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# Reader

My boots clomp against the concrete of the garage, and a gravelly paste falls from their arches to mingle with the oil patch in the center of the floor. I light a cigarette, blow the first puff out into the frigid air, and let the burnt match fall to the floor.

“Hey,” my dad howls. “Don’t drop those in here, throw them outside.”

The slab around my boots bears nearly two dozen burnt matches and cigarette butts. “What are you talking about? There’s a hundred already down there,” I answer.

“I know,” he counters. “I don’t need any more is all.” And with that he jumps up to grab a broom from the corner and starts sweeping the bits of debris out into the driveway.

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## The care and feeding of Lamont Ewell



Lamont Ewell

San Diego's Ethics Commission has released notes of interviews conducted earlier this year during its investigation of San Diego Data Processing Corporation honcho **Roger Talamantez**. Talamantez was sanctioned and forced to resign in January 2004 after his big spending of public funds on \$25 tequila shots and lavish parties came to light. Last month he agreed to pay a \$500 fine for a series of events in August 2003 in which he allegedly tried to pressure then-councilman **Michael Zucchet** to underground power lines in Talamantez's Mission Hills neighborhood. In February of this year, Ethics Commission investigator **Lauri Davis** called then-city manager **Lamont Ewell** to inquire about meals he had with Talamantez: "When asked about the October 2, 2002 dinner at Fio's with Talamantez, Ewell and their spouses, Ewell acknowledged that this dinner did occur. Ewell stated that they dined together as a 'social occasion' and it was 'non-job related.' They all acknowledged that it was a social occasion and did not discuss anything business related."

"Ewell remembers this dinner because they agreed to split the bill in half. Ewell said he paid Talamantez cash for his and his wife's portion. He remembers paying because he had to borrow additional money from his wife. Talamantez used a credit card to pay and Ewell just assumed it was Talamantez's personal credit card. Ewell was shocked when it came out last year that Talamantez had used a DPC credit card to pay for that dinner and reported it was a business expense when it clearly was a social occasion."

"Ewell said he would have asked for a receipt for his portion had he known what Talamantez was doing; however, it never occurred to him that years later this meal would be an issue. Ewell said he trusted Talamantez because he thought he was 'ethical' so he never dreamed he would need to ask for a receipt."

"Ewell said a November 4, 2002, \$228.90 'meal' at Doubletree 'never happened.' Ewell insisted that he never had dinner with the people listed on the receipt," Davis continued. She noted that "Talamantez wrote a handwritten receipt for this meal stating 'Lost receipt \$228.90 — Doubletree — City Managers Exec. Seminar Dinner — Roger Talamantez, Lamont Ewell, **Rey Arellano**, **Larry Gardner**. Discussion of Retreat.'"

As Ewell remembered the evening, "This was not really a 'dinner' but in fact for 'drinks' at the management retreat. Ewell replied that after the management retreat was over they had a 'cash bar' and had some drinks. Ewell said alcohol has never been allowed at city expense which is why they had a cash bar. Ewell said he paid cash for his own drinks and he saw Talamantez purchase some drinks; however, Ewell did not know Talamantez was using a DPC credit card to purchase those drinks."

"Ewell was asked if he understood that even if there is a 'social occasion' and someone purchases a meal or drinks for him he may still be required to report it on his SEI. He acknowledged that he knows that. We discussed reciprocal meals and he asked about regular reciprocal meals he has with the County Administrator. I explained that those would need to be reported too if they exceed \$50 in aggregate. I told

him that we have been making sure people know about reciprocal meals when we do our training as this issue came up recently in our office. Ewell said he would be attending the Ethics Commission training session in March."

## Old Navy brand

As of last Friday, a mug shot of new mayor **Jerry Sanders** had yet to be posted in the glass case of honor near the elevators at San Diego city hall, but that of ex-admiral **Ronne Froman**, his second-in-command, is already there, joining those of the city council and city attorney **Mike Aguirre**. ... With San Diego's strong-mayor era rapidly approaching, city holdovers are leaving in droves. In the Water



Ronne Froman

Department, long a source of controversy over its bad management, the trend has been especially pronounced. In addition to director **Frank Belock** and deputy **Vic Baines**, human resources manager **Paulette Mormino** has departed. Another big gun to leave the City recently: **Jonathan Dunchack**, manager of "special projects," which included the expansion of Qualcomm Stadium, build-out of the convention center, and construction of the Padres' baseball stadium. His last day was December 5.

**To all a broke night** It's not much of a merry Christmas at the once-mighty San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. In a letter e-mailed to members last week, president **Jessie Knight** spelled out the bad news. "Like most non-profit organizations, the Chamber has to fight annually just to stay out of the red. In point of fact, 2005 has been a tumultuous year for the Chamber financially, although it is anticipated we will make the bottom line goal for the year," he wrote. "To that end, to minimize operational costs during the December holiday season, the Chamber will go to limited staff from December 16-31, 2005. While our reception desk will be closed, Chamber staff will be available by calling the Chamber's main line at (619) 544-1300."

## Hot wheels

More evidence that **Brent Wilkes**, the Poway defense contractor and sports car connoisseur at the center of the **Duke Cunningham** bribery scandal, was generous to a fault comes from a fundraising solicitation for Children's Hospital authored two years ago by San Diego Porsche club president **Bill Allen**: "The goal is to raise at least \$1 million from throughout the community by the



Brent Wilkes

50th anniversary celebration in November 2004. Thanks to Poway's **Gina** and Brent Wilkes, who are serving as the campaign's Honorary Chairs, they have a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$1 million for every contribution."

— Matt Potter

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## Vending-Machine Charity Suspect

By Don Bauder

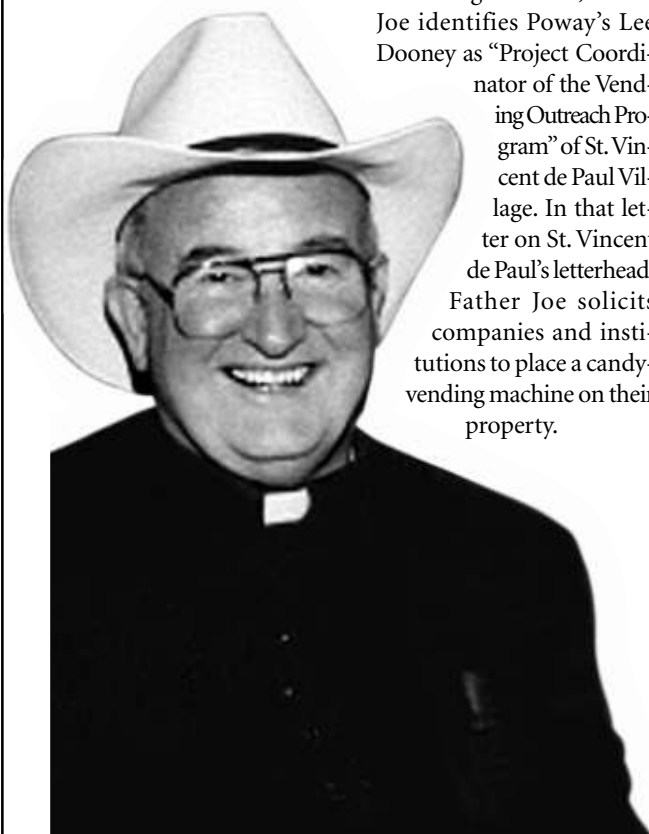
Father Joe Carroll and his charity venture, St. Vincent de Paul Village, have deservedly good names. But if the promotion-minded

Father Joe strays too far, he risks besmirching those reputations.

It could happen in North County. With Father Joe's blessing, a for-profit vend-

ing company claims it is part of St. Vincent's nonprofit operation, when in fact the vending firm gives only a percentage of its profits to the charity.

In a signed letter, Father Joe identifies Poway's Lee Dooney as "Project Coordinator of the Vending Outreach Program" of St. Vincent de Paul Village. In that letter on St. Vincent de Paul's letterhead, Father Joe solicits companies and institutions to place a candy-vending machine on their property.



Father Joe Carroll

Father Joe asks them to place "our candy machine at your location."

But by Father Joe's admission, Dooney runs a for-profit vending company that owns and services the machines. "We don't want to be owning [vending machines] or maintaining them. It's an awful lot of work," says Father Joe. Dooney "is a businessman; he pays taxes. We don't want to be in competition with businesses. He uses our name; we get a cut; we are happy."

Why does he refer to "our" machines? "Technically, they are our machines because we get paid for each location. That is the way we look at it," says Father Joe. Sorry. That's a rationalization that just doesn't wash.

"It's really a racket," says Edward Murphy, a marketing consultant from Pacific Palisades. "A lot of people in the bulk candy business will say a part of proceeds go to whatever charity. But you should not masquerade as the charity. You should say you are a private vendor that gives a portion of returns to charity."

The recorded message at Dooney's company says, "You have reached St. Vincent de Paul Vending Outreach Program."

Murphy says he was hired

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## Mission Valley Project May Violate Code

By Joe Deegan

**I**n early September the plan to build the Pacific Coast Office Building into Mission Valley's southern hillside sounded innocuous enough

to community watchdog Randy Berkman. Then the building's developer, Robert Pollack, sent him a mid-October e-mail promising not to build during the California gnatcatcher's nesting season.

"That was the first time I remember an owner offering anything like that," Berkman tells me. "I saw it as a plus, but it also made me think something else might be wrong, so I closely reviewed the plan's mitigated negative declaration. I then found legal issues."

Pollack, a La Mesa plastic surgeon, was proposing construction at the southern end of Scheidler Way, off Camino del Rio South between I-15 and 805. In December 2003 he had purchased five acres there for \$250,000, or \$50,000 per acre. That low price for Mission Valley property suggested to Berkman that the parcel has "developability problems." What eventually concerned him about the office building was the amount of earth it would remove from the

hillside, the length and size of its retaining walls, and its intrusion into designated open space. The Mission Valley Community Plan and the San Diego Municipal Code provide guidelines covering each issue. And the Pacific Coast Office Building project, according to Berkman, was going to violate those guidelines.



California golden sage

Take the 6300 cubic yards of excavation to a depth of 23 feet that the project requires. "A standard dump truck holds 10 cubic yards," says Berkman. "That's 630 dump truck loads

of soil, and they're saying that would be only a minimal disturbance of the natural terrain, which happens to contain coastal sage scrub, the gnatcatcher's natural habitat [both the gnatcatcher and the habitat are environmentally threatened]. The south hill-sides in Mission Valley still do have a fair amount of coastal sage left. The restrictions in the Mission Valley plan are either no grading at the base of the slopes or minimal grading higher up. So at least we have a minimal-disturbance restriction in place. Will the city now assert that 630 dump trucks of excavation is minimal?"

Then there's the 1865 feet of retaining wall that the project requires. "The walls are noncompliant with municipal code, which says that building walls for erosion on steep hill-sides is permitted only to protect existing primary structures or public improvements. The key word is 'existing.' These walls were being built only for a future private building. And anyway, if you have to make a fortress out of your office building," asks Berkman, "doesn't that tell you that something is wrong here? But it wouldn't surprise me to see the city twist that language or basically ignore it."

Another critic of the Pacific Coast Office Building has been Eric Bowlby, the San Diego chapter of the Sierra Club's canyon and creeks preserva-



Eric Bowlby

tion organizer. On October 27, Bowlby wrote to Bob Didion, a project officer in the city's Development Services Department, requesting that the developer be required to file an environmental impact report instead of a mitigated negative declaration. An environmental impact report is required when a project will have a "significant adverse effect" on the environment; a mitigated negative declaration is filed when a project can be revised so that a potentially significant adverse effect can be reduced to insignificance. Bowlby cited negative "visual impacts" along with

the excavation and retaining-wall problems that the project would cause. He also noted that the construction was set to take place on land classified as "steep hillside," a terrain the Mission Valley Community Plan protects. "Mission Valley's landmark steep hill-sides warrant the consideration of project alternatives that reduce and avoid such impacts," wrote Bowlby.

In the meantime, both Berkman and Bowlby began smelling something fishy about the office building's proposed height. In a section entitled "Preservation of Steep Slopes," the San Diego Municipal Code

states, "Development, including road construction, above the 150 foot line shall not occur." And the Mission Valley Community Plan reads, "Development oriented to the Valley and accessed by roads from the Valley floor should not extend above the 150-foot elevation contour."

The Pacific Coast Office Building's final mitigated negative declaration acknowledges this restriction. But it also contains drawings with 150-foot-plus elevations typed in print so small they are almost impossible to read. Elevations that high would push the building into designated open space and be illegal. "It shows how well this plan was covered up," says Berkman. "You had to be like Sherlock Holmes to figure it out."

To a clarification inquiry by Randy Berkman, Elizabeth Shearer-Nguyen, the city's analyst for the project, responded that the proposed office building would not intrude into designated open space. Not satisfied, however, Berkman on October 31 contacted the city's Bill Tripp, assigned to the project as its manager. Tripp admitted that the building would reach a 200-foot elevation, intruding 50 feet into the designated open-space area. In a subsequent e-mail to the San Diego city attorney's office, Berkman wrote, "When the city staff makes misleading statements to get a project approved, this cannot and



Mission Valley hillside site

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## Charity suspect

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by Dooney to find 75 locations for vending machines in North County. "I asked him, 'Are you St. Vincent de Paul's?'"

says Murphy. "He said 'yes' and I took him at his word. That's what I was telling the accounts."

After he placed eight machines, saying that he represented St. Vincent de Paul, he went to see Dooney at his

Poway digs. They are in pricey "horse country — really nice," Murphy says. Dooney told him he had 2000 accounts, according to Murphy, who did some arithmetic. Dooney should be generating gross of half a million dollars a year

on that many machines.

But Father Joe's letter to potential locations says that St. Vincent gets \$25,000 a year from the so-called outreach. Even after subtracting product, labor, machine maintenance, and other expenses

from the \$500,000 gross, St. Vincent is getting "a small slice of a rich pie," figured Murphy.

Enraged, he called his eight accounts and said he had mistakenly misled them. He suggested they take the machines

out. "I sent [Father Joe] an e-mail. I blasted Dooney. I said I know what's going on," says Murphy. The pictures on the machines should be of Dooney and not Father Joe, Murphy told the priest.

Father Joe has equally unkind things to say about Murphy. "He was a guy who wanted a cut of the pie. He tried to get in with Dooney's company. It's sour grapes," says the priest.

Murphy heatedly denies that any such thing happened, adding, "I am not in the vending business."

Tom Koppel set up the business and after 15 years sold it to Dooney. From the outset, Father Joe "wanted me to identify myself as being from St. Vincent de Paul," says Koppel. Initially, there were donation boxes on top of the machines, and those who provided locations were encouraged to donate "old office furniture, food, refrigerators. But we needed to have a for-profit company. By law, a nonprofit cannot be involved in [certain] for-profit deals."

As soon as I asked Koppel about Father Joe's reference in his letter to "our" machines, Koppel said he had to go: someone was at the door.

Dooney says he bought the business only last September and can't comment. "I am carrying forth everything that was already in place with Father Joe," he says.

People in the vending industry see problems in this marketing approach. Charles Hanna is a vending-industry ethicist. He runs the Hanna Group in Lenexa, Kansas, and is author of *The Vending Industry: History, Trends, Secrets, Opportunities and Scams*. He says it is not unusual for small vending-machine operators to hook up with a charity as a marketing ploy. But "people have to say who they are," says Hanna. There should be full disclosure of who is operating the machine. "Most charities say XYZ Vending Company is associated with us. A lot of nonprofits have withdrawn from these plans when anybody makes any noise."

The Chicago-based vending trade association, the National Automatic Merchandising Association, says that "a vending company misrepresenting its profits as

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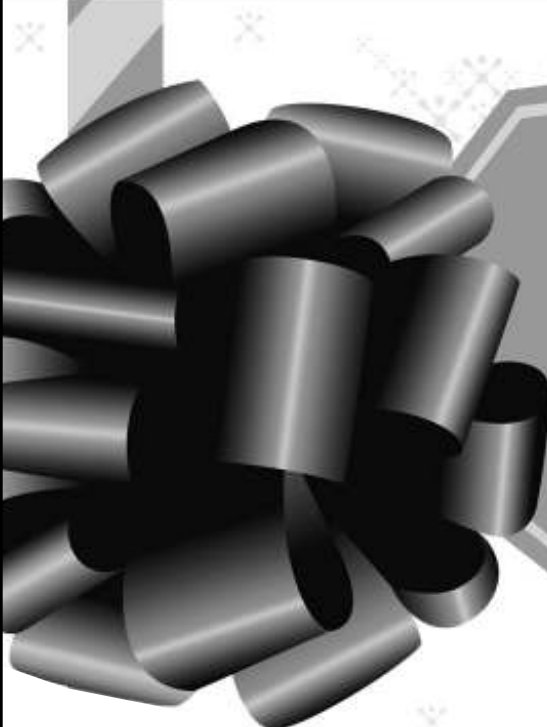


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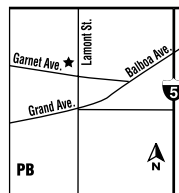


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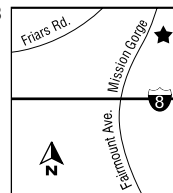
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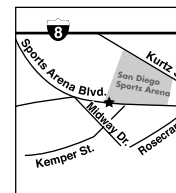
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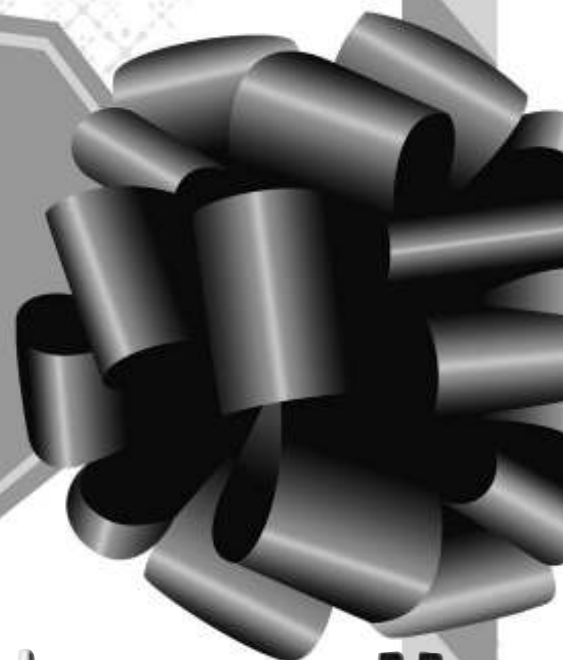
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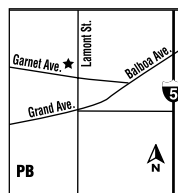
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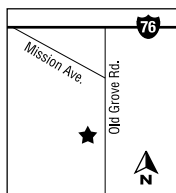
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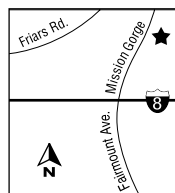
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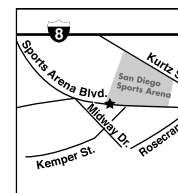
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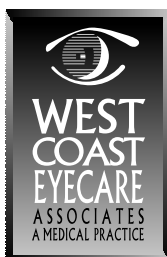
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## Charity suspect

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charitable contributions...[is] something NAMA would never condone." It says that St. Vincent de Paul's Vending Outreach Program is not a member of the association.

Competitors have problems with the Dooney/Father Joe approach too. "If all the money [less costs] does not go back to the church, it is unfair to other vendors," says Rhett Edwards, office manager of San Diego's Sunset Vending.

The exact relationship of the vending company and the charity "should be clearly stated on the sticker on the machine," says Rick Pierce of Pierce Vending in Temecula.

Murphy agrees, saying that stickers should make clear that only a portion of vendors' profits go to charity. "Dooney's machines simply display big stickers that feature a smiling Father Joe accompanied by text that reads, 'Help Father Joe feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and clothe the naked,'" says Murphy. Potential locations can't resist such a pitch, he says.

Ron Wright, director of residence services at Bright Gardens, a home for the elderly in Carlsbad, says that the solicitation call he received was from a person purportedly "putting in candy machines for St. Vincent de Paul." Recently, Wright got a call (obviously from Murphy) apologizing for the untrue pitch, saying Father Joe gets only a small percent and suggesting the machines be removed. Wright hasn't decided what to do. A small percent "is better than no percent." ■

## Mission Valley

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should not be tolerated."

On November 2, Didion, the project officer for the Development Services Department, held a hearing to air public concerns about the office-building project. Deputy city attorney David Miller attended and raised questions about the project's compliance with city code. City staff responded by seeking what Berkman calls "an 11th-hour" exception to the Mission Valley Community Plan. They characterized the building site as an unusual piece of land with a bottom elevation of 150 feet. But Berkman had noticed that the staff's own initial study put the lowest point on the land at 136 feet in elevation. Afterward, Didion instructed city staff to amend the mitigated negative declaration and continued the hearing until January 11. Since then it has been rescheduled to January 18.

Berkman interprets Didion's instructions as demanding "full disclosure of the proposal's plan to [build] into an open space designated area." He says, "I consider what Didion did to be a severe reprimand of staff... It's saying, 'This thing is so inaccurate and misleading [that you must] redo it.'"

"This is a significant victory for the public," he continues, "the city attorney's office enforcing applicable codes rather than ignoring them and doing whatever staff says is okay."

But Berkman may be overly optimistic. When I talked to Didion shortly after the hearing, he told me that he had directed city staff to review issues raised by Berkman and Bowlby and to change the existing mitigated negative

declaration "to address their issues to the greatest possible extent." How strictly he will judge the staff's response when January 18 rolls around is an open question.

Since the hearing, Berkman has found in the city's case file for the Pacific Coast Office Building an interesting letter from the landowner's attorney, J. Michael McDade, to San Diego long-range planner John Wilhoit. The June 3, 2004, letter requests "initiation of a Mission Valley Community Plan amendment to address the proposal's exceeding of the 150-foot elevation limit." The letter is evidence that the project's concept included building into designated open space.

But given heightened attention recently to city heavy-handedness in development issues, Didion, when he revisits the issue in January, may still be responsive to sentiments like those of Terry Weiner, who wrote to him shortly before the November 2 hearing. Weiner is president of Friends of University Heights Open Space. "I have watched in dismay," she wrote, "as our steep hillsides on the south side of Mission Valley are encroached upon in bits and pieces from below.... What type of erosion will occur with the excavation of [6300 cubic yards] of sand from the hillside in the Pacific Coast Office Project?"

"I am disturbed that this proposed project seems to violate the spirit as well as the letter of our municipal plans and codes. Much of the importance of the north-facing slopes of Mission Valley lies in the visual relief they give. These southern maritime chaparral and coastal sage scrub hillsides are part of San Diego's remaining natural heritage." ■



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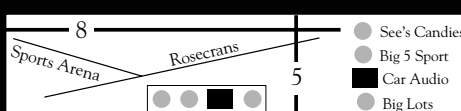
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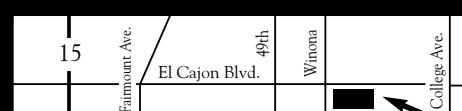
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### Brizzolara Is Real

Man, I love the writing of John Brizzolara. This week's story about being in Yum Yum Donuts, trying to think up ideas for a book, was just beautiful ("All Night Donuts," December 15). He's so human! I love his honesty. Love his humor. He's just so real. I'm so happy to read about his angst every week. John, you're not alone. God bless you.

Coco  
Clairemont

### Ugh

Why don't you people get a proofreader? Your spelling is obnoxious. I refer to the December 15 Reader, a story titled "All Night Donuts" — which you have spelt *doo-nuts* — on page 62 by John Brizzolara. The table of contents spells it "donuts." The page 62 title spells it "donuts." It's d-o-u-g-h-n-u-t-s. There's an "ugh" in doughnuts.

Name Withheld

"Donuts" is an accepted variation of the word "doughnuts," according to Webster's and American Heritage dictionaries. — Editor

### Article Vs. Actual

Your article "Kensington Business Balks at New City America," in the December 1 edition of the Reader ("City Lights"), is an interesting mix of fact and fiction.

While I believe the writer, Joe Deegan, tried to create an objective piece and help pass accurate information along to the public, many of the quotes as well as pertinent information are inaccurate.

Article states: "a new community-maintenance" plan was drawn up. Actual: A meeting with Allard Jansen, owner of the property at the corner of Adams and Marlborough, was arranged to pass along some improvement ideas that were provided to Allard as a packet of information.

Article states: "high-density housing may be coming to Kensington." Actual: Kensington is not part of a redevelopment district, as it is not one of the 16 redevelopment projects covered by the Redevelopment Agency of San Diego and is not zoned for higher-density growth (source, <http://www.sandiego.gov/redevelopment-agency/projarea.shtml>).

Article states: "Although not a local resident, Chance Billmeyer..." Actual: Chance Billmeyer is a local resident.

Article states: "On June 16, he [Chance Billmeyer] gathered a group of 15 Kensington business owners..." Actual: A meeting was arranged by Chance Billmeyer and Marcianne Gagliardi (president of the Kensington Talmadge Business Association) with Allard Jansen at the Century 21 offices. Marcianne Gagliardi contacted both property and business owners to receive initial feedback on improvement ideas for Kensington. Six property owners and six business owners were in attendance, according to our records.

Article states: "the Hanfords, his neighbors three doors to the west on Adams Avenue, received no notification of it." Actual: The Hanfords, owners of Kensington

Video, and most other Kensington businesses have been actively contacted regarding the Kensington Talmadge Business Association meetings for two years. The June 16 meeting was a follow-up to a regular mixer, open to all Kensington businesses. Guy Hanford has indicated that Winnie Hanford did not want to belong to the KTBA (Kensington Talmadge Business Association) and would not attend meetings.

Article states: "Adams Avenue in Kensington is filthy, unhealthy, and deteriorated." Actual: Roadside trees are not pruned, and the tree basins are filled with weeds and trash. Paver stones within the basins are cracked or loose or mostly nonexistent. Most basins are open areas cut within the sidewalk concrete with exposed dirt measuring around four by three feet. There have been increases in graffiti tagging, motorists continue to drive recklessly and exceed speed limits, and the Kensington community sign is in need of refurbishing. These are examples of how Adams Avenue has indeed "deteriorated."

Article states: "On July 19, approximately 60 Kensington business and property owners..." Actual: Five property and 12 business owners from Kensington attended this meeting, according to the sign-in sheet and our records of any additional attendees.

Article states: "several business owners complained that they had received no notification." Actual: The Hanfords and most other Kensington businesses have been actively contacted regarding the Kensington Talmadge Business Association meetings for two years. The KTBA meetings are open to all businesses and have been held quarterly

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# STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



Illustration by Rick Geary

Heymatt:

*My girlfriend has a hamster, which I consider to be a stupid animal. He constantly runs on his wheel. Hours and hours and hours. I watch and think, "Does he think he is actually going somewhere? Is it a sexual thing? Does he know it's good for him?" I hope you can change my opinion of him and in return save his life.*

— GC, San Diego

Do we have a severe case of hamster envy here? Girlfriend paying too much attention to it and ignoring you? Let's see if we can adjust your attitude with some facts.

I'll admit I don't know what the fur lump is thinking in his marathon to nowhere. But I do know that hamsters were born to run. It's in the genes. They love it. They need it, they gotta have it. In fact, they become ill and paralyzed if they don't get it. In the wild, relatively defenseless rodents like the hamster are destined to be owl fodder and hors d'oeuvres for foxes; their ecological niche keeps them pretty much living on the edge. The urge to run is probably a handy quality.

To confirm your observations, it's true that some hamsters will run from four to eight miles day. Pretty impressive, even if he hasn't moved an inch after all that work.

A few other notes about hamsters that may raise the breed a bit in your estimation: they have the shortest gestation period of any animal (16 days), reach maturity in as little as one month, and can reproduce at a maniacal rate, with as many as a dozen per litter. In theory, a single pair, operating at peak efficiency could be the progenitors of 100,000 offspring in one year (that's counting their offspring, the offspring's offspring, the offspring's offspring's offspring, et cet.). Beginning to see that little guy in a new light? Live hard, die young. That's his motto.

Don't worry about being forced out of the house by an ever-growing avalanche of galloping furry things. As nature's check-and-balance system, hamsters have been endowed with scrappy and irritable personalities. They can be real punks and love to pick fights with other hamsters. Two grappling hamsters will often fight to the death if you don't keep an eye on them.

If you're still considering hamstercide, all I can say is, be patient. Most hamsters burn out in about three years. I don't recommend "either-me-or-the-hamster" ultimatums to your girlfriend. You may not like her choice. Hang in there. Or, better yet, maybe you need to do eight miles a day on your own big hamster wheel.

Dear Matt:

*What's the origin of the peace symbol — the circle with the "bird's foot" in it?*

— Peacenick, the net

England, 1958. At the request of peace activist Bertrand Russell, an artist was doodling around for a symbol for the nuclear disarmament movement. A cross in a circle morphed into the sign we know today. It's the combined semaphore signals for N and D. For an N, the flags are held down in an upside-down V shape. For a D, one flag is held straight up, one straight down. Peace, nik.

Your Mattness:

*I could tell when my dog was pregnant. You can tell when a cat or a horse is pregnant. Why don't we ever see a pregnant bird?*

— D, the net

Well, D, you'll have to look fast. Most birds don't waste much time getting the egg out and into the nest. In fact, until the calendar says it's time to mate, birds' reproductive organs (all internal, in most species) are shriveled to practically nothing. When spring comes, they puff up to about ten times non-breeding size. After they've found a mate and done it a few times, an ovum attached to the egg yolk is sucked into the beginning of the oviduct, where it's fertilized. In chicken, this takes about 18 minutes. Then it's squeezed down the tube to an area called the magnum, where the egg "white" (albumen) is added. Figure three hours at step two. Then it moves on to the shell-membrane stage (one hour), then to the last stop, the uterus, for the egg shell and shell coloring (about 20 hours). Most birds labor in eggbirth for less than five minutes, though turkeys can take a couple of hours. So, beginning to end, most birds are pregnant for a little over 24 hours. And a lot of that time is spent hanging curtains and painting the nursery for the big event; the extra egg weight makes them vulnerable, so they're not usually very active. When breeding season is over, the oviduct shrinks so the female doesn't have to haul around useless weight for ten months of the year. And birds can't carry twins (except for double-yolked chickens' eggs). Only one oviduct enlarges to prevent two eggs from crushing each other and having mama lay an omelet.

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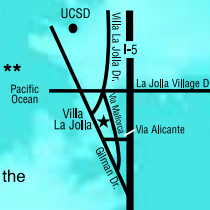


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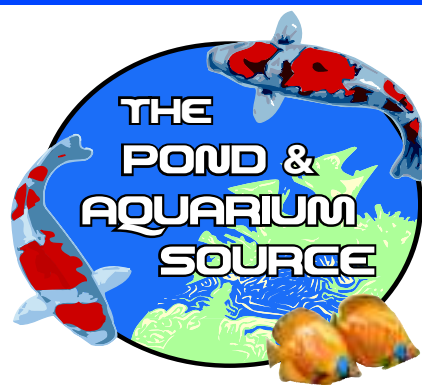
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## SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

# You Need To Go Here And Do This

**I**n the beginning, I was just a mom." Speaking is Candace Conradi, Poway resident, former law-firm administrator, wife, mother, and author of *Diamond Moms: A Mother's Guide to Raising a Baseball Player*.

Conradi is talking about her youngest child, Stephen, who was, from infancy on, a spectacularly gifted athlete. "I would probably not have him play year-round now," Conradi says. "I would give him time off in the summer, especially when he was a little boy. As they progress into high school, baseball practice during the summer is important in order to get into college. But, when they're younger, they don't need that."

I ask, "What was his baseball routine in high school?"

"The season starts in January; they try out. He would be at school at 7:00 in the morning. He would go to school, go to baseball, get home at 5:30, 6 o'clock at night, do homework, and go to bed. That was his day."

"Fall, winter, and spring?"

"During the fall it wasn't quite as tough, although they do baseball." Silence. "I guess it was year-round. Starts in September. They usually finish baseball in May. In June he'd be on travel teams. They played once a week. It wasn't quite as tough, and we did get him personal trainers."

Sounds tough to me. "When did you realize Stephen had a gift?"

"He could hit a pitched ball when he was two. When he was seven-and-a-half months, I could lay him on his back, drop a fuzzy ball on his chest, and he would bring his hands up and catch it."

I can see it.

Conradi says, "I quit worrying about him falling off fences when he was three because he never fell. He played soccer, baseball, and basketball. When he went into high school, he decided to try football, ended up as the quarterback for two years. But, after being a quarterback and a pitcher, he decided he needed to pick one sport. The football coach at Poway High was beside himself; he wanted him to play so badly. Stephen could throw a football 40, 60 yards. He had an amazing arm."

"When did you decide to take an active hand in this?"

"From the beginning," Conradi says. "I was always the team mom. I started thinking about the book when he was a senior. The book is meant to help parents get their athletic kid into college, because there is no handbook that says, 'This is what

you do.' There's nothing out there; there's nothing that tells you, 'You need to go here and do this.'"

That's true. I have seen the roadkill. "What's important for parents to know?"

"Balancing popularity, athletics, and academics. When you have a gifted athlete, you can get caught up in the furor of it; everybody wants him. We had coaches coming to us, that kind of thing. If I had to do it again, I probably would have been a little harder on him."

"How do you mean?"

"Requiring more. I write about that in the book. He put so much time into baseball. My way of balancing was to give him some leisure time. But, he could have worked in the summer. I would have him out in the world a little more, get him real-life experience working for people who demanded even unreasonable things, so he could get a taste of that."

"Did you get involved in the nightmare of selecting the right college, the right coach?"

Conradi says, somewhat mournfully, "Yeah, we did. The University of San Francisco had pretty much picked their team, and this is where my education about recruiting came home. Unless your child is picked up front..."

"He is chattel."

"Stephen committed to USF November of his senior year. No parent has a clue, *I had no idea*, what is required of kids when they walk into a Division I college program. Division I is a job. It's semi-professional or amateur professional or..."

"And no guaranteed contracts."

"No. He was putting in six hours a day of baseball while trying to be a student at a college where the average entrance GPA is 3.75. I do have to say coach Giarratano was an incredible hard-ass, unbelievably tough on his players. But, Stephen probably learned more about being a man from going through that experience, because coaches don't love your kids the way you love them. They don't give them the breaks. They require them to be present and to work hard and to give everything they've got. That was good for Stephen; it was a passage for him."

I ask, "Was there ever a time, during his last years in high school, when you said to yourself, 'Okay, this is how it works.' Or, were you stumbling all the way through?"

"All the way through. That's why I wrote this book."

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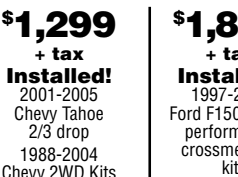
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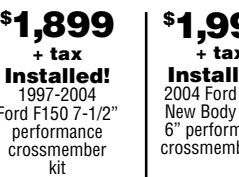
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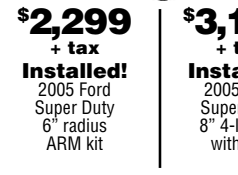
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**Senior pastors:** Mike Foster and Craig Gross  
**Congregation size:** n/a  
**Staff size:** 4 part-time  
**Sunday school enrollment:** n/a  
**Annual budget:** \$60,000  
**Weekly giving:** n/a  
**Singles program:** n/a  
**Dress:** casual  
**Diversity:** diverse  
**Sunday worship:** n/a  
**Length of reviewed service:** n/a  
**Website:** [www.xxxchurch.com](http://www.xxxchurch.com)

Wally the Wiener, a 15-foot inflatable penis, stands erect behind XXXchurch's "Erotica LA" booth. Wally is just one of XXXchurch's attempts to get attention from the 40,000 pornography fans and stars at the convention. "We have to use outrageous methods to get people to pay attention," said Craig Gross, a pastor, and one of the founders of XXXchurch.

In 2002, Pastor Gross and Pastor Mike Foster founded XXXchurch to create porn awareness, accountability, and recovery to people inside and outside the church.

Pastors Foster and Gross have received a lot of attention because of their involvement in the pornography industry. "At the Erotica show, people are wondering why two pastors are here," said Gross. "But this is exactly the place Jesus would go. He wouldn't stand outside picketing the porn industry. He would want to meet these people individually." This year, XXXchurch's booth gave "Jesus Loves Porn Stars" T-shirts to porn stars. "We handed out 245 free T-shirts. This is a way for us to plant seeds with porn stars and help them get out of the industry," said Gross. "We stay in contact with many of the porn stars to keep a dialogue going." Last month, Trinity James

was the first porn star to leave the industry through this campaign. "Trinity was living in Las Vegas and has been doing porn and legalized prostitution for four years. She realized that this is not something she can do any longer." XXXchurch raised \$14,400 to assist James's transition, which included the cost of the move to Indiana and tuition to cosmetology school. Gross said he hopes this is the first example of many porn stars' exodus out of the industry.

Since its launch, XXXchurch.com claims to be the Internet's "#1 Christian Porn Site." XXXchurch's website forum has 168,679 posts from thousands of members who seek help from porn. "My wife caught me [looking at porn] today for the second time in our first year of marriage. Now I can't even look at her, and she can hardly look at me. This is isolating me even further," writes Chris Turner, a member of the site. "I feel like I'm out of options and I'm about to lose my wife. Please pray for me and us. Hopefully your prayers will succeed where mine have failed." Other posters confess porn has caused them depression, broken marriages,

and destroyed lives. "I feel so weak. I start feeling depressed and then I masturbate because it makes me feel better for that bit of time, then I get more depressed," writes a poster under the username Onered.

"People think porn is harmless, it's just fantasy. But it creates a distorted view of sex," said Gross. "Porn gets you to do things you never thought you would. We've heard from people who have had marriages break up and one guy who went bankrupt from buying so much porn. We received one letter from a guy who got caught masturbating in a public place and was arrested. It gets worse; one guy ended up prostituting himself." To combat porn addiction, XXXchurch offers a free software program for people to download from their site. Whenever you browse the Internet and access a site that may contain questionable material, the program saves the site name on your computer. Every month, a person of your choice receives an e-mail containing all questionable sites visited within the month. XXXchurch hopes the information

encourages conversations and accountability to people who struggle with porn.

Last year, XXXchurch launched a "Save the Kittens" campaign. "The campaign says, every time you masturbate, God kills a kitten. We know that's not true, but it gets people to talk about masturbation," said Gross. This year, XXXchurch launched the NOHO doll to ask girls not to dress like "ho's." The dress code tells girls to avoid buying or wearing: "tight pants that are cut so low that when I bend over you can see my g-string or butt crack, tight half shirts that show my six or not-so-six pack, tight shirts that are low cut to show my cleavage or short shorts that you can see my butt cheeks in." XXXchurch created Pete the Porno Puppet to raise awareness of children's access to pornographic material. "We walk a fine line. Churches and Chris-

tians donate to us, so we have to be careful how far we go. Often, it's hard to explain our antics to the church, but at the end of the day we hope to shock people to take notice of the issues. Some people try to pass laws, but we're not smart enough to figure out how to do that."

Foster and Gross launched an event for churches called Porn Sunday. "Porn Sunday is to create awareness and equip the church to talk about these issues. The church doesn't want to talk about porn. They want it to go away," said Gross. "A lot of churches write us off. They think that we go to these porn shows because we just want to see the chicks. Yes, we've seen our share of porn, but we're able to do this because we don't struggle with an addiction to porn." While Gross may not struggle with porn, a survey done by Christianity Today magazine found 37 percent of pastors admit to struggling with pornography and 51 percent of pastors admit that looking at Internet pornography is their biggest temptation.

— Drew E. Goodmanson

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MIKE FOSTER, CRAIG GROSS

**XXXchurch**  
**Corona**  
**★★★½**

### Sermon

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delivery.....★★★★

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### Music

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—EVE KELLY

My husband Patrick is a teacher, and it's holiday time at his school. The teachers are drawing each other's names and exchanging gifts this year, and in an effort to keep everyone's feathers unruffled, people were asked to include what holiday (if any) they would be celebrating — Christmas, Chanukah, or Kwanza. Patrick drew a Chanukah, and after a bit of asking around, found out that the person collected menorahs. Since he's been good this year, I agreed to help Patrick on the purchasing end of things.

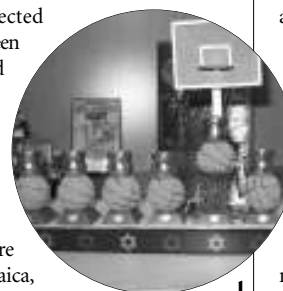
Denise Schwartz, owner of Hatikva ([www.hatikva.com](http://www.hatikva.com); 858-695-9777), a store that specializes in Judaica, was happy to help me out.

"Chanukah" means rededication in Hebrew. "Chanukah is about a miracle," said Schwartz, "and the menorah reminds us of that miracle." The story of the miracle is that long ago, in the land of Judea, a Syrian king, Antiochus, ordered the Jewish people to reject their God and their religion, and to worship the Greek gods. Judah Maccabee and his four brothers formed an army to fight the Syrians. After three years, the Maccabees were triumphant, and they reclaimed the temple in Jerusalem. They set about cleaning the temple and removing the Greek symbols. On the 25th day of the month of Kislev, the job was finished, and the temple was rededicated. Judah wanted to light an eternal light, known as N'er Tamid, which is present in every Jewish house of worship. Only a tiny jug of oil was found, with just enough oil for a single day. The miracle was that the tiny amount of oil stayed lit not for one day, but for eight days.

"The menorah," said Schwartz, "used to have only seven branches — one for each day of creation. But because of the miracle of the oil, it now has eight branches — one for each day of Chanukah. And there is one additional branch in the middle, which always looks different from the others, called the Shamash. It helps to light the other candles. First you light the Shamash, and then you light the other candles off the Shamash. On the first day, you light the first candle. On the second day, you light the first and second candles, and so on." All in all, "44 candles get lit, with the Shamash being the 45th. They need to be burned for an hour a day. Longer is okay, but not less than an hour. This year, December 25 will be the first evening of Chanukah. We light the candle at sundown."

I knew that some Jews, as part of their observance of the Sabbath, didn't light fires on that day. "The Friday before the Sabbath, or Shabbat," explained Schwartz, "we first light the Chanukah candle, and then the Sabbath candles. Then, on Saturday night, we light a candle called the havdalah [\$4.95] to end the Sabbath, and then we light the Chanukah candles for that night. The lighting is never on the Shabbat; it is always before it and after it."

Schwartz sells Chanukah candles made in Israel (\$5.95-\$7.95 for a pack of 45). "Some of my candles are made in Safat, which is a holy city in Israel. They are dripless and very good quality. It's good to keep your candles in the freezer," she offered. "They'll last longer."



*"You just plug them in and  
loosen the bulbs."*

I started perusing the menorahs in Schwartz's shop. "The menorah is a traditional item in any Jewish home," she told me, "no matter how observant you are. Chanukah is a holy day for everybody; a happy holiday. We are not obligated to use any one kind of menorah," she said — and so she carries a wide range. "A traditional menorah, which represents what we had in the old days, has branches which all run toward the center. She carried several in pewter (\$42-\$95, depending on size). "Pewter has a great advantage over silver. It doesn't get tarnished, so you don't have to polish it."

She also carries many more modern menorahs, made from glass, ceramic, and bronzed metal. "This one is super-modern," she said, pointing out a menorah composed of rectangular blocks and made by artist Gary Rosenthal from metal and fused glass. "People love that; it is so different, and yet it still has the eight candle spots and the Shamash." Most of Schwartz's menorahs are kosher, meaning that "all eight days are level with each other, with the Shamash differentiated — it can be either traditional or modern style."

She also carries menorahs for kids; one featured Curious George, another Mickey and Donald, and a third butterflies (\$49.95-\$90).

Finally, she showed me the electric menorahs (\$24-\$59). "There is a need for these. People that live in rest homes or hospitals, who are not allowed to use fire, can use them. Also, people like to put them in their windows. You just plug them in and loosen the bulbs, then tighten them one by one as the days of Chanukah go on."

Next, I stopped into Dor L'Dor (858-273-1800), another Judaica store off of Morena Boulevard. Manager Tia Dorfan told me they carried about 300 to choose from. "Some young people like the artsy style; older people tend to like the more traditional ones. They use very beautiful candles [\$1.20-\$15.95]. Others will use oil, which is more commemorative of Chanukah. Some menorahs are made to hold oil; others you can convert to oil by putting an oil holder [\$1] in the top. You can use everyday olive oil for burning. Just put a wick [\$0.95 a package] in it."

One of Dor L'Dor's menorahs was shaped as a glass ark (\$15.95), another as a glass American flag (\$189.95). They ranged from the whimsical — thin, painted metal, adorned with four fat ladies donning bathing suits (\$44.95) — to the sublime — a menorah made from Jerusalem stone, capped with glass pillars and etched with Jewish imagery: a rabbi reading, a hand with an eye in the palm (\$320). Other places to buy menorahs:

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## THE GREEN FAIRY

by Josh Board

**m**y day got off to a bad start. As a volunteer for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, I was asked to help set up a play set for a child in Santee. I'm useless at things like that but was told there'd be another guy there to do the setup. "We just need you for the heavy lifting. And afterwards, you can stay for the party."

When I arrived I was handed a sheet of directions to put together a canopy for the back yard. Though the pictures made it look easy, I found the instructions difficult to figure out. A woman named Autumn came to my rescue, and we were able to get the job done.

When we finished, I asked the guy if I could try his trampoline. It was huge. He said, "We got that for the kids, but adults seem to have more fun on it."

I took off my shoes, climbed on, and started jumping. A little girl told me to jump higher, so I did. I had never been on a trampoline before. I wasn't about to do flips, per the girl's next request. I started flying too far off the trampoline and got nervous. I decided the best way to stop flying so high was to stop jumping. When I



landed on the trampoline the next time, I stopped myself. My body collapsed, my knees hit my stomach and knocked the wind out of me, I pulled a muscle in my leg, and I somehow hurt my big toe. As I lay on the trampoline trying to catch my breath, nobody could figure out what I had done to injure myself.

I grabbed a piece of



arrived at the next party. Mark Schindler told me it would start at 7:01 p.m. and go until 9:01. He told me that he always has a theme. One time

There were boxes to check that read, "lesbian," "bisexual," "liar." And below that, "single," "not single," "looking to trade up."

Costco pizza and a ginger ale and left.

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I was still in pain when I

it was belly dancers, another a massage therapist. This party was a tasting — a few bottles of absinthe that he brought back from Canada.

tequila he had aging in his house and garage. He told me that since it isn't made in Mexico, it can't technically be called tequila. He said he pours it into test tubes after three to six months to taste it.

I asked Schindler about the party ending after only a few hours. "People will still have time to go out and do other things. It's perfect. And I don't want to entertain all night!"

Schindler showed me his business card: "Dr. Mark — Dating coach for lesbians." On the back it had a space for your name, e-mail, and "real phone number." And there were boxes to check that read, "lesbian," "bisexual," "liar." And below that, "single," "not single," "looking to trade up."

Schindler shared his philosophy on how to talk to women, and he called a group of women over to prove his theory. He told this story about a woman who thought her man was cheating on her because she found a pair of female underwear at his house. The story got everyone talking and adding in her two cents. Then one woman said, "I heard you tell that story before." She had an accent. I think she said she was from

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Croatia. Her friend called her chicken because she wouldn't try the absinthe. She said, "I told you, I'm the designated driver. I can't."

I met a woman named Matilda who was from Greece. Two men were arguing about politics, and Matilda was stuck in the middle. I thought about going over to rescue her. When I ran into her later, she said, "I'm used to people yelling about politics. Back in Greece, that's what everyone does." She told me she travels a lot for her job and goes back to Greece once a year. Her family is still there.

