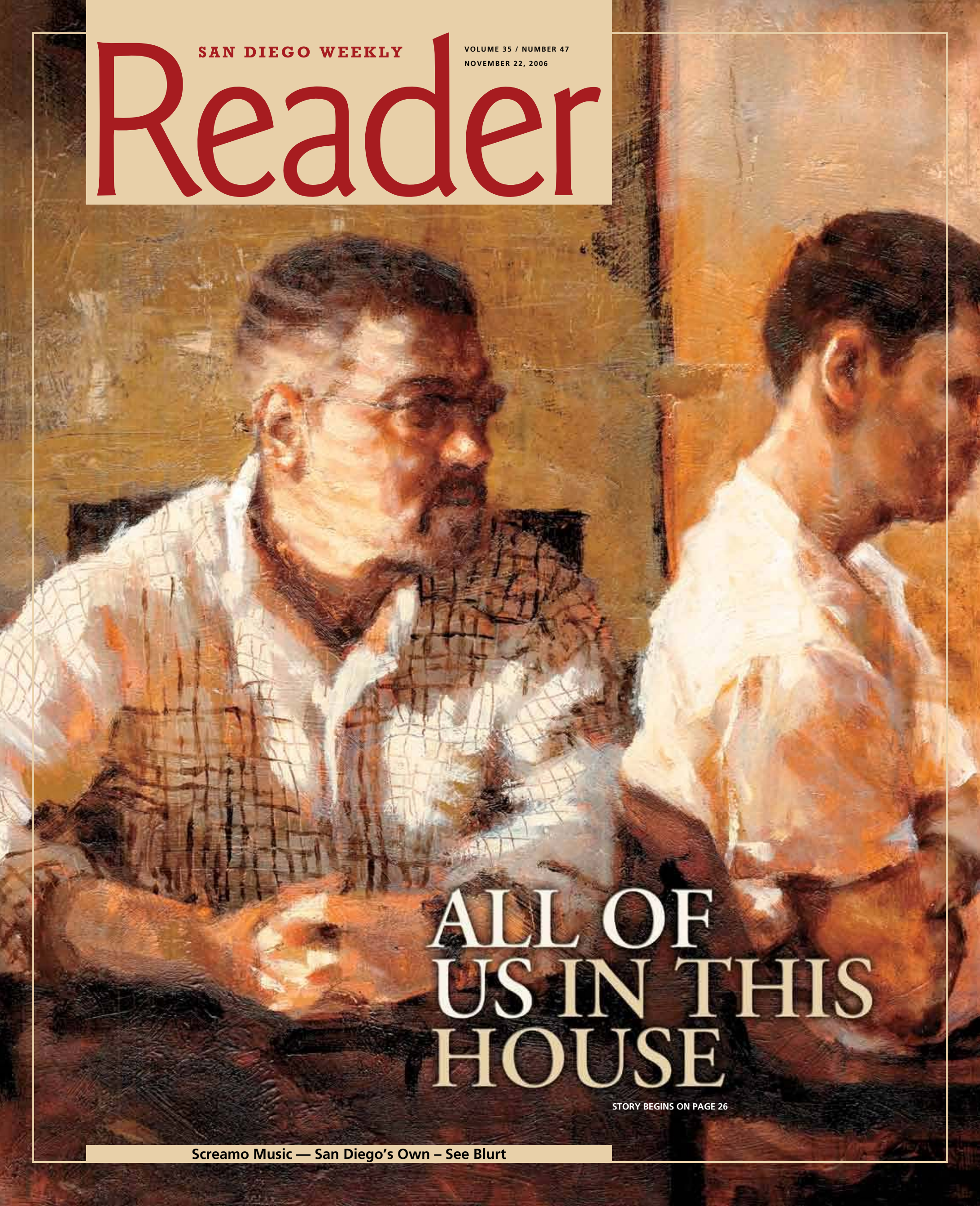


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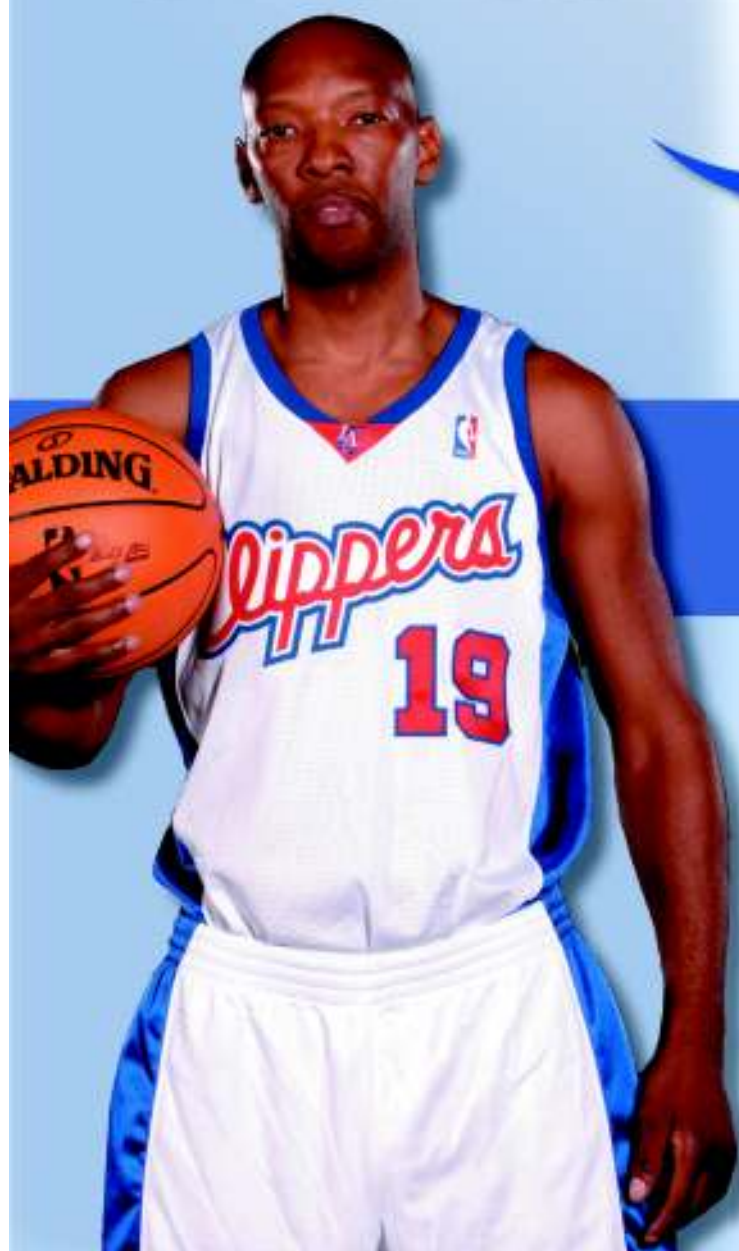
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**Cult of personality** Two weeks ago, San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders** got what amounted to a public spanking from the *Union-Tribune*, which



San Diego Union-Tribune, November 12, 2006

ran a front-page story recounting how Sanders PR minion **Fred Sainz** and his assistants regularly heap contempt on local journalists and maintain tight control over city workers and their contacts with reporters. Now it's come to light that **Jo Anne Sawyer-Knoll**, a Sanders lieutenant whose title is deputy chief of the mayor's office of ethics and integrity, has created her own elaborate program for managing the media. In a draft "communications plan" dated September 20 and obtained last week from the mayor's office under the California Public Records Act, Sawyer-Knoll, onetime chief counsel to ex-city school superintendent **Alan Bersin**, outlines a series of aggressive steps she says are necessary to "ensure a consistent message about the importance of ethics to the Mayor and to the City."



Jo Anne Sawyer-Knoll

But much of the document is devoted to ideas for garnering favorable coverage of Sawyer-Knoll herself. "Pitch stories/interviews as appropriate (e.g., one-year anniversary of Deputy Chief appointment)," says one. "Target community newspapers for area-specific stories/interviews (e.g., Deputy Chief's hometown)," says another. "Pursue editorial board briefings with Deputy Chief and key publications (e.g., The *San Diego Union-Tribune*)," says yet another. And: "Submit Deputy Chief for *San Diego Magazine*'s '50 People to Watch.'"

The plan goes on to suggest engaging in ethically questionable PR practices: "Draft and submit timely op-ed pieces on our behalf and/or work with community partners to co-write or ghost-write op-ed pieces." It calls for the office to "Pitch/write articles for trade publications based on editorial focus (e.g., public administrators, elected officials, etc.)" and "respond strategically to op-eds with letters to the editor." In addition, Sawyer-Knoll wants to "pursue interview-style local broadcast media opportunities (e.g., 'San Diego People,' 'Full Focus,' 'Forefront,' 'Take Five,' 'These Days with Tom Fudge,' 'Roger Hedgecock Show')," as well as to "pursue local television morning show opportunities (e.g., KFMB, KNSD, KUSI)."

Also: "Submit awards entries on behalf of OEI and City staff recognizing the ethics program and its leaders; publicize awards conferred." A calendar of events to be promoted under the plan includes this month's "One-year anniversary of Jo Anne Sawyer-Knoll appointment as Deputy Chief," to be marked by an "editorial briefing" with the *U-T*, a mention on the *Voice of San Diego*'s website, and publicity in "community papers in JAS neighborhood, hometown."

**All in the Family** One of Mayor **Jerry Sanders**'s most faithful supporters has been **Pauline Foster**, widow of clothing magnate and South Bay real estate whiz **Stan Foster**. Ever since Sanders



Pauline Foster

started running for mayor back in May 2005, Foster, a Rancho Santa Fe resident, has been among the first in line with her check-book. During Sanders's 2005 campaign, she gave the maximum \$600. On February 3 of this year, she made the maximum \$300 contribution to the mayor's San Diego Inaugural and Transition Fund, which picked up the tab for receptions and miscellaneous expenses. This September 14, she personally gave \$500 to "San Diegans for City Hall Reform — Yes on B&C," the campaign committee touting the mayor's public-services outsourcing measure.

A Foster family real estate venture has also contributed to the Sanders cause. This May 30, OMFOSTER LLC kicked in \$10,000 to the pro-B&C campaign. On October 23, the same entity contributed another \$12,000. The family allegiance to Sanders was so strong that Foster's son-in-law **Jeff Silberman**, son of fallen local financier and political powerbroker **Dick Silberman**, gave \$1000 in July 2005 to a Sanders-for-mayor piece disguised as a slate mailer that was later declared illegal by the city's Ethics Commission.

So it comes as no surprise that Foster's other son-in-law, **Alan Bersin**, the ex-San Diego school superintendent and former gubernatorial secretary of education, has been named by the mayor to a \$150,000-a-year seat on the board of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.



Alan Bersin

**On the road again** Democratic congresswoman **Susan Davis**, easily reelected this month, spent August 12 through 17 not on the campaign trail but on a junket to Kraków, Poland, where she and husband **Steve** participated in a conference called "U.S.-Russia-Europe Relations." The \$4630 tab was picked up by the Aspen Institute, a nonprofit think tank. ... Pension liabilities aren't the only expenses troubling the City of San Diego. According to an October 18 memo from **Greg Bych**, the city's risk management director, to chief financial officer **Jay Goldstone**, the cost of maintaining \$50 million in liability insurance for things like the city's airport operations has gone way up. The premium for fiscal year 2006 was \$3,541,053, the memo says. For this fiscal year, the cost is \$4,294,479. That works out to a 21.27 percent hike. The policy runs through next October. ... Cheetahs redux:



Susan Davis

Two weeks ago, the Nevada Supreme Court voted 5-2 to uphold a Vegas ordinance prohibiting strippers from fondling or caressing patrons with the intent to sexually arouse. Some dancers are vowing to appeal in federal court.

— Matt Potter

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## What Did Murphy Know and When?

By Don Bauder

**D**espite all you read, San Diego is not eating humble pie. It's swilling korn likker. Last week, shortly after the Securities

and Exchange Commission slapped the City with one of the most biting sanctions ever given a municipality, Mayor Jerry Sanders was proclaiming that San Diego had already turned the corner toward virtue. It must look ahead, not behind, quoth he. Typical head-in-sand. If San Diego is to win back Wall Street's favor, return to the bond market, and honestly prosecute the U.S. attorney's and district attorney's cases against bureaucrats, local investigators must dig much more into the past.

There are still loose strings out there. The securities agency talked of sins of omission and commission by "officials." Who are they? What did they do or not do?

Last week, the agency concluded that the City, "through its officials, acted with scienter." What's scienter? It's your knowledge that you are committing a fraud. City officials "were well aware" of the City's pension and health-care deficits and "the magnitude of the City's future liabilities," declared the agency. Yet, deliberately, these officials

kept this information out of the official statements that accompanied City bond offerings. Investors were cheated. So were San Diego taxpayers.

The City agreed to a cease-and-desist order. There are



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Dick Murphy

more shoes to drop; the securities agency will now go after the unnamed individuals, presumably including elected ones. The Securities and Exchange Commission is a civil agency that doesn't have criminal authority. But it has clout. Individual investors may use its finding to sue the City because of those deceit-

ful bond offerings.

If former mayor Dick Murphy reads between the lines of the agency's report, he won't be sleeping too well. Ditto for some councilmembers.

Clearly, the mayor and council had inside knowledge of pension woes and knew they should be confessed to investors. For example, in February 2003, the City hired a pension advisory firm to give answers to a question: Are things really this bad? On April 16 of that year, the firm reported back: Yeah, things are pretty grim. San Diego's unfunded pension liability would continue to grow rapidly, warned the consultant. The City's contribution to the pension fund would grow from 19 percent of payroll in 2004 to 41 percent in 2009. This would cause the City "significant credit and legal challenges."

Bond investors should be told about such things in official statements. But San Diego kept it quiet. The city council's ignoring the consultant's advice "was a turning point," says City Attorney Mike Aguirre.

Today, optimists are talking about refinancing the high-interest ballpark bonds of February 2002. The Securities and Exchange Com-

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## Wastewater Drug Test

By Matt Potter

**S**an Diego city water staffers have long been pushing the idea of “toilet-to-tap” water treatment, a controversial plan to convert raw sewage into drinking water using a high-tech filtering system. The program has never gotten far beyond a gleam in a public relations person’s eye, though officials continue their efforts to revive it.

