baby Rock, Cat's, Avalon, and Tangaloo.

"These places have these all-you-can-drink nights one night a week. They are usually on Thursday or Friday.... I think it's a good thing. People would go on all-night binges. There were

says he is still trying to get San Diego promoters and radio stations interested in El Foro.

"The Chippendale dancers we tried was not a big success."

— Ken Leighton

**"I could have made an extra \$150,000."**

Bob Speth, current owner of 4th & B, was joking when he was told that the tickets for his Duran Duran show on Sunday have tripled in value and are now being resold for

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we didn't get paid but they didn't charge at the door. The second time they started charging \$3, but they didn't tell us about it. When I talked to the owner he said that we wouldn't get any of that door money. I said, 'Why not?' He said, 'Because you get free beer.' I said, 'We don't drink; how about food?' He flat out said no. And we brought the P.A. That was the last time we played there."

S.A.F.E. is looking for more venues for its all-age shows. So far the venues they have found either went out of business (Tahitian Bytes in Oceanside and the Fyre Zone in San Marcos) or opted against having the louder bands that S.A.F.E. supports (M3 Café and Funktion Clothing in Oceanside).

"Then there was this place in San Marcos. It was a miniature Stonehenge. It had waterfalls and koi ponds. It was like a museum of pretty things. It was in the middle of nowhere, but they were freaked out that people would hear us. We got canceled."

"Every show we've had was free," said S.A.F.E. co-founder Jamie Schoger. "If it's free, people will buy merchandise. People don't buy merch when they have to pay \$8 to get in."

S.A.F.E. meets every Thursday at 9 p.m. (resuming December 4). Contact [www.sdsafe.tk](http://www.sdsafe.tk) for details.

— Ken Leighton

**"We were banned from everywhere** in San Diego. Now that Max [Paul, owner of Brick by Brick] is in the band, we have a place we know we can play."

Guitarist Mike Hood recalls the days (1995–1998) when his band, the Shot Out Hoods, simply ran out of local places to play. Hood recalls the time his lead singer threw out an ignited Bible drenched with lighter fluid on the floor in front of the stage. He says the reputation of Shot Out Hoods fans "got us 86'd from everywhere. But the Hoods are reuniting, confident their days of bad behavior are behind them because, says Hood, their old fans are long gone.

"They all overdosed or went to prison. We have a new bad crowd that's not as

bad. Times have changed."

The first Shot Out Hoods reunion show in over a year happens next week.

But Mike Hood is hedging his rock future on another band as well, the Unregistered Sex Defenders. "We're just straight-ahead rock with a screamin' singer." Max Paul plays guitar in the band.

The US Defenders were formed after Hood's old band Red Eye Gravy lost their lead



UNREGISTERED SEX DEFENDERS LOOK FOR NEW FANS

singer.

"You know the joke, 'What do you call a singer in a band without a girlfriend? Homeless.' That was our lead singer Mike [Long]. He was unemployed. The guy was living the rock-and-roll

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lifestyle. His home was the Alibi [a Hillcrest bar]. That's where you called if you wanted to get a hold of him. That's where we picked him up for band practice."

By May of this year, Hood said Red Eye Gravy was on fire. "We had gigs in Hollywood and Orange County. I had Vegas lined up. We had three months of gigs. We had a merchandise girl. We had this big Cinco de Mayo gig at the Casbah with Manic Hispanic. Our guitarist Tito went to pick Mike up at the Alibi. He [Tito] calls us and says the owner of the Alibi said Mike got on a bus that day and went back home to Alabama. His mom sent him a bus ticket. Supposedly Mike has a great job back there and he's doing great. What I don't understand is why he couldn't get a job out here.... He was a great front man. He was a cross between Eddie Spaghetti of the Supersuckers and the guy from Lynyrd Skynyrd."

The Shot Out Hoods appear December 6 at Brick by Brick. The U.S. Defenders appear with Money Shot December 19 at Blind Melons.

— Ken Leighton

**DJ Mike Halloran** hasn't been heard live on 91X in seven years, but his voice praising his old station now appears in a commercial that

runs regularly on 91X.

"I used to have 91X stickers on my car back in Detroit. What a legendary station. It's still amazing." An announcer then cuts in: "We 'fess up. That's not the truth. That's an interview from five years ago. It just goes to show you can't always believe everything you hear.... If you want the real truth go to *91X.com*."

When asked, Halloran said, "I'd love to comment, but I actually haven't heard this one. They also did this six years ago when I took over 92/5."

The promo ad is part of 91X's push to let local rock radio listeners know that Halloran's current station, FM-94/9 (owned by Jefferson-Pilot), is just as corporate as 91X (owned by Clear Channel).

"We appreciate the free advertising," said FM-94/9 general manager Darrel Goodin.

The 91X website and new slogan are a reaction to FM-94/9's year-long campaign against corporate radio (in which they claim, "It's about the music").

In the latest Arbitron ratings, FM-94/9 is in fourth place among listeners 18–34, while 91X has slipped to tenth.

— Ken Leighton

**"I knew they were the Thrills**, but I didn't realize they were the same Thrills who were signed to Virgin and who sold a half-million records in Europe. To me they were just a bunch of guys on the beach."



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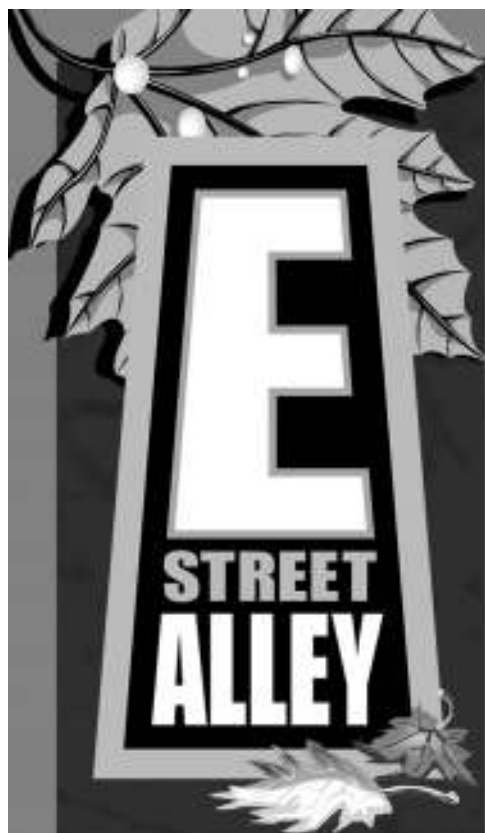
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of it."

Two weeks ago the five Irishmen surprised Curtis by dropping by for an *L.A. Times* photo shoot. The band also gave Curtis worldwide TV exposure by crediting Taang! for helping shape their Byrds-like sound. On a recent edition of *Subterranean* — MTV2's show dedicated to up-and-coming artists — Thrills members said their summer in Taang!-land shaped their sound.

"The surroundings fired us up. We knew more about what we wanted to do once we arrived home," said Thrills' guitarist Daniel Ryan. "I bought a couple of Bob Marley albums there and a special edition of Dexys Midnight Runners' *Too-Rye-Ay*. I bought my first Todd Rundgren album there too."

Curtis said Jewel and the Wallflowers have both spent time hanging out at Taang! but it was hearing about the 1994 stopover of a fellow Irishman that thrilled the Thrills.

"They were all fascinated that Shane McGowan did his

rehab on the second floor here." Curtis said the Pogues' front man spent a week at Taang! trying to dry out.

"Shane was paid to come to L.A. from Ireland and play the opening week at the Viper Room. Tom Petty, Maria McKee, and a bunch of others also played. They asked me to DJ." Curtis said he befriended McGowan. "Shane had racked up a liquor bill of \$8000. That didn't include the hotel bill. It was time for him to get out of L.A. The guy who owned the club said, 'Curtis, why don't you take him to San Diego?' So I brought him here. He was interested in San Diego because this is where Tom Waits is from... We tried to dry him out. It worked for a couple of days. I left him alone for, like, three hours. When I came back, I saw he [had] left the Pogues single 'Fiesta' on the bed."

I ask Curtis if the Irish icon has any teeth left.

"Yeah. Two."

Last week Taang! released new CDs by the Boys (from England) and by the American bands the Exploited and the Bruisers. Curtis said he is currently working on an all-local compilation to be released next year called *I Left My Drugs in San Diego*, which includes tracks by local bands Battalion of Saints, Cheap Sex, the Heartaches, the Scotch Greens, In Your Face,

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and Rat City Riot.

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**"What my wife and I need is music right now..."** it's what we all really need, I think, some great tunes to forget about the fires, for a moment anyway."

So said a guy named Bob, standing outside the Spreckels Theatre on Halloween night, smoking a cigarette and waiting for Rockola, a Beatles tribute band, to go on. Bob was in his early 50s, rotund and balding —and he looked fatigued. This Scripps Ranch resident had been through hell, and he didn't want to give his last name.

"It's the goddamn homeowners' association fault that Scripps Ranch now

looks like a bombed suburb of Baghdad," he said. "For years people, including me, have expressed concern about the danger the eucalyptus trees impose. What did the homeowners' association say about that? 'Oh, there's nothing to worry about. People want the trees there. The trees stay and that's that.' And so what happens? They burn up like crazy and blow up like ordnance. And where are those jerks with the homeowners' association

now? Hiding! Cowering. Maybe their houses went up in flames too."



A CURE FOR THE FIRES?

Bob's house was spared, but he knows many neighbors who were homeless. "I talked

to them at the evacuation center," he said.

He threw his cigarette butt in the gutter and shook his head, smiled. "Well, now it's time for some music, eh? The White Album came out when I was just a kid, a pimply kid who didn't know nothing, but I loved that album. I listened to it over and over, and it was magic. And it's still magic," he said as he went into Spreckels, "and I could use some right now."

— Michael Hemmingson

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# Lawsuit Boogie

*The two Point Loma residents found they were dating the same woman, but, rather than fight, they decided to form a band.*

**A**naya Suarez attended an Ozzy Osbourne “Retirement Sucks” concert at the San Diego Sports Arena in October 1995. Nearly a year later Suarez went to the county courthouse on West Broadway and filed a personal injury lawsuit against Osbourne, Bill Silva Presents (which was the promoter), and others associated with putting on the show, claiming that her close proximity to the stage resulted in her being seriously hurt. Suarez’s lawyer contended that “Mr. Osbourne incited the crowd to the point of a near riot, waving his arms and encouraging the audience to ‘get out of your seats and show me what you’ve got.’ In the resultant activity, audience members were standing and jostling each other and pumping their fists in the air violently...Miss Suarez was so roughly accosted by the crowd that her head was struck repeatedly, she fell down, was kicked, and received a serious brain injury.”

Suarez’s attorneys spent many months and filed over a dozen motions trying to subpoena the U.K.-born Osbourne to come to San Diego to testify but — this being years before *The Osbournes* TV series — Ozzy’s noncitizen status made this difficult. Suarez provided to the court a newspaper article mentioning that the singer owned a home in L.A., but in the end the subpoena could not be served. Suarez ended up accepting a settlement offer from Osbourne’s attorneys, the terms of which are confidential and sealed by the court, and the entire matter was dismissed including the allegations of negligence against the promoters and security firms named in the original suit. In one of the responses to the original filing, Osbourne’s legal counsel noted, “If performers such as Mr. Osbourne were to be held legally liable every time they entreat audience members to rise from their seats, the concert industry would consist of little more than the occasional performances by John Denver, Kenny G, and Yanni.”

Huntington Beach ska band Reel Big Fish performed at Soma in August 1997 and subsequently found themselves, along with Soma Productions,

named in a negligence lawsuit filed by the father of 16-year-old Tessandra Reaume. According to a brief filed June 18, 1999, the girl was struck by a crowd surfer, causing her trauma that resulted in her knee buckling, whereupon she fell down and was further injured by the “rowdy crowd.” Her father, Timothy F. Reaume, originally asked for a half million dollars in damages, naming Soma in the suit for “failing to prohibit or take any action to discourage crowd surfing.” The lawyer representing Reel Big Fish took exception to their being named in the suit and cited the 16-year-old’s own testimony in an attempt to have the band removed from the list of litigants.

“She herself described [the band] as being ‘relatively clean cut, with more subdued music than similar bands.’” The judge agreed to drop Reel Big Fish from the suit, and eventually a settlement was reached between Reaume and Soma Productions, the terms of which are confidential.

A local who faced an acrimonious divorce after becoming famous was the drummer from Stone Temple Pilots. STP came together when Scott Weiland met New Jersey-born bass player Robert DeLeo at a 1986 Black Flag concert in Long Beach. The two Point Loma residents found they were dating the same woman, but, rather than fight, they decided to form a band and ended up living together in the woman’s San Diego apartment after she moved to Texas. DeLeo’s brother Dean joined on guitar, and Eric Kretz (who was born in Santa Cruz, as was Weiland, but was also living in San Diego at the time) became their drummer. In their San Diego days, from 1987 through 1990 (when they moved to Los Angeles), they called themselves Mighty Joe Young. Band members have claimed the STP motor oil logo inspired them to change their name to Stone Temple Pilots because they could get STP stickers for free at gas stations and use them as promotional giveaways. (Rumors that the STP motor oil company filed a lawsuit over the band’s initials appear to be unfounded.)

After being signed to Atlantic Records in 1992, Stone Temple Pilots’ first album *Core* brought fame, fortune, and in the case of Eric Kretz, an acrimonious and expensive divorce.

On August 6, 2001, Kretz’s wife Shari sued the drummer in Los Angeles Superior Court, demanding \$1.6 million, or half his earnings, as well as financial support. She claimed Kretz had demanded she quit her “career in fashion” and that she’d gotten an abortion in 1992 because “Eric promised we could have another child when he was more financially able to do so.” She also claimed to have “discussed and added ideas portrayed through Stone Temple Pilots music, cover art, and video,” contributing lyrics to the *Core* album, and “providing inspiration for [the song] ‘Trippin’ on a Hole in a Paper Heart’ [by] introducing Eric to subjects which expanded his creative abilities.”

She also claimed that she’d “designed Eric’s clothing and his ‘rock ’n’ roll look” and had improved his “physical image” because she “recommended that Eric look into surgical liposuction” and “nursed him” after the procedure took place. The suit aimed to prove that, even though their legal marriage only lasted four years (ending in November 2000), their decade-long relationship had long been “business related” as well as “quasi-parental,” with her being the parent to her husband’s perpetual rock ’n’ roll childhood. Also in her filing was the claim that Kretz had promised her “a large house on a large piece of land” and that he’d give her “lifetime support and share his earnings” with her, to “provide a lavish lifestyle.” Her request for divorce was granted, and a confidential financial settlement was reached in early 2002.

Poway’s own blink-182 is no stranger to law-



Tom DeLonge and Mark Hoppus

suits. The band is the subject of a personal injury case that began in September 2002 (besides an ongoing civil suit filed in January 2002 regarding unpaid fees said to be owed by the band). The lawsuit is nearly identical to the crowd-surfing incident that landed Reel Big Fish in a hot skillet. Alexandra Cassie, a minor residing in Northern California, is pursuing a lawsuit at the behest of her mother Janet Cassie, blaming blink-182, Clear Channel Entertainment, and the Sacramento Valley Amphitheater for injuries sustained during a concert at that venue earlier in the year. No judgment has yet been entered in this case, but the band has faced potential litigation since the release of their first official album.

Originally called simply “Blink,” the group’s origins date back to fall 1991, when Tom DeLonge met Mark Hoppus (Hoppus’s sister was dating one of DeLonge’s friends at the time). Hooking up with drummer Scott Raynor, they began playing local clubs, and in 1994 they released *Buddha* on a small label run by friends in a band called the Vandals. They were signed to a one-album deal

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for Cargo Records and released *Cheshire Cat* in 1995. That's when they came to the attention of a techno-industrial band from Dublin, Ireland, also named Blink.

The Irish Blink consists of guitarist/singer Dermot Lambert, bassist Brian McLoughlin, drummer Barry Campell, and keyboardist/guitarist Robbie Sexton. They were just preparing to release their first album (which would go on to spawn four top-ten Irish singles) when someone sent them a copy of the *Cheshire Cat* album. In an interview posted at [www.extreme-online.com](http://www.extreme-online.com), Travis Barker, who quit Orange County's Aquabats to join San Diego's Blink after the departure of Scott Raynor, said, "Blink was the original name of [our] band. But when we started getting exposure, we nearly got sued by an Irish tech band, so we added the 182 to keep the name."

The threat of litigation is denied in a statement posted by the Irish Blink at [irishsongwriters.com](http://irishsongwriters.com). "Contrary to anything you might read elsewhere, Blink's manager simply phoned Cargo Records and asked them to inform the San Diego Blink that a band of that name already existed. We never sued the San Diego Blink, and there was no court case. They simply agreed to change their name, and an agreement was drawn up to avoid confusion. They became blink-182 and we continued on as Blink. Apparently there was also a Danish band called Blink, but they changed their name voluntarily before we even heard of them. They are now called BLINK."

As to the "182," members of the San Diego band have inconsistently said in interviews that the number was chosen at random and also that it represents "the number of times Al Pacino says everybody's favorite 'F'-word in *Scarface*."

In 1997, blink-182 released *Dude Ranch* on MCA Records, which reached gold status in both the United States and Canada. In July 1999, *Enema of the State* sold over 100,000 copies within the first week of being in stores. Meanwhile, Dublin's Blink released their second album, *The End Is High*, in the U.S. in March 1998, earning a "Spotlight Album of the Week" profile in *Billboard* magazine and a subsequent American tour deal that saw them playing 113 gigs in 32 different states through 1999.

At least three booking agents filed lawsuits against the Irish techno band and their promoters during this tour, claiming they thought they were getting radio favorites blink-182 only to wind up with a numeral-deficient "Blink" and being faced with demands for refunds from angry patrons. ■

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# NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

**Stephen Malkmus** comes across as aloof, maybe even a little snobbish. In interviews, he resembles a Nobel Prize-winning physicist as he's asked serious, probing questions about his cameo in *Scary Movie 3*. It's not just that he seems above it all, it's that he seems ashamed of himself for being part of the music industry.

No one can blame him for that, really. But there are a lot of people who will tell you that the former Pavement guitarist and singer is a jerk. They may even tell you about a friend of a friend of another friend who was supposedly screwed over by him. But if you

meet people who actually met Malkmus, they'll have nothing but good things to say about him.

For the rest of us, there is simply the music. And there, too, Malkmus can seem pretty aloof. That may be the heart of the problem. In Pavement's prime, his lyrics were praised as elliptical, but at times they just seemed nonsensical — as though Malkmus didn't want to reveal anything about himself.

For his first album with new backing band the Jicks, Malkmus tried out some linear storytelling, spinning tales of pirates and long-distance romance. His old fans turned on him for it. As for new fans, well, there weren't many. With *Pig Lib*, the Jicks' second album, the most striking thing about Malkmus's words is how few of them there



STEPHEN MALKMUS

are. In their place is furious, beautiful guitar playing. Maybe Malkmus just doesn't feel like talking — he's too busy rediscovering the joys of rocking out.

**STEPHEN MALKMUS, Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, November 30, 8 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140. \$15.**

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### EXTENSION 4000

### THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

#### FRIDAY

**Los Lobos [303]** and the **Healers:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, November 28, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

#### SATURDAY

**Eek-A-Mouse [734]** and **Starpool:** Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, November 29, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

**Davy Jones:** Grand Cabaret, Saturday, November 29, 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

#### SUNDAY

**Duran Duran [286]:** 4th & B, Sunday, November 30, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Stephen Malkmus:** Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, November 30, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

#### MONDAY

**Jewel [175]** and **Joe Firstman:** Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, December 1, 1245 Seventh Avenue,

downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

#### TUESDAY

**"A Charlie Brown Christmas"** featuring **Al Jarreau, Melissa Manchester,** and **David Benoit:** Spreckels Theatre, Tuesday, December 2, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

#### WEDNESDAY

**"Z90 Jingle Jam"** featuring **Ludacris, Wyclef Jean,** and more: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

**The Hot Club of Cowtown:** The Casbah, Wednesday, December 3, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

**"A Smooth Jazz Christmas: Dave Koz and Friends" [302]:** Copley Symphony Hall, Wednesday, December 3, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

**J.C. Chasez:** Spreckels Theatre, Wednesday, December 3, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

### EXTENSION 4001

### UPCOMING CONCERTS

#### DECEMBER

**Brad Paisley [322]:** Pechanga Showroom, Thursday, December 4, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

**Charlie Daniels [777]** and the **Kelly Bowlin Band:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, December 4, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

**"Dave Koz Smooth Jazz Christmas" [302]:** East County Performing Arts Center, Thursday, December 4, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

**"Jingle Ball 2003"** featuring **Jewel [175], the Bangles, Seal [296], Donna Summer [603], Counting Crows [417],** and **Josh Kelley:** Cox Arena, Thursday, December 4, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

**"Jingle Ball 2003"** featuring **Sarah McLachlan [274], the Barenaked Ladies [424], KC & the Sunshine Band, Dido [305], Michelle Branch, Howie Day,** and **Jason Mraz [819]:** Cox Arena, Friday, December 5, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

**Willie Nelson [768]:** 4th & B, Saturday, December 6, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**The Boys Choir of Harlem:** California Center for the Arts, Saturday, December 6, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

**Hajji Alejandro:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Tuesday, December 9, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

**Dwele and Slum Village:** 4th & B, Wednesday, December 10, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**"The Rock That Stole Christmas":** San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, December 11, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

**Chris Cagle:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, December 11, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

**Boney James [288]:** Pechanga Showroom, Friday, December 12, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

**"A Diva Christmas":** Civic Theatre, Saturday, December 13, Third Avenue at B Street, San Diego. 619-570-1100 or 619-220-8497.