The crowd was older (aside from Matilda). A few had gray or white hair. Our age difference made for interesting conversations. One guy was a professor at SDSU, and he talked about books, movies, and reading the *Reader* in the mid-'70s. He told me he had a book out called *Face to Face to Face*. He talked about his party-

ing days, and told me he once was at a party with Peter Fonda. He said, "When [Fonda] hands you a joint, you take it. If you didn't smoke, they'd probably throw you out." Another guy said he hadn't gotten drunk since his college days, which looked to me to have been about 30 years ago.

Schindler had an extensive collection of sports memorabilia, including a baseball jersey that showed all the Negro League teams. I told him I thought Satchel Paige was the greatest pitcher in baseball history.

When it came up that I had gone to the Sundance Film Festival a few times, Schindler told me that he goes every year, and he asked if I wanted to go to the next one with him.

There was a Jacuzzi in the back yard with nobody in it and a kids' pool that was being used as a cooler, filled with bottles of soda for nondrinkers.

Most of the crowd was buzzed from the margaritas and beer by the time Schindler brought out the absinthe. He made a drink called a "green fairy" by pouring the absinthe into a glass and adding sugar cubes, which were then lit on fire. The absinthe changed color from blue to green.

Schindler talked about Ken Kesey's acid Kool-Aid tests of the '60s. He told us the drink was 140 proof. Someone said they thought it had a mint flavor. I thought it tasted more like black licorice.

Before the green fairy, I had had several margaritas and a few glasses of red wine, so when everyone left, I stayed and talked to the SDSU professor for a few hours. It was an interesting conversation. I wondered why they never were when I went to San Diego State. ■

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by Barbarella

## Cyst-ers

*The art of medicine consists of amusing the patient while nature cures the disease. — Voltaire*

I shivered with cold, or was it nervousness? Every object in the dark room was bathed in the red glow cast by the large Asian lantern that hung in the corner. An obese gray and white cat sat staring up at me from the wooden floor. To think I had considered taking my problem to a real doctor — that instead of relaxing on this experienced blue velvet couch, someone I hardly knew could be scrutinizing me in the harsh light of a sterile examination room.

I looked to the bald man on my left for comfort as the bald man on my right took my left hand in his. I turned my head away in apprehensive anticipation. *Ohmygodthisisgoingtohurt! What am I doing?* My heart beat faster, my breaths came quicker, and my teeth clenched involuntarily. Then I thought of Renee. She had undergone the same treatment, and not only did she survive the antiquated remedy, she had also been healed. But

did I need healing?

It was almost two years ago when I first noticed a lump the size of a Milk Dud under the skin on the top of my left wrist. As a hypochondriac in denial, I assumed the lump was cancerous, and therefore decided to ignore it. My plan worked until I took up the piano, at which point the lump began to grow and make itself noticeable to others.

“What the hell is that?” my friend Ollie asked.

“A lump. It’s been there for a while,” I answered.

“Jesus, it’s huge! Hey, if you draw a little face on it, give it a hat and a purse and take it shopping, I’m sure it will be your new best friend,” he snickered. I didn’t want a lump for a friend. Since denial was no longer an option, I decid-

ed to do online medical research.

According to *emedicinehealth.com*, my new “best friend” was a ganglion cyst, defined as “a tumor or swelling on top of a joint” that “looks like a sac of liquid. Inside the cyst is a thick, sticky, clear, colorless, jellylike material.” Ew.

Up to 75 percent of these cysts disappear on their own. The woman who answered the phone in my doctor’s office told me I would only be referred to a specialist who would either drain my ganglion or surgically remove it, and that neither procedure was covered by my insurance. Since my new friend seemed harmless, I chose to welcome it as I would a houseguest for an unspecified amount of time.

At parties I flaunted my cyst, enjoying the sensation of my mouth when it formed the word, “ganglion.” Many of my friends were grossed out. Some were curious. One was angry: Three months ago, Renee marched up to me at an art show, thrust her arm before my eyes and snapped, “Are you happy?”

“Huh?” I had not yet noticed the little lump jutting out on the dorsal side of her hand where thumb meets wrist.

“All I know is, first you have one, and now I have one. You jinxed me. Are these contagious?”

“Renee, they can happen to anyone, at any time. But mostly to women between ages 20 and 50,” I said, remembering statistics from my research. Thinking myself quite “punny,” I shouted, “Hey, now we’re ‘cyst-

ers!’” Before the night was through, I managed to talk Renee into touching her cyst to mine, thus forming a powerful superhero bond.

Last Saturday, this bond was broken. Or, to be more accurate, it was whacked away. I learned of the severing via an excited phone message left by Renee’s husband, Kip. It sounded something like this: “Barb, it worked! It’s gone! I can’t believe it! Tim whacked it!” Upon hearing his message the next day, I couldn’t punch Kip’s number into my phone quickly enough.

“What do you mean, it’s *gone*?” I said when Kip answered, not bothering with time-taking pleasantries, like “Hello, how are you?” Kip didn’t miss a beat.

“Brandon was going to hit it with Spain, but Tim just grabbed her hand, massaged it a little, and then whacked it! You should get him to do yours!”

I had read in my research that ganglion cysts are also known as “Bible bumps” or “Gideon’s Disease,” for in the old days (around the same time they used leeches to cure headaches) doctors would prescribe smashing such a cyst with a large book, the biggest of which was usually the Bible. In Renee’s case, the biggest book on hand was a travel tome about Spain.

“Let me get this straight,” I said into the phone, in my most sarcastic voice. “Tim punched Renee’s wrist and her cyst just *went away*?”

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"Yeah!"

"Is she in pain? Did it hurt? Wait a minute, what am I saying? It doesn't matter, it's not like I'm going to ask Tim to whack me, that would be just plain stupid."

In the days that followed, I paid close attention to Renee. Her wrist seemed fine, and she swore up and down that the whacking hurt no more than someone poking you in the arm. Maybe calling Tim wasn't as stupid as I had thought.

"Alright, Barbie," Tim said, in response to my request that he work his magic and doctor my cyst. Then, in the manner of a surgeon prepping for a face transplant, he announced, "On Wednesday, I whack."

David was against it from the beginning. He was convinced that Tim, an athletic guy who is higher on life than Rodney King has ever been on PCP, was going to break my wrist. "Do what you want," David said. "It's not like you ever listen to me anyway." But each time I mentioned the impending

whack to a friend, David would roll his eyes and shake his head back and forth, his nonverbal communication for "You are an idiot."

I had thought, given Renee's success, that this would be a sure thing. But now, in the face of invited danger, I beseeched David for help with my eyes and received only an "I told you so" smile. I cringed in fear and tried to pull my hand away from Tim, who was caressing my cyst as though it were a child in need of comfort.

"I think this is going to work," Tim said. "I'm going to whack it...right about now."

I held my breath and took a peek. Tim's hand was made into a fist with his middle knuckle protruding. He lifted it and brought it down quickly, but not very hard, upon my cyst.

"Well that didn't work," I said, after letting my breath out in a blow of air. "I could hardly feel that."

"That's how hard I hit Renee," said Tim. He looked perplexed, but determined. "Let's try it again."

"I don't know, maybe I should — OW!" This time it was more a knuckle-punch than a whack. "Okay, thanks, but I don't think it's going to work. My cyst is a lot older than Renee's, and well, it's clearly more resilient."

In a sudden burst of cooperation, David reached over and held the growing lump on my wrist with his thumbs and forefingers. "There, try it now," he said. "I think it was moving away when you hit it." I looked at him in horror. Either he no longer believed Tim was going to break my wrist, or he was out to get me. Another whack.

"AAHHH! OKAY! Really, you guys, it's not going to work," I whined. Tim jumped up and, in two long strides, reached the other side of the room. After rummaging around in a corner, he found what he was looking for and raised the

object — a huge sledgehammer — high above his head.

"That settles it. You are categorically *insane*. There's no way I'm letting you take a swing at my wrist with that thing," I said, cradling my arm, which was beginning to throb. "And *you!*" I snapped at David. "I thought you were afraid I'd get hurt! How could you condone this?" Tim handed the sledgehammer to David, and my lover taunted me by brandishing it in my direction, perhaps as a mocking form of punishment for not listening to him in the first place.

"Thanks, Tim. You tried your best, but I think I should go to a real doctor now."

"No, no, Barbie, this is what we'll do. Give your wrist a week to heal, and then we'll try it again, with the hammer. I know I can do this," said Tim. I looked into his eyes, ice blue sincerity. He sounded so confident.

"Yeah, sure," I said. "I'll think about it." ■

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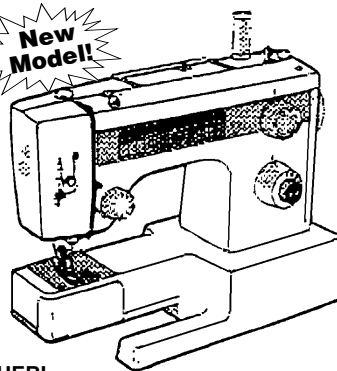
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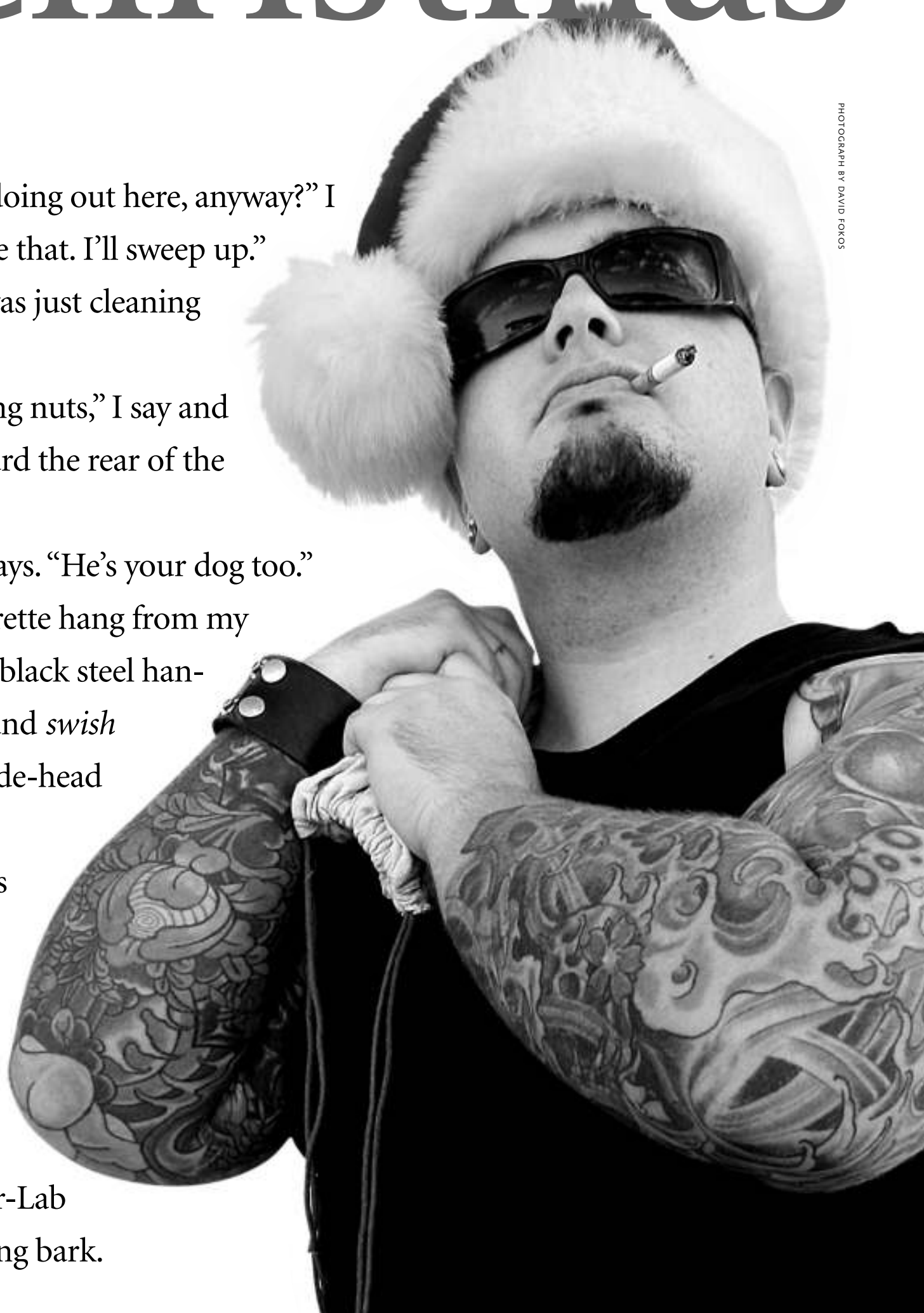
“What are you doing out here, anyway?” I ask. “Here, give me that. I’ll sweep up.”

“No, I got it. I was just cleaning the motorcycle.”

“Your dog’s going nuts,” I say and jerk a thumb toward the rear of the garage.

“I know,” Dad says. “He’s your dog too.”

Letting the cigarette hang from my mouth, I grab the black steel handle from my dad and *swish swish swish* the wide-head broom against the cement. Dad holds his hand up to his mouth to channel the sound and yells, “Scooter! Shaddap!” With that the Rottweiler-Lab mix stops its wailing bark.



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# Story

*I call him, and we talk  
about weather, trade jokes,  
and give each other our  
little stories.*

"Christmas is in a couple weeks," I say, moving the cigarette from one side of my mouth to the other and blowing the smoke out of my face.

"I know," Dad says. "I got my tree up."

"I don't have any money to get you anything."

"Me neither," he answers and counters his statement with a look and continues with "unless you need something. You need something? Money? Underwear?"

My dad has asked me that question every week since I was 19, after I moved out for the first time. Every week that I'm in the country I call him, and we talk about weather, trade jokes, and give each other our little stories. Every phone call ends with "All right, well, I'll let you go. You need anything? Money? Underwear?"

"No, I don't need anything," I answer. This time I think for a second and say, "Unless you've got a pocket knife. I broke the tip off mine last week."

"I might. I might," Dad says. "I'll look around."

"You need anything?" I ask.

"No, no. I got everything," he says, stopping to think. "Can't ride the bike until it warms up, and it's running fine anyway. I've got everything else. I don't need anything. Did you see my tree? It's so pretty, you should go look."

I've seen the tree. I've seen the tree hundreds of times. It's the same tree we've put up every year, and it's the only Christmas decoration that's adorned our front room

since my mom moved out 15 years ago. The tree is a 12-inch-tall white porcelain statue.

If you pick the tree up and turn it by its base, it will rotate and play "O Christmas Tree" on jewelry-box chimes. It misses only a couple of notes, "*Tink tink tink* (pause). *Tink tink tink* (pause)." Along the bottom of the lowest boughs is a signature, "Joy, '64." My dad's aunt put it together from a kit 40 years ago, painted the tips of the bright glossy branches gold, attached it to its singsongy base, and signed it.

The tree had been relegated to a box of Christmas ornaments deemed by my mom as too ugly to put up. In favor of my dad's little tree she used to make us stand on chairs and string garlands of tinsel across the ceiling, and our coffee table would become a display for her miniature manger scene — complete with camels, donkeys, Wise Men, and Babe.

Mom loved to thumbtack all the cards we received from other families to a wall leading to our kitchen, and we always had a live tree clumped and covered in sentimental tchotchkes, homemade clay blobs with metal hooks protruding from the top and "Tony 1980 Mery Cristmas" or "Mike 1984" scrawled across the side in red.

My dad's eye would twitch at the sight of a live tree covered in lights. He has an irrational fear of fire, and stringing even lukewarm lights across any kind of wood is a special kind of torture for him. You might as well wrap the tree in gasoline-soaked socks and adorn it with fire-crackers and candles. Against my mother's wishes, my father only allowed the tree to be plugged in if we were all home and either my brother or I were stationed in front of it with a CO<sub>2</sub> fire extinguisher.

When she divorced the old man and moved out, she took all the ornaments except the porcelain tree that she never liked. That year, at 15 years old, I wondered about our tradition of covering every square inch of the interior of our house with bright green, red, and silver crap. I asked my dad, "Are we going to buy new stuff and put it up?"

"Hell no!" he said, finally finding a way out of the fire hazard that is Christmas decoration. "I hate that stuff."

With that proclamation he went out to the garage and came back in with the nonflammable statuette that would adorn our television set every winter from December to January.

Standing in front of the TV, I heft the tree, our tree, up off its perch in front of the rabbit-ear antenna and slowly twist the bottom. While it's upside-down I notice the signature in gold cursive and feel the *click, click, click* as it winds in my hand. Upon letting go, it starts its tune before I can set it down, "*Tink tink tink* (pause) / *Tink tink tink* (pause)." When the base lands back on its home, the gold-tipped branches catch the light and twinkle in their slow, jerky spin.

From his room my dad yells out, "You got next week off?"

"No," I answer. "Not this week, but the next."

"Yeah," he says. "That's what I mean. Good. We're almost out of wood, and I talked to Ernie."

A week later, in the morning, we cut wood. Our cousin Ernie owns a ranch with oak trees fallen from the rain. He told us where to find two good trunks and said we could have them.

Ernie's ranch is a couple of miles away down a twisty road. When we pull up to the gates I jump out of the pickup and hand-wrestle lengths of wire wrapped around pipe and small hunks of wood blackened by weather. There are three gates to get back to where the oaks are, and at one gate I have to yell back to Dad, "How the hell does this work?"

"You have to pull that lever up. Move that wire." After studying the device for a few more seconds it comes to me, and the gate made of wood that's been bundled with wire pops away from its stanchion, and I drag it back far enough for the truck to get through.

After each gate my dad yells out the driver's-side window, "Don't let the horses through." A dozen horses zigzag their way down

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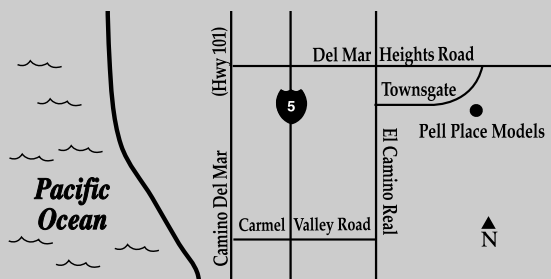
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the hills with their heads held high and their white tails swishing. Steam emanates from their long black snouts, and their manes of coarse, wiry hair blow back in the

wind. Some of them get very close, and I have to stamp my boot on a rock and clap my hands to keep them from rushing out. When we're through all the gates, I

grab the tailgate and steady my boots on the bumper. Dad shifts to four-wheel drive, drops the clutch, and when the wheels spin in the dirt a little he yells back, "Hold on."

The truck carries us, him behind the wheel, me on the bumper, up and over two small hills. The tires spin here and there until they catch a rock to inch us up the steep inclines. Over the crest of the second hill the truck's roof and hood drop down, and I can see over them and into the valley, and I spot two fallen oaks where a torrent of rainwater undercut their roots and washed them down.

The truck is navigated to a level spot on a landing just below the nearest tree. "The tires spun a little, but we'll get out," my dad assures me. "With the wood in the back, the weight of the truck will be different, and it'll grab a little better."

With a clang I drop the tailgate so my dad can have an open bench to work on. He moves his chainsaw and little maintenance box back from where they were tied up next to the cab and makes a work area of the tailgate. He fumbles through the little box filled with rat-tail rasps, two-stroke oil, and wrenches. The box used to be a crispier on an old refrigerator, and beneath the grime of oily handprints it still bears a chrome sun-burst logo.

My dad finds his file. I take my seat on a nearby stump, pull my work gloves out of my pocket, and push my chin and cheeks under

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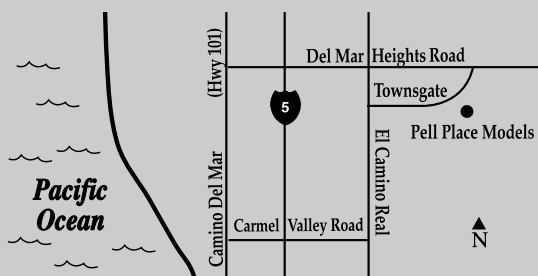
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the top button of my flannel shirt. I look through the steam rising up out of the collar across the bridge of my nose and slip my hands into my holey leather gloves. I pop pop clap my hands together to get some blood to them and jam them in my shirt pockets. I get

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as comfortable as I can with my butt on a round of frosty wood and I wait. Dad takes his file and runs it down each tooth of the chain until they all have a gleaming steel knife-edge.

Turning the saw on its side, he holds it up near his shoulders and then lets it drop to his waist, and his right hand rips out to the side with the start pull-cord encased in the fist. *Bwanganaang!* The saw sputters a few times and dies. The old man fiddles with the choke, mutters something to himself, and repeats the step. *Bwangangang!* The saw starts up and spews white smoke out the sidepipe. The air fills with the smell of gasoline and oil mixture burnt and shot out of an engine that has sat

for months. Every winter bird left in the valley shoots from its perch and takes flight. I see how loud the saw is by how far away the birds take off. Along a far ridge over two hills I can see quail dart out from a bush.

"Not bad!" he yells over the racket. "I took a restrictor out, and now it either runs full throttle or not at all." To illustrate the point he lets off the gas a little and it dies, leaving the surrounding hills silent. "See?"

Seated on my stump I watch him mentally divide the trunk up into usable sections and count how many logs we'll get. "With both trees, looks like we'll get a pickup load. That's good for a month or so."

With that he drop-

pull-starts the saw again and starts ripping through the small branches to get to the trunk. I wait until he's got a few branches hacked off before I uncover my nose from my flannel and get up. At the tree I grab the ends of separated branches and drag them a ways off to the side and start a pile. The tree isn't brushy, so there's little of that.

After it's been limbed and I've hauled the brush, Dad starts in on cutting the main wood from the tree. The ripping, screaming saw engine bogs further and further as the chain delves through the trunk and a log lops off the end. A 16-inch length of 16-inch-diameter green oak will fall from its hold, dig past the hard outer shell of soil,

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and sink into the mud below. My job on these wood-cutting trips is to roll the log up into my arms, carry it to the truck, and throw it in the bed. When the logs hit the dirt with a soft thud, my dad will give them to me. He holds the saw up by both hands at chest level and knocks his boot against the log, dislodging it from its cradle of earth so that it rolls easily up my filthy shirtsleeves. I walk it a few yards until I heave it from my chest like a basketball, and it rocks the pickup bed — *Bawoom!* When it's in, I turn back for the next one.

After the first tree, we stop, drink some water, and strip off our outer shirts. The hot sweat caught between the heavy flannel and our cotton T-shirts gives off a steam to match the dew evaporating from the surrounding field. By now it's 10:00 a.m., and the sun, labor, and heavy clothing have turned our faces red. We heel our boots up onto rocks, lean on our elbows, and drink water from the jug.

After 15 minutes the old man says, "Ready? We get this next tree in, and we'll be set for the day. We'll have enough wood to last us until the end of January. That's enough work for one Saturday."

My gloves are sweaty and cold, so I leave them on the pickup railing to dry out. Walking up to the second tree, I say, "Christmas is next week."

"I know," he says.

Back at home I unload the wood by standing in the truck and pitching hunks at Dad. He catches them and stacks them by the side of the house. It's after noon, and we each crack a cold beer

and light a cigarette and sit in the sunlight that blankets the front yard.

"Well, we might as well do it while we're doing it," the old man says and gets up from his gray steel folding

chair. A minute later he emerges from the garage pushing the lawn mower. "I can do that," I say. "Nah, nah," he answers. "It'll only take me a minute."

He's right. On five acres of land there are

weed fields, scrub brush, and a little patch of grass. The lawn is maybe ten yards square.

On the sidewalk, he steadies his work boot against the mower shroud, leans

down, and his right hand flies up with the pull cord. The lawn mower sputters and puts, and with a quick adjustment to the throttle from Dad's left hand, the machine fires to life.

He shifts the cigarette from one side of his mouth to the other and peers down into the mechanics of the beast and checks to see that everything is working properly. Cocking his head back



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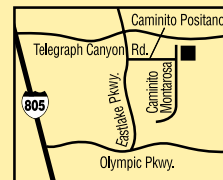
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over his shoulder to look at me, he yells, “I switched out carburetors! It only runs full throttle or not at all!” With that he shoves the wound-out, screaming mower off the ledge of the sidewalk. When it hits the grass it doesn’t really hit. It sort of hovers a few inches off the ground, shearing every blade of grass beneath it to just above soil level.

From the side of the shroud, grass clippings belch out along with some dirt. Small rocks fire from the expulsion chute and zing across the driveway at me. I cover my face and head with my hands and yell, “Hang on! Hang on! Dammit, you’re going to kill me!”

With every step Dad takes, the mower chews up more ground with a grinding crash and shoots more pebbles out at me. The whistling rocks hustle through the air at knee-to-waist height and crash into the heavy stalks of the oleander bushes behind me. “Yaaaargh!” I scream and duck for cover into the house. The old man stares over his smoke at his lawn, deaf and oblivious to the world outside his mechanical vortex.

Inside, I swallow the last of my pale yellow beer and crush the blue can and set it on the counter along a row of several other cans just like it. Scooter is in the backyard going nuts, and I yell out the back door at him, “Shaddap! Scooter!” Whenever the old man starts a machine, the dog goes bonkers. He can’t stand the Harley or the Weed Eater, but the dog reserves a special brand of hatred and his shrillest of barks for the lawn mower.

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down and the wind brings in the cool night air. Stuffing some paper and kindling into the iron stove, I get a neat little fire going before I set a log of seasoned oak in and shut the door. The

smoke from the fire overpowers the stale smell of cigarettes that clings to the furniture, carpet, and drapes. For a couple of minutes the house smells like winter and Christmas break from school

when I was ten.

Thorns, slivers, and grit poke through my T-shirt and scratch at my body. When I strip down and hop in the shower, I can hear the lawn mower wind down and die. The

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door flies open, and my dad stamps his boots off on the step before entering. "Did you have a nice shower while I was mowing the lawn, Miss Streisand?"

"Oh, up yours," I answer. "At least I built a fire."

That evening I sit in my chair basking in the warm orange glow of the stove. When the fire dies a little I reach in and turn the log or rake the coals with a poker or, if the red embers are burnt down and covered in a blanket of gray ash, I set another stick of

wood in.

My dad's in his chair eating ice cream. He eats a bowl of ice cream every night. Coffee is his favorite flavor. Mint chocolate chip used to be his favorite until he drew a strong correlation between eating mint chocolate chip ice cream and having nightmares about spiders. He sets his bowl aside momentarily to light a cigarette.

"I was in the store today," I say. "I got you some mint chocolate chip ice cream."

Dad makes the sign of the Cross with

his fingers and hides his face behind the symbol as though vampires were in the room, and that was his last effort to preserve himself. "Don't you dare! Don't you dare bring that nasty stuff into this house," he says with his lips pursed around his cigarette. "Dammit, that stuff makes me dream about spiders. Not nice dreams either." And he hides his face behind his crossed fingers.

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“Yeah!” we cheer, and Dad waves his spoon in the air. “They didn’t play it for a couple years, you know?” he asks.

“I heard that. You told me that,” I answer. “Down in San Diego I had cable, and you could find it every year. Up here in the boontules you only get three stations, and you’re kind of screwed if one of them doesn’t play it.”

We talk about the Grinch as the first commercials air, trading with each other our favorite parts. My dad shovels a glob of ice cream into his mouth and pulls the spoon back like a whip. Through a mouthful of melting, coffee-flavored sweets he garbles out, “I love it when the Grinch is cracking that dog with a whip. Heeyah! You little god-damned dog!” and a bit of ice cream falls out of his mouth and plops on his shirt. He peers down at the lump and with his mouth clear says, “Ah, to hell with it.” He rears his spoon-whip back up and lets it out with an imaginary crack across the living room and yells out, “Heeyah! You little bastard dog! With those antlers tied to your head. Heeyah!”

“How did you ever make it through those few years it didn’t air?”

“I don’t know,” he answers. “It was terrible.”

“You know what the Grinch means?”

“Yeah, I know.”

“Christmas is coming up.”

“I know,” the old man says, setting his empty bowl aside and leaning back in his

recliner. “I’ll get you something if you need something. You need anything? Money? Underwear?”

“No, I’m good, Dad. Thanks.”

Two days later I’m standing in the driveway in a pair of flip-flops, jeans, and a T-shirt.

“Good Lord!” my dad barks out when he sees my feet. “Aren’t your feet freezing?”

“Yeah,” I say. “But it’ll be warm in San Diego. I’ll be there in six hours.”

“Yeah, I guess you’re right,” he says and lights a cigarette. “I don’t know why you’ve got to leave now. It’s so close to Christmas. Why not just stay around here until after New Year’s?”

“Because I got that job,” I say. “They want me down there.”

“What are you doing down there? Writing for a newspaper?”

“Yeah.”

“Well,” he says and takes the cigarette from his mouth, takes off his baseball cap, and smooths down his thinning hair. He replaces his hat and cigarette and looks at me. “Well, sounds like a good job. Better than busting your ass up here in the hills for no money and having to cut wood with me on the weekends. You could stay a little while, can’t you?”

“I been here a year, Dad. I gotta move out sometime. I’m sure you want your house back.”

“Well, it’ll be nice to have my own place, but I’ll miss you,” he says. “I could use you cutting wood.”

The dog starts going bananas, and we yell, “Scooter! Shud-dup!” which shuts him up, but we know he’ll be silent only a minute before he starts in again.

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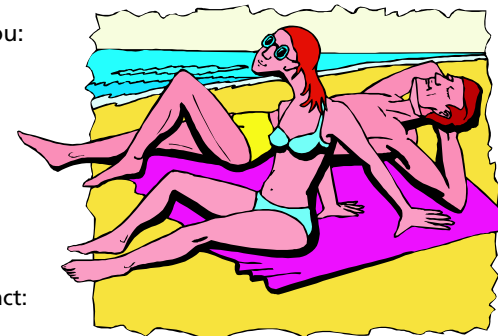
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Dad reaches into his pocket and says, "I got you this. Well, I didn't get it for you. I found it in one of my old drawers. It was your Uncle Dale's. I got it when he died." He opens his hand over mine, and a black folding pocketknife falls into my palm.

"I don't think I should have this," I say, shaking my head. "I'll probably break it like I broke my last one."

"Ah, that's no big deal," he says. "It was just sitting in a drawer."

Dale would rather you break this using it than have it just sit in my dresser. It's just an inexpensive knife anyway. Probably 30 bucks, brand new."

"All right. Thanks,"

I say and start my pickup. With that, Scooter goes wild in the back yard, and Dad and I just let him bark. We stand in the driveway listening to the dog and the truck for a minute, and I say, "Well, I better go."

"Yeah," he says. "You know how to get down to San Diego. Call me when you get there."

"Okay," I say.

"Christmas is just a few days away, you know."

"Yeah, I know. You need anything? Money? Underwear?"

"No, Dad. Thanks. I got my knife. I'm good," I say, and I hold the knife up and put it back in my pocket. "I got you something too."

Don't worry. It didn't cost much. It's a small thing. I left it on the kitchen counter."

We take the cigarettes from our mouths and hug and say we love each other and yell at Scooter.

I climb into my truck and ease it down the driveway past the fields of green weeds growing tall with the rain. Away from the house and the old man and the dog barking in the back yard. Away from a book left as a gift on the kitchen counter with the picture of a Grinch and a little dog on the front. Down to the road toward a writing gig in San Diego and away from a tiny white porcelain tree spinning slowly on its base and playing a chimey tune that misses only a couple of notes, "Tink tink tink (pause) / Tink tink tink (pause)." ■

— Ollie



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# HOME OF THE GRINCH

**C**hristmas is about faith. I'm not religious, but at Christmas I have faith that the perfect gift can convey all my love to my friends and family. I have faith that mankind is genuinely good, and humans can love one another as much as Jesus loved humanity. And I have faith that we can all return to childhood and innocence.

From Thanksgiving until Christmas I suspend my teenage cynicism and lose myself in the frenzy of comfortable traditions. I sip eggnog, marvel at the light displays, watch *It's a Wonderful Life*, and sing Christmas carols. I spend my spare moments decorating our house, blasting "Winter Wonderland," and baking Christmas cookies.

Unfortunately, in the past few years, my amount of spare moments has lessened. With obligations to school, sports, and clubs, I find my free time dedicated to running around the mall (home of the Grinch) late in the evening, seeking gifts. Battling crowds to spend money on people I barely know is painful. But, even more horrid, the mall, with desperate crowds and disgusting sales, robs Christmas of its purity and sanctity.

At Christmas, I try to see goodness in everyone, but corporations' insistence on taking advantage of my favorite holiday makes this goal a stretch. But, when I go home to a fire and family, I recall the words of Linus in *A Charlie Brown Christmas*: "...and on Earth, peace, good will toward men." That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown. Linus's timeless and innocent voice soothes me. The mall may be the anti-Christmas and Santa may not be real to me anymore, but as long as I believe in Christmas spirit, my world is a merry place to be.

— Megan Zapanta,  
El Capitan H.S.

**C**hristmas is a festive time: of cookies, hot chocolate, and candy canes; horse-drawn carriages, tour buses, and bundled-up pedestrians; plywood, decorations, and lights. My neighborhood has been dubbed "Christmas Card Lane" because of a decades-old tradition of placing oversized "Christmas cards" on our lawns.

My mom was raised in a Jewish home, my dad in a Christian one, so I grew up getting a taste of both faiths. However, I don't consider myself religious; my thinking is

based more on logic and reason than on faith. Nonetheless, I love my neighborhood in the winter. After Thanksgiving passes, everyone hauls their giant wooden "cards" out front. There are Santas and Rudolfs and SpongeBobs and Nemos. I laugh when I see the double-decker tour buses lined up along the street.

To me, the meaning of Christmas has little to do with Jesus Christ or a pile of gifts under the tree. Rather, it is a time when I have a two-week vacation from school. The relaxation is much needed this year, as the college-application ruckus is just beginning to wind down. I see friends and family who I do not see often enough. The best part is sitting around on Christmas morning, eating a family breakfast, opening presents together, and staying in my pajamas all day.

On a different note, Christmas is one of the most profitable times for retailers. In recent years, the commercialization of the season has led to a debate over whether to include the word "Christmas" in advertisements for public events. I always find it interesting how a seemingly small debate culminates in a discussion of our country's origins and intent.

Though it can be overwhelming when I walk into the store and am bombarded with red-and-green ornaments and snow globes the size of Manhattan, it's all in good spirit. It doesn't stop me from shopping and getting into the holidays, whether it's called Christmas, Hanukkah, or school vacation. See you at the mall.

— Naomi Serling-Boyd,  
Mt. Carmel H.S.

**T**he air, cold and refreshing, is garnished with cinnamon, pine, and sugared baked goods; it even seems to carry melodies farther at this time of year. Christmas bells chime with delicate, humble beauty. Every earthly element seems to become brighter and more alluring. People smile freely, knowing that their kindness will be returned. Within everyone is a love of happiness, a longing for compassion, and a desire to feel joy.

For the past 11 months, I have been anticipating this season to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. In that time, there have been mornings when I've woken up and felt so new and invigorated that the



only way I could describe it was "that Christmas feeling." The unanticipated feeling of a pure happiness is like a splash of wintry water in the face of someone who has been asleep too long; once it hits you, you don't want it to depart.

The "magic" of Christmas that people often refer to is this mindset. It's what allows you to smile at crying babies while you wait in lines when you would usually look at them with contempt. Even waiting in lines isn't torture anymore; it's an opportunity to sing along to the carols that play on the store's sound system. There's magic in realizing that it is more satisfying to give than to receive. Christmas is a time to join in a benevolent chorus of love and kindness.

— Mary Lindquist,  
El Capitan H.S.

**T**he Christmas insanity has made its annual appearance. Even though my mom is not of the Christian denomination, she spends much more of her time and effort on Christmas than my Roman Catholic father does. Today we are putting up the Christmas tree, but the Christmas decorating began the day after Thanksgiving. The boxes and containers of Christmas decor in the garage have been brought inside and Christmas toys are popping up all over the place. In

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my family, everyone decorates.

I remember one year I visited my grandparents in Florida, and my grandfather made me put the tinsel on the tree one strand at a time. I guess that is where my mom gets her crazy traditions from, and I wonder if someday I will pass on the same practices to my children. Every year, each person in the family purchases a new ornament for someone else. Our tree is pretty crowded. Besides

the decorating, we bake snowflake-shaped cookies and sing Christmas carols that blare from the speakers.

The best part of Christmas is the spirit. Everyone is jolly. Students get a break, which is nice after studying so hard for finals. The excitement of children who've written letters to Santa melts my heart. The smiles on the faces of usually dreary people give me hope for

the future. Christmas is a holiday of selflessness. Organizations collect toys and food for the less fortunate. People spend hundreds or thousands of dollars shopping for their loved ones. The looks of surprise when my family members open their gifts makes the claustrophobia and extreme spending worth the while.

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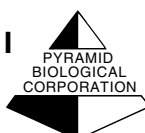
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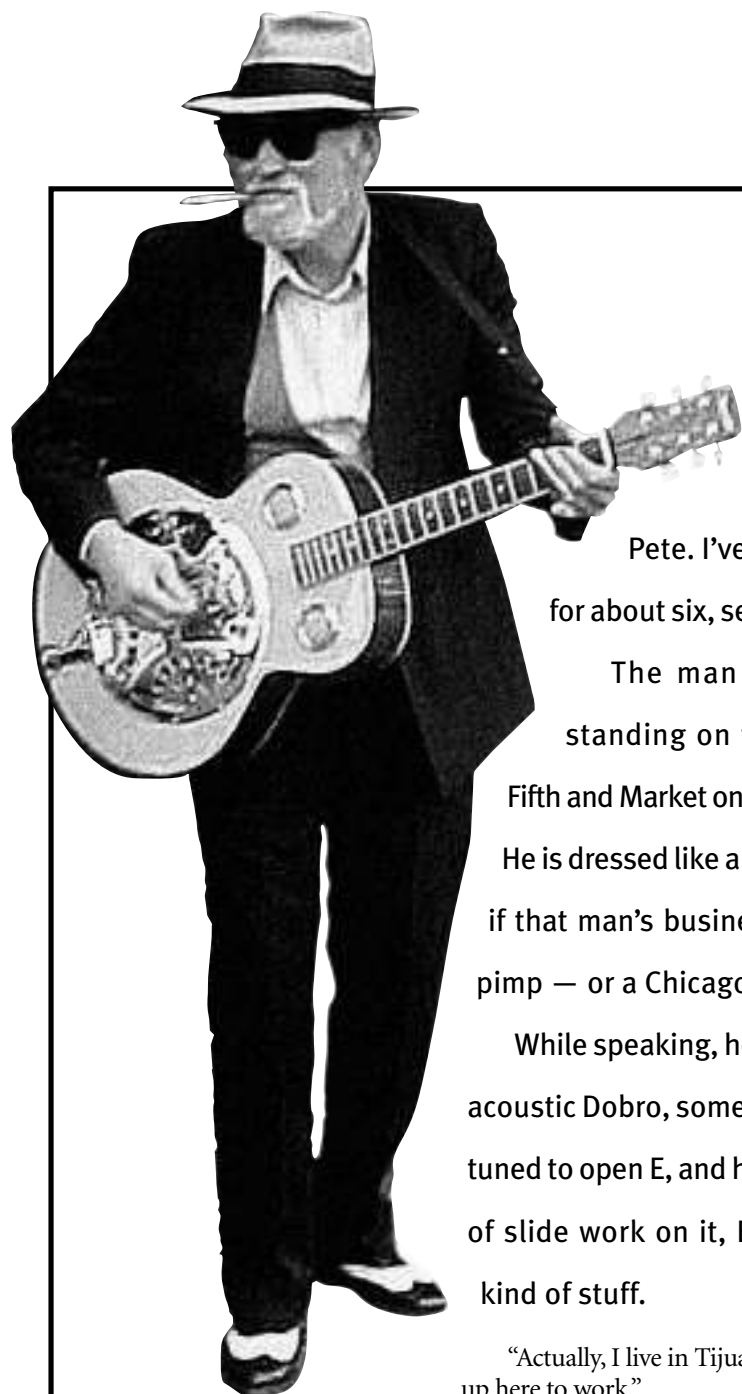
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# Gringo Blues

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“They call me Chicago

Pete. I’ve been in town for about six, seven months.”

The man speaking is standing on the corner of Fifth and Market on a Friday night. He is dressed like a businessman, if that man’s business is being a pimp — or a Chicago bluesman.

While speaking, he is playing an acoustic Dobro, some Korean make tuned to open E, and he’s doing a lot of slide work on it, Elmore James kind of stuff.

“Actually, I live in Tijuana and I come up here to work.”

When asked if he means club work, he says, “Yeah, I worked at Blind Melons in Pacific Beach, and I’ve had a couple of offers I haven’t followed through [with] yet.”

Does he always play solo?

“At Blind Melons I sat in with a band — you know Javier Batiste?”

I couldn’t say that I did but told him I hadn’t been around much lately.

“Well, he’s a friend of mine. He lives in Tijuana, and he invited me to come sit in with him.”

Pete’s tone is flat Midwestern, worn smooth by the wind off the lake, and it’s a few years south of young.

“I’m just now gettin’ to where I can book some club gigs here.” Pete has been playing blues for 40 years, since he was 15 years old. “In Chicago, I was last playing in the New Town area, you know, around Lincoln and Fullerton?” I nod. “Yeah, Broadway, Near North, you know? I lived in Oregon for 15 years, and I worked there a lot. Right before I came here, I was in Alaska. I was touring there with a guy named Gary Sloan and his South Side Blues Band. I went all over Alaska, entertaining these little fishing towns. We got into real rural areas. They love the blues up there.”

Pete says he is influenced mostly by Muddy Waters and Leadbelly. “I like the old stuff like Big Bill Broonzy, but then the newer stuff too, like Robert Cray.”

“Kind of slick, Robert Cray,” I suggest.

“Citified,” he corrects me. “Citified.”

Pete starts riffing a “Dust My Broom” kind of shuffle, the groove is immediate, and people on the street pause and smile. His lyrics are properly incomprehensible for the first verse. The second verse goes: “She got a big bad bedroom, never turn down the light...she got a big bad bedroom.” Etc. “If I bring her some gin, she let me slip inside...”

He breaks off the guitar playing and sings out into the street, “She got some nasty, nasty habits, a shady sort of past, not the kind you bring home to Momma, got to slip in ’n’ out real fast.” Resumes playing. “She got a big rear window, keeps her shutters open wide...”

When he finishes the song, I ask him what it was, and he says, “‘Big Rear Window’; I don’t even know who done it. Lots of people, so there’s my version.”

Pete says he has played on the streets.

“All the way from Mexico City to Fairbanks, Alaska. All up and down the West Coast. I haven’t been to the East Coast, but I’ve been to the Midwest, of course: Chicago, St. Looie. I had an opportunity to go to Europe. I went to Prague, I went to London, Paris. Everywhere I go, they love the blues. Blues is a universal language. I feel like I’m carrying on an American tradition. There’s not many of us blues guys left. This generation of blues guys, most of us are white and we’re just carrying on the tradition. Somebody gets to.” He grins.

I ask him who is the greatest bluesman alive, and he says, “Most of my respect goes to B.B. King. I’m also a drummer, and I had an opportunity to fill in for his drummer two nights. This was in ’94 when B.B. was in Anchorage. He is a wonderful cat. I went on with no rehearsal, nothin’. But I happened to know the bass player, A.J. Jones. I had worked with him before so it was real easy. He cued me on the punches and the stop times. I’m a damned good drummer. I’ve got 13 different styles of shuffles. That’s why a lot of front men like me to play with them because every time we do a shuffle it’s not the same.”

Pete plays on this corner Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights usually. “Usually for those three days I’m bringin’ home between two and a half to three and a half. This is the best corner for street musicians. I got to get here early. There’ll be ten musicians who come here tonight. They’ll look at me and go, ‘Oh, shoot’ and they’ll have to head down the street.”

Pete has no trouble with cops because “as long as I’m south of Market, I’m legal.”

A woman comes by and donates a handful of pennies to Pete’s cause — survival. “See, now she’s a street person, a panhandler,” he says. “She always gives me her pennies.”

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Pete commutes from his Tijuana home by trolley. He takes the last train on Fridays and Sundays at 12:15. Saturdays it's 2:15 a.m.

"I like living in Tijuana," he says. "For one reason, if you're a street musician, there are a lot of Mexicans who play on the buses down there and if you want to, you can play on the city bus — if you ask the bus driver permission. What you do in exchange for him is you greet for the bus, call out to people on the street the destination of the bus. It's like a barker at a carnival. The bus driver will then take you from, say, downtown TJ to the border or the other way around. You sing about two or three songs and the people are conditioned to tip the musicians; to them you're an artist. They're very supportive of artists. Like, a mom and dad and a kid will be on the bus, and they always give the kid the money to tip, so they're raised from birth to tip, see? I'm one of the first white guys to break in to the buses down there and play."

I interrupt him to ask, "There are other gringos doing that?"

"Well, I don't know. When I first started, I got threatened with violence. I just told the guys, 'Look, I'm not gonna quit. I need the job. I need to work too. I'm not gonna quit,

and I'm not gonna fight you over a bus, so just chill out, man.' I've been doin' that in Tijuana for over a year, and now those guys are my friends. They got a lot of respect for me because I did stick it out.

"When I first got to TJ I was broke; I didn't even have a guitar. First night in town, somebody stole my guitar. I had to start from the very bottom with nothin' — I had no place to stay, nothin'. Now I've got a nice guitar, nice clothes, and these guys see me doin' that. They've got a lot of respect for that. I used to work 12, 14 hours a day down there. I still work down there during the week. Believe it or not, the Mexicans tip me much better than the Americans do. The American tourists don't even

give me the time of day."

Pete averages about 300 pesos or about \$30 on a weeknight in Tijuana. "The average Mexican factory worker," he says, "is makin' about \$65 a week. I'm comfortable with where I'm at because I'm able to do what I want basically."

Pete does seem comfortable, maybe even happy. If you ask me if he's any good, I've got to say, yes, he is, though it's hardly fair to approach a musician on the street with a notebook and tape recorder and review him.

Is it really the blues? Catch him on the corner of Fifth and Market on weekend nights, if he's still down there, and listen for yourself. You won't need even 12 bars to know that it is. ■

— John Brizzolara

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# GOOD GIRLS DYING FOR LOVE

**H**e was, if not my first love, my first conscious attempt at love. I am tempted to say we were meant for each other. I am tempted to say: destiny scented the air of Mrs. Firby's first-grade class. Not being a person who believes in fate or divinely ordained romance, I must instead offer that even at age seven, I was a sucker for gentleness.

That first day, big, wall-mounted fans going against the September heat, Mrs. Firby wandered the rows of yellow tables playing her accordion. The boy had run to the same table as I, asked politely to be my desk-mate. The room, as I recall, broke out in hoots. He blushed and stared. I blushed and stared. Mrs. Firby's hand descended in a crashing chord on the plastic keys, making everyone squeal. Mrs. Firby laughed, sobered quick. "People! If you can't pick your own desks quietly, I'll assign them for you!"



ILLUSTRATION BY ANNIKA NELSON

## I HAD COVETED SUCH A DOLL LONG BEFORE MY GRANDMOTHER GAVE HER TO ME.

Pale-skinned, plum-lipped Lance Maloch. His brown cow eyes were rounded along their bottom edges, slightly lower in the outer corners, giving him a look of both hangdog innocence and perpetual ennui. His straight mink-colored hair was cut bowl fashion, like a medieval prince's. He was slender and almost bluish white in color, like an invalid. Across the breast of his shirt, reindeer galloped.