Backers claim the treated water would be safe to drink, but some experts say it would be virtually impossible for any filtration system to remove

the city’s sewers, wrote Langworthy. “Once completed, the results will provide leaders with a better understanding of the scope of illicit drug consumption within their communities, justifying the expenditure of resources necessary to treat and improve those impacted.”

San Diego was not alone, he said. “Since March 2006, ONDCP has led an effort to collect wastewater samples from regional facilities to develop a protocol for estimating national cocaine consumption,” the e-mail said. “Over 34 municipal facilities volunteered to participate, providing over 160 samples. From these samples, researchers were able to assess metabolite concentrations and derive an estimate for regional consumption.

“The methodology does not target any specific individual, class of persons, or neighborhood; rather it provides a mechanism to pulse the community to identify trends.

“It is the intent of the ONDCP to honor the privacy of all participants and not to disclose individual participation or results during the validation process,” the e-mail said. “ONDCP is conducting this research under the authority...granted by their congressional reauthorization, with assistance and support of other governmental organizations.

“Our participation would provide a wealth of knowledge in developing national protocols and validating the research objectives. I could easily accommodate their request.”

Despite Langworthy’s reassurances, his memo triggered worry in at least one mayoral staffer. Sanders press secretary Fred Sainz sent a copy of the White House request to mayoral policy director Julie Dubick with a warn-



Fred Sainz

deadly viruses and synthetic hormone molecules. Now there is another argument over a certain ingredient of San Diego’s sewage, and this time it comes courtesy of the Bush administration’s Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

In September, Christopher Williamson, a Navy lieutenant commander and policy analyst with the White House drug office, contacted Alan Langworthy, deputy director of San Diego’s Metropolitan Wastewater Department, seeking a favor. “He asked if we would be willing to provide composite samples of the wastewater entering our treatment plants for their use in analyzing them for cocaine,” according to a September 8 e-mail from Langworthy to the office of Mayor Jerry Sanders obtained from the City under the California Public Records Act.

The White House was curious to know just how much coke ingested by illicit users in San Diego found its way into



South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant, San Ysidro

ing. “I think this is ripe (no pun intended) with civil liberty issues,” wrote Sainz. “CAUTION!!!”

The White House drug office didn’t return repeated phone calls asking for more information about the status of the study or why San Diego was to be included.

Contacted by phone last week, Langworthy said he needed to get permission to discuss the project’s status and that he would call back; he never did.

Langworthy’s public relations staffer subsequently

called to say he would look into the matter; he never called back.

In spite of the hush-hush atmosphere surrounding the project, the story broke briefly in Washington, D.C. Testing has already been done in nearby Fairfax County, Virginia, where county officials readily agreed to the program last spring, though there were skeptics. “It’s a very strange request,” board of supervisors chairman Gerald E. Connolly, a Democrat, told the *Washington Post* in March. “We’re ready to do anything

and everything we can do to eliminate illicit drug use. But I’d want to know a lot more about what this will actually lead to.”

The County reportedly took five days’ worth of samples in mid-March and shipped them off to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Rockville, Maryland, to be analyzed for benzoylecgonine, the chief metabolic product of cocaine found in urine. No results were announced.

David Murray, special assistant to national drug czar John P. Walters, would not

tell the *Post* the identities of other cities and counties testing for cocaine. “We think it will be very, very useful,” Murray would only say about the testing program.

The *Post* reported that the White House study was inspired by a similar effort last year in Italy. There, according to an August 2005 report in the *London Times*, Ettore Zuccato of the Mario Negri Institute for Pharmacological Research in Milan tested water from the Po River in the northern part of the coun-

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### Did Murphy Know?

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mission, for reasons it wouldn't tell me, ignored those bonds in its report.

But the issue is critical, says Aguirre. This year's report by Kroll, Inc., mentioned that Mayor Murphy's Blue Ribbon Committee on City Finances held up a report critical of pension finances until those ballpark bonds went out. The report was to be aired in late 2001. A council committee heard the report in February 2002, but the full council didn't get it until April. In March, council was hearing closed-door reports on how bad the pension mess was. "There is substantial evidence the blue ribbon report was deliberately held up to assist in the selling of Petco Park bonds," says Mike Conger, an attorney who successfully sued the City over pension issues.

One reason the securities agency may not have focused on the ballpark bonds is that they were not offered to the public, although they were originally supposed to be. The City prepared an official statement as if the public would be invited to buy. Suddenly, the City decided that only a handful of well-heeled investors would get them. Ultimately, the underwriter, Merrill Lynch, held on to all of them — never selling them to its customers, as bond brokers are supposed to do. The bonds were AAA, insured issues, yet paid interest at a stunning 7.66 percent — 2 to 3 percentage points above the market rate for comparable bonds. The public has never learned about the backroom maneuvers that led to those bonds going from a public offering to a private one. "Looking back at it, it may have been the right rate, given

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the actual risk profile," chuckles attorney Pat Shea, former mayoral candidate. In short, San Diego was a mess, but few knew it, other than some bureaucrats and elected officials. Merrill Lynch has insisted all along that it didn't know of San Diego's pension problems; the high rates were necessary because of other factors.

Aguirre questions that. He thinks that the 7.66 percent rate might have reflected underwriters' knowledge of the problem. He adds that even though the ballpark bonds were a private offering, under securities laws there should have been honest disclosure. But as with other bonds of the period, there was not. "With the ballpark bonds, there was a massive diversion of funds to the ballpark. These funds were critical to the City's finances; they could have been put into the pension fund."

Who would have known about the blue ribbon report's criticism of pension financing? And who could have arranged for the delay of the report until those ballpark bonds went to market? Murphy? An aide? "Murphy wanted to pull out all the stops, including political stops, to get the ballpark built," says Stan Zube, who has represented Harvey Furgatch in ballpark-related suits. "That meant exerting whatever influence he had over the legislative branch, the judicial and the executive branches."

The Securities and Exchange Commission notes that the City has taken several remediation steps. One is that "the Mayor [Murphy] resigned and has been replaced."

Says Zube, "Those words were not randomly chosen."

Adds Shea, "What you're reading in governmentese are words of support for the municipality moving away from the people who created the problem in the first place."

Says Conger, "If the SEC didn't think Mayor Murphy had anything to do with this, why would anyone remediate to get rid of him? Dick Murphy with his excellent academic credentials is a detail-oriented person who reads everything. We have long suspected that he knew precisely that the pension debt was being concealed. He knew and allowed it to continue. We spent a year trying to get the City to acknowledge the

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pension debt. In retrospect, it was time well spent."

Peter Q. Davis, who ran against Murphy for mayor in 2000 and 2004, later tried to get him to sell those ballpark bonds for a much lower interest rate, only to be told to get lost. "Murphy was well-educated, but he did seem like a zombie. When financial discussions were being held, he would just claim 'Staff says' or 'The city attorney says' this is what we have to do. Perhaps he realized the City's financial problems and, with no solution, took the politically wise action to hide the bad news." He adds, "It's now even clearer individuals broke the law. Do you think a new round of indictments of elected and former elected officials will now follow?"

If that doesn't happen, San Diego will be taking a step backward. Into the corrupt past it now disavows. ■

## Drug test

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try and discovered that it was carrying the equivalent of 4 kilograms a day of the drug.

Put another way, Zuccato concluded from that result that 30 out of 1000 young adults must have been doing 100 milligrams of coke each day, much greater than previous estimates.

"The economic impact of trafficking such a large amount of cocaine would be staggering," Zuccato told the *Times*. "The large amount of cocaine — at least 1,500kg — that our findings suggest is consumed per year in the River Po basin would amount, in fact, to about \$150 million in street value, based on an average US street value of \$100 per gram."

The Italians said they hoped others would adopt their methods. "The approach tested here, which is in principle adaptable to other illicit drugs, could be refined and validated to become a general, rapid method to help estimate drug abuse at the local level," Zuccato and his associates wrote in an article published in the journal *Environmental Health*.

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### Please, No Cannonballs

Naomi Wise in her usual exhausting style drags out every detail at J-Six restaurant ("Mister Natural," Restaurant Review, November 16). She mentions there is a pool at the J-Bar but oddly doesn't give a clue as to what it is for, swimming with appetizers? dipping with drinks? Naomi, the obvious question: Can bar patrons actually swim in the pool?

A. Einstein  
via e-mail

Naomi Wise responds: The pool is for hotel guests, but if you show up for cocktails wearing your Speedo, they probably won't stop you from taking a dip — unless you're too sloshed for safety.

### Mmmmm, Juicy!

It's too bad Name Withheld didn't have the guts to publish his or her name in that angry missive regarding tipping ("B\*\*\*\*\*," Letters, November 16). Then

all of us lowly workers could band together and spit in his food. Way to stand behind your principles.

Jennifer Mardula  
via e-mail

### The Color Of Gratitude

I'm writing in regard to your cover article, "I Perform a Service. I Deserve a Tip" (November 9). I would like to know what was the relevance of asking each person, "What race gives the worst tips?" By asking this question, were you trying to purposely stir up old stereotypes? Well, if so, this article has certainly accomplished that. From what I've read, basically all blacks are bad tippers or don't tip at all, and Mexicans would like to tip but are too poor to do so — but when compelled to do so, they will. I would like to say, just think before you ask or write questions that can stir up any negative comment about one's race. If you have any racist ideology, keep it to yourself or start a new biased paper somewhere in the South.

Dara Robinson  
via e-mail

### Service With Respect

Josh Board's recent article on tipping was interesting ("I Perform a Service. I Deserve a Tip," Cover Story, November 9). It seems that everyone that works with the public expects to be tipped. Has our society lost the concept of "doing my job" without an expectation of a gratuity? As far as black people not tipping,

perhaps they have experienced "service with an attitude." I have had the unfortunate experience of "dining while black," and the server made sure I was aware of "my place." Needless to say, the gratuity they received reflected the level of respect that I received.

Rev. Jon Connor, Ph.D.  
via e-mail

### Some Thoughts On Time And Money

Tipping is not only for good service, but it is also a reward for going the extra mile, such as filling a ridiculously complicated drink order in a crowded bar when many other customers are waiting for a beer or simple cocktail ("I Perform a Service. I Deserve a Tip," Cover Story, November 9). If you order six lemon drop shots, for example, you'd better tip the bartender at least \$6, because those take a long time to make, which cuts into the valuable serving time of the bartenders and the valuable drink reordering time of 95 percent of the patrons in the bar, so you'd better offset the anger of everyone involved with appropriate compensation. Time is money, bitches.

If you fail to do so, you'd better expect the bartenders to ignore you in favor of customers who understand barroom etiquette, because most bartenders (and bar owners) will tell you that they prefer regular customers who order simple drinks and who tip well

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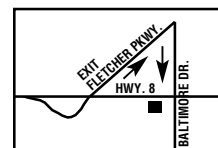
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over random weirdos who hold up their bartenders and interfere with their regular customers by ordering fancy-ass drinks.

Pissing off a one-trick pony is no big deal. Pissing off one's bread and butter is a huge deal.

Lazy John  
Local DJ

### Thanks For Nothing

I feel Josh Board's article misses one big point ("I Perform a Service. I Deserve a Tip," Cover Story, November 9). Regardless of the service, did the person earn a tip? As someone who is self-employed and paid fairly for my service, I seldom accept a tip. I thank the person for appreciating my quality of service I provide and ask simply that they refer me to a friend or associate should the need arise.

However, when I tip someone, it's commensurate with their effort to make my experience more enjoyable. We've all had a waiter or waitress that took our order, dropped our food, and never came back; a valet that took our car, parked it, and then took 20 minutes to find it. Why would you tip them? On the other side of the picture, the waiter or waitress that brought something for the kids to play with or crackers to nibble on while waiting for the meal and checked back to ensure all was well after you had been served, they are the ones that earn my thanks. *They* made the meal (or experience) more enjoyable, which is what a gratuity is — a thank you.

Using "I Perform a Service. I Deserve a Tip" — how about tipping your child's teacher, the dentist, or a doctor? Okay, it seems we relate tipping to income and feel that higher-paid professions need not be tipped. However, some servers at high-end restaurants, doormen, and concierges earn \$100K-plus incomes thanks to tips, and most truly earn it!

In my opinion, no one that performs a service deserves a tip; they earn it, and yes, I don't tip my doctor or dentist either, but I do send them a card at the holidays with a personal thank you because they have earned it!

Enjoyed the article. Made me think about all the good

service I have received, the balloon artist that knows my kids by name, the pedicab "driver" in Boston that took us to a restaurant he said was "one of the best" and it was, and, of course, I remember the bad service, by the tablecloths my wife has signed "the unknown

eater" when service was truly "that bad."

Name Withheld  
via e-mail

### Surgery On The Sidelines

Re Ernie Grimm's article "The Right of Way Is the Wrong Place" ("City

Lights," November 9). "Oh gee, I see signs posted everywhere for Joe Schmoe for Dog Catcher. He must be a wonderful person and well qualified. Guess I'd better vote for him." Just how dumb do these candidates and their sign-posters think we are? Who would

decide on their candidate of choice because of seeing a sign posted on a utility pole? And don't tell me it's name recognition. With so many illegal signs now posted throughout the community, how does one name stand out?

A hint for candidates

and their sign-posters, there are only two places where it is legal to post your dumb signs — on your own private property or on other private property where you have permission from that owner. Quit littering our landscape with your illegal signs.

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Re Patrick Daugherty's "Good Jobs" ("Sporting Box," November 9). While I agree with Patrick that the sideline airheads are more of a distraction than benefit to watching a game, unless Armen Keteyian had a recent operation, he should not be identified among the

women doing this useless job.