**The Mavericks [764]** and the **West Coast Pin-Ups [422]:** 4th & B, Saturday, December 13, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**The Radiators [244]:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, December 13, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

**Rancid [163], F-Minus,** and **Tiger Army:** SOMA, Monday, December 15, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

**"Beatles Tribute Performance":** Star Theatre, Monday, December 15, 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., 402 North Coast Highway 101, Oceanside. Recorded information, 858-558-4696.

**The Blind Boys of Alabama [282]:** California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, December 16, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

**Shania Twain [771]** and **Emerson Drive:** Cox Arena, Wednesday, December 17, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

**Wayne Newton [608]:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, December 19, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

**Peter White [297]** and **Mindi Abair:** 4th & B, Friday, December 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Ozomatli [228]** and **Quetzal [543]:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 19, and Saturday, December 20, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

**Maxi Priest [604]:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 26, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

**The Funk Brothers** featuring **Joan Osborne** and **Darius Rucker:** Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, December 27, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

**"SOMA New Year's Eve Show"** featuring **Taking Back Sunday, Yellowcard, Sugarcult [421], Rufio [411], Rise Against, Avenged Sevenfold,** and more: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, December 31, 7 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

### JANUARY

**"Dave Matthews & Friends" [279]** with **Trey Anastasio, Brady Blade, Tony Hall, Ray Paczkowski, Tim Reynolds, Emmylou Harris,** and **Spyboy:** Cox Arena, Wednesday, January 14, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

**The Temptations:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Wednesday, January 14, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

**Paco de Lucía:** California Center for the Arts, Saturday, January 31, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

### FEBRUARY

**Josh Groban:** Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, February 2, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

**B.B. King [927]:** 4th & B, Tuesday, February 3, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**The Preservation Hall Jazz Band [707]:** East County Performing Arts Center, Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

**Sting [431]:** Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, February 13, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

### MARCH

**Sarah Brightman [600]:** San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, March 10, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

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## ALTERNATIVE

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**The Biddy Bums:** Lestat's Coffeehouse  
**The Business Lady:** The Casbah  
**The Calico System:** The Scene  
**The Casual Dots:** Epicentre  
**Cause Way:** 'Canes  
**Cobra High:** The Casbah  
**Counterfit:** The Scene  
**Deafred:** Dream Street  
**Dillinga:** 'Canes  
**Dirt Bike:** Dream Street  
**The Displaced:** The Casbah  
**Down in the Lab:** 'Canes  
**Down with Leo:** Dream Street  
**DPI:** Dream Street  
**Dubcat:** Squid Joe's  
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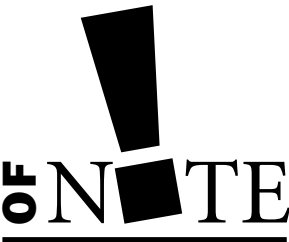
- Fannypack:** The Casbah  
**The Flying Luttenbachers:** Epicentre  
**Glasseater:** The Scene  
**The Hot Club of Cowtown:** The Casbah  
**Hot Like a Robot** [146]: 'Canes  
**The Infants:** Dream Street  
**Jack the Original:** Dream Street  
**Lances Hero:** Soma  
**The Last Call Orchestra:** Epicentre  
**Latigo:** California Club  
**Lemon D:** 'Canes  
**The Locust:** Epicentre  
**Los Lobos** [303]: Belly Up Tavern  
**Lower Definition:** The Scene  
**Magnusson:** Dream Street  
**Stephen Malkmus:** Belly Up Tavern  
**Mikey's Attic:** Soma  
**Money B:** Brick By Brick  
**Noise Ratchet:** The Scene  
**Gregory Page** [186]: Lestat's Coffeehouse, The Casbah, The Ould Sod  
**The Paper Dolls:** 'Canes  
**The Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower:** Epicentre  
**Pretty Girls Make Graves:** The Casbah

- Pride Bowl:** Dream Street  
**Red Llama Dog:** Winstons  
**Rumor Has It:** Epicentre  
**Skydiver:** The Casbah  
**The Sons of Zap:** Blind Melons  
**Spare Change:** The Scene  
**Spell Toronto:** 'Canes  
**Starpool:** Belly Up Tavern  
**The Stereotypes:** The Casbah  
**3 Simple Words:** Surf N'Saddle  
**21 Rest:** 'Canes  
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**Undermined:** Soma  
**Vaux:** Soma  
**Verb:** Blind Melons

## EXTENSION 4003

## ROCK

- Cheap Date:** Second Wind (San Carlos)  
**Da Hitman:** On The Rocks  
**The Detroit Underground:** Humphrey's  
**DJ Beer:** Di-mond Jim's Nightclub  
**DJ Frances:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)  
**DJ Jalil:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)  
**DJ T:** Di-mond Jim's Nightclub  
**DJ Tone Capone:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)  
**DJ Tony A:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)  
**The Electric Waste Band:** Winstons  
**The Evil Twins:** Di-mond Jim's Nightclub  
**Fish & the Seaweeds:** Coyote Bar and Grill  
**427:** Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)  
**Green Eggs & Sam:** Moondoggies  
**The Healers:** Belly Up Tavern  
**Hera's Olive** [461]: Dick's Last Resort  
**The Jackson 3:** Surf N'Saddle, Island Sports & Spirits  
**Jumpstart:** Island Sports & Spirits  
**The Late Edition:** Dirk's Niteclub  
**Led Zepagain:** 'Canes  
**The Ledesma Brothers:** The Latin Room  
**Mass Transit:** Pal Joey's



BY DAVE GOOD

The next time **Chris Cain** plays, there will be a man in the front row with a 1960 Gibson ES 335 dot neck, a red one, his favorite guitar. The man thinks there's a chance that the Gibson was once owned by the late Freddie King. As such, it may still have some of Freddie's mojo on it, and if Chris Cain borrows the guitar, who knows what kinds of spirits will come flying out? Incidentally, Cain interned under a different King — Albert — and insists that he and a girlfriend once saw King's ghost standing alongside a road, long after the legendary bluesman had passed. "Chris Cain plays *exactly* how I would like to be able to play blues guitar," says my friend, the owner of the red Gibson. "He has the ear-candy licks, the big boy fat tone — man, what a tone. You will be a fan," he

assures me, "after seeing the show." This comes as good news because I have not always been a fan of Chris Cain's albums. Patrick (brother of guitarist Robben) Ford's production strips away Cain's most heart-felt dialogue and in its place leaves a big, shiny, blue-eyed blues machine that cranks out city music from some place I've never been. Most of Cain's fans will agree that his best work is generally onstage; even so, critics have used phrases like "criminally underattended" to describe the turnout at some Chris Cain shows.

Cain comes from San Jose. His parents played instruments, but more importantly, they listened. Cain told a reviewer that his dad would prop the speakers on the front porch and crank Muddy Waters, Elmore James, and Leadbelly while doing the yardwork. That you can hear this, especially in Cain's singing, is no mystery, but he really falls in with the blues-rock gui-



CHRIS CAIN

tar heroes of the '70s — bar rockers that got the bug. So after nine albums, will there be packed houses in Chris Cain's future? Only the ghost of Albert King knows for sure. (To hear a sample of **Chris Cain**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4917.)

**CHRIS CAIN, Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, November 29, 4 p.m. 619-224-3577. \$15.**

**Liquid Blue** [606]: Viejas Casino

**The Love Rangers:** The Alley

**Makai:** Viejas Casino

**The New Breed Band:** The Alley, Dick's Last Resort

**Faith Page:** The Westgate Hotel

**Jack Pollack:** Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

**Peter Robberecht/Pianoman** [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits

**The Superfreaks:** Jimmy Love's

## EXTENSION 4005

## JAZZ / BIG BAND

**The Barry Allen Trio:** Pasquale on Prospect

**The Archtones:** Croce's Jazz Bar

**The Ray Barrie Big Band:** The German-American Societies

**Ray Briz:** Hotel del Coronado

**John Cain** [703]: Hotel del Coronado

**Calson:** The Calypso Cafe

**The Jorge Camberos Quintet:** Croce's Jazz Bar

**Gilbert Castellanos** [667]: Dizzy's

**Gerald Clayton:** Dizzy's

**The Credit Union:** Neimans Bar and Grill

**Jo Dark:** The German-American Societies

**The David Patrone Quartet** [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

**The Aubrey Fay Band:** Red Fields Lounge

**Larry Fogel:** Moray's Lounge

**Clark Gault & the Swing City Express:** Viejas Casino

**Hollis Gentry** [644]: Coyote Bar and Grill

**Winard Harper:** Dizzy's

**Fred Heath & the Slidewinders:** Bayou Bar & Grill

**Brian Horton:** Dizzy's

**Amine Jackson:** Dizzy's

**Daniel Jackson:** Hotel del Coronado

**Barbara Jamerson:** Hotel del Coronado

**Kevin Jones:** Dizzy's

**Kevin Kanner:** Dizzy's

**Lady Dottie & the Sliders:** Bayou Bar & Grill

- Good Charlotte** November 26  
**Duran Duran** November 30  
**Al Jarreau/ David Benoit** December 2  
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### EXTENSION 4006

#### REGGAE / SKA

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**NZ Rough:** Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

**Starshak:** Winstons

**The Tribe of Kings:** Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

### EXTENSION 4007

#### COUNTRY

**George James:** Don's Cocktail Lounge

**Nitro Express:** Magnolia Mulvaney's

**The Three Stooges:** Princess Pub & Grille

### EXTENSION 4008

#### ACOUSTIC / FOLK

**Eddie Anthony:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

**Autumn:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

**Sara Bancroft:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

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**Gus Black:** Lestat's Coffeehouse

**Steve Brewer:** Blarney Stone Pub

**Tom Brousseau:** The Casbah

**Lesa Burton:** Dizzy's

**Joe Byrnes:** Blarney Stone Pub

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**Tom Griesgraber:** Dizzy's

**Jenn Grinels:** Blarney Stone Pub

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**The Hatchet Brothers:** The Ould Sod

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**John Doe:** The Casbah

**John Lowery:** La Costa Coffee Roasting Co.

**Christiane Lucas:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

**Kippy Marks:** Sassafras Bar and Grill

**Mesa Blue [843]:** Princess Pub & Grille

**Kat Parsons:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

**Cary Pierce:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

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**Ron's Garage:** Dick's Last Resort

**Adrienne Serna:** Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

**Jared Sills:** Lestat's Coffeehouse

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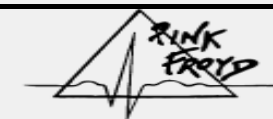
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**William Stern:** Dizzy’s

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EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

**Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers:** The Gordon Biersch Brewery

**The Blues Brokers:** Patrick’s II, The Kraken

**Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters** *[932]*: Shooters Bar and Grill, Robbie’s Roadhouse, Chateau Orleans, Bayou Bar & Grill

**The Fremonts:** Tio Leo’s Lounge

**Fuzzy & the Bluesmen** *[912]*: Croce’s Top Hat Bar and Grille

**Johnny “B” Blues:** Coyote Bar and Grill

**Candye Kane** *[939]*: Tio Leo’s Lounge

**Lafayette & the Leasebreakers** *[930]*: Patrick’s II

**Red Lane:** Coyote Bar and Grill

**The Bill Magee Blues Band** *[947]*: Patrick’s II

**Kymberlee Maxine:** Elario’s Bistro & Sky Lounge

**Jeff Moore:** The Calypso Cafe

**Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors** *[910]*: The Kraken

**The Nude Blues:** Bahia Belle Cruise

**Len Rainey & the Midnight Players** *[921]*: Coyote Bar and Grill

**Billy Seward Swings:** Patrick’s II

**J.J. Slyde:** Tio Leo’s Lounge

**Dean Smith:** The Calypso Cafe

**The Soul Revue:** Jimmy Love’s

**Stevi Lynn & Deja Voodoo:** Patrick’s II

**The Mike Reilly Band** *[978]*: Croce’s Top Hat Bar and Grille

**Earl Thomas** *[946]*: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

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**Belly Up Tavern,** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Friday, 9:15 p.m., *Los Lobos* and *the Healers*, rock. Saturday, 9:15 p.m., *Eek-A-Mouse*, reggae, and *Starpool*, alternative. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Stephen Malkmus*, alternative.

**Boar Cross'n,** 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock and blues.

**The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe,** Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Robert Parker Trio*, jazz.

**Borders Books and Music,** 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 p.m., *the Slayen & Fox Guitar Duo*, classical guitar.

**The Calypso Cafe,** 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Friday, *Calson*, salsa. Saturday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Sunday, *Nidivah*, blues, jazz.

**Carvers,** 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Hawk*, classic rock.

**Coyote Bar and Grill,** 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Red Lane*, blues, rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Fish & the Seaweeds*, funk, rock. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*, blues. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the Jerry McCann Band*, reggae, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Hollis Gentry*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Johnny "B" Blues*.

**Doubletree Hotel,** 11915 El Camino Real, Del Mar. 619-481-5900. Lobby Lounge: Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Ron Siegrist Trio*, jazz.

**Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad),** 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, 427, rock. Saturday, *the Christy Wilson Band*, rock.

**The Kraken,** 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday and Friday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Saturday, *West of 5*, rock. Sunday, 4 pm to 9 pm, *the Blues Brokers*.

**La Costa Coffee Roasting Co.,** 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.. Friday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Saturday, *John Lowery*, folk.

**Martini Ranch,** 485 South Coast Highway (at "D" Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Saturday, *DJ Tony A.* Monday, *DJ Jalil* and *DJ Tone Capone*, rock.

**McCabe's Beach Club,** 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Call club for information.

**Neimans Bar and Grill,** 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., *the Credit Union*. Friday, 9:30 p.m., hip-hop. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., rock, hip-hop. Sunday, 9:30 p.m., *rock en español*. Monday, 8:30 p.m., swing.

**Rancho Bernardo Inn,** 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Monday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

**Robbie's Roadhouse,** 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.



**MUSIC** > blues, rock, acoustic, flamenco, Irish/Celtic music

**SPECIAL NIGHTS** > karaoke Tuesday and Thursday; open for breakfast on Sunday morning with football (satellite); *Monday Night Football* with meal deal of burger, fries, and beer for \$6.50

**CLIENTELE** > all-age restaurant (kids have to be out by 10:00 p.m.); average age of mid-30s; 70% female; 75% Caucasian, 15% African-American; 10% Latino

**COVER** > none

**HOURS** > Monday–Thursday, 11:00 a.m.–midnight; Friday and Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 a.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m.–midnight

**DRINKS** > happy hour Monday–Thursday 3:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m., with wells for \$2.75, microbrews \$3, domestics \$1.75; on tap includes

**Squid Joe's,** 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Friday, *Dubcat*, alternative.

**Surf N' Saddle,** 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 p.m., open mike. Friday, *the Jackson 3*, rock. Saturday, *3 Simple Words*, alternative.

## BEACHES

**Blind Melons,** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Friday,

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Karl Strauss, Dallas Point, Stone Pale Ale, Erasure 5, Big Eye, Midnight After Dark; Bloody Marys, \$2.50 on Sundays; Wednesday has \$3 Margaritas

**FOOD** > daily specials from \$4.95 to \$8.95; beef medallions, crab legs for \$18.95; two beef burritos with rice and vegetables, \$7.95; no other restaurants nearby

**ACCESS** > off Convoy; parking lot in back holds only 15 cars, but street parking is easy to find ("It's harder to find a spot at lunchtime," the owner says).

**DRESS** > casual, jeans or Dockers, and a few shorts; T-shirts included "Sexy," "Cursive," "Padres," "Obey," and "Tabasco"

**DANCE FLOOR** > very small, about 3' by 20', which had a few couples dancing; others danced between

*Sons of Zap* and *Lualta*, alternative. Saturday, 4 pm. . to 7 p.m., *Lights of Zion*, alternative, 9:30 p.m., live band. Sunday, *Verb*, hip-hop. Monday, open mike.

**'Canes,** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Uncalledfor*, *Siphon*, *Down in the Lab*, *Tall*, and *Hot Like a Robot*. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Led Zepagain*, *Pyromania*, and *The Experiments*. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Dillinja* and *Lemon D*. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *The Paper*

tables and by the bar

**FIRE EXITS** > three exits; two right next to each other at entrance, and one from the back (which also is where there is wheelchair access)

**BATHROOMS** > men's had one urinal and one toilet right next to each other with no separation; one sink, two big mirrors; women's had two stalls, one sink, and two mirrors; both had liquid soap and paper towels, were clean and graffiti free

**CAPACITY** > 100: 50 inside and 50 on patio

**SPECIAL AREAS** > four covered tables in front of restaurant; back patio has seven tables, auxiliary bar, Ping Pong, pool, darts, and five holes in a miniature golf putting area with lots of palm trees

**FURNISHINGS** > four TVs, walls painted lavender (my friend says, "This is more upscale than when this used to be Poppy's six months ago").

**DECIBEL LEVEL** > 96 when Nitelife did a cover of "Mustang Sally"; 93 last week at Pounder's

**WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST**

**MONTH** > Round Dogs

**QUOTABLE** > "Did you guys know that Bob Hatfield died?" asked the band's singer. Somebody yelled, "Who's that?" The perfect segue into "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling."

I was talking to the owner, and he said, "We named this place after my parents. They opened the first restaurant here at this location in 1959."

A guy asked for my matches (he could see me smoking a \$5 Primo del Rey cigar I had bought inside). He said, "Ya know, I was here when the fires were going on. A few of us climbed on the roof and were watching. Then I left to go evacuate my house."

I talked to the band Group Therapy, which happened to be there having dinner. One of the members evacuated his house in Tierrasanta. He said, "Luckily, I already had my musical equipment in my trunk."

–Josh Board

**Coaster Saloon,** 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4437. Thursday, 9 p.m., open mike.

**Dream Street,** 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Friday, *Down with Leo*, *Deafred*, and *Jack the Original*. Saturday, *The Infants*, 1/4 *Down*, *Dirt Bike*, and *Magnusson*. Tuesday, *Pride Bowl* and *DPI*.

**Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge** (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Joe Marillo*. Friday,

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<p>FRIDAY Nov. 28</p> <p><b>No COVER</b></p>	<p><b>BLUES BROKERS</b></p> <p><i>"If It Ain't Broke, It Ain't the Blues"</i></p>	
<p>SATURDAY Nov. 29</p> <p><b>No COVER</b></p>	<p><b>BILL MAGEE BLUES</b></p> <p><i>"The Legend Continues..."</i></p>	
<p>SUNDAY Nov. 30</p> <p><b>No COVER</b></p>	<p><b>STEVY LYNN &amp; DEJA VODOO</b></p> <p><i>"Who Do Blues"</i></p>	
<p>MONDAY Dec. 1</p> <p><b>No COVER</b></p>	<p><b>JONNY VIAU &amp; THE BLUE ALLSTARS</b></p> <p><i>"Sax Maniac"</i></p>	
<p>TUESDAY Dec. 2</p> <p><b>No COVER</b></p>	<p><b>JOHNNY "V" &amp; THE USUAL SUSPECTS</b></p> <p><i>"A Lineup of Blues"</i></p>	
<p>WEDNESDAY Dec. 3</p> <p><b>No COVER</b></p>	<p><b>LAFAYETTE &amp; THE LEASEBREAKERS</b></p> <p><i>"Breakin' Up the Blues"</i></p>	

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909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard  
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**La Valencia Hotel**, 1132 Prospect  
Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771.  
Thursday, Sunday and Sunday, 6 pm  
to 10 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano variety.  
Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to  
11:30 pm, *Leviticus*, pop, jazz.

**Lodge Torrey Pines**, 11480 North  
Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 858-453-  
4420. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m.  
to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, jazz.

**Moondoggies**, 832 Garnet Avenue,  
Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday,  
*Green Eggs & Sam*, rock.

**Moray's Lounge**, at the  
Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission  
Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-  
1081. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., and Friday,  
9 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz, piano,  
saxophone, and vocals. Saturday, call  
club for information. Sunday through  
Tuesday, *Larry Fogel*, singer, pianist.

**Pacific Beach Bar & Grill**, 860  
Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach.  
858-272-7278. Call club for  
information.

**Pasquale on Prospect**, 1250  
Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-509-  
8900. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Barry Allen  
Cohen Trio*, jazz.

**Shooters Bar and Grill**, Radisson  
Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla.  
858-453-5500. Friday, 7 p.m. to  
11 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues  
Dusters*, blues.

**Winstons**, 1921 Bacon Street,  
Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Friday,  
*Delta Nove*, pop, and *Red Llama Dog*,  
alternative. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.,  
*King Dub*, 9:30 p.m., *Garaj Mahal* and  
*Starshak*, reggae. Sunday, 5 p.m. to  
8 p.m., *Beston in the Kitchen*, soul,  
hip-hop, and tropicalia. 8:30 p.m.,  
*Jose Sinatra*. Monday, *The Electric  
Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday and  
Wednesday, call club for information.

## SAN DIEGO

**The Bahia Belle Cruise**, the Bahia  
Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive,  
Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs  
6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, pop.  
Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 5617 Balboa  
Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033.  
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Joe  
Byrnes*, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike.  
Monday, *Jenn Grinels*, folk. Tuesday,  
Irish jam session.

**Borders Books and Music**, 1072  
Camino del Rio North, Mission  
Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m.,  
*Urban Evergreen*, acoustic rock.

**Brick by Brick**, 1130 Buenos  
Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE.  
Music is alternative/rock. Friday,  
*Money B*, hip-hop. Wednesday,  
*Michael Schenker Group*.