Lance's shirt was cowboy-styled, with pearl-covered snaps, a style then worn by only one other boy in class, a boy who had thick glasses, a hearing aid in his pocket, and smelled of pee. The shirt gave Lance the air of a heroic out-cast, perhaps. I was already a sucker for rebels, too. I guess the reindeer clinched it. Everybody knew reindeer were for Christmas.

I wondered if he were poor and didn't have any other shirts. No, he told me. His name was Norwegian. His parents were Norwegian.

Lance remained my deskmate until after lunch, when Mrs. Firby called us up front, explained that the arrangement was too disruptive, and reassigned Lance to the back of a row of boys. She smiled, red-lipsticked, eyes sympathetic behind cat-eye glasses. It seemed our nascent romance was already thwarted by a society that just didn't understand.

Such ideas, if unarticulated in a seven-year-old, were nonetheless ingrained. I had by this time seen a film version of *Romeo and Juliet* and the Disney cartoon *Snow White*, read children's versions of these stories and more. My Barbie regularly died, wearing lavish robes fashioned from scarves,



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a charm bracelet for a belt, a cocktail ring for a diadem. She was laid out upon a bier of handkerchief-covered books, encyclopaedia volumes stacked like a ziggurat. The climax of the game was Ken's sorrow. His visit to her dead body. The poignancy of his grief, her beautiful death. Barbie might lie there for days, while I reenacted the pivotal moment over and over, whenever the mood struck.

Who can say if such morbid fantasies are born out of trauma or are the inevitable in a society where women are escape artists, clinging onto illusion? If I was doomed by culture to romantic fixation, I wasn't alone. With my sister, with neighbor girls, I mimicked the television shows we watched in those days. *Dream Girl of 1967. Batman. The Six Wives of Henry VIII. Bewitched. I Dream of Jeannie.* We acted out endless scenes of jealous women fighting over men, evil vamps seducing men, good girls dying for love.

We were, little girls in the 1960s, riding a precarious cusp. The mothers who bought us toy ovens and vac-

uum cleaners and tea sets, who taught us the meaning of "ladylike" and cleaned up after our fathers, were the same women who would shortly join consciousness-raising groups, get jobs and divorces, wear their hair loose, try marijuana, sleep with new men.

And so my dolls were also prone to perilous adventures, scaling tables and couches with a bent hairpin and twine, or out back of our tract house like a thousand Clairemont tract houses, by the redwood-stained fence, hunting our cat (using a pencil for a spear) in the tall grass, taming plastic model horses that galloped in the box canyon formed between us girls' twin beds. Maybe Barbie was only benefiting from a new direction in marketing: she could now be bought boots and safari wear along with evening gowns. But I stole her a machine gun and a field telephone from a neighbor boy's GI Joe.

Our grandest dolls, my sister's and mine, were kept on a high shelf in our room with the best stuffed animals and music boxes. Our girlish room

with ballerina pictures on the walls, and high ranch windows covered by frilled, chintz curtains that matched the twin beds' spreads, the beds French provincial and matching the bureaus, all painted white and "antiqued" in gold and stuck with adhesive flowers in mod colors. The best dolls were not to be touched without permission, and then not without washing our hands with hot water and soap. Madame Alexandre "brides," 15 inches tall, the dolls stood poised on tiptoe in high, white satin shoes. Metal braces snapped around the dolls' waists, under their clothing, to hold them up. These collector dolls were wildly popular in our neighborhood. Their costumes were beautifully made, detailed, and entirely removable. The secret of their popularity, however, lay beneath the lace-trimmed veils, gowns, and petticoats of white tulle, bodices embroidered with seed pearls, satin pantaloons, sheer silk stockings (held by flower-and-rhinestone garters), tiny pearl wedding rings, and rhinestone earrings that stuck into

the dolls' heads on straight pins. The bride dolls were children.

Heads child-large in proportion to their prepubescent bodies, the dolls' eyes were preternaturally round beneath brows innocently upraised. Below snub noses, their pouting mouths were orifices deep enough, I discovered, to support a baby doll's bottle. I had coveted such a doll long before my grandmother gave her to me. My sister was given one, with blonde silk hair in curls down her back, the year before; I was provided a doll suitable for younger children. This doll was made on a larger scale, had cheaper hair, cut short, was molded from an inferior plastic that could be seen through in the light and held on to grimy fingerprints. I sat on my bed, on its quilted, ruffled spread decorated with cabbage roses, and held the stupid doll in my hands and contemplated her inferiority. She had short hair. The skirt of her dress was straight, unadorned. She smelled funny. My mother sat on the bed with me, consoled me while I cried out my shame. She

stroked the doll's hair. "See how pretty she is? And you can change her clothes. We can make her lots of clothes."

But she was a bride doll. She was supposed to wear bride clothes. My mother left the room, returned what seemed to be much later. She opened her hands, revealing three bottles of nail polish, gleaming glass wedges with elongated screw-on tops of ridged white plastic. These were magic objects of female adulthood, kept off-limits on my mother's dressing table. My older sister wasn't allowed to touch them. "Now, which color shall we paint her nails?" The miniscule plastic nailbeds of the doll's hands and feet ended up a deep blood red, marred by fibres of crinkly brown doll hair.

The next year, when my Madame Alexandre bride doll was given to me, my sister and I acted out scenes in which my older doll, the ugly one, with her short hair and cheap dress and chipped fingernail polish, attacked them in murderous jealousy. The ugly one was always — as in fairy tales, as elsewhere in our world —

the mean one. And meanness was anger.

We played the game with our father, who sat in a big leather armchair after dinner. We danced the dolls in the air, holding them by their stiff legs. "Which one will you marry, Daddy?"

He squinted, rubbed his bristly chin. "Ummm... That one!" His big hand swept through the air toward the old doll, the ugly one. We squealed and hopped the dolls away from his hands.

"But she's the ugliest!" We made the dolls' voices higher pitched than our own. "No fair! No fair!" We made the dolls attack each other in the air, butting their veiled heads together. A satin shoe dropped to the carpet. A bouquet flew off a rubber wristband.

Our father leaned back, abashed — the one embarrassed bridegroom. "Well," he asked, "which one do you want me to pick?"

We continued to hit our dolls together. "No fair! No fair! Let's get him!" We hit his face, his arms, his hands put

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up to protect his face, with the hard plastic doll bodies wearing scratchy tulle. We hit him until he said, "Enough."

I had not yet been forced to negotiate the more obvious disparities between reality and romance; for example, that romantic heroines were usually at least a head shorter than their swains, whereas I, at age seven, had that early height advantage girls sometimes develop. At school we lined up boys and girls separately, shortest to tallest. Looking over to the boys' line, I could see the crown of Lance Maloch's head. I probably could have whipped him in a fight. This, however, did not occur to me. I simply imagined the scenes I'd watched on TV, in movies, read in fairy tales, over and over again. Lance would be taller on a horse, anyway. I would imagine this as I walked up the steep hill to school. We would ride horses all through the neighborhood. We'd ride them to school and hide them in a secret place.

Mrs. Firby was a great believer in music. On hot days, when the boys and girls came in from recess sweating and panting, she appointed monitors to dampen paper towels in the sink and distribute them to the class. We pressed the wet cloths against our foreheads, imagined ourselves feverish and near death. "If you sit still and quiet, you'll cool off faster," she said. And then Mrs. Firby would sing a song, accompanying herself on the accordion. With our foreheads resting on our crossed arms, we listened to "Home on the Range," "Turkey in the Straw," or "Go Tell Aunt Rhodie." Once she began a Brahms lullaby but was forced to stop by our indignant whining. We weren't babies, after all.

Music was on Wednesdays. Favored children — often Lance and me — took cymbals, drumsticks, recorders, and orange songbooks from a cupboard smelling of paste and dust, placed one on each desk to be shared. The hard-bound books, titled *Songs of Many Lands*, opened flat. The pages were slick. Next to each song was a bright-colored illustration of children hiking in the mountains or skating on a pond. If your desk-mate were sick and you had

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a book to yourself, you could lean forward and smell the fresh, good book smell of ink and glue. At the front of the classroom, Mrs. Firby would write a page number on the board, give the starting note on a pitch pipe. We sang "This Land Is Your Land," and "The Animal Fair," and "The Hiking Song." We sang "Cherry Bloom."

One day she tested our vocal range by having each of us sing a scale. She pointed to girl after girl. She pointed to boy after boy. Then she pointed to me a second time. Then she pointed to Lance a second time. "You two," she said, "have the highest voices in the class." We looked at each other, looked at our shoes. The other boys guffawed. "Lance is a wussy!" someone shouted. Mrs. Firby called us to the front.

Mrs. Firby placed her larger teacher's copy of the songbook in our hands. Lance's side of the book tipped down because he was so much shorter. "Sing 'Cherry Bloom,'" Mrs. Firby said. She gave us a starting note, an octave higher than we usually sang

it. Lance and I sang together. His breath bounced off the page into my face; it smelled like oranges and bologna, from the halved orange and the bologna sandwich he brought in his Thermos lunch box every day. When we hit the highest notes, we looked at each other, and later, after school, when the other children had melted off the far side of the dirt field, we met in the shade of the bungalow and sang the song again, in higher and higher keys, until our voices were squeaks and we bent over laughing.

Ours was a delicate courtship. Lance was not a boy who chased girls to the outer field fence and pretended to handcuff them to it or kicked them in the crotch during disputes in foursquare. He played kickball with the boys but spent most of his time at the monkey bars. Girls lined up on one end of the horizontal ladder, boys on the other. You gripped the hot metal bars with one hand, swung forward from every other one. In the middle of the horizontal ladder, you tangled legs with a member of the

opposite sex until your grip was too sweaty to maintain or until the teacher on yard duty came to break it up. Grown-ups did not seem to like this game.

We somehow came to be seated together during Handwriting. Lance and I shared certain meticulous habits and compared our respective Hs and Os and Qs in whispers. Lance made his Qs like an O with a cat's tail and then added ears. I had never seen this done before and thought it a very clever trick.

In a whisper, he asked me, "How do you spell your name?" I wrote it out in my best writing, and he wrote out his, and we exchanged the grainy green-ruled papers after school.

We spoke for seconds at a time in line after recess, exchanging information like furtive refugee-camp lovers.

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ment with Buvvy Lockerson seem brutal, carnal. Buvvy, square-faced, buzz-cut, was twice sent to the principal's office for biting. To experience Buvvy's affection was to endure endless perversities. He stole your scissors, kicked you in the shin, threatened to push you off the jungle gym. You could only hope his attention would be diverted soon.

Lance-and-me was just for the two of us, not a showy, challenging kind of interaction meant to entertain friends. There were no conferences with deputies in the boys' and girls' bathrooms; he never sent another boy to ask me to speak to him. Likewise, I didn't pass notes about Lance back and forth to girlfriends. Mostly because they couldn't read and write very well.

I didn't know where Lance lived, but sometimes I saw him ahead of me in the distance as I walked home along Clairemont Drive. It was sometime in the winter, a day of sharp blue sky when the grass lawns were crabby and brown, that Lance was outside the chainlink gate

when I walked through it and fell into step beside me, neither of us saying a word. At the first corner we turned, he offered to carry my books. His were in a dark blue canvas book bag on his back. I gave him my books. He put them under his right arm. He dropped his left arm down. "Let's cross the street," he said. I said okay.

We stepped off the curb. "We should hold hands crossing the street," he said. I said okay. His hand was soft, clammy.

Across the street our hands stayed together, and we swung them back and forth, and then we started laughing, and we skipped down the block to the corner. We talked about what animals we would have, if we could have any animals. We talked about what horses we would tame and ride to school, if we could have any horses. We came to where my neighborhood, a subdivision of a few meandering blocks, started. I knew he lived on the other side of it, in a subdivision of ranch-style houses with redwood fences just like mine.

He said he'd walk through my neighborhood with me. At the corner house of my block, with a split-rail fence and white, sparkly rocks around the rose bushes, he asked, "Do you think we should kiss?"

I said, "I guess we should."

One or the other of us said we should perform this ritual in my house. My mother wasn't home yet, and his parents, he said, wouldn't be mad if he went to my house. "You should have my phone number," he said.

"Write it on my folder,"

I said. Lance put my stack of things on the sidewalk, slung off his knapsack, scrounged for a pencil. We knelt together over my PeeChee folder. He smelled slightly sweaty, of boy-sweat—light and sweet but faintly tinged with feces, dirt, and mold. He wrote his phone number, in the smallest numbers, on the inside flap. He wrote my phone number on the inside of a library book. This was shocking, kind of dangerous.

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key on a dirty string. We tried it in the lock of my front door, but it wouldn't fit.

Inside my dark house, we stumbled sun-blind into the kitchen, drank big plastic tumblers of water from the kitchen sink. It was quiet in the house. Lance looked around. "Where should we do it?"

The bedroom my sister and I shared was out of the question — too full of private things, girl things. I wouldn't want Lance to see my pink stuffed poodle, my Barbie van, my bride doll. My parents' bedroom was inviolate for other reasons. The spare room had a window onto a neighbor's yard through which we might be seen. The living room was too close to the front door, where, for whatever reason, my mother or father might come bursting through at any minute.

I led Lance by the hand down the hall. We went into the bathroom. We turned on the light. I locked the door behind us. "Wait," he said. He took off his knapsack again. He opened it and pulled out a blue nylon windbreaker. He put the jacket over his head, pulled it forward with his hands, so that it tented his face. "Okay. Now."

I stepped in, scrunching down to his height, and put my hands up to hold the jacket, too. We dropped the fabric over my head and breathed in each other's quick breaths. He pressed closed lips against my cheek, just barely, and made a loud smacking noise. I pressed my closed lips against his cheek and made a loud smacking noise. We separated quickly and went out to the living room. Lance put his windbreaker back in his knapsack, heaved the bag's straps onto his shoulders, and went out the door.

Back in Mrs. Firby's class, Lance began spending more time with the other boys — laughed when they laughed, evinced disgust at all things girl. I rediscovered a girlfriend in another class and spent my recesses with her. Now comes the line you know is coming. Rather, you may have your choice of the three:

After that kiss, things between us seemed to have changed.

We drifted apart after that.

Lance moved away that summer, and I never saw him again. ■

— Susan Whittaker

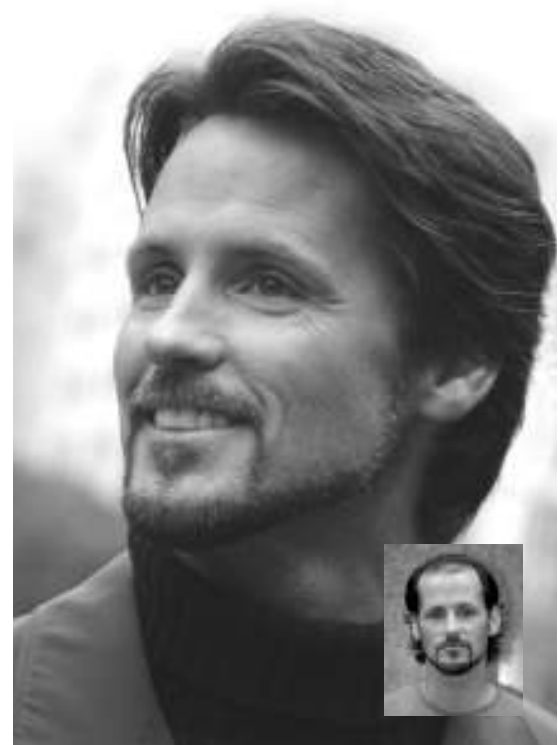
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**I GREW UP** in the Midwest during the Great Depression. As was the case with most families, we were poor, but there was, nevertheless, a small upright piano in our living room. There were upright pianos in everyone's living room, as far as I can recall. Pianos were taken for granted, like overstuffed sofas, somber pictures of grandparents, and marble-topped tables. In every family at least one person played the piano, if only a little.

My parents had somehow come up with the money for their upright soon after they were married. Mom liked to sing, and Dad had taken what must have been grueling lessons as a kid in South Dakota. He had learned one of the Beethoven sonatas and would sit down and play it on occasion, actually getting a lot of the right-hand notes correct. He had lost a great deal of hearing in France during the First World War; maybe that is why he paid so little attention to the left hand. Mom said he had played for the silent movies in the '20s — God knows what that must have been like.

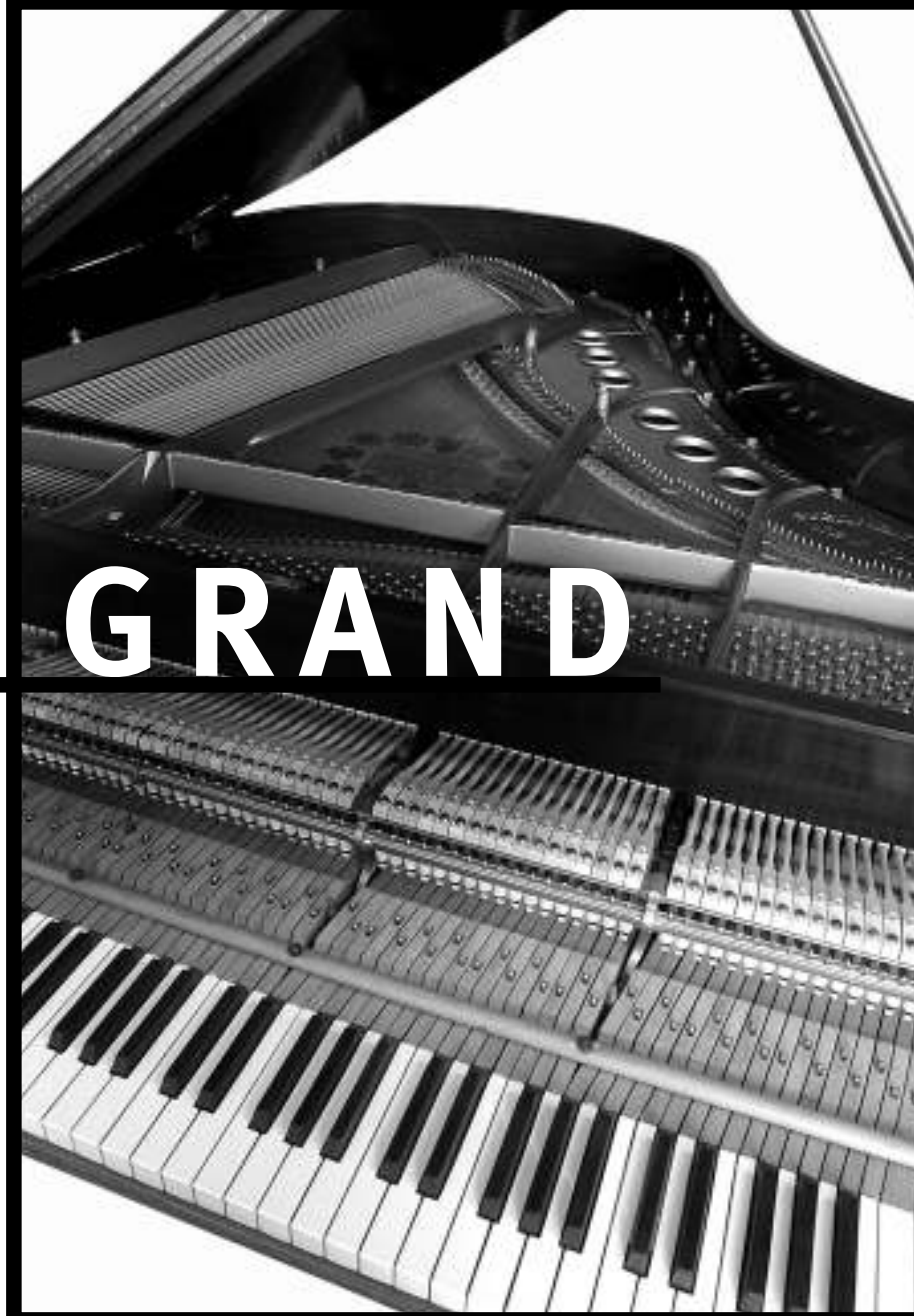
At that time I was unaware of the difference between one piano and another. A piano was a piano. Each one in every house had music piled on top, next to the old photographs and paper flowers, and everyone crunched more music books into the same kind of wooden piano bench until it forced the plywood bottom out. Some people had mostly popular music, written in annoying keys like B-flat and E-flat, whereas others had hymnbooks and sentimental songs handed down from their grandmothers, and everyone had some version of *The World's Greatest Piano Music*, with its green cover and mysterious, enigmatic pieces by Gretchaninoff, Sinding, MacDowell, and the like.

Later on, someone told my father his son should have a better piano. Somberly we went through the want ads in the paper and, not having a car, trudged several miles to try out instruments that people were having to part with. One time my mother took me to Chicago to play for the great piano pedagogue Rudolph Ganz, but when his secretary told us that an audition would cost \$15, she sighed and returned home. Many years later, a

professor of piano myself, I met Dr. Ganz at a music festival and told him of that long-ago visit. The 85-year-old gentleman, still imposing in his old-fashioned stiff shirt with detachable collar, shook his head gravely and said, "Too bad. Why didn't you just come in the door?"

Retiring during the spring of 1993 after a long career in music, I moved to San Diego and found myself in need of a new piano. I continue to give concerts now and then and need to practice; also, my wife Liliane and I like to play four-hand music on occasion. Beyond all that, I still have the same old feeling that a piano is an essential part of a living room.

I found an irresistible new Mason & Hamlin in James McEvoy's Music Center and asked to try it out at our condominium. Jim was agreeable but had some worries concerning how we would get it up and around the front staircase. His mover came for a visit and confirmed his apprehensions, which was discouraging, to say the least. After a great deal of pacing around, measuring, and chin-rubbing, the mover declared that the only way he could deliver the instrument was by hiring a crane company to bring in one



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of their big rigs and set it up in the driveway so they could hoist the piano over the rooftops to the deck on the other side of the house. Then it could be moved through the sliding-glass doors into the living room, where we wanted it. Naturally, this raised the cost of the move substantially and ended any thought of a try-out period. I could see clearly that once in, the piano would stay there forever.

The reader will have

guessed by now that my new instrument is not one of those little uprights of childhood memory. A lifetime of association with

*There are several grand pianos in San Diego*

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*Piano hammers*

particular, while high-pitched strings are quite short, bass strings must be very long. Or rather, they

should be.

A piano, however, is not just a musical instrument. At least in its home

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ing sound quality is so greatly distorted by the poor mass/length ratio that the vibrations actually fight with one another, creating havoc with tone and duration.

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of six, seven, and — with concert grands — nine feet, these distortions are alleviated. A richer, more desirable quality of tone becomes possible as the mass of the string in relation to its length becomes more ideal, allowing the harmonic series to maintain its natural, self-

reinforcing ratios. A longer piano also means a larger area for the sounding board, which in turn allows for greater projection, longer durations, and a more “singing” quality.

Whether we speak of grands or uprights, it is clear that pianos are found in far

fewer homes than when I was growing up. I mentioned this to Susan Dramm recently during a visit to her home. Mrs. Dramm, who studied piano at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, is a founding member of the organization that became the La Jolla Chamber Music Society.

“Very few of my friends have pianos anymore,” she said. “I think it’s too bad.

Music is of central importance to me — not just listening to it but making it myself. There is so much nourishment and discipline that comes with playing, and this carries over into other aspects of your life. I wouldn’t be without it.” So saying, she went to one of the two pianos in her living room and played a Scriabin etude.

“We purchased this Mason & Hamlin ‘A’ [5’8”

long] recently so that I could do two-piano work with a friend.” She played a few notes on the other piano, a Steinway “B” [7’7”]. “They have been voiced similarly and match surprisingly well, don’t you think?” It was true — the two pianos were nicely compatible and sounded good together, as we later found out when we tried some of the Mozart Sonata for Two Pianos. Of course, the larger instrument has a more resonant bass, but otherwise they both have a bright, pleasant tone.

Tuner-technician Earl Kallberg, who rebuilt both pianos for Mrs. Dramm, agrees that there are far fewer pianos in homes than earlier in the century. However, he notes that during the past five to eight years an interesting phenomenon has taken place. Mature people are buying quality pianos or restoring old pianos that have been in the family for some time. They are studying and practicing again — I’ve seen it

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a lot lately.

Most of these people, he continues, studied when they were young, then gave it up because of the pressures of business or of raising a family or simply because they lost interest. But now they want to take it up again. "Sometimes," he adds with a smile, "they are real fanatics about it. They become fascinated concerning the piano itself, how it works."

"At the present time all of my students are adults, professional people who want to enrich their lives through music," says Donna Clitsome, a San Diego native who has taught piano here for 36 years. "This has happened during the past 4 years," she adds, "though I don't know exactly why. I used to work with children, too, but these older adults work harder than any kids I ever had."

Ms. Clitsome began her study with Florence Stephenson (who, at the age of 90, still lives in San Diego) and continued with the late Lyell Barbour. Subsequently, she spent a summer working with Rosalyn Tureck and has maintained an active performing career. "They've taken music out of the schools, you know," she exclaimed, worried that so few children now play the piano. "Values have

changed so much; money has become such an issue, for one thing. Music just isn't included in the family anymore," she concluded, sadly.

Art Olson, president of the Piano Exchange, also notes that there is a reawakening of activity among older adults. "But the drop in interest among youngsters over the years — in knowledge about the piano and piano music — cannot be ignored. Music as an activity that can be participated in has suffered from being squeezed out of the curriculum in our schools."

Olson points also to the need, "especially in California," he adds with a chuckle, for "instant grat-

ification. To play the piano reasonably well takes work, lots of it. People don't want to do that anymore. So this is what they want," he said, beckoning me to follow.

He took me into the

Boston, which emphasizes training in jazz and commercial music, and the ease with which he moved from one style to another, each with the sound appropriate to it, was very impressive.

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into that," he adds, pointing to the switches and dials that surround the keyboard. "Costs the same as a little upright, you know." I told him I was sorely tempted but left before he could clinch the deal.

Debate continues concerning the quality of old pianos versus new. There is always a certain fascination with instruments made before the turn of the century. Do they still have musical value? Or are they only of interest as antique furniture?

In fact, pianos nearly identical with those being built today were produced several decades before 1900. If they have been well maintained they can be quite wonderful. That is a big if, however. Also it is worth knowing just how far back one can go without running into serious construction problems.

The history of piano-building in the 19th Century focuses primarily on the struggle to improve the quality and strength of strings and on experiments with the frame and sound-board designed to achieve greater total string tension and sound projection. Pianos constructed around 1800 were under a maximum tension of only two or three tons. For a variety of reasons these instruments went out of tune quickly, and pianists were constantly breaking both hammers and strings.

(Anton Reicha, turning pages for Beethoven around 1805 in the performance of a Mozart piano concerto, wrote, "I was mostly occupied in wrenching out the strings of the piano which snapped. Back and forth I leaped, jerking out a string, disentangling a hammer, turning a page. I worked harder than did Beethoven.")

These early pianos, with a range of about five and a half octaves, had a wooden frame. Modern replicas exhibit the same problems that were encountered 200 years ago; a stronger frame was definitely needed. In 1843 the piano builder Jonas Chickering took out a patent on an iron frame; this was developed further by the Steinway people soon after they came to the United States in 1853. The strength of the metal frame eventually allowed piano mak-

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of strings, quality of hammers, stability of tuning, and efficiency of the action were perfected by 1870, and we can safely say that the "modern" piano dates from that time.

There are several grand pianos in San Diego County that are more than 100 years old. I visited Mrs. Paul

Ringler to examine and play her 1883 Steinway "B." Mrs. Ringler, now in her 80s, was a skilled accompanist for many decades. She explained that she had always wanted a seven-foot "B" because she felt it blended best with other instruments, not overpowering as the nine-foot "D" might do but giving full support, nevertheless. She purchased her instrument more than 50 years ago, during the Second World War.

"I had a colleague back in Milwaukee with an old Steinway," she said. "Yes, it was already 'old' in 1942! She told me she needed to sell it and I could have it

for \$200. That was an amazingly low price, even for then, so I grabbed it!" (It is clear she is still pleased with her purchase.)

"The piano originally had a rosewood finish, but we had it redone in ebony. And of course, we put in new hammers. The elegantly carved legs were gone when I got it, replaced by more modern straight ones."

I tried the piano, now 111 years old. In the small living room it was difficult to play as softly as one might wish, but the sound is bright and even throughout. The sounding board shows signs of repair — certainly not surprising — but it is still

a rather nice piano.

When it comes to old instruments, however, square pianos take the prize. Well, perhaps not the first prize. According to John Denker, who was for many years the official tuner of the San Diego Symphony, there are a number of square grands in San Diego County. Readers who attended that beautiful but strange film *The Piano* (why did that 19th-century woman doodle late-20th-century new-age riffs on her beloved instrument?) will recall the travels and travails involving the heroine's square grand.

Given the fact that pro-

duction of squares had nearly stopped by 1850, it is probable that most of the instruments now in our vicinity were shipped "around the horn" to California before the construction of the Panama Canal. That in itself is interesting, of course, and the antique value of such venerable pieces of furniture is indisputable. Denker, born and apprenticed in Bremen, Germany, came to San Diego in 1964. He is obviously amused by the fascination some of his customers have for square pianos. "They think they are very valuable musically," he whispers, with a conspiratorial smile. "In fact, almost nobody plays them. They just put them in a prominent place in the entranceway to their nice houses so that everyone can see them. They really aren't very good, you know. The action is slow, and the tone just so-so. And to tune them gives you a real backache!"

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Unfortunately, according to curator Barbara Pope, Shepard's square piano, a Knabe, disappeared long ago. The replacement now on display was donated in 1972. Surviving a serious fire in 1986, this second instrument was refinished by Abel Sanchez, but neither he nor Ms. Pope could give me further historical details. Although the present instrument appears to have been built as late as 1870 in Boston, it closely resembles pictures of the original.

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Mrs. Robert Arthur proudly shows me the sales slip her late husband signed in 1963, to which the advertisement is still attached. The tiny upright sits in the corner of her handsomely appointed living room, the windows of which afford a splendid view of the ocean. Made in the days when the Danes were still designing furniture with simple, graceful lines using light woods such as teak or Philippine mahogany, the instrument is both aesthetically pleasing and efficient-looking.

At Mrs. Arthur's invitation I open the top and

peek in. The clean lines of the outer case continue into the businesslike interior; the action still looks new. The keyboard is shorter than normal; the instrument is so small that there is simply no room for the lowest bass strings found on conventional uprights, so several were eliminated by the practical builder, Louis Zwiacki, whose name is modestly embedded in front. I asked Mrs. Arthur if she still plays, but she replies that she no longer does so. "My eyes are giving out, and I have trouble reading the notes," she says. "I was surprised I could still find the sales slip," she adds wistfully.

I play portions of pieces by several composers. Mozart sounded quite fine. Though small, the piano is not a toy. It is a Zwiacki. And, 31 years ago, Mr. Arthur got it before the price went up, too!

What do concert artists want in a piano? And what kinds of instruments do they find when they come to San Diego? I suspect that



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though most pianists have their allegiances to this or that brand name, in their hearts they know that their most important concern should not be the make of the piano but who is taking care of it. Without the skills and attention of an excellent tuner-technician, the finest concert instrument may turn out to be a minefield of musical disasters.

The concert Baldwin piano at the Civic Center was under the care of John Denker for decades. The instrument was used by many of the artists who performed with the San Diego Symphony during the time the orchestra played at the center. I asked him about artists' demands.

"They all want to have a piano that is brilliant," he said, adding with a smile that not a single pianist had ever asked him "to make a piano more mellow. But that is only natural," he continued, "because they have to be heard over maybe 90 or 100 players. So I tried my best to oblige them." His favorite story concerns

his first meeting with Artur Rubinstein. He had just finished tuning when the artist appeared on-stage, walked briskly up to him, and asked, "Well, how's the piano?"

Denker said he was nervous in the presence of the great man and replied, hesitantly, "F-f-f-fine, fine! I-I just tuned it for you."

With that, Rubinstein slapped him on the shoulder and exclaimed with a great laugh, "Well, now I'm going to knock it back out of tune!" That broke the ice, Denker said, after which they got on famously.

There are times when technicians wish they could do more to improve potentially fine instruments. I spent an hour playing the nine-foot Mason & Hamlin that is in the San Diego City College theater. Discussing it later with piano technician Tom Myler, I had to agree with him that this is a particularly frustrating case. On the one hand, the instrument is not only remarkably easy to play but has one of the most satisfying sounds imagina-

ble, particularly in the bass register. On the other hand, however, it is quite evident that it needs a great deal of work to put it into the kind of shape such a superb piano deserves.

"The piano was built around 1970," according to Myler. "I did some regulating in 1983, but by then it should have been given an extensive overhauling, much more than I did. I made a rough estimate for the college — it wouldn't have been cheap — but heard no more thereafter. What a waste! It's one of the really great pianos around!"

Earl Kallberg, now the tuner for the San Diego Symphony and one of San Diego's busiest piano technicians, tells a happier story. A few years back, the concert Steinway belonging to the orchestra was giving artists severe tonal problems, he says, and several of his colleagues commented that they felt it needed a new set of hammers. Replacing hammers, especially for a concert instrument, is an

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expensive matter, and the symphony was having financial problems that made the proposed outlay impossible, at least at that time.

"I brought it up at a meeting of the San Diego chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild," explained Kallberg, "and they voted to donate a set of hammers — and the installation, of course — from our discretionary fund. The symphony was very pleased, and everyone thinks the

piano is much improved." In recent years, pianists coming to San Diego to perform solo recitals often choose the Steinway concert grand CD 24, available through the Piano Exchange. "When John Lill was here recently, he used it," says Kallberg. "He said he was particularly fond of its enormous dynamic range, from very soft to very loud." I agree that CD 24 is, indeed, a marvelous instrument, one that requires great skill

to play effectively. This is particularly true of the very aspect mentioned by pianist Lill: dynamics. Because there is such an unusual range of 18 possibilities, it is easy for the performer to lose control, to allow a crescendo to become too loud and crashing too soon. Like the fine thoroughbred it is, the instrument needs to be held in with a firm hand on the reins.

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Sinz no longer sells Falcones but still has a concert grand in his living room. "You can see that this is number 183," he tells me, indicating the serial number. "It is the last good concert instrument Falcone made." Indeed, it is a very

responsive piano. As with the symphony's concert Steinway, one must be constantly careful to control the volume of sound, especially if one wishes to maintain a very soft level throughout a passage. Exercising such control, one can find a remarkable range of subtle colors in the beautifully made instrument.

Having discussed pianos, pianists, piano teaching, tuning, and selling with dozens of people, I find it particularly heartening to learn that almost all of them are concerned with making music — music as something in which one can be an active participant — more available to young people.

"Music should be part of the educational process," exclaims Mike Greene, president of Greene Music. "Not only is piano-playing fun, something that can be done on many different levels of accomplishment, but psychologists have proven beyond a doubt that kids who experience the kind of discipline music study provides do better in school —

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Greene and his associate, David Leman, spent two hours showing me the pianos in their store and enthusiastically reporting on their establishment of a Yamaha music program in the K-through-6 years of one school district in San Diego County and their "Future of Music" programs at Southwestern College.

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— David Burge

(Mrs. Arthur, owner of the Zwicki piano, died several weeks after this story was written.)

Pianist David Burge has been heard in recital and on recordings throughout the world. He is the author of *Twentieth-Century Piano Music* (Schirmer Books, 1990).

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since December of 2003. All reasonable efforts were made to contact Kensington business and property owners.

Article states: "I [Chance Billmeyer] only wanted to meet with Alan Ellard..." Actual: I arranged a meeting with Allard Jansen to see if he would support any ideas and proposals for improvements in Kensington before going to more property owners.

Article states: "Alan Ellard [builder of the newest condominium complex]..." Actual: The property referenced is 100 percent commercial and is not being leased for residential purposes.

Article states: "Several local residents claim they heard Billmeyer say condominiums should be built on the site of the gas station." Actual: I support the already approved plan that the property east of and adjacent to the gas station be built as a mixed-use, retail, and residential complex. The plan has been approved by the

residents of Kensington and by the Kensington Talmadge Planning Committee earlier this year.

Article states: "Since July the Adams Avenue Business Association has replaced the blighted trees in Kensington." Actual: The trees were trimmed due to Marco Li Mandri's (president of New City America) wife, Laura, who called the City of San Diego Department of Urban Forestry to request that the trees be trimmed. The trees have not been replaced.

Thank you for the opportunity to help clarify these points.

Chance Billmeyer  
Vice President  
Kensington Talmadge  
Business Association

*Joe Deegan responds: My story asserts that some Kensington business property owners complained they weren't invited to preliminary planning at a Kensington Talmadge Business Association meeting that eventually might have required them to pay fees beyond their current maintenance assessments. Instead of addressing this concern, Billmeyer's letter*

*twice shifts to a different point, namely, that for two years the association informed property owners of its meetings. Local business property owners are not required to belong to the association, but they do have the right to vote on whether to assess themselves further maintenance assessments.*

*Further in the letter, Billmeyer seems to validate the feeling of the property owners that they were left out of initial discussions when he writes: "I arranged a meeting with Allard Jansen to see if he would support any ideas and proposals for improvements in Kensington before going to more property owners." At the July community meeting in Normal Heights, as I relate in my story, Billmeyer told the crowd that he spoke with Marco Li Mandri ahead of time to get some ideas to present to Jansen.*

*I apologize to Mr. Jansen for misstating his name.*

## Nothing To Say

Jay Allen Sanford demonstrates just how out of touch the Reader has gotten ("Irradio Broadcasts," Pop

Music, December 15). Mr. Sanford posted a piece with accompanying interview of local band irradio (it's a lowercase *i*, in case you were wondering) and failed to mention that two of the members pictured and cited are no longer members of the band — something that even the Reader had reported in late summer. It is even posted on their website, where anyone doing any basic fact-checking could have discovered. How are we to go by information that the Reader gives us when the reporters have no idea what's really going on? And although Sanford is a big fan of starting off his articles using other people's quotes (that most of the time have nothing to do with the mentioned band), I feel he should try and take a swing at using his own. But maybe then everyone would see he has nothing to say of any relevance.

Lisa Vale  
via e-mail

*Jay Allen Sanford responds: The article should have noted that Anthony Rogers-Wright now plays bass and keyboards with the band. Contacted shortly before the story ran, Collin Tuthill said that the lineup is fluid and that his brother Chad and Edgar Alminar still perform in the band.*

## The Joke, With Relish

Re Ed Bedford's review of Hot Dog Express ("Tin Fork," December 15).

The whole joke goes:

A guy walks up to a hot dog stand, and Buddha says, "What'll it be, Mac?"

The guy says, "Make me one with everything" and flips him a \$20 bill.

Buddha gives him his hot dog, and the guy says, "What about my change?"

Buddha replies, "Change must come from within..."

With relish,

J. Frank Webster  
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## Beatles Worthy Of Contempt

Re "The Dream Is Over" (December 8) and John Lennon.

Adhering to the old saw that tastes ought not to be disputed, I shall omit any abstruse philosophical arguments as to the absolute worth of Mr. Lennon's "music." I shall instead voice my own opinion as to Mr. Lennon and his legacy.

Mr. Lennon's musical accomplishments, whether viewed with or without his Beatle compatriots, are wholly unremarkable. His songs (and those of the Beatles as a whole) are melodically insipid, harmonically static, and rhythmically monotonous. Like nearly all rock "music," the songs follow tired patterns which are predictable after one listens to the first ten measures. When compared to the works of lesser-known composers, such as Hummel or Albinoni, they are utterly vapid creations, worthy only of our contempt. When compared to the work of masters such as Handel or Brahms, they no longer deserve the appellation "music."

I suppose that one could attempt an apology for Mr. Lennon by pointing out the value of his music in comparison to that of his rock "music" ilk. Yet that route is comparable to standing in a landfill and praising one rotten apple core over another. The question is, "Why stand in the dung heap that is popular music when one can instead bask in the sublime light of the masters?"

Michael P. Sousa  
University City

## Follow The Dead

I teach college composition, and I am very impressed with the letters written by high school students in the article "Glued to the Screen" (December 8). Some of their mastery of the hook and retention of a single topic is much better than I receive at the college level.

On a different note, I read Gina Arnold's submission about Jerry Garcia's death ("What's Ben & Jerry's Newest Flavor?" December 8), and for someone who has found herself begging for money or a ride at a Vegas Dead show after being stranded by our "friends," I have to agree with Arnold. At one time I espoused the lackadaisical, reactionary philosophy (yes, there is really only one) of the neohippies following the Dead and filling in the hours with drum circles and doobie passing; however, I was only 18 at the time. Jerry Garcia died in time for me not to have gotten too caught up in the sad scene that clogs San Francisco and the surrounding areas — still! My sister lives right outside of Humboldt, and now, in addition to using the old standby begging mantra "spare some change?" the dreadlocked hangers-on of society have adopted a new refrain: "Spare a nug?" which apparently means they want a little weed to help them get through the day. I have since my Deadhead days, as Arnold suggests, gotten an education and a job, but I owe a little of my informal education to roaming through the body odor-patchouli-sage-scented paths of each lice-infested Dead show I experienced. There is something about finding oneself in a crowd and being able to count on a kind face no matter what direction one turns because one thing that Gina Arnold doesn't understand and that can only be understood after being to a Dead show is that once the stringy-haired girls and sad-faced guys made it into the show, they would gladly "spare a nug" or anything else they had to a fellow traveler in need. Generosity experienced at Dead shows is unmatched in general society, and that discrepancy is probably where the misunderstanding of cultures occurs and where the formation of community begins.

Swan Ashby  
via e-mail

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# TJ Cultural Center Opens Time Portals

## History of Baja California Exhibit

**M**useo de las Californias, a permanent installation at the Tijuana Cultural Center depicting the history of the Baja California peninsula, leads museumgoers on a regional time-trek beginning 73 million years ago and ending in 1935. The cultural center, known to locals as “la bola” or “CECUT” (for Centro Cultural Tijuana), is the city’s largest history, science, and art museum.

Once past the ticket-taker, visitors enter a dark passageway and are greeted by a lifelike Guayacura Guama, or shaman, which has been restructured from the skeleton of a Guayacura man. Each artifact or display in the exhibit is accompanied by a description in English and Spanish; this one explains that shamans were

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“mediators between men and the supernatural who made predictions, healed people, and conducted the clan’s funerals and festivities.”

Beyond the shaman is a 15-million-year-old manatee skeleton discovered in Ensenada and a miniature sculpture of an Albertosaurus, a dinosaur that inhabited the Baja peninsula 73 million years ago.

Adjacent to a mammoth’s tusk and enclosed in glass atop one of the many teal-blue rectangular stands are likenesses of Guayacura and Pirucu Indian women, each in their own circular diorama. As in most hunter-gatherer cultures, the women were responsible for collecting fruits and seeds. Women from both tribes would bathe their newborn babies in urine after delivering them “because urine contains ammonia which, in small amounts, can have disinfectant properties.” There are differences between the tribes. For example, Pirucu women carried their young in an oval pail on their back whereas Guayacura women held

their infant in a net suspended from the carrier’s forehead. In the 1700s a smallpox epidemic introduced by Europeans extinguished most of the Pirucus and wiped the Guayacuras out completely.

The History of Baja exhibit is staged on a circular path that spirals upward, past these native people and their artifacts (such as arrowheads and pottery), past a 1:4-scale model of a 16th-century ship and other items representing that period (like swords and armor brought by the Spanish and Italians), and moves toward a model of the mission of Loreto — founded by the Italian Jesuit priest Father Juan Maria Salvatierra, who would go

markers — Dividing Monument #258 — is on display. A replica of a page from the Mexican Constitution, drawn up in 1857, and a replica of the Mexican Declaration of Independence, which was signed on September 28, 1821, can be viewed nearby.

Amidst these models and replicas hangs an original, tattered Juarista flag of the Mexican Coat of Arms. Though the image has undergone many transformations since it was adopted in 1821, the core elements remain the same: an eagle atop a nopal cactus, grasping a serpent with its talon and beak.

As the visitors begin their descent along

way and lead to artifacts from Tijuana’s most memorable and celebrated casino, the Agua Caliente. Built in 1926 in the wake of the new prohibition law in the United States, Agua Caliente was a favorite destination of Hollywood stars such as Clark Gable, Fred Astaire, Rita Hayworth, Charlie Chaplin, Bing Crosby, Jimmy Durante, and Jean Harlow.

In 1935 President Lázaro Cárdenas closed Agua Caliente and prohibited gambling in Mexico. The casino-resort was replaced with five schools. A replica of the fountain that graced the entrance to the casino is on display as visitors exit this self-



Tijuana Cultural Center

on to establish six other missions.

The physical pinnacle of the exhibit is a diorama of a chapel. One can walk up a few stairs and through the chapel’s entrance to see pews, an altar, and original oil paintings on canvas from the 18th Century. Depicted in these paintings are the Virgin Mary, Jesus, and Saint Gertrude. Two other models, of the mission of San Ignacio Kadakaaman and the mission of San Francisco Borja, are set near a reproduction of a bell gable incorporating traditional-style bells cast in bronze.

In 1849 a series of markers were erected delineating the border between the United States and Mexico. The top of one of these

the same relaxed spiral they leave the 19th Century and enter the 20th. Tucked into one area are a handful of displays highlighting the wave of Chinese immigrants who came to Mexico in the first few years of the 20th Century. During this time the United States tightened its immigration laws, and Chinese citizens attempted to cross the border clandestinely through Tijuana. Among the objects displayed are letters written in Chinese, an abacus, a cross made of antique coins, and a large, colorful dragon used as a mask on special occasions.

Antiquated machinery, such as telephones and tools, are showcased along the

guided historical tour and pass under a replica of the Agua Caliente arches.

— Barbarella

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## BAJA

**Tijuana Cultural Center**, the 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).

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**Liquidambar Trees**, or sweet gums, the colorfully deciduous trees gracing front yards, parks, and campuses throughout the San Diego area, have been putting on a good show for the past month or two. The maplelike leaves of many varieties have turned from green

to purple to red; the leaves of other varieties have faded to a golden yellow. Some specimens may hold on to their leaves until the New Year. Most will regain their foliage by late February.

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**Hillcrest Stroll**, explore Uptown district, see an 1880 stagecoach stop, many styles of homes during Walk-about jaunt, Tuesday, December 27. Casual walk starts in front of Ralphs (in Uptown Shopping Plaza, off University and 10th). Free. 619-231-7463. HILLCREST

**See Holly Berry** and other native plants on guided nature walk, Wednesday, December 28, 9:30 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

**Help Re-Open Sunset Trail** during work party on Saturday, January 7, 9 a.m. to noon, in San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary (13003 Wildcat Canyon Road). Preserve was badly damaged during Cedar fire. Volunteers will dig out steps, create erosion-control berms. Expect strenuous physical labor with shovels! Bring gloves, long pants, old clothes; all tools provided. Free. Registration: 619-682-7200. (LAKESIDE)

## DANCE

**Clara, Herr Drosselmeyer, Sugar Plum Fairy**, and all the rest on hand for 35th annual production of *The Nutcracker* by California Ballet. Cast of 160 includes children 4-14 years old dancing to Maxine Mahon's choreography. Curtain rises at 2:30 and 7 p.m. on Friday, December 23; and 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 24, at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$22-\$78 for adults, \$22 for those 12 and younger. 858-560-6741. (DOWNTOWN)

**Holiday Dance Workshops** led by New York-based dancer and choreographer Gabriel Masson for San Diego Dance Theater, Monday-Saturday, December 26-31, at California Ballet studios (8276 Ronson Road). Class is 10 a.m. to noon daily. Fee: \$20 per class, \$110 for week. Reservations: 858-484-7791. (LINDA VISTA)

**Swing and Ballroom Dance Party** hosted by Mary Manzella on Wednesday, December 28, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., at Cheek2Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue). Introductory dance lesson by Manzella included in admission fee: \$8. 619-229-0141. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Salute to Vienna New Year's Day Concert** is Sunday, January 1. Cast of over 75 professional musicians, singers, dancers led by Viennese conductor Peter Sommerer. Austrian tenor Christian Brüggeman, Hungarian soprano Mónica Fischl, Hungarian comedic operetta duo Mara Kékkovács and Dávid Szabó perform songs and duets from Strauss operas and Viennese operettas. Members of Budapest Operetta Theater perform waltzes and polkas.