Tim Price  
via e-mail

*As the "City Lights" story indicated, posting signs in the right-of-way is legal in some cities. — Editor*

**What The Signs Say**  
One aptly titled article last week, "The Right of Way Is the Wrong Place" ("City Lights," November 9). I've often wondered if anybody ever reads one of these political signs that are posted, whether it's in a yard or in the right-of-way, and de-

cides "I'm going to vote for this," when, contrarily, people see those and think, "Who would vote for somebody who can't even oversee the posting of their political signs in a legal manner?" As well as posting them in front of your house or your business, I

can't believe that people don't realize that they're alienating up to half or maybe more of their neighbors or potential clients. "Yes on Reform City Hall" signs posted by Mayor Sanders that were posted illegally on East Mission Bay Drive and Garnet made me

wonder, if he can't even control the people who are putting up his signs, how is he going to reform city hall?  
Chris Cott

## Garbage In, Garbage Out

I'm completely green with nausea after reading the latest "Remote Control King" article about Halloween night (November 9). Anyone who would talk about giving drugs and alcohol to small children, whether the story be true or false, is totally sick in the head. Ollie should be completely ashamed of himself for writing such trash. The *Reader* should be a little more responsible with the garbage they allow to be published. Ollie should be banned from writing further articles for the *Reader*. Half of the stuff he writes is no better than a first-grade "What I did for my summer vacation" essay, and the other half is *garbage!* Shame on you! I'm personally going to make it my own responsibility to go to as many locations as possible and take every *Reader* I find and throw them all in the trash where they belong.  
Concerned reader/parent  
via e-mail

## If He Only Had A Brain

Wow, really?  
You have got to be kidding me! This is in response to "Shame on You, Ollie" (Letters, November 9). If it wasn't for the good old lefties, Mr. Bubba Lee, American, you wouldn't be able to write such crap about anyone. Our troops have been in Iraq and such places for how long now? And with what results? *Do you even listen to the news?!* Can't you think for yourself for a minute? Read what you wrote! People migrated from Europe and stole this land from the natives so they could practice whatever they wanted "freely." Wasn't that the idea in the first place? You should be ashamed! You are the unpatriotic one, willing to sit here in safety while our troops are out there getting killed for what? The joke on terrorism? For the hike in gas prices despite our newly "acquired" and heavily guarded oil. Our soldiers are getting shot, do you un-

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# STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Dear Matthew Alice:

*I've often wondered, would it be economically feasible to build an exercise machine that could generate electricity? It seems to me that if all the Exercycles, treadmills, elliptical machines, etc., at our local gyms could be hooked up to some kind of turbine, they could generate at least enough energy to power the lights and A/C at the gym and maybe the TVs as well. And could someone invent a television, computer, or video game that can only be powered by an Exercycle or treadmill? This would be a great solution to the lazy, overweight kids who aren't getting enough exercise.*

— LP, Mission Valley

It turns out, everyone in the world has had this idea. Everyone. Everywhere. Many have penciled out the costs vs. the benefits, and, on a large scale, it doesn't seem efficient. Most of the penciling suggests that one incredibly fit athlete pedaling constantly for one hour can generate about a dime's worth of juice. If it's not cycled immediately into some power-eating device, it would have to be stored, so batteries add to the costs. At the moment, small-scale is the way to go. There are self-powered exercise machines, computer monitors that run on pedal-generated power, wind-up-power radios, and pedal-powered fans and lights. The video game suggestion sounds like a winner, too — except the people who would have to shell out for the device (Mom and Dad) are the same ones letting Lardass eat Hot Chee-tos and sodas in front of the TV all day. A hard market to crack.

My personal fave, though, is an electric backpack developed for the defense department. Foot soldiers carry about 80 pounds of gear; much of that weight is in the batteries needed to run all their digital gadgets. A biologist at the University of Pennsylvania invented a backpack suspended by springs from a rigid frame. The bouncing motion of the pack as the soldier walks generates enough electricity to run a cell phone and night-vision goggles.

It occurs to me that pretty much everybody drives to the gym to work out. This effectively undoes any ecological good achieved by treadmill power.

### Great La Costa Bumper Car Mystery: Part 2

About a minute and a half after last week's *Reader* hit the streets, the Alice offices were blitzed with bumper car e-mails, including confirmations of sightings:

*I followed one down Gopher Canyon. It was going with the flow, about 50 mph. I have also seen them [at] Cruisin' Grand in Escondido.* — Lee

*They're street legal. They sometimes come out as a club to Cruisin' Grand in Escondido, Friday nights [annually, April through September]. As many as eight to ten of them.* — Mike

*Standing on the corner of 5th and Broadway I saw two of [them] about two weeks ago.* — Douglas

*...Cruise nights up in Encinitas...* — Mr. Shanks

*...Rancho Santa Fe Road and Olivenhain Road, going toward Encinitas...* — Chuck Cannova, Carlsbad

*...Going north on Hwy. 101 in Leucadia; most didn't have the vertical pole...* — S. Lynd, Leucadia

*I briefly talked to one of the dudes riding one...and it had a Kawasaki 750 motorcycle engine in it.* — Bruce

Lee sent photos taken at Cruisin' Grand. Two modified bumper cars mounted on what looked like a quad chassis, with windshields, headlights, and California plates. One has a nice yellow-and-red flame pattern. The other has a groovy, chrome-y retro grill.

Mr. Shanks suggests they're licensed for the road as what the DMV calls specially constructed vehicles, which includes kit cars. The bumper cars would require considerable rebuilding to meet safety and smog regs. Steve Waldron, owner of Driving Styles Apparel in Escondido, concept-car builders and makers of driving and racing duds, is the founder of the popular Cruisin' Grand car-show event. He says the bumper cars were modified by a car nut here in the county. We're on his trail. So just idle there at the curb and we'll get back with you shortly.

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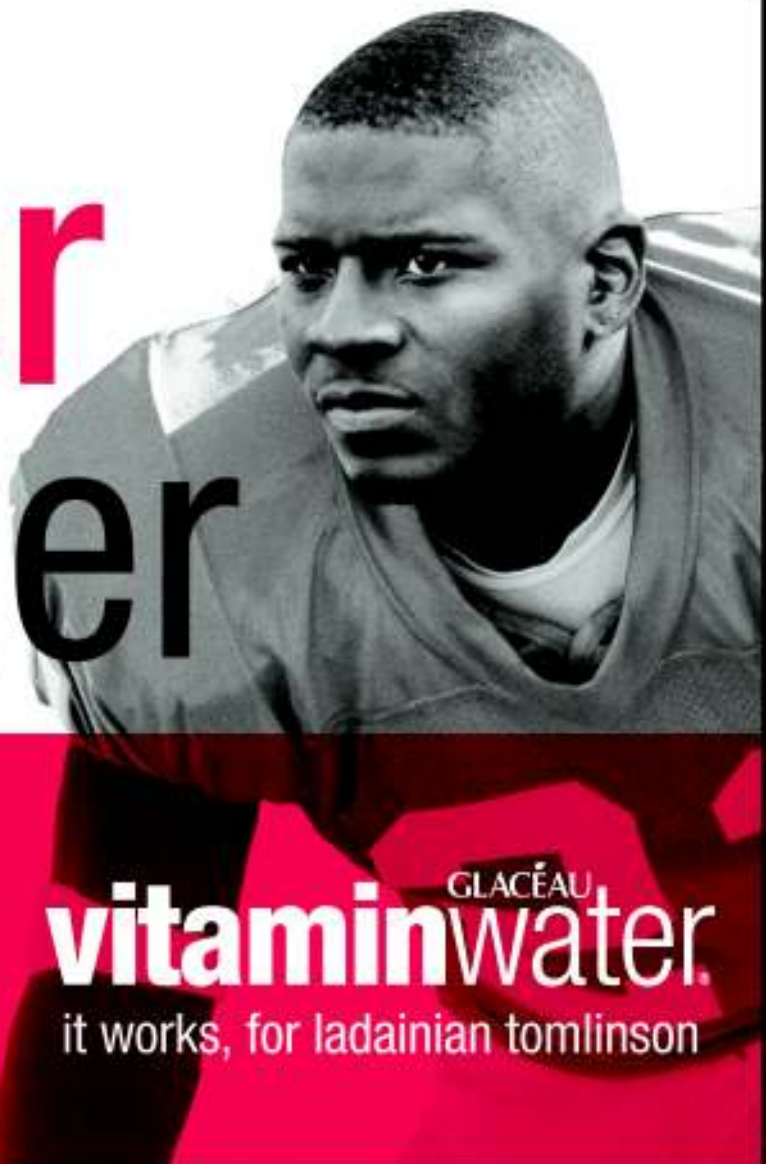
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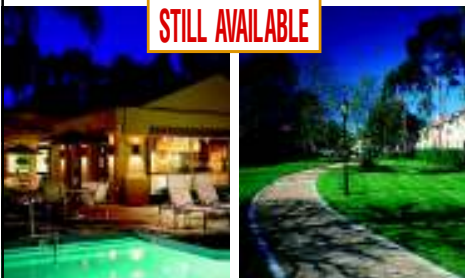
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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

The Thanksgiving Column

I am acquainted with a big-city newspaper columnist who, every Thanksgiving, announces that many readers have written and e-mailed asking for his adorable, heart-tugging Thanksgiving column...the one he wrote in 1988, the one he replays every year, the one that brings a smiley tear to the face of every mom and dad, and a wonderment, like first snowfall, to every tousle-haired nipper. This annual tribute to self gives the columnist another day off and paints one more layer of hack sentimentality on the national common wall.

I am not a Thanksgiving enthusiast. I regard Thanksgiving as that repulsive occasion when you spend the best part of a day with people you've successfully avoided all year.

I wrote the foregoing paragraph seven years ago and have not received a single request for a reprint since then. Silence can hurt, people. Nonetheless, because this will be good for you, I have completely updated my ancient column with fresh turkey news, a new finish featuring a kindly sports icon, several scientific-sounding words, all put in historical perspective and buffed to a jaunty sports shine. I'm hoping you'll want to keep this treasure as a part of your annual Thanksgiving ritual.

Now, the centerpiece of Thanksgiving is the requirement that one acquire, cook, and eat a turkey. I trust you understand this is reckless, unsafe behavior. A Thanksgiving turkey is a chemically engineered, disease-ridden bird whose short, torturous life is spent within the space of three square feet.

These pathetic, man-made oviparous vertebrates may never see the sun or leave their turkey prison cell. They are pumped up with antibodies in order to stimulate growth and in order keep them alive in their tiny shithouse. These creatures are so deformed they cannot breed on their own, could not walk if they were ever allowed outside, and have been made to be so top-heavy they might break their legs if ever one attempts to stand. At the end of their 15-week trail of tears on earth, they're hauled to a slaughterhouse, throats are cut, and dead Tom and Tomette Butterballs are rushed to supermarkets under the protective, professional care of long-haul truck drivers.

This is how elephantine turkeys have become. *Lancaster Farming*, a Pennsylvania farm journal, says, "If a seven-pound baby grew at the same rate that today's turkey grows, when the baby reaches 18 weeks of age, it would weigh 1500 pounds."

This might cause worry to some, but you'll be relieved to know that the United States Department

of Agriculture, the frontline federal agency overseeing food inspections, chartered to make sure commercially grown birds are safe for human consumption, approved a set of rules way back in 2000 that I like to call, "A helping hand for healthful turkeys." Carcasses with open sores, cancer, intestinal worms, infectious arthritis, glandular swellings, and a pneumonia called airsacculitis were declared safe for human consumption. Hey, we eat 263 million turkeys every year. You want to pay somebody to look at that?

But what has this to do with sports?

Since 1934, the NFL has made innocent Americans listen and then watch the Detroit Lions play football on Thanksgiving Day. Few people still living know why. Fewer yet can remember the last time Detroit fielded a team worth watching. Still, this annual demonstration of how boring football can be continues like a conveyor belt carrying 263 million dead turkeys.

But, that's nothing; this year, like last year and the year before, *seven billion* chickens will be slaughtered for use in gumbo or whatever it is Americans do with seven billion dead chickens. Chickens are debeaked and live in cages so small as to guarantee that every chicken will never spread his wings, not once in his doomed life. Since breeding is usually done by artificial insemination, male chicks are tossed into containers as soon as they hatch and left to smother. Lucky ones are ground up alive for fertilizer. Chickens shipped to live-poultry markets are hung upside down, have their throats sliced and then are thrown, dead or alive, into a scald tank to loosen their feathers. It's worse for turkeys.

Turkeys are drugged and made to watch videotapes of the Detroit Lions. They watch every game that wretched, useless, star-crossed franchise has ever played — 24 hours a day, seven days a week — until every last one begs to be killed.

And this Thanksgiving, like every Thanksgiving since 1934 (except for during World War II) Detroit (2-8) will play, in this instance, Miami (4-6) in what will likely be another relentlessly boring contest entitled, "Who's Going to Lose First?" Martyball gone bad.

I promised you a kindly sports icon. All right, here is a holiday quote from coach John Heisman, name-bearer of the Heisman Trophy: "Gentlemen," Heisman said, "it is better to have died as a young boy than to fumble this football."

Follow that one rule and you can play for the Lions.

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"You should have been here last night," said Rabbi Scott Meltzer to me before the service.

Last night, the Shabbat Kehilati Service & Dinner had started at 6:15 and lasted until 10 p.m. Still, the morning service would be followed by a New Member Lunch & Learn, sponsored in part by two parents celebrating the naming ceremony for their daughter.

Besides the use of Hebrew, the most notable thing about the service — the inescapable, remarkable thing — was how much of it was sung: by the cantor, by the congregation, by both, going back and forth. Now and then, there were pauses for spoken prayers in English: "May the Lord bless you and protect you..." "The Lord redeems the life of his servants..." Prayers for our country, for Jewish communities worldwide, and for Israel. But the singing carried the service: the Sabbath Psalm (92), numerous songs of praise, songs of petition, the Hymn of Glory.

Festive songs, haunting songs, mournful songs. Quicksilver songs that shifted in tone. Little of it had the feel of a performance; rather, it was prayer. "Sweet hymns shall be my chant and woven songs/ For Thou art all for which my spirit longs."

Also remarkable was the relaxed character of people participating in such a structured liturgy. As the cantor moved from song to song and prayer to prayer, people leaned close for brief exchanges. Several times, Rabbi Meltzer wandered off the stage to converse with congregants.