**California Club**, 5522 El Cajon  
Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895.  
Saturday, *Latigo*, alternative.

**Claire de Lune**, 2905 University  
Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845.  
Friday, 8 p.m. *Earl Thomas*, blues.  
Saturday, 8 p.m., *Adrienne Serna*.

**Epicentre**, 8450 Mira Mesa  
Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000.  
Music is heavy/alternative. Friday,  
*Rumor Has It*, *The Epitome*, and *The  
Last Call Orchestra*. Saturday, *The  
Locust*, *Battalion of Saints*, *The Plot to  
Blow Up the Eiffel Tower*, *Casual Dots*,  
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**The Gordon Biersch Brewery**,  
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619-688-1120. Friday, *Big Daddy &  
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# Calendar CLUBS

Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Detroit Underground*, rock, soul. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Chris Cain*, jazz, 9:30 p.m., *Atomic Groove*, high-energy dance. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Quiet Storm*, jazz, funk.

**The Inn Suites**, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

**The Kensington Club**, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *Tilt Wheel*, alternative.

**Lestat's Coffeehouse**, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Biddy Bums*, alternative. Friday, *Gregory Page*, folk, alternative. Saturday, *Gus Black*, acoustic. Sunday, *Jared Sills*, folk. Monday, open mike.

**The Ould Sod**, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Frank Drennen* and *Gregory Page*, folk, alternative. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

**Pal Joey's**, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Mass Transit*, classic rock.

**Rosie O'Grady's**, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues.

**The Scene**, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *Noise Ratchet*, *Counterfit*, *Please Mr. Gravedigger*, and *Spare Change*. Saturday, *Evergreen Terrace*, *Glasseater*, *The Calico System*, and *Lower Definition*.

**Second Wind**, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *Cheap Date*, classic rock.

**Sham Rocks Shack**, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Call club for information.

**Soma**, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Friday, 7 p.m., *Vaux*, *Underminded*, *Offset*, *Mikey's Attic*, and *Lance's Hero*, alternative.

**Tio Leo's Lounge**, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday, *The Fremonts*, blues. Saturday, *Candye Kane*, blues. Monday, swing, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, *J.J. Slyde*, blues jam.

**Tutto Mare**, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet*.

**Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company**, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Friday, *Annie Dru*, *Dave Colandra*, *Meghan LaRoque*, and *Renata Youngblood*, folk. Saturday, *a Mermaid's Journey*, alternative. Wednesday, open mike.

## DOWNTOWN

**Aubergine Grille**, 500 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-232-8100. Sunday, live swing.

**The Bayou Bar & Grill**, 329 Market Street, downtown. 619-696-8747. All music is jazz. Thursday, 9 p.m., and Friday, 5 p.m., *Lady Dottie & the Sliders*. Saturday, 9 p.m., and Sunday, 5:30 p.m., *Fred Heath & the Sidewinders*. Wednesday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*.

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.



The Hot Club Cowtown, December 3, The Casbah

**Borders Books & Music** (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 9 p.m., *Matt Szlachetka*, acoustic.

**The Casbah**, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Friday, *John Doe*, *Gregory Page*, and *Tom Brousseau*. Saturday, *Skydiver*, *The Displaced*, *American Luxury*, and *The Stereotypes*. Monday, *Fannypack*. Tuesday, *Pretty*

*Girls Make Graves*, *Cobra High*, and *The Business Lady*. Wednesday, *Hot Club of Cowtown* and *Golden Hill Ramblers*.

**Club Montage**, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-418-8858. Call club for information.

**Croce's Jazz Bar**, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Jazz Quartet*. Friday, *Yavaz*. Saturday,

*Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *the Jorge Camberos Quintet*.

**Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille**, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*, blues. Saturday, *the Mike Reilly Band*, jazz.

**Dakota Grill and Spirits**, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Peter Robberecht/Pianoman*, pop/Top40.

**Dick's Last Resort**, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Friday and Saturday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*, rock. Tuesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop, jazz. Wednesday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic.

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# Star Fish

Star of the Sea must have been born under the sign of Pisces (“mutable water,” in astrology lingo) because it keeps changing with the waterborne spirit of a restless mariner. Just three years after its last transformation — from a flocked-red-wall-paper den of senescence to a waterfront glamour spot done in chic neutrals — it has morphed again. The first transformation created a quiet, sophisticated setting for romantic *tête-à-têtes*. The latest change has turned the Star into a bustling urban setting for dining with friends and business contacts after the day’s real business is done.

The color scheme is still the same creamy beige, but the bar has been moved to a side room just off the entryway. The dining room now has tall glass window walls on two sides, so that every table has a view of the bay, the *Star of India*, and the landings at Lindbergh Field. There seem to be more tables, too, packed more closely, and all that thick glass that keeps the airport noise out keeps the people noise in. Voices bounce around so that you can hear every conversation but your own, and a sail-like swag draping the highest part of the ceiling does little to dampen the din. Nonetheless, the shift in style has obviously been a hit with the public. Even if the seafood-starved summer crowds have long since gone back to Yuma, the place is still packed almost every evening with locals and conventioners. Could San Diego be turning into a Manhattan West or a San Francisco South, where restaurants are often deliberately designed to sound like roaring parties?

Star’s sparkling-fresh seafood remains the main draw, and so is a fresh chef who cooks it cleverly. Paul McCabe arrived here four months ago after garnering raves during his 16-month stint at La Jolla’s Top of the Cove (a restaurant where few chefs stay very long). I have a hunch that a lot of eaters have been eager to try his fare at this more accessible address.

His list of appetizers sets off that old Pavlovian-pooch reflex, with mouthwatering descriptions of the intense little dishes. In fact, if you’re on a budget but are craving a taste of luxury, you can enjoy an affordable dinner by ordering a couple of these generously sized appetizers instead of a starter and an entrée.

Between my first visit on Labor Day weekend and the last, a week before Halloween (the day before the fire started), the menu was evol-



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ing gradually with the season, which means that I can’t guarantee you’ll find choices identical to those I tasted. One appetizer that’s likely to carry over through the winter is lobster bisque. It’s a classic that gets a touch of fun from a round raft floating in the center (the good ship *Parmesan Crisp*) carrying a cargo of caviar foam, *crème fraîche*, and a grape-size globule of cool, soft cognac gelée, a surprise for the mouth. A horseshoe of green droplets of olive oil floats around the raft. When you stir it in, the soup’s flavor gets even better. You can fold in the rest of the cracker, too; your choice.

Local spiny lobster also makes its seasonal appearance as a tempura of pleasing, tender nuggets in the standard, slightly sweet Japanese batter with a tart *ponzu* dipping sauce. Some pieces are plated over a drift of semi-hot red pepper powder, picking up a little nip. Others rest atop a salad of dark greens, its strong vinaigrette reportedly made with *uni*, sea-urchin roe. Sorry to say, in two tries, the charm of the puréed urchin eluded me completely — it is colorless, odorless, and

tasteless among its powerhouse companions.

Since August, several appetizers have highlighted fresh, sweet corn from Chino Farms, and thanks to the long hot summer, McCabe’s white corn *agnolotti* is still on the menu. It’s one of the tastiest

dishes I’ve eaten in San Diego in this or any season. *Agnolotti* (little lambs) are plump, crescent-shaped pasta pillows stuffed with long-cooked, strained corn milk, the

absolute essence of the vegetable. The pasta for these is rolled out to the silky translucency of wonton skins. The accompanying browned butter sauce gains depth from a splash of veal *glace* and a soft, mellow savor from freshly shaved Italian black summer truffles, which are far mellower and less challenging than their odorous winter cousins. A waft of grated cheese completes this impeccable combination.

Black mussel soufflé is a signature dish, but you have to wait 20 minutes while it’s cooked to order. (I’m sure you can find something to snack on while you wait.) My friends and I shared one soufflé as an intermediary course between appetizers and entrées and found it worth the wait. The waiter

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### Star of the Sea

★★★½ (Very good to excellent)

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Ratings reflect the reviewer’s reaction to food, ambiance, and service with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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cuts open the crust with two horizontal slashes and pours in some (but not all) of a deep-yellow sauce, leaving the remainder on the side should you want to add more. (We didn’t.) The sauce is opulent with cream and pungent with saffron, moistening flawlessly spongy eggs. At the bottom of the dish, we found two chubby, perfect mussels.

These are obviously complex dishes. If you need some help in deciding what to order, or in guessing whether you’re really tasting what you think you are tasting, everybody working at Star seems to know every ingredient in every dish. You feel like they’re all fellow foodies who became waiters and bussers when they grew up. Their style is unobtrusive and friendly, but they’re on the spot sec-

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Then I see the sign. "Open 24 Hours. Village Club Card Room. Paigow. Blackjack. Poker. Food & Cocktails." Yvonne swings off Broadway, parks, and leads me in through the low building's rear door.

I start to hear something. First it's the murmur, like the inside of a beehive. Hundreds of people talking. Then it's the *click-a-click-a-click*. Bingo! Well, not bingo, poker. People sit round green gaming tables holding piles of plastic chips, mindlessly shucking them up and down with one hand as they stare at their cards.

The place is homey, plain, with cream walls, well-trodden deep-green carpet, and a ceiling spiked with clusters of little video security cameras. Harvey, the owner, is right here too, watching everything, talking to customers. He greets Yvonne like an old friend and introduces a tall, sallow but handsome-looking guy in a Stetson. "This is Cowboy. He just won \$105,000 at a big poker tournament."

Whoa. You can see Cowboy has superstar status here. "That end's high rollers," says Harvey,

pointing to his right. "Down here you have a \$20 minimum, 2/4 Omaha."

He tries to explain the different games. The 3/6 Texas Hold 'em, the 3/6 Pineapple. He knows it from childhood. His grandfather started this place in 1946. Harvey grew up in here.

I take a deep breath. I have a confession to make. "Uh, my problem is, I've never played poker," I say.

Harvey's jaw drops. The entire room falls silent. Chips stop clicking. Eyes stare. Yvonne looks as if she wished she were in Omaha

or Texas. Cowboy reaches for his hangin' rope.

At least, that's what I'm sure's gonna happen. But nobody blinks. Not even Harvey. "Well, actually, I don't play either," he says. "Not for pleasure. This is my job. Not my recreation."

"Uh, if I just wanted to eat something and watch, is that possible?"

"Oh, sure, absolutely. And remember, first-timers eat free, players or nonplayers."

Harvey points us towards a small sectioned-off area with a serving hatch. A whiteboard shows specials that are "FREE" for players. Tonight it's roast chicken, hot dog and french fries, or tuna salad. A beef-barley soup costs \$2.00.

Their main list ranges from \$5.00 to \$8.00 — except for the 16-ounce Delmonico steak (\$11.00, with fixin's). I'm looking at a choice of grilled chicken-breast sandwich for \$5.00, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread for \$6.00, and a bunch

of Chinese dishes. The first looks great: a garlic shrimp plate with fried rice and egg and green onions and carrots and peppers for \$8.00. Kung pao beef is \$7.00, kung pao chicken is \$6.00, Mongolian beef is \$7.00, and a wonton soup with noodles goes for \$5.00. The usual suspects, but in here it all feels deliciously speakeasy and illicit, and it's free.

Yvonne orders the kung pao chicken. I order the wonton soup — saw one go by, brim-full of big, fat, meat-stuffed wontons and veggies — and the garlic shrimp as well, seeing it's on the house. I have a coffee with it (always free).

I notice waitresses setting up dinner orders on little trolleys and wheeling them out to the tables. "Heck, people don't want to leave the game just to eat," says Yvonne.

While we're waiting, we whip around the corner to the pai gow side. Completely different atmosphere. Quiet, except for players, mostly Asian, banging their dice pots onto tables.

Back on the poker side, Stephanie brings out our food. The wonton soup is rich — especially with a splot or two of Sriracha hot chili sauce and soy sauce — and filling. The wontons have ground pork and shrimp inside, plus there's white-meat chicken in the soup and plenty of veggies. But then I get to those garlic shrimp. Oh, man. Oh, mama. Incredible with the fried rice. Huge, succulent, garlicky.

"Hey," says this glamorous older gal named

Kay to Yvonne. "Guess what? I spent four nights here last week. Never went home. Lost \$3000 in five days."

"Uh-oh," says Yvonne. "Gonna have to leave you, honey." She's getting signals. Her game's waiting.

That's okay. People keep coming and sitting in her place to chat. Larry. Mervyn. Tom. Maria. Judy the dealer. J.B. and Carlos, who seem to be married to the place. J.B.'s worked here 27 years. Floor manager. Starts games. Makes tough decisions in a dispute. Carlos has 30 years under his belt. "I started serving coffee here back in 1973. Earned \$7.00 that first day."

What's surprising is the number of people who kinda casually say, yeah, this gambling thing has gotten a grip on them. Even J.B. "The worst is if you win the first time you play. That hooks you. It's a disease. It gets in your blood," he says.

"My best advice about poker?" says Larry. "Don't start."

Before I pull myself away to go meet Carla, I order up a pecan pie. Good rich gunky stuff (\$2.50). I pay the six bucks for Yvonne's kung pao chicken and go look for her. She's deep in a game at the table where Judy is dealing. I sit down beside her for a moment, look at the two cards she's holding. An eight of hearts and a nine of spades. "I'm honor-bound to play this hand," she whispers. "The first boy I ever loved played on the school football team. His jersey number was 89." ■

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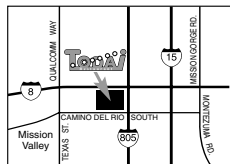
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*"He's a Bordeaux guy. Because of him, I had to learn how to read the labels and stuff like that."*

Rob Barnett left Orange County for Scripps Ranch in 1987. A technology consultant, he was recruited by Cipherdata, which happened to be in the neighborhood. "I worked with a relocation company, and they asked, 'Where would you like to live?' I said, 'Where's Cipherdata located?' 'Up by this lake.' 'Well, I'd like to live up by that lake.' " He found his first home in the Brighton Manor development — "the only house in Brighton that had a full Lake Miramar view" — and might have stayed there but for the creation of the Lake Point development eight years later. "I had gotten to the point where I wanted a little bit bigger house, and I used to run up in that area. I thought, 'This is pretty cool. When are they going to start advertising for this?' My wife Pam and I fell in love with that development. We were the fourth in."

Another early arrival to Lake Point was a realtor couple. "They were smart enough to kind of organize things for people. They got a bunch of us together and said, 'Hey, we're thinking about doing a dining group.' So we formed a gourmet group in '96. It's primarily 'indoor gourmet' — we do the cooking. We have a rotation; we do four houses on the same night with the same menu, but with different people. If you and your wife were in the group, when it was your turn to host, you'd have three other couples come to your

home. Your wife would have met with the other gals in advance to plan the menu. As the host, you provide the entrée and the wine. One couple brings the appetizer, one brings a salad, and the other brings a side or a dessert.

"Over the years, you start to learn people's likes and dislikes," says Barnett. One thing he learned was that a few of his fellow gourmets had become serious wine collectors. Barnett himself had been stocking a cellar since the late '80s. "My father-in-law started me in wine years ago, and

he's always had a big walk-in cellar, a couple of thousand bottles. He's a Bordeaux guy. Because of him, I had to learn how to read the labels and stuff like that." Barnett grew fond of "the dirt of Bordeaux," but what really set his palate aflame were two California versions of the Bordeaux blend. "A bunch of friends got together at Fio's for a wine dinner. Somebody brought the '87 Insignia, and somebody brought the '87 Cain Five. I can remember tasting those two wines and thinking, 'I could die right here and that would be okay.' "

From there, Barnett became a pretty classic California collector. California Cabernets are his great love, followed by Bordeaux, Zinfandel, and Australian Shiraz ("I love the peppery undertone"). He buys and sells at auction, liquidating assets that no longer captivate him, or ones that

have appreciated to the point where he can sell them and "drink a few bottles for free." He pays attention to the critics. "I'm just like everybody else — I'm no smarter and no dumber than anybody else in the business. I follow the people that tell us, 'This is what we think is good' — Robert Parker, *Wine Spectator*, Stephen Tanzer. I don't depend on any of them; I've learned that there are wines that they choose that I don't like and wines they don't choose that I do like. But when you're trying to dig your way through so many thousands of wines..." He also listens to a few local retailers and some friends in the industry.

To some extent, Barnett buys according to vintage. "When 2000 Bordeaux was great, I bought a lot more Bordeaux. When we had the '97 and '99 vintages in California Cabernet, I was buying a lot of those." As Italy's star has risen in the wine public's eye, he has started buying Italian wines for the 600-bottle Vinotemp cellar in his garage. But even in a much-maligned vintage like '98, he has always bought Phelps Insignia. Sometimes, depending on the year, it has been as little as half a case, sometimes two or more.

When a couple of his wine collector friends proposed a spin-off from the gourmet group at which hosts would "open their cellars" and guests would bring appropriate comestibles, Barnett was delighted. They decided that members would have to have a cellar they could open, and so in January, the group's founding four couples met at the home of Paul and Janet Stannard for a night of Cal Cabs. "He just basically pulled out some of his favorites — 'These are what I want to share with you.' They were fantastic; I think most of them were '97s and '99s. We had the '99 Lark-



Pam and Rob Barnett at Phelps Insignia tasting

mead; I think we had the '97 Tapestry and the '97 Cinq Cepages. And he loves the Mondavi Oakville. The wines don't necessarily have to be high-end pricewise, it's just an 'I don't share these with just anybody' type of concept."

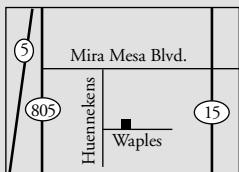
Barnett estimates that, between the opening salvo of Chardonnay "to kind of work your way into it" and the dessert wine or champagne that closes the festivities, the group opens somewhere between 8 and 12 bottles. "They may not get finished, but we taste them. It's nothing formalized — nobody's instructing." Still, there is a fair amount of wine talk and comparison. "We go through hundreds of glasses — be ready to wash a lot." Round two, at Bill and Sally Anderson's, was more Cal Cabs — "that's what these guys know."

Round three, with Dan and Katie Sullivan hosting, shifted to Zinfandels, and when Barnett's turn rolled around, he thought of leaving



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California and moving to Shiraz. “But then I thought, ‘This is the end of our first year together doing this wine tasting.’ I asked the group if they would mind if we did something a little more special and went out to a restaurant. I said, ‘I’m going to do something a little bit extraordinary to give us a pat on the back for finishing our first year’ — a ten-year vertical tasting of Insignia, 1990–1999.” The others were delighted. Barnett called his friend Chuck Samuelson at Cuvee — “I don’t think there’s anyplace more wine-friendly” — and told him his plan. Samuelson was happy to play host, and Barnett got the chef set to work designing a menu.

To be continued... ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

**The Armenian Cafe** 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. Long ago, Turkish conquerors brought

What the Chef Eats

ROAST DUCK WITH MEAT STUFFING

BY BOB MARNUL

Owner/Chef, Lamont Street Grill, Pacific Beach

I think a lot of people don’t eat roast duck that often because they think it’s hard to cook, and it’s not. It’s almost just like chicken or dark meat of turkey. It’s something that would be good at Thanksgiving.

My grandfather, who was Austrian, used to make this dish for me when I was a kid. My dad also made it. It’s one of my favorite dishes.

This time of year I have it on the menu as a special. Around the holidays, it’s always a good item to have. People really like it because the meat stuffing is something they don’t normally get. I’ve always liked to give people something different that they might not have at other restaurants or make

themselves.

Beer would be good with it, if you like beer. Red wine would be good. A Gewürztraminer would be a nice fruity wine to serve with it. Any of those would work really well.

HOW TO DO IT

To protect oven from grease splatter, line it with aluminum foil. Preheat oven to 475 degrees.

To prepare the duck, remove neck and giblets from the duck cavity. Rinse bird thoroughly and pat dry. Place duck on a rack, breast-side down, with a pan underneath to catch the drippings. Roast at 475 degrees for one hour, then turn the oven down to 350 degrees. Remove the rack and the duck and drain the

drippings from the pan and discard. Place the duck in the pan without a rack and add the stuffing around the sides of the duck. Cook for one more hour.

To prepare the duck stock, in a saucepan, cover the duck’s neck and giblets with 4 cups of water. Bring to a boil, lower heat to moderate, and then skim off scum that forms on top. Once scum stops rising, lower heat to simmer and cook for about an hour.

For stuffing, sauté onions and celery with butter in a saucepan for one to two minutes. Add ground beef, chicken livers, and sausage. Cover and cook until the meat is cooked through. Remove from heat and add bread,



duck stock, egg, and salt and pepper. Combine thoroughly.