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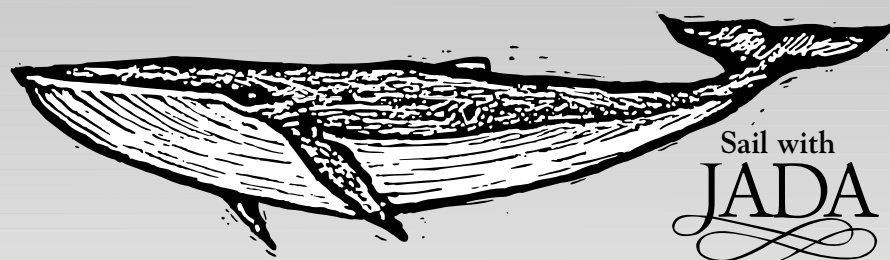
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# Poetry | THE REVENANT

I am the dog you put to sleep,  
as you like to call the needle of oblivion,  
come back to tell you this simple thing:  
I never liked you — not one bit.  
When I licked your face,  
I thought of biting off your nose.  
When I watched you toweling yourself dry,  
I wanted to leap and unman you with a snap.  
I resented the way you moved,  
your lack of animal grace,  
the way you would sit in a chair to eat,  
a napkin on your lap, knife in your hand.  
I would have run away,  
but I was too weak, a trick you taught me  
while I was learning to sit and heel,  
and — greatest of insults — shake hands without a hand.  
I admit the sight of the leash  
would excite me  
but only because it meant I was about  
to smell things you had never touched.  
You do not want to believe this,  
but I have no reason to lie.  
I hated the car, the rubber toys,  
disliked your friends and, worse, your relatives.



Billy Collins

The jingling of my tags drove me mad.  
You always scratched me in the wrong place.  
All I ever wanted from you  
was food and fresh water in my metal bowls.  
While you slept, I watched you breathe  
as the moon rose in the sky.  
It took all of my strength  
not to raise my head and howl.  
Now I am free of the collar,  
the yellow raincoat, monogrammed sweater,  
the absurdity of your lawn,  
and that is all you need to know about this place  
except what you already supposed  
and are glad it did not happen sooner —  
that everyone here can read and write,  
the dogs in poetry, the cats and the others in prose.

— Billy Collins

## FILM

**"Defending Your Life"** screens for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane), Wednesday, December 28, 6 p.m. Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

**Mean Streets of Marseille** are setting for *Lila Says*, screening in French with English subtitles for Film Forum, Wednesday, December 28, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego

Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

**Satyajit Ray's Classic "Apu Trilogy"** screens on Thursdays in January at Museum of Photographic Arts. See *Pather Panchali* is set for January 5; see *Aparajito* on January 12; and *The World of Apu* on December 19. Screenings begin at 7 p.m. \$10 per film. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Santa vs. the Snowman*,

*Mystic India: An Incredible Journey of Inspiration, Mystery of the Nile*. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

## LECTURES

**"Understanding Objectivism as a Philosophy"** is topic on Wednesday, December 28, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

**Domestic Sparklers** take center stage during wine tasting, Wednesday, December 28, 5 to 7 p.m., at WineSellar and Brasserie (9550 Waples Street, suite 115). \$5. 858-450-9557. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**"San Diego County's Horticulture Industry: Why It's Here; Will It Stay?"** Question answered by horticulturist Eric Larson, executive director of San Diego County Farm Bureau, when San Diego Horticultural Society gathers on Monday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-730-3268. (DEL MAR)

## IN PERSON

**"Disney's The Lion King"** hits stage at Civic Theatre (at Third Avenue and B Street) for performances at variety of times through January 15. Tickets range from \$24-\$78, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

**The Nanda Kot Expedition 2005** illuminated by Pete Takeda, Monday, January 9, 7 p.m., at Adventure 16 (4620 Alvarado Canyon Road). In 1960s, CIA and Indian government attempted to deploy plutonium-powered spy device on Nanda Devi and Nanda Kot in Indian Himalayas; Nanda Devi "rejected all attempts to place the device on her summit," the plutonium was lost and never recovered. Takeda and crew retraced spy route in 2005. Free. 619-283-2374. (MISSION VALLEY)

**The 21st Season of "Plays by Young Writers"** presented by Playwrights Project and Old Globe, runs January 12-22. Full productions presented of *This Girl Is a Bird*, *Tripping*, *Step Into the Night*, *Spanish Rhapsody*, *A Man*

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**The Anonymous World Is Transformed** into "a place of hope and connection" in Cirque du Soleil's "Quidam," hitting the blue and yellow Grand Chapiteau at Del Mar Fairgrounds, January 19-February 12. Production offers combination of acrobatic artistry, technical expertise, music "woven into...an emotional dramatic thread."

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 4 p.m. matinees on Saturday, 1 and 5 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$35-\$70 general, \$24.50-\$49 for children, \$31.50-\$63 for students, seniors, all available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DEL MAR)

**"Will and I,"** actor Michael York celebrates "his love of the works of William Shakespeare" in performance, Saturday, January 28, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). York presents famous monologues and "behind the scenes" discussion. Tickets: \$35, \$37 for adults, \$5 for youths (18 and younger) with adult ticket. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

## SPORTS

**Poinsettia Bowl** is Thursday, December 22, 7:30 p.m., at Qualcomm Stadium. The United States Naval Academy Midshipmen will meet up with Colorado State University Rams. Tickets: \$28, \$40, \$50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

**San Diego Chargers** are in Kansas City for football against Chiefs, Saturday, December 24, 10 a.m. 619-220-TIXS. Broadcast on CBS.

**Whale Watching by Kayak** led by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Saturday, December 24, at 9 a.m. and noon, off La Jolla Shores (2246 Avenida de la Playa). \$65 fee includes required equipment, snacks. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

**Ho, Ho, Ho!** Knickerbikers bicyclists plan leisurely ride around Mission Bay, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, Vacation Island, Crown Point, Sunday, December 25. Easy 20-miler starts at 9 a.m. in north parking lot at Mission Bay visitors' center (at East Mission Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive). Bring money for lunch...somewhere. 619-255-2890. (MISSION BAY)

**Bicycle to Point Loma for Fishy Lunch** with Bicycle Touring Society, Tuesday, December 27. The 30-miler begins in south parking lot at Mission Bay visitors' center (at East Mission Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive). Free ride; bring money for lunch. (MISSION BAY)

**The 2005 Pacific Life Holiday Bowl** promises football between 5th-ranked Oregon Ducks and 23rd-ranked Oklahoma Sooners, Thursday, December 29, with 5 p.m. kickoff in Qualcomm Stadium. Tickets: \$58, \$64, \$70. 619-283-5808. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Bumble Bee Seafoods Holiday Bowl 5K Run** steps off at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 29, at corner of Harbor Drive and Ash Street, proceeding along

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**“Kwanzaa ‘Kujichagulia’ Holiday Celebration** of Song, Dance, and Drum” for “all families and races” is Tuesday, December 27, 7:30 p.m., at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Drumming, dancing, speakers on principles of Kwanzaa, festive lighting of candles, African-American cuisine. Free. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

**Need New Wheels?** San Diego International Auto Show showcases new models, preproduction vehicles and concept cars from over 30 manufacturers, December 28–January 1, at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Show opens at 10 a.m. each day, closes at 10 p.m. Wednesday–Saturday, 8 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$10 general, discounts for seniors, military, children. 619-525-6226. (DOWNTOWN)

**Spanish Wine Discoveries** illuminated, Thursday, December 29, 6 to 9 p.m., at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive, suite 120). Live jazz, and an “ever-changing selection of cheeses and cocktails.” \$7 wine flights. Reservations: 619-231-6400. (DOWNTOWN)

**Port of San Diego Big Bay Balloon Parade**, Thursday, December 29. Floats, marching bands, and enormous balloons. Parade begins at 10 a.m. on North Harbor Drive (along Embarcadero), proceeds to Seaport Village. Free. 619-283-5808. (DOWNTOWN)

**Garden of Lights**, tenth annual event at Quail Botanical Gardens boasts gardens decorated with

90,000-plus sparkling lights on plants and trees. Holiday Garden of Lights can be enjoyed 5 to 9 p.m., December 22, 23, 26–30. Ornament and wreath making, music by strolling musicians, marshmallow roasting, children’s activities, and food (for sale). Gardens found at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Admission: \$6 general, \$2 for those under 12. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

**Holiday of Lights** at Del Mar Fairgrounds is display of seasonal festive lights, with holiday-themed displays and more than 350 displays on view through Sunday, January 1. Visitors view lighted creations from their vehicles, driving along 1.5-mile route through fairgrounds, around racetrack.

Hours: 5:30 to 10 p.m. Sunday–Thursday; 5:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission: \$12 per vehicle (up to five people), \$17 per vehicle with six or more people. 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

**‘Tis the Season** for ice skating outdoors at Horton Plaza. Skating sessions last 1.5 hours, running 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Fee: \$10 general, \$8 for kids, which includes skate rental. 858-530-1825. Through Wednesday, January 18. (DOWNTOWN)

**The Poinsettias Are in Bloom Again**, and the wood lath Botanical Building in Balboa Park hosts its 19th annual poinsettia display through Wednesday, January 4. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Wednesday (closed December 25, 26, January 1, 2). Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

**Skating by the Sea**, outdoor ice-skating rink overlooking Pacific Ocean at Hotel del Coronado (1500 Orange Avenue) available through Monday, January 2. Three-hour skating sessions begin at 2 and 6 p.m. on weekdays, with additional 10 a.m. session on weekends. Fee: \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids ten and younger; rent skates for \$5 per person. 800-468-3533. (CORONADO)

**The “Cannon Art Gallery 2005 Invitational”** is on view through Sunday, January 22, in William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane), with work by Christie Beniston (ceramics), Wendy Richmond

(photography), Robert Treat (large-scale abstract painting), Jeff Yeomans (small-scale narrative painting). 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

**Automobiles of 1950s** and “classic surfside Woodies” honored at second annual La Jolla Motor

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**Comic Ventriloquist** Lynn Trimble presents *Toy Store* through Saturday, December 24, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet The-

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## ROAM-○-RAMA

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

**A**long the canyon walls of Anza-Borrego’s Arroyo Tapiado (“Mudwall Wash”), weathering and erosion acting on friable sedimentary rock have produced a strange kind of topography known by some geologists as pseudokarst. Like karst topography, which is associated with limestone caverns and sinkholes, this pseudokarst landscape contains caves, subterranean drainage systems, and strange “blind valleys” that end in “swallow holes.” Unlike karst, which results from the dissolution of limestone or similar material by water, pseudokarst is thought to be the result of the following unusual series of steps: First, flood waters gouge out slotlike tributaries in the soft claystone walls of the main



Pseudokarst area, Arroyo Tapiado

arroyo (Arroyo Tapiado). Second, landslides fill in the slots. Third, flood waters dig tunnels through the bottom levels of the landslide debris.

Arroyo Tapiado is the best known of several similar pseudokarst sites spread throughout the Carrizo Badlands and Coyote Mountains of southernmost Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and western Imperial County. It is still quite remote, however. The way in includes several miles of sandy roads, best negotiated by 4-wheel-drive vehicles.

To reach the starting point, drive northwest from I-8 at Ocotillo along County Highway S-2 to the signed Palm Spring turnoff near mile marker 43.0. Proceed east down the broad Vallecito Wash, staying in the main wash when the spur road to Palm Spring forks left. At 4.5 miles from S-2, a small sign on the left marks Arroyo Tapiado, a broad, shallow, and uninteresting drainage at this point. About two miles up the wash, however, the canyon walls begin to soar. The strange pseudokarst topography is first evident here, and it continues for at least two more miles up-canyon.

Some of the caves (subterranean stream channels) in the area are over 1000 feet long. Some have multiple levels, and one contains a 45-foot subterranean “dry fall” within a chamber some 30 feet wide and 50 feet high. Sinkholes (skylights) illuminate the interiors of some caves. Most of the cave passages eventually lead upstream through a swallow hole (a spot where water, if it were flowing, would disappear underground). The cave entrances are mostly obscure, but one — the “Big Mud Cave” with a roof like Swiss cheese — is hard to miss.

Although the caves here are increasingly popular, the wisdom of entering them is debatable. Heavy rains and earthquakes in recent years have brought down considerable debris onto some of the cave floors, though apparently no one has witnessed these events happening in real time. It is rewarding just to stroll down the most dramatic, one-mile-long stretch of the main Arroyo Tapiado canyon bottom, scoping out all the amazing things rare

flash floods can do to a normally desiccated and nearly barren landscape. Near the south end of that interesting stretch, a wide tributary ravine heads

information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers

## ANZA-BORREGO

Perforations galore pock the soft sedimentary canyon walls of Arroyo Tapiado in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

**Distance from downtown San Diego:** 100 miles

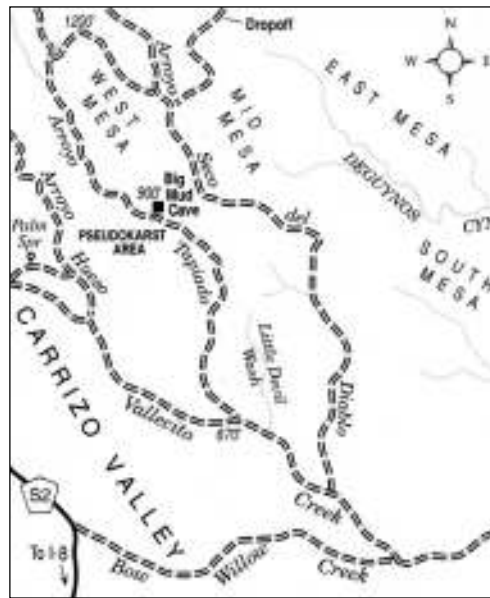
**Hiking length:** 1 mile or more

**Difficulty:** Easy to moderate

west and splits into many small branches that worm their way deep into the soft sediments — worth investigating if you are curious.

(This article contains

should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any detrimental experience.)



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# Reading

## Billy Collins Live: A Performance at the Peter Norton Symphony Space



Billy Collins

Random House Audio, 2005; \$19.95

*The Trouble with Poetry: And Other Poems*  
By Billy Collins  
Random House, 2005; \$22.95; 112 pages

**FROM THE DUST JACKET:**  
*Billy Collins Live: A Performance at the Peter Norton Symphony Space:* In this exclusive audio publishing event, Billy Collins, former U.S. Poet Laureate, shares an evening of his poetry in a benefit reading. Often compared to Robert Frost, his poetry has been

embraced by people of all ages and backgrounds, and his readings are most often standing room only.

Performed by the author at Peter Norton Symphony Space in New York City, Billy Collins reads 24 of his poems, including "Dharma" — a spiritual yet humbling ode to man's best friend; "The Lanyard" — an amusing recollection about the popular, if not pointless, summer-camp

pastime; and "Consolation" — a tongue-in-cheek reflection of a cancelled European trip, and the benefits of staying home instead. In addition to the poetry readings, Collins also spends some time in a brief question-and-answer session where he reflects on what makes good poetry, his own process of reaching his audiences as a poet, the success of his Poetry 180 programs in schools nationwide, and an amusing sidebar on his memories growing up as an only child. At times pensive and sardonic, amusing and subtly sarcastic, *Billy Collins Live* celebrates both the simple and the complex in a language that appeals to all.

*The Trouble with Poetry: And Other Poems:* Playfulness, spare elegance, and wit epitomize the poetry of Billy Collins. With his distinct voice and accessible language, America's two-term Poet Laureate has opened the door to poetry for countless

people for whom it might otherwise remain closed.

Like the present book's title, Collins's poems are filled with mischief, humor, and irony — "Poetry speaks to all people, it is said, but here I would like to address / only those in my own time zone" — but also with quiet observation, intense wonder, and a reverence for the every day — "The birds are in their trees, / the toast is in the toaster, / and the poets are at their windows. / They are at their windows in every section of the tangerine of earth — the Chinese poets looking up at the moon, / the American poets gazing out / at the pink and blue ribbons of sunrise."

Through simple language, Collins shows that good poetry doesn't have to be obscure or incomprehensible, qualities that are perhaps the real trouble with most "serious" poetry — "By now, it should go without saying / that

what the oven is to the baker / and the berry-stained blouse to the drycleaner / so the window is to the poet."

### WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

*Publishers Weekly:* Collins's...light touch, his self-deprecating pathos, and his unerring sense of his audience (nothing too difficult, but nothing too lowbrow) explain much of his popularity and remain evident in this eighth collection.... The dominant note, however, is a gentle sadness, accomplished with care and skill.

*Booklist:* Collins is one of the most popular and most disarming of poets. He draws you close with his swinging lines, twirling metaphors, homey imagery, and coy self-deprecation. But he is as likely to be hiding a cudgel behind his back as a bouquet of flowers.... Skeptical of love and scornful of pretension, Collins is breathtaking in his appreciation of the earth's beauty and the precious

daily routines that define life.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Billy Collins is the author of seven collections of poetry, including *Nine Horses*, *Sailing Alone Around the Room*, *Questions About Angels*, *The Art of Drowning*, and *Picnic*, *Lightning*. He is also the editor of *Poetry 180: A Turning Back to Poetry* and *180 More: Extraordinary Poems for Every Day*. A distinguished professor of English at Lehman College of the City University of New York, he was Poet Laureate of the United States from 2001 to 2003. He currently serves as the Poet Laureate of New York State.

### A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

I said to Billy Collins, about his poem "Revenant," that when he read it, the audience laughed. "Laughed about a poem about a dead dog."

"Well, if you heard me read

"I'm busy. There's a lot of time spent managing what has become a cottage industry, which is me."

Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

## MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

**Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum**, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equip-

ment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

**Bonita Museum and Cultural Center**, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the

museum at 4035 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

**California Surf Museum**, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2005, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John

"L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

**Campo Railroad Museum**, showcasing more than 115 years of American railroad heritage and development through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion

of the San Diego and Arizona Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

**Chinese Historical Society and Museum**, view artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall.

Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

**Chula Vista Heritage Museum** the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

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it..." Mr. Collins was speaking from his home in Northern Westchester County.

"I did hear you read it."

"That's right, but they were laughing like crying," Mr. Collins laughed. "Insensitive New Yorkers."

"How long does it take you to drive to work?" (Mr. Collins for many years taught in the Bronx at Lehman College.)

"Well, if I did work, it would take about 50 minutes. But I stopped teaching."

"Do you think people can be taught to write poetry?"

"You can't really teach them. You can encourage them; you can point out a few craft things, just as a good editor would. You can encourage them to read; you can try to custom-design a reading list for them so that they will read the right poets — part of being a good teacher of writing is second-guessing what writers would be good for a student to read. You try to find a writer that will make the student jealous and envious enough to start imitating that writer."

"There are two things that you can't teach — one is rhythm. Rhythm is impossible to teach. It's like dancing. Either you have it or you don't have it. Some people have a good sense of verbal rhythm and other

people are tone deaf. The other thing you can't teach is metaphor.

"You can't teach anyone to make interesting connections between things and, in fact, it's even more basic than that. You can't get anyone interested in doing that if they're not interested in doing that."

"In a true piece of wit, all things must be, /Yet all things there agree," I quoted from Abraham Cowley's "Ode to Wit," lines more familiar through their use by Eliot in "Andrew Marvell."

"More students should read that line. If they don't have a sense of verbal rhythm and they have no interest in making metaphorical connections, then they probably should get out of the poetry game. So that's what can and can't be taught."

"So many people who never read want to write."

"It's extraordinary. It's absolutely extraordinary. It's part of this self-expression craze that comes with this emphasis on the self and self-esteem. Wilfred Sheed is one of my favorite writers; he has a great line about self-esteem. He says, 'When I was a boy we had another name for low self-esteem, it was called humility.' Humility was a virtue not a defect.

"The title poem of this book of mine, *The Trouble With Poetry*, says in a half-facetious way that the trouble with poetry is that it encourages the writing of more poetry. It's true that there's much too much of it. The government should pay poets not to write, like they pay farmers not to grow corn or soybeans. That would be a program that I would endorse."

"People don't think that any preparation is necessary for writing poetry."

"It's a hobby," Mr. Collins said, laughing. "Well, no one would think of just picking up an oboe and trying to play it."

"Not a single reed. Maybe a clarinet."

"Even a stand-up bass. But they will pick up a Bic pen and a piece of paper and start trying to commit an act of literature without any preparation whatsoever."

"I wonder why that is. Maybe it's that we all use words."

"We have a common language, yes, and I think it's a romantic idea. Everyone has a story to tell and people say 'You should write a book, you've got a good story there.' Poetry has feelings, so you might as well sit down and write them out."

"But poetry isn't 'feelings,'"

I protested.

"Oscar Wilde said that 'All bad poetry is based on genuine feeling.' He didn't mean that all poems that have genuine feeling are bad, but that if you see a bad poem you can be pretty sure that the author meant it. There's a connection between sincerity and badness."

"Not unlike the difference between compassion and sentimentality."

"That's good. And it's the difference between being emotional and concentrating on the work you have to do verbally to create a good poem. It's not necessary to be emotional when you write. In fact, it's the worst condition to be in. You should be clear-headed and ready to concentrate on the language."

"As you're composing you want to be smart in that you're skillful, you know the language, you know connotations, you've spent your time in the dictionary. But you're also ignorant of where the poem is going."

"You're going into the unknown equipped. It's a combination or mix of knowledge and ignorance that actually makes the experience exciting."

"It is an adventure. The writ-

"They will pick up a Bic pen... and start trying to commit an act of literature without any preparation whatsoever."

ing will carry you to a destination that was unforeseen, and the only way to access that destination is through this poem or this piece of writing, which adds some sense of adventure to it."

I said, "You have so many windows in your poems."

"Someone described me once as an indoor nature poet. Fifteen years ago my wife and I bought this house we live in. It's an old 1860s farmhouse in the semi-country. At that point my poems became very domestic. Prior to that we rented; it was like we were born to rent."

"There are lots of poems about the house, about the garden, about the windows. I loved this house, and I still do. I found this very happy domestic space to write in. I let that into the writ-

ing. I make that part of the subject of the writing. But you're right about the windows — what daffodils are to Wordsworth, windows are to me."

"Your salt and pepper shakers on the table are often featured in a poem."

From "You, Reader":

and I was only thinking about the shakers of salt and pepper that were standing side by side on a place mat.

I wondered if they had become friends After all these years

"They *do* come up in a few poems."

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ation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTÉE)

**Gemological Institute of America Museum**, permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x4116. (CARLSBAD)

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

**House of Pacific Relations**, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month, *Children Around the World* videos

are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park**, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). Find Rancho de los Quiotes at 6200 Flying LC Lane. Free. 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

**Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum**, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just

inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

**Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove**, "Domestic Life in Lemon Grove: 1900-1950" features dozens of vintage photographs along with handmade quilts, kitchen tools, the original 1894 school bell, a rope Jenny Lind bed, a doctor's "house call" implements, much more, from Lemon Grove homes and ranches.

Through Monday, July 31. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**, "Einstein and the Miraculous Year" commemorates 1905, known in the world of physics as the *annus mirabilis* (the miracle year). During that year, Einstein wrote five revolutionary scientific papers. Exhibition features images, text, hands-on exhibits exploring

some of Einstein's revolutionary ideas. Through December.

Ongoing exhibitions include "The Swing of Things: The Science of Motion and Perception" (closing Sunday, June 4, 2006), "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (designed for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," "Try-Science!" and "Skyscapes." "Comet Impact" is theme for motion simulator ride. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show.

Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Archaeological Center**, "Moments in Time: An Exhibition of San Diego History" examines significant events in American history as lived by San Diegans and recorded by artifacts they left behind. Continues through January 2006. The museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and shar-

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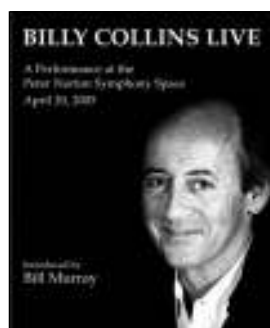
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# Reading

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"Who do you read?"

"I've been putting these anthologies together — *Poetry 180* and *180 More: Extraordinary Poems for Every Day*. So my poetry reading has been scattering, because I've been beating the bushes for poems in every magazine I can get my hands on. I've got this big anthology of Chinese literature and poetry. That's something I always dip into. I often will flip open to a page as I'm writing, just to be reminded of lessons in clarity and simplicity and simple vocabulary."

I mentioned that, while writing, I will open a volume of James

Schuyler or Wallace Stevens or an anthology, whatever is nearby, because I want a sense of someone with whom to be — "company."

Mr. Collins seemed to understand. "It is like having a companion with you. Someone said that writing is a lonely or isolated procedure, but that you're always in the company of all these other writers that you've absorbed."

"I like Charles Simic's poetry a lot, but I don't turn to it the way I used to. I used to read a few poems of Simic before I wrote. I didn't want to write like him, or I didn't think I could. But he had a certain imaginative sense of freedom and a fairly simple vocabulary and a wiggly imagination that would put me in a good mood to write."

"There is something similar between your poems and Simic's: even when you guys are funny, there's something poignant about your poems."

Mr. Collins did not disagree. He went on. "I had an eye-opening experience. When people ask me about the difference between reading a poem in a room and going to an auditorium and hearing somebody recite it, the experience that always comes to mind

is that of the first time I heard Simic read. I'd been reading his books for years and years. He had a sense of a dark humor, but it was more a very gothic mood in these Eastern European cities with store windows and street lamps and mannequins."

"And people hanging from lampposts."

"Yes. All that eerie stuff and butchers' aprons, but when I heard him read, he was funny. I could tell by the way his mouth was crooked that he was grinning at all this stuff, and it made me have a whole new look at his work."

"Like 'The Revenant,' your dog poem. The heartbreak is at work too."

"I sit down to write. I don't consciously do it, but I'm trying to use humor to get at something serious, and I'm trying to balance those two moods so that the result might even be a gentle confusion, an emotional confusion, where sometimes in readings the audience is laughing at a few poems, and then another poem comes up that's not funny, and they're still laughing. Then they catch themselves. I like to ride that little line between the two — the tragedy and comedy masks."

"What dead poets do you

read?"

"Coleridge, a lot, and John Clare. He's come back tremendously in the past ten years or so. I have a whole shelf of John Clare. A friend of mine is a rare-book dealer, and anything that comes in with John Clare she saves for me. I've got an obsession with him. He's a wonderful counter of things, of eggs; he's a little tabulator. I like that about him."

"Do you read Dick Hugo?"

"Yes, I love Dick Hugo. I love those poems on Skye. I was on Skye and I had his book with me. I actually haven't read Hugo in a few years; you're going to inspire me to take him down tonight. I just yesterday went to a James Wright evening because his widow and Robert Bly put together a small selected poems that you can put in your pocket or your knapsack. And then Wright's letters just came out. I read Wright."

"What has it been like to come, as you have, from such obscurity as a poet to one of the most-read poets in the country?"

"It's an entirely positive experience. I don't think I ever suffered in obscurity, because I had low hopes as a poet. I think probably most poets do. One of my colleagues summed it up when she

"I don't consciously do it, but I'm trying to use humor to get at something serious."

introduced me at a reading, some years ago, and we'd been teaching together forever in the City University, and she said that when she met me I was a professor who happened to be a professor, and I'd become a poet who happens to be a professor.

"Those two roles did shift. There's a shift of dominance from one role to the other. I don't know. It's very odd. I taught in obscurity but everyone teaches in obscurity. I taught for over 30 years at the four-year college in the Bronx."

"Just after I became poet laureate, this journalist, this sweet guy from the *Washington Post*, said he wanted to come up to the Bronx and go to my class and look around. I told him, 'Great, but the last half an hour of the class, you have to teach.' I wanted him to get up and talk about how you become a journalist. So that was our deal."

"He got to the college early and he was walking around the campus by himself, and as a journalist he would stop students and ask about me, and no one had ever heard of me. My students didn't know who I was, which was a relief in a way. I mean some of the graduate students would catch on. But I would enter a regular Introduction to Literature or English 101 classroom and no one would know who I was."

"I didn't think that was something that I was suffering. I'm 64 now, believe it or not. I don't, anyway. But everything that's happened to me in poetry happened in, maybe the last ten years."

"Garrison Keillor has been very good. He's read poems of mine on the *Writer's Almanac*, a dozen or so. He's had me on *Prairie Home Companion*."

"He reads beautifully," I said.

ing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

**San Diego Automotive Museum,** more than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Hall of Champions,** ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The mu-

seum —dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Historical Society Museum,** "Developing San Diego: Making History Every Day" features a "now and then" style view of San Diego. Exhibit "illustrates the changes to our built and natural environments over a long period of time." Thirty contemporary photographs by Chris Travers are accompanied by historical images from Booth Historical Photograph Archives and text by Will

Chandler. Continues through May 2006.

"Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915-16 and 1935-36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

"The Spirit of Sailing," an exhibit of photographs capturing "the romance of tall ship sailing" by Michael Kahn, closes Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

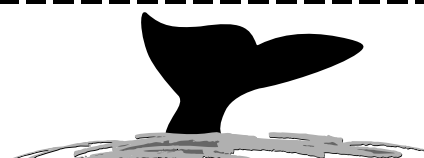
**San Diego Museum of Man,** in celebration of its 90th anniversary, "Passage to Panama: Past to Present" and "The Art of Being Kuna: Layers of Meaning Among the Kuna of Panama" continue through April. "Being Kuna" centers on importance of form and beauty for Kuna in everyday life, narratives, ritual and healing, and visual arts. Display includes *molas*, colorful and

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"I'm so glad you said that. Some people don't think he does. I've heard him read my poems and I think he reads better than I do. I've seen him do cold readings and he knows just where the accents are. He's got an amazing sense of rhythm and pitch and tone; his reading is an instrumental performance."

"His ear," I suggested, "has been trained by hymnody."

"That's true. I asked someone I met, a friend of his, and this friend said they'd go to Keillor's house for dinner. I said, 'What's it like?' The friend said 'People bring covered dishes, and after dinner we sing hymns.' It's the real thing. Just what you'd expect."

"What do you do all day?"

"I'm busy. There's a lot of time spent managing what has become a cottage industry, which is me. There is this strangulation of e-mail and letters, secretarial stuff. I have an assistant, but she only comes in every few weeks. If I get letters from people I don't know, I put them in a box, and she and I go through that. It's easier to do it myself. You know so much of it would be hard to explain."

"I like the poem ['The Trouble with Poetry'] where flame

shows up at the end of your pencil." But mostly poetry fills me with the urge to write poetry, to sit in the dark and wait for a little flame to appear at the tip of my pencil.

"I like that too. A little flame. I'm reading a lot of Hindu stories lately. There's a lot of odd things. For instance, if you look into the mouth of some of these gods, you see all these worlds being born and destroyed, and it's amazing."

"Did your parents read to you?"

"My mother did."

"Is she still alive?"

"No, if she were alive, she'd be 105."

"Did she love you?"

"She loved me a great deal, yeah. My parents, I think they practiced preventive psychiatry. They had me very late. They were 39 years old. Almost 40. Both born in 1901. My father died in '94 and my mother died in '97. So they both lived well into their 90s, and I had 50 years of being an only child."

"So many writers are only children."

"It does give you time to yourself. You make up all of these

worlds. Bachelard talks about children going off into these hiding places, in closets and behind the sofa, and behind hedges and in those places their imagination is fired up."

"Don't you fall to your knees in admiration for Bachelard's books?"

"Yes. His *The Poetics of Space* is a real turning point. I put that on all lists of important books."

"What else do you put on that list?"

"*Lolita*. Every few years I read that. Actually, I used to read it more, but when I go on these driving tours, lately I've been listening to the Jeremy Irons audio book of *Lolita*. My list would be an eccentric list. I would put a book of 17th-century devotional poetry on there. I might put Emerson's essays. I find him comforting. I'd put Whitman and Frost, and I'd probably put some eccentric people like Nathanael West in there. I'd take a big satchel full of Chinese poetry."

"Do you think that poets who haven't done well financially are jealous of poets who do well?"

"I think it depends on their temperament. I think jealousy is a good thing if you're jealous of

the work. If you're jealous of someone's success, I'd say that's a sin."

"Certainly it's a venial sin."

"Yeah, it's a venial sin and we all commit it, but in a way it's an extra pleasure for me, probably. Frankly, I didn't feel like I was 'shut out' or obscure. But I do remember, one evening, I'd been teaching in the City University in the Bronx and looking around for a piece of chalk for 20 years or so. I went out to a dinner with Gerry Stern and C.K. Williams and maybe Galway Kinnell, I forget — I just somehow got thrown into this thing. One of them had a big cigar. They were talking about their schedules at Princeton and other places and how they had taught one course every other semester, and I just — I don't know. So I was happy at my age to burst onto the scene. Apparently, I've probably sold more books than poets who are alive now."

"You are famous."

"Sometimes, someone will look at you at a party or on the street, and you'll think they're going to recognize you, and all of a sudden — they don't."

"Do the big guys in poetry treat you differently now?"

## "I've never shown a poem to another poet."

"I don't hang around with poets. I was never part of a poetry circle. I never took a workshop. The reason I was attracted to poetry was it was this solo activity. My wife is a very good reader and editor, and I show my poems to her, but I've never shown a poem to another poet. You look at books of poetry and the acknowledgements — 'I want to thank the following people who helped me with the manuscript.' There's a list of 12 other poets. I think it's absurd. It's become a quilting bee."

"My first editor was Miller Williams, who's about the sweetest guy in the world. I remember the phone call with him when he said he was going to take my book, and he said some editing was involved. I thought he was going to rip these poems apart. I said, 'Give me an example.' He said, 'There's a line in this poem where you say, 'I can see him so clearly.' He said, 'I don't think you need that

intensifier 'so.' Then I realized this guy had read these poems."

I laughed and said, "I would edit that down to 'I can see him.'"

"Well, I was a younger poet. You asked me very early on about teaching. Revision should be taking out 90 percent. But often in younger poets revision is adding, and that usually ends up being a mess."

"It's fun."

"To take out?"

"Yes."

"Yes. Because then you can see more clearly what you have. Williams Matthews said about revision, 'Revision is not cleaning up after the party, revision is the party.'"

On the East Coast the time was six o'clock. We said our good-byes. "Eat a good dinner," I said, "and tell the salt and pepper shakers 'Hello' for me."

"I will. I will tell them, 'Hello.'"

— Judith Moore

richly decorated appliqué fabrics. "Passage" documents culture of Embera, Wounaan, and Ngöbe with ethnographic materials, cultural items, photographs.

"Reflections" showcases rare and significant objects representing 90 years of the museum's collection history; some of the objects have never been displayed for public. Items include a *Seri* woodcarving of a whale; bronze sculpture by Alan Houser; more. Through Sunday, September 24, 2006.

"Frozen in Time: Life in the Pleistocene Age" explores how humans survived the extreme cold, how their cultural and social behavior was affected by climate, and how artistic expression became part of their daily lives. Exhibit includes casts of rare Ice Age animal fossils, cast replica of complete Neanderthal skeleton, Ice Age artifacts and ceremonial objects. Through January 2006.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of

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**San Diego Tug Boat Museum**, a 100-foot retired Korean War-era tug boat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

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

of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

**Valley Center History Museum**, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace dis-

play. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

**Villa Montezuma**, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

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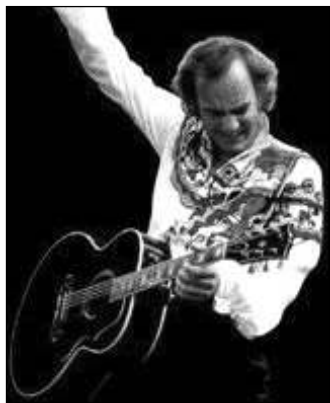
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**The Show Must Go On!** Civic organist Carol Williams presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, December 25, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

**Salute to Vienna New Year's Day Concert** is Sunday, January 1. Cast of over 75 professional musicians, singers, dancers led by Viennese conductor Peter Sommerer. Austrian tenor Christian Bruggeman, Hungarian soprano Mónica Fischl, Hungarian comedic operetta duo Mara Kékkovács and Dávid Szabó perform songs and duets from Strauss operas and Viennese operettas. Members of Budapest Operetta Theater perform waltzes and polkas.

Events begin at 2:30 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$37-\$75, available by calling through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

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## ART MUSEUMS

**California Center for the Arts Museum**, “Haiti: Where Spirits Dance” is an exhibition of rare, early, and some never-before-seen paintings, sculpture, and vodou flags by Haiti’s “self-taught masters” including Hector Hyppolite, Georges Liautaud, Philome Obin. “Vodou is a theme which runs through most of the artworks” in this exhibit.

Niki de Saint Phalle’s “Tableaux Eclatés” are “exploding/moving paintings,” in which the artist sought to go beyond limits of painting. “After Hours: Works by Center Staff and Volunteers” surveys “the budding and established artists roaming the hallways of the center on a daily basis.” Show includes paintings, sculpture, textiles, furniture. “Little Is Big Too: Paintings by Dan Adams” boasts small-scale portraits of dogs done with heavy impasto and bright colors.

All four exhibits close Sunday, February 12. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

**Mingei International Museum**, more than 90 bottles, bowls, platters, and tiles made between 1940 and 2004 are included in retrospective “The Art of Vivika and Otto Heino.” Vivika Heino died in 1995, but Otto Heino continues to make pots in his Ojai pottery, throwing 100 pounds of clay at a time.

“Norway — Art of the Land and the People” celebrates 100 years of Norwegian independence. Exhibit includes arts of daily life such as metalwork, jewelry, *bunads* (festival costumes), textiles, *rose-maling* (decorated pottery and furniture), and Norwegian-American immigrant chests from 18th Century. Closes on Sunday, May 21.

Art and significance of Japanese dolls from the Edo period showcased in “Ningyô: The Art of the Japanese Doll.” As cultural artifacts, *ningyô* embody the customs, tastes, fashions, and politics of the time. Through Sunday, January 29. “Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago” includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through May.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

**Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite**, “Timeless Glass — From Byzantine to Dale Chihuly,” includes a blown-glass chandelier, *macchias*, and sea forms by Chihuly; objects from Venini glass factory in Venice, art glass by contemporary artists including Italo Scanga, William Gudenrath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through Sunday, February 19.

“Horses — Circling the Globe” includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. Ongoing. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown**, “Jay Bolotin: The Jackleg Testament” is “latest project by this prolific writer, composer, performer, and visual artist.” The piece comprises two interrelated parts, a print portfolio and a woodcut motion picture. Each of the pieces in exhibit, closing Sunday, April 30, demonstrates Bolotin’s “continued interest in weaving Judeo-Christian creation stories and personal mythologies as a means to better understand the human condition.” Find the museum at 1001 Kett-

ner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla**, over four decades of work made by artists from Los Angeles to the Mexican border showcased in “Southern Exposure,” continuing through December. Some of the art is politically motivated, some is concerned with formal considerations. Highlights include important early works by John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin.

Raymond Pettibon’s work, often showing darker side of society and American hypocrisies, is on view through Sunday, September 3, 2006. Pettibon — known for “his idiosyncratic renderings and room-sized installations” — exhibits a large-scale wall drawing.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

**Museum of Photographic Arts**, more than 250 works of photography revealing “tumultuous history of the representation of race in America” gathered in “Only Skin Deep: Changing Visions of the American Self,” on view concurrently at Museum of Photographic Arts and San Diego Museum of Art. Exhibition spans wide range of genres and movements, with pieces dating from mid-19th Century to present, continuing at both museums through December.

Seven photographs by Moroccan-born photographer Lalla Essaydi may be seen through Saturday, January 7. Series consists of portraits of Muslim women and children taken in her unoccupied family-owned house in Morocco; the artist’s intention is to explore cultural patterns within Arab and Western societies, to convey her own experience as an Arab woman. Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Museum of Art**, “Domains of Wonder: Selected Masterworks of Indian Painting” may be seen through Sunday, January 22. Exhibit features 124 paintings, two bound manuscripts from museum’s Edwin Binney 3rd Collection, ranging from 14th through late 19th Century. Concurrently: “Indian Colours,” exploring materials, pigments, tools, techniques of Indian painting used by South Asian artists to create the intricately detailed paintings on display.

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Paintings, sculptures, and objects from Nepal, Tibet, and India featured in “Devotional Arts of Nepal.” Buddhism and Hinduism have “enjoyed a peaceful coexistence for over 1500 years” in Nepal’s Kathmandu Valley; exhibit “explores fruits of this commingling.” Closes Sunday, April 2.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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BY ANNE KIRCHGIST  
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# Calendar THEATER

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## 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 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 AcroTurf. 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 booted; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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## San Diego Theatresports

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petitive 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, wrote one of the very best books 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."

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## Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold

This sequel to Maripat Donovan's popular *Late Nite Catechism* feels like the early stage of a work-in-progress. The ideas are in place. Sister, a spare-not-the-rod old schooler, is substitute teaching again. Her classroom's the same, only the desk is piled with presents and there's a cheapo plastic representation of Joseph, Mary, and the baby Jesus on the floor. The first hour's a class on the Christmas story. The second hour's a party, which includes a "living nativity" (audience members dress in "found" items like lampshades and shower curtains), and a mystery ("who made off with the Magi's gold?"). The show has funny stuff. But compared to the original it pales. Dressing people for the nativity takes way too long. And the tone is tame. *Christmas Catechism's* much nicer than its ancestor. As opposed to a tough love tapping her palm with a ruler, the only palpable threat this time comes when Sister picks people for the nativity and the audience averts its eyes. *Christmas* would probably fare better if it were the first of its kind (and many of the original jokes weren't recycled). But compared to the original the sequel may have too much of the holiday spirit. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH DECEMBER 31; SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

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### Too Old for the Chorus: But Not Too Old to Be a Star

Every seven seconds, a Baby Boomer becomes "officially old" by turning 50. Mark Winkler, Marie Cain, and Shelly Markham's musical revue bemoans, and eventually

(and predictably) accepts this condition. In the finale, five performers vow to find new "Potential" in their sixth decade of life. All five are polished pros: Steve Anthony does a spectacular tap number ("When 50 Wore Tux"); Teri Ralston adds emotional depth to songs with skimpy lyrics; Susan Jordan handles the comedic chores with ease (and does a sultry samba with Anthony); David Holmes and Brian Byers always contribute. Problem is: they're much better than the material. *Too Old* has three or four catchy/moving numbers (especially "Lunch Hour Lift," about quickie plastic surgery; the Wordsworthian piece "The Child Is Father to the Man"; and Holmes's touching rendition of "Dog Passages," in which the singer marks the years by the dogs he's had). The rest, though always well done (and the cast snappily dressed by Jill K. Mesaros), are negligible. They hold down slots till better songs come along — of which *Too Old* could use at least six. The revue has a frame: the five performers are auditioning for a chorus, and, of course, for the next phase of their lives. To merit a callback, *Too Old* needs major reinventing.

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**Welcome to the Belly Up...er...Jungle** Two years ago, Steve Goldberg paid seven figures for the Belly Up Tavern, which included the

before that, he worked for the Bacchanal (a now-defunct venue on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Gaulton, whose family is based in Eugene, regularly commuted to Solana Beach. Last week, Goldberg told Gaulton that their association was over.

"I should have said something from the get-go,"

looking for another in-house Belly Up talent buyer. He has no plans to set up an exclusive booking relationship with a larger company such as House of Blues or Viejas Entertainment.

— Ken Leighton

### He Owns the Joint

Singer/keyboard player Danny Castro fronts Long Live Logos and runs an all-age music venue called the Selah Building in Escondido; it's in the same space as his father's nondenominational Selah Ministry church. Castro usually hosts performances on Saturday nights.

"Our shows are completely independent of my dad's church," says Castro. "But I wouldn't be down with Nazis or assholes that cuss too much. Rap and hip-hop would be kind of tough [to book]. We don't have much metal-core. Mosh pits ruin the carpet.... Most of the [local] bands that play here are screamo or indie rock, like the Strokes."

"We usually play here two times a month," says Castro of his band. "Sometimes some

friends of ours need us to open for them, and we end up playing three or four times in one month. People start saying, 'We already heard you.'"

Castro says that although Selah holds only about 150 people, he has hosted such touring bands as Under Oath, Letter Kills, and Saosin. The last all-age Escondido venue that offered bands was a downtown coffeehouse called the Library. The owner claimed police harassment forced the closure.

"The cops actually came here the night of our Acceptance show," says

call. Other times they just drive by and leave us alone."

Get Back Loretta and Long Live Logos perform tomorrow at the Selah Building (530 West Second Avenue).

— Ken Leighton

### They Did It for Free

"We didn't tell a lot of people that it was just a rehearsal for our Casbah show," says

George Vidaurri, bassist for Uncle Joe's Big Ol' Driver (and, currently, The Johnson Account).

Vidaurri says the unadvertised show at the Tower Bar in City Heights the night before their Casbah reunion gig (December 10) wasn't so much a "secret" show as it was a practice set.

"We haven't had everyone in the same room for ten years," says Vidaurri. From 1990 until 1995, Uncle Joe's was a vital part of a local music scene that included Rocket From the Crypt, Inch, and Lucy's Fur Coat. San Diego was publicized nationally as "the next Seattle," a reference to the Northwest's early-'90s band

boom that yielded Nirvana, Pearl Jam, and Soundgarden.

Vidaurri, still local, works in construction. Drummer Paul Brewin builds displays for Balboa Park museums. Andrew McKeag, guitarist/vocalist, books a club in Seattle and tours with the Presidents of the United States of America. Singer/guitarist



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### UNCLE JOE'S KEEPS NO SECRETS

Dave Jass works for a bank in Minnesota.

— Ken Leighton

### Punk Marketing Tactic

After 1 a.m. in O.B., I left Winstons and walked down Newport Avenue to the beach. I spotted a sealed *Drunkin Punkin Idiots* CD on the sidewalk, recorded by a band of the same name. I picked it up and noted that it had been recorded and manufactured at Spotless Studios, around the corner on Bacon Street. I listened to the CD at home. I

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the inside track

rights to the name. Last year he opened a second Belly Up in Aspen with his brother Mike. Within the past couple weeks, Steve found out about a Belly Up in Eugene, Oregon, that had recently changed its name from the Jungle. That club was reportedly co-owned by Belly Up talent buyer Jeff Gaulton.

"It's just dishonest," says Goldberg about Gaulton's attempt to hijack the name. Before Gaulton began work at the Belly Up in February, he booked talent at 4th & B;

says Gaulton. "They feel like I broke their trust. I have no ill will against them."

According to Eugene's daily *Register-Guard* newspaper, Gaulton was co-owner of the 400-seat Belly Up in Eugene. Gaulton says his partners will follow a letter of cease and desist from Goldberg and erase all connections to the Belly Up Tavern name. (On Monday, the content of [eugenebellyup.com](http://eugenebellyup.com) consisted of the note: "eugenebellyup.com — COMING SOON!!")