Before the Torah was processed, Meltzer told a story about his days in Jerusalem, where he attended a shul populated mainly by aged Syrian emigrants. "When they processed the Torah, one of the gentlemen would follow with an atomizer, and as you kissed the Torah, he would spritz you in the eyes — and God forbid your mouth was open and he would spray this foul rosewater down your throat. The idea was, once you had stopped gagging, that the words of Torah would be sweet to you and sweet on your lips and in your mouth. We aim a little bit higher.

So that the words of Torah should be sweet in our mouths, we pass around chocolates" — as well as sugar-free candies for the sugar-restricted.

The doors of the ark — wooden frames backed by fabric and displaying carved Hebrew letters ("Hear, O Israel: the Lord is our God, the Lord is one") — were slid back, revealing six scrolls draped in velvet. (Only three of them were perfect enough to use.) The central scroll — clad in burgundy, draped with an engraved silver plate, and topped with wrought metal scroll-caps — was brought forth and carried around the synagogue. Congregants touched either their prayer shawl or their service book to the silver plate and then kissed them.

Meltzer's commentary before the readings took up the matter of perspective — "It all depends on how you look at it. The details are the same either way." He marveled at how Judaism had flourished in America over the past century. On the other hand, there was the threat to Israel's existence posed by its enemies.

Then he applied the matter of perspective to the day's reading from Genesis, which recounted, among other things, Sarah's death at the age of 127. "One of my college roommates was a nonpracticing Catholic." Once, "he made a comment that the only reason religion has significance — bite — is because of mortality. I said, 'You're right.' Later, we realized that what he meant was that religion has bite because people die and they're worried about what happens on the other side. What I meant was: religion has relevance in this world because we have limited life, and what do you want to...make your life?"

"If I could steal language away from any group, it would be the term, 'prolife.' When you hear that, right away, your mind jumps to a very successful advertising and marketing campaign for a political position...but

I know of nothing more prolife in this world than Judaism.... The blessing is life. When Sarah dies, we bless and remember — not her death, but her life." Abraham received similar treatment: "God blessed him in all things.... It says that he was old and he had come into days.... The blessing was to grow old." From the Torah: "...And Abraham breathed his last and died at a good ripe age, old and contented..."

After the blessing over the lunch following the service, everyone shouted "L'Chaim!" before drinking from their cups — "To life!"

What happens when we die?

From the commentary on the passage about Abraham's death in the copy of the Torah provided to congregants: "He was gathered to his kin': Death is regarded as a transition to the afterlife, where one is united with one's ancestors in Sheol, envisioned as a huge cavern under the earth."

— Matthew Lickona



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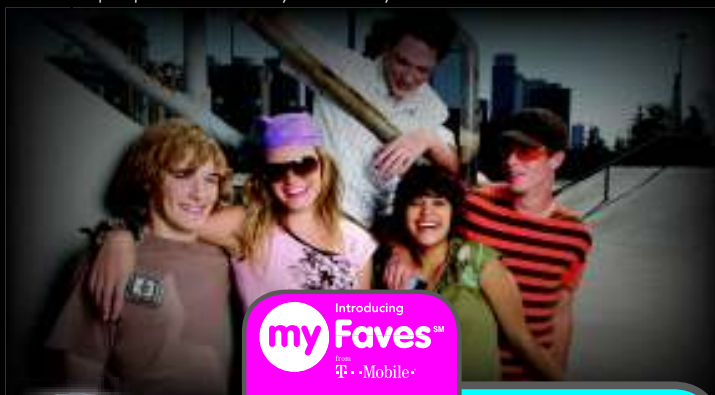
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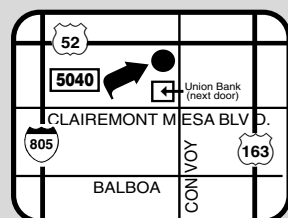
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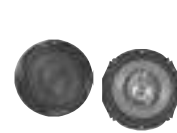


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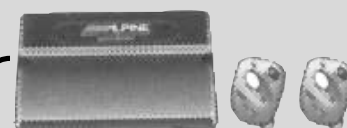
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—EVE KELLY

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I was looking for live music — guitar, maybe. I mean, they have Christmas in Spain, too. But Bernice reminded me that she has a mother-in-law (Gladys) who’s a crooner. “And not the good kind. She’s loud and she’s tone-deaf, and she will insist on caroling after a couple glasses of wine.” I pictured her pestering the guitarist for “Deck the Halls,” and started dialing around for professional carolers. Maybe I could head Gladys off at the pass.

Judy Ames of the Kaleidoscope Carolers (619-787-6991; [http://starstruckpro.com/kaleidoscope\\_carolers.htm](http://starstruckpro.com/kaleidoscope_carolers.htm)) has been booking events “for 15 years now.” At Christmas-time, “I have about 25 people, and they perform in quartets. The singers are all of the more mature type. Some have been in professional bands, some in the Master Chorale and Opera Chorus, some have done a lot of a cappella group work. We work from books, and everyone reads music very well. We’ve got about 50 to 70 songs in our repertoire, religious and nonreligious.”

Like many carolers, the Kaleidoscopes go in for period costumes — “turn-of-the-century type. The men wear top hats; the women wear big skirts and carry muffs. It’s very colorful.”

They’ve done casinos and shopping centers and will be spending Wednesday through Saturday nights this December at the Torrey Pines Lodge, but they’re happy to work private venues. “I have a family in La Jolla; I’ve done their Christmas for eight years now. We would go to the nursing home where the lady of the family’s brother was, and we’d sing there. We can stroll and sing or perform on microphones. And we can lead a singalong.” (Gladys would be so happy.) The group has a two-hour minimum, and the price starts at \$350 for two hours.

Jennifer Kreml, of the 11-member Cheshire Singers (760-803-7268; [www.cheshiresingers.com](http://www.cheshiresingers.com)), uses five voices instead of four. She tells me that, unlike madrigals, in which each part sings a melody that interweaves with the others, “in caroling, there’s a melody, and then everyone else fills in behind the melody. The melody is very strong, so we have two sopranos doing that.” The alto, tenor, and bass fill in behind. “We do an arrangement of ‘Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas’ that is just beautiful. One that’s a little bit older is ‘O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.’ If there are a lot of kids, we’ll gather them together to shake the bells for ‘Jingle Bells.’”

The Cheshires offer two options for dress. “The City of Carlsbad is having a breakfast for their employees, and we’ll be wearing formal blacks and tuxedos. We’ll hand out a little trifle with

*“The men don’t wear any special undergarments.”*

the words to five Christmas songs, and we’ll do a singalong.” Option two is “authentic Elizabethan nobility costumes. We wear corsets and farthingales — those big hoopy things that go under your skirt. The men don’t wear any special undergarments. Everything is hook-and-eye; everything is handmade. They’re worth anywhere between \$1,000 and \$3,000, and it takes an hour and a half to get into them. But it really makes such a visual impact. We can also adopt an Elizabethan persona and say things like, ‘Good day, my lords and ladies. Welcome!’” (They’ll be in costume every night from December 12 to 24 at Aviara Four Seasons from 6 to 8 p.m.)

The Cheshire Singers, in costume, charge \$300 an hour, with a two-hour minimum. (The price goes down for additional hours.) For black formal attire, the price ranges between \$250 and \$300 per hour.

Julie Golden has been with the Westminster Carolers (619-692-9219; [www.westminstercarolers.info](http://www.westminstercarolers.info)) since their founding in 1989. Now, “we have 16 wonderful carolers” performing in quartets. “We sing about 80 songs; we do the traditional four-part harmony, and we also have some vocal jazz arrangements that I don’t think anybody else has for ‘Let It Snow,’ ‘Frosty the Snowman,’ and ‘The Christmas Waltz.’ Vocal jazz is more like the Manhattan

Transfer. Not so barbershoppy, but fun to listen to.”

Golden describes the group’s period attire as “Dickensian. The guys wear black, with pin-striped capes. Their vests and ascots are either forest green or burgundy, and they have stovepipe hats. The girls wear full-length skirts — also forest green or burgundy — and short, black capes and bonnets.”

Their regular haunt is the

Hotel Del Coronado, “but we do corporate events and private parties as well. We’ve sung for groups of 25 to up through the hundreds. I just booked a repeat job from last year at a lovely Mission Hills home. We’ll stand on the staircase and sing and then sing in front of the fireplace. After that, we’ll stroll around and take requests from the guests.” The price for the Westminster Carolers is \$350 for one hour, \$450 for two, and \$550 for three.

Finally, I spoke with Janet Hammer of the Full Measure Carolers (619-583-6391; [www.fullmeasurecarolers.com](http://www.fullmeasurecarolers.com)). “We’ve been together for 17 years, and we’re the biggest caroling company in Southern California. We’ve got 16 quartets and over 100 songs on our list. We offer a variety of styles: the Full Measure Carolers wear Dickensian costumes. We also have a Dickensian handbell quartet that sings and plays a set of two-octave handbells. The Rockin’ Cranberries wear poodle-type skirts but with snowflakes instead of poodles.

Their sound is jazzier. All three styles can be seen at Sea World through December and at various Westfield shopping centers, but we also do lots of private parties. We do everything from knocking on the door and singing, to singing to guests as they arrive, to singing inside with full audience attention, to leading singalongs.” Prices depend on the details of the event; please call to arrange.

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## SECRET RECIPE

by Josh Board

**O**f the 50 or so Halloween parties I was invited to, I attended five. The fourth was at a house in Clairemont, and it was packed. Most of the people there were not in costume. I stayed half an hour and then headed to my final party of the evening in North Park. Patrick, who works for Fox News, rents a home there. The canyon in the back yard was full of fog, which I thought he had created for effect. Someone said to me, "How could he create that much fog? That stuff is real." I went inside to look for the host, and a woman said, "Your costume...there are five of 'em here." Since I went as Jew Hefner, I assumed she meant that there were five more Hugh Hefners here. I told her I didn't see anyone else in a smoking jacket and pajamas, and she said, "No, no. I mean, there are five other Jews at this party." The guy next to her, who looked a bit like Eugene Levy, I assumed was one. He confirmed that he was one of the five Jews at the party. I thought, *If only someone dressed up like Mel Gibson.*

There was a DJ in the den who had a mix of classic rock albums and dance records. When a guy standing nearby was asking his friend if he knew the band playing, I said, "Isn't it PIL?" It was, and he and I talked music



for an hour. Turned out he was a music writer for another local paper.

I asked him if he knew where Patrick was, and he told me Patrick was wearing a big sombrero. I saw a guy in the kitchen with a big sombrero and went over to talk with him, but several people were wearing the same type of outfit. I heard one guy yell, "Why is there no more vodka left?" His friend pointed to where another bottle was and then I asked them if they knew

**Then it hit me — he was "the dude," from *The Big Lebowski*.**

where Patrick was. They had no clue. "We couldn't even find vodka. How will we find him?"

The costumes included pimps, baseball players, pirates, Marilyn Monroe, hillbillies, and someone dressed as a cloud. A lady asked, "Is he a huge cotton



Bottom left: Patrick (left) with someone in a cloud or marshmallow or cotton ball costume

ball?" I said, "I thought he was a marshmallow man." I saw a few people dressed as referees and said, "Are these just a bunch of Footlocker employees taking advantage of their workclothes?"

When I saw another guy in pajamas, I asked him if he was supposed to be Hugh Hefner. He said, "Doesn't my White Russian give it away?" Then it hit me — he was "the dude," from *The Big Lebowski*. Someone asked, "Do you think Jeff Bridges goes to



parties dressed as any of his characters? Or Johnny Depp, going as a pirate?" I offered, "For Bridges, it would be easy. But I doubt Depp, without makeup artists, would go through the trouble."

One guy was dressed as Colonel Sanders. I told him a story I read about Sanders having a long-time affair. He said, "As I walked in, a woman said that her mom had an affair with him. I was worried when she said that, not knowing where she was going with it." I laughed and said, "I guess he was doing a lot more than working on that secret recipe."

I didn't arrive until after midnight, and there wasn't a lot of food left. One guy said, "Earlier, we had a bag of chips catch fire." He held it up and showed me the burn holes in it. "I just told everyone that they were now baked chips." Patrick approached and asked if he could get me anything. I introduced myself, and he showed me around.

I asked about his skeleton because someone told me it was real. "Up until 1974, the largest export of India was skeletons that were used for medical purposes. It was a staple of their economy. Some government body decided that this wasn't cool, and they don't sell them anymore. My friend Andrew, his dad had this in his house." I believe Patrick said that the guy was a dentist and practiced on it while in school.

There were a lot of people who weren't in costumes. Several other people wore their masks on top of their heads. I asked an African-American guy why he wasn't dressed up. "It's hard enough being a black guy, normally...."

Someone overheard this and said, "Last year I was Darth Vader, but wearing a Winnie the Pooh costume. It was hot as Hell. I thought that Darth Vader should be able to have fun and dress up

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on Halloween."

I asked Patrick about Fox News. I told him that I interviewed for a job there years ago. The job was to write the news for 7/39 and required a college degree but only paid \$9 an hour. He laughed and said that it's not uncommon for copywriters to earn low wages. I thought, if a newscaster is making hundreds of thousands a year, and the person that is writing copy for them is making less than \$10 an hour, there has to be tension on those sets.

Just then Devo's "Whip It" came on. Patrick said, "Damn! This is the one song on this album I don't like. Hey, if you have any songs

you want the DJ to play, go tell him." I already thought he was doing a good job, when I heard Cream's "SWLABR" half an hour earlier.

I went outside to see a few people with whom I had talked earlier. They were discussing wine. I moved on to another table where everyone was excited by the fact that the time change would allow them an extra hour to sleep in the next morning.

I tried to convince myself to stay longer, since it was now 2:00 a.m. and not 3:00 a.m. But I was worn out from an entire day of parties, and I had been sick for a few days. As I left, a guy in drag said, "Josh, do you

remember me?" I was a bit worried hearing that. "You wrote about my dog's birthday party in Hillcrest."

He's a television personality in Mexico and told me about a great party he

went to in TJ. He said he went with a friend from Canada who had forgotten his passport, and they had to smuggle him back into the U.S. at 8:00 a.m.