This recipe serves two.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 young duckling
- ¼ cup onion, diced
- ¼ cup celery, diced
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 4 oz. ground beef
- 4 oz. chicken livers, chopped
- 4 oz. breakfast sausage, chopped, bulk, sold in tubes (I use spicy)
- 8 slices white bread, torn
- ½ cup duck stock (see above)
- 1 egg
- salt and pepper, to taste

Armenian food to Greece. At this large cottage with a sundeck overlooking Highway 101, some dishes (e.g., gyros) have traveled in the opposite direction, and the menu also translates the Armenian specialties to the more familiar Greek food vocabulary. The gyro meat mixture is made on the premises; other good choices are Armenian marinated rack of lamb and shish kebab, including kebab-filled breakfast omelets. Mu-

sic and belly dancing Friday and Saturday evenings. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

**Fidel's Carlsbad** 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. A sister restaurant to the venerable establishment in Solana Beach, the stars here are *carnitas*; quesadilla with chicken, beef, or pork; tostada *suprema*; and breast of chicken Milanese. Open

daily lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

**La Especial Norte** 604 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic “pond” in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups

are superb — for instance, the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little “crou-tons” of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open

daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/02)

**Oceanside Cafe** 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as “mom and pop” as they get. “Hi honey. You going to have the usual?” That’s Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast’s what a lot of folks come for. “Dieter’s Downfall,” a 3-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the “Sausage of the Week” is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter’s real downfall comes with Marsha’s carrot cake or her double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of her oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

**Potato Shack Cafe** 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served “All you can eat!”), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick “manhole” pancake that’s bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to “deli” sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

**Ruby's Diner** 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby’s: You can build an appetite just getting there. It’s at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There’s a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby’s is part of a themed “forties diner” chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it’s still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, “Dewey-Warren” presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the “Super Burger” with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

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**Trattoria Positano (Cardiff-by-the-Sea)** 2171 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted only for parties of six or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. — *E.W. (6/98)*

**Vivace** Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6999. The well-prepared food is no more expensive than the offerings in any upscale San Diego restaurant, but it's an experience to dine in such luxurious surroundings. Menus change seasonally. The appetizer list offers unique selections. For entrées try chicken in clay pot or daily fresh fish. The Four Seasons lounge is a great place to visit and listen to live music. Go see the hotel. It's worth the trip. Open nightly, 5:30 to 10:30 p.m., diners only. Expensive. — *E.W.*

#### NORTH INLAND

**Galeon (Escondido)** 503 West Mission, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *al-bondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (6/01)*

**Island Boy Grille** 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard (south of Mira Mesa Boulevard, at Carroll Canyon Road), Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. It's the last thing you'd expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario's Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua ("Flower") serves genuine items like purple *taro poi*, seven-hour cooked *lau-lau* (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you're a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it's yours for \$450). Warning: only open 11 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. Always crowded. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/02)*

**Pho Hoa Hiep** 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-2406). This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, *Dac Biet Xe Lua*, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the *Xam*



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**Sand Crab Cafe** 222 Micro Place (at Oppert, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that’s his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschool-ish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There’s a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on ship-board, but they’re still tasty. The melted non-butter “spread” accompanying them appeals to the area’s many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter and they’ll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

**Tong Szechuan** 609 North Broadway #E-F, Albertson’s Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The “New Style Favorites” of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong’s has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They’re tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao*, *ma la*, etc.) are better than the old “Chinese-American” standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

**Vincent’s Sirino’s** 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel’s own garden) are the season’s best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. (Closed annually from third week of June to third week of July.) Expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

**GOLD COAST**

**Barone’s Trattoria Del Mare** 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Pleasant interior, 27 pastas, low prices, huge portions of tasty food make this a winner for all bargain seekers. On weekends, try the paella, large enough for two. Linguine rustica and chicken Marsala best bets. Lunch, Tuesday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (1/00)*

**Beach House** 2530 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant with its breezy seafront patio is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some “Continental” warhorses (lobster thermidor, et al) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs “Top of the House” which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne. Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers,

steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. “Top of the House” serves until 11 p.m. nightly; “early bird” cut-price dinners weeknights. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

**Charlie’s by the Sea** 2565 South Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it’s light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen’s good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively “Bayou Burger” with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it’s not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Open daily, lunch or brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

**J. Taylor’s Restaurant** L’Auberge Resort and Spa, 1540 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-793-6406. On lush, lovely grounds, in an airy, country-inn dining room, Executive Chef Tom Atkins offers Northern California-style “comfort” cuisine, with simple, fresh flavors and prime seasonal ingredients (you’ll think you’re in the Napa Valley). Execution is expert. Appetizers and desserts are especially appealing, as is a multicourse tasting menu (with matched wines optional) that lets the chefs stretch out and show off a little. In fair weather, you can dine on a patio overlooking the herb garden that’s the source of so many flavors on your plate. A rather steep wine list emphasizes California vineyards. Free valet parking at restaurant door. Three meals daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (1/03)*

**Samurai Japanese Restaurant** 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts “the largest California sushi bar” as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts (\$60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. — *E.W.*

**LA JOLLA**

**Cuvee** 5656 La Jolla Boulevard (at Bird Rock Avenue), La Jolla, 858-551-4090. Also at 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-259-5878. Seasonal if rather underseasoned California-Mediterranean cuisine, designed to accompany an interesting and very affordable wine list. All bottles on the regular list are under \$25 and available by the glass; you can even get a sip before choosing. A reserve list includes fancier choices, still at minimal markups. Low corkage for BYO, too. Menu suggests apt wine pairings for each dish. Dining rooms are pleasant but quite noisy. Reservations are urged; a few tables on heated garden patio are available to drop-ins. Small parking lot in alley behind La Jolla branch. Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

**Fleming’s Steak House And Wine Bar** 8970 University Center Lane, Aventine Complex, La Jolla, 858-535-0078. Beautiful atmosphere, excellent service, very fine preparations. Very crowded weekends. Steaks and chops first rate. Vegetables à la carte. Open nightly for dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (1/00)*

**La Taverna** 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a ne-

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cessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's husband) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

**Sadaf** 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

**Trattoria Acqua** 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. You'll do fine if you stay with the simplest dishes: marinated grilled chicken breast on pizza dough, grilled portobello mushrooms, or pasta dishes. Entrées from shores other than Italian don't fare as well. The restaurant is located two flights down and offers an ocean view and patio as well as indoor dining. Elevator located at garage below on Coast Boulevard. Open daily. Moderate (some pastas) to very expensive. — E.W.

**Tutto Mare** 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly house-made, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good Happy Hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — N.W. (10/02)

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**94th Aero Squadron** 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

**Andres' Patio Restaurant** 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction



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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 Monday to Thursday, lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (8/01)

**Bale French Sandwich Shop** 6937 Linda Vista Road (at Ulric Street), Linda Vista, 858-565-8057. Also, 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven’t changed — they’re incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it’s that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of home-made banana shrimp cake and Vietnamese coffee and — *voila!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

**Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant** Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888.

Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here’s where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you’ll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird’s nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — N.W. (9/02)

**Pampas Argentine Grill** 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos’* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant’s front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

THE BEACHES

**The Fishery** 5040 Cass Street (at Opal Street), Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Half fish market, half fish restaurant — you can buy fresh raw seafood (much of it rather steeply priced). Or you can get cooked seafood ranging from the casual to the elaborate. The menu includes fish and chips, sandwiches, chowders, crab cakes, raw oysters, sushi and sashimi, fusion-style fish entrées and simple shellfish extravaganzas. Short but smart list of sakes. Open daily lunch and dinner. Prices are mainly moderate but they cover the waterfront, from inexpensive (lunch specials, fish and chips) to downright exorbitant (Maine lobster or live King crab). — N.W. (9/02)

**Hanaoka** 1203 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 959-274-9755. Mr. and Mrs. Hanaoka’s Japanese restaurant has the feel of those country inns you read about in a James Michener novel, with a sushi counter, lots of paper lanterns, and sunken tables where you can sit lotus-fashion or drop your legs in the space below. The luncheon specials are a great buy. Try chicken teriyaki and *gyoza*, with rice, salad, and miso soup. “*Hanaoka*” means “honest,” and portions are honestly generous. Dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

**Hawaiian Island Barbecue** Pacific Plaza, 1768 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-9830. What do folks really eat in Hawaii? What they serve here: plate lunches. Which means two scoops of rice, one scoop of macaroni salad, and then whatever, like garlic shrimp, mahi mahi or fried shrimp, Hawaiian BBQ chicken, chicken *katsu*, Hawaiian BBQ beef or short ribs, even hamburger steak. But to go all-out Hawaiian, try the chicken *lau lau* (chicken and butterfish wrapped in taro leaves), slow-cooked *kalua* pig

(don’t call it pork) with cabbage, or *limu poke* (seaweed and raw tuna). Barbecue? Their BBQ Mix (Hawaiian BBQ beef, chicken, short ribs, with rice or macaroni salad) is a deal. Authentic? Count the Hawaiians around you. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

**The Mission Cafe and Coffee House** 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

**People’s Organic Foods Co-op Deli** 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of “organic,” “cruelty-free,” “environmentally safe,” “shade-grown.” Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd’s pie, “mango madness,” tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it’s guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner (but “serious” breakfasts Saturday and Sunday only). Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/03)

**Society Billiards Cafe** 1051 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 619-272-POOL (7665). Okay, this is a pool joint, but a classy one with sidewalk seating and a decent kitchen. It has the normal appetizers — buffalo wings, nachos,

potato skins — but also dishes like chicken taquitos and veggie dip, and good salads like teriyaki chicken with French bread or pita. The French connection continues: Marc, the chef, is French and throws a mean Greek, Thai, or New York pizza, or 17 other varieties. His mesquite chicken wrap goes great with one of the many ales. And the great thing is, you can come late: the kitchen’s open till 1:30 p.m. every night. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

**The Surfside** 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it’s a “scene” here — for good reason. You’ll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and “California coastal cuisine,” i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight Happy Hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it’ll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual “party rolls,” too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there’s a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. Four Japanese beers, 10 sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

**Sushi Ota** 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don’t come easily. First, find the place; Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio’s). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors’ choices, watching for off-menu ex-

travaganzas, e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible “sushi sundae” (*uni, toro*, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don’t miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-*san’s* away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesday through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you’ve reserved. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

**Victor’s** 2702 North Mission Bay Drive (in the De Anza Mission Bay Golf Resort), 858-490-3380. You’re in a ranch-style clubhouse here, looking out onto a wonderland of palms and pines surrounding a giant artificial waterfall. Victor’s eatery spills out over a concrete patio. Inside, it’s easy to fall into conversation with regulars at the cozy bar. You can pay a little (for, say, soup and half a tuna sandwich), or a lot (for the Friday through Sunday prime rib special). Pasta dishes like “Rasta Pasta” (red and green bell peppers and tomato in a cream champagne sauce of penne pasta) are a happy medium. Or their delicious “Victor’s Ultimate Burger Grilled,” with mushrooms, onion, bacon, and Swiss cheese. Order rare. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/03)

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**Asia Cafe** 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego’s best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu’s Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao.

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**Los Reyes** 2496 Broadway (at 25th), 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It&#39s also called *Vuelta a la vida*: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flagship branch open until midnight on weekends; all other branches closing early every evening. (Smaller branches at 47th and Market, 25th and Imperial, and 1270 Picador Boulevard.) Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

**Phoenicia** 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24

hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Breakfast through very early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Saigon** 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

**Trieu Chau Restaurant** 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("*koitiow bahat sai kho*"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Turf Supper Club** 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu.

The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

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**La Mesa Ocean Grille And Seafood Market** 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard (at Maryland Street), La Mesa, 619-463-1548. This spot speaks seafood in several accents — Italian, Mexican, Cajun, and "Continental." One part of its menu is devoted to basic fare, such as seafood sandwiches, tacos, and various simple fish preparations (fried, blackened, "wraps"). Then there are the more elaborately sauced-and-garnished seafood dinner entrées, most with pasta accompaniment. Fisheschewers will find chicken and veal in classic Italian treatments (scaloppini, *piccata*, etc.), plus nightly specials. Seafood here is very fresh and properly cooked, although there are occasional missteps — too much salt in the blackening, a hollandaise that tastes of lemony mayo. Salads are fresh but iceberg-standard; hot rolls are delicious sourdough, and the halibut ceviche is a treat — cool, refreshing, and slightly tart. Baked Maryland-style crab cakes in a thick red-pepper sauce are gooey-rich and tasty. The ambience, too, is a mixture of styles — from the encyclopedic fish posters of a basic fish house, to the lace curtains and tablecloths of an old-style seafood restaurant, to the slightly hip modernity of charcoal-gray track-lighting and black-background fish-design upholstery. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *A.M. (5/01)*

**Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant** 3983 54th Street (at University Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog's legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W. (9/99)*

**May Day Cafe** 1860 Joe Crosson Drive, El Cajon, 619-448-2707. Talk about hidden jewels: This place is in a hangar at Gillespie Field next to a road hardly anybody uses. Yet go early for breakfast and TV news, country music, and a relay from Gillespie tower make it feel like Grand Central Station. Then you'll notice most everyone else there is talking planes. This is a fliers' hangout. The menu is simple, and cheap. Eggs and toast a couple of bucks, "May Day Melts" (sourdough bread with eggs, cheese, ham), not much more. For lunch, it's hot pastrami or a grilled ham and cheese sandwich. But what you're really here for is the talk. Take-off's, landings, getting lost. Breakfast and lunch. — *E.B. (5/03)*

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Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — panko-crusted, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orangey fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of salty-sour fried mustard greens. The menu is typically broad. Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the *mu-shu* treatment — mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mushrooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. *Yu-hsiang* (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly non-sweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests filled with either seafood or beef. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M.* (4/02)

**Valley House Restaurant** 10767 Woodside Avenue, Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, “Iowa Breakfast”: breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it’s delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can’t go wrong ordering the signature “Iowa Porker” hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the “Iowa Beefers” (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/01)

### FAR EAST

**Burning Tree Native American Grill** 40080 Old Highway 80 (at the end of Highway 94), Boulevard, 619-766-3442. This place feels like

someone’s baronial country retreat. Since 1917 it has sat under a grove of California live oaks 60 miles east of downtown. It once housed the Chateau Basque restaurant. Elk heads, dark timbers, mottled yellow windows — you start wishing you’d brought your tie. But don’t worry. Jim Buel and his family keep prices reasonable and attitudes casual. They collected Native American recipes throughout the Southwest to create an interesting fusion of American Indian recipes. Try Comanche fried frogs’ legs in a cornmeal crust, or hunter’s stew with venison and rabbit, sirloin of buffalo, or “Skokomish Huckleberry glazed duck.” Open Wednesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

**Dulzura Cafe** Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food’s for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled “success.” Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

**La Posta** 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the “NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.” sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops

is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/03)

**Potrero’s Cafe** 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2694. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu’s non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and gravy to a mountain of hot cakes, or the famous mushroom-and-onions hamburger with baked beans. Open for breakfast and lunch; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

### UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

**Adams Avenue Grill** 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can’t quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M.* (4/01)

**Bread And Cie** 350 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery’s 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants.

Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (6/02)

**Cafe On Park** 3831 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-293-7275. Okay, it’s trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don’t expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Three meals weekdays, only breakfast and lunch (and a line at the door) on weekends. — *E.B.* (10/01)

**Cafe Pacifica** 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fusioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limbed clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustard-crusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fish-scorners. Optional valet parking \$4. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (10/02)

**Fifth And Hawthorn** 515 Hawthorne Street (at Fifth Avenue), Banker’s Hill, 619-544-0940. This warm, cozy cottage near Balboa Park

offers once-radical dishes that have long since turned into familiar California comfort cuisine. The menu changes only slightly and the kitchen has the dishes down so pat that execution is almost inhumanly flawless. It’s a little like an ideal airplane dinner — on the Concorde, say. Highlights include spicy duck soup, tender stuffed chicken breast, melting calamari steaks, and mustard-coated catfish. Most weeknights, couples can opt for a “wine dinner” that includes four courses and a decent bottle of wine — a great bargain. Full bar, reasonable California-dominated wine list. Good pre-theatre dinner spot (near the Old Globe); let server know your curtain time. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Dinner nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.* (2/03)

**Hamburger Mary’s** 308 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary’s mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it’s a gay rendezvous, but everybody’s welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the “I’m Sooo Bleu” burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the “Two Tons Of Fun,” a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they’re all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Open daily until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B.* (3/01)

**Khyber Pass** 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room’s very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don’t-miss items are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt

sauces — and *zamordd chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (9/02)

**Liaison** 2202 Fourth Avenue (at Ivy Street), uptown, 619-234-5540. This French restaurant with its romantic atmosphere offers an à la carte menu and fixed-price meals. Pleasant food, excellent service. Patio dining, weather permitting. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner; closed Monday. Low moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (3/00)

**Mister Sisters** 3805 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-4647. You somehow think “Chicago” when you walk into this cool, dark-woody place. The idea is a kind of social get-together locale “where the food tastes great and is not so good for you,” according to the twin sisters and the mister who started it. They are trying to recreate small-town West Virginia, where they’re from. The big deal is Happy Hour’s “Pint & Pound,” a pint of draft beer and a pound of wings. Sandwiches have Hillcrest-type names: “Stacked Up Sister,” “The Queen of Hillcrest,” “The Priss,” “The Tomboy.” If in doubt, check out the Philly cheese steak. It comes with “Whiz” cheese. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/03)

**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 Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (11/98)

**Rice Jones** 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1887; also 6618 Mission Gorge Road, 619-528-8301. It’s probably no coincidence that Anglo-Asian families seem to come here. Rice Jones’ owner Anh Long had two good ideas: One, to provide rice with just about everything. Interesting rice, usually sautéed with mushrooms and herbs, so

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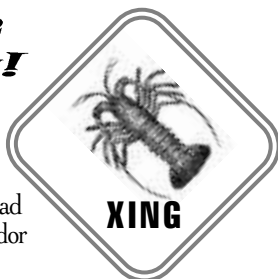
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**Sassafras** 3667 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-4745. This restaurant claims to serve "Continental Americana" (whatever that is), but chef-owner Andre Bellard is a son of Lafayette, Louisiana, and knows his Cajun flavors inside out. He's pioneering a "new" Cajun cooking: kinder, gentler, and more sophisticated. His Acadian seafood gumbo, which includes spicy house-smoked andouille sausage, is one of the best in any town; oysters Bienville feature barely-warmed oysters with a lush spinach topping. Also superb: paper-wrapped shrimp, seafood Evangeline, and crab-corn soup. Among the entrées, the must-try is the signature Sassafras Chicken, stuffed with jambalaya. On Wednesday nights during the season (January to June), there's an exuberant crawfish feast on the enclosed patio, with mudbugs shipped live from Louisiana cooked with andouille and corn in a tasty house-made "boil." Dinner nightly. High moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

**Terra** 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, et al.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Open daily for lunch or brunch, snacks, dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

## DOWNTOWN

**Assaggio Italian Bakery** 835 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-6538. Ciao, baby. How's the Vespa? Cool people bop in and out of here like it's their neighborhood café. Maybe it's the free focaccia bread. Or the reasonable Tuscany breakfast (toasted bread, two-egg cheese omelet) with Segafredo Zanetti coffee. Or sandwiches such as the Assaggio (*assaggio* means "the taste") of *ciabatta* bread with turkey breast, Italian sauce, greens, and tomato) or the Parma (prosciutto ham, goat cheese, and arugula on Toscano bread) or, best of all, a *cre-spelle* (crepe stuffed with Gorgonzola cheese, broccoli and béchamel sauce). The Mediterranean salad (chicken, artichokes, and prosciutto) and Spaghetti Bolognese (with bread) are both filling; a slice of pizza is the fallback when you're broke. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

**Athens Market** 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy — white table cloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakae*, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). And entrées like *arni psito* — roast leg of lamb — are guaranteed to stuff you. They come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. on Friday

and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

**Blue Point Coastal Cuisine** 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-6623. Very classy atmosphere and menu — mostly fish and seafood — to match. You can eat appetizers at the bar, but best bets are nightly fish entrées or steak and crab cakes served with lots of organic vegetables. Dinner only, from 5 p.m. Expensive. — E.W.