Goldberg says he is a



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### LONG LIVE LOGOS MINDS THE CARPET

Castro. "We had a big fight with two girls. The cops asked me if the problem had been resolved, and we told them yes. They said if we needed anything to just give them a

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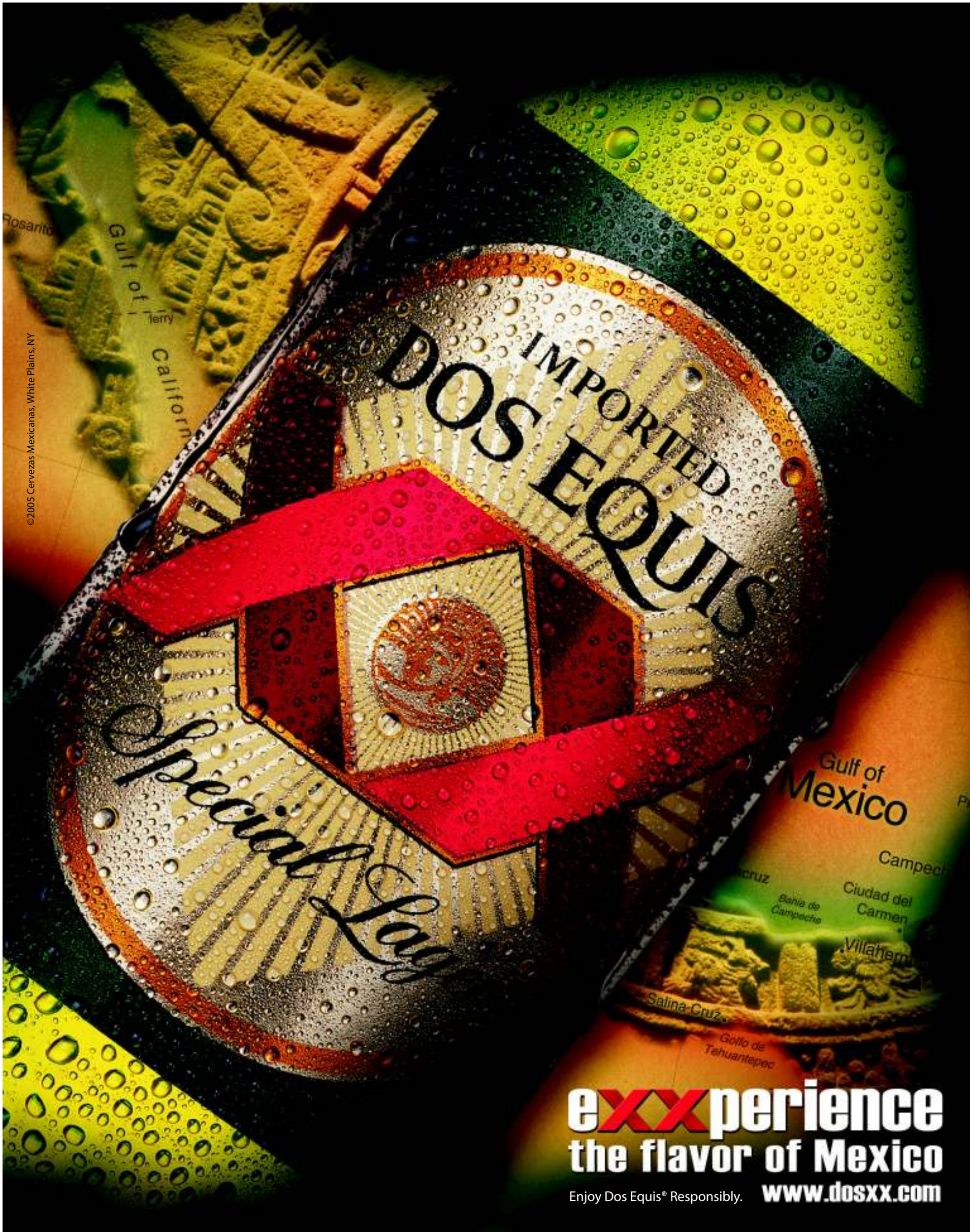
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would've liked it better when I was 14 — hardcore, old-school punk rock about drinking, fighting, and fucking. It took a while to get a hold of a band member, but I reached bass player James Herrault.

"DPI started in April of 2002," Herrault said. "I was the manager at a skate/surf shop in O.B. called Pride. Our lead singer worked there, and all we listened to was late-'70s



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and early-'80s punk. One day he says to me, 'I'm starting a punk band!' I said I used to play bass when I was 12. He says, 'I have a bass for you to use, I'm the singer, Toby [who then drummed in reggae band Vegetation] is playing drums, and we're practicing today after work.'

"We went over there and wrote our first two songs.... I couldn't play bass worth shit. The drumming and singing was carrying us along. But we still didn't have a guitar

player.... The first shows were house parties, and if you were fortunate to be there, you saw some insane shit. Absolutely packed like sardines and DPI girls almost naked, dancing around like psycho go-go dancers while the pit was cranking'....

"The last year or so things have changed," said Herrault. "After our first record came out, some more well known bands took notice and had us open for them. Over the last year we have played for killer old-school punk bands like JFA, Battalion of Saints, DeCry, Dr. Know...and soon, in the near future, Fear."

—Michael Hemmingson

**Fraud? On the Internet?**

"Yeah, there was a rumor on MySpace that we were doing [Vans Warped Tour] 2006, but we had nothing to do with that, it was just some dingdong posting." Former Miniskirts guitarist Roxy says she was angry to see her defunct North County band on a list of groups accused of fabricating an affiliation with the 2006 Warped Tour. On this basis, bands have tried to scam equipment makers into giving them endorsement deals and free gear.

"We're broken up," says Roxy. "The last gig we played was around two years ago, at a Pop Warner party in Ramona where we almost got arrested for inciting a riot.... There's not a chance in hell of a reunion, so there's no endorsement deals."

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**Early '80s Flashback**

Echo and the Bunnymen played the last show of their tour at House of Blues on December 9. The band started later than expected. A group of five Latino guys who left at 1:15 a.m. yelled back toward the club, "Thanks for starting an hour late, assholes!" After the show, I asked guitarist Will Sergeant about the late start. He said, "We're really sorry about that. Our soundman fell asleep."

A patron I'd seen

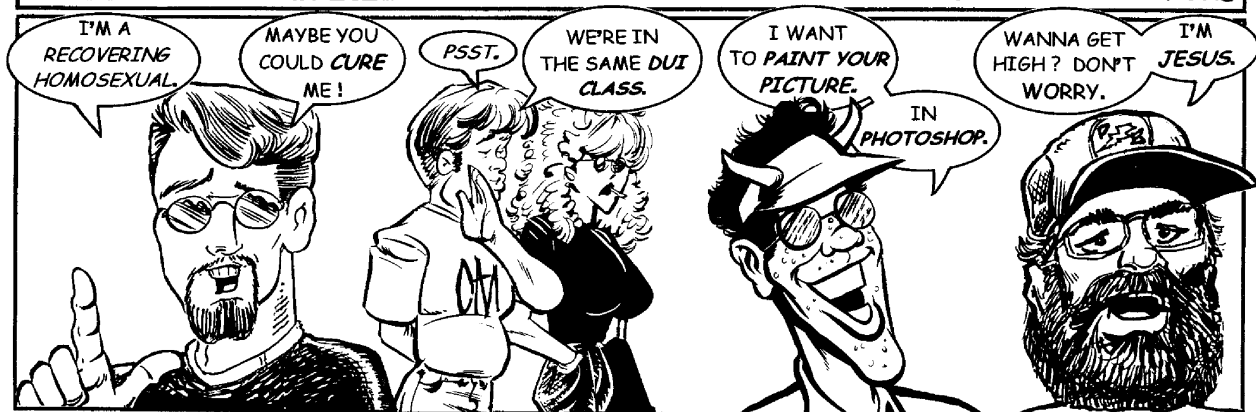


MCCULLOCH (RIGHT) HAS PATIENCE FOR SOME PEOPLE

to hear what he said, and I asked if he was hoarse. He said, "Some people like horses.

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disputing his check ("I had 10 beers, not 12") sat down in front of the band's tour bus. When a roadie tried to open the door and couldn't, they got into an argument. A few cops came over, and it looked as if they gave the guy a ticket for being drunk in public.

A few minutes later, six bicycle cops rode up. An ambulance arrived. A guy was "escorted" out of the club, and I heard him say something about a woman who had been stabbed. Soon after, paramedics brought someone out on a gurney, and the cops left.

Six fans waited until 2:00 a.m. for singer Ian McCulloch. He spoke while he signed a CD for a woman. It was hard

Some like donkeys." As some friends walked by, he stopped signing to hug them. Then he started to sign another CD, and I asked him what Doors song he'd cover next (the band has done "People Are Strange" and "Soul Kitchen"). He said, "I already talked to you! Let me talk to these guys. I have to stay in order here."

The lady whose disc was being signed then asked McCulloch to use a silver paint pen because the album she'd brought was black. McCulloch said, "No. It will end up all over me." But, as he waved to another passerby, she switched pens on him. He signed without noticing.

—Josh Board

**Karaoke Alive and Well**

John Bertrand has been in the karaoke biz since 1984, when the singing machines ran on eight-track tapes and video screens were years away. With two local retail shops and an online store, his company, eXpressKaraoke, offers around 75,000 vocal-free songs. Asked about his favorite local sing-

along spots, he lists:

1. Tio Leo's, Mira Mesa
2. House of Blues, downtown



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3. DJ Karaoke, Kearny Mesa
4. Shooter's Lounge (in the Radisson Hotel), La Jolla
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Most often sung karaoke songs:

1. "Love Shack," the B-52's
2. "Dream On," Aerosmith
3. "It's Not Unusual," Tom Jones
4. "Livin' on a Prayer," Bon Jovi
5. "My Sharona," the Knack

—Jay Allen Sanford

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# Coffeehouse Crooner Dreams Big

*"A good soundman is like frosting in the middle of the Oreo."*

**A** few months back I had this amazing music dream," says local acoustic soloist Kim DiVincenzo, sitting with her laptop at Hot Java before going onstage to play. "It is kind of that cheesy famous music scenario: I was playing onstage with my full band, and I had just released a new CD under a label for the first time. It was the kick-off tour, and we got to play one of the biggest venues ever, with thousands. It was so cool because I can remember the adrenaline rush and how amazing it felt to be up there rockin' out to a huge room that was totally into the show. I could see people singing along and it was awesome and then I woke. It took me a few minutes to come back to reality."

Kim often performs at Twiggs, Lestat's, and the San Diego Sports Club.

## TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

"Getting good sound. It is amazing how bad sound can totally ruin your performance. That is why you always hear people giving props to the sound guy during their show, because a good soundman is like frosting in the middle of the Oreo. The cookie doesn't taste the same without it. An artist has to be able to play strong live shows if they ever want to really gather a good following, and I think having great sound is a key part of that. When there is a bad mix in the monitors and you are struggling to hear yourself, it is so hard to get into the performance and really feel the song. Instead, your lips are moving and your arm is strumming, but you are really thinking about how 'not on' you are."

## INTERVIEW MICHAEL HEMMINGSON

### INSTRUMENTS USED?

"I currently play a Martin 000C16 acoustic. It is surely my baby. When I travel or just when I want to grab the guitar and go to the beach or something I play my 'little Martin,' which is similar to a baby Taylor. The sound that you get out of that thing is incredible. I am going to add a pickup to mine so I can play it out live sometimes. It is so small that it actually feels like the correct size for me. I also have a Samick Les Paul electric (Greg Bennett Design). I love this guitar, and once I have my band put together I will play it out more. I have been through two other guitars as well. My first guitar was actually an antique that at the time I had no real appreciation for because I was just learning. It was my mother's Martin 1963 classical. She told me I could try it out and see if I like playing before I got my own. I fell in love right away, even though now I cringe at the fact that I was banging out the G chord on this delicate guitar. Then I bought myself a Takamine acoustic, and a few years later I moved on to a Taylor 414CE, which was a beautiful limited-edition guitar. After moving out to San Diego I realized the Taylor was too big and not really fitting for me. So I found my Martin."

### FAVORITE MUPPET?

"I would have to say I had a thing for Kermit. How could you not love him?...Funny that he got it on with Miss Piggy, his complete opposite. She was a loud and rambunctious drama queen."



Kim DiVincenzo

### BEST GIG?

"A recent show at the Knitting Factory for the L.A. Music Awards. I had no idea what to expect. The show was in the Alterknit Lounge, which is a smaller room in the venue that had a wonderful, intimate feel. I don't know what it was, but I have never been as 'on.'"

### WORST GIG?

"One of my Borders Books and Music gigs back in Massachusetts unexpectedly went all wrong. They provide you with their own PA at Borders, but that night the staff couldn't find all the right cords. We ended up scrounging up enough stuff, and when we went to sound check, the guitar wouldn't amplify. I ended up having to play without the guitar plugged in, but the mike worked. Meanwhile...people were just sitting there, sip-

ping their lattes, staring at you, waiting to hear some music."

### SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION?

"I was on the snowboard race team in college, Fairfield University, and we were at our Friday night practice at this really small mountain. I got off the chairlift and stopped to strap in. I looked up to see Kevin Bacon and his son in front of me. I guess he lives near there and takes his son to ski all the time. It was a slow night, and no one else was there except the three of us, so I thought, 'What the hell, Kim? Take a moment and say something to him.' I looked up at him and said, 'Hi.' He said, 'Hi.' Then there was, like, a dead silence...then stupid me says, 'I loved you in *He Said, She Said*.' And he said, 'Oh, yeah...thank you,' and that was it." ■

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#### FRIDAY

**Peter White** [650], **Rick Braun** [654], and **Mindi Abair:** Spreckels Theatre, Friday, December 23, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

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### UPCOMING CONCERTS

#### DECEMBER

**Reverend Horton Heat:** House of Blues, Thursday, December 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**The Rugburns** [263]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

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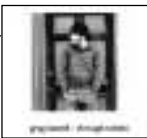
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**Saosin, Bleeding Through,** and more: Soma, Saturday, December 31, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

**Chris Isaak** [466]: House of Blues, Saturday, December 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

#### JANUARY

**Los Lobos** [476]: House of Blues, Friday, January 6, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.



**Album:** *Through Toledo* (2005)

**Artist:** Greg Laswell

**Songs:** 1) Sing, Theresa Says 2) I'm Amazed 3) Do What I Can 4) I'm Hit 5) Same As You 6) Worthwhile 7) Through Toledo 8) High and Low 9) Long Way Down 10) December 11) Your Melody 12) Come Undone 13) What a Day

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**Band:** Greg Laswell (vocals, guitar, keyboards)

**Extra info:** Laswell's debut album, *Good Movie*, won "Best Local Recording" at the San Diego Music Awards in 2004. In addition to his career as a solo musician, Laswell runs his own production outfit, 20 Inch Records, and founded the All the Rest Records label.

**Website:** [www.greglaswell.com](http://www.greglaswell.com)

Super-subtle indie rock describes singer/songwriter Greg Laswell's second album. Laswell used to front the Escondido-based alternative-rock outfit Shillglen. On this disc, he

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continues his success as a solo artist, this time sounding more like Chris Cornell than Eddie Vedder.

The 13-track album brims with a convincing down-to-earth charm and is laden with

blustery choruses that speak of life, love, and uncertainty. Sullen guitar chords provide a lush background for each of Laswell's ballads. At times the album's moderate tempos come close to sounding like Death Cab for Cutie or Coldplay; each cut has a languid, lo-fi appeal to it.

Laswell's fusion of indie-rock hooks and ambient background noise gives the music a surging, ethereal intensity. He pens his best lines in "Come Undone": "Sleep my love while I come undone / and I'll embrace myself when you're done / Sweet dreams my love / take them on / while I absorb you and what you've done." The CD hits a few snags because of the repetition found in the airy guitar chords, but it's nothing that can't be overlooked.

The amount of contemporary Laswell does in the 13 songs makes the CD come across as a concept album on



Greg Laswell

self-identity. The melancholy mix of acoustics and evocative vocal performances runs the gamut of loneliness, admiration, and desire. The man does a good job of serving up earnest apprehension in an engaging melodic form without cheapening it with overtly marketable antics.

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**Social Distortion** [481]: House of Blues, Saturday, January 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**The Dead Kennedys:** House of Blues, Sunday, January 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Pennywise** [268] and **No Use For a Name** [216]: Soma, Friday, January 20, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

**Eliza Gilkyson** [504]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, January 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**INXS** [484]: Pala Events Center, Wednesday, January 25, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

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**Cake** [168]: House of Blues,  
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### FEBRUARY

**Air Supply**: California Center for the  
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**Jars of Clay** [475]: House of Blues,  
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**Alex de Grassi**: Acoustic Music San  
Diego, Thursday, February 9, 4650  
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**Willie Nelson** [763]: Pala Events  
Center, Thursday, February 9, 5 miles  
east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala.  
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**Little Feat** [459]: Belly Up Tavern,  
Friday, February 10, 143 South Cedros  
Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140  
or 619-220-8497.

**Aerosmith** [529] and **Lenny  
Kravitz**: San Diego Sports Arena,  
Friday, February 10, 3500 Sports  
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**Jeff Tweedy**: Spreckels Theatre,  
Saturday, February 11, 121 Broadway,  
downtown. 619-235-9500 or  
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**Bonnie Raitt** [533]: Copley  
Symphony Hall, Monday, February  
13, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown.  
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**Big Head Todd & the  
Monsters** [582]: 4th & B,  
Wednesday, February 15, 345 B Street,  
downtown. 619-231-4343 or  
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**Taste of Chaos**: San Diego Sports  
Arena, Thursday, February 16, 3500  
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**"Bob Marley Day Festival"**: San  
Diego Sports Arena, Monday,  
February 20, 3500 San Diego Sports  
Arena Boulevard, Sports Arena.  
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**Nada Surf** [194]: House of Blues,  
Tuesday, February 21, 1055 Fifth  
Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or  
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**Robyn Hitchcock** [509]: Belly Up  
Tavern, Thursday, February 23, 143  
South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022  
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**"San Diego Brazil Carnaval  
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25, 345 B Street, downtown.  
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**Sinéad O'Connor** [116]: House of  
Blues, Sunday, February 26, 1055 Fifth  
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**Tom Russell**: Acoustic Music San  
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### MARCH

**Styx** [523]: House of Blues,  
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**Arlo Guthrie**: California Center for  
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**David Gray** [610]: Copley  
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**Kem**: 4th & B, Thursday, March 23,  
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**Chuck Pyle**: Acoustic Music San  
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## ALTERNATIVE

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**The Buzzkill Romantics:** The Casbah

**C.L.A.:** The Casbah

**Confide:** The Jumping Turtle

**Daredevil Jane:** The Casbah

**Decompression:** Blind Melons

**Disaster Magnet:** Dreamstreet

**Donnington:** The Jumping Turtle

**Dreaming of Tanks:** The Casbah

**Embrace Her Ghost:** The Jumping Turtle

**Firstwavehello:** The Casbah

**Gabriel's Fallen:** Blind Melons

**Gimmick:** The Jumping Turtle

**Goblin Cock:** The Casbah

**Holiday & the Adventure Pop Collective:** The Casbah

**Huge Rooster:** Blind Melons

**Jodoh:** Winstons

**Kut U Up:** Belly Up Tavern

**Living Things:** Soma

**Load:** The Jumping Turtle

**The Lymbyc System:** Winstons

**Anya Marina** *[118]:* The Casbah

**Morricone Youth:** The Casbah

**New Blood:** Tiki House

**New Day Mile:** The Jumping Turtle

**Ozomatli:** House of Blues

**Gregory Page** *[186]:* The Ould Sod

**Radio Silent:** Dreamstreet

**Raven White:** The Jumping Turtle

**ReneeRenee:** Belly Up Tavern

**Spoken Gun** *[131]:* Winstons

**Sumo Santa:** Tiki House

**Tetany:** 'Canes

**The Undertaking:** The Jumping Turtle

**Wither** *[286]:* The Jumping Turtle

## EXTENSION 4003

## ROCK

**Bad Habits:** The Metaphor Coffeehouse

# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

The recent XM Satellite Radio listener's poll that honored B.B. King as Blues Artist of the Year also singled out a relative unknown for Best New Blues Artist: **Zac Harmon**. That's a strange epithet, I'd imagine, for a man of Harmon's maturity and musical heritage. He's been a working musician far too long to be anybody's new artist. Lately he approaches senior citizenship as a silvered grizzly with a mission and a pair of CDs.

But Harmon's biggest years in the music industry came during an era unknown to many of his current fans: '80s disco soul. In L.A. he worked as a session guitarist and songwriter/producer for some of the more

R&B flavored acts of the day such as Evelyn "Champagne" King, the Whispers, and the O'Jays. Disco soul was a different reality from the music he'd soaked up as a child in Jackson, Mississippi. When Harmon finally got around to reinventing himself, it was as a bluesman.

I unpack Harmon's musical baggage and listen for whatever it was that moved the XM pollsters to single him out. It's a toss between his raw energy and a tenor that works on a person like good scotch, the latter mining the same soul drama as did the late singer O.V. Wright. Harmon isn't blazing any trails; his band's cover of "Mannish Boy" is only beer-bar competent.

Perhaps the attraction is in the juxtaposition of ideologies. Harmon is a man who knows of the carnal but is grounded in scripture. The emblem of the cross on his guitar



**ZAC HARMON**

strap is as vivid as a scar as he serves up gospel or blues with equal naivete, joining the secular and nonsecular at the hip. Minus a pulpit, Harmon has everything he needs.

**ZAC HARMON, Blind Melons, Tuesday, December 27, 8 p.m. 858-483-7844. \$6.**

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**Jumpstart:** Brick By Brick, Patrick's II

**Red Lane:** Coyote Bar and Grill, Patrick's II

**Leiana:** Blind Melons

**Loadstone:** Dirk's Niteclub

**Los Griswolds:** Blind Melons

**Nemesis:** Second Wind (Santee)

**Northstar:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill

**Nude Blues:** Bahia Belle Cruise

**OU812:** Brick By Brick

**Private Domain** *[489]:* Dick's Last Resort

**The Ray Gradys:** Blind Melons

**The Rock-Wells:** Pal Joey's

**Rockola:** Humphrey's

**Ron's Garage:** Dick's Last Resort

**Rule of Thirds:** The Gordon Biersch Brewery

**The Shambles** *[454]:* The Casbah

**Smooth Unit:** Surf N'Saddle

**The Stiletto:** Riley's Sports Bar, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

**The Taz Taylor Band:** 'Canes

**Thieves & Liars:** The Jumping Turtle

**Triple X:** Bub's Whiskey Dive

**The Truckee Brothers** *[541]:* The Casbah

**Unbeknown:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Undecided:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill

**The Wombats:** Coyote Bar and Grill

**Zone 4** *[499]:* Dirk's Niteclub

## EXTENSION 4004

## POP / TOP 40

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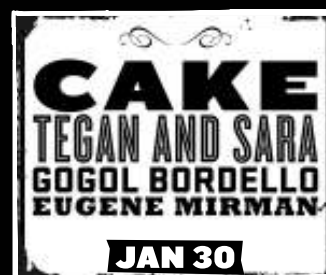
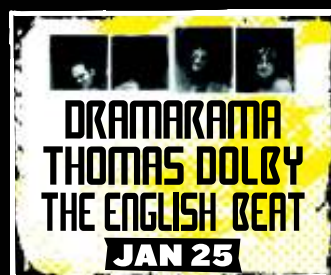
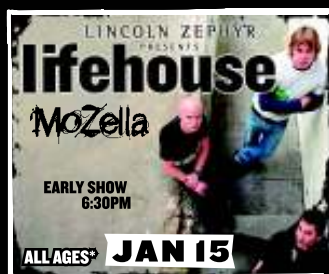
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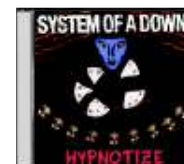
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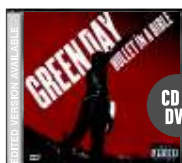
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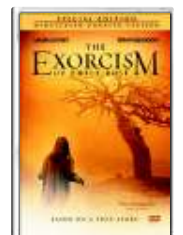
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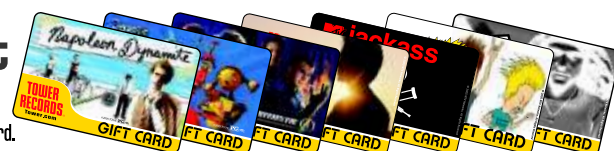
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**Club '80s:** Thursdays, new wave, electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

**Club Notorious:** Sundays, 6 a.m. to 1 a.m., breaks and house. Bacchus House, 3054 University Avenue, North Park. 619-299-2032.

**Darkwave Garden:** Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, AryRose, and Synex. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

**Deep:** Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown. 619-517-2030.

**Dig:** Thursdays, house music with DJs Mark E Quark, Red Sonya, and Andy Boswell. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown. 619-543-0933.

**Flying Bridge:** Third Saturday of the month, house, breaks, and hip-hop with DJs SR-71, D-niall, and Dan Gorp. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1105 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151.

**Friends Chill:** Tuesdays, downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, Istr, and Tom King. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

**Inferno Young Adult Nightclub:** Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, R&B, and reggaeton. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

**Liquid:** Fridays, funk, downtempo, and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5670.

**MixLab:** Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

**Moondoggies Pacific Beach:** Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

**One Nation:** Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave,

hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

**Red C Lounge:** Thursdays, Bounce Rock Skate, roller skating jams, crunk, and fun with DJs @Large and Onesix. Fridays, Choice Fridays, deep house music with Dustin Brown. Saturdays, soulful house with Mark Alan. Sundays, drum 'n' bass with Calculon. Tuesdays, groove Tuesdays, groovy house with Red Sonya. Wednesdays, Hump Wednesdays. No cover; 21 and up. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

**Sabbat:** Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

**Solo Para Mujeres:** Wednesdays, reggaeton, rock en Español, and hip-hop. 8 p.m. Baja Club, 1060 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-425-2512.

**Spatuland:** First and third Saturday of the month, electro DJs, tribal dancers. 10 p.m. Recognize, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights. 619-521-4747.

**Therapy:** Fridays, industrial, electro, and gothic with DJs Bryan Pollard,

DarkAngel, Evil Boi, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

**Transport:** First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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### NORTH COUNTY

**The Alley,** 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

**Belly Up Tavern,** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, *91X Winterroots* hosted by *Makeda*. Friday, *Kut U Up* and *ReneeRenee*, alternative rock. Wednesday, *Crash Carter* and *Emerson*, groove.

**Big Jim's Old South Bar B Q,** 190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

**Boar Cross'n,** 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday, *DJ Big Dude*, classic rock.

**The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe,** Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Blue Largo*, blues/jazz.

**Bub's Whiskey Dive,** 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Triple X*, rock.

**The Calypso Cafe,** 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Crash Carter*, groove. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, *Fuerte*, salsa. Monday, *Richard Samuels*, jazz. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Billy Watson*, blues.

**Carvers,** 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *the Blues Brokers*.

**Cheers,** 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday, 9 p.m., *Tumbling Dice*, country.

**Coyote Bar and Grill,** 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Red Lane*, rock/blues, 10 p.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Fish & the Seaweeds*, rock, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Swingin' Kings*, blues. 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Wombats*, rock.

**Game Time Tavern,** 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, *Bradley Leighton*, R&B/jazz/dance.

**Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad),** 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, call club for information.

**The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe,** 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

**The Jumping Turtle,** 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, *Donnington*, the *Undertaking*, *Embrace Her Ghost*, and *Confide*. Friday, *Load*, *Gone to Oblivion*, *Iencyde*, *Grand Slam*, and

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**Longshot Saloon,** 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, *Drum-n-Bass.*

**Los Cabos Mexican Mesquite Grill,** 12955 El Camino Real, Suite G7, Del Mar. 858-792-2226. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Will Sumner's Tropic Zone,* Latin jazz.

**Mas Fina Cantina,** 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner,* acoustic rock.

**McCabe's Beach Club,** 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers,* country.

**The Metaphor Coffeehouse,** 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday, 6:30 p.m., *the Second Avenue Jazz Band.* Saturday, *MC Refuge,* rock. Monday, 6:30 p.m., *the Big Easy Jazz Band.* Tuesday, 7 p.m., *Bad Habits,* rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *MC Refuge.*

**Rancho Bernardo Inn,** 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to

10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Mehnick* and *Tom Bishop,* jazz/variety.

**Surf N'Saddle,** 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Smooth Unit,* rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., open mike.

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**Blind Melons,** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Dust Un Bones* and *Genial.* Friday, *Gabriel's Fallen, Decompression,* and *Huge Rooster.* Monday, *Chris, Chris, Chris.* Tuesday, *The Zac Harmon Band,* blues. Wednesday, *MC Rad, the Cutoffs, Leiana, the Ray Grady's,* and *Los Griswolds,* punk.

**'Canes,** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Tribal Seeds,* reggae, and *Emerald City,* rock. Friday, *Tetany, Jen Knight,* and *the Taz Taylor Band.*

**Chateau Orleans,** 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters,* blues.

**Dreamstreet,** 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Poor Excuse, Hemlock Holmes, Rez1, Who Cares,* and *Reece.* Friday, *Disaster Magnet* and *Radio Silent.* Wednesday, 7 p.m., live metal rock bands.

**Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge** (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain,* international dance music.

# NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

On the website of Los Angeles band **Ozomatli**, trumpet player and vocalist **Asdrubal Sierra** reflects on his band's decade together and declares, "Every album is a stepping stone, a milestone, and an era." I'm sure that's true for him and the rest of the band. It could also be true for the voters behind the Grammys, the Latin Grammys, the Billboard Awards, and other awards shows who have bestowed Ozomatli with armloads of statuettes over the years. For everyone else it's all about the live show. London newspaper *The Independent* called Ozomatli "one of the best live bands on the planet."

And so a live album and DVD was a natural. Recorded last year and released in August, *Live at the Fillmore* is, as they say, about as close as you can get to an Ozomatli concert without actually being there. That's probably still not close enough, but the DVD does its job. It avoids the tedious behind-the-scenes footage that drags down so many music films, focusing instead on the music. (Also, for a disconcertingly long time, on the trombone player shaking his hips.)

Ozomatli is a multiracial band that mixes African, Latin, funk, hip-hop, rock, and just about any other kind of music it can get its hands on and does it better than you would think possible. Of course, the Latin music audience has a world of choices, as do the audiences for African music, funk, hip-hop, rock, and so on, and these audiences don't necessarily



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seek out hybrids of their favorite sounds. That may mean that Ozomatli will always be winning fans one nightclub at a time.

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**Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla),** 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, live rock, call club for information.

**Hennessey's Tavern (PB),** 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach.

858-483-8847. Friday, *Blues Castle,* blues.

**The Lodge at Torrey Pines,** 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson,* solo jazz guitar.

**Pasquale on Prospect,** 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, *Nick Fiore, John Giulino,* and *Dave Scott,* jazz.

**Qwiigs Bar & Grill,** 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1101. Thursday and Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson,* solo jazz guitar. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

**Sandbar Sports Grill,** 718 Ventura Place, San Diego. 858-488-1274. Call club for information.

**Tiki House,** 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, 9:15 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Jeffrey*

*Beringer* and *Sumo Santa,* electro dance pop. Friday, *Barefoot Hockey Goalie,* alternative. Wednesday, *New Blood,* alternative.

**Winstons,** 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Spoken Gun* and *Jodoh.* Friday, 9 p.m., *the Devastators,* roots/reggae/rock. Saturday, call club for information. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band,* classic rock. Tuesday,



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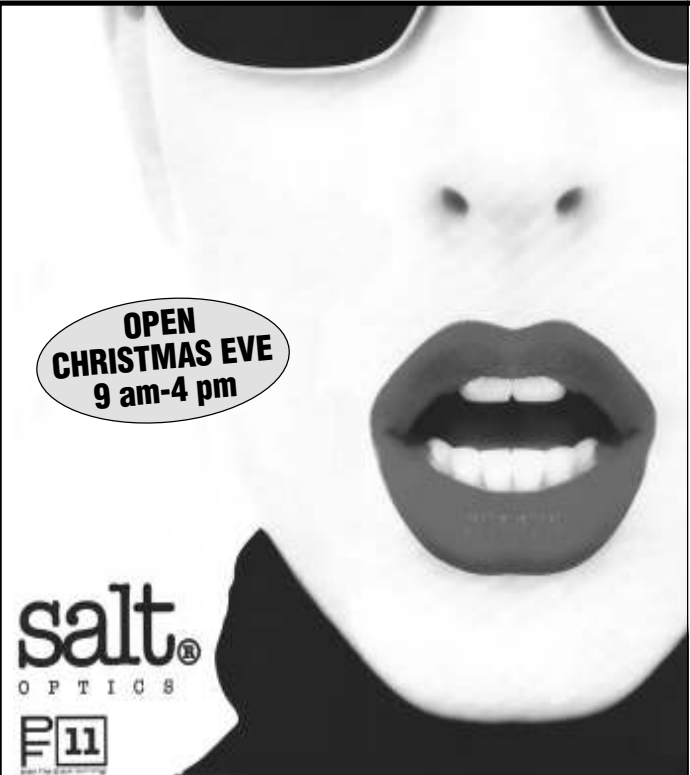
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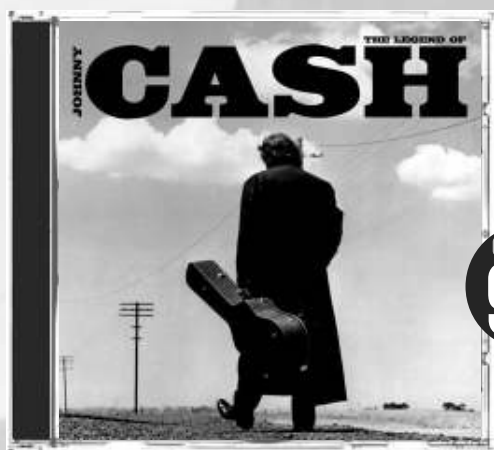
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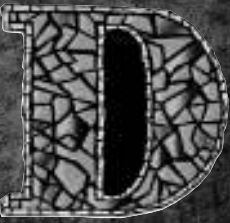
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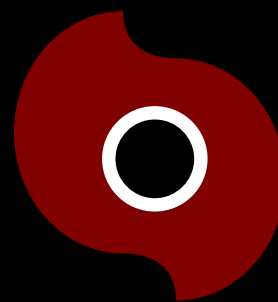
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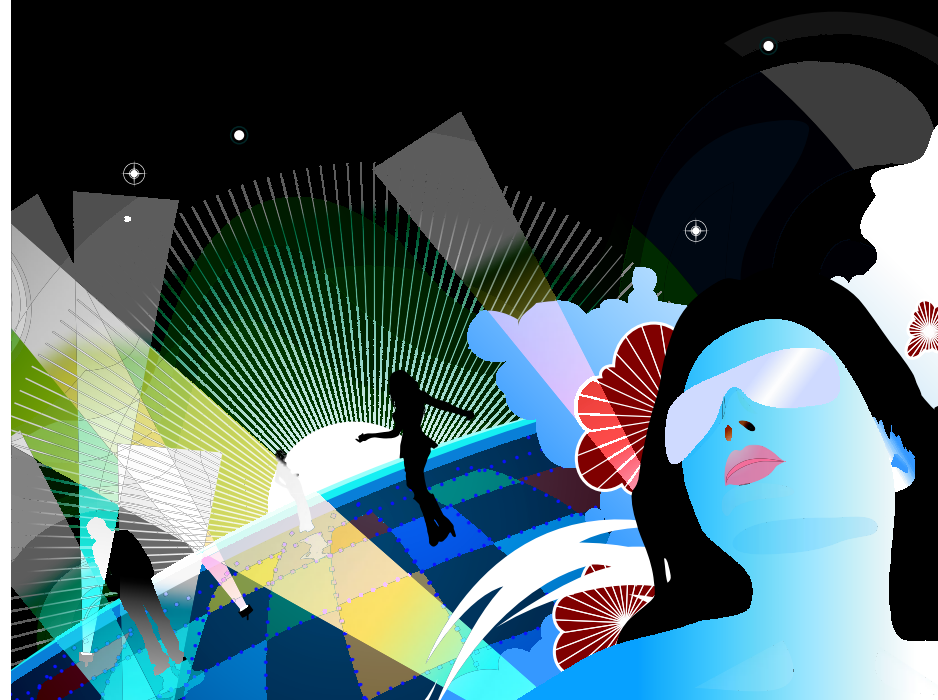
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# Clean as Country Water

If this were February, I'd be writing about a Valentine's Day destination. But don't overlook the romantic A.R. Valentien as a stunning in-spot to take special guests during the holidays. Set in a Craftsman-style lodge on a golf course overlooking Torrey Pines State Beach, the restaurant rambles through several intimate wood-beamed rooms. A.R. Valentien was an early-20th-century local painter-ceramist, and his ornate vases and sunny Impressionistic landscapes decorate the niches and walls. As the host leads you to your table, you can't help but notice that diners are spread evenly through the rooms (rather than jammed together). The heavy tables, leather-seated chairs, and plush booths are also well spaced, so you probably won't overhear other tables' conversations (unless they happen to be loud talkers or chronic gigglers), and they won't hear yours. The lighting is subdued but bright enough that you can read the menu without a keychain LED — and see your food. Or you can eat outside on the heated patio, which offers views of the stone-walled lodge, the pool, and glimpses of the greens.

You'll see plenty of pretty greens on your plate, too. Chef Jeff Jackson changes the menu every day to showcase local produce that's been pulled from the ground mere hours before. The rest is all natural luxury: hormone-free poultry, top-quality meats, seafood at the peak of its season, everything prepared with a minimum of "gussying up" and a maximum of flavor. If you're getting burned out on the fancy, fatty food of the holidays, this approach will prove a relief as well as a delight.

The attitude here is generous and genuinely hospitable. You notice this first when servers bring a dish of mixed olives marinated with orange zest (we had to pay eight bucks for these at Laurel two weeks ago) to the table, along with country-style sunflower-seed bread and thin-sliced rustic whole wheat or sourdough. Dinners begin with a complimentary "amuse," which changes nightly. One evening it was a bite of French *boudin blanc* (chicken sausage) with caramelized onions. A few nights later, we received two miniature lobster ravioli, with crunchy vegetables in the filling rather than cream or cheese, and a mini-mound of balsamic-dressed frisée on the side. (I hate to kick a gift horse, but the pasta was rolled out a bit too thick.)



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One rare treat that's only in season during late autumn is fresh black European truffles — the underground "mushroom" that grows under oak trees, where it's found by the sensitive noses of pigs and specially trained dogs. (Dogs are now preferred as truffle-hunters: Hogs like to eat their catch and are difficult to leash-train.) The flavor is so subtle it can't be described, so unique it defies comparisons. It has the quality that Japanese call *umame*, "meatiness," that enhances whatever food it's cooked with. Jackson heaps generous shavings of these earthy gems atop a flawless risotto tossed with truffle oil, chives, and chervil (a fresh herb with a faint aniselike flavor). This appetizer is on the costly side (\$24), but if you try it, you won't forget it.

A fixture of the menu since day one, tuna carpaccio — Italian sashimi — offers silky, paper-thin slices of crimson bluefin embedded with cooked parsley and fried capers, plated over pungent horseradish cream. Piled onto crunchy buttered country-bread toast, the combination is as vivid as curtains-up on a Broadway musical.

The same toast accompanies a French charcuterie platter of three house-made pâtés, served with small mounds of whole-grain mustard, cranberry compote, julienned celeriac, and thin-sliced pickled green-and-gold zucchini. A chicken-liver mousse is a suave, creamy classic, while a duck-pistachio country-style pâté offers multiple textures, from chewy-coarse to smooth to crunchy with nuts. "Potted" beef

short-rib meat makes a soulful terrine, a deep-flavored delight to spread on the toast with mustard. Anyone who's picnicked in Paris will thrill at this plate. Never been? Save the jet lag and picnic here.

Vegetable-based starters are equally creative. Normally, I shy away from the frilly endive called frisée, a staple of French bistros, but here it's the basis of a festive salad with roasted Gala apples, braised pork belly, chopped hazelnuts, and a creamy cider vinaigrette. The apples and the dressing tame the bitterness of the frisée, while the pork belly makes an entertaining change from bacon lardons: Some pieces are crisp and fatty like cracklings, others are as moist and shreddy as the

## REVIEW NAOMI WISE

### A.R. Valentien

★★★★½ (Excellent to Extraordinary)

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635, [www.arvalentien.com](http://www.arvalentien.com).

**HOURS:** Daily, breakfast 6:30–11:00 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.; dinner 5:30–10:00 p.m.

**PRICES:** Dinner appetizers, \$10–\$24; entrées average \$32; desserts and cheeses, \$8; five-course tasting menu, \$65 (\$95 with matched wines). Lunch appetizers, \$8.50–\$12.50; entrées, \$11.50–\$18; desserts, \$7.

**CUISINE AND BEVERAGES:** Daily changing menu of California cuisine emphasizing peak, in-season produce and top-quality meats and seafood. Long list of California wines at steep markups, plenty by the glass or half-bottle. Full bar with moderate cocktail prices.

**PICK HITS:** Black truffle risotto; tuna carpaccio; crisp-skinned Arctic char; date-marinated Colorado rack of lamb; duck confit and breast; brioche bread pudding.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Relatively healthy cooking, with fewer "bad carbs" and less fat and salt than most restaurants. Reservations essential on weekends. Validated valet parking, free self-parking. Quiet and romantic unless packed; business-casual dress weeknights, dressy-casual weekends. Just south of the Torrey Pines Hilton; look for road signs to golf course and lodge.

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best carnitas. A caramelized pumpkin salad was disappointing, though: My partner and I hoped for something like the soft candied-pumpkin appetizer of Afghan restaurants. Instead, thin pumpkin slices were brittle and a bit charred, hiding with prosciutto slices under a take-charge stack of bitter red dandelion leaves.

At one meal, I decided to invest in the tasting menu. (The tasting dishes aren't listed on the à la

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carte menu, but all are available singly upon request.) The array began with a pair of miniature ravioli, again with too-thick pasta skins, filled with chopped beef short-rib meat, and served over a dull cannellini bean purée. The second appetizer was better, pristine *guerrero negro* scallops from nearby Baja in tarragon cream sauce, with soft-braised fennel julienne and a topping of bright young green beans punctuated with preserved Meyer lemon zest. The modest portion was just the right size.

After an interlude of cranberry-ginger sorbet (graciously served gratis to everyone at the table to keep us all on the same schedule), my tasting entrée was a gorgeous “hot-date-marinated Colorado rack of lamb.” Its hot date left the lamb in a very good mood — that is, chopped dates were rubbed into the top of the lamb before it was cooked. The two large, thick rib chops were served rare without my even asking, and the scrupulously trimmed meat was clean-tasting and tender in a pool of its own *jus* made slightly sweet from the tryst with the dates. “I’ve never tasted lamb this good,” said one of my tablemates. “It’s — like butter.” The meat came with soft, dark-green Swiss chard dotted with garnet pomegranate seeds, looking very Christmasy next to the rosy meat. In this dish and many others here, the food is not only delicious, but for restaurant cooking, unusually healthy, with little added fat and only “good carbs.” Instead of heavy sauces, a few exquisite ingredients glory in their natural flavors.

Back on the regular menu, New York strip steak enjoys similar treatment. Valentien is one of the few local restaurants to offer Prime-grade beef that’s been dry-aged in a meat locker for up to three weeks. (Most restaurant beef today is wet-aged, which tenderizes the meat but doesn’t enhance the flavor the way dry-aging does.) Ordered very rare, the steak

arrived nicely charred outside, sliced after cooking to let its juices pour out and serve as a sauce. Onboard were red-wine-braised escarole, cooked pleasantly soft, and a large herd of small, roasted Russian banana potatoes. Their yellowish flesh is buttery-tasting even served “straight up,” but if you want a richer flavor (as my partner did), you can fork-mash them with the table butter. Just don’t tell Chef Jeff I said so.

Arctic char, a cold-water fish the pale coral color of salmon trout, proved another healthful hit. The skin was cooked hard until crisp and crackly, while the meat was rich and soft. It came with whole braised leeks, tender Bloomsdale spinach, and oyster mushrooms. The leeks leaked their liquid, which mingled with the fish juices to make a lovely, spontaneous sauce.

A few weeks ago I expressed general skepticism about duck confit, saying that only once, when Alain Rondelli was the chef at Ernie’s in San Francisco, had I tasted a great version. (If you wonder about Ernie’s, rent a copy of *Vertigo*. Hitchcock recreated the romantic restaurant as a setting for Jimmy Stewart to court Kim Novak.) Chef Jeff, it turns out, makes *that* confit! The skin of the leg-thigh piece is fried to a crunch, while the flesh inside is moist — the opposite of most restaurants (even in France), where the flesh tends to be dry, while the skin is either soft or gone AWOL. With this prodigy come quickly roasted skinless medallions of breast, unadorned but tender. That evening, accompaniments were an apple-cranberry compote and a cube of thin-sliced, stacked-high potato gratin, held together with cream, not one of those healthy items. A few nights earlier, the duck’s accompaniments had been fuyu persimmon and young turnips, definitely “good for you” — but I can’t say I’d prefer them to a great, gooey gratin.

One of my companions is a regular at the restaurant. She recommended the veal cheeks, nuggets coated with parsley, Dijon, and bread crumbs that, as she says, “fall apart at a touch

of the fork.” They come with a mysterious delight that the menu calls “white purée” — a mixture of mashed potato and whatever interesting roots are in season — parsnip and celeriac that night, possibly rutabaga replacing the parsnip by now. It’s creamy and a hint sharp, and not a drib or drab remained when we were done. Long branches of watercress offer textural contrast and an acerbic note, although their leginess makes them difficult to eat without looking like a goat chomping a mouthful of ivy.

We weren’t jazzed by the roasted Wright’s naturally raised chicken. “It’s good chicken, but — it’s just chicken,” said one of my companions. It came with whole-grain polenta (from the South’s fabled organic cornmeal maven, Anson Mills), rather heavy-textured that evening from a few moments’ overcooking. Several large, flat matsutake mushrooms, which look but don’t taste like shiitakes, added an earthy, near-funky flavor and a chewy texture. “This is what oatmeal would taste like if it were a fungus,” said one of my friends.

Every evening, diners are treated to a gratis side dish of a featured vegetable of the day — Italian broccoli one evening, flat green beans a few nights later. They were both excellent, indeed.

The wine list is long but runs steep. (In fact, the \$30 extra you pay for matched wines on the tasting dinner is well worth it for four well-chosen pours. Incidentally, if you veto one of those choices — as I did with an opening glass of bubbly, which I don’t care for — the staff will gladly substitute another that’s equally appropriate and more to your tastes.) At another visit, I tried the exotic Tabla Esprit de Beaucastel (\$15/glass), an odd blend of white grapes. I found it delightful, its chardonnay component lending backbone, grenache providing lightness, and the viognier contributing a liquid-sunshine cheerfulness.

The cheese assortment includes four tastes from different dairies, three from Sonoma County, one from Dodgeville, Wisconsin (home of the Land’s

End mail-order catalog). All were distinct and interesting, served with a heap of ripe red grapes and nuts. The current tasting menu also ends with a cheese rather than a pastry, a rich Shropshire Blue that smells something like a horse stable (in a pleasant way), served with Bartlett pear, greens, and hazelnuts. The “sweet” that completes the tasting menu is a glass of Beringer’s sensuous Sauternes-style dessert wine.