When I got home,

coughing and sneezing, I discovered the best thing about my Halloween costume. I kicked off my slippers, took off my smoking jacket, and, already wearing PJs, jumped into bed. ■

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by Barbarella

*I love you not because of who you are, but because of who I am when I am with you.*

— Roy Croft

**D**avid is leaving me. I've seen this coming for months now — at least, that's how long the date of his departure has been marked on my calendar. David doesn't have a calendar; he relies on me to tell him where to be and when. I've suggested he get one to help me monitor our hectic schedule, but, after last week's e-vite incident, I changed my mind.

The information for an after party celebrating the unveiling of a new public sculpture in Imperial Beach

entitled "Banner Art" arrived over a month ago in David's e-mail inbox. Dressed to impress, with a bottle of Italian red in hand, we arrived at the residential venue and let ourselves into the back yard. Following the glow of lights and the sound of voices, it was there we encountered the hostess, who (after staring at us blankly for a moment and then doubling over in

laughter) let us know through tapering giggles that we were 24 hours late. We were invited to stay for Sunday dinner with the family, during which we were told of all the wonderful people and conversations we'd missed the night before.

Because he's learned not to trust himself with tedious things like dates and times, David checked with me, his calendar, before making his plans to leave. I always go with him when he travels. But when I tried to imagine myself on this trip — hanging out alone in a strange city during the days while he's at his seminars and sitting, un-amused, at dinner while he and his fellow photo geeks proceed to talk about each other's equipment like dogs sniffing

each other's butts — it seemed tedious. In the way he hesitated when I asked him for his thoughts on the matter, I could tell David agreed that it wasn't a good idea for me to join him. And yet, like lesbians, we loathed the idea of being separated for four long nights.

With the exceptions of David's trip to Seattle early in our relationship and my jaunt to Vegas with my sister and her friends a few months ago, my hip attachment and I have not spent a night apart in four years. Though he usually reports boredom and listlessness when I am not around to entertain and annoy him, I think David gets on better than I do when we are separated.

David is my stabilizer; he's the control rod to my nuclear reactor, the boron that absorbs and calms my crazy flying neutrons. Within the first three months of being exposed to the placid properties of my new partner, I quit smoking and began to favor sleep over my usual weekend cocktails of GHB and cocaine. But when David went to Seattle toward the end of our sixth month together, the first thing I did was buy a pack of cigarettes, call my drug delivery boy, and decide which club I wanted to go to. A few days later, coughing, sniffing, pasty, and exhausted, I welcomed David home with open, desperate arms.

On my way to Vegas earlier this year, I was secretly hoping someone in the party would break out the good stuff — ecstasy,

coke, G, even acid — whatever it was, I decided during my solo five-hour drive that I was going to do it. Once there, however, it became clear that everyone, save my innocent sister, had been counting on the rest to provide the party favors, and that no one had had the initiative, forethought, or sufficient desire to try and acquire anything ahead of time. My initial reaction when I realized I was facing a weekend in Vegas sans the proper party materials was to feel a crushing disappointment. *I should have known better*, I thought while lounging by the pool with girls, *If you want something fun, you've got to get it yourself*. On the drive back, alert and well-rested, I was relieved to have been spared the unpleasant aftereffects of a weekend bender.

When I told him of my final decision to remain behind, David, his dimples flashing mischievously, said, "This will be a chance for you to go out and party all night, tear up the town, you know, snort cocaine, smoke cigarettes." I briefly considered the taunt as an option, and then, just as quickly, I dismissed the idea. It appears as though David's straight-edginess is rubbing off on me.

I mentally sifted through all of the activities I enjoy in which David has no interest. Dancing was first, rejected as soon as I conjured memories of drinks spilled on my shoes and creepy randomness taking advantage of the crowded dance floor. I thought about having a party, but David

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usually does all the hard stuff (nibbles and sips, music, visual entertainment, and clean-up) while I flash my verbal acumen. Of course, it's been a while since I watched *The Color Purple*, but I really need to be in the right mood for that, and I already had my period this month. I rejected every activity until I got to "turbo socializing." My eyes lit up and I immediately got on the horn to start booking back-to-back dates with friends and family members.

I may be dreading the prospect of sleeping alone in our giant bed, but I'm ecstatic when I glance at my calendar, now filled with plans for each waking moment of David's absence, plans I made in a frenzy to ensure I would be neither bored nor lonely while my lover is away.

Possibilities for socializing can be delightfully uncomplicated while Numero Uno is out of the picture — I won't have to solicit his agreement

before inviting someone over, or make sure he is preoccupied with tasks that don't interest me before I head out of the house. I can rest assured that he is off doing something I find to be exceptionally boring (which quells those "missing out" anxieties to which I am prone), and take comfort in the fact that for a few days, I won't be annoying my mild-mannered man when I blast *Les Miserables* and act out every scene — with props and costumes — in the living room.

I'm sure David will enjoy this little break from what my friend Ollie calls my "incessant yapping." But I also know that, because of our nauseating addiction to each other, he will miss me. I've been hinting to David that I will be partying it up Keith Richards style. I can imagine him, lying in his hotel bed, trying to get to sleep on sheets of inferior thread count, thinking of what

kind of trouble his woman is getting into, intermittently checking his cell phone for missed calls from the San Diego Police Department.

But, after my social adventures, none of which involved drugs or smokes, I will brush my teeth in the company of silence, climb into an empty bed, and fashion a body out of David's pillows, into which I will then burrow, wrapping myself in his scent, and taking as much solace as I can in such a poor substitute for the man who keeps me sane. ■

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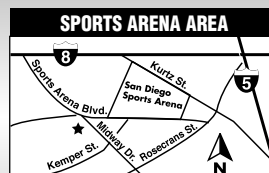
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My friend Adrian and I approached the darkened North Park apartment, and I sensed something wrong. It was and is my own apartment, one I share with my 28-year-old son, Geoffrey. The hour was early, maybe 6:30 p.m., and we had cut our evening short after snacks and a bit of canvas-viewing at the galleries on Ray Street. A cardboard box sat at the doorstep in shadow. It was the size of a small suitcase.

As I neared the door I called out, “Geoff! Geoffrey?” and I heard a rustling inside, a low voice coming from the bathroom. It was my son’s, and though I needn’t have jumped to the conclusion, I was afraid he had locked himself in the dark and was carrying on a conversation with his antagonistic spiritual entity named Roger, a kind of djinn, demon, imp, and the villain in his internal drama dementia. A real-enough

*They thought I was  
crazy, gave me some  
drug...that made me  
hear and see things,  
but a funny rule of  
reality is that once  
you can see them they  
become real.*

*Unfortunately the  
effects become real  
for other people too.*







person by the by, but that is beside the point at the moment. Or — it might have been Tina, the benevolent Athena in the netherworld he sometimes inhabits, a world made up of elements of fantasy role-playing games, sword-and-sorcery novels, supposedly nonfiction occult volumes and chapbooks (some of which I had supplied for him when he expressed curiosity and before he showed any indication of taking the stuff seriously).

“Dad?” His voice from the darkness.

“Geoffrey, what are you doing? What’s going on?” I lifted the package at the door, marked, I could now see, UPS. It contained vitamin supplements and body-building milkshake powders he had ordered online.

“The FBI and the CIA know that I know about the gravity energy supply at the earth’s core. I discovered it when I was meditating and I tapped into the computer at the Pentagon...” He went on, hurriedly, with a little kid’s voice I knew well, describing the bashing at the door by some khaki, short-panted kid UPS driver turned Man-In-Black from a government agency. Geoff had used that voice many years ago for describing the creatures that formed from lumps of clothing on a chair when the light went out in his bedroom. I had used that very incident in a piece of short fiction called “Bedtime Story,” published 15 years ago. There was, at the time, no reason whatever to think of his childhood fears presaging a clinical

paranoia. It was so normal, it was almost adorable...until, in fiction, I introduced a malevolent supernatural angle. Even that, the introduction of the woo woo boogeyman factor did not seem prescient years later and in light of Geoffrey’s fascination with the stuff; a fascination I thought normal, healthy, and cathartic, or even therapeutic. I encouraged him in what I thought was simply entertaining reading matter, mostly fiction, but occasionally some Colin Wilson, William James, Carl Jung, even Aleister Crowley, stuff I doubted he would much muddle through to any real extent. I still feel waves of remorse, with varying intensity, that I so gleefully handed him the means to furnish a delusional, traumatized mind.

“I wouldn’t worry about the FBI,” Adrian said to Geoffrey that night. “I don’t think they’re interested in gravity.”

I put the lights on, took the phone from my son. It was his mother on the line, nearing a hysteria tempered by the months of practice she’d had with worse incidents. These were before his hospitalization and involved truly strange, heartbreakingly bizarre forms of acting out, a suicide attempt with a samurai sword and, finally, the police. I made tea for Geoff and gave him a mild antianxiety pill. The culprit in this scenario had been the drug Abilify, an antipsychotic — in that Geoffrey had taken none for several days.

\* \* \*

Living with a schizo-

phrenic is not, as many jokes among the married and once-married might have it, a matter of living with multiple personalities — which might show up in anyone at all. Nor is it a case of living with someone who constantly changes his or her mind — again, at least no more so than occurs with a perfectly sane being who believes that changing one’s mind is a prerogative. It’s *anyone’s* prerogative, and so is “consistency the hobgoblin of small minds.” One is free to believe that, and I often do. I certainly don’t know what it is like to live with any mentally ill people but my son, a schizophrenic I love. And what that is like is what it is to live with anyone you love: a matter of tolerance to an irrational degree. Irrational on the lover’s

part, that is, not its object.

Not long ago, I bought a supposed religious artifact in Tijuana, thinking it might have anything from a miraculous to a placebo-like effect, maybe evoke a smile or underline suggestions concerning prayer (though I am hardly a noticeable example) that I had advanced. It is a book-like object bound in mediocre-quality leather. On its cover is a transparent and hollow crucifix of plastic containing water: *Agua del rio Jordan*, it says. When the pageless book is opened, the laminated rear and front cover have illuminated borders, an illustration of Christ’s crucifixion, and on the right, *Loz Diez Manamientos*, numbered one through ten. Feeling silly at the

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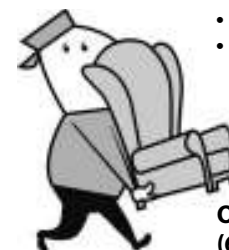
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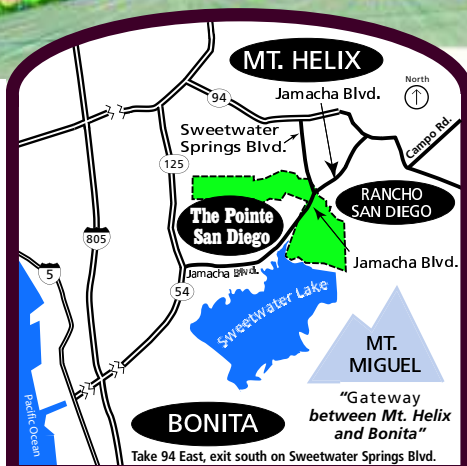
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outset (I had picked this object up in a duty-free shop, next to the Kahlúa and tequila and cartons of American cigarettes), I thought it might be a meaningful stocking-stuffer. It should cer-

tainly be harmless, but I sensed a perverse bristling at the edges of my conscience, as if what I were doing only but-tressed Geoff's overly steeped sensibilities concerning superstition. I

immediately felt guilty for the thought and once again knew what it was to be Catholic. And I am — if not the cafeteria type of Catholic (as the poet Mary Karr described, it describes all

Catholics, pretty much) then at least the duty-free Catholic I become when I think of it at all. What Geoffrey did by way of assessing the gift was to place the plastic, water-filled, leather-bound crucifix to his forehead and say, "I don't feel anything."

He has assayed prescription drugs by smelling them, then passing judgment on their efficacy. He will do these things and discuss them freely, with his psychiatrist, for example, as if there were

nothing unusual about it. "It's like, you know," he offers quite reasonably, "smelling coffee." He will then concern

described as eccentric rather than crazy, because there is undoubtedly some truth to his point — measura-

*Demons are not real. They are simply an illusion created by the mind.*

himself with the "decaying half-lives" of drugs that have not reached their expiration date and refuse, or attempt to refuse, to take them on this basis. This may be

ble in micrograms with spectrometers or what-have-you — but I have no desire nor see the necessity for delineating other of Geoffrey's aberrant behaviors just because they are sensational, gross, and colorful and make for more sensational reading. They are there. Believe it. They will not be yours for the purpose of this reading. Geoffrey has a disorder, the result of a violent trauma and a number of other ingredients. He does not like the word disorder, nor illness or affliction; he has recently referred to it as a "gift" in keeping with the convoluted, shattered logic of the schizophrenic to whom a new world view, after a psychotic break, is an intrinsic survival mechanism with a kind of genius in itself.

Before arranging to live with my son, more than a little thought went into it. Here is a diary entry I used for publication elsewhere. This was written in September of 2005.

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— Ernest Hemingway in a letter to F. Scott Fitzgerald.

It is not a usual thing for the last day of summer and the first day of autumn to be so obligingly cool, so relatively dry and with just the right play of lemon sunlight shot through the world like a hint of transcendence. Always my favorite time of year back East, late September in San Diego is unreliable as a host to winds of change. But as I write this, around noon on the 22nd, some three and a half hours to the autumn equinox, if it is death in the air, as Papa Hemingway (or Uncle Ernie as I call him) writes, then it is a kind of mercy killing. It is signaled in the weather and the light, an end to a summer of necessary evils, living downtown in a place I do not love, treading water, at times the very humidity, all the while waiting for the main chance out. In this part of town that hosts the Gaslamp and House of Blues, Horton Plaza and Seaport Village, but also showcases much of the cross-section of San Diego’s 28 percent living below the poverty line (over twice the national average), I am waiting as I write. Recently, my son agreed to share a place with me. His mental health (as well as my physical health) has improved so remarkably in the past six months that lingering objections have been eclipsed. With books and luggage I am waiting for my ride across town. In a few hours I will be in that apartment in a neighborhood less representative of San Diego’s scumbag factor.