**Cabo Cafe & Grill** 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. — E.B. (5/02)

**Candelas** 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in "la nueva cocina Mexicana," a luxurious, inventive update of tradi-

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**Caparell’s Cucina** 1428 First Avenue (at Ash), downtown, 619-237-8081. This place puts on a good show of being Italian, except Greek flavors keep popping up in items like “Caparell’s Mediterranean Pesto Pizza,” with grilled chicken, tomatoes, onions, kalamata olives, and feta. Confusion? No, fusion: Turns out owner Sam Caparell’s dad is Italian but his mom’s Greek. And there’s plenty Italian. His “Sam’s Calzone,” a fold-over with Canadian bacon, sautéed mushrooms, onions, cheese, pepperoni, and a meatball, is scrumby, and his half-and-half spaghetti-lasagna dinner would satisfy the Colossus of Rhodes. Outside is scrubby, waiting for the developer’s ax, but inside it’s smart, varnished wood with low art-deco chrome lamps, and a satisfyingly long bar. Honest Mediterranean food. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (9/03)

**Edgewater Grill** 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson’s for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card

in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to “graze” on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you’re starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

**Fat City Steakhouse** 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorne Street), downtown/Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco “pink palace” at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don’t like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, or two vegan pastas (the *puttanesca* is better than the marinara), or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub grub, but the fry-cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (12/02)

**Greystone** 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly “suits” with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — N.W. (12/01)

**Kansas City Barbecue** 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their “sleazy bar scene” in

*Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers (“Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man”). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They’re cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (3/01)

**Las Cuatro Milpas** 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn’t a restaurant, it’s a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don’t serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that’s about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It’s room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, “The Four Cornfields.” Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

**Pete’s Quality Meats** 1742-1/2 Indiana Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete’s Meats was just a butcher’s shop until Pete’s daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill here. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

**Rei Do Gado Churrascuria** 939 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there’s a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs,

sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There’s always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can live up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you’ll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a *Caipirinha*). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — N.W. (10/02)

**The Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen** Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It’s part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can’t live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. The Hawaiian chicken salad (with walnuts, pineapple, chutney, fresh seasonal fruits, and non-fat mayo) is filling and healthy. But the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

**Wildside Cafe & Rebel Juice Bar** 1048 Seventh Avenue, (at C Street), downtown, 619-696-1466. Now here’s a place that actually makes healthy food seem cool. Partly it’s the names: “lunatic lentil soup,” sandwiches like “turkey tantrum” (roast turkey with salsa), “tuna scandal” (tuna mashed with egg whites and no-fat mayo), or our two favorites: “veggies on a bike” (cucumbers, spinach leaf, tomatoes, red onion) and “bagel without a cause” (bagel, cream cheese, fresh fruit). Actually, all come with fresh fruit. And do like the local loffies: take your daily shot of fresh-squeezed wheat grass juice with a chaser of strawberries

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**Bino’s European Coffees and Crepes** 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it’s a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crepes are delicious and filling too. Bino’s wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

**Island Wok** 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

**McDini’s** 105 East 8th Street, National City, 619-474-6771. A historic, sprawling bar with a diverse, mellow family scene — all ages, all races, chatting, playing pool, cozying up to the all-encompassing jukebox, or smoking under a roofed front “patio.” Or chowing down on industrial-grade pub grub, made largely of restaurant-supply products (including the vaunted corn beef, bland as packaged ham). But the fresh vegetables are surprisingly good, so choose something that includes the luscious mashed potatoes and look upon the rest as garnish. No wheelchair bathroom. Open daily, serving to about midnight. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/01)

**Moonlight on the Sea/Club 13** 640 Civic Center Drive (under I-5 at McKinley Avenue), National City, 619-477-2851. Is this what sailors dream of when they’re at sea? The little blue under-the-freeway shack has been serving up *cervezas*, BBQ, and burgers to sailors and shipbuilders since 1934, most of the time as “Club 13.” Traditionally, Hell’s Angels visited it on their north-south tour of California’s oldest bars. In 1993, Linda, the latest owner, added the romantic “Moonlight On The Sea” moniker. She prepares and hand-rolls her own *lumpia*, and it shows. It has a nice fresh veggie, marinated-meat taste. And of course the grilled cheese sandwiches, wings, cheeseburgers, and dinnertime doubleburgers fit right into this wonderful throwback bar. Lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

**Peohe’s** The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a lush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — N.W. (3/01)

**Swaddee Thai** 1001 C Avenue (10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swaddee’s quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals’ gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the satay, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang* tastebuds. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

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**Rosticeria Los Pollos** Avenida Constitución, between 6th and 7th Streets, Tijuana. Relatives of prisoners in the Tijuana jail (one block south) come here to buy treats for their locked-up loved ones. The cops come too, for the cinnamon-flavored fried chicken. Think KFC, but a little sweeter. And with more variety: You can eat just chicken necks if you want. (Their meat slips down like salty fried oysters.) Each plate comes with corn tortillas, and a bowl of wicked red salsa. Ask for Alejandro. He brought the idea up from Mexico City. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

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**Tortas la Vuelta** 1961-ZC Avenida Revolución, Tijuana. Don't expect atmosphere unless you're into mufflers and transmissions. This place at the top of Revolución sits next to *Transmisiones Continental*. It is not part of the

classier La Vuelta restaurant across the street, but it does serve up classy *tortas* (large round buns filled with good things like beef loin), *carne asada*, *pierna* (pork leg), *milanesa* (veal), chicken, ham and cheese, or even vegetarian fillings. There's something about sitting in this little dark recess surrounded by cars and the oily-handed mechanics who service them. La Vuelta also does *hamburguesas* with fries. But no burger matches a *mula* ("mule"), a large folded tortilla with *carne asada*, ham, avocado, and tomatoes. Seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

**Vallarta Natural** 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-1560. Vallarta Natural makes travel to Tijuana really appetizing, serving only the healthiest, freshest ingredients. The kitchen makes its own bread and rolls, soy chorizo, vegetable stock, and gluten daily. Recommended are goblets of fresh juice, *caldo tlalpeño* soup, *taquitos panzones* (soft tacos) filled with sautéed mushrooms or soy chorizo, and especially *milanesa*. The *milanesa* is made from fresh gluten and is almost indistinguishable from veal — breaded, fried, it is delicious. Cool, clean, pleasant atmosphere. Open daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (9/98)

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**Bully's East** 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660). Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. The price ranges. — E.B. (2/03)

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# All the Trimmings

*The classicist can take encouragement from the tight focus of the action.*

**T**he Thanksgiving spread: *Bad Santa*. Sick and twisted (and goddam proud of it) Christmas comedy by Terry Zwigoff, whose *Ghost World* instantaneously takes on the appearance of a fluke. It was the

characters, even more clearly now than before, who “made” *Ghost World* — them, and their literary or quasi-literary creator, the graphic novelist Daniel Clowes. And although the director maintains his allegiance to misfits and marginals, it’s the characters who unmake *Bad Santa*. One of them is more than enough: a guzzling, cussing, lusty department-store Santa (Billy Bob Thornton) who puts up with the parade of grasping brats only so that he can crack the office safe on Christmas Eve, with the help of his dwarfish elf (Tony Cox), the brains of the operation. The wonder of it is that, whether wetting himself in the Santa chair or stumbling over the papier-mâché reindeer in an alcoholic fog, he can hold on to his job long enough to pull off the bigger job. A dose of half-apologetic pathos seeps into it in the form of a self-described “dipshit loser,” a bullied, runny-nosed fat boy

(Brett Kelly) by the name of Thurman Merman, whose devotion to Saint Nick, either the Platonic ideal or this grotesquely flawed facsimile, brands him a borderline imbecile. The tenuous bond between the two (“It made me feel good about myself,” glows Santa after beating the boy’s teenage tormentor to a pulp) raises the emo-

tional temperature only a degree or two: not enough to alter the one-joke monotony. Perhaps the single point worth pondering in all this is the crediting of the original story to the Coen brothers, who also accept credit as executive producers. I personally would be inclined to say that it’s proof of their good judgment that they chose not to write and direct this one themselves. Yet, to go by the tepid-to-chilly response for their *Intolerable Cruelty*, I suspect that some Coen-heads would have been happier with them if (all other things being equal) their credits on the two films had been switched around. Any such Coen-heads must not understand (along with much else) the importance of language to the brothers. The language of *Bad Santa* boils down to a childlike faith in the inex-



*The Missing*

haustible hilarity of the “f” word as long as it’s spoken by someone in a Sanky suit.

*The Missing*. Women’s Western concerned with a frontier healer (Cate Blanchett) and her relationship issues, her maternal instincts, her sexual urges. One day her estranged and very strange father (Tommy Lee Jones, as

“Mr. Jones”) turns up on her New Mexico homestead, having long ago gone native and converted himself into a subtitle-speaking Chiricahua; and the next day her teenage daughter (Evan Rachel Wood) gets snatched by white-slaver Apaches. Well: as the nearest lawman can tell her, “It takes an Apache to catch an Apache,” but a

Chiricahua adoptee will have to do. A classic Western premise, this, and perfectly watchable in its working-out, but any surviving classicist (or simple common-sensist) is apt to be unhappy when the tracker consents to take along not just Mother Courage but her younger daughter Dot, who justifies the unhappiness by getting her

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foot caught between two rocks in the rush of a flash flood, and later tipping off the Indians to an ambush by bouncing a sunbeam off her binocular lenses. Still, the classicist can take encouragement from the tight focus of the action, a tightness shared with this year's only other Western, *Open Range*. Quite simply: "If they make it to Mexico, your child is lost." (No chance, then, that this can balloon into an "epic" in the self-conscious manner of *The Searchers*.) In neither case, though, does the tightness fend off inflation and pretension. Ron Howard has a reputation to keep up, same as Kevin Costner: one directorial Oscar apiece. The big innovation here, even if it would not have raised an eyebrow on an old episode of *Wild Wild West*, is the expansion of the weapons arsenal to include colored powders blown up people's noses and a long-distance voodoo ritual performed on a hairbrush. At such points the scarred and pockmarked antagonist (shudder) seems less a blood brother of Geronimo than of Merlin.

*Timeline.* Time-travel tomfoolery, from a novel by Michael Crichton, wherein a team of archaeologists, together with three ex-Marines for security, are sent back to the 14th-century site they are currently excavating in the French countryside. What a treat for them! — if only they were not on a desperate rescue mission to bring back the head of the team (after finding one of his bifocal lenses in a sealed chamber unbreached for 650 years), and the "wormhole" through which they have squirmed were not going to close up in five and a half hours, and they were not caught between the crossed swords of the French and the English on the very day in history when Castle La Roque is slated to fall. (In a switch from the sentiment du jour — see *Master and Commander* — it's the French who are the good guys and the Brits the bad.) The standard question — is history destined to repeat itself or can it be rewritten? — is asked and answered, and the standard quota of mind-bogglers and brain-twisters is met and surpassed, and the dialogue delivers the standard snickers: "The past is where it's at," and "Trust me, we're in 1357 France," and "The only thing worse than dying here is living here," and so forth. The slapdash direction (Richard Donner), the lightweight cast (Paul Walker, Gerard Butler, Frances O'Connor, Neal McDonough, Billy Connolly), and the heavy-handed music (Brian Tyler) cannot detract from the silliness, and can sometimes augment it. Only the exchange of fireballs and flaming arrows across the night sky lifts the movie to a loftier level, and only momentarily.

*Gothika.* A whydunit, rather than whodunit, to do with a beautiful prison psychologist (Halle Berry) who is flabbergasted to wake up in a cell herself, with no memory of having chopped up her beefy husband three days earlier, and only a fragmentary memory of having swerved into a ditch on the way home in order to avoid a bloody young blonde standing in the middle of the road and the midst of a downpour, and then bursting into flame at the touch of a hand. The blonde, if she is in any sense "real," can only be a ghost, and the psychologist and her colleagues do not believe in ghosts. But then: who fogged up the glass in her cell and finger-wrote the words "NOT ALONE" in the frost? And who carved that same message into her forearm in the shower room? (As unpurient a women-in-prison shower scene, incidentally, as you could ever

wish to see, despite the participation in it of Halle Berry and Penelope Cruz.) The mounting sense of dread in the movie has little to do with any terrors that may await, and much to do with the perceived unlikelihood of a satisfactory wrap-up. ("I wouldn't look for a real-world explanation," we are warned. "It's a dream. It's a delusion.") The sunglasses-indoors style of photography fosters no confidence in the filmmaker's — Mathieu Kassovitz's — interest in elucidation, and indeed the predictable climax falls far short of satisfactory, being both over-obvious as far as it goes and incurious to go any farther. The appearances of the ghost, however, greatly enliven a grind-it-out plot in which the ghost proves to be all but gratuitous. Savor her for herself.

*The Cat in the Hat.* The untested director Bo Welch, trained as a production designer, tries out the tested formula of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*: a sententious Dr. Seuss book, a sampling of voice-over recitations from the actual text ("Then something went bump. How that bump made them jump!"), and a major comedy star so impenetrably disguised in the title role that he might as well be doing nothing but dubbing — and oh, a Thanksgiving release date, too, even though this one is not remotely a holiday tale. The major star in this instance is identified as Mike Myers, but if you were told that behind the cat suit, and behind the New Yawk accent, the camping, the burlesquing, was Nathan Lane, you'd be obliged to accept it without a murmur. Myers has occasion to do other accents as well, and the Scottish and Canadian are more recognizably him. The two-note falsetto laugh, on the other hand, might put you more in mind of Pee-wee Herman, helped along by the surrounding dollhouse townscape. Were it to put you in mind specifically of *Pee-wee's Big Adventure*, you would then have a useful guideline to gauge what's missing: originality, humanity, charm, modesty, innocence, things like that. I did enjoy the redrawing of the introductory corporate logos (Universal, DreamWorks, Imagine) in a Seussian style and a coordinating red-and-white color scheme, and I enjoyed Sean Hayes as the clearly enunciating real-estate tyrant, Hank Humberflood, although not also as the voice of the computer-animated goldfish. I enjoyed little else. The naughtiness of much of the humor admittedly seems pitched just about right to appeal to five-to-ten-year-olds and not to trouble their parents, but that's not my concern. Hook the movie up to the cat's Phunometer (to "measure how much fun you are"), and it would likely read, "Play for Pay."

*The Haunted Mansion* and *21 Grams* I will get to as soon as I've done some digesting. Or some purging. ■

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**Bad Santa** — Reviewed this issue. With Billy Bob Thornton, Tony Cox, Bernie Mac, Lauren Graham, and Brett Kelly; directed by Terry Zwigoff.  
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RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Brother Bear** — Pagan pietism, from the Disney animation studio, to do with a Northwest Indian lad who, in his anxiety to become a man, kills a bear and gets magically transformed into a bear himself, to see how the other half lives: blissed out on nature (the moose practice yoga) and communality and oneness — unless you're

unlucky enough to be a salmon, who count only as calories. More than merely transformed, the Indian gets *converted*. (Gimme that New Age religion.) The agenda rather throttles the creativity. Songs by Phil Collins. Directed by Aaron Blaise and Robert Walker. 2003.  
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY

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**The Cat in the Hat** — Reviewed this issue. With Mike Myers, Alec Baldwin, Kelly Preston, Dakota Fanning, and Spencer Breslin; directed by Bo Welch.  
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY;

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**Elf** — Will Ferrell as a human raised by elves, leaving the womb of Santa’s Workshop in full adulthood to track down his biological father, a bottom-line publisher of Kiddie Lit (“He’s on the naughty list”). Directed by Jon Favreau, the film wants to play both sides of the street — to be a True-Spirit-of-Christmas sermon and at the same time be hip, cool, sardonic, and smarty-pants — and it ends up outstaying its welcome. We do, however, get some nicely worked-out detail, a better than average bumpkin-in-Manhattan montage, and a couple of well-played secondary characters: a harried and unwhimsical toy-department manager at Gimbel’s (the hefty Faizon Love) and a self-important top-selling author of children’s books (the pint-sized Peter Dinklage, of *The Station Agent*). With James Caan, Zooey Deschanel, Mary Steenburgen, Bob Newhart, Edward Asner. 2003. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Fight Club** — Director David Fincher, loaded with don’t-try-this-at-home ideas on how to prove yourself a man and not a mouse, traces a course of anti-Establishment insurgency, from small acts of personal liberation (peeing in the lobster bisque, splicing a frame of male genitals into the middle of a kiddie film) to organizing an underground bare-knuckle boxing club (“How much can you know about yourself if you’ve never been in a fight?”) to masterminding a large-scale terrorist operation code-named Project Mayhem. (Brad Pitt, in loud shirts and spiked hair,



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leads the way for white-collar, buttoned-down Edward Norton, a loquacious narrator: “I wanted to open the valves on oil tankers and smother all those French beaches I’d never see.”) A cheap-trick plot turn — a mind-blower for the gullible — pulls the rug out from beneath an already unbalanced movie: all attitude, no brains. The photography is all green. With Helena Bonham Carter and Meat Loaf. 1999. ● (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 11/28, 7 P.M.; 11/29, 9:15 P.M.)

**The Flower of Evil** — Claude Chabrol, always looking for fault in the bourgeoisie, noses into the closets and laundry hamper of a French provincial family composed of a septuagenarian Auntie (Suzanne Flon, gaining strength with age), a political-upstart stepmother (Nathalie Baye), a philandering pharmacist father (Bernard Le Coq), a prodigal son back from three

years in Chicago (Benoit Magimel), and an incestuously inclined cousin (the killingly cute Mélanie Doutey). Despite the presence of Chabrol in the director’s chair, despite the bloody corpse before the flashback, despite the occasional injection of heart-clutching Bernard Herrmann-esque music, despite the dark past and the clouded present (did Auntie murder her collaborationist father at the end of the Occupation? did the pharmacist himself author the anonymous smear of his wife?), and despite the flare-up of mustache-curling melodrama at the climax, this is not really a thriller. Or anyway, it is not really thrilling. It does, in time, recover from the talk-talk-talk of family genealogy, and piece together a full and rounded portrait of family life, giving generous attention to the representatives of each of the three generations. (A contemporary Hollywood film would naturally be inclined to favor the

youngest.) You never can tell where the rewards may come. The movie’s best sequence is the door-to-door stumping of the grassroots politician and her docile running mate (the director’s son, Thomas Chabrol) in a government-subsidized housing project: tickling, not thrilling. 2003. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 11/27)

**Gothika** — Reviewed this issue. With Halle Berry, Robert Downey, Jr., Penelope Cruz, and Charles S. Dutton; directed by Mathieu Kassovitz. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Haunted Mansion** — Supernatural comedy with Eddie Murphy, Terence Stamp, and Jennifer Tilly, directed by Rob Minkoff. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Human Stain** — Robert Benton’s adaptation of a Philip Roth novel feels incontrovertibly bookish: the Big Themes (American race relations, moral hypocrisy, political correctness), the vast historical canvas (Vietnam, World War II), the contextual co-ordinates from current affairs (Viagra, Clinton-Lewinsky), the academic setting (mythical Athena College in rural Massachusetts), the self-analytical literary allusions (the Greek Tragedy device of “peripeteia,” the amorous dilemma of Achilles: “Give up the girl”), the talk of writers and writing, and, to top it all off, the writerly first-person narration by a professional writer who, it turns out, has indeed written a book about the events in the movie. To be sure, the Dutch Master half-light that Benton favors in cinematography is painterly, not bookish, but still not quite movie-ish: his fussed-over, pinked-up images approach petrification. The expository scenes play pretty well, as the professorial protagonist steps on tender toes with his use of the word “spooks” in reference to two absent students whom he has never seen, and who happen to be black. And along the way there are some nice little throwaway moments, such as the voyeuristic, through-the-window views of two certifiably heterosexual men dancing to “Cheek to Cheek.” But Benton is not to be content with nice little throwaway moments. The irony of ironies — the almost Sophoclean irony, if you must — is that this professor, “one of the first Jews to teach in a Classics department in any college anywhere,” is himself black, unbeknownst to anyone in his present life. This racial revelation might work better on the page, which is to say in the mind’s eye. It might even have worked all right on screen with someone in the role besides Sir Anthony Hopkins (whose American accent continues to sound a bit betwixt and between). The

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problem with Hopkins is not just that he cannot pass for black. Nor is the problem merely the usual one, in decades-spanning movies, that we know too well what the actor looked like when he was young, and that he does not remotely match the young man in the flashbacks (Wentworth Miller). The problem, additionally, is that the young man in the flashbacks is so perfectly cast for the part, so plausible as either a Jew or a black, that he spotlights the imperfection and implausibility of Hopkins. With Nicole Kidman, Gary Sinise, Ed Harris. 2003. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**In the Cut** — Disappointing for a Jane Campion film, but a cut above the general run, nonetheless. An erotic thriller by type, adapted from a best-seller by Susanna Moore, it leaves something to be desired in both potential areas of excitation. Perhaps surprisingly (for Campion, again), the woman-in-peril plot looks about as lowbrow as a Lifetime Channel original, or, factoring in the eroticism, a straight-to-video Shannon Tweed vehicle available in versions both R-rated and Unrated. Perhaps not so surprisingly, the basic situation has been tarted-up with literary elements somewhat higher-toned than we would expect from Lifetime or straight-to-video. In any event, there’s no mistaking the level of commitment, the ferocity of effort, that Campion brings to her work, even if one might have reservations about the artiness of some of the visuals: the blizzard of flower petals at the outset; the *Taxi Driver*-ish Expressionistic color, by turns fruity and succulent, electric and crackling; the antiquated black-and-white of the fantasy flashbacks; the selective focus that leaves large areas of the screen in a blur; the trendy tremulous camera movement; the engulfing shadows. The total effect — the variety of tones, textures, tactilities — is sensual to an extreme degree, but never to a gross one. And always impressive is the fearless independence of Campion’s personal brand of feminism, unflattering, unempowering, unidealizing. Meg Ryan, as a fortyish writer precariously situated in the killing zone of a serial dismemberer, gives herself up to the program — herself, and all her little nose-scrunching, head-cocking endearments — with an almost shocking abandon. The brunette Nicole Kidman wig (a reminder of who was originally cast in the role, and who still appears in the credits as a co-producer), coupled with the disfiguring Melanie Griffith lip job, might make it difficult, in the moments of carnality in particular, to feel that this is really Meg Ryan. (She doesn’t *look* like Ryan. She doesn’t *act* like Ryan.) If the head is doubtful, however, the body is believably fortyish. She demonstrates herself better suited to the part than you could ever have guessed. Mark Ruffalo, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Kevin Bacon. 2003. ★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Intolerable Cruelty** — The Coen brothers film with the widest, the broadest, the massiest appeal to date, or in the common phrase their “most accessible.” Two glamorous A-list movie stars of opposite sexes, George Clooney and Catherine Zeta-Jones, looking their respective bests, sugar-cured and honey-glazed, and none of the Coen “regulars” — no McDormand, no Goodman, no Turturro, no Polito, no Buscemi. What’s more, Joel and Ethan for the first time share the screenwriting credit with a couple of other guys. (Robert Ramsey and Matthew Stone by name, co-writers of the Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence comedy, *Life*, as well as the Dave Barry literary adaptation, *Big Trouble*.) Have they at last gone straight? gone soft? gone safe? Have they given up the good fight in pursuit of the brass ring? Fear not. As Hollywoody as this might look on the surface, or from the outside, it remains no less subversive from within — not as directly and explicitly anti-Hollywood as *Barton Fink*, but nor as obliquely and metaphorically as *Fargo*, *The Hudsucker Proxy*, or *The Big Lebowski*. The setting of this cold hard look at the divorce racket — the reduction of marital relationships, mutual alliances, common bonds, to cold hard cash — is specifically Tinsel Town and its mansions, its swimming pools, its health spas, its supper clubs, its nearby

playgrounds, even though only one of the litigants has an actual toehold in show business: producer of the daytime soap, *The Sands of Time*. Unflaggeringly speedy, snappy, fresh, and funny, the film is as tightly constructed as any Coen film before *Lebowski* (the point at which they started to overload and overstuff), homing in on the whole culture of divorce, a world unto itself, a total way of life, with its lore and legend, its luminaries and lesser lights, its legion of interchangeable face-lifted and liposuctioned ex-wives (the Stepford exes), even an annual convention in Vegas (where better?) for the National Organization of Matrimonial Attorneys Nationwide: “Let N.O.M.A.N. put asunder.” Billy Bob Thornton, Geoffrey Rush, Edward Herrmann, Cedric the Entertainer. 2003. ★★★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Kill Bill, Vol. 1** — After a sizable step forward in his third film, *Jackie Brown*, and after a lengthy interval of six years since then, Quentin Tarantino takes several steps backwards in his fourth. An odd blend of

pretension and triviality, it posits a comic-book world in which there can exist a Deadly Viper Assassination Squad, whose mostly female members have code names such as Cottonmouth, Copperhead, and Black Mamba (the black woman on the team envies that name, the way Mr. Pink in *Reservoir Dogs* envied everybody’s name), and are trained in the gravity-defying martial arts of Hong Kong kung-fu fantasies and the blood-gushing swordplay of Japanese samurai epics. In such a world, the heroine (the long, lean, though not particularly lithe and athletic Uma Thurman) can have her hands full in a catfight with one of her sister Vipers (“C’mon, bitch! Bring it on!”), and then, as the need arises, can mow down scores of similarly trained assassins in quick succession, showing no ill effects in either instance of having gotten herself shot in the head and lying for four years in a coma, the sexual plaything of a night-shift hospital orderly (“My name is Buck, and I came here to fuck!”). It should already be apparent that the number of prospective moviegoers who will find this material interesting in itself, or

as an *hommage* to a deserving genre or genres, will be severely restricted. In the words of one character, apropos of something roughly related: “If you was a moron, you could almost admire it.” Split into parts, not by original design but purely as a practical matter (or in other words, an economic matter), after its dimensions grew unwieldy, it delivers a first installment of average length and unambitious scope, with no shape, no pace, no proper end, just a pause in the action. Lucy Liu, Vivica A. Fox, Daryl Hannah. 2003. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Looney Tunes: Back in Action** — Seamy as distinct from seamless blend of live action and animation, following in the footsteps (or the cattle trail) of *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, *Space Jam*, *The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle*, et al. Under the direction of Joe Dante, a dependable maker of messes, it pays homage to the old Warner’s cartoons with such profligacy as to show a complete lack of appreciation for the lightly weighted, delicately balanced, finely tuned mechanisms they were. The wisenheimer attitude comes close enough to the originals, and the premise is serviceable: Daffy Duck envies Bugs Bunny his top-dog