Pastry chef John Harmeyer is in charge of the desserts. Our favorite was a raisin brioche bread pudding, light and comforting, with a lush, eggy custard sauce resembling half-set crème brûlée. I was fond, too, of a baked apple, each half topped with a scoop of cinnamon ice cream. It reminded me of tarte tatin, hold the tart. If you prefer a heftier dessert, the pear and persimmon clafouti isn’t the classic custardy French model, but an American twist that’s been showing up lately at local restaurants (and in the Food Network’s recipes): This is more like a weighty, buttery cobbler with the fruit mixed into the batter. The best part: a scoop of delicately herbal chamomile ice cream. For chocoholics, there’s a very sweet Valhrona chocolate tart, its filling resembling chocolate pudding. The chocoholic at our table took a few bites, then went back to the bread pudding. But you need not order any dessert: At the end of the meal, each table receives an assortment of small sweets, such as tiny house-baked cookies and/or irresistible miniature donuts.

“You know how you always ride me because I never took you to Chez Panisse when you were in San Francisco?” I asked my partner as we left. “Well, you’ve been there now,” I told him. “This is the way that Alice Waters cooks. Things taste wonderful by tasting like themselves.”

#### ABOUT THE CHEF

“I started in the restaurant business at age 13, as a dishwasher and a busboy in Oklahoma City, where I grew up,” says chef Jeff Jackson, now aged 48, “and worked all through high school. Pretty soon they let me start peeling carrots and pota-

toes, then cooking the vegetables, and it just went from there. All my brothers and my sister went to university and studied engineering. That was the family path. Me? I thought if I went to college, I was gonna get a job where I’d sit at a desk eight hours a day. That did not appeal to me whatsoever, so I approached my parents and told them I wanted to go to chef school. I’d heard about the Culinary Institute [of America]. I thought that I might as well have been talking about the man in the moon. But to my parents’ credit, they allowed me to go to the Culinary.”

What impressed Jeff most there was the wisdom of chef-instructor Eliot Sharon: “He explained to us that cooking is a craft that you learn from master craftsmen, and what you need to do is find the best chefs you can, work for nothing, and learn your lessons... So I got involved with French chefs.” First he worked in Dallas for the respected French chef Jean Lafont, who was attempting to bring nouvelle cuisine to Texas, where nobody had ever heard of it. But he soon realized that “as a kid from Oklahoma, I had no connection to his food, no way to relate to it. So the sommelier and I sold everything we had, packed up our bicycles, and went to Europe, and we cycled through France and worked the *vendange* [wine-grape harvest] and stayed for about six months.”

Back home again, he got a job at Le Français in Wheeling, Illinois. “That, I consider my graduate school,” says Jackson. Jean Banchet, the chef-owner, was famous for his exquisite food and his horrendous temper. Even though Jackson had been a high school football player and towered over the little tyrant, he suffered like everyone else. “There were many days when I’d drive to work and sit there in my car and start crying, knowing I was going to get beat up on. But then you walked in, and there’s foie gras, and guys coming through the back door with venison or wild boar that they’d just shot, and everything was amazing! Three years of yelling and screaming, but every single thing you did in that kitchen

was done correctly. After a while, you realized that Banchet’s yelling and screaming was not personal, it came from his sincere passion.”

After ten years at Shutters in Santa Monica, Jackson became head chef at the new A.R. Valentien. “The change to the kind of cooking I’m doing now happened for me when [they hired me] to open up the Lodge. I came down and I met [owner] Bill Evans, and he asked me, ‘What would you do?’ And I said, ‘You’ve got the greatest produce in the world right here, farms all around.’ A few years earlier, I went out for dinner with my wife, a very nice restaurant. It was the days when an entrée had to have the protein and three or four garnishes and two or three sauces, and everybody in the kitchen had touched the plate at least three times. And the technique was there — I used to base my opinions on technique, whether the food was prepared properly. But there was so much going on on the plate that I got palate fatigue. And a little light went on in my mind: Less is more.

“I made a 180-degree turn and started focusing on procurement of [fine] ingredients and then utilizing the classical techniques to prepare them. I borrowed from Northern Italian cooking — to me, they figured it out hundreds of years ago. The food stuff’s first. A lot of my job is pulling the hands of the cooks and the chefs away from the plate. Because when you’re young, it’s part of the growing process that you want to see how much you can put into a particular dish, and before you know it, you’ve got this mess. My rule is, I want three or four flavors on a plate, no more, and three or four textures — and then leave it alone. So that’s what we strive for. We’re lucky that we’ve got great foodstuffs here that you can prepare simply with some salt and pepper and olive oil or butter, and they’re wonderful. I’ve never before worked in an environment where you can get carrots right out of the ground. The difference between a fresh carrot and one that’s two days old is amazing.” ■



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It's a gray- and red-tiled mini-mall.

That's it? My only hope for chow? Maybe it

was a mistake to get off here. One more stop and I'da been in Solana Beach. Lots of breakfast places there. I'm stomach-clanging hungry. Heck, I just jumped on the train at the Santa Fe to get out of Dodge for a couple of hours, see some other scenery. And the Coaster is such a deal. Figured I'd find a place to break fast quick and hop on the 9:31 back, still in time for work.

So I have 45 minutes. I see a sign up for "The Grill," next to a big red canvas canopy in the strip mall. Must say, it looks like the Grill at the End of the Universe. I cross over the slow-running stream, a swift-running road beyond, then up some stepping stones. Aha. Yes. It says "breakfast and lunch" on the front window. Inside's one big white-walled room. Phil Collins strains for the high notes on the smooth jazz station. You notice first that no one's actually eating. They're all in the kitchen, hard at work, preparing all sorts of food.

"We're getting ready for lunch," says a gent who's doing figures at a cash register on the smoky-blue counter. James. It's been his place for the last six months. "Lunch is when we really get busy."

I ask James what's good for breakfast. "Breakfast burrito," he says. "It has cheese, hash browns, egg, bacon, and ham or sausage, \$2.99. Or," he says, "the breakfast pita's pretty much the same thing, same price."

Well, hey, that price is right. He hands me a menu. I plonk myself at one of the salmon-colored Formica-top tables. The chairs are black

plastic. Floor's, like, pastel-toned tiles. A few ivy plants and ferns hang from the white acoustic ceiling. Kinda bare-bones, but I bet all those biotech worker-bees are already dreaming of lunchtime, leaving their billion-dollar viruses and robots and chowing into something real down here, like a \$4.99 gyros or \$6.20 Philly cheesesteak.

I'm scanning the menu. The breakfast deals continue. One egg with two bacon or sausage, hash browns and toast are \$2.99. Three eggs with three strips of bacon or three sausage links or a "sirloin beef patty" go for \$5.49. A three-egg cheese omelet is only \$3.99.

I end up following James's advice and basically go for the breakfast pita with an extra side of hash browns (\$1.00). And a coffee (\$1.16).

Now here's what gets me liking this guy: I'm doing my usual dither in the multiple-choice section. Can't decide between ham or sausage in the pita.

"Would you like both?" says James.

"Uh, sure — Same price?"

"Of course. Or would you like bacon?"

"D'uh..."

"Or would you like bacon as well?"

"Same price?"

"Of course. A little less of each, but it'll fill you. Don't worry."

Heck, how can you beat that? As I'd guessed (from the gyros on the menu), James is originally

from Greece. He doesn't go back to Athens much anymore, though. "I have changed. I can't understand their attitudes. Now I go, I fight with my family all the time, defending America. People in Europe don't like Americans. Now I feel like a tourist when I go."

Man, I feel like a tourist just coming this far north of San Diego. But it's worth it, if only to clap your peepers on new vistas. Like out this window, hills, hawks (or vultures?) circling over some high-tech palazzo, streams, bridges, coyote trails. Plus, it's funny to think of all the far-out ideas fermenting right now in those buildings scattered around us, in this strange valley of futurologists.

Oops. James has to get ready for his mad two hours of lunch. I've gotta make trax too. That ol' southbound Coaster's about to come whistling in. I get the last half of my pita breakfast packed to go.

I make my dash for the tracks, take two minutes to decipher the Coaster's damned Ticket Machine from Hell, and jump in just as the guard calls, "All aboard!"

Now we're headed for a town called San Diego. Sorrento Valley's great and all, a kind of Brigadoon, but a Brigadoon with — who knows? — stem cells and viruses escaping from all those labs. Probably why nobody lives up there. Still, what a deal, James's \$2.99 breakfast. I settle in for the ride — and the remains of my ham-sausage-bacon pita.... ■

**The Place:** *The Grill, 10920 Roselle Street, Suite #104, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-7940*

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# The Wine Teacher

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**M**att Francke, the new owner of San Diego Wine Company, didn't grow up drinking wine at home. "I wasn't really introduced to wine unless I was around my Uncle Pat," he recalls, "and I didn't take any interest until I was closer to 21. That's when I visited him in Nevada, and he took me down into his wine cellar, started showing me older vintages of things, going over the history of wine. Once, about 15 years ago, a couple of hours before I got on the plane to go home, he said, 'Let's sit down and have a glass of wine and a pastrami sandwich. Watch the transformation of the wine, what it does with the sandwich.' The wine was a 1970 or '71 Louis Martini Petite Sirah. I was a neophyte, but I did appreciate the effect — it was one of those moments where you say, 'Wow, that's cool.'"

Francke's Uncle Pat was a good person to have as a first teacher in wine, especially the business side of wine. "He's been in the wine industry since 1958, when he started working retail at Safeway in Redondo Beach. About four years later, he became the Southern California wine salesman for Gallo. Eventually, he moved to Nevada and started selling wine for Steve Wynn, who had a distribution company back then. He was starting when the modern era of California wine was just in its infancy. The people he knew

were people like Robert Mondavi and Louis Martini; he'd have regular conversations with them, because he was bringing in their wines. He started relationships with all those people."

Uncle Pat "has a very strong personality. He loves to involve people, bring them into his home and entertain. And it always revolves around his passion for food and wine. I just kind of fed off that." But Francke wasn't long in learning the difference between the romance of entertaining and collecting and the grit of sales. "Once

I expressed interest, he said, 'Come by and visit me. If you want to sell wine, if you want an introduction into how to sell wine, Gallo is the place to start.' It's amazing; you go through the who's who in the wine business, and you find that a lot of them started at Gallo. That was their training ground. 'Of course,' warned Uncle Pat, 'you're not going to be selling wine. You're going to be selling boxes.'"

Uncle Pat took Francke with his sales team to "the Gallo Empire in Modesto. It's its own little city, with these carts that go around on tracks — as in *Jurassic Park*. When they take you to where they make their sherries, and they open these huge doors — it's like something out of either *Jurassic Park* or *King Kong*. This wave of sherry-smell that rushes out just overwhelms you; it's so memorable. Seeing the glass factory, the non-

stop production. I wasn't extremely excited about selling boxes, but it was truly one of the most remarkable places I have ever been."

Years later, after a stint in the restaurant business that taught him a little bit about running a successful operation, "especially in terms of professionalism and the importance of letting your staff have some autonomy," he started looking around the wine world again. "I looked into sales, but then I stumbled across what was then Thomas Jaeger winery. They were just going through their transition to becoming Orfila. I worked in the tasting room and gave tours, and after they started getting their production up, I volunteered to start trying to get the wines into the San Diego marketplace. I did that for about two years; it was very, very difficult," partly because of the entrenched San Diegan hesitancy to embrace local wines. "Still, we got into some good places — Pacifica Del Mar, George's at the Cove."

Running around San Diego gave Francke a chance to check out the city's wine shops, and in 1993, he wandered into the newly opened San Diego Wine Company. "I noticed an ad, and it seemed like a unique concept for this town" — warehouse-style sales, cardboard cases floor-stacked in a bare box of a store, a sales plan based on low margins and high volume. "I loved the no-frills aspect of it — here's the wine, here's the price, signs telling me a little bit about it. I felt it was a shop for everybody. For me, a big-ticket item was around \$15, and I remember he had a Caymus Cabernet for \$15.95. That would be my go-to wine, that and the Estancia heritage. Everywhere around town, it sold for around \$11.95, but here it was something like \$9.95."

"I kind of started a relationship with Tom Kowalski, the owner. It'd be the middle of the week, while I was on a sales call, and in those early years it was quiet in the store. We'd talk



Matt Francke

about the wines; I'd talk about wines I'd found other places."

Kowalski eventually hired Paris Driggers to help him run the store, but he took Francke's number, and in 1998 he called for help during the holiday rush. "He said, 'I can't guarantee you a position after the holidays.' I said, 'Okay, if you're going to involve me, I want to be involved in tasting all the wines with you, making all the decisions with you guys. I want to show you what I know, what my palate is like, so that you can decide whether I'm capable of making those decisions.'"

Thanks to Uncle Pat's predilections, Francke's palate was "California, California, California. Still, I was confident. At Orfila, winemaker Leon

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Santoro would barrel-taste me, ask my opinions on the blends. When we had groups come on and sit down to evaluate wines blind, I always felt like I could describe them." And thanks to his own lack of a cellar, his palate was new, new, new. "I was a regular buyer; I drank what was on the market now. I'm not the guy who's going to have the story about the '82 Bordeaux or the great vintage Port. But to a degree, I think that helped me in this shop, because that's what this shop is about — what's going on now."

As it happened, that turned out to be San Diego Wine Company's best holiday season ever, and when the dust settled, Francke had a regular gig. "I had done everything I could with Orfila. I never wanted to be a winemaker; I never had that in me. I enjoy wine, but making it is not something I wanted to pursue." Sales, on the other hand, ran in the family.

Over time, Kowalski began to step back and let Driggers and Francke step up. "Tom's concept was to have guys who knew what they were doing who he could pay to run his business. Once we knew his plan and how to carry on what he started, he left it in our hands." (Score one for employee autonomy.) "Paris and I started cultivating relationships with brokers. And having the relationship that I had with my uncle, I was able to bring in some brands that were hesitant about coming into the shop. My uncle's influence would get someone to answer the phone." Francke took it from there and managed to reel in Silver Oak and Duckhorn. "It was nice being able to say we had those wines, after years of telling people 'no.'"

In March, Paris left to buy into Bacchus Wine Market downtown. A while after that, Kowalski let it be known that he might be willing to sell. ■



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**SanDiegoReader.com.**  
Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. **Inexpensive:** below \$10; **moderate:** \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$24; **very expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

## NORTH COASTAL

**The Armenian Cafe** 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a "loss leader" featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Armenian salad" and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Live music and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

**California Bistro** 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. The restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and



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sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/00)

**Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan** 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and pureed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

**Kealani's** 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the

droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

**Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant** 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

**St. Germain's Cafe** 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the cafe's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-

egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

**The Original 101 Diner** 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open breakfast and lunch; closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

**Vivace** Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute*

*cuisine* which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the "mamma mia" joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. "Casual-elegant" — no hats, shorts, or tennies — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

**When In Rome** 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — E.W.

## NORTH INLAND

**Bamboo Hut** Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclotted tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really

sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (8/03)

**Cabana Cove** Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from "surfing spots around the world," includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Open Wednesday to Sunday, continuous lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/05)

**Casa Reveles Mexican and Seafood Restaurant** Harvest Farms Village, 29000 Lilac Road, Valley Center, 760-749-8041. (Also at 201 Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-480-5565, with a Mexican-Italian menu.) "Revels," as the locals pronounce it, is probably the best restaurant in Valley Center proper, offering zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Mi-choacán-style carnitas (available in several "stuffed" dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house's slightly crunchy fresh-tomatillo version of salsa

verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. In fact, everything's a good deal better than it has to be, given the lack of neighborhood competition. Definitely worth a stop-off when heading to or from the nearby casinos. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Family atmosphere, but watch out for karaoke nights. Full bar (cantina attached). Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — N.W. (3/05)

**Centre City Cafe** 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — N.W. (9/03)

**Fiore's** Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species and a fine slow-roasted duck. For starters, the salmon tower and shrimp margarita are delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there's an Oyster Bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles

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**Hacienda de Vega** 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Five vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily,

lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — *N.W. (9/03)*

**Onami Japanese Restaurant** 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *S.M. (8/04)*

**San Diego Artisan Bakers** 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients including certified organic rye and whole wheat that are stone-ground at the bakery. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

**The Place: El Parque** 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo*, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

**Wine Sellar and Brasserie** 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

## GOLD COAST

**Milton's Deli** Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-Kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the

Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!*, so *goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/05)*

**Nobu Japanese Restaurant** 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

**Pamplemousse Grille** 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cap-pucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Diners expensive. — *E.W.*

**Pizza Port** 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, ar-

tichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carlsbad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

**Poseidon** 1670 Coast Boulevard (south of 18th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water's edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: wonderfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with deadly-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine — that is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view's the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (4/05)*

## LA JOLLA

**Azul La Jolla** 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/99)*

**Barbarella** 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once

you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème friche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — *S.M. (4/04)*

**Come On In!** 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

**Donovan's Steak and Chop House** 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn

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**Great Khan's Mongolian Festival** 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (University Towne Center), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braze on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

**The Marine Room** 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain — a royal feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

**Nine-Ten Restaurant** Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. The synergy between Executive Chef Jason Knibb and Dessert Chef (and cheesemaker) Jack Fisher has taken this restaurant to a new level of craftsmanship, with a culinary sophistication that would be at home in San Francisco or New York. You'll find adventurous, seasonal cuisine emphasizing "market fresh" local produce (much of it organic or sustainably raised), naturally raised meats, and wild seafood. It's not just the food that's fresh — the ideas are, too, and the flavor-matches are flawless. The wine list is superb, and new personnel in the front of the house have brought up the standard of service. Validated valet parking, full bar. Reservations urged. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W. (10/05)

**Sante Ristorante** 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

**Tapenade** 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among

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## MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

**Boo Cho Korean Barbecue** 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called *pan chan*), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean diners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Friday for lunch; daily for dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (11/03)

**China Max** 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and

bright, the sound-level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multi-regional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. — *N.W.* (1/04)

**IKEA Restaurant & Cafe** 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

**King's Fish House** 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar

that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (5/02)

**The Philadelphia Sandwich Co.** 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummies' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/04)

**Seoul B.B.Q.** 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwae*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — *M.N.* (12/99)

**Tropical Star** 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings: good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* (8/99)

## THE BEACHES

**The Australian Pub** 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Monday through Thursday. Lunch and dinner 3 p.m. to midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

**Broken Yolk Cafe** 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-272-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98 — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/04)

**The Fishery** 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's

menu is equally extensive, covering So-Cal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M.* (12/03)

**The French Gourmet** 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet's *toute suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in house. Open daily for lunch; no dinner Sunday and Monday. Bakery open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *S.M.* (9/04)

**Gringo's** 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *camarones borrachos* are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs

the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/02)

**Hancock St. Cafe** 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass lookalikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/04)

**Lamont Street Grill** 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/03)

**Saska's** 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list

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**Umi Sushi** 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a “Crazy Boy” roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids’ menu available. Lunch and dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

CENTRAL  
SAN DIEGO

**Antique Row Cafe** 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land’s favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you’re into sports memorabilia. Look for signed

photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include “The Works” omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. “Philly Steak Heaven” (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weedends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

**Big Kitchen** 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn’t just a restaurant, it’s the social center of the universe — and Judy “The Beauty” Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy’s Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans’ fave may be the “vegie option”: sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you’re waiting, they always have this “out there” eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like “Will Be President For Food.” Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

**Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego** 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park,

619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They’re gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

**Kensington Grill** 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

**The Linkery** 3386 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal “slow food” cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. Despite the name, there’s a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and some fine entrées, such as apricot-glazed grilled chicken. But the focus is on the side dishes of fresh sausages made daily

on-premises. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Good ones include chicken curry, *linguista*, Polynesian pork. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus international beers and Mexican Coca-Cola (better-tasting than U.S.-made). Small parking lot (enter by alley on Upas just east of Jack in the Box). Noisy even when nearly empty. No reservations. Lunch and dinner weeknights, three meals on weekends, until 11 p.m. nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (7/05)*

**Magnolias** Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid (off Market), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. If you’re looking for an authentic Louisiana-style feast, this is the best place in town. Bessie Johnson (of the once-famed Bessie’s Garret) is back in business, and mouths are rejoicing. At her handsome, spacious restaurant, you’ll find generous hospitality, huge portions, and a long, delicious menu of Cajun, Creole, and soul food specialties. The fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. No takeout (except leftovers). Full bar. Lunch and dinner six days; closed Mondays. Low moderate. — *N.W. (2/05)*

**Red Sea Restaurant** 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You’ll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible

spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn’t nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say “hot,” expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

EAST COUNTY &  
COLLEGE AREA

**Geno’s West Coast Style Barbecue** 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno’s a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He’s a surfer but he’s serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: “Round-up” (mild), “Giddy-up” (spicy), or “Stampede” (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you’re light of pocket go for the “Ripcurl” hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open for lunch and early dinner six days,

closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/04)*

**Johnny B’s** 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This “Burgers and Brew” bar is a real 1950s place with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smoker’s patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, three meals (until midnight) Friday and Saturday, Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/05)*

**Sham Rocks Shack Bar & Grill** 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food — yes, there’s a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it’s all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalepeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation’s old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to “please don’t steal the forks.” But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

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**Toshi Sushi** 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

**Village Garden Restaurant and Bakery** 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "signature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch

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## FAR EAST

**Bernard's** The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

**Mediterraneo** 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-American, shrimp *involtini* alongside applewood-smoked pork salad (the latter, especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

**Paipa's Oasis** Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped

table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

## UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

**Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill** 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), middletown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio (look for dentist's sign) has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day; can use dentist's lot if not chained off at night and on weekends. Good choice of beers, a few affordable wines, no corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/05)*

**Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India** 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you

want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — *E.B. (4/03)*

**Busalacchi's Ristorante** 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), uptown, 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari "steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

**California Cuisine** 1027 University (between Tenth Avenue and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for pastry chef Lauren Huffman's outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated

garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Diner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/04)*

**El Agave** 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuiltacache*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

**El Indio Mexican Restaurant** 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, *machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the *carnitas verdes*, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (11/01)*

**El Zape** 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian

potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, home-made, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/00)*

**The Gathering** 902 W. Washington Street (at Goldfinch), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hour Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable, with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**The Grill** 420-E Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest (near Fouth, opposite Crest Café), 619-683-7725. You get no clue from the name that this tiny place is Armenian and comes with a live mesquite fire to cook everything from corn on the cob to *aff* (ground beef with onions, tomato, parsley, and garlic). Shrimp, mahi, salmon, filet mignon, and chicken are served up on beds of rice, in wraps, or on salads, along with "Mediterranean" standards like hummus, baba ghanoush, and tabbouleh. Don't leave without trying the delicious corn, cooked directly on the embers. Lunch and dinner seven days; closes at 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

**Islander Grill** Embassy Hotel, 3645 Park Boulevard (at Cypress), 619-297-3929. Here's a chance to sample the unique tropical cuisine of Guam, an island at the crossroads of the South Pacific. The cooking includes traces of Mexico, the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii — all filtered through the spicy Chamorro palate. Try the chicken *kelaguen*, a citric salad resembling ceviche, or the brilliant coconut shrimp (available as a starter or entrée). Stews are flavorful: The saucy "pot roast" is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam, and the chicken stews are equally savory. Other choices include a range of salty, teriyaki-style barbecued meats, barbecued chicken in a less salty marinade, plus numerous exotic appetizers. Free parking in small hotel lot. Everything available for take out. No alcohol. Lunch through dinner daily, early dinner Sundays. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/05)*

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**Jimmy Carter's Cafe** 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

**Parallel 33** 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the superb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or sea bass sauced with sake lees show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/99)*

**Shakespeare Pub & Grille** 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint

of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

**Trattoria Positano** 142 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by-the Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lunch and dinner daily. Upper moderate. — *E.W. (5/99)*

DOWNTOWN

**Bay Cafe** 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

**Blue Point** 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops are featured in well-focused preparations highlighting Pacific Rim and Mediterranean flavors. A fine lobster bisque includes plenty of lobster,

and crab-stuffed trout and dayboat scallops are among the highlights of the menu. But at this conventioners' favorite, be sure to specify the doneness you prefer, especially for fish, which defaults to well-done. Valet parking on-site, or inexpensive self-parking one block east at Park It On Market. Large sidewalk dining patio. Business-casual dress looks best here. Reservations urged. Dinner nightly. — *N.W. (9/05)*

**Brickyard Coffee and Tea** 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like "Texas chili," or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini*. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

**Broadway Pizza** 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimping: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings.

But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

**Bud's Louisiana Food Shop** 2034 Kettner Boulevard (at Grape, next to the Waterfront Bar), Little Italy, 619-239-4210. Bud Deslattes, a New Orleans native, was the original chef-owner of the late Bayou Bar and Grille and the inventor of the legendary white chocolate bread pudding served there. Now he's cooking it in this cute, casual eatery. A brief but choice menu features authentic Cajun-Creole specialties, to eat-in or "to geaux." (If taking out, ask for your rice on the side.) Among the treats are a fine seafood bisque, crawfish étouffée, and a "cupa-cupa-cupa" sampling of gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice. For lunch, check out the roast beef po' boy. Some Louisiana grocery items intermittently available at retail (frozen andouille, tasso, crawfish, etc.). Parking's usually a pain but worth it. Beer and generic wine. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/05)*

**Cafe Cerise** 1125 Sixth Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for "cherry," and although the café's logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season produce and plenty of slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don't miss the day's choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herb-stuffed organic chicken, or the fish *en papillote*. There's an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Tues-

day through Saturday. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (5/04)*

**Dobson's** 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louché, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

**Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar** 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girl's" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *A.M. (3/04)*

**Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant** 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-rid-

den stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palatable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

**George's on Fifth** 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbit and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks (and roast beef on weekends), some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster Martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — *N.W. (3/04)*

**Harbor House** 831 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters mainly to tourist families and conventioners, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty

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**Indigo Grill** 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott’s Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine

bread is made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varietals like Mourvedre and Viognier. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (11/02)*

**La Casita** 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don’t be fooled by the lil’ old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College’s hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Napa Valley Grille** 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is revered by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant hominess to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

**Sixth Avenue Bistro** 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po’ boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery’s big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

**Soleil @K** Gaslamp Marriott, 660 K Street (at Sixth), Gaslamp, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple

California cuisine that won’t scare the conventioners, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. The spiffy, chrome-detailed interior, with an open kitchen, offers the option of eating with strangers at long tables or booking a large party of your own — but be prepared for noise (even when the room’s empty, the music is pumped up party-loud). Starters include a zesty fried calamari salad and crabby crab cakes, and desserts are witty as well as tasty. Entrées are unmemorable. Long international wine list with some “finds,” full bar. Service is variable. Validated valet parking. Open daily, three meals. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/05)*

**Strip Club** 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill’s Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp’s big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It’s loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf’s, they’re still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Diners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

**Tesoro** 548 Fifth Avenue (between Island and Market), Gaslamp, 619-234-5670. Sharp modern decor meets contemporary Mexican resort-style cuisine. Highlights include appetizers of *panuchos de cochinita* (soulful Yucatan-style pork and black bean mini-tostadas) and *tarta de rajás*, puff-pastry layers covered with strips of poblano chile and melted Oaxaca cheese in cream. Chicken in black Oaxacan mole sauce is an interesting, authentic entrée, and filet mignon in a sauce of *jamaica* (hibiscus flowers) is luscious. Unfortunately, few entrées include any veggies or starches, and since

flavors are intense, the mouth yearns for relief. Side dishes (costing extra) are largely limited to rice, good beans, house-made tortillas, chiles. Full bar, including specialty tequila and beer drinks, Baja wines. Elevator available to mezzanine dining room and basement nightclub levels. Smart-casual dress, spiffy on weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (4/05)*

**Top of the Market** 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that’s almost “formal” by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren’t allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn’t mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room’s just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

**Vida Cart** Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new downtowners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, politics, and life in a town that’s not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, sodas, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there’s always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

## SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

**Azzura Point** Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Sil-

ver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It’s not just for tourists, but a lovely evening’s getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine with an occasional Hawaiian touch emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations. Along with a multi-course chef’s tasting menu and à la carte dishes, a “sea spa” dinner showcases fresh seafoods in healthful preparations. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)*

**Bay Beach Cafe** Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California’s typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautéed items and children’s plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o’ kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — for example, the table butter that’s intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture. Your server will tell you about the day’s fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

**Chula Vista Farmers’ Market** Center Street (between Del Mar and 3rd), Chula Vista, 619-237-1632. Most folks come here for flowers, fruit, lucky bamboo, and olive oil. But the food tents give the event its smell and soul. What’s here varies, but try Argentina’s national snack, empanadas, at the Argentinean Gourmet tent. They come with chicken, spinach, corn, or, of course, beef. Chicken-chutney tacos from Zia’s (of Zia’s Afghan Café) are rich. The savory California Super Crêpe (with bacon, avocado, and cheese) from Tunisian-run La Crêperie’s tent fills you nicely. Also try their wicked “Summer Blush” strawberries and Grand Marnier crêpe. Cheaper here? No. Medieval market atmosphere? Definitely. 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursdays only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

**L’Escale** Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado,

619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L’Escale (“Port of Call” in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For “Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair,” read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

**Miracle Mile Delicatessen** 980 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6655. Back East meets Out West. New Yorker Jack Grodzinsky started the first Miracle Mile in Phoenix in 1949. The cream and maroon colors, the cafeteria tray-on-rails system, and the cabbage-gravy smell tell you this is a cold weather comfort-food station. They’re generous with dishes like meat loaf, stuffed cabbage, and roast chicken. The counter guys also make hot sandwiches (pastrami, corned beef, beef brisket, barbecued chicken) or cold (honey-cured ham, roast beef, tuna). Best deal? For many, the roasted turkey. A fresh-cooked bird arrives every evening except Sunday. Come right after 4 p.m. to get first carvings and tons of fixin’s. Prices? For Coronado, pretty reasonable. Open lunch to early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

**Spiro’s Gyros** Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water’s edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro’s popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Tango Grille Argentine Steak House** 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucha* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

**Village Pizzeria** 1206 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. In the

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**Ye Olde Plank Inn** 24 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It's a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food's pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one- to ten-egg scramble (or any style), home fries, and a pick-me-up drink (like a Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Salty Dog, Bud, or Coke) from the bar, all at a standard coffee shop breakfast price. No wonder the place has stayed open since 1886. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

BAJA

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**D'Stefano Pizza Restaurant** Carrillo Puerto #7835 (at 3rd Street), between Martinez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo (E Avenue), three blocks west of Avenida Revolución, 638-4309. Evening around nine is the best time to come, when groups are in here carousing with *tarros* and pizza. *Tarros* are giant mugs that hold *caguamas* (large "sea turtle" bottles) of Tecate beer. There's plenty of good standard Italian food to go along with it. You can pay a little — for basic dishes like spaghetti or lasagna — or up to around twenty dollars for a "gigantic" pizza. Inexpensive. Middy to midnight, seven days. — E.B. (2/04)

**El Cid** Lopez Mateos #993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crêpes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

**El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo)** One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo

lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jokey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghostly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

**Hacienda de la Tia Juana** Canaco Building, next to the Wax Museum, Avenida México (First Street), at Madero, downtown Tijuana. The elegance of this place, named after a border rancho, is a bit of a surprise. It's slap-dab in the middle of raucous (now-pedestrianized) First Street (also known as *Avenida México*), the route for those of us who have to walk from the border, surrounded by taco and beer joints eager to relieve you of your last buck. But here, under white umbrellas in the courtyard, you wouldn't be ashamed to bring your grandma. It's all filigreed wrought iron, triple-tier fountain, pigskin barrel chairs, quality flatware — with good value meals. A chorizo and potato omelet makes a great breakfast, as does the *poblano* omelet with chili and corn. Lunch and dinner food is *bistec ranchero* standard, but don't get picky. You're here for the feeling, to escape TJ as much as to visit it. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

**Mr. Fish** Blvd. Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. Also at City Hall, Palacio Municipal (at Paseo del Centenario and Avenida Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez), Río District, Tijuana, 682-8020. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if

you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorrachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca*. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (12/04)

**Rica Torta** Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

**D'Lish Pizza and Pasta** 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town

(along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — E.B. (8/02)

**Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent** North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the

sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

**Sammy's Woodfired Pizza** It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — N.W. (7/04)

**St. Tropez** If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. Encinitas: 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, 760-633-0084; downtown: 926 Broadway Circle, 619-696-8695 and 600 W. Broadway, 619-234-2560; Hillcrest: 3805 Fifth Avenue, 619-497-0297; Rancho Bernardo: 16625 Dove Canyon #109, 858-673-6824; Sorrento Valley: 9450 Scranton Road, 858-202-0015. — N.W. (12/04)

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The top items on my Wish List for this Christmas were Woody Allen’s *Match Point* and Albert Brooks’s *Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World*, for both of which I now must wait till the new year. In the meantime, a partial Got List....

*King Kong*. Fresh from *The Lord of the*

*Rings*, Peter Jackson could presumably have done anything he wanted. What he apparently wanted was to do a remake. Check that, a second remake. A 21st-century Kong. A CGI Kong. A kung-fu Kong. (Three T. rexes at a time, one hand tied up with a savory maiden.) And not least, a three-hour Kong, even though it takes over an hour to get to him, and though he must share screen time after that with an entire ecosystem of slimy, slithery critters. Jackson, remaking almost slavishly the 1933 version rather than the rerouted 1976 version, returns the action to the original period, plays up and jokes up, with help from the turtle-faced Jack Black, the film-within-the-film element (Fay Wray is unavailable because “she’s shooting a picture with RKO”), and imbues the beauty-and-beast theme with the sort of modish, oper-

atic amplification that says so much about our Age of Indulgence, squeezing every last drop of emotion from the death of the ape, all the way down to the emotion (among the most sensitive individuals) of mirth. The Kong films show a sharp decline, this one a farther step down from the last

than the last was down from the first. Three hours are not automatically “better” than one and three-quarters or two and one-quarter. Even the supposed progress in special effects — from stop-motion models to computer animation — is largely illusory. The former falsity of stiffness and creakiness has simply been replaced by the falsity of fluidness and facileness. Exhibit A: the stampede of brontosauruses, an enlarged replication of the running of the bulls at Pamplona, wherein these nimble, fleet-footed behemoths scarcely seem to occupy the same space as the humans, even when stepping on them. Exhibit B: the attack of the giant bats on Kong, fluttering like shadows and creating a timely diversion that affords the boring romantic couple (Naomi Watts, Adrien Brody) a means of escape by hang-gliding from a bat’s feet,



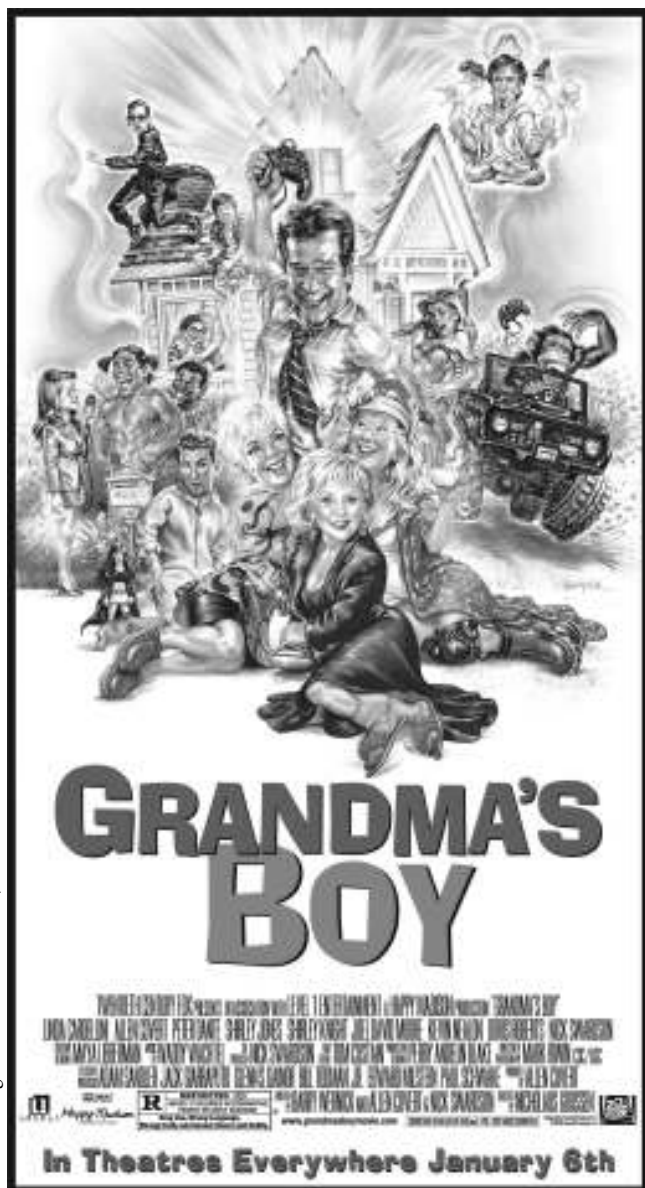
King Kong

easy as catching a ride on the trolley. In whatever measure such effects might be “better” than the old, it’s too short a measure to make up for the falloff in imagination.

*Memoirs of a Geisha*. Nipponese bodice-ripper, from the best-seller by Arthur Golden, though it plays as if it could just as well have been by Danielle

Steel, a Cinderella story of the rise and fall and rise and fall and rise of a blue-eyed geisha in pre-war and postwar Japan. “A story like mine,” she starts out, meaning more than she means, “should never be told.” Nor should it be illustrated with the frenzy, flamboyance, and insufficient illumination accorded it by the razzle-dazzle di-

rector of *Chicago*, Rob Marshall. (Earlier in the gestation, it was going to be Steven Spielberg.) Gong Li is still Gong Li, and still beautiful, but in the lead role Zhang Ziyi is now Ziyi Zhang; the boom in Asian imports has brought no consistency in appellation, only confusion. (The catty rivalry on screen between the older actress and the



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younger, and eventually the all-out catfight, gains an added dimension when you recall that the one was bumped by the other in the films and affections of Zhang Yimou, or Yimou Zhang.) Using Chinese actresses is of course defensible in a movie aimed at the American masses, just as their speaking in English is defensible. Their speaking in unintelligible English rather defeats the purpose.

*Cheaper by the Dozen 2.* A family feud, over Labor Day at Lake Winnetka, between the twelve-kid Bakers and the eight-kid Murtaughs, or anyway between their hotly competitive dads (Steve Martin, Eugene Levy). Humor and sentiment every bit as cheap as *Cheaper One*. The only notable change is in the suddenly sculpted Hilary Duff, who either has done some work or, odds are, had some work *done*. (The change in directors, Shawn Levy to Adam Shankman, is undetectable.) Bonnie Hunt finds a few crannies in which to do something resembling acting.

*The Family Stone.* Christmas comedy, from sophomore filmmaker Thomas Bezucha (whose first film, *Big Eden*, never made the rounds), about the gathering of a clan, and allies, in snowy New England at the holiday. The *current* holiday, the *correct* holiday. The core family, name of Stone, numbers seven — a measly five kids, but all adults — so a lot is afoot: terminal cancer, a pregnancy, a gay-couple adoption (minorities within the minority: the couple is interracial and

one-half hearing impaired), an old flame, a guttering flame, two new flames. It all sorts itself out, in a next-Christmas coda, with no sticky residue. The cast, including Sarah Jessica Parker, Claire Danes, Dermot Mulroney, Luke Wilson, Rachel McAdams, Elizabeth Reaser, Ty Giordano, Diane Keaton, and Craig T. Nelson, could use any help they can get, but what they get from the bilious photography is skin the complexion of uncooked chicken.

*Fun with Dick and Jane.* Fast and loose remake by Dean Parisot of the all but forgotten 1977 social satire by Ted Kotcheff, the American Nightmare reimagined specially for the epoch of Adelphia, Enron, and other corporate miscreants. Fast pacing, that is, and loose plotting. Jim Carrey, as the out-of-work executive who stops his financial free fall with a spree of armed robbery (armed with a squirt gun), can still execute a pratfall and can still out-flex Gumby, but now a little more restrained, a little more aged, he is starting to look less like the new Jerry Lewis and more like the new Johnny Carson. Ace cinematographer Jerzy Zielinski (Agnieszka Holland's *The Secret Garden*, *Washington Square*, and *The Third Miracle*, for three) sees to it that the star, his co-stars (Téa Leoni, Alec Baldwin, Richard Jenkins), and their antiseptic surroundings at least look good.

*Breakfast on Pluto.* Odyssey of a transvestite, self-christened Saint Kitten, from postwar Irish Catholic orphanhood

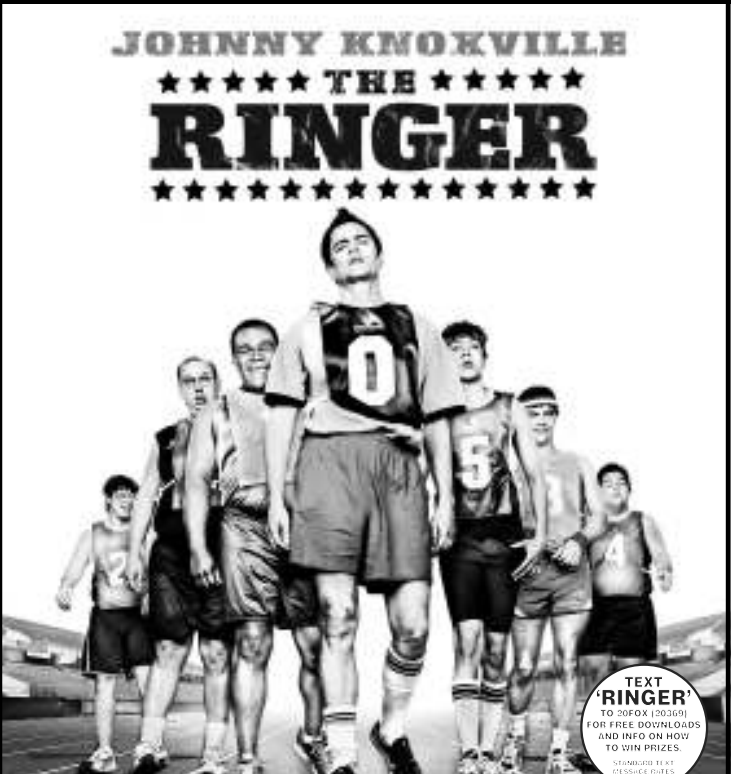
to Swinging London in the Sixties and on through the Disco Daze into the Thatcher era. Cillian Murphy, speaking at the breathy top of his range, is so obnoxiously overconfident, dauntless, irrepressible, etc., as to not only renounce our sympathy but thoroughly rout it. It isn't just him. Director Neil Jordan sets an overall tone of obnoxiousness with his thirty-odd chapter headings (from "In Which I Am Abandoned" to "It's Tearing Me Apart"), a Greek chorus of subtitled songbirds, and a parade of

goldie-oldies ("Honey," "Me and Mrs. Jones," "Feelings," "The Windmills of My Mind," and on and on) as congested as that in any Cameron Crowe comedy. The previous film of Jordan's that merits a mention on this occasion would obviously be *The Crying Game*. "I'm not a girl," the hero confesses to none other than Stephen Rea, who, unlike in that other film, wasn't fooled: "Oh, I knew that, princess." *Wolf Creek.* Unsolved Mysteries, Australian-style, from tyro filmmaker

Greg McLean. A malevolent Crocodile Dundee ("Now *that's* a knife," or rather, "Nah *thet's* a knoif") is postulated to explain the disappearance of two pretty British backpackers in the Outback. And untold others besides. Wretched, low-budget, psycho-boogeyman antics, more exasperating than exciting. *Munich.* Spielberg demands, and this time even deserves, more space. I'll try to find it next week. ■

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**Aeon Flux** — The live-action adaptation of an MTV cartoon remains so cartoonish — what with its computer-generated futuristic utopia, computer-animated internal organs, computer-manipulated stunts and body doubles, computer this and computer that — it’s a wonder it bothered with flesh-and-blood actors at all. Charlize Theron, who may have been worried after *Monster* and *North Country* that you were beginning to view her as a frump, demonstrates that she can be as sleekly dehumanized as Kate Beckinsale in *Underworld* or Halle Berry in *Catwoman*. (“I want to know what it feels like to be a *person*,” she says at one point, a tad disingenuously.) Frances McDormand, who played opposite



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Theron in *North Country*, cannot be dehumanized to quite that extent, but she can at any rate be given a monstrous Pre-Raphaelite hairdo. Director Karyn Kusama, once upon a time the maker of the gritty little *Girlfight*, might have persuaded herself

she was still carrying the flag of feminist empowerment, but she could not very well persuade the rest of us unless maybe the computer was named HALLE 9000. With Marton Csokas, Jonny Lee Miller, Sophie Okonedo. 2005.