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Later: The mood has gone. The tropical humidity is back as if the spirits of hurricane victims were borne on muggy drafts from the southeast. That equinox sense of the world being poised between one thing and another is gone from the streets this morning, and it is just as well; the world is what it is, and too much hope can be a damnable thing. The minutia of moving occupies the day: have keys made, there's no toilet paper here, what else? Make a list.

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It is almost comic relief after the incessant crack and amphetamine pounding of distorted bass tracks and chanted/rapped atonal litanies of obscenities and promised violence, “rhymes” fueled by absolute hatred, absolute anger. No Halloween costumes there, and the promised violence is real. I think about music that I hate as I unpack boxes. My son’s speed-metal stuff is included, though he may be past that phase, I don’t know. The last I heard he was listening to something called the Bloodhound Gang, and I didn’t want to hear them. The bands like Megadeth to which he listened in his teens now seem harmlessly

overblown and operatic. What do I listen to now? My opinion of music is clearly irrelevant: I find every other song played at Starbucks unobjectionable, and certainly that is a kind of death.

So what will we do? Go to ball games? Neither of us is a big fan. Movies? His disorder and medications make it difficult for him to concentrate on plots — same with novels. He plays video games compulsively, and though I know nothing about them, I recognize compulsive behavior, and I’ll make my bid to substitute another activity at times. A nearby gym might provide one of them.

Talk is what I’m

hoping for, mostly. I want him to tell me about it. What is it like, that kind of madness? I’ll tell him, as best I can, what it is like to drink the way I have and maybe some reasons why; he can judge if

*To understand me you have to see through*

*the shadow created by World, which can be*

*quite illusory.*

they’re valid or not, and he will. Everyone else does, and everyone is always right. It is a new attitude I have, though never a belief. There are similarities in our disor-

ders, I think. R.D. Laing once said something to the effect that schizophrenia is a perfectly sane response to the world. Charles Bukowski (though I am loathe to invite comparisons) once said — when

untenable.

While yesterday’s autumnal magic seems to have fled, it has left the mundane behind, the world of toilet tissue and Cox Cable, locksmiths and walls without art. None of it seems overwhelming. Instead it all appears as a blank slate on which we can write the sane, the tenable.

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It was rehab that I was referring to in the journal entry, the “place I did not love”; and it was there, I remember, a counselor addressed a small group-therapy session, myself present, but mostly he was addressing some other alcoholic or drug addict, deliri-

ously untouchable by his predicament in addiction. The counselor took a blank piece of 8-by-11-inch paper and also took his shot: a shot across the bows of this impervious psyche in a Bob Marley T-shirt. “This is what divorce does to the child.” He then ripped the page roughly in half. It was I who cried like a kid, the Bob Marley shirt guy blew saliva through his lips and laughed.

Though Geoffrey will not read any longer, I asked him to write once again. We went out to a coffee shop. He used my laptop and wrote this:

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Named after the Anne Rice vampire series, I wonder, as I sit here noodling on my laptop, if she has ever been here. Rice recently moved to La Jolla from drowned New Orleans, I believe, and if I were she, I'd be curious as to what I had wrought here on Adams Avenue in San Diego. If Starbucks has angelic protection or outer-space aliens serving coffee — a personal observation, make of it what you will — Lestat's has Vampires and at least one Hobbit.

The threshold itself seems to accelerate one to supernatural speed, though not speed so much as a gliding grace, a kind of subliminal Michael Jackson moonwalk. Ordering a hammerhead seemed to change the gravity of the situation.

Looking for others of my kind (what might that be? That would be telling.) and finding none I decided to play with the mortals. I tempted fate and changed the coffee into blood (a creative visual meditation I have no time to go into here) which had the effect of making me lighter on my feet, affording me a near preternatural alacrity. I was an equal among the coffee drinkers. God knows how long they'd been at it.

OK, so I didn't have supernatural speed, just some herbal supplements of Alfalfa which gave me the grace of an Arabian horse (the coffee was Ethiopian, I believe) and was spiked with espresso facilitating the alfalfa stimulant. Asking the coffee tender's name, he told me, "Nick, the Hobbit." He is five feet and seven inches tall (my height exactly), and when asked if there were any vampires around he said, "No, just wannabees. You know the Goths with lots of piercing &

tattoos into new age philosophy or role-playing." I may have seen a few of these but they didn't reveal their nature to me.  
Heading into

Lestat's West Coven or the band room, I talked with some of the musician's for a while. My father was here to visit with old band mates and I was told,

"Sit here. Write something." The group opening for my dad's old band was "Thinking Out Loud" with Miff Laracey and Jerry Riggs. Miff, a longtime San Diego

player who has at one time or another played with everyone locally and in L.A. had a Taylor acoustic and his partner embraced a giant type of violin; I had no clue

what it was. An upright bass I learned. I did learn one other thing. The coffee drinking hang out on one side and the musicians & fans on the other made

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it's hard to find any true vampires. Patrons of both rooms spill out onto the sidewalk for cigarettes, many with their own instruments, some wander to bars down the block for drinks or engage in pool games patronizing several businesses at once. Getting another coffee I heard one lady by the name of Alda say something to her girlfriend's baby. "I would rather you get laid than spend your life playing video games."

I don't know what this has to do with vampires but it was definitely something I could relate to. After heading into the music den once more Miff and Jeff were performing their duets and my instincts told me they were harmonizing correctly but Miff's friend couldn't hit high notes on a Buddy Holly song and suddenly

couldn't be heard for a few beats. He lifted his head as if miming the high note; instinct perhaps — or a trick, as if to act out singing the note it would manifest in the audience's ears — or maybe it was some absorbed business from watching too much

my old friend told me about cheese or girlfriends. Something about food always being a better choice than sex. So I left to make my self a ham sandwich at home and play myself a game of Warcraft 3. So I guess I chose wrong. Having vampire powers isn't

*While he'll allow me to make him the occa-*

*sional omelet or salad, he's been using our*

*perceived financial emergency to buy many*

*Jack in the Box tacos at two per dollar.*

MTV lip-synching. "Thinking Out Loud" did a pretty good job for their first time as an act and little rehearsal.

After chatting with a couple of gals I half remembered something

enough to get the girl at the end. It takes skipping cheese (or ham) and not playing video games. Any way, my weight is a testimony to my choices. Too overweight to look as if I have supernatural

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powers of the svelte and patrician Slavic aristocrat associated with the vampire, I guess, what I like to think of as my supernatural gravitas just means I'm overweight.

\* \* \*

Geoff is terribly troubled by his weight. He would not have you know what it is. He won't have photos taken. This suggests some freakish number, and it is not, certainly not today. You will find any number of men and women his age in any fast-food restaurant in America who weigh in at something similar. It is the side effects (among others) of drugs like Serenol and Abilify, Zoloft, Zyprexa, and a few others with which they have experimented on Geoff during those studies you see advertised on cable TV at three in the morning. For the moment, I can find gratitude in the fact that he is eating somewhat normal food and somewhat normally — just in larger portions. It was not that long ago that he was compulsively eating orange halves by the dozen for their "Chi energy" (the word is enjoying a fashion of misuse) and gallons of milk at a time. This latter phase was, as he perceived for a time, his only method of ingesting oxygen. God knows why. For similar reasons, he would also eat used

coffee grounds from the trash — including the filters.

To say he has good days and bad days is a handy enough response to the question "How's your son?" It is roughly accurate and saves a lot of time. It's the kind of thing you say about someone with Alzheimer's or cancer. Most days do not involve trips to the emergency room, as happened once several weeks ago.

Geoffrey had some sort of irritation on his backside, at the tailbone, an embarrassing spot for a guy who is very modest and uncomfortable with his body in almost every way. What he was describing sounded to me like hemorrhoids, but it was not. He had been ordering growth supplements from Internet sites. He is convinced, at five foot six or seven that he is uncommonly small. Believing that the growth supplements were working, he thought that the irritation was the nascent



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growth of a kind of tail, a calcium deposit, perhaps. It seemed to me unlikely that he was growing a tail, but I had no helpful explanation. Consulting with other, equally half-informed (or worse) online experts, Geoff became convinced that, with all his scratching, he had infected the site, and it was now likely gangrenous. He would not let me look at it at all.

He phoned his mother, though I was right there, and while eating sandwiches, crackers, anything he

could find, infected his mother with borderline hysteria about this gangrene of the backside. At Mercy, the doctor dismissed it as something akin to an ingrown hair. The crisis had passed, though he remains highly suggestible.

\* \* \*

*Geoffrey wrote:*

#### **DARK MUSE**

Warning this is not real however it could be plausible.

As I sit here writing I hear the sound of cop cars. A little earlier, I

heard that the possibility of more terrorist threats is on the rise.

Using my psychic abilities I divine the future. Interesting: the Dark card that could represent the fog of time, or simply an unknown fate. But I am also a magician and the dark represents the arcane and the shadow. Things can go wrong on nights like these. I feel more demons about than angels. And that is a fact. Are demons real? They are half real and that's all I'll say.

Their effects are

quite real: invisible flyingimps can actually cause a lot of chaos.

Another card, Void causes natural laws to stop functioning. Up becomes down, gravity becomes weightlessness, and time might go backwards, the fat are fast and the skinny slow. Now back to the main problem at hand such as me not sleeping and five choppers in the sky and 20 police sirens going off.

Now, this is in ghetto San Diego County and the only thing I can think of is a mass uprising of the Mexican population. I picked up a couple of things: Isn't it both highly illegal for the police to be carrying (unless the military had been called in) armor

piercing ammunition as well as 50 caliber rounds? Now why on God's earth (if you can call it that anymore) would police need this stuff unless they planed on nuking everyone? Anyway, doing a little remote viewing, Osama bin Laden seems to be summoning up Djinn to cause chaos in America. Djinn are like Muslim demons, whirlwind elementals against which we have no defense — here. They can do things from mind control to simply sticking their claws in someone's heart. Anyway, most psychics don't know jack and couldn't defend themselves against these things if their life depended on it. Well, there are a few that can and we need them badly.

Unfortunately the state thinks they're crazy and feeds them psychotropic medicine that awakens their senses making them crazier than before and they make Faustian deals with the devil for power or turn vampire. That's how I became psychic; writing a story on the state drug system told them I was psychic. They thought I was crazy, gave me some drug, Risperdal, that made me hear and see things but a funny rule of reality is that once you can see them they become real. Unfortunately the effects become real for other people too.

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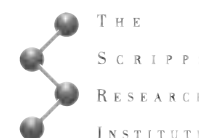
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magic does. Some dreamers, those who have not had their senses attuned yet can actually use null magic and dispel certain magic effects. This is why some are more vulnerable to its effects than others. Oh well, it's a good thing most of these demons are only man-sized seeing as the bigger ones are locked in the pit. I think I can finally get some sleep.

*Later, he continues:*

1 Demons are not real. They are simply an illusion created by the mind.

2 Shadows can't hurt you.

3 Psychic powers don't work. It's all in the mind.

4 Vampires aren't real.

As I write today the chaotic impulse no longer abides in me. It is a muse for sure but also an intelligent one.

I suppose it is good, a fitting way to end this story. The first of several stories to be sure. I would also say that a muse is not me and that I can have many muses (musings) which mostly means many ways of telling a story. Perhaps this mus[ing] is the calm before the storm as I sense change.

Maybe the world changes one day at a time and is different for each person living in his or her own personal heaven or hell. Or, as the jacket copy for John Crowley's *Demonomania* [Fantasy: Bantam Books] reads, "When the world ends, it ends somewhat differently for each soul then alive to see it; the end doesn't come all at once but passes and repasses over the world like the shivers that pass over a horse's skin." How does this relate to mankind? We

may be able to change the future with fate. But we all have our own spiritual aspects and not all are the same. They are many and varied like the colors of a rainbow but somehow they have to all weave together. The best description of a fateful god I have found occurs in Games Workshop's Table: Top strategy war game Warhammer 40,000 in the book *Realm of Chaos, The Lost and the Damned* with Tzeentch being the equivalent to fate. "Tzeentch is also the Great Conspirator, the master of plot and intrigue. Because he is aware of the dreams and plans of all mortals, he is able to predict the likely course, or courses, which the future might take. Tzeentch perceives every event and every intention, and from this information his mighty mind can work out how

each will influence the future."

So how does this relate to me? Well, since the only constant is change my muse changes with the times. I let different muses write through me so the distinct writing style of each may be equivalently different. Or at least that is the theory of the muse. For this part of the story is "Dark Muse."

\* \* \*

Geoffrey's skill at writing varies considerably from moment to moment, and he cannot keep at it for any one stretch for long. His clarity, even to the extent of considering what he has written, fiction or nonfiction, is suspect. He certainly knows the definition in literature, but it is as if, when asked which category or subject matter this or that

piece would fall under, he puzzles for a moment as if deciding whether or not it happened, whether or not it is true — whether or not it should be taken seriously. Writing of almost any kind is revealing, from a shopping list to a bedroom farce, and it is why I ask him to do it. One of the dubious benefits of his cooperation in this is a tight-focus illustration of the kaleidoscopic shards his thought process can become. I also have hope that, like breadcrumbs through a darkened wood (to mix metaphors, and why not in this context?), the process can be traced. The language he has chosen, what Ursula K. Le Guin has called "The Language of the Night" — and that is fantasy, science fiction, fable, and poetry (after its kind) — is one I am

familiar with, a language I have been feeding him since infancy, and there are times it seems I should be hanged for it. This last sense is one I get from such disparate sources as my former mother-in-law and Geoffrey's own psychiatrist.