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status at the studio. What we get in place of comic timing, however, is something more like comic cramming: instead of a modus operandi of hit-and-run, a forty-car pileup in a fog and then gridlock for miles. Some of the gags might be all right in another context (a car plummeting nose-first toward the ground and screeching to a halt five feet before impact: “Out of gas”), and there are in-jokes to butter up film scholars of various schools and classes: Bond films, Fifties sci-fi, *Psycho*, Scooby-Doo, not to mention the *oeuvre* of Joe Dante (the obligatory Dick Miller cameo). But the relentless onslaught is such as to hammer you into submission, sooner rather than later. Steve Martin has no good idea for the villain of the piece, and a number of bad ideas: an overgrown English schoolboy with a lisping accent, a torturously arched back, short pants, bow tie, owlsh Harry Potter specs. Brendan Fraser and Jenna Elfman merely take up space alongside the cartoon critters. 2003. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Lost in Translation** — Sofia Coppola’s sophomore effort marks an advance over *The Virgin Suicides*: a phlegmatic comedy about two American outsiders who fall into an ill-defined relationship in Tokyo, a bond

forged of loneliness and misery between an over-the-hill Hollywood action star (a sadsack Bill Murray, who surely should have been written as an over-the-hill comedy star), in town to collect a cool two million for a series of whisky ads, and a neglected young wife (the seductively throaty Scarlett Johansson), who spends a lot of time lolling around her hotel room in transparent pink panties while her photographer husband (the dependably dreadful Giovanni Ribisi) busies himself with work. The “satirical” touch tends to be lighter this time, with perhaps a few exceptions: the suspected anorexic blond starlet (with so many to choose from, couldn’t a better fit have been found for this role than the robust Anna Faris?), the tutti-frutti television host misleadingly labelled “the Johnny Carson of Japan,” the S&M call girl (“Lip my stocking!”), and the imported guitar-and-vocal lounge act billed as “Sausalito.” Truly on the lighter side, however, there are large numbers of points scored, even if easy ones, with the advertising campaign (“For relaxing times, make it Suntori time”), the language difficulties, the faxes and FedExes and phone calls from the all-business wife in California, the exercise machine, the local cuisine, and the inevitable karaoke bar (Murray reverting to *SNL* form for his soup-ladle renditions of Elvis Costello’s “Peace, Love, and Understanding” and Roxy Music’s “More Than This”). And the touring in and around Tokyo is pleasantly relaxed. Coppola’s uncertain visual style, vacillating between a fussy precision and a fumbling offhandedness, could never be mistaken for her father’s. Which, for purposes of independence and the establishment of a separate identity, would be a good thing if only the style could be



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recognized as distinctively anybody’s. 2003. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Love Actually** — A five-week countdown to Christmas Eve, plenty of time and the proper occasion to show how love makes the world go round, or anyhow makes Jolly Old England go round. The writing and directing debut of Richard Curtis, writer only on *Four Weddings and a Funeral* (he herein reminds us by staging, in short order, one wedding and a funeral), it boasts a good-looking image as long as you like your people to look like dolls, a soundtrack chockablock with popular love songs, and a host of rolling-off-a-log performances by such smoothies as Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman, Colin Firth,

Liam Neeson, Martine McCutcheon, Keira Knightley, Laura Linney, Bill Nighy, and, in a cameo as an exasperatingly punctilious store clerk, Rowan Atkinson. Grant stands out, not as a performance but as a figure of fantasy and even of fairy tale, an informal, unstuffy, lighter-than-Blair Prime Minister who falls for an overweight commoner (at any rate the script says she’s overweight), and who dances solo to a Pointer Sisters toe-tapper when he thinks he’s alone (surefire laugh: he’s alone but for a prim, middle-aged secretary), and who stands up to the bullying United States President (a sanded and shellacked Billy Bob Thornton) at a televised press conference. There’s a fantasy there for almost everyone. But Curtis, upping the ante on the multi-character *Four Weddings*, is juggling too many balls this

time. Or more to the point, dropping too many. The particular balls of a couple of porn actors (pun intended) tend to exclude the kiddies from this Christmas party. And possibly their grannies and grampies as well. 2003. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World** — The first screen incarnation of Lucky Jack Aubrey, hero of Patrick O’Brian’s loved and admired series of historical adventure novels, captain of the British man-of-war, the HMS Surprise. This is preeminently a boys’ story, and as pure and innocent a specimen as you are apt to find anymore, uncorrupted by concerns with democracy or demographics. (The closest you could find to it in the *oeuvre* of its director, Peter Weir, is the curdled Conradism of *The Mosquito Coast*.) There is an actual boy on view, a cherubic curly-topped towhead, but of course boys of all ages want to choose their role models and hero figures from among grown men (as the towhead, for example, has chosen Lord Nelson). Girls have no place here at all. There is but one, brief, silent, almost spectral appearance by a female, a copper-skinned native on whom Lucky Jack allows his gaze to linger — gateway to another world — before he gets back to business. That business would encompass, among other things, the pursuit of a bigger and faster French privateer, the amputation, the flogging, the flagons of rum, the parrot on the shoulder, the typhoon, the man overboard, the seamen’s superstitions (is there a “Jonah” among the crew? is the enemy a “phantom”?), the military stratagems (a makeshift raft, festooned with lanterns, cut adrift as a decoy to throw off the trailing French ship in the dark), the naturalist interlude on the Galápagos (the flightless bird, the amphibian iguana), the Churchillian if not Shakespearean address to the troops on the eve of battle (“Though we be on the far side of the world, this ship is our home. This ship is England”), and most importantly, at the core of it all, the masculine camaraderie, especially that between the Captain and the ship’s surgeon, Dr. Stephen Maturin, whose harmonious friendship, as well as harmonious violin-and-cello duets, sometimes must give way to the traditional testiness between the soldier and the scientist, the man of action and the man of intellect. Russell Crowe, Paul Bettany. 2003. ★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8;

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**The Matrix Revolutions** — “Everything that has a beginning has an end” — so speaks the Oracle. And surely that’s the most encouraging word, the most energizing word, the most fortifying word, in the third and final installment of the Wachowski Brothers’ man-versus-machine trilogy. (Or “tril,” as you may prefer to call it, taking your cue from “Trin,” Neo’s sweet-talk diminutive for the lovely Trinity.) An end, at long last, to the cluttery computer animation and congested digital compositing, an end to opacity and obfuscation, an end to double-talk and gobbledegook, an end to befuddlement and boredom. The script, whether with a grin or a grimace, has been booby-trapped with lines that seem to give voice to the viewers’ or the filmmakers’ innermost thoughts: “I wish there was an easy way to get through this, but there ain’t.” Or: “I know it’s difficult to understand.” Or: “I don’t know what he can do to save us.” The “he” is of course our uniquely gifted hero — the anagrammatic Neo — the One — and there’s no good reason to doubt him if, in this make-it-up-as-we-go-along narrative, he will be able to see more clearly and deeply into the nature of things after his eyeballs have been burned off his face with a sparking power line. How can we be expected to know what such a man, if that’s what he is, can do for us? We could only wish that, whatever it is, he would just hurry up and do it. It’s much too late to wish he had quit after the first installment. Or before it. Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, Laurence Fishburne, Hugo Weaving. 2003. ● (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**The Missing** — Reviewed this issue. With Cate Blanchett, Tommy Lee Jones, Evan Rachel Wood, Jenna Boyd, Aaron Eckhart, and Val Kilmer; directed by Ron Howard. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Mystic River** — Clint Eastwood’s somber meditation on chance, fate, doom; scarred souls and endless repercussions; violence begetting violence. Just as *Unforgiven* was an act of penance for the body counts in his Sergio Leone spaghetti Westerns as well as in his self-directed imitation Leones (*High Plains Drifter*, *The Outlaw Josey Wales*, *Pale Rider*), this can be viewed as an act of penance for the lone-wolf vigilantism of his Dirty Harry urban shoot-’em-ups; a kind of cleansed Harry. (There is no room here for Eastwood the actor, standing aside for the “liberal” casting of Sean Penn and Tim Robbins, and their highly emotional, tearful, unstoical, un-Eastwoody histrionics.) Although formulated as a murder mystery, it is not narrowly focussed on the investigation, but divides its time more or less evenly among three main characters, and expands continuously into the specific milieu, the complex personal relationships, the affected and ongoing lives, in fact life in general, life with a capital “L.” All throughout, it sustains a tone of lamentation, underscored by the churchy musical theme composed by Eastwood himself (albeit orchestrated by his trusted collaborator, Lennie Niehaus). The retributive anger never supplants the sorrow; the release never comes. Admittedly, the outcome of the case depends upon a fortuitous coincidence that reeks of mystery-making for its own sake: a previously unrevealed second murder on the same night as the first. Yet the solution to the original murder is not overly tricky, is

perhaps even overly obvious; and the mood of the moment in any case is not one of parlor games and “gotcha.” The honest — the aggrieved — the penitent — emotionalism of the film makes up for either the fortuitousness or the obviousness, as necessary. Kevin Bacon, Laurence Fishburne, Laura Linney, Marcia Gay Harden. 2003. ★★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

**New Suit** — Gentle satire of Hollywood, nestled in peach-toned photography, about a frustrated scriptwriter, currently a flunky for a high-rolling production company, who gets some buzz going on a nonexistent screenplay by a nonexistent writer and sets off a bidding war. The young independent filmmakers — transplanted French director François Velle and first-time screenwriter Craig Sherman — seemingly didn’t want to close off any avenues to the Promised Land, and in the meantime they’ve been keeping their eyes and ears open. (From the studio chief’s feng-shui advisor: “I am getting a preponderance of yang coming off of you.”) The threadbare production stresses their status as outsiders, and somewhat undermines the fictional illusion. With Jordan (son of Beau) Bridges, Marisa Coughlan, and Dan Hedaya. 2003. ★ (KEN, THROUGH 11/27)

**Owning Mahowny** — This scrimping,

barren, almost desolate independent film generates above-average interest and disappointment as the sophomore feature film of Richard Kwietniowski, following *Love and Death on Long Island*. John Hurt, so good as the ivory-tower homosexual in that film, tends rather to expose too much as a cutthroat Atlantic City casino manager, yet he hardly out-exposes Philip Seymour Hoffman as his favorite sucker, melting down like a birthday candle before our very eyes. (Admittedly, it’s hard to overplay the agony of a one-point North Carolina basketball victory when you’re giving one and a half points.) The true story of a Toronto loan officer who in the early Eighties embezzled over ten million to feed his gambling habit (oops, sorry, *gaming* habit, we are now asked to call it) generates its own interest, however, even if that interest confines itself only to *what* happened and not *why*. Minnie Driver, Maury Chaykin. 2003. ★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 12/1, 6:30 P.M.)

**Pee-wee’s Big Adventure** — The moviegoer’s first introduction to Pee-wee Herman, and both of them should be very happy about it. Jerry Lewis would seem to be the comedian’s closest screen cousin, at least in measurement of time, but he even bypasses Lewis in likeness to their silent-era forebears, with his complete and unalterable stylization from head to toe (from glazed ceramic face, that is, to mincing, teetering,

geisha-girl step). Included also in that stylized head, to be sure, are a fully operative tongue and set of vocal cords, with an assortment of giggles and guffaws out of the repertoire of Bugs Bunny, Porky Pig, and their Warner Brothers stablemates, and a speaking voice like a slightly older brother of Lily Tomlin’s Edith Ann. But enough of comparisons. In personality there has never been anyone quite like him. His continual responsiveness to stimuli in the world around him, and especially to self-generated stimuli whenever the world lets him down (e.g., the “mad dog” effect of toothpaste froth, or the face he constructs on his breakfast plate out of fried eggs, bacon, pancake, and strawberry) will no doubt be perceived in terms of childlikeness — or, since he is not an actual child, in terms of dementedness. But in his indefatigable alertness to the physical world he makes an example for intellectuals too. And his attitude toward that world is nothing short of philosophical. Directed by Tim Burton. 1985. ★★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 12/4, 9 P.M.)

**Pieces of April** — Thanksgiving-from-Hell comedy wherein a rebellious daughter, living in a bad neighborhood in the big city, tries to prepare her first holiday meal for her barely functional family from the suburbs. Small but broad, cheap but commercial, with a movie-stealing performance by Sean Hayes as the prissy upstairs neighbor in

possession of a superior oven. Katie Holmes, Derek Luke, Patricia Clarkson, Oliver Platt; written and directed by Peter Hedges. 2003. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Radio** — Sanitary human-interest story of a high-school football coach in mid-Seventies South Carolina (Ed Harris in a Bear Bryant hat) who takes a retarded black man under his wing as an assistant, sending the team on an immediate losing streak and raising the question of “Why on earth are you doing this?” Racial issues do not really come into it; issues of moral values, proper priorities, do. Nice use of the local barbershop for postgame analyses and town meetings. The real people on whom the characters are based are seen in archival footage at the end. Cuba Gooding, Jr., Debra Winger, Alfre Woodard; directed by Mike Tollin. 2003. ★ (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Runaway Jury** — Courtroom hokum to do with the high-tech tactics to rig the jury in a civil suit against a gun manufacturer. The plot just keeps digging a deeper hole for itself, and the busy, frantic directorial manner of Gary Fleder cannot cover it up. From a John Grisham novel; with Gene Hackman, Dustin Hoffman, John Cusack, Rachel Weisz, and a large supporting cast more impressive on paper (Bruce McGill, Bruce Davison, Joanna Going, Dylan McDermott, Cliff Curtis, Jennifer Beals, et al.) than on screen. 2003. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

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**The Rundown** — The Rock, erstwhile professional wrestler, here plays a “retrieval expert,” a mob free-lancer who declines to work with a gun and looks forward to a future as a restaurateur. In the opening scene, in order to collect a little collateral on the gambling debts of a pro quarterback, he takes on a team of bodyguards composed of “the entire offensive line,” and leaves the quarterback unprotected against next Sunday’s pass rush. After that, you may rest assured that nothing worthwhile will happen on his ensuing escapade in Brazil, with a treasure-hunting college dropout (Seann William Scott, further assurance of worthlessness), a capitalist slave driver (Christopher Walken), and an undercover rebel leader (Rosario Dawson) disguised as a barmaid. Though he looks as if he stepped out of a comic book, The Rock can handle not only an offensive line but also a line of dialogue, and if nothing else the movie serves as an application for a better job. Directed by Peter Berg. 2003.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Scary Movie 3** — What is a spoof of *8 Mile* doing in the middle of a horror spoof? (Well, not in the middle exactly, but in the first fifteen minutes.) *The Ring* and *Signs* are the primary targets of leechery, but director David Zucker (*BASEketball*, *Naked Gun*, *Top Secret*, *Airplane*), rather than infuse fresh blood into the series, infuses tired blood instead. With Anna Faris, Charlie Sheen, Simon Rex, Anthony Anderson, and scads of cameo players. 2003.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VOGUE)

**School of Rock** — An imposter substitute teacher, and local laughingstock rocker, instructs a class of grade-schoolers in What He Knows: rock-and-roll, history and practice. The participation of director Richard Linklater (*Slacker*, etc.) and screenwriter Mike White (*The Good Girl*, etc. ) might raise expectations slightly, and similarly raise the results: head of the class of



Timeline

boneheads. Their plunge into the commercial mainstream — for a sort of Adam Sandler movie *sans* Adam Sandler — has left them relatively unbefouled, maybe with just a faint scent of oil and sewage. A smarty-pants answer to things like *Mr. Holland’s Opus* and *Music of the Heart*, the movie nevertheless boasts the “sweetness” for which Sandler is abundantly famous and grudgingly indulged. The hero does end up teaching something, and of course learning something himself: a feel-good movie, but a feel-cool, too. Jack Black, in his plummiest role to date, throws himself into it body if not soul. He appears

more eager to connect with those in the multiplex than with those in the classroom, thus coming across as grovelling and aloof at the same time, albeit in different directions. With Joan Cusack. 2003.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; VOGUE)

**Shattered Glass** — The re-enacted downfall of up-and-coming journalist Stephen Glass, twenty-seven of whose forty-one pieces for *The New Republic* in the mid-Nineties turned out to have been fabricated in whole or in part. No great shakes as a movie, clumping along in the talking-heads style of a TV docudrama, the writing and

directing debut of Billy Ray, adapted from a *Vanity Fair* article by H.G. “Buzz” Bissinger, is nonetheless a painless and often quite pleasurable way to bone up on the material: you don’t even have to move your eyes. There is ample suspense in the layer-by-layer unmasking. (Glass’s first line of defense is his stock disarmament ploy, “Are you mad at me?” Next line of defense: he was duped. Next line of defense: he got the story secondhand.) And there is heroism as well, all the more impressive for the lone hero’s unpreparedness and unsuitedness: Peter Sarsgaard, as the friendless editor in charge of the in-house investigation, is properly unimposing and put-upon. And there’s a goosebump-raising emotional payoff when the editor finally lays down the journalistic law to one of Glass’s die-hard defenders (the miraculously unaffected Chloë Sevigny). And while, on the face of it, the story is not as earth-shaking as that of (everyone’s favorite reference point) *All the President’s Men*, it still has much to say about the state of American journalism in particular, its insidious slide toward “entertainment,” its blurring of the line between reporting and coloring, and about the state of American culture in general: the culture of lying and cheating and getting ahead no matter how. If those subjects are not earth-shaking, they are at any rate earth-eroding. With Hayden Christensen, Hank Azaria, Steve Zahn, Rosario Dawson. 2003.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Station Agent** — The rare feature film to be built around a dwarf — a taciturn loner who moves into an abandoned train depot in a remote corner of New Jersey to get away from other people (“Hey, buddy, where’s Snow White?”), and who instead falls into a web of new relationships with an insatiably gregarious hot-dog vendor, a tormented female artist, an unmarried pregnant librarian, and a black schoolgirl. Modest, offbeat, a bit stiff and clunky, with a restrained and dignified central performance from Peter Dinklage, and a smattering of railroad knowledge. Patricia Clarkson, Bobby Cannavale, Michelle Williams, Raven Goodwin; written and directed by Tom McCarthy. 2003.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**The Texas Chainsaw Massacre** — The remake by Marcus Nispel (who?) is a

testament to the demands of 21st-century moviegoers to have their horrors (or their anything else) in a style to which they are accustomed: desaturated color, shafts of light, a hammering monotony of closeups, fashion-model damsels in distress, a pair of softball boobs under stretchy white fabric, and so on. Thus a cheap, crude, cruddy, culty hit from 1974 becomes a flush, flashy, cruddy, mainstreamy hit in 2003.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Tibet: Cry of the Snow Lion** — Documentarist Tom Peosay covers Tibet from monasteries to brothels; narrated by Martin Sheen.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 11/28)

**Timeline** — Reviewed this issue. With Paul Walker, Gerard Butler, Frances O’Connor, Billy Connolly, Anna Friel, and Neal McDonough; directed by Richard Donner.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; SWEETWATER 9; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**To Be and To Have** — Nicolas Philibert’s documentary portrait of a teacher in a single-classroom school in rural France. (KEN, 11/28 THROUGH 12/4)

**21 Grams** — First English-language feature from the maker of *Amores Perros*, Alejandro González Iñárritu, a revenge drama with Sean Penn, Naomi Watts, Benicio Del Toro.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Under the Tuscan Sun** — The distilled essence of Chick Flick, right down to the gender of writer-director Audrey Wells: a free adaptation of the Frances Mayes memoir of a San Francisco divorcee who inherits a ten-day gay tour of Italy (Gay and Away) from a pregnant lesbian no longer willing to fly, and who then makes an impulse-purchase of a dilapidated villa in Cortona, cooks meals for her Polish immigrant construction crew, receives spiritual guidance from a flighty Englishwoman claiming acquaintance with Fellini, and embarks on a rejuvenating affair with a younger Italian reminiscent of Rosanno Brazzi in puckery sensitivity: “Francesca, I’m going to make love all over you.” (Try not to visualize something triple-X.) Though the pallid color scarcely does justice to the setting, the narrative events go down easily, almost liquidly, if none too fillingly. The tallest part of the tale, a lightning storm that launches a washing machine into midair and deposits an owl in the bedroom, is so fantastically Brothers Grimm that it could only be true. Diane Lane, in the lead role, continues in her *Unfaithful* vein of forcing every little twitch and tremor of interior life out onto the surface. And Sandra Oh, as the expectant lesbian, provides the solid support that seems to be her lot. Lindsay Duncan, Raoul Bova. 2003.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Weekend** — Jean-Luc Godard’s Decline and Fall of Western Civilization, as charted over lethal weekend roads. The virtuoso tracking shot along a mile-long traffic back-up has been justifiably singled out for comment, but this film is actually much more of a piece than usual for Godard. Also more accessible, even forceful, than usual. And the unflappable, cold-blooded surrealist humor (a flock of sheep drifts through, as a nod to Buñuel) exerts the needed control over the spectacular panorama of wreckage, carnage, cannibalism, and whatnot. Jean Yanne, Mireille Darc. 1968.