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**Brokeback Mountain** — Here’s fulfillment of any desire for a homosexual cowboy movie, superseding all those inadmissible innuendos as to Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, the Lone Ranger and Tonto, the Cisco Kid and Pancho, et al. It fills out and plumps up a sketchy, skinny, yet ample short story by E. Annie Proulx, about a love that dare not speak its name in the unliberated time and place of 1963 Wyoming, a love that could not be denied despite denials (“You know I ain’t queer” and “Me neither”), a love that would survive each man’s marriage and fatherhood, over a period approaching two decades, but a love that could never come down from the mountain where it sprang up: “This is a goddam bitch of an unsatisfactory situation.” Though the story was quite presciently written before the murder of Matthew Shepard in that same territory, the movie arrives long after that, and with a clearer, cruder sense about it of payback, of axe-grinding, of remedial education. There is also a sense about it of material stretched too thin, a slow, uneventful, time-biding start, working up stealthily to the moment of maximal male bonding, and then a straightforward, chronological, but time-skipping follow-through. The greater detail and delay on screen, as against the page, do not equate to greater credibility. One credible detail: the horseplay that turns rough on the eve of their first parting, the eloquent expression of nonverbal types. Contrastingly, their first reunion, a clinch of sumo-wrestler ferocity, right under the nose of one of the wives, is miles from credible. Jake Gyllenhaal, with his choirboyish pretty face and lofty voice, is the more acceptably typecast of the two. But Heath Ledger, lowering his voice to a Scott Glenn register, inside a clamped jaw, and suppressing his native Aussie accent, conveys the more poignant image of inhibition and concealment. Both actors look good in their jeans, in their hats, on their horses, and with their Marlboro Man smokes. And the voluptuous landscape is lovingly photographed. Director Ang Lee already did a lot of that in *Ride with the Devil*, and did it, at the time, with more impact of surprise and revelation. (Ang Lee? Man of action?) What’s new here feels frankly inevitable, not at all revelatory; and the director of *The Wedding Banquet*, *Sense and Sensibility*, and *The Ice Storm* seems an unsurprising man for the job. Michelle Williams, Anne Hathaway. 2005.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 12/23; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Capote** — Truman Capote, that is, during the six years it took to research and write his “nonfiction novel,” *In Cold Blood*. Regardless of how true a story, it is truly a good story, whose claim on our attention is not that it’s factual but that it’s fascinating. It is the story, at bottom, of an artist at work; a writer in pursuit of a subject; an established novelist, a Manhattan dandy transplanted from the Deep South, who, for reasons unclear, clips out an item from *The New York Times* of November 15, 1959, about the massacre of a family in rural Kansas, and who promptly gets the go-ahead from the editor at *The New Yorker* to hop a train to the scene of the crime. The story, then, of an exotic fruit in the Midwest breadbasket, with his nasally lisping castrato drawl and his ankle-length camel’s-hair coat and flowing boa-like scarf. (“Bergdorf’s,” he volunteers, fingering the scarf under the inquisitive gaze of an agent from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, who, tugging on his hat brim when taking his leave, says in turn, “Sears, Roebuck.”) The story of a man who, in the end, fits his chosen title as well as either the murderers or their executioners. It is not a story with a moral to it, although some viewers will feel compelled, for their own comfort, to draw one; it is simply, and complicatedly, the story of an artist at work. In its general outline — what price art? — it may be a bit old-hat; in its particulars it is like-new. Philip Seymour Hoffman, even after you have gotten over the initial funniness of his celebrity impersonation, serves as our constant reminder to take the story with a grain of salt, to put





**Good Night, and Good Luck** — Unabashed hero worship of the “crusading” CBS newsmen Edward R. Murrow, directed and co-written by George Clooney, who also plays Murrow’s television producer, Fred Friendly. (In the lead role, David Strathairn has Murrow’s somber countenance, speaks with his cadence, and goes through a full carton of his coffin nails.) Framed by a literal “Salute to Edward R. Murrow” in 1958, and by the guest-of-honor’s scolding assessment of the current state of TV journalism, it centers on his famous face-off four years earlier with Sen. Joe McCarthy, now known in ever widening circles as the Boogeyman. (McCarthy, seen only in grainy archive footage, looks even cruder than usual in opposition

to the crisply photographed thespian smoothies.) Clooney, son of a TV newscaster himself, and high-profile Hollywood liberal, would no doubt be pleased if the sitting duck of the past were taken to be a stand-in for the fluttery fowl of today — Rush Limbaugh, Oliver North, and Co., the religious right, Karl Rove, take your pick — and pleased, too, if Murrow's example were held up to the news networks of half a century later. (But be careful, George, what you wish for: the network that appears to come closest to Murrow's stance of advocacy, if nowhere near his humanity or integrity, would be Fox.) Clooney can surely rival any of his targeted enemies, past or present, in piety; and even, albeit in a somewhat different sense, in reactionaryism: taking up the social-conscious subject matter of the Lumet-Ritt-Frankenheimer generation (he had already done so in his live-television experiment of *Fail-Safe* a few years back), setting it in the precise period of their salad days, shooting it in black-and-white (not just matching the custom of the time, but Expressionistically matching the *Weltanschauung* of white hats versus black hats), scoring it with outmoded moody jazz, and treating it in the hectoring, lecturing style of the Rose-Serling-Schulberg screenwriters. In truth the message is gotten across with an altogether unacceptable amount of speechifying; and for all the feverishly overlapping dialogue and the occasional hustle-bustle of cast or camera, it is



### Fun with Dick and Jane

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** — The fourth installment in J.K. Rowling's series of children's books yields a two-and-a-half-hour movie which, for all its furious activity, gets virtually nowhere. It gets, more specifically, through the "legendary" Triwizard Tournament,

only to arrive at the dampening admonition, "Dark and difficult times lie ahead." Potterites, under the freedom-of-religion pact, ought not to be begrudged their mythology; and two and a half hours of lavish illustration might well strike their eyes as a feast. The skeptic or the mere apathetic is more apt to notice the presumptuousness of filmmakers who expect their audience to meet them seven-eighths of the way. (Have you done your homework, kiddies?) The skeptic or apathetic will also be quicker to sense that the unabated spectacle of special

effects becomes almost routine, almost humdrum, regardless of how imaginative some of those effects may be: the sailing ship that surfaces and submerges like a submarine, the ghostly face of Sirius molded in the glowing embers of the hearth for a fire-side chat. Such a viewer will also be more prone to argue that this sort of anything-goes fantasy, with few established rules, fosters a feeling of passiveness if not instinctive, involuntary withdrawal. The new director, Mike Newell, is the best of the three to take the controls in the series to date (Chris Columbus for parts one and two, Alfonso Cuarón for part three), although a runaway train is open only to the most limited guidance. We are reminded of his capabilities not so much by any demonstration of them as by the presence of Miranda Richardson, his scintillating star in *Dance with a Stranger*, and quite delightful here in the new role of Rita Skeeter, nosy news reporter for the animated scandal sheet, *The Daily Prophet*. With Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Brendan Gleeson, Michael Gambon, Ralph Fiennes 2005.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Jarhead** — The Gulf War through the eyes of Marine Pfc Anthony Swofford (a somewhat desensitized Jake Gyllenhaal), on whose memoir the script is based. Fundamentally this is a lot of old stuff made over for a new war, a new era, a new age in filmmaking. Which means, whatever else it means, a bleached-out image, long before we're under the desert sun; a compact disc's worth of golden oldies; a crutchlike dependence on first-person voice-over; a surplus of four-letter words; a bluntness in the depiction of piss, shit, puke; a nose-rubbing focus on the physical, the palpable, and a blindness to what we might blushingly call the spiritual; a spotlight, taking its cue from the recreational screening of *Apocalypse Now* at Camp Pendleton, on the absurdity, the futility, the brutality, the insanity. (John Ford's alternative view of the military is "wrong" in the sense that a derby hat is "wrong," the fashion sense.) While the

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commitment to the material is never in question, while the effort is never less than intense, the details that might make the old seem fresh again are only occasional: the hard-ass drill instructor who compels the new enlistee to “blow” reveille without the aid of a trumpet, and then for an encore Stevie Wonder’s “You Are the Sunshine of My Life”; or the Wall-of-Shame at the base of operations in Kuwait, a bulletin board of faithless wives and girlfriends, the Dear John correspondents, back home. Those sorts of details grow thicker the closer the movie gets to the front line: the horrific tableau of charred bodies and vehicles frozen in flight; the black rain; the oil-slicked stray horse; the plumes of flame from the burning wells. In the final tally it doesn’t add up to much. With Peter Sarsgaard, Jamie Foxx, and Chris Cooper; directed by Sam Mendes. 2005. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Just Friends** — Broad comedy about a high-school fatso who slims down to become a callous Casanova in adulthood. Unlike him, the humor never slims down, remains broad throughout; heavy; clumsy; lazy. With Ryan Reynolds, Amy Smart, Anna Faris, and Chris Klein; directed by Roger Kumble. 2005. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**King Kong** — Reviewed this issue. With Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Adrien Brody, Thomas Kretschmann, and Kyle Chandler; directed by Peter Jackson. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Lila Says** — Good local color, notwithstanding the warping wide-angle lenses, of an Arab suburb of Paris in the post-9/11 era. The breathy, blond, angelic temptress who moves into the neighborhood with her narrow-minded, broad-hipped guardian would not be part of that palette. Her relationship with the sensitive one in a gang of four (the would-be writer and never-been reader: “It’s amazing how long it takes to write. I had no idea”) progresses rather slowly after the strong come-on of their first encounter — “Do you want to see my pussy?” — and her delivery on her offer. That and the dragged-out tease thereafter (tactfully depicted by director Ziad Doueiri) register as moderately hot on the erotic thermometer. The brutal heart-tugging of the climactic plot turns can be resisted not so much on emotional grounds as on logical ones. They don’t follow. With Vahina Giocante and Mohammad Khousa. 2004. ★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 12/28, 6:30 P.M.)

**Memoirs of a Geisha** — Reviewed this issue. With Ziyi Zhang, Michelle Yeoh, Gong Li, Ken Watanabe, Koji Yakusho, and Youki Kudoh; directed by Rob Marshall. ● (ENCINITAS 8, FROM 12/23; FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 12/23; FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 12/23; GASLAMP 15, FROM 12/23; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18, FROM 12/23; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 12/23)

**Munich** — Reviewed next issue. With Eric Bana, Daniel Craig, Ciarán Hinds, Mathieu Kassovitz, and Geoffrey Rush; directed by Steven Spielberg. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 12/23)

**Pride and Prejudice** — By this time the Jane Austen novel qualifies as a repertory piece, a mettle-test for would-be Darcys and Elizabeth Bennets, little different from *Romeo and Juliet*. The team behind the pre-

sent production of it, apart from their attempt to replace the titular conjunction with a dashing ampersand, earn no points for imagination or courage in finding their way to so trafficky a corner of the library. (Can no one, for a change, find his way to the shelf of Thomas Love Peacock? George Meredith?) And the prospect of again sitting through the machinations of the author’s mating game (match four from Column A to four from Column B) sounds quite tedious in advance. Nevertheless, the filmmakers have not failed to make it involving. Austen herself made it hard for them to fail, as long as they stuck close to the text. Joe Wright, a British TV director in his feature debut, certainly did more than his share to gum up the works, with an anemic, coarse-grained image and a lot of mushy telephoto camerawork: a pale substitute for the MGM sheen of 1940. And Matthew MacFadyen makes a dull Darcy, a blank, more stuporous than brooding, a kind of waxwork Stan Laurel. Any doubts, however, as to the star potential of Keira Knightley — and after the likes of *Domino* and *The Jacket* and *King Arthur*, how could there not have been doubts? — are decisively routed. She may be too pretty for Elizabeth, she may be too young, but she is just sufficiently feisty, just sufficiently fiery, without being too and too. It’s a tightrope she walks, and she keeps perfect balance. Two old pros, Brenda Blethyn and Judi Dench, bring solid support as two very dissimilar women, the high-strung Mrs. Bennet and the haughty Lady de Bourgh. Any well-bred young woman who can endure the one on a daily basis and stand up to the other in a moment of crisis must be made of stern stuff. Donald Sutherland, Rosamund Pike, Jena Malone, Tom Hollander. 2005. ★★ (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**The Producers** — Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick reprise their roles from the Broadway musical, with Uma Thurman and Will Ferrell, directed by Susan Stroman. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 18; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 12/25)

**The Ringer** — Sports comedy, namely the Special Olympics, starring Johnny Knoxville, directed by Barry Blaustein. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 12/23)

**Rumor Has It** — Rob Reiner comedy with Jennifer Aniston, Kevin Costner, Shirley MacLaine, and Mark Ruffalo. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14;

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I enjoyed *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* as a kid, and my kids enjoyed it growing up. It never gets old. The Abominable Snowman scared me. I was glad to discover the reason he was mad was a bad tooth.

*How the Grinch Stole Christmas* is also a favorite. Boris Karloff as the voice of the Grinch was very scary. It was nice to see that a mean, unlikely person could change after finding the meaning of Christmas. I always laugh at the dog.

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soon-to-be first novelist, presently excerpted in *The New Yorker*, and to make matters worse the wife’s wing-spreading encompasses an occasional affair. When the couple try a joint-custody separation, the older boy sides with his aggrieved father, while the younger boy, barely into puberty, sides with his mother. Though well played by the sagely bearded Jeff Daniels, with his outer show of cultivation and his undertow of savagery, the character of the father is seen as a bit of a caricature; and though likewise well played by the cosmetic-free Laura Linney, the mother is seen more distantly, less distinctly. But the characters of the children are unqualified successes, especially the older one, whose age, by no mere

coincidence, closely matches that of writer-director Noah Baumbach at that same period. The hunched shoulders, the sniffy nose, the sleepy eyes, the shrugging speech of Jesse Eisenberg capture perfectly the role-playing pretentiousness of the young, and the damning details of intellectual laziness all throughout the script complete the portrait. The younger brother, played under a cloud of moroseness (with passing squalls) by Owen Kline, registers as a total original, a self-proclaimed philistine, after careful consideration of Dad’s disdainful definition (“Someone who doesn’t care about books or interesting films”), and no less pretentious, in his inverted snobbery, than his *faux*-cultured older brother. This

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painfully funny film, put simply, is a comedy of character, a human comedy. And while the filmmaking itself is nothing special, the not too jiggly hand-held camera

does achieve, in its positioning and its movement, a sort of natural rapport with the humans, an easy congeniality, a Frenchified nonchalance. William Baldwin, *Anna Paquin*. 2005.

★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 12/22)

**Syriana** — Serioso. Molto serioso. Not so much a drama as a diagram, didactic in purpose, of the chain-link interconnec-

tions, the slow-burn chain reactions, in the Middle Eastern oil trade. What screenwriter Stephen Gaghan did for the illicit drug business in *Traffic*, he attempts to do again, as both screenwriter and first-time director, for the even more intricate oil business, adopting some of the same "realistic" conventions (the unsteady camera, the intermittent subtitles, the egalitarian cast of characters, a lack of dramatic emphasis, an

absence of heroics), and following the same pattern of crosscutting between plotlines in an apparently deliberate strategy of *suspensus interruptus*. Limpidity is not his aim. Complexity is, and no matter if the cost is confusion and incomprehension. You really need a scorecard to tell all the players, and even once you have figured out who's who, it's still hard to know which one, or ones, to root for; which outcome would be

for the best; which course of action, if any, would clean up the mess. In the end, Gaghan convinces us he knows a lot more about how the world works than about how fiction works. George Clooney, Matt Damon, Jeffrey Wright, Chris Cooper, Christopher Plummer, Tim Blake Nelson, Amanda Peet. 2005.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER

# MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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**CENTRAL  
CLAIREMONT**

## Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)  
**Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:00) 4:20, 7:10, 9:30 Sat. (11:30, 2:00) 4:20, 7:10 Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:20, 7:10, 9:30;  
**Chicken Little** (G) Sun. (10:55) **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:25, 9:45 Sat. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:25 Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:25, 9:45; **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 3:20) 6:40, 10:05 Sat. (11:55, 3:20) 6:40; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 11:40, 12:40, 2:20, 3:30) 4:40, 6:30, 7:45, 8:30, 10:20 Sat. (11:00, 11:40, 12:20, 2:45, 3:30) 4:40, 6:30, 7:45, 8:30 Sun. (11:00, 11:40, 2:45, 3:30) 6:30, 7:45, 10:20; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 3:40) 7:00, 10:10 Sat. (12:15, 3:40) 7:00 Sun. (12:15, 3:40) 7:00, 10:10; **Munich** (R) Fri. (12:00, 3:25) 7:05, 10:15 Sat. (12:00, 3:25) 7:05 Sun. (12:00, 3:25) 7:05, 10:15; **Rumor Has It** (PG-13) Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:20, 9:55; **Syriana** (R) Fri. (11:35, 12:35, 2:30) 4:15, 5:25, 7:35, 8:20, 10:30 Sat. (11:35, 12:35, 2:30) 4:15, 5:25, 7:35, 8:20 Sun. (12:25) 4:40, 7:35, 10:35; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri. (11:10, 12:45, 2:10, 3:50) 5:10, 6:50, 8:10, 9:50 Sat. (11:10, 12:45, 2:10, 3:50) 5:10, 6:50, 8:10 Sun. (11:10, 12:45, 2:10, 3:50) 5:10, 6:50, 8:10, 9:50; **The Family Stone** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:50) 5:20, 8:00, 10:25 Sat. (12:10, 2:50) 5:20, 8:00 Sun. (12:10, 2:50) 5:20, 8:00, 10:25; **The Producers** (PG-13) Sun. (12:35) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **The Ringier** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:35) 5:00, 7:15, 9:40 Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 5:00, 7:15 Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:00, 7:15, 9:40; **Wolf Creek** (Not Rated) Sun. (11:20, 3:20) 5:15, 7:40, 10:00

## DOWNTOWN

## Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)  
**Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri. (11:15, 12:00, 1:45, 2:45) 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:15 Sat. (11:15, 12:00, 1:45, 2:45) 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00 Sun. (11:15, 12:00, 1:45, 2:45) 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:15; **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 3:40) 7:05, 10:25 Sat. (12:10, 3:40) 7:05 Sun. (12:10, 3:40) 7:05, 10:25; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30) 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 Sat. (11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30) 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 Sun. (11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30) 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 3:45) 7:15, 10:35 Sat. (12:15, 3:45) 7:15 Sun. (12:15, 3:45) 7:15, 10:35; **Pride and Prejudice** (PG) Fri. (12:40, 3:55) 7:10, 10:10 Sat. (12:40, 3:55) 7:10 Sun. (12:40, 3:55) 7:10, 10:10; **Syriana** (R) Fri. (11:05, 1:50, 4:40, 7:50, 10:40 Sat. (11:05, 1:50) 4:50, 7:50 Sun. (11:05, 1:50) 4:50, 7:50, 10:40; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri. (11:00, 12:05, 1:00, 2:00, 3:20) 4:10, 5:00, 6:40, 7:20, 8:10, 9:50, 10:20 Sat. (11:00, 12:05, 1:00, 2:00, 3:20) 4:10, 5:00, 6:40, 7:20, 8:10 Sun. (11:00, 12:05, 1:00, 2:00, 3:20) 4:10, 5:00, 6:40, 7:20, 8:10, 9:50, 10:20; **The Ring** (PG-13) Fri. 11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:40, 8:15, 9:55, 10:45 Sat. 11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:40, 8:15 Sun. 11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:40, 8:15, 9:55, 10:45

## Horton Plaza 14

**Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)**  
**Aeon Flux** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 1:00, 2:35, 5:05) 6:45, 7:25, 9:50 Sat. (12:05, 1:00, 2:35) 5:05, 6:45, 7:25 Sun. (1:00) 6:45; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 12:30, 2:30, 3:10, 5:00, 5:30) 7:30, 7:55, 9:55, 10:20 Sat. (12:00, 12:30, 2:30, 3:10) 5:00, 5:30, 7:30 Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 2:30, 3:10) 5:00, 5:30, 7:30, 7:55, 9:55, 10:20; **Good Night, and Good Luck** (PG) Fri. (12:40, 3:00, 5:25) 7:50, 10:20 Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:25 Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:25, 7:50, 10:25; **Jarhead** (Not Rated) Fri. (3:25)

9:05 Sat. (3:25) Sun. (3:25) 9:05; **Just Friends**  
(PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:10 Sat.  
(12:20, 2:45) 5:15 Sun. (12:10) 5:15, 10:15;  
**Munich** (R) Fri. (11:55, 12:30, 3:30, 4:05) 7:05,  
7:35, 10:35 Sat. (11:55, 12:30, 3:30) 4:05, 7:05  
Sun. (11:55, 12:30, 3:30) 4:05, 7:05, 7:35, 10:35;  
**Rent** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 3:15) 6:30, 9:30 Sat.  
(12:10, 3:15) 6:30; **Rumor Has It** (PG-13) Sun.  
(12:10, 12:45, 2:40, 5:10) 5:10, 5:40, 7:40, 8:05,  
10:10, 10:30; **The Family Stone** (PG-13) Fri.  
(12:10, 1:05, 2:45, 3:40, 5:15) 6:25, 7:45, 9:00,  
10:15 Sat. (12:10, 1:05, 2:45, 3:40) 5:15, 6:25

Sun. (1:05, 2:45, 3:40) 6:25, 7:45, 9:00; **The Producers** (PG-13) Sun. (12:35, 1:10, 3:35) 4:10, 6:40, 7:10, 9:40, 10:20; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 12:25, 1:00, 3:00, 3:35, 4:05) 6:10, 7:00, 7:20, 9:15, 10:00, 10:25 Sat. (12:00, 12:25, 1:00, 3:00, 3:35) 4:05, 6:10, 7:00, 7:20 Sun. (12:00, 3:00) 6:10, 9:15; **Wolf Creek** (Not Rated) Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:30, 9:55

**LA JOLLA**

## La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)  
**Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG); **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13); **King Kong** (PG-13); **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13); **Munich** (R); **Syriana** (R); **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG); **The Family Stone** (PG-13); **The Ringer** (PG-13)

## La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)  
**Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri. (1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 8:00, 10:00 Sat. (11:00) 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00 Sun. (11:00) 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Pride and Prejudice** (PG) Fri. (2:20, 5:15) 8:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15) 2:20, 5:15, 8:15; **Ushpizin** (PG) Fri. (2:10, 4:30) 7:10, 9:40 Sat. (11:30) 2:10, 4:30, 7:10 Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

**MIRA MESA**

### Mira Mesa 18

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**MISSION VALLEY**

## Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)  
**Aeon Flux** (PG-13); **Cheaper by the Dozen**  
 2 (PG); **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13);  
**Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**  
 (PG-13); **Just Friends** (PG-13); **King Kong**  
 (PG-13); **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13); **Mu-**  
**nich** (R); **Rumor Has It** (PG-13); **Syriana** (R);  
**The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the**  
**Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG); **The Family**  
**Stone** (PG-13); **The Producers** (PG-13); **The**  
**Ringer** (PG-13); **Wolf Creek** (Not Rated)

## Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)  
**Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri., Sat.  
 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **King  
 Kong** (PG-13) Fri., Sat. 11:00 (3:00) 7:00,  
 10:45; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13)  
 Fri., Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Syriana**  
 (R) Fri., Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **The  
 Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch,  
 and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri. 10:00 (1:00,  
 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00,  
 10:00; **The Family Stone** (PG-13) Fri., Sat.  
 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Walk the  
 Line** (PG-13) Fri., Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45,  
 10:45

## Mission Valley 20

**1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)**  
**Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG); Chicken Little (G); Fun with Dick and Jane (PG-13); Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13); King Kong (PG-13); Memoirs of a Geisha (PG-13); Munich (R); Rumor Has It (PG-13); Syriana (R); The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (PG); The Family Stone (PG-13); The Producers (PG-13); The Ringer (PG-13); Wolf Creek (Not Rated); Yours, Mine, and Ours (PG)**

## STATE UNIVERSITY

## Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)  
**Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri. (12:55, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:15 Sat. (12:55, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55 Sun. (12:55, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:15; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55 Sat. (12:25, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45 Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55; **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 3:40) 7:00, 10:10 Sat. (12:15, 3:40) 7:00; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 1:00, 3:45) 5:20, 7:30, 9:15 Sat. (12:00, 1:00, 3:45) 5:20, 7:30 Sun. (12:00, 3:45) 7:35; **Rumor Has It** (PG-13) Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 5:50, 8:00, 10:25; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri. (12:30, 3:35) 7:20, 10:20 Sat. (12:30, 3:35) 7:20 Sun. (12:30, 3:35) 7:20, 10:20; **Wolf Creek** (Not Rated) Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:15, 7:30, 10:10

**Ken**

**Breakfast on Pluto** (R) Fri. (4:00) 7:00, 10:00  
Sat. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00 Sun. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00,  
10:00

## UPTOWN

### Garden Cabaret

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**Brokeback Mountain (R) Fri.** (11:00, 11:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 4:30)  
7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 10:30 Sat., -Sun.

(11:00) 11:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00; **Capote** (R) Fri. (11:15, 1:55, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15) 1:55, 4:30, 7:10

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**Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00; **Mystic India** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00 Sun. 1:00, 4:00; **Santa vs. the Snowman** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00, 3:00 Sun. 3:00

## EAST COUNTY

### EL CAJON

**Parkway Plaza 18**  
*405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)*  
**Aeon Flux** (PG-13) Fri. 7:00, 9:25 Sat. 7:00 Sun. 7:00, 9:25; **Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri. (11:15, 1:50, 4:25) 7:10, 9:45 Sat. (11:15, 1:50) 4:25, 7:10; **Chicken Little** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00); **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35 Sat. (11:35, 2:05) 4:35, 7:05 Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:35, 7:05, 9:35; **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 3:20) 7:00, 10:30 Sat. (11:45, 3:20) 7:00 Sun. (11:45, 3:20) 7:00, 10:30; **Just Friends** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 5:05) 10:30 Sat. (11:40) 5:05 Sun. (11:40) 5:05, 10:30; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:00, 12:00, 12:30, 2:30, 3:00, 4:00, 4:30) 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:30 Sat. (10:30, 11:00, 12:00, 12:30, 2:30, 3:00) 4:00, 4:30, 6:30, 7:00 Sun. (10:30, 11:00, 12:00, 2:30, 3:00) 4:00, 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:30; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 3:25) 6:45, 10:05 Sat. (12:05, 3:25) 6:45 Sun. (12:05, 3:25) 6:45, 10:05; **Munich** (R) Fri. (11:10, 2:50) 6:30, 10:10 Sat. (11:10, 2:50) 6:30 Sun. (11:10, 2:50) 6:30, 10:10; **Rumor Has It** (PG-13) Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; **Syriana** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (2:05) 7:30; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri. (10:15, 12:00, 12:30, 1:30, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sat. (10:15, 12:00, 12:30, 1:30, 3:15, 3:45) 4:15, 4:45, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 3:30, 3:15, 3:45) 4:15, 4:45, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15; **The Family Stone** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 1:55, 4:30) 7:05, 9:40 Sat. (11:20, 1:55) 4:30, 7:05 Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40; **The Producers** (PG-13) Sun. (12:50, 3:55) 7:10, 10:20; **The Ringer** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50 Sat. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:20 Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:55) 7:05, 10:20 Sat. (12:45, 3:55) 7:05 Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:05, 10:20; **Yours, Mine, and Ours** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:20) 4:40

### LA MESA

**Grossmont Center**  
*Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)*  
**Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:10) 4:15, 7:25, 9:40 Sat. (11:55, 2:10) 4:15, 7:25 Sun. (11:55, 2:10) 4:15, 7:25, 9:40; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 2:00) 4:25, 7:15, 9:45 Sat. (11:20, 2:00) 4:25, 7:15 Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:25, 7:15, 9:45; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 11:40, 3:05, 3:45) 7:00, 7:40, 10:45 Sat. (11:00, 11:40, 3:05, 3:45) 7:00, 7:40 Sun. (11:00, 11:40, 3:05, 3:45) 7:00, 7:40, 10:45; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 3:35) 7:05, 10:15 Sat. (12:10, 3:35) 7:05, 10:15; **Munich** (R) Fri. (1:10) 4:20, 7:45, 10:50 Sat. (1:10) 4:20, 7:45 Sun. (1:10) 4:20, 7:45, 10:50; **Rumor Has It** (PG-13) Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:25; **Syriana** (R) Fri. (11:25, 2:20) 5:10, 8:05, 10:55 Sat. (11:25, 2:20) 5:10, 8:05 Sun. (11:25, 2:20) 5:10, 8:05, 10:55; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 1:50, 3:50) 4:50, 7:10, 7:50, 10:10 Sat. (12:00, 1:50, 3:50) 4:50, 7:10, 7:50 Sun. (12:00, 3:50) 7:10, 10:10; **The Family Stone** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:25 Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00 Sun. (1:50) 4:50, 7:50

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**Rancho San Diego 15**  
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### SANTEE

**Santee Drive In**  
*10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)*  
**King Kong** (PG-13); **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG); **Yours, Mine, and Ours** (PG)

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### CHULA VISTA

**Chula Vista 10**  
*Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)*  
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**Palm Promenade 24**  
*770 Denmery Road (858-558-2262)*  
**Aeon Flux** (PG-13); **Chicken Little** (G); **De-railed** (R); **Get Rich or Die Tryin'** (R); **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (PG-13); **In the Mix** (PG-13); **Jarhead** (Not Rated); **Just Friends** (PG-13); **King Kong** (PG-13); **Pride and Prejudice** (PG); **Rent** (PG-13); **Syriana** (R); **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG); **The Family Stone** (PG-13); **The Legend of Zorro** (PG); **Walk the Line** (PG-13); **Yours, Mine, and Ours** (PG); **Zathura** (PG)

**Rancho Del Rey 16**  
*East H Street (619-216-4707)*  
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Sun. (12:40, 3:10) 5:35, 8:10, 10:45; **Yours, Mine, and Ours** (PG) Fri. (9:50, 12:40, 3:00, 5:25) 7:40, 10:05 Sat. (9:50, 12:40, 3:00) 5:25 Sun. (12:05) 5:55

### Vogue

*226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)*  
**Chicken Little** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45, 6:00; **Yours, Mine, and Ours** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 2:15, 7:45; **Zathura** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 4:00, 9:15

### IMPERIAL BEACH

**South Bay Drive In**  
*2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)*  
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## NORTH INLAND

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**Carmel Mountain**  
*11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)*  
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### POWAY

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*13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)*  
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HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Ushpizin** — Benign Israeli comedy centered on a destitute Hasidic couple who are obliged to host two uninvited guests, two escaped convicts, on the Succoth holiday. No real laughs, but plenty of peculiar manners and mores. With Shuli Rand and Michal Bat-Sheva Rand; directed by Giddi Dar. 2005.  
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Walk the Line** — The same line, that would be, as the previous year’s *Ray*, a mu-

sical biopic on a recently fallen giant of popular song, C&W instead of R&B, Johnny Cash instead of Ray Charles, two years dead instead of mere months, but the same backstage tale of early poverty and tragedy, meteoric ascent, marital discord, drug abuse, salvation. Fewer people this time, in describing Joaquin Phoenix’s impersonation of the Man in Black, will be inclined to link the adjective “uncanny” to the noun “likeness.” Though he has obviously studied hard for the part, copying the horselike head-toss and breaststroker’s air-gulp in performance on stage, he lacks both the stature and the weight: a sort of Cash shortage. It doesn’t help that his singing (separate from his head-tossing and air-gulping) is of dog-howling caliber. Reese Witherspoon’s June Carter — a ten-year-old voice on the radio in Cash’s cotton-picking childhood, a touring mate in the mid-Fifties along with Jerry Lee, Buddy, and Elvis, and finally his second wife in the

late-Sixties, when the movie ends — dances rings around him. And sings them, too. With Ginnifer Goodwin and Robert Patrick; directed by James Mangold. 2005.  
★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA, FROM 12/23; MISSION VALLEY 7; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Wolf Creek** — Reviewed this issue. With Cassandra Magrath, Kestie Morassi, Nathan Phillips, and John Jarratt; written and directed by Greg McLean.  
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 12/25)

**Yours, Mine, and Ours** — Two old flames, a Coast Guard Admiral and a freelance designer, both widowed, reignite in

later life, after he has got eight well-drilled children and she’s got an anarchic Rainbow Coalition of ten (four biological, six adopted). That’s a lot of kids when they all act with sitcom aggressiveness and when the gags mostly derive from the comic prototypes of the banana peel and the cream pie. With Dennis Quaid and Rene Russo (it was Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball in the 1968 version); directed by Raja Gosnell. 2005.  
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; SANTEE DRIVE IN; VOGUE)

**Zathura** — Relatively speaking, an imaginative children’s film (from a book by Chris Van Allsburg, author also of *The Polar Express* and, more relevantly, *Jumanji*) about two battling brothers from a broken home, ages ten and six-and-three-quarters, who find themselves adrift in outer space inside the “creaky” old house of their absent father, after the younger one dusts off a wind-up board game in the cellar, labelled Zathura, A Space Adventure. (If ever there was an excuse once again to cue the opening bars of *Also Sprach Zarathustra*, this would have been it: *Also Sprach Zathura*.) They encounter a hailstorm of meteors, a

haywire robot, a marooned astronaut, and a troop of light-seeking, flesh-eating reptiles called Zorgons; and over the course of all that, they learn brotherhood. The inter-planetary house should bring to mind, provided it ever entered your mind, the elegant antique Winsor McCay cartoon, *Flying House*, from his *Dreams of a Rarebit Fiend* series. The whole thing, for that matter, fits the definition of “dreamlike,” albeit in ways very dissimilar to those of Winsor McCay. The loudness, the violence (nonlethal, non-sanguinary), the tons of special effects, and the dearth of visual skills (Jon Favreau, director) are simply to be endured as conditions of existence in the 21st Century. They are particularly worth enduring for the cryogenically frozen older sister taking a tumble down the stairs like a toboggan, and, still in one piece, getting lugged back up again like a mannequin. With Jonah Bobo, Josh Hutcherson, Dax Shepard, Kristen Stewart, Tim Robbins. 2005.  
★★ (GASLAMP 15; VOGUE)

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### DEL MAR

**Del Mar Highlands 8**  
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road  
(858-646-9420)  
**Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Fun with Dick**

**and Jane** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (11:00, 2:15, 3:00) 6:15, 7:00, 10:15, 10:45; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (10:30, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30) 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; **The Family Stone** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Ringer** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30

**Flower Hill 4**  
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)  
**Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Munich** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30 (3:15) 7:00, 10:30; **Syriana** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45

### ENCINITAS

**Encinitas 8**  
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)  
**Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri. 11:45, 2:30, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20 Sat. 11:45, 2:30, 5:10, 7:45 Sun. 11:30, 2:05, 4:50, 7:45, 10:20; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri. 12:20, 3:15, 5:40, 8:15, 10:40 Sat. 12:20, 3:15, 5:40, 8:15 Sun. 12:20, 3:15, 5:40, 8:15, 10:40; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri. 11:15, 12:00, 2:45, 4:00, 6:45, 8:00, 10:45 Sat. 11:15, 12:00, 2:45, 4:00, 6:45, 8:00 Sun. 11:00, 12:00, 2:45, 4:00, 6:45, 8:00, 10:45; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri. 12:10, 3:30, 7:15, 10:35 Sat. 12:10, 3:30, 7:15 Sun. 12:10, 3:30, 7:15, 10:35; **Rumor Has It** (PG-13)

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**La Paloma**  
471 South Coast Highway 101  
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**Rent** (PG-13) Fri. 6:00, 8:50 Sat. 3:00, 6:00; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Sun. 3:00, 6:00, 8:50

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**La Costa 6**  
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College Boulevard and Mission Avenue  
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**Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri. 10:45, 11:15, 1:15, 4:15, 6:40, 7:10, 9:25, 9:55 Sat. 10:45, 11:15, 1:15, 4:15, 6:40, 7:10; **Chicken Little** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45 Sat. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10; **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (PG-13) Fri. 10:10, 2:15, 6:15, 9:45 Sat. 10:10, 2:15, 6:15; **Just Friends** (PG-13) Fri. 11:45, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:05 Sat. 11:45, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri. 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 10:00, 10:30 Sat. 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri. 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00; **The Family Stone** (PG-13) Fri. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30 Sat. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **The Ringer** (PG-13) Fri. 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30 Sat. 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 6:50

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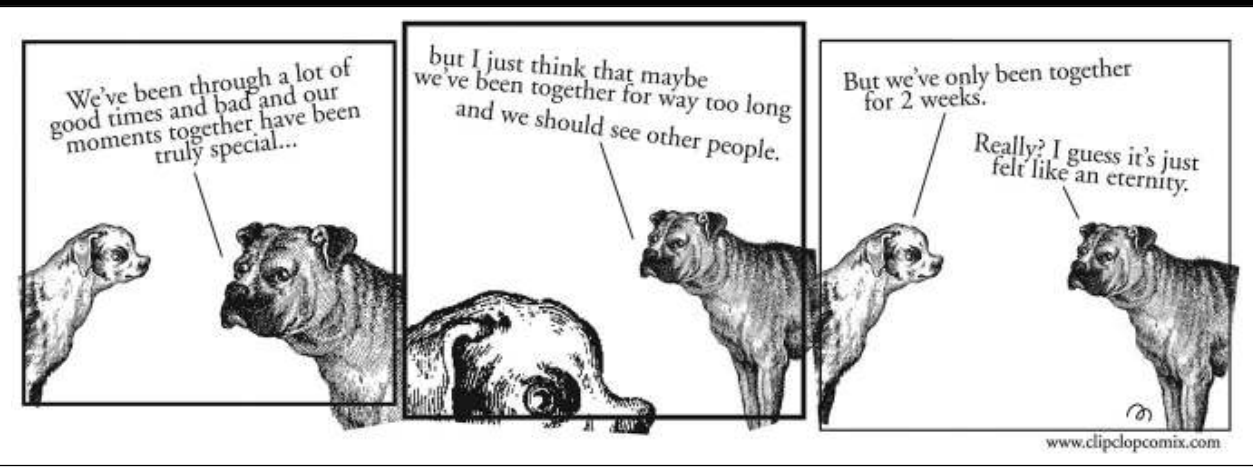
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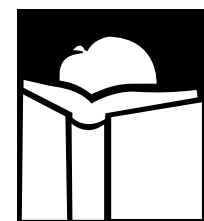
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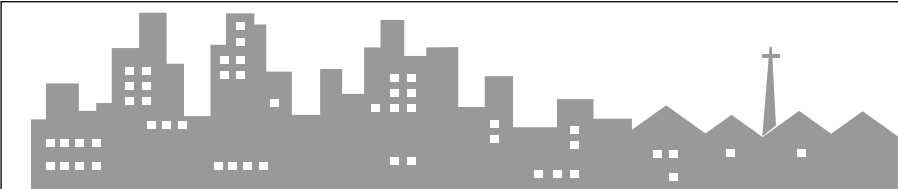
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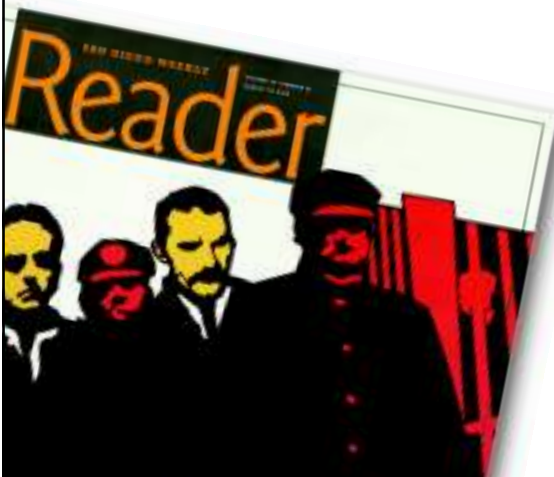
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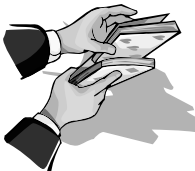
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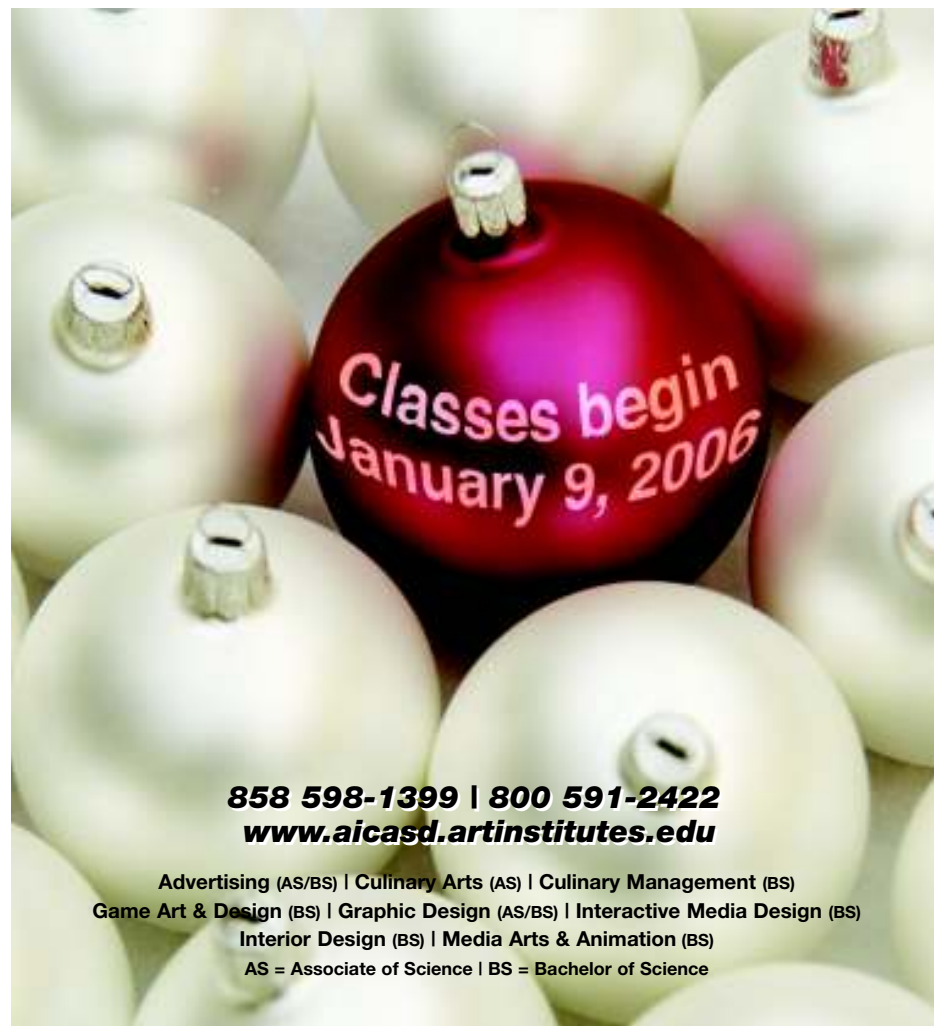
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## THE READER PUZZLE

### Across

- Prefix with con
- On top
- Rugby formation
- Non-Rx
- Inner circle
- Pet rocks, e.g.
- Do a mob hit on actress Candice?
- Decorated anew
- "Me Myself and I" rappers \_\_\_\_\_ Soul
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plaines
- Suffix with human
- School on the Thames
- Betray British novelist Elizabeth?
- When Juliet says "Parting is such sweet sorrow"
- "Cool!"
- Peter, Paul and Mary: Abbr.
- Org. with lots of clubs
- Make a stink?
- Try to suffocate actor William?
- She was half of Bennifer
- 1/1 to now, in financials
- First State: Abbr.
- Auto exec who appeared in 2005 TV ads with Snoop Dogg
- High mark
- Reveal a private side to actor Christopher?
- "If it \_\_\_\_\_ broke ..."
- LP measure
- "Turn to Stone" band
- Red Cross supplies
- Author Puzo
- Get use out of UCLA coach John?
- "Smart" ones
- Game show announcer Johnny who cried "Come on down!"
- Center X or O
- Lot attendant
- Batik artists, e.g.
- Words from Wordsworth

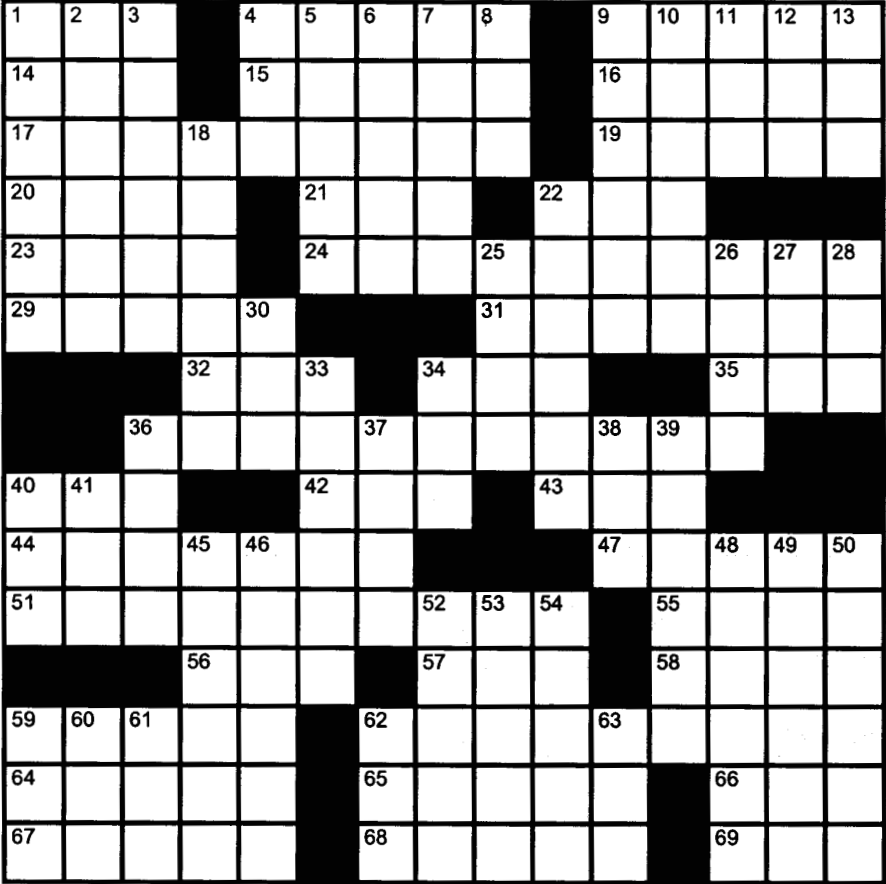
### Down

- "Beats me"
- "Yada, yada, yada ..."
- It's spotted in the Andes
- It has no return
- Leader of Congress?
- Landscaper's tool
- Joe Cocker's "You \_\_\_\_\_ Beautiful"
- Couch potato's hangout
- Writer for hire
- Tenets
- "Cool!"
- A magazine can be found in one
- Club \_\_\_\_\_
- Cast out

- Oldman's role in "JFK"
- Kind of palm
- Dog-eared
- Comic Philips
- Mosquito barrier
- "How was \_\_\_\_\_ know?"
- It provides an overview
- Grad sch. goal
- Designer Chanel
- Latin abbr. used in lists of names
- Narc's employer: Abbr.
- Rio Grande city
- Huck's pal
- Neighbor of a Vietnamese
- Betray British novelist Elizabeth?
- How many Asian entrees are served
- Pioneer in breakfast cereals
- Wasn't straight with
- Like much junk mail
- Golf lesson topic
- "American Idol" winner Clarkson
- "Family Ties" mom
- Elvis Presley's "It's \_\_\_\_\_ Never"
- Dallas dribbler, for short
- Cookbook phrase
- Fam. member
- Bean bag?
- Come- \_\_\_\_\_ (inducements)

### RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
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- All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 12/15/05.

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**LA JOLLA.** \$650, own bathroom, in spacious 4 bedroom house, near UCSD. Full house privileges, no smoking/pets, sort term ok. Available now, cell 858-220-8787.

**LA JOLLA.** \$595, plus utilities. Furnished studio room with private entrance and fridge. Walk to beach and village. Long-term male tenant. Wonderful neighborhood. 858-454-6294; 619-235-2415, x29357.

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**LA JOLLA/UTC.** \$580, \$550 deposit, 1/3 utilities. Bedroom in clean 4 bedroom home, furnished. Own bath. Quiet neighborhood. Female only. No smoking/pets. 858-554-0018.

**LA MESA.** \$450. Large room with large closet. Quiet older home with laundry. Easy parking. Pets possible. Storage available at \$40. Say phone slowly/clearly, 619-235-2415, x18333.

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**LA MESA/LAKE MURRAY.** Quiet furnished-unfurnished. Female preferred. In beautiful condo overlooking lake. Trails, workout room, heated pool and indoor jacuzzi. Security, parking. Available now. \$550 includes utilities. Lisa, 619-244-4646, evenings.

**LINDA VISTA.** \$600/month, \$600 deposit, 1/3 utilities. Room available in house. Fireplace, fenced backyard, garage, washer/dryer. Good neighborhood. Female preferred. Sara, 619-933-8854; Natalie, 619-920-4081.

**MIRA MESA.** \$520, includes utilities, \$350 deposit. Room in new house. Private garage. Washer/dryer, cable. Kitchen privileges. No smoking/pets. 858-695-0975.

**MIRA MESA.** \$500/month, utilities included, \$300 deposit. Roommate wanted. 4 bedroom home, 2000 square feet. Washer/dryer, fireplace. Near all. Contact Jason, 858-610-0699.

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**MISSION BEACH.** \$750, plus deposit. Great 2 bedroom. 1 block to beach. Master bedroom with private porch, sliding door. Off-street parking. Utilities included. 508-901-0012; 619-235-2415, x30255.

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**MISSION VALLEY/SERRA MESA** \$700, 1/2 utilities/housekeeper, deposit. Huge furnished master bedroom in large 2 bedroom townhome. Attached garage, washer/dryer, pool. No smoking, drugs, pets. Female only. Available now. 619-871-7811.

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**NORTH PARK.** \$650 plus security. Share 2 bedroom condo with female plus 2 cats. Bedroom, private bathroom/entrance. Female wanted, nonsmoking. No pets. glibsong88@yahoo.com, 619-574-6925.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$688, deposit \$340. Available now. Master bedroom with slider window wall, private bathroom. Balconies, sunset view, laundry. Paul, 619-435-0044; after 5pm, Jessica, 619-518-4249.

**PACIFIC BEACH,** \$600, includes internet, cable, laundry, furnishings, private entry, in peaceful garden setting on-site parking. Close to shops, cafe/freeway, no smoking. Don 858-483-4372.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$550/month, room available in 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. \$500 deposit plus utilities. Quiet room. No smoking/parties/pets. Available January 1. Paul 858-273-8770.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** \$500, \$200 deposit. Room in private home. Available 1/1/06. Near to all. Utilities included. Male preferred, no smoking/drugs, Steve 858-270-5348.