In the bestseller from 1955 *The Fifty-Minute Hour* by Robert Lindner, a series of psychoanalytic case histories, the author saves for the end a chapter titled "The Jet-Propelled Couch." In it, he describes a patient sent to him by a physician at a government installation in Maryland. The patient, Kirk, was a brilliant physicist with one outstanding oddity. He believed himself to be the main character in a series of science fiction novels he had encountered in childhood. The character had his same

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Christian name (not Captain James Kirk — this was well before *Star Trek*), and the physicist believed himself to be the kingpin of a vast intergalactic empire. “The discovery...led him into passionate participation in the book, followed by so many rereadings that parts of it were automatically committed to memory.” Lindner continues at great length:

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\* \* \*

*Forward one week: This is my journal entry:*

Geoffrey and I are broke until I get paid. We’ve been doing pretty well, and this is just one of those inevitable end-of-the-pay-cycle inconveniences. I am as neurotic or more so than anyone about money, and while we never gave Geoffrey reason to worry about its absence, he has been having an interesting reaction. (I

wonder if he’s ever seen an empty refrigerator in his home?) He has demonstrated a burst of energy re: recycling plastic bottles and aluminum cans (enormous

amounts of consumed liquids: milk, water, soda, iced tea, energy drinks for “chi,” etc.). He can collect two or three dollars’ worth of credit voucher for Sav-On, and

he enjoys a sense of contribution. His disability money (\$800 per month) does not go far. His half of rent (in what he has described here somewhere as a

“ghetto”) is more than half of that, and grocery bills are (to me anyway; his mother shows little surprise) staggering. He monitors electricity use. While he’ll allow me to

make him the occasional omelet or salad, he’s been using our perceived financial emergency to buy many Jack in the Box tacos at two per dollar. A popular cartoon

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image of the schizo might be served by a snapshot of Geoff walking down the street with bags of burgers, fries, or frijoles (cooked in lard at the local workers' haunts) and carne asada burritos and a small jar of over-the-counter diet pills.

His connection between the act of writing and payment is a unique one. Just as I saw my father seemingly mail off typewritten sheets to magazines with names like *Ave Maria* or *Saint Jude* and, not long after, receive a check in the mail for \$85 or, I remember one time, incredibly impressed, \$450 — Geoffrey too must see my relationship between words on paper (or screen) and money as completely normal. When I suggested we might be able to sell an article about ourselves and pay some bills that

way, he nodded, accepting the idea as a matter of course. He added to the pages he had written that night at Lestat's and yesterday, when we were taking inventory of our cupboards, handed me the pages below. He looked at the canned corn, tuna, soup mix, etc. with satisfaction and said, "Well, at least we're getting on the ball with this article. We're doing what we can."

I could find no way to express how god-damned adorable this companionable bit of machismo struck me. Did I mention he does not like to be touched? I cannot touch him.

\* \* \*

And so I write even more than usual these days. As to what happened to my son, I have my own version. Just as when I asked Geoff to write about how this all

started and he gave me a few pages of a kind of fiction enormously helpful to him for now, but almost, almost useless to me, I have been treating the whole business in what is so far a long short story or short novella. The events depicted below are fiction but closer to conventional truth (the Sheriff's Department or his mother, for example, would recognize what is rendered), closer to "the facts," than any version you will get from Geoff.

\* \* \*

Justin's madness announced itself in the young Smith's early twenties. A part-time community college student, he was also a part-time pizza deliveryman, which left him time to be a fairly sleepless and full-time, online, role-playing game addict. The game was War-

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Realm. He met Tayeena when he delivered a meat-lover's combo to her family's home in North County, San Diego. She, he discovered during their first date (a mall Cineplex viewing of *Aeon Flux*), was also an online enthusiast of the game, and Justin had often confronted her, in cyberspace, as it were. Her persona there was Doriana, shaman and archer on the level 9 kingdom of Mondragor. They marveled at each other's mortal incarnations on Jacaranda Boulevard: she a scrawny, nougat-colored and cornrowed 19-year-old with braces, and Justin, five six, 220

pounds, stringy, shoulder-length hair, and (the bane of young Smith's existence) an acne-ravaged complexion.

Justin had fallen in love in that way that is, in itself, a kind of life-threatening consumption, and his parents consoled themselves that he was at least getting it out of the way as a young man: an unpursued reference to the disastrous and pathetic midlife crisis that had undone the Smith marriage and nearly ended the writer's career with guilt-fueled alcoholism.

Tayeena, it turned out, had had precisely this effect on another pizza driver, a boy, really,

Alan, who had worked for the same company, driven the same route, and, as of Justin's first

the shadows of the parking lot in the mini-mall where Pizza Palace was the last to extinguish its

*Around that same 24-hour period, he said he regretted he did not have a sledgehammer so he could pound his head into such contusions that the swelling would accommodate more brain space for his thinking.*

meeting with the girl, had been stalking her for six weeks.

Alan had waited in

lights. Justin was unaware of the thinner, taller black kid and his two friends until the cell

phone Justin was clutching was ripped from his hand with a wrist-numbing bite of a fast-coiling bicycle chain that snared his arm. Blows from the chain then snarled against his head and body. Somewhere, in shock probably, between the trauma itself and the ambulance, Justin experienced his first psychotic break....

\* \* \*

Geoff wrote:

To understand me you have to see through the shadow created by World, which can be quite illusory. In the future I plan on writing about personal muses and how they might

give one good luck. I will bring up the question: Does everyone have a soul or maybe more than one? These are secrets everyone can learn and can be quite adept with a little training and insight. The last question is, is it real or is it all in the mind, and the answer in short is that it is all in the mind. In fact I consider the mind to be the ultimate dimension from which all things are possible.

If the doctors and scientists were right it would be rather plain and without magic and perhaps we need a little magic in the world.

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It has been some

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months since Geoffrey wrote the above. Much has happened since, as I suspected it would. We'd briefly considered Geoffrey's final sentence as a closing to the article: very upbeat, and I can well picture an imaginary reader, some compulsively positive, turn-that-frown-upside-down type (I see an elderly woman, for some reason), a person who describes herself as "a glass-half-full kind of gal." This kind of reader abounds in San Diego, I know. I've met them, and they often take exception to my work or ask why I "always have to be so unhappy." Aside from that loyalty to unhappiness that comes with a Catholic upbringing (sometimes, sometimes, but it's common enough to fill lists, notes for stand-up-comic material), it is a repeated series of experiences

whose lessons I seem too dense to unfurl. What I come up with instead is: "Just when you think things can't get any worse, they do." This, of course, is unpleasant, distasteful, ungraciously bleak — but also unimaginative and of no help whatsoever.

Right now, Geoffrey is alternately reclining on his disheveled (and unlaundered, for possibly a month) bedclothes amid the rest of his dirty laundry, cups, glasses, paper plates (I remove what I can, anything with food remnants — but he adamantly resists my meddling with his space). I believe he has overheard a phone conversation I had with my sister, a psychiatric nurse in San Francisco, discussing how this once-promising experiment has all the earmarks now of failure.

The other night, my

son was saying some very hateful things he may or may not have meant, and I pleaded with him to take an anti-anxiety (low-dose) Lorazepam. At first he agreed, and then he threw it at me. I told him if he ever threw

24-hour period, he said he regretted he did not have a sledgehammer so he could pound his head into such contusions that the swelling would accommodate more brain space for his thinking. Several minutes later, I telephoned

(After all, if my son *were* serious, there is a perfectly good claw hammer in the kitchen drawer that would do the job.) And then I picture the policeman, fixing me with a Columbo-style squint, saying, "Did you think about this before wasting my time?" In other words, I was afraid that a call to 911 would seem like a boy crying wolf. But it is a very real kind of wolf under the roof here as I write this, and it is the illness. NAMI's literature uniformly follows their acronym with the phrase, "San Diego's Voice on Mental Illness."

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"The symptoms of schizophrenia are generally divided into three categories, including positive, disorganized and negative symptoms...."

It is near impossible for me to come up with what they might mean by positive, but their definitions are different in specific ways.

"Positive symptoms or 'psychotic' symptoms

*I am an idiot, an impediment to some other-wise smooth-running master plan of life.*

*That is his attitude. He dislikes me very much: I am an embarrassment.*

anything at me again I would slap him. It was the first and only physical threat I have made against him — other than (possibly) that of swatting his butt if he poops his pants again.

Within that same

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That is roughly half the page dealing with NAMI's definition, and there seems little to disagree with, even among the most unconventional concerned.

The following, handwritten by my son, may serve as further illustration:

"Meditating on my old school is sometimes difficult." (He is referring to Palomar College, where he first met friends, several of whom, it turns out, have since been diagnosed with some schiz-related matter.) "I use a form of Neuro-Linguistic Programming." (Geoffrey has never formally studied NLP, and reading material he has brought home on the subject has been returned unread to the public library.) "With a little reverse psychology, I manage to [illegible] ... although not built [Palomar College and a joke, I believe, regarding old horror-story conventions] upon an old Indian burial ground, that I know of, many of my friends have been influenced by spirits or 'mind magi' or other forces."

Later, Geoff told me that the only members of this group who did not permanently lose their minds were those who went on to experiment with cocaine. Geoffrey told me he'd never tried cocaine. I believe him. He has never had the habit of lying until recently, and then usually when talking about taking his medication.

Geoffrey also wrote: "Instead, the area is the Student Center and the 'back area.' This is where most of my friends into magic would meet and 'the pagans' would practice the art of role-playing. Like a two-sided coin, one representing evil, the other good, the role-playing magi attempt east and west [illegible]...[something, something]...magic mussels [?? I must have that wrong] at the darkness. A metaphor for revealing the..."

\* \* \*

From my journal: Thursday, May 11, 2006

I am keeping this e-log about Geoffrey's progress living here with me. It has seemed superfluous since I have also been keeping a regular journal and writing columns, many of which involve Geoffrey, particularly. Also, I have been writing a 10,000-word cover story, supposedly a collaboration with my son; but I can induce

Geoff to write very little. We have been paid. I set half aside for Geoff (bills, and toys — from a \$450 digital camera to computer enhancements) and gave him several hundred dollars in cash. Cash does not seem to be a major problem with him; it does not lead, for example, to bad behavior.

Yesterday, I visited NAMI, and it appears that I will, as of next Tuesday, be committed to a 12-week course. I must think of Geoffrey in terms of babysitters or day-care in this situation. NAMI can help me, I'm sure. Counselors will keep him occupied with group therapy or crafts while I attend seminars and discussions (I assume).

Tempted as I am to recount many episodes of disturbing stuff, I will cut to the chase and say that Geoffrey woke this morning at 9 a.m., armed with laundry. On the one hand, it was good to see him with so much laundry work; on the other, his (literally) overnight attitude toward me has become that of the enemy. I am an idiot, an impediment to some otherwise smooth-running master plan of life. That is his attitude. He dislikes me very much: I am an embarrassment. I do silly things in an effort to make him laugh, which always backfire

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and illustrate my foolishness. As for respect — this is a joke. His view of me is reminiscent of the Mark Twain gag about his own father, which is something to the effect that Twain's old man was quite stupid until the young Twain grew older and was astonished at what Dad had learned. I seriously wonder how Geoffrey supposes I survived to the age of 55 given my multiple disabilities. This day promises to be difficult.

I need to work and so I will, but I feel I am sitting on — to say a time bomb is overly dramatic, but maybe a temporary truce is the best way to put it. (A truce over what, though? I have no idea, unless he considers me one of the conspirators in the hospital's commitment to drive him mad and "destroy" his brain.)

My affection for Geoffrey remains unquestioned, but it is taxed daily, as I fear his affection for me must be. I have already attempted to drink alcohol (five occasions — none of them resulting in intoxication) to calm myself and found it useless, harsh, and poisonous.

\* \* \*

*Months later:* The apartment is no longer mine. After staggering around the grounds a few nights, I was asked to leave. Eventually I found drink to be less than useless and harsh, though I remained aware that it is poison. I have betrayed Geoffrey. We made a deal, his idea: I don't drink and he takes his meds. It worked for a couple of weeks and then Geoffrey informed me that he thought it possible to pray to aliens. I had no response but to inform him that the idea was irrational. He disagreed. I bought a bottle. I kept buying them for a while.

Geoffrey was allowed to stay in the apartment

for another month, and then he too must leave. Why? The only answer I have is that it is uncomfortable to be around anyone who has lost his or her mind. Certainly those in the real estate business must find this undesirable; undoubtedly they consider themselves the most eminently sane of all of humanity. The fact that so many of them are compulsively, neurotically greedy is entirely acceptable, isn't it?

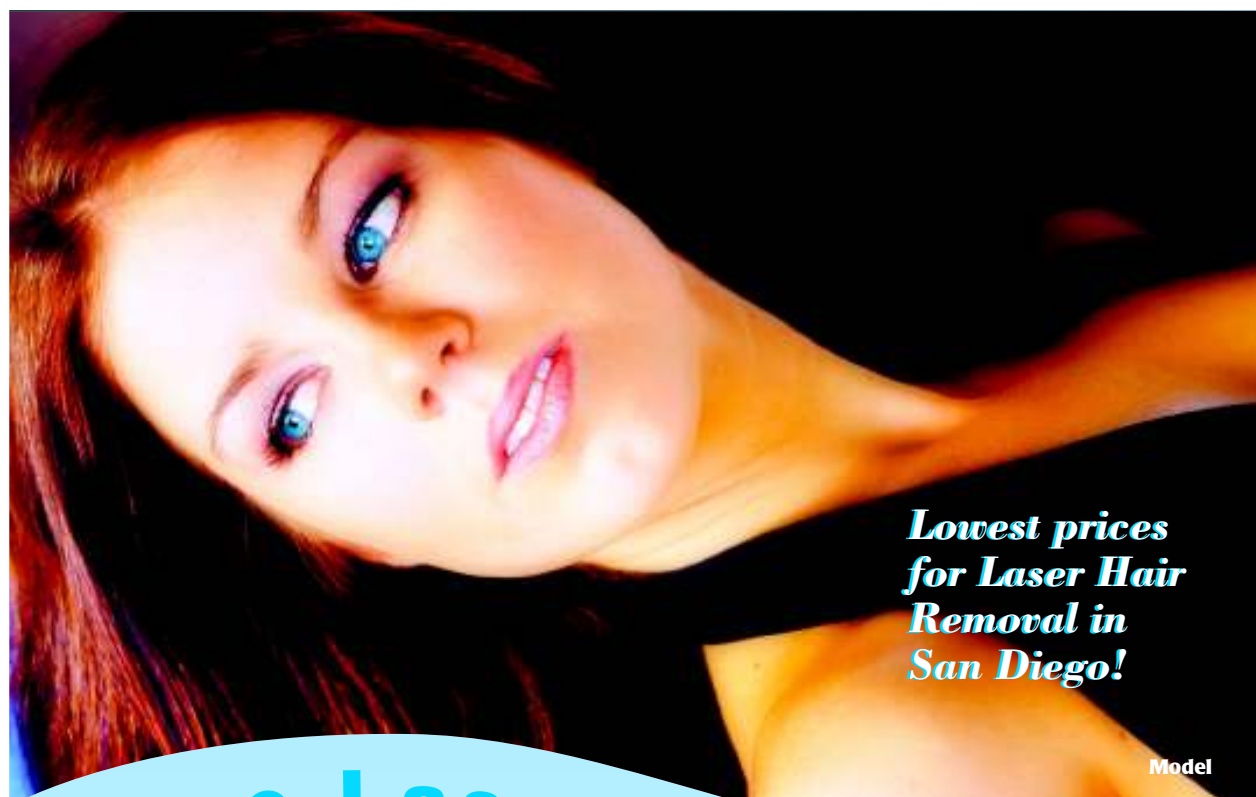
Admirable, in fact, no?