★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 11/28, 9:50 P.M., AND 11/29, 7 P.M.)

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Hmm...I don't care much for it.

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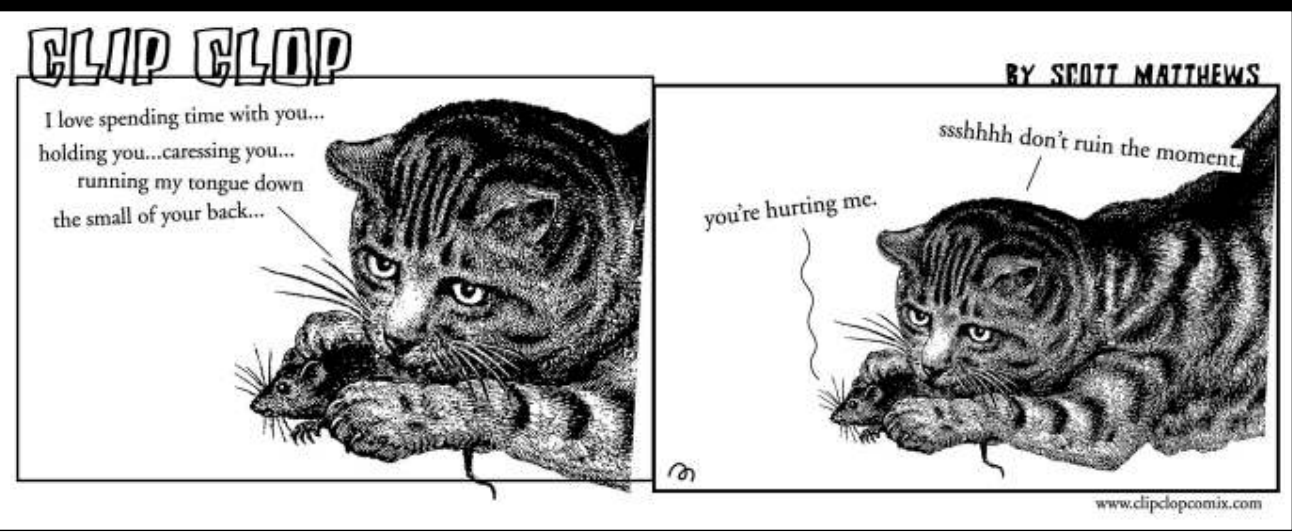


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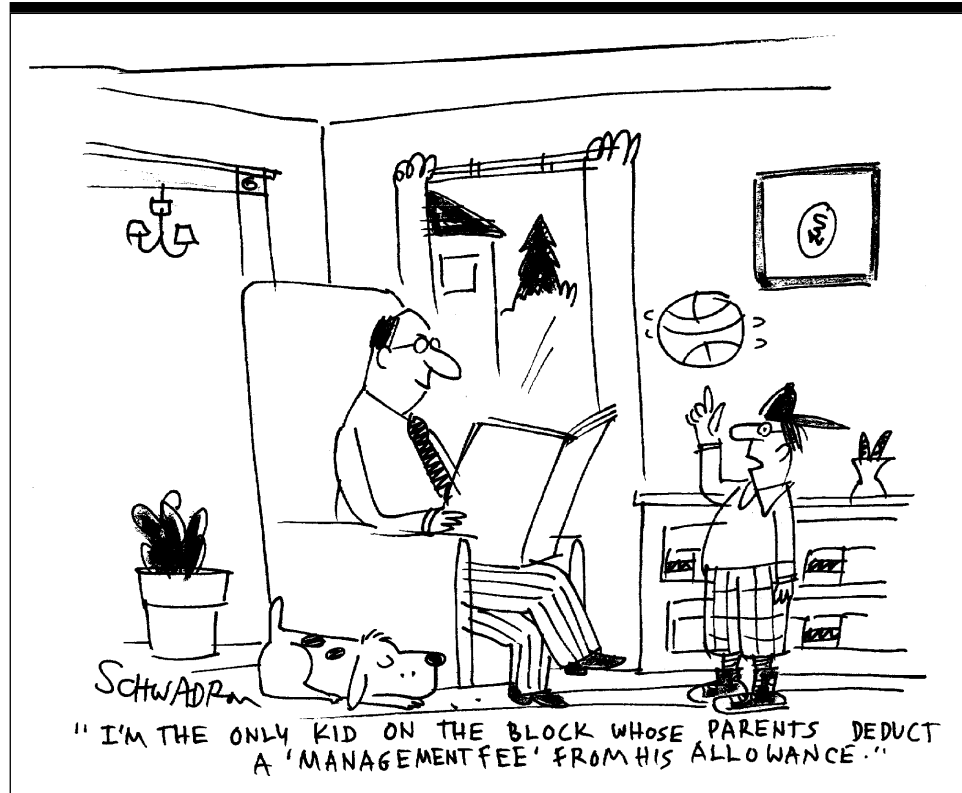
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Mike Sarkisian  
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The last time that I got *really* drunk was my last night at my old job at a dinner theater. I had worked there for about seven years and knew everybody there like a family. The bartender fed me drinks while I was working, and when everybody left, I was given a red velvet G-string to wear over my pants. All the people I worked with also chipped in and got me a stripper. I guess she took off my belt and wrapped it around my neck while she rode me around on all fours. To tell you the truth, I don't remember a lot of what happened past a certain point. There were some lap dances, but I drank too much to have enjoyed them, if you know what I mean. It wasn't until the next day that I found out that it was the stripper who had ripped a big hole in the butt of my underwear, with her teeth.



Stephanie Malick  
Student  
University Heights

Last weekend, me and my girlfriends went out for my friend's 21st birthday. She spent half the night throwing up. I didn't throw up at all; I was designated driver, so I only had a couple drinks. For Halloween, I was up in Tahoe and there was a very good party scene going on. Everybody gets dressed up, walks up and down the streets, and parties. It was a good time; I remember most of it. I dressed as a Boy Scout with a bunch of patches. A couple guys saluted me, and some guys asked if I wanted them to drop and give me 20 push-ups. A big question guys asked me in a Boy Scout uniform was if I wanted to earn any merit badges.



Chloe Medina  
Student  
Normal Heights

Wednesday nights I go out with my American history seminar after class is over. I feel that there is a strong bond within the class. We talk about everything when we go out, except for class. Only once did the conversation get heated when we talked about Arnold Schwarzenegger. I got angry with somebody who was for Arnold. There are so many things wrong with him leading California. We all take turns driving because we live in the same neighborhood, so we're always safe when we drink.



Karen Doughman  
Student  
Linda Vista

Considering I don't drink, never would have been the last time I got drunk. It's a personal decision that I decided not to drink. I made the decision back in high school. I saw a lot of people getting drunk in high school, and I didn't like what was happening. I knew a couple of girls who got raped because they had gotten drunk. One girl passed out and fell into a bonfire. All the drunk people laughed. I have kids, and if they wanted to drink and are of age, then it would be okay. My husband has an occasional drink, and my kids ask questions about him drinking. They know it's something that they only do when they're older.



Scott Tinley  
Writer, Lifeguard  
Del Mar

Well, the question's not so much "When was the last time I was drunk?" It's more like "Why do I or anybody else use pharmaceutical agents to create that distance from ourselves?" I don't drink to get drunk. Like many people, I feel the need to create the separation and mediation from the onslaught of the elements of society that continue to beat on us. Sometimes when you're writing, you need to get into a certain space, and a glass or two of wine will facilitate that. There are, of course, other occupations where you can't go near alcohol, especially when you're watching out for other people. It comes down to responsibility, and as a writer, there is that responsibility to be in that *space*. I'm not advocating alcohol use. I've seen too many people who have suffered from drinking too much. But how can you define if you're an alcoholic? Some say two or three glasses of wine? You can be an alcoholic, sexoholic, or even a cell phone-oholic, but I believe that as long as you function well in society and you do the right thing, who's to say where the line is?



Willy Douglas  
Political Activist  
San Diego

Back in college, I used to be drunk all the time. I went to the University of Utah. You wouldn't believe that there's all kinds of drinking in Utah. It's a pretty liberal place. If you get with a liberal crowd, it's just a "Party Scene U.S.A." If you get involved with the party crowd there, it's just crazy. In college it was a way of life, but when you get older, you have more responsibilities. I'm always up for parties, regardless what age I am, but when you're younger, you have more reasons to party. All partying is good.

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**TALL, SLIM BRUNETTE**, 67, seeks tall, white, nonsmoking male, 65-75, for conversation, exploring Balboa Park, dining out, movies, concerts, dancing. (12/10) ☎90104

**FEMALE, 51, SEEKING MALE** relationship, who is sincere, dependable, humorous, traveler, average-looking guy, North County area. Prefer Christian with morals. I'm 5', petite, average. (12/3) ☎90078

**DOCTOR, BEAUTIFUL**, passionate, 39, 5'5", 125lbs., loving, fit. Seeking a very successful, well-educated, loving, sportive, adventurous, monogamous man. (12/10) ☎90118

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**SINGLE MOM LOOKING FOR** Mr. Right. I'm 37, Hispanic, 5' and looking for nonsmoker, professional Caucasian or Hispanic male between 35-45. Good sense of humor. (12/10) ☎90092

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**NICE GIRL LOOKING FOR YOU.** Slender, attractive, late 40's, active, fun, love outdoors, Disneyland, park, theater, movies. You: clean shaven, fit, attractive, spiritually grounded, nonsmoker. (12/10) ☎90100

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**TALL, ATTRACTIVE, SLENDER**, woman professional, 57, nonsmoker, honest, outgoing personality, good sense of humor. I enjoy long walks and quiet times. Seeking similar man. (12/3) ☎90075

**COUNTRY GIRL, 39**, beautiful, fit, professional. Seeking laid back, successful, country guy for friendship, and more. Over 40, 6'+, caucasian. Laughs, and good times. (12/10) ☎90106

**MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?** Me: exotic, dark and lovely, tall and sexy, independent and secure. You: tall, dark and handsome, clean, cute, nonsmoker, 40-49, who enjoys life. (12/3) ☎90074

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**HAPPY, ACTIVE, SUCCESSFUL** man, 42, 6'1", handsome and athletic. Looking long term. Want a great relationship, and devoted partner? Me too. Call! (12/10) ☎90612

**BLACK MALE, 41**, looking for full-figured, white woman, for conversations, walks on the beach, music, closeness, honesty, laughter, long-term relationship. Age between 35-55. (12/10) ☎90611

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**GORGEOUS LATINO MALE**, fit, slim, 5'8", educated, homeowner. Seeks woman with sweet personality, 23-43, 5'3"+. (12/10) ☎90580

**SURF, BLADES, BIKES**, jogs, guitarist, restaurants, theater, movies, 37, 5'11", athletic build, spontaneous, North County coastal. You: athletic, quiet evenings at home, time to date. (12/3) ☎90549

**HIGHLY-CEREBRAL** divorced white male, with sort of macho attitude, seeks sensual 40-something woman. A published author and opera singer. Let's start some fires! (12/10) ☎90588

**INTROVERTED, INTUITIVE** thinker seeks sensual, feeling type. Into astrology, mysticism, dreams, nature. Not new age. Pisces, Scorpio moon, Leo rising. 54, tall, slender, fit, bald. (12/3) ☎90569

**ATHLETIC MALE, SEEKING** female, petite in size, 90-110lbs., 4'10"-5'8", race not important, happy, loving relationship. Seeking you: 18-35. (12/10) ☎90578

**HANDSOME, FINANCIALLY** secure white male, 40s, massage specialist, seeks open-minded lady needing intimacy and sensual affection, enjoys massage and values her privacy and independence. (12/3) ☎90557

**MISSION BAY.** Caucasian male, 39, seeks woman who likes arts, crafts, walking, jogging, nature, shows, classical music. If you live at "Michaels" contact me. (12/10) ☎90582

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**ATTRACTIVE, ARTISTIC**, adventurous skier, surfer, tennis player, professional, 42. Seeking funny, fit, attractive, easygoing, positive, best friend/lover, for quality times worth exploring the possibilities. (12/10) ☎90607

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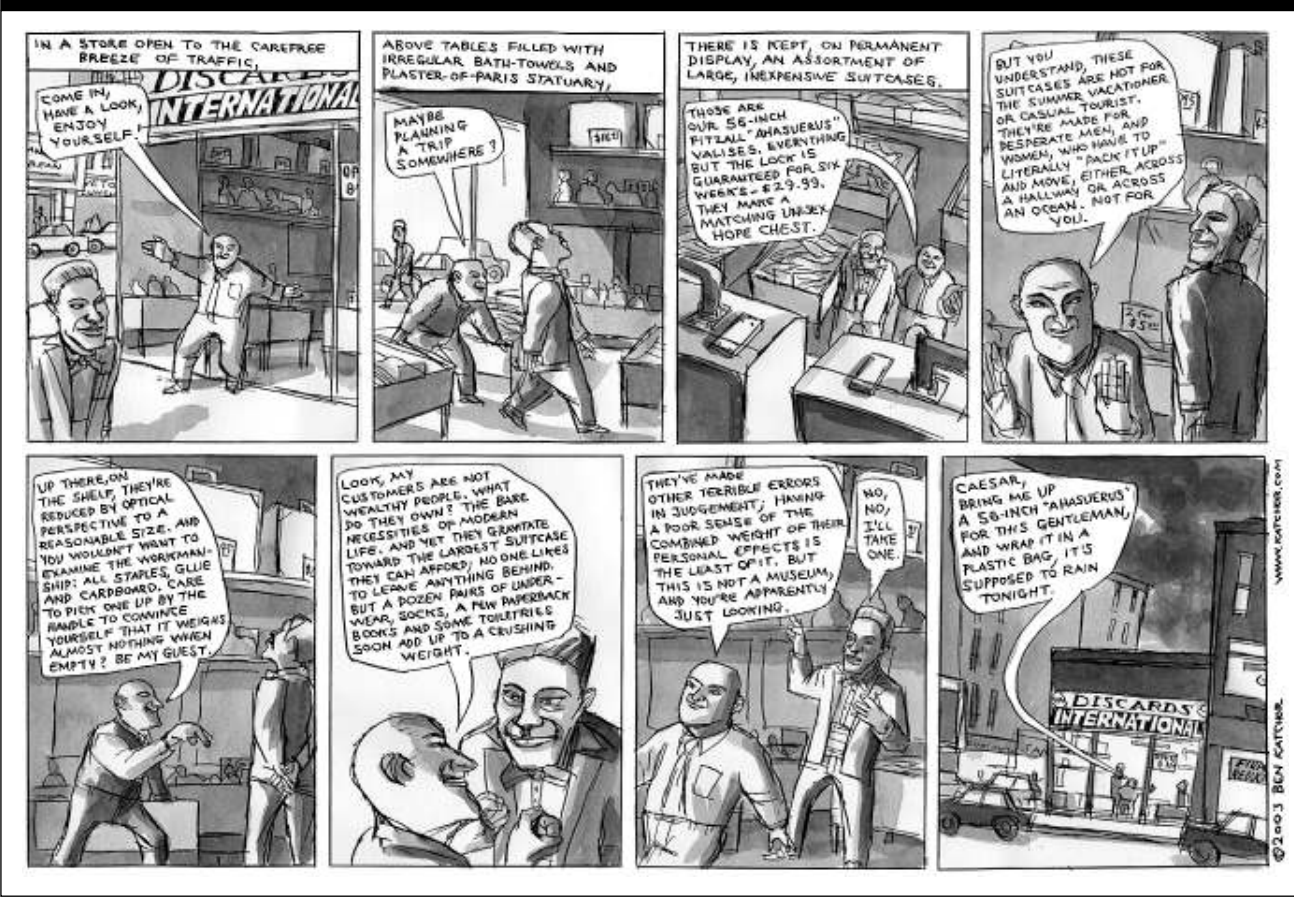
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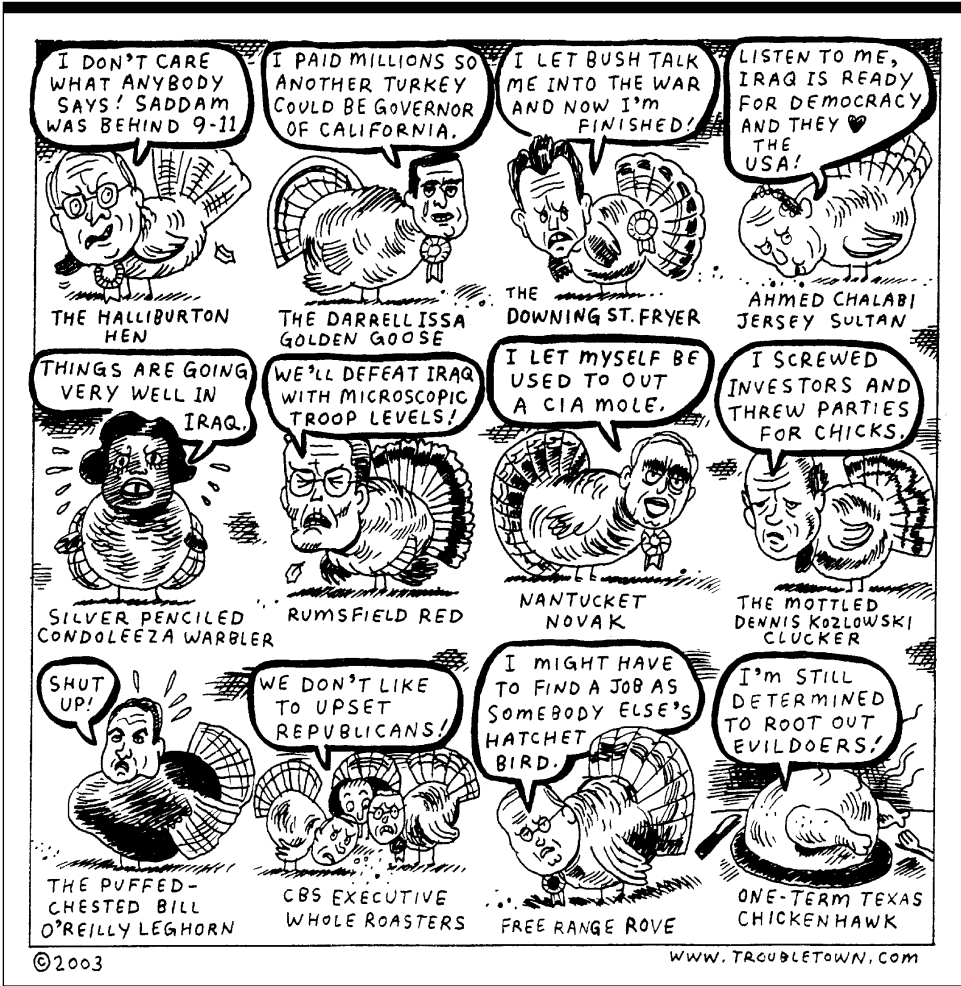
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### Across

- San Francisco's \_\_\_\_ Hill
- At the drop of \_\_\_\_
- Goes quickly
- D.D.E.'s W.W. II command
- Name spelled out in a 1970 hit
- No longer cooped up
- Meets
- 1948 creation
- Soliloquy start, soliloquy start, soliloquy start, soliloquy start ...
- Often
- Bassoonist's buy
- Desert of 19-Across
- Go for another 12 issues, say
- Kind of nut
- Specification at Payless
- Spooky Serling
- One of the Bushes
- "Pogo" cartoonist Kelly
- "Action! ... Cut!," "Action! ... Cut!," "Action! ... Cut!," "Action! ... Cut!," "Action! ... Cut!," ...
- Jessica of the PTL scandal
- Water carrier
- Soldier at Antietam
- Post-op stop, maybe: Abbr.
- Where achievers go
- They're common in Mississippi
- Metronome setting
- A gem of a lady?
- "To Live and Die \_\_\_\_"
- Grizzly, grizzly, grizzly, grizzly ...
- Shopping on Christmas Eve, e.g.
- Symbol of Americanism
- Brought out
- 1963 role for Liz
- Photo blow-up: Abbr.
- Tippy canoe area
- A plain Jane
- Dim sum sauce

### Down

- Drink of the gods
- "My Favorite Year" star
- Chocolate treat
- Brother of Billy, Daniel and Stephen
- Second of three words in West Point's motto
- Coeur d'\_\_\_\_, Idaho
- Enough to whet one's lips
- Rack's partner
- Like some heroes
- Shopaholic's binge
- Braces go-with

- Atlanta-to-Raleigh dir.
- Gateway Arch city: Abbr.
- November marcher
- Lazybones
- Fish of the genus Electrophorus
- Spot checker?
- Moo goo gai pan pan
- Over in Germany
- \_\_\_\_ vu
- Something to do in a suit
- Net work?
- One-finger sign
- Uproar
- Two-finger sign
- Bestseller
- It's nonreturnable
- Gave birth, in the stable
- Attacks anonymously
- Weather warmer
- In Solomon's way
- "Lethal Weapon 2," "...3" and "...4" actor
- Timeless Christmas wish
- Put on
- Pariah
- 1990 World Series champs
- It's gentle on the skin
- Billy Joel's "Tell \_\_\_\_ About It"
- Orthodontists' org.