**PACIFIC BEACH,** North, large bedroom, \$750, blocks to beach, 2 bedroom, furnished house, quiet/clean, nice backyard, nonsmoker, includes all amenities/parking/cable/maid, 760-473-4271.

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signed parking, gym, tennis, pool/jacuzzi, laundry, male preferred, very clean place, 619-206-4707.

**POINT LOMA, PARK.** Room available. \$650. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Garage, washer/dryer, Olympic-size pool, spa. New carpet/paint. 619-994-1617.

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**SOUTH PARK.** \$550, share utilities/maid, \$300 deposit. Room for rent in large house, yard, deck. Share bathroom. Cable, modem, laundry. No pets. Travis, 619-255-3077.

**SPRING VALLEY.** \$600. Share house with female. Furnished room, own bathroom. Utilities included. Near freeway. Female only. Smoking outside OK. \$600 deposit. 619-470-3201; 619-235-2415, x15195.

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**COLLEGE.** \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, charming cottage style. Large kitchen, stove, refrigerator, laundry. No pets. 4191 50th Street. 619-698-6913.

**COLLEGE.** \$2995. 6 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-story. Hardwood floors, separate study, 1-car garage, washer/dryer, patio, large backyard. First month rent free. 6430 Montezuma Road. 619-698-6911.

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**EL CAJON.** Must see! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, beautifully renovated, new carpet, garage, pool, quiet cul-de-sac. \$1900/month includes utilities. 1651 Braddon Way. 619-980-7118, 619-980-6076.

**ENCINITAS** rental. West of I-5. 3 bedroom, large pool, views, atrium, ceiling fans, French doors. Newly remodeled. Large grass yard. Pets OK. \$3500/month. Agent, 858-504-2334.

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**ENCINITAS.** \$1975/month. Charming Moonlight Beach. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors, appliances and yard. Parking available. Available 12/20. 1-year

lease. Nonsmokers. 422 Third Street. 626-335-4892.

**ENCINITAS.** \$2595. 4 bedroom, 3 bath in quiet neighborhood. Freshly painted, new carpet, garage, fenced yard. 370 Chapalta. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

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**FASHION VALLEY.** \$1750. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Spectacular view. Family room, stove, washer/dryer, new carpet, paint, storage, RV parking. Pet negotiable. Move-in special! 2015 Burroughs Street. 619-698-6911.

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**HILLCREST.** \$2300. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with 1-car garage. Large formal living room and dining room. New appliances. Selected pet OK. Available now. 3795 Dana Place (off Washington and Hawk Street). John A Reis and Company, Inc., 858-272-1348.

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**KENSINGTON.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, \$1850. 2-car garage, fireplace, washer/dryer, hardwood floors, yard with rose garden. Small dog OK (20lb). 4890 Biona Street. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

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**LINDA VISTA.** \$2100. Beautiful brand new 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house. Garage, new appliances, yard. Central location near USD/Fashion Valley. 2047 Drescher. 619-335-3922.

**LINDA VISTA.** \$1500 + deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 750 square foot. Garage, refrigerator, stove, and pool. Water and lawn paid. Near USD, Fashion Valley. New carpet and paint. No dishwasher. No pets, drugs, smoking. 858-293-3138.

**MIRA MESA.** \$2050. Bright, spacious 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house, spectacular views from 4 rooms! Fireplace, laundry, garage. Community pool. Quiet neighborhood. 8990 Capcano. 760-942-3360.

**MISSION BEACH.** 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Living room, dining room, washer/dryer, yard, parking. Steps to bay. Great location. \$2100. 619-461-3546.

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**BANKER'S HILL.** \$995. 1 bedroom apartment, view, laundry. Close to all. 2117 Front Street #4. AMI Property Management. 619-697-6314.

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**BANKER'S HILL.** \$660. Lovely remodeled studios. Classic building designed by Gill. Gas included. Laundry in building. Near bus. 619-236-0452.

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**CARLSBAD.** 3/3 bath penthouse condo west of 5. Awesome ocean views. Hardwood/granite, parking. No smoking/pets. 6 month or 1 year lease. \$2300. 1/15/06. Renny 760-310-1988.

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**CARLSBAD/LA COSTA.** \$1495. Large, luxury 3 bedroom, 2 bath in beautiful gar-

den complex with views over La Costa golf course. Fireplace, washer/dryer, air conditioning, pool/spa/sauna. 2391 Caringa Way. Torrey Pines Property Management. 760-431-7575.

**CARLSBAD/LA COSTA.** \$1295-\$1395. Large, luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath in beautiful garden complex with views over La Costa golf course. Fireplace, washer/dryer, air conditioning, pool/spa/sauna. 2391 Caringa Way. Torrey Pines Property Management. 760-431-7575.

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**CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH.** \$1495. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, 1 car attached garage, pets OK. Near shopping/golf. Available now. 858-354-7924.

**CARMEL VALLEY.** 3 bedroom pristine townhouse in Palermo complex. Light, bright, features. Open floor plan. Upgrades. Wood/tile floors. \$534,000-\$550,000. George Lorimer, RE/MAX Consultants. 619-846-1244.

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**CARMEL VALLEY.** condo. \$1250. 1 bedroom, plus loft, 1 bath. Carport. 951 square feet. Small pet OK. Available 1/13/06. 12237 Carmel Vista Road #257. Agent, 858-755-1139. [www.scubarentals.com](http://www.scubarentals.com).

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Adam Bonato  
Restaurant Worker  
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I'd say it just keeps going downhill from here. There's gonna be more concrete everywhere. People are more aware of the environment now, so things could get better. But we are getting more populated. Hopefully we're getting smarter and technology keeps getting better. I don't think we're in as bad a situation [in the U.S.] as third world countries; I think the U.S. tries to help but it's not really doing anything. Third world countries should be regulated, so that they have to pass a basic test for reading before they can have sex and have babies. Money should be put into surveillance of third world countries; I'd watch a reality TV show about it. I don't know if we're better than a hundred years ago; we have different diseases and overpopulation.



Daniel Hefner  
Teacher  
Pacific Beach

I think it will be better. I think society is secular and goes through its ups and downs, and I think we're in a down as far as the morals of our culture are concerned. If we get smart [the environment will get better]. It'd make more sense to use [electric cars]. It seems like the parents of the generation of kids who're in high school and junior high have the more hands-off approach to parenting. Back in the day, there was more of an emphasis on family. As you can see, the divorce rate is going up and stuff like that.



Hillary Hefner  
Spanish Teacher  
Pacific Beach

I think the world will be better; people are becoming more aware that they need to pay attention to their actions and the way that their actions affect other people, so it can only get better from here. I'm an optimist, so I hope it will get better. In terms of the comfort we have and the way technology's increased, things are definitely better. But I think there's been a change in personal values, and I think that has affected the moral fiber of our country. Kids don't respect authority anymore...kids are used to getting what they want, and they're used to instant gratification. I think people need Jesus; with Jesus they'll be fine.



Allison Carr  
Advertising  
La Mesa

I think it'll be better with all the advances in technology. My life has improved with the invention of the iPod; with it I can run like crazy. Things like morals are definitely different than a hundred years ago. At the rate we're going, the environment probably won't be getting any better. There are definitely scientific advancements with things like the electric car; there are all kinds of things that we don't even know about. If someone invented a teleporter, that'd be awesome, but I don't think those will be around in the next 20 years because I'd definitely use it to get to work. I wouldn't use any technology that could extend my life for an indefinite amount of time; I think the body is who we are, and we live as many years as we're supposed to live.



Cassie King  
Student  
Mission Valley

In order for the world to get better, people need to start thinking about the planet in terms of the soil. I've lived half of my life in Idaho farming towns, and life might seem slower and there might not be as much technology, but people focus on agriculture and how it affects the future. With everyone trying to make a buck, people dump waste and overuse nutrients in soil without thinking that they're not getting another earth once they mess up this one. My father's family is Mormon, and although I don't believe in everything they practice, they value their bodies more than a lot of people because they don't pollute themselves with drugs, alcohol, or stimulants; people learn by mistake with their bodies, and they think they can do the same with the earth like we can tummy-tuck Iowa when fields go bad. If people listened more and respected what older people had to say, we could learn what doesn't work. Ignoring the environment doesn't work.



Veronica Caldaron  
Fashion Student  
Mission Bay

Better. Oh, my God, my fiancé and I bought a big-screen TV recently, and my life has improved so much. Seriously, I didn't think my favorite TV show *Lost* could get any better, but in 50-something inches of high-definition, even that hobbit-guy looks six feet tall. As a kid, my best friend was the TV, and now that I have a bigger TV, it's like my best friend has gotten better with age and that usually doesn't happen. Most best friends you have when you're a kid get older and you end up growing apart; the beauty of TV is that it's always there for you. Some people say that technology shuts us off from others because we don't have to be in the same room to talk and don't have to take the time to write a letter, but I grew up with a lot of kids in the house and you can take it from me, it's nice to have some time away from people.

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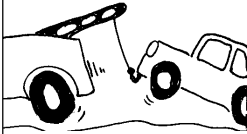
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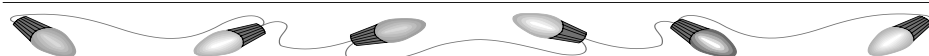
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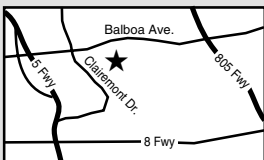


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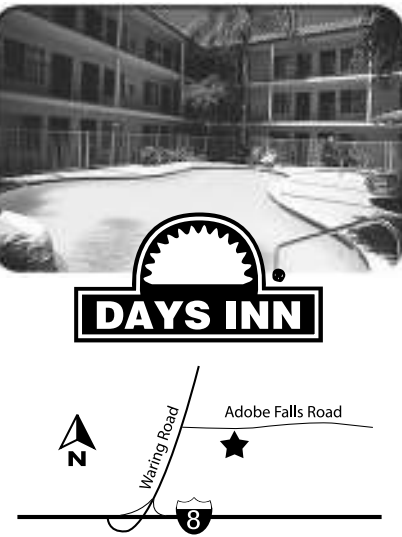
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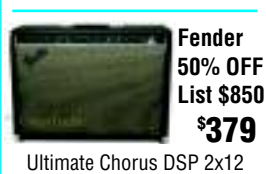


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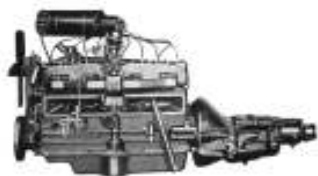


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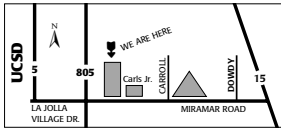
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**Great Art!**

— Performance artist Tomoko Takahashi, 39, working on a British government grant of the equivalent of about \$8600, gave an exhibition of inebriation in October at the Chapter arts center in Cardiff, Wales. Dressed in business suit and high heels, Takahashi drank a large amount of beer over a three-hour period, periodically checking to see how far she could walk across a narrow beam about two feet off the floor without falling. A Chapter spokesman called the demonstration a “powerful piece of art.”

**Government in Action**

— Albania’s Gen. Pellumb Qazimi told Reuters in October that the military is scrapping its fleet of obsolete Chinese-made MiG fighter jets, which the country never used in battle but in which 35 Albanian pilots died over the years in operational mishaps. ... The *Hindustan Times* revealed in September that the local New Delhi government’s 97 paid rat-catchers have not caught a single rodent since 1994. (And residents complain that rats are not difficult to find in New Delhi.) — Are We Safe? In October, the federal Department of Homeland Security announced a \$36,300 grant to the state of Kentucky, earmarked to prevent terrorists from using charity bingo and other

games of chance to raise money. (One astonished bingo worker in Frankfort told the Associated Press that the need to protect bingo parlors from terrorists “would never even enter my mind.”) ... The *Tampa Tribune* reported that two lower-tier Florida tourist attractions (the Weeki Wachee Springs mermaid show and Dinosaur World in Plant City) were on Homeland Security’s list of sites that the state had to “harden” against terrorist attacks, even though officials complained that major sports venues and more popular entertainment sites were not on the list. — The Democratic Process: Randy Logan Hale won election to the school board in Homeland, Calif., in November, despite having been incarcerated since September for a parole violation. (He gets out in February.) ... James Skwarok campaigned for mayor in Victoria, British Columbia, as a one-issue candidate opposed to pumping raw sewage into open waters, appearing always in costume as a chunk of that sewage, named “Mr. Floatie.” (Skwarok dropped out of the race in October.)

**Police Report**

— (1) Police in Fairfax County, Va., discovered, as one of their only clues in an October rape, a hockey puck from a junior league team in Wichita Falls, Texas, apparently accidentally dropped by the assailant. Said an officer, “It’s the first time I’m aware of that a hockey puck has ever been left at a crime scene.” (2) Also in October, a surveillance camera at Sonny’s Pizza & Pasta in San Clemente, Calif., showed a burglar entering, pocketing cash, and then stopping to make himself a large pepperoni pizza from scratch (before being surprised by an early-shift worker and fleeing). — The bane of all fair-minded office sports teams is the “ringer,” the super-athlete from outside who is imported to help the office team win. Former minor-league baseball player Mark Guerra, 33, was accused by Florida authorities of being such a ringer, imported for the Apalachee Correctional Institution’s team, which he led to victory in a Department of Corrections softball

tournament. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement arrested Guerra in October and charged him with fraudulently accepting a \$1247 “salary” as a temporary Apalachee “employee” (but never actually doing any work).

**Least Competent Criminals**

— Bryan Perley, who apparently held a grudge against a child-support caseworker, was charged in Orlando, Fla., with several felony counts when he tried to arrest her by impersonating a military officer and holding a fake, handwritten arrest warrant. When the woman’s colleagues would not cooperate with him, Perley actually called for police backup, according to a report by WFTV-TV. He told the dispatcher, “[The colleagues] don’t understand the chain of command in government. I’ve warned them.”

**People With Issues**

— (1) Michael Plentyhorse, 18, was charged with indecent exposure in Sioux Falls, S.D., in November when he was discovered partially undressed, in a store, fooling around with a semi-nude female mannequin. Said a police officer, “There was inappropriate activity between him and the mannequin. That’s the only way I know how to put it.” (2) Registered sex-offender Sean Cobin, 20, was arrested in Milwaukee in November on suspicion of reckless endangerment for his role in pressuring a woman to drink concentrated drain cleaner, allegedly because he gets excited by making women vomit. He was convicted in 2004 in a similar incident.

**The Sacred Institution of Marriage**

— In accord with Thailand’s cultural traditions and accompanied by much pomp and circumstance, officials married off Chuang Chuang and his gal Lin Lui, the country’s only giant pandas (at the Chaing Mai Zoo in November) and Thong Kham and his gal Thong Khaow, a pair of dwarf Brahman cattle in Sa Kaew province in July (both ceremonies before thousands of spectators).... In Roseville, Mich., in November, Susan Laurer spent \$1200 to marry off a pair of pug dogs, Bobby and Gracie, dressed in formal wedding

wear before 70 guests at the Evangel Christian Church. The maid of honor was a Chihuahua.

**Things You Probably Didn’t Realize**

— (1) A land-speed record for a blind driver was set in September when Mr. Hein Wagner, 33, reached 160 mph in a Maserati V8 GranSport on an airstrip in Mafikeng, South Africa, with the help of a navigator. (2) Harvard’s libraries contain at least four books bound in human skin, including a treatise on Spanish law with an inscription calling the binding “all that remains” of a fellow named Jonas Wright (according to research by student Dan Alban, writing in the *Harvard Law Record* in November).

**Update**

— In October, the Tennessee Supreme Court finally dashed Knoxville prosecutors’ hopes of convicting Thomas “Zoo Man” Huskey as a serial killer in a case “News of the Weird” first mentioned in 1992. Courts had tossed out Huskey’s confession (the centerpiece of the case), finding that the incriminating statements were made not by Huskey but by “Kyle,” his alter ego, and although Huskey himself had been given a Miranda warning, “Kyle” had not. “Kyle” supposedly had a grudge against Huskey. “Zoo Man” (named because a zoo was the venue for some of the crimes) is nonetheless serving 66 years in prison on other charges.

**Thinning the Herd**

— A 43-year-old motorcyclist was killed on Interstate 35 near Osceola, Iowa, when he tried to stand on his bike with his arms folded and smashed into a guardrail (October). ... A 19-year-old driver, performing for two pals who were videotaping, was killed in West Rutland, Vt., when he attempted a *Jackass*-like stunt by leaping from the car at about 30 mph (September). ... A 39-year-old bicyclist was killed when he raced, unsuccessfully, to beat an oncoming train through a railroad crossing in Oakland Park, Fla., and was knocked more than 100 feet (November).

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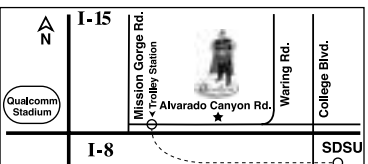
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daughter and her husband to make monthly payments on a loan that wasn't even theirs to begin with? They even suggested that we take out a loan from the bank so we could pay them off in one lump sum! We aren't trying to weasel out of a debt, but we think her parents' position is bizarre. Legal implications aside, we want to know what you think about parents doing this.

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## Dear Saffron,

In October my sister started moaning about how family means so much to her and we don't see enough of each other. She basically invited herself, her husband, and her kid over for Thanksgiving. My wife, a wonderful person who isn't exactly in love with my sister (I won't go into the history but trust me, it's not pretty), said "okay" even though we already had another couple coming over. Thus, plans were made, and my sister and I talked about it several times in November. Three days before Thanksgiving I e-mail sis to tell her what time they should come over for the big meal. She e-mails back to say that they got invited to Tahoe for Thanksgiving and that they are going there. No apology. I was mad, and my wife was furious. Now my sister is at it again, yapping about how we should all have Christmas at her house: "Family, family." She is pressuring me. She's got our dad pushing me to do this too. My wife says she will not go. She says she won't hold a grudge forever, but she's still pissed about Thanksgiving and is not going to my sister's for Christmas. Someone will be mad no matter what I do for Christmas!

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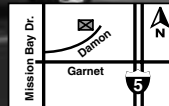
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## AN ACTUAL WAIST

I'm formerly fat.

There once was a book entitled *A Thin Book by a Formerly Fat Psychiatrist*.

I went to therapy from the age of 13 until 40 and the bulge did not budge.

I may have been fat *in utero*, my tiny nose already sniffing my mother's breast of veal, which now makes the aging vegan's nose wrinkle in horror. I did manage to emerge victorious in my prep school yearbook graduation photo, all periwinkle-blue eye shadow and an actual waist. The makeup was later jet-tisoned along with the coordinates of the waist.

The playwright Peter Barnes observed, "Don't ask me for answers, only explanations." I got plenty. I pull them out of the air like unrealized dreams. Maybe seeing my mother die of a cerebral hemorrhage on our living room floor started the doughnut rolling. Maybe it was my anorectic sister's chasing the windmills of beauty and male conquest, spending three hours or more in the bathroom every day of her life improving her already perfect face, so construction workers could whistle at her in the street, every street.

Food was my shepherd; it comforted me. The mother lode then were Entenmann's sugar squares, a sort of magnified sugar doughnut, only square instead of round, which took up twice as much residence in one's stomach. Recently, as close as the month of June, the be-all and end-all of the universe had changed to HEB Market's generic pecan pie ice cream. I've never had cocaine or heroin, and I despise drinking, but I know incontrovertibly that no high from those substances ever could hold a candle to the first creamy drop of the stuff on my

tongue.

I only made it to 150 pounds at my worst, but to me it was as bad as those who struggle with 200 or 300, and even those who are so afflicted they are unable to leave their beds, or homes. The cloth still cut just as deep and savagely into the folds of my thighs. The arthritis still incapacitated me just as thoroughly. To even get out of bed was a flaming torture, my fat arms clutching and grasping at the air in front of me, looking for a handhold anywhere.

I was just as not-there-there, just as potted a dusty plant in some corner of the room, ignored and passed by all and sundry as my portlier brothers and sisters were.

I rebelled against the culture that crowned the pretty and castigated the fat. In Zen Buddhism, which I practice, there is "no picking and choosing." This means that everything, by and of itself, is already perfect, a budding Buddha, unsullied by labels and judgments.

In surveys, people would rather be blind or run over by a truck than be fat.

I, too, whined the litany: "I tried every diet, every

group."

Then one day another friend of mine, a heavy smoker, at risk for death at the age of 40 something, had an operation (not connected with his smoking). He smoked his last cigarette in the waiting room, and emerged from the surgery a nonsmoker.



Something literally went off in my mind, an explosion of understanding.

The guy who had smoked for 30 years no longer existed. Literally. Another tenet of Buddhism is that there is no such thing as a separate self. This concept bamboozles the practitioner for years.

It happens to be the truth. We are changing every minute, because the entire

universe is doing the very same thing. We are all facets of a continuum, winking sequined facets of a whirling disco ball.

Thus, the person who got orgasmic over sugar on the tongue could, simply, in a philosophical and psychological word, disappear.

On June 29, 2005, I did.

The facets of the continuum reformed into an individual who no longer ate 99.9 percent of things with a face, or added sugar. This person actually craved things that were good for her, like apples and spinach. And even worse, or better, she could Frenchly manage portions, a spoonful of this, a soupcon of that.

I had a last taste of the pecan pie ice cream a few months later. It was too sweet, a syrupy strangle of the taste buds.

There is suffering, said Shakyamuni Buddha. There is an end to suffering.

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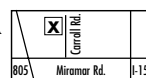
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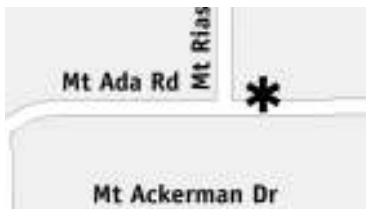
# It's a CRIME

## CRIMINAL THREATS AND BATTERY

**Location:** [6000] Mt. Ada Road, Clairemont

**Time/Date:** 5:20 p.m. on 9/26/05

**Officer's Investigation:** I received a radio call of a person being hit by their neighbor. I arrived at the



location and was met by one of the reporting parties, S. S. stated the suspect, later identified as

M., returned to his apartment. I took S.'s statement. I observed the sign posted on M.'s balcony and S.'s broken portable phone. Officer Wiseman #4507 and I contacted the suspect, M. The door to M.'s apartment was open. M. invited Officer Wiseman and I into his apartment. M. told me S. had hit him in the arm with the phone and he had not hit her. M. was placed under arrest. I read M. his rights per my PD 145. M. stated S. is crazy and she is making things up. M. then stated he did not wish to say anything else. I transported M. to headquarters and to jail without incident.

M. lives below S. and has civilly sued S. for damage done to his apartment.

S. essentially told me the following: [she] was on her portable phone with her mother and telling her how M. had put a sign on his balcony about her. S.'s mother told her to get a picture of the sign because of the past problems with M. S. went downstairs with her cell phone in one hand and her house portable phone in the other. S.'s cell phone has a camera. S. stated she was outside taking a picture of the sign when M. came out of his apartment. M. walked straight towards her and punched her in the hand containing the portable phone. The phone hit the ground and broke apart. M. stated he was going "to kill her" and "she was a fucking bitch" and pushed her hard to the ground. After hitting the ground,

S. stated she was scared and all she could do was grab her cell phone and run away as she dialed 911. S. did not see where M. went because she ran away as fast as she could. S. stated she waited in her car until police arrived.

## ARMED BARRICADED SUSPECT

**Location:** [500] Kalbaugh Street, Ramona

**Time/Date:** 9:51 a.m. on 12/07/05



**Incident:** Deputies received a call from a frantic mother reporting her 33-year-old adult son was en route to an unknown location in Ramona, possibly threatening suicide with a firearm. After the deputies arrived at the residence to gather additional information, the subject returned home in his vehicle. When the deputy attempted to contact the subject, he exited his vehicle, placed a firearm to his head and ran into the residence. The subject's father was in the residence hiding in a closet. The subject eventually exited the rear of the residence and barricaded himself in a barn.

During the negotiations, the subject fired his firearm into the ground on four separate incidents. As the

standoff continued, twice the subject inadvertently pointed his firearm in the direction of a deputy. The deputies used great restraint and eventually convinced the subject to surrender peacefully. The subject's parents were not harmed during the incident. The subject was taken to County Mental Health for evaluation.

## CHILD ABDUCTION

**Location:** [1700] La Brea Street, Ramona

**Time/Date:** 5:31 p.m. on 12/11/05



**Incident:** Julie B. parked her vehicle in front of her apartment complex. [She] got out of the vehicle and left her five-year-old daughter asleep in the back seat. B. then went into the laundry room at the complex where she engaged a friend in conversation. While she was talking, her vehicle was taken by unknown suspects.

Deputies were notified and a C.A.R.E (Child Abduction Regional Emergency) alert was issued from the Sheriff's Communication Center. The Ramona area was searched by ground and airborne units for the vehicle and public service announcements were broadcast by sheriff's helicopter, ASTREA. The vehicle and child were located at 419 13th Street...when a resident heard the child crying inside

the vehicle and heard the announcement from ASTREA. The resident contacted the Sheriff's Department and deputies responded and took custody of the child. The child was unharmed and returned to her mother.

## PETTY THEFT

**Location:** [500] 58th Street, Encanto

**Time/Date:** 8:40 p.m. on 12/06/05



## Reporting Party's Statement:

My roommate got mad and threw my keys over a brick wall and into the courtyard of the apartment next to us. I walked outside and tried looking for my keys. I placed my cell phone and a box of Black and Mild cigars on the brick wall. It was pretty dark so I went upstairs and borrowed my neighbor's flashlight. There was a Hispanic lady with two kids in the courtyard on the other side of the fence. They helped me look for my keys. I found my keys and went inside. I remembered my phone and cigars were still outside. I went outside and my phone was gone. The lady and the two kids were also gone. I have never seen this lady before. I did not get a good look at her. I think she took my phone.

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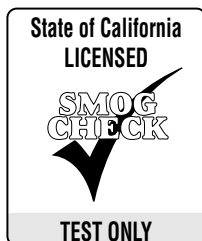
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"My son Bill Jr. came upon this Toyota van for \$250 so he bought it and gave it to me. My brother Steve shelved it and painted the signs on the doors.

"Then a while back, the rear end went out on the Toyota, and it was going to cost \$400 to get a rear end out of the junk yard. Well, I'm in Jacumba and there's this red Toyota van. It was broken down and I asked

about it, and the guy said, 'These guys left it here and they gave me the pink slip. It's got a blown head gasket.' I bought it off him for \$400. A friend came up there with me to drive it back. We brought along extra water to keep it running. And he said, 'Bill, this car's nice. Fix that head gasket and drive it.' And that's what I did. It was a pretty red one with all the accessories, electric windows and less than 100,000 miles on it. My blue one's got over 300,000. So the red one was my Sunday-go-to-meeting car, and the merchandise would always be in the blue van.

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"That was just last July. I ordered

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• Adjust carburetor  
• Adjust fuel-to-air mixture

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• Inspect & replenish all fluids  
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ROWDY HONKY-TONK STOMPS INTO THE ROOM FROM A MONOLITH speaker in the corner. Piano keys jangle. Drum skins are slapped broad with flat sticks. Disconcerting. The whole damn atmosphere is intentionally disconcerting.

“Do you remember Molly Leadbetter?” a grizzled beard seated to my left blows the words past his ochre teeth.

“You never forget your first,” answers his friend, just as old, just as ripe, dust incarnate. They sit so that their wire gray hair, rounding bellies covered in red tartan flannel shirts, and chunky brown boots mingle together so that a clear line of divisibility is indistinguishable between them — they are one entity. The only thing separating them is the reek and clamor of their breath that sprays from their mouth and falls to the dark table in a yellow mist.

The table is dark red. Everything is dark red: the cups, the coffee, cappuccino, and espresso makers, the sign, the unforgiving concrete floor, the slat back chairs and riveted metal countertop. Everything. It’s all slathered in red house paint, peeling back from uncomplimentary surfaces and reflecting crimson in the glass fronts of the display cabinets. *Buloom buloom buloom*, a standup bass tries, but can’t, soothe the tense climate.

“Molly Leadbetter was not your first!” one — which one? — howls to the other, spitting coffee into air, beard, and bench cushion. “She was mine! We were in love!”

The Red Room it’s called. It’s a coffee house now, but in the 1940s it was a whorehouse by the name of The Sonora Rooms. On the TV above the service area a man in khaki stalks a black, writhing snake through the squishing mud.

“Coffee,” I say. Adding, “large, please.”

Along the walls, hung at different levels, interspersed at arrhythmic intervals, and every one of them crooked, are thick impasto paintings of clowns. A clown balancing a ball on his head. A clown with a trumpet. A clown knocked over by a big dog. Dozens of clowns hanging at odd angles, painted to smile, bound, and tumble along the scarlet plaster.

“Why, you dirty old — !” one hoary fart yells at the other. Some scuffle has broken out between them, and their fingers push at the other’s face. The khaki man on screen holds the ebony snake by its end and shakes it. “Molly was mine!” the other yells. A guitar growls. A clown is captured in oil pigment soaring from a trapeze. And I study the sepia photograph in the stairwell at the rear of the shop and the inscription in the copper plate beneath it that reads, “Molly Leadbetter 1908–1964 Proprietor of The Sonora Rooms”

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

DEAL OR NO DEAL

NBC 8:00 P.M.

Howie Mandel trades in his irritating comedy routine for a career as an irritating game-show host. His rubber-shaft good looks and mouth-full-of-hair personality are sure to win him unanimous love from the American public this time around. “Please. Please,” he prays to the god of fame, his eyes clenched and watery. It worked for Regis.

BEING BOBBY BROWN

BRAVO 10:00 P.M.

What a mound. What a mound with ear holes.

It’s rare that I want to slap the hairy stink off of someone, but there it is, like a handprint target on his cheek and a page of binder paper with “Slap me right freakin’ here!” Scotch-taped to his temple. Mound.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

STEALING CHRISTMAS (2003)

USA 1:00 P.M.

He’s the wiry tough kid from the Bronx hiding a heart of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. She’s the frost-tipped, everyone’s-grandmother in a doughy sweater. Super Duo Tony Danza and Betty White cram the Christmas spirit so far

up your wazoo that you shoot tinsel from your nostrils. And you’re going to like it!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

NAOMI AND WYNONA: LOVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE (1995)

LMN 1:26 P.M.

Oh ho ho. Naomi Judd you’ve held up well for a mummy from your time period. You must get swaddled in formaldehyde gauze and packed with salt when they rope you up and ease you into your crypt at night. Sure, the going rate for hand-rendered infant tallow is soaring these days, but look at how firm it keeps those butt cheeks.

CHRISTMAS

EWTN 5:00 P.M.

Last night my next-door neighbors performed the Christmas classic *My Nasal Cavity is Inflamed with Chemical Methamphetamines, My Cracked Fingernails Pick at my Bloody Face, and I’m Standing in the Frosty Dew of My Front Lawn at 3:00 a.m. Screaming as Loud as my Black Lungs Allow at my Good-for-Nothing Husband!* It’s a perennial favorite of mine that’s only performed at select alleyways around the county during this special season each year. MERRY CHRISTMAS, CITY HEIGHTS!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS CASTLES

CBS 5:00 P.M.

By this time I’ll be standing uncomfortably close to someone I just met, repeating myself over and over and over, and polluting the air around me with the fumes of clear alcohol from my lungs. When I attempt to stumble to the can, my friends will yell, “Whoa! Ollie’s falling. Grab him. Grab him!” I say again, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

BRUCE ALMIGHTY (2003)

USA 5:00 P.M.

Jim Carrey’s a straw-necked numbnut. After *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* he could’ve done the Tom Hanks, chosen any manuscript, and taken acting seriously. Instead he’s doing his impression of a Muppet with a spastic colon in *Fun with Dick and Jane*. I’m disappointed. In him. In myself. But, most of all, in you.



Naomi and Wynona

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

TEENS BEHIND THE WHEEL

PBS 10:00 P.M.

At the chime of midnight on my 15th birthday, I was careening past the shops, bars, and parked cars on Main Street at 70 mph, with eight teenagers in the bed of my dad’s pickup — all crowded around a keg — and a red plastic cup of foaming Budweiser in my lap. Later, when I got my license, I could be heard bitching about why insurance was so high for new drivers.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

THE VIEW

ABC 10:00 A.M.

Joy Behar’s sweat is the main ingredient in the mosquito repellent, DEET. A looped recording of her laugh is played outside of Minneapolis liquor stores to keep skater punks from loitering. And she insists that all shots of her are from the waist up because her knees are turned backwards like a horse and, try as she might, shoes just never cover her hooves completely. Those are just a few little-known facts about Joy Behar.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

THE SIMPSONS

FOX 7:00 P.M.

Here’s where you want to start prepping for New Year’s Eve. Start on a regime of 5htp to combat the drug depression you’ll no doubt feel come Sunday. Vitamin C, a B-complex, and plenty of rest should beef up your resistance to hangovers. And, only amateurs stay dry until the night of. Drink two or three stiff cocktails each night until New Year’s so it’s not such a shock to your system come party time. C’mon, this is all common sense stuff. What do I have to do, hold your hand?

**CBR 929 RR**, 2001, front end damage repaired, rebuilt, 90% complete, needs wiring, will trade for motard bike or on/off bike, \$800. 760-722-3584.

**GS57 SPORT**, 110cc, 4 cycle, 4 speed, manual clutch, front and rear hydraulic disc brakes, electric and kick start, 10" aluminum wheels, \$580. 760-599-7219.

**HARLEY-DAVIDSON**, 2003 anniversary edition Sportster, sterling silver and vivid black, 1200cc XLC, custom, practically new, only ridden once, 11 miles, \$9500. 858-342-8166.

**HONDA ATC 70**, 1983, classic 3 wheeler, good condition, runs great, excellent starter bike, ready for the desert, kids have outgrown, \$650. 619-583-7689.

**HONDA CRF 250X**, 2005, new, only ridden it twice, all stock, no changes made, comes with battery charger and new battery, \$5500. 858-472-3060.

**HONDA CT70** and Yamaha Enduro, complete, \$500/best. Lots of spare parts. RX50 rev box, \$40. Other miscellaneous items. Miguel, 619-269-2097.

**HONDA GOLDWING**, 1000ccs, \$500/best. 858-571-2042.

**HONDA REBEL 250**, 1987, runs well, great beginner bike, 18K miles, \$800 cash. 619-890-2207.

**HONDA VTX**, 1300R, 2005, candy red, 6,500k low miles, 2-3 months on factory warranty plus extended 4-year trans warranty. Ride safe/much more, \$11,000/best, 619-392-4606.

**HONDA**, 200X, 3 wheeler, runs good, desert or dunes! Sacrifice \$575, Albert, 619-275-0691.

**KATANA 750**, 1992, 22,800 miles, super fast, garage kept, Blue Book \$2700, excellent condition, \$2300. 619-804-5322.

**KAWASAKI KX500**, 2000, the king of the desert, fastest off-road bike, former Baja 1000 winner, looks and runs great, very low hours, \$2400. 858-603-0500.

**KTM 525 EXC/400 EXC**, each \$6500. Both tanks 2.7, 3.4 FMF complete TI exhaust, trip OD, headlight, factory WP suspension mods, \$6500/best. 760-440-9038.

**KTM DUAL SPORT**, LC4, 2003, new, under 1200 miles, rarely ridden, never off road, showroom condition, must see, \$6500. 760-440-9038.

**MINI BIKES**, 2 old school Taco 22 type, \$300. 619-277-6371.

**MOTORCYCLE**, 2001 KX 80, Engine totally rebuilt by Quincy, fmf gold, precision concepts suspension, tag bars, new radiator, have all stock parts \$2,000, 619-561-8332.

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**VESPA ET2**, customized, only 2220 miles, zippy little scooter, custom bra, custom seat cover, chrome retro mirrors, custom side stand, cracked floorboard, \$1400. 619-247-7182.

**YAMAHA FJ1200 ABS**, 1992, great sport touring motorcycle, ABS brakes, good condition mechanically and cosmetically, 100K miles, runs strong, 2nd gear is fine, \$3400. 858-699-5581.

**YAMAHA YZ 250**, 1995, must sell, dependable, very fast, Baja tank, Pro Circuit platinum pipe, Pro Circuit exhaust, serious inquiries, \$1600. Helmet included. 619-723-5263.

**YAMAHA YZ85**, 2002, great condition, son outgrew, needs a bigger bike, trade for 2003 YZ, RM, CR, KX, KTM 125 or \$2500. Call before 9pm, 858-693-0386.

AUTOMOTIVE CARS

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**ACURA INTEGRA**, 1993, blue, 230k miles, moonroof, air conditioning, 5 speed, runs very well and handles great, very reliable, 27/31 miles per gallon, \$2500, 610-348-6682.

**ACURA TL**, 3.2, 1999, loaded, mint condition, 96k miles, new brakes, battery, tires, \$10,500, 858-435-4852.

**BMW 325i**, 1994, Convertible, black with tan leather interior and 5 speed. Paint looks great. 125,000 miles. New cooling system. Power top works and in good shape. \$7900. 619-557-7176.

**BMW 328ic**, 1998, Convertible. Silver with black leather interior, 6 cylinder, 5 speed, power doors/steering/brakes/seats/mirrors/windows and air conditioning. Harmon Hardon stereo, 6 CD changer. \$14,000/OBO. 858-530-2597.

**BMW 330ci**, 2002, black, automatic, power all, sport package, 42K miles, Harman Kardon audio, sunroof, excellent condition, \$26,400. 858-472-0499.

**BMW 535i**, 1992, White with gray interior. Lots of new parts installed. Use it for parts or as a fixer-upper. It runs nicely, but needs some repairs. \$1600. 619-829-6607.

**BMW**, 320i, 1982, garage kept, 98k miles, all original, new Michelin tires, BBS rims, 5 speed, must see to appreciate \$2700, 858-453-2937.

**CHEVY BERETTA GT**, 1992, V-6, low miles, fully loaded, premium wheels, runs and drives great, must see to appreciate, owner will help finance, \$2500. 619-896-0779.

**CHRYSLER CONCORDE**, 1995, Gently used, only 68,000 miles. Bronze with leather interior, V6, fully equipped including CD. Excellent running condition. Very clean. \$3400/OBO. 760-727-3616.

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**CHRYSLER**, 1989, black cherry, good paint, V-8, 4-door, automatic, power windows/brakes/steering/seats, am/fm cassette, loaded. Leather interior, needs carb work \$2,500/best, 619-692-2107.

**DODGE NEON**, 1998, Metallic blue, automatic, power steering, airbags, 121k miles, runs very well, 3rd owner, clean title, smog tags May/06. \$1695/best. 847-274-6429.

**DODGE NEON**, 1995, Red, 4 door, 4 cylinder, runs great, air, cd. Very good condition. \$1800. 619-737-2008.

**FORD CONTOUR GL**, 1997, 4-door, low miles, automatic, air conditioning, power steering, brakes, windows, locks, tilt, cruise, stereo cassette, premium wheel, must sell \$2975. 619-838-0779.

**FORD CROWN VICTORIA**, 1995, V8, auto, passed smog and registered 9/05, radio/cassette, dual airbags newly painted white, looks nice, runs great \$2,650, thaly@cox.net or 760-443-2554.

**FORD ESCORT LX**, 1995, 106,000 miles, 2 door, power steering, in good condition. Runs very well! \$1500. 619-315-3168.

**FORD ESCORT ZX2**, Fun, sporty green escort, ZX2, Only 67,000 miles. Great condition. Up to date on maintenance. Power windows and doors and alarm. \$4700. 619-688-3901.

**FORD FESTIVA**, 1991, 4 cylinder, 5 speed, 2 door hatchback, red, gray interior runs good, has smog certificate. New tires, \$1300/best, 619-561-1707.

**FORD FOCUS**, ZTS sedan, 2004, fully loaded, charcoal grey, automatic, leather, alloy wheels, power everything, 23k miles, airbags. Still under warranty, excellent condition, \$13,500. 619-813-8845.

**FORD MUSTANG**, Convertible 1998, great San Diego car, black convertible top, CD player in excellent shape, 98,000 miles. Well maintained, asking \$4800, 619-200-9226.

**FORD MUSTANG GT**, 2002, high performance, 5-speed, 40,350 miles, air conditioning, power steering/windows/locks, air bags, premium wheels. Excellent condition, \$13,500/best. Paul, pablopetersen@hotmail.com, 858-232-2316.

**FORD MUSTANG**, 1995, 4 cylinder, white, low miles, garaged, good maintenance maintained, very nice condition. \$3995. 858-484-2253 or 858-487-3605.

**FORD MUSTANG**, 1995, Red, Automatic, air conditioning, stereo, cd, airbags, silver interior. 97,340 miles. Very clean, runs great! \$3200. 619-980-3207 or 858-547-9033.

**FORD MUSTANG**, 2000, great condition, had brakes/tires/all fluids/engine/more inspected. Automatic, 107,000k freeway miles, glossy black paint, \$7,500/or trade same value, 619-713-2876.

**FORD MUSTANG GT.** 2002. \$11,500. V8, 5 speed manual transmission. 40,650 miles. Air, power steering/windows/door locks. Tilt wheel, cruise, AM/FM stereo and more. 858-232-2316.

**FORD TAURUS.** 1995, 82,000 miles, all power, runs well, looks great. \$2000. 858-273-7063.

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**HONDA ACCORD.** 1988, 5 speed, hatch-back, original owner, excellent condition, no damage, well maintained, garaged, 122,450 original miles, needs nothing, \$3200/best. Mark. 858-509-3930.

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**HONDA CIVIC EX.** 1997. 2 door coupe. In excellent condition and is extremely reliable. 91,600 miles. 5 speed, power everything, moonroof, tinted windows, spoiler, AM/FM/CD, keyless entry. \$5500. 858-565-2952.

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**JEEP WRANGLER RUBICON.** 2004, lifted, 23,900 miles, 4.0L, 6 cylinder, manual transmission, 7 speaker stereo, oil pan skid plate, 4" long arm lift, 34" Trux Off road tires. \$17,200. 619-454-0226.

**LEXUS. GS300.** 2004, sedan, black, 46k miles. (all freeway miles), heated seats, leather interior, GPS, power everything, many more luxury upgrades! Kristine, \$29,700, 858-592-0100.

**MAZDA 6I.** 2003. Charcoal Grey, leather interior, heated seats, 6 disc in-dash CD Bose sound system. Sunroof, manumatic transmission (sports shifter). Great condition. \$12,000/OBO. 858-231-3132.

**MAZDA PROTEGE LX.** 1994, very good condition, 5 speed, air conditioning, 103 horsepower, 134,000 miles, price firm,

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**TOYOTA CAMRY.** 1991, auto, 4 cylinder, power steering/brakes, in and out good condition, 135,000 miles, runs great. Salvaged, "no accident," asking \$1200, 619-281-6238.

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**TOYOTA COROLLA.** 1999, CE Sedan, 4 doors, 83,477 miles, 4 cylinder, fully equipped, \$6,800, pager, 619-973-3315.

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**VOLVO 940.** 1995. Fast, safe and good on gas. Power steering, windows, door locks, tilt wheel, cruise, AM/FM, leather, power seat and alloy wheels. \$3995. 619-957-4263.

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# T.G.I.F.

My history of Anglophilia is fairly hard-wired, nature- and nurture-wise.

By John Brizzolara

The idea of writing an essay on Christmas, disguised as a column, is an onerous one. Of course no one would necessarily expect me to, but there is always that little voice (one of the editorial committee voices) that would insist on warping the essay form into 800 to 1000 words (okay for high school) and would nag about facts. Crisp little facts — as if facts ever had much to do with anything. The probability of running into the red on the pretensioso meter would soar as I was mincing around sentimental pitfalls only to get it all over my shoes. Or I might make a stab at one of those warm, witty, and wise jobs about some wacky and hilarious family Christmas in the past that would be mostly contrivance and invention since almost any single Christmas throughout my childhood with three brothers and four sisters, an Italian Catholic family, was pretty much an anxiety festival.

But there was always another aspect to Christmas around the household, one I assumed was universal because of its precious, Dickensian nature and that was an abiding British influence. This, I now see, was a result of my mother's English heritage. Her father was Will Arburn, his mother was Mary Jane Calvert, the Lord Baltimore people, I was told and, I suppose, the whiskey people. But while that might have been so much happy crap, my uncle, Will Arburn, had years ago assured us with yards of fan-folding, dot-matrix print-outs off the early Internet, that it's all quite cricket actually.

Books were always key gifts (not comic books unless they were *Classics Illustrated*), but toy guns, for example, were out of the question. For many years, the books seemed written wholly by forgotten dead English men and women, people like George Gissing or the Brontës. Shakespeare must have arrived my very first Christmas because that edition certainly seemed to precede me into the house (apartment). It may have been my mother's childhood copy; it's the first book I ever remember seeing.

Horrible dishes including Yorkshire pudding or some rum- and sherry-soaked trifle or bread puddings appeared at this time of year, and after a while I noticed that this stuff was foreign to my friends, mostly middle-class, third-generation Irish. With the exception of Yorkshire pudding, I loved all of that stuff and when I got to England in the 1970s I found much of the fabled crap to be welcome comfort food. Just this past Friday I was in the little shop adjacent to Shakespeare's Pub on India Street and spent nearly \$30 on things like Heinz Curry Beans, Spotted Dick (sponge pudding), lime and also ginger marmalade, and Devon canned custard. Oh, and a few Christmas puddings you would not want to drop on your foot.

During the 1960s my father, a writer for the Catholic press, was always involved with some Christmas epic weeks earlier, and on Christmas Eve, his piece (usually one of the types described above) would be read out loud by either parent. If it were my father, pipe smoke would be involved, something I still associate with peace, pleasure, Christmas, and stories; and if pipe smoking was very much a part of my father's generation of men and a widespread habit of his father's in Italy, it is also very English. My father, the most literate guy I knew until I was 30, made me aware of a British literary tradition among a few ghost-story writers, among them M.R. James, who would always prepare a scary bit of fiction to be read by hearthside to family and friends on Christmas Eve. This later became a tradition during my married years. My wife and I would begin, sometimes as early as October, to prepare a ghost story or supernatural thriller of some kind to be read after the gift-wrapping and toy assemblage. Over a period of years we compiled an interesting little anthology, and it was our Christmas stories that were our first professional sales.

The best man at our wedding was an Englishman from Cornwall. He was a bartender in the same corner pub as myself in Manhattan. Once, during a visit to New York by my mother, Andrew (the Brit) extended his hand to her and smiled broadly, saying, "I never reckoned Johnny had a mother, actually. I rather supposed he sprang full blown from a Christmas cracker."

My history of Anglophilia is fairly hard-wired, nature- and nurture-wise. I overstayed that visa to England by nearly a month and was given a stern talking-to by

a custom's officer on the way out. It never occurred to me I didn't belong there by some sort of divine right. I had quickly adopted an English accent, which I quickly dropped upon returning to New York under a barrage of accusations of pretentiousness, which is a real hazard and abhorrence I have. It never seemed I was pretending anything, just finally learning to speak in whole sentences.

To this day, I remain kindred spirits (is how I like to put it) with the English, though I am more wary of it these days. Tony Blair is an embarrassment, and I wish someone would explain him to me. It would no doubt have to do with too many American westerns in childhood, just as I still use British spellings on occasion — completely unintentionally, but all the Dickens and Wells and Tennyson we had around the house were British editions. These incidents of typing — realise instead of realize, colour instead of color — seem to increase at this time of year, and I am torn between fighting it and stubbornly insisting on my right to do it.

It all just seems less gaudy over there — Christmas, I mean — and anything at all that might ameliorate that factor over here I think I'll just continue to encourage. Oh, yes, and Merry Christmas...mmm...quite.



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