### RULES OF THE GAME

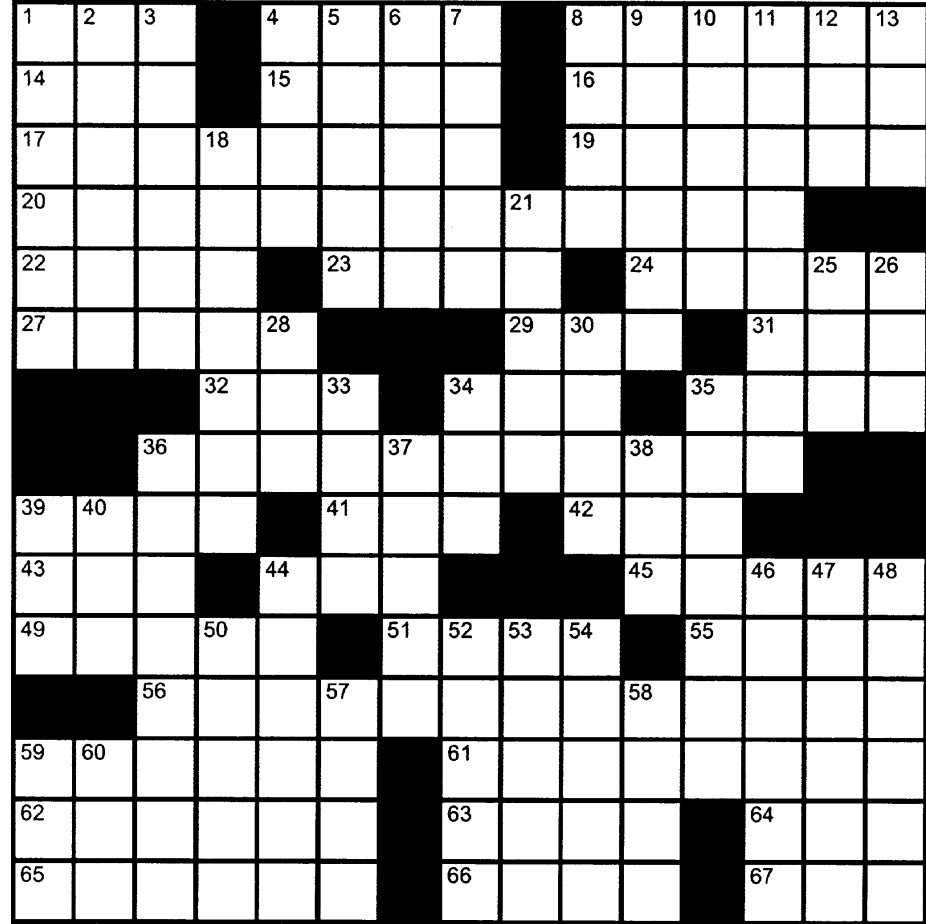
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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 11/20/03.

Of the 86 entrants, 83 were correct. The winners are:

- Janssen Bernales, *San Diego*
- Armando Real, *La Mesa*
- Ed Lester, *La Jolla*
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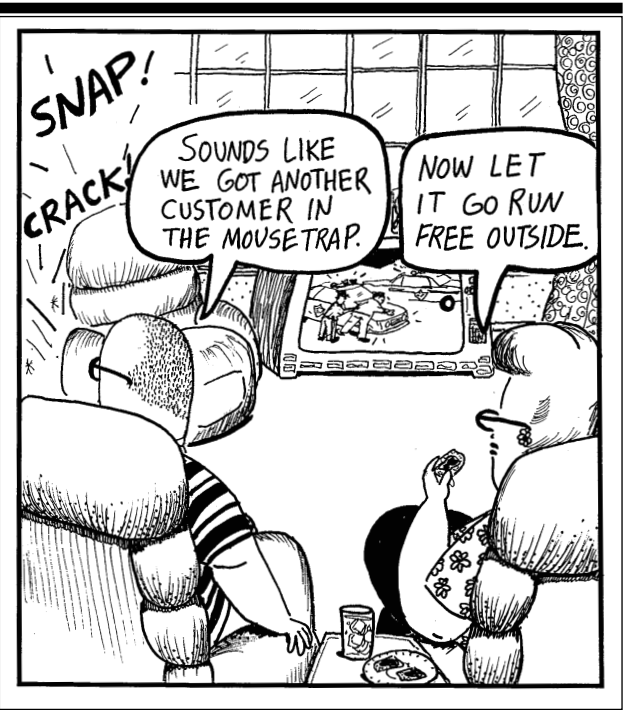


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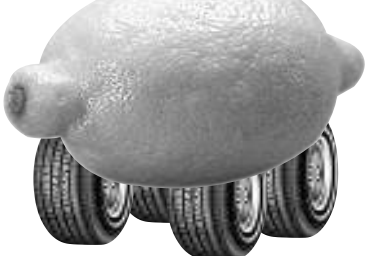
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**KITTEN.** "Rocky," gray and white tabby/Siamese mix male, neutered, shots, 9 weeks old, rescued. Seeking permanent, loving home. Contact helppets.petfinder.org or 760-788-7079.

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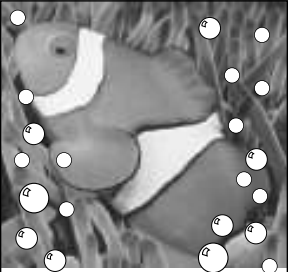


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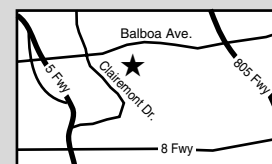


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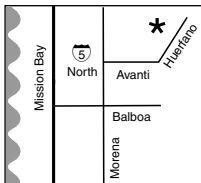
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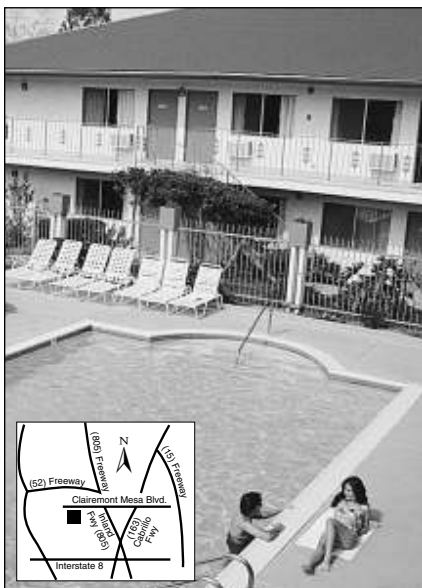
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**SOUTH SAN DIEGO.** Garage sale. Saturday/Sunday. Almost new water cooler, ice chests, clothes, books, computer stuff. 2539 Caulfield Drive (92154). 619-206-9980.

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**CLAIREMONT.** Garage sale. 8am, Saturday, 11/29. Making room for new baby. Plants, household items, clothes, lots miscellaneous items. 3034 Luna Avenue. No early birds please.

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**GOLDEN HILL.** Huge garage sale. 8am-1pm, Sunday, 11/30. Appliances, furniture, artwork, kitchenware. Nice items. 2657 Russ Blvd.

**KEARNY MESA.** Winter warehouse sale. 10am-4pm, 2 weeks straight, 12/3-12/24 and 12/10-12/11. Womens and kids hand knit sweaters, hats and bags. 5775 Chesapeake Court, 800-676-7426.

**MIRA MESA.** Craft fair. 9am-4pm, Saturday, 12/6. Ericson Elementary School, 11174 Westonhills Drive.

**NORTH PARK.** Yard sale. 11/29. The ultimate multifamily sale. Antiques, kitsch, furnishings, watches, sports, collectibles, clothing, jewelry. 1000s items. Price is right. 4070 Kansas Street.

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**SERRA MESA.** Yard sale. 8-11am, Sunday, 11/30. All Barbie items, Barbie clothes in excellent condition. Cheap! 3485 Unida Place (92123).

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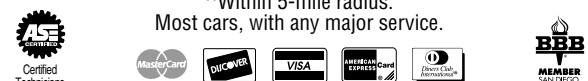
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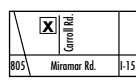
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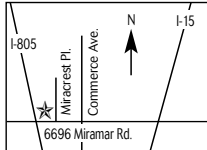
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— Michael Nelson opened a law firm in an Orlando, Fla., suburb recently (plush leased office space, a Mercedes company car, a letterhead listing law partners) and began soliciting business from drug convicts’ families, offering to negotiate reduced sentences for their kin. However, an investigation by WKMG-TV revealed in November not only that Nelson and his “partners” are not lawyers but also that Nelson “practices” only during the day because he returns to a halfway house every night to finish a five-year bank-fraud sentence. The station also found that business was good, with “hundreds of thousands of dollars” “received or solicited.” Amazed at the station’s findings, the U.S. Bureau of Prisons revoked Nelson’s halfway-house privilege and began its own investigation.

**Inexplicable**

— In July, to increase membership, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Cape Town, South Africa, voted 19-2 to become the Death Penalty Party of South Africa, with a special “lesbigay” subgroup. ... In September, the Manitoba government announced it was ordering 40,000 condoms for prisoners in its ten jails and specified that they be of “assorted flavors” of “strawberry, banana and vanilla” (though shortly afterward, it cut back on the number).

**Latest Religious Messages**

— During filming in a remote area of Italy earlier this year for the controversial Mel Gibson film *The Passion of Christ*, the actor who portrays Jesus was struck during a lightning storm, according to an October report in the trade paper *Variety*. Also struck was assistant director Jan Michellini, who had been struck by lightning at a previous shoot for the film, in Matera, Italy. None of the strikes created a serious injury. — Dale Doell’s preaching parrot (vocabulary: 2600 words, many of which form Christian evangelical messages) flew away while at Doell’s father-in-law’s home in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, in August and is still missing. Doell told a reporter in September that he’d just have to see “what

the Lord is going to do” about the parrot, named Solomon. — “News of the Weird” reported in 2001 that some priests in Kali temples in Tamil Nadu, India, still practiced an ancient ritual in which a child was buried alive (for 60 seconds, anyway) as a method of activating the Goddess Kaliamman to bless the child. Indian human rights organizations complained, and this year, in November, a temple priest in Madurai district demonstrated an altered ritual. The Goddess Kaliamman’s blessings would be just as effectively conveyed, he said, by having each child (about 60 children, aged 1 to 12) lie down on special leaf mats and having the priest leap over each one. — The *Philadelphia Inquirer* reported in September on what it called increased instances nationwide of black Baptist clergymen consecrating themselves as “bishops,” which are not formal Baptist positions and are sometimes assumed against the will of their congregations. The new bishops say the title gives them added credibility, and Baptists’ tradition of local autonomy discourages leaders outside the congregation from objecting, but critics say it’s an example of some pastors being caught up in the “celebrity culture.”

**Least Competent Criminals**

— “News of the Weird” has reported several times on police-officer wannabes who don uniforms and perform freelance traffic stops (usually limiting their work to lecturing the motorists). However, faced with recalcitrant drivers, police impostors Jeremy Lepianka, 22, in Syracuse, N.Y., in September, and Donald Sebastian, 54, in Cleveland, Ohio, in November, took an extra, bold step: they actually called headquarters for backup. In both cases, the incidents led to the impostors’ arrests. (Asked for an explanation for his obsession, Sebastian said it was just his way of giving back to the community.)

**Things People Believe**

— Mark Your Calendars: Indonesian police, fearing mass suicides, detained leaders of the Christian “Sibuea” church on Nov. 11 after the world failed to end, as they had predicted, on

Nov. 10 (Bandung, Indonesia). ... According to a November *Houston Chronicle* dispatch, Catholic priest Alfredo Prado, under accusations of child molestation, fled his church in San Antonio and joined a doomsday cult with a reputation for violence, according to the archbishop of San Antonio (San Isidro de Grecia, Costa Rica).

**Update**

— A familiar “News of the Weird” character, the indefatigable gay-hating Rev. Fred Phelps of Topeka, Kan., announced in October that he would take advantage of the Casper, Wyo., city council’s earlier decision to allow a religious monument (the Ten Commandments) in a city park by erecting his own religious monument: a statue celebrating the 1998 fatal gay-bashing of Casper’s Matthew Shepard. (A U.S. Court of Appeals had ruled that a city cannot discriminate among religious messages.) The city council subsequently decided that its Ten Commandments monument was a bad idea and voted to remove it and ban all religious messages from the park.

**More Things to Worry About**

— According to testimony at a disciplinary hearing, British dentist Neville Kan, working on a patient who already owed him the equivalent of \$100, drilled a hole in her tooth and said he’d fill it only if she paid up immediately (Chiswick, England, July). ... A 26-year-old man, arrested in an Internet sting for trying to meet a “15-year-old girl” (who was a cop), asked the arresting officer if he’d be released on bond in time to make a scheduled meeting with his fiancée about their upcoming wedding (Fort Worth, Texas, July).

**Alternate Universe**

— In an October report, the federal government’s General Accounting Office revealed that the Pentagon has been lax in monitoring who was buying its surplus chemical and biological equipment and that such items could easily have found their way to terrorists (and been bought at deep discounts). On the other hand, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency admitted in September that it had been monitoring a web-cam of a factory

on Scotland’s Isle of Islay that it said resembled a chemical weapons lab but which turned out to be a whiskey distillery.

**Names in the News**

— Ms. Dorothy M. Death, 91, died in Van Wert, Ohio, in July, but Jon David Died, of Akron, Ohio, is quite alive. (In fact, he accused the county board of elections in August of botching papers that he had filed to run for the Akron City Council.) ... Expatriate American Thomas Frank White, now living in Thailand, was accused by Mexican authorities in May of having had sex with children; to fight extradition, he hired a Thai attorney named Kittyporn Arunrat.

**Thinning the Herd**

— A 27-year-old man, fishing with three friends, choked to death on a four-inch bream that he had put into his mouth, possibly to imitate a stunt he had seen on television (Palatka, Fla., October). ... A man commandeered a fire-department rescue boat but then drowned when he leaped overboard while being pursued by police; trained rescue personnel were late arriving at the scene because, after all, their boat had been stolen (Nashville, Tenn., August).

**In the Past Month...**

— Hearing jeers during a curtain call after his version of the Richard Wagner opera *Tristan und Isolde*, director Gerald Thomas dropped his trousers and mooned the audience (Rio de Janeiro). ... Lyon, France, bought 10,000 plastic dog droppings to place on the city’s sidewalks, hoping they would shock dog owners’ consciences into cleaning up after their own dogs. ... Naked Lunch, believed to be the country’s first stand-alone (not located in a nudist camp) clothing-optional restaurant, opened in downtown Key West.

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“The End Is In Sight”...little difference between that phrase and “The End Is Near.”

By John Brizzolara

As I write this, it is a blustery Sunday morning, the second day of November, All Souls Day or, only a few short miles away, the Day of the Dead. Clouds like white papal smoke and darker, slower juggernauts: great bruises, enormous charcoals and plums jostling each other against the startling blue and bleached winter sunlight. The memory of fire and the choking rain of ash are still vivid, but today is a fine one for breathing and an occasion to celebrate an end to enforced immobility, which is, when you come down to it, death all over.

Oh, immobility, death's vast associate,  
you are the still center around which we jog.  
Could you be more than idea?  
Even a grave  
Is mounted on the earth, which rolls around  
The sun, which tumbles through the galaxy  
But here my astronomy fails me.  
...I have felt this immobility, something  
holding me down: a grand disinclination.  
You know how it is...?  
— Stephen Dobyns

It is the second, maybe the third day that the surreal pall of smoke and cyanide gas from over a quarter-million acres of wildfire has lifted. Yes, it was Friday that brought the first real relief. The headlines of today's *Union-Tribune* read “The End Is In Sight.”

How very little difference between that phrase and “The End Is Near.” It will have been weeks ago by the time you read this, the Day of the Dead, but every year I feel compelled to mark it with a scribble, and this one I don't want to forget.

During the final week of October, the elderly and infirm, children, and those with heart or respiratory disease were urged to remain indoors, avoid exertion, and breathe through a mask or wet cloth. I qualify one way or another as all of these. My myopathic cardio ruin has its figurative hands full at the best of times pushing blood to my lungs (which in turn must shunt oxygen through the old corpus) with compromised efficiency. But under conditions such as those this past week — with the elementals of fire trumping those of air — I was relegated to my blind-drawn room, supine and gasping. Looking up occasionally from paperback novels with “death” in the title, I could see the orange and powdered-slate light outside, between the ash-coated slats of the blinds; and for three days it was, for all the world, as if I were inhabiting a landscape of the undead.

Even when compelled to get to my feet, cover my face like a bandit, and get aboard the Number 2 bus heading downtown to Rite-Aid and heart meds, the effect was only exacerbated, not lifted. It was Monday, the 27th of October, that I was forced to stir from the sheets, already collecting a fine silting of a county's worth of burnt scrub and the oily, carbonized residue of fried insulation and wiring from a thousand homes. The charred effluvia of countless vehicles gutted by flame and now rendered into sightless, motionless carapaces like the skeletons of ancient and giant invertebrates and saurians frozen in the wake of a smoldering comet now settled equally on the living and the dead. Downtown San Diego was the set for a vast-budgeted science-fiction film, where the homeless have inherited the earth with the onset of apocalypse.

Like the infernal city of Dis (it must be), the sun was an angry bloody wound surrounded with a corona like a powder burn around a bullet hole. Confetti of pale gray, white, and black fell like some cynical parody of snow onto Broadway and the upturned, unblinking gazes of platoons of the homeless. Unmasked, refusing proffered ones from volunteers distributing them from the passenger windows of SUVs, the street people took the surreal new world in stride, only a curious twist on the already hostile old one. If anything, this brave new environment seemed somehow more suitable or appropriate, as if everything that came before was a rehearsal or prologue to this incinerated reality. Few cars plied the choked arteries of the city, and conversations, on foot, around podiums of shopping carts in midintersection, played out like visually echoing tableaux.

The air in the city was close, dead; “snuffed” was the word that kept coming



My myopathic cardio ruin had its figurative hands full.

up. Something vital had been all but extinguished in this city become ashtray.

Behind the counter at a convenience store, a man was watching the television. On screen, a man with a microphone and a mask stood before roiling smoke clouds and 30-foot flames. “It is hard to imagine hell being any different,” he said. I remember that.

And I recall thinking that it was momentarily hard to remember the world as it was before, as if this were the true landscape always lurking beneath a milder illusion. And what had been extinguished, or all but? I want to say dream and dance. There was no dance to anyone's step. I'm pretty sure.

And it is Monday now; the Day of the Dead has passed.

...Time to get up, old carcass; to work, to work!  
Set your feet among the flux! Drag your shadow  
out across the land! It's time to mingle your shoes  
with the buyers and sellers, one foot forward, then  
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person who came up with this fabulous idea. For many years, my trips to Starbucks were limited by the number of children I had in the car with me. Imagine I were driving to the grocery store with my three youngest kids, Lucy, Johnny, and Ben. Suppose the craving for a cinnamon-spice mocha or a gingerbread latte were to strike. I would glance at the three children bouncing around in the back of the van. Surely, if we drove to Starbucks, parked, and walked in, there would be a long line of other thirsty coffee cravers. Lucy would whine for a treat, say, a chocolate-covered graham cracker. Johnny would see how many travel mugs he could grab off the display, and Ben would try to eat the coffee beans along the counter that show the Starbucks roasting process. *Nope, not worth it*, I would think to myself. In the past three years, two Starbucks drive-thrus have been built within a few miles of our home in San Marcos. Now, I can indulge my coffee jones anytime I want. Yesterday on my way home from dropping the girls at school, I steered the car toward the familiar green logo. “Are we going to Starbucks?” Johnny asked from the back seat. “Yes,” I answered. “Do you want some apple juice?” “Thanks, Mom. Ben, do you want some apple juice?” We’re all happy. Second thing I’m most thankful for: Costco. Oh, how I love Costco. There is something

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