I have been in hotels and got booted out of two of them for trashing the rooms and staggering around. One hotel manager said, "It looked as if Led Zeppelin had been partying in here for a month."

Geoffrey too is in a motel in North County and will move, alone, into a single-bedroom apartment near his mother's office. On the telephone he sounds alternately warm and responsive, then emotionless and distrustful. I have stopped drinking and have reinvolved myself with the business of dealing with that mental obsession on a daily basis. Everyone says I am doing well, and I feel physically better, and the antidepressants have kicked in. Still there is the knowledge of betrayal.

Geoff's mother says he is doing well, and it seems she's right, judging by my phone conversations with him. He has rejoined a group of friends, but not the delusional ones — at least, I don't believe so. In so many ways, my son's adult life has been a mystery to me and that continues. How many chances I will have to close the distance, heal the wound between us, is uncertain, but I believe that is eventual. Mostly because of Geoffrey's innate generosity of spirit and God's habit of taking something humanly foul and creating from it something fine. ■

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Serious candy investors ditch the plastic pumpkin candy-holder; its small size and dinky handle are made for novices. A large pillowcase is preferred and is handy for self-protection once your bag is somewhat full. Nothing beats the bad guys away better than a six-pound pillowcase full of sweets; a lollipop stick in the eye is better than what three years of karate would have gotten you.

After showing each house your adorable gap teeth (to get more candy), the bartering session begins. Dramatically empty your candy onto the floor and emphasize the volume of what you've earned. Once you've assessed the initial value of your stash, the best tactic is to wait and let the bidders come to you. This bluff will get you the best candy in the end.

My first move would be to get rid of any overly sticky, nutty, dinky, or shady-looking varieties of candy. This included but was not limited to: Almond Joys, those little unlabeled strawberry hard candies, and "Fun Size" Snickers. I'd save a couple of the Snickers, but because they'd outnumber any candy in my bag, it made sense to get rid of them first. My

ultimate goal? I wanted anything that would leave my orthodontist in a cold sweat: strawberry Laffy Taffy, Starburst—anything coated in sour powder and anything remotely gummy.

—Amanda Cormier,  
Westview H.S.

**I** love Halloween. What isn't there to love about dressing up in costumes and getting free candy? But my enthusiasm for it has declined over the years.

As a little girl, I'd look at the "big kid" costumes that I couldn't wait to dress up in, but I was content to be something cute, like a Pumpkin Princess. Between fifth and ninth grades, I enjoyed dressing up as something horrific. One year I dressed as a vampire and the next

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I dressed as a dead homecoming date. Nowadays, the focus has turned to how attractive looking I can be. As a female high school junior, going to a party as a vampire with blood dripping down wouldn't be the best costume...unless, of course, the costume itself was somewhat revealing.

This leads me to the one thing I don't like about Halloween. Last year I went trick-or-treating and got multiple comments along the lines of, "Aren't you a little old to be trick-or-treating?" Another common problem was the younger children getting more candy than my friends and I did. I find that ridiculous. It's

cute to see a happy five-year-old get hyper off of candy, but do the parents really want to handle that at 10 p.m.? I'd rather handle a teenager who has been eating candy for an hour.

It's sad that as you get older you can't enjoy Halloween as much as when you were a little kid. There are haunted houses that come around every year, but not everyone has the transportation or the money to be able to attend. Then there are the Halloween parties that people throw, but not everyone is a party person. What's the point in buying a costume if you have nowhere to wear it? I don't see the point in buy-

ing a \$30 costume and wearing it around my house or outside while I pass out candy. I just wish that this

**M**y most fond memory of Halloween took place on October 31, 2003.

**MY BROTHER TOOK MOST OF MY SOUR CANDY THAT I DID NOT CARE FOR AND GAVE ME HIS CHOCOLATE BARS. ALTHOUGH EACH OF US HAD RECEIVED WHAT WE WANTED, I STOLE FROM HIM WHEN HE WASN'T PRESENT.**

holiday, and holidays in general, could be enjoyable for all age groups.

— *Chelsea Kennedy, Madison H.S.*

I walked across the Parkway Middle School campus dressed in my '60s flower-child costume, which included a headband and

bell bottoms. My friends greeted me with candy and Halloween-inspired practical jokes. Afterward, I rushed home, waiting for the day to fade so I could go collect my bounty of sugar.

As we set out into the neighborhood, I noticed how almost every home was embellished with cobwebs, spiders, smoke, graveyards, and elaborate sound effects. My seven-year-old brother and my two younger cousins and I knocked on doors answered by otherworldly creatures that frightened us before we could ask for candy.

I walked toward a house decorated with flashing multi-colored lights, a large

coffin in the front yard with a vampire inside, a trail of bones leading up to the door, fake blood splattered across the brick wall, and a large mechanical spider that walked across the roof. There, I received three "King Size" candy bars: a Reese's, a Milky Way, and a Snickers. These were the best treats I could recall getting from one house. However, there were "treats" that night that were the worst I had ever received: crayons, toothpaste, and empty Ziploc bags.

After three hours of ringing doorbells and being terrorized by monsters and villains, my brother and I arrived at our house and

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poured our candy on the floor to negotiate a trade. My brother took most of my sour candy that I did not care for and gave me his chocolate bars. Although each of us had received what we wanted, I stole from him when he wasn't present.

When my mom saw how wild my brother and I became after eating all that sugar, she hid our trick-or-treat bags in a cupboard she thought we couldn't reach. We managed to get into our bags when she was asleep, and within five days we had finished the massive quantities of candy. Since then, my brother has had no cavities, but I have a feeling the candy binges will catch up to him one day. My overindulgence resulted in three cavities and two root canals.

— Nichole Naoum,  
West Hills H.S.

**M**y mom always paid meticulous attention to our costumes. She took pains to prepare both my younger



sister's and my costumes, including face makeup. She would make us look all cute or scary (depending on what we were that year), and then she would take our picture. My dad would

drive the four of us to my grandparents' for more photographs and trick-or-treating in their neighborhood.

In those days, my grandparents lived in a large condominium complex that made a perfect, safe environment for trick-or-treating. Everyone there was so nice, and I remember a homeowner on the eastern side of the complex well. He would always elaborately decorate his home. When I rang the doorbell each year, he would be wearing some outlandish costume.

After my sister and I got bored, my dad would drive us back to our neighborhood so we could finish trick-or-treating. This was always the main event because it was a large neighborhood and the majority of our friends lived there.

When we'd return home, we would sit in the hallway, dump the bags of candy on the carpet, and sort it, keeping the good stuff and throwing away the gross or bad stuff, such as unwrapped licorice and cheap lollipops. My sister and I would always fight about who got the most candy and how the "best stuff" would be split up. My mom would always tell us to stop or else she'd take our candy away.

Now that I am almost 17 and too old to trick-or-treat, I miss those days. Trick-or-treating created family memories that I

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Okay, I'll admit it...I was one of those teenagers who went trick-or-treating on Halloween. Throughout the beginning of October, freshman year, I contemplated whether or not I was too old to go trick-or-treating. However, on Halloween, my friends and I couldn't resist putting together some last-minute outfits and running from house to house. I gathered every red piece of clothing I could find in my house and grabbed my devil horns and pitchfork from a few years earlier. My friend threw on an apron and grabbed a bread roller, declaring herself Betty Crocker.

About seven of my friends gathered at my house. The best part about that night was feeling like we had returned to elementary school. We pushed each other out of the way to get the biggest pieces of candy and complained when the person gave us one piece

less than the kid standing next to us. We ran around jumping out from behind cars, scaring each other. Near the end of the night, we received a rude awakening. An old man opened up the door, and after hearing "trick or treat," looked us over once, said, "You kids are too old to trick or treat," then closed the door, leaving us on his doorstep. We looked around in shock. No one had ever denied us free candy on Halloween.

After that, we went back to my friend's house and ate too much candy.

We forgot about the old man, but that was the last house we ever trick-or-treated at. I now sit at home and deliver candy, envious of the kids who come by; or, I watch scary movies with my friends. At least I still get free candy (from my younger sister's trick-or-treat bag).

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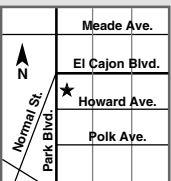
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## NORTH PARK UPGRADES

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WHILE NORTH PARK'S BOUNDARY lines are debated, its hub is the intersection of University Avenue and 30th Street, which is where its story begins. Just north-east of Balboa Park, North Park is an epicenter of coffee shops and storefronts, restaurants and dive bars, thrift stores and couture boutiques — an odd mix, all in all. The University Avenue area in particular is an excellent point with which to chart North Park's recent surge of upgrading amid what is left of its former incarnation as somewhat of a slum. There is an interesting mishmash of polarities on display, from the flocks of homeless who congregate at the bus stops to the well-dressed professionals wandering in and out of Heaven Sent Desserts to the tattoo shop just kitty-corner from the newly renovated Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre. Thirtieth Street is a mix of rising condos and dilapidated single-family homes; the newly renovated Dino's is outfitted with white leather couches, while the local mainstay bars boast balding pool tables and PBR tall-boys for three bucks a pop.

The surrounding neighborhoods reflect a mirror image of the changing environs. While scrubby, sun-scorched patches still dot the landscape, many

shading peeling-painted houses from the worst of the sun. Some lawns are all dirt, others all trash, tampons and chip bags scattered among 40-ounce bottles of malt liquor and cigarette butts. Skinny cats wander in and out as family dogs trot happily down the sidewalk beside their owners. To be simple, it is what real estate agents deem a "community in transition."

Since its inception, those in North Park have had an eye cast toward development. In 1893, North Park's "first family," the Hartleys, bought up the 40-acre parcel of land where University and 30th now meet. After the Georgia Street Bridge was erected in 1907 and the first trolley lines installed not long thereafter, North Park began to look like viable real estate. A few years later Jack Hartley, along with

and in 1961, developers plunked the Mission Valley Shopping Center a few miles from North Park. "Mission Valley killed everything," says Roger Newton, over a heaping plate of hocks and lima beans at Rudford's on El Cajon Boulevard. North Park entered what would become a long slump, Newton explains; buildings sat empty, stores boarded up. Newton, a retired electronics engineer, spent his childhood in North Park and has owned a home there for eight years. He's bounced around the San Diego area for most of his life. The convenience of the mall, he explains, slowed the mom-and-pop businesses along University and El Cajon Boulevard to a crawl, eventually leading to their demise. "Once they built Mission Valley, bingo," Newton continues, "nothing but

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homeowners have upped the ante and installed complicated sprinkler systems that catcomb through their gardens. The degree of landscaping, often done in yards no bigger than a postage stamp, is staggering, especially in comparison to the barren, patchy sod of their less-developed neighbors — the polarity at work again. These more modest gardens offer sagging armchairs on sagging porches that overlook dusty patches of grass, trees

his brother-in-law, began selling off parcels to eager entrepreneurs after the elder Mr. Hartley's death. These men, and others who owned tracts north of University Avenue, divided up their land into roads, which would later become the residential streets that exist to this day. As the neighborhood took shape, the deal was sealed, and *boom*, a community was born.

But it didn't last forever. After World War II, the shopping mall was invented,

abandoned storefronts. That's where all these thrift stores and stuff..." He trails off, stirring his beans, then starts up again. "If you were in one of these buildings, you were lucky if you could get a massage parlor or a porno bookstore to move in!" he says, laughing. The residences, he also notes, fared poorly as a result. In an apparent profit-maximizing move, older single-family houses were torn down only to be replaced by the "Huffman six-pack," the motel-

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style stack of dwellings that were popular (and inexpensive) postwar and remain some of the cheapest housing available in San Diego. "By the time we get into the mid-'70s on into the '80s," Newton says, with a chuckle, "if you had one of these apartment buildings down here, your choice was which drug dealer do you rent to, not whether or not you rented to a drug dealer, because they were the only ones that had any money to rent. And these [buildings] would have, like, 50 percent vacancy rates."

And for decades, it remained this way, in a state of mild-to-moderate disrepair. "When I got here, it was nothing," says Les Swazzo, a part-time bartender at Scolari's Office and full-time poli-sci student who has watched North Park grow into its own in the five years he's lived there. "I was out here when I was in the service,"

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he explains, "[and] I fell in love with the place. When I moved, I got lucky. I rented a house for, like, \$500. You can't find that now." He recalls the days of vacant buildings and latent businesses, even in his relatively short stint in the community. But history, as Swazzo and the rest of North Park have discovered, repeats itself, and in the last five to ten years, depending on whom you ask, developers have once again flocked to North Park, sensing a lucrative opportunity.

"What we're going through is a rolling thing," explains Newton, who attributes the rise of North Park to a Reaganomic-like mode of out-pricing. He elaborates: "What happened was the dot-commers priced all the people there in Rancho Santa Fe out and moved 'em down to La Jolla. That priced all the people in La Jolla out into Mission Hills, which then bumped those people



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into Hillcrest, which bumped those people over here into North Park, which bumped those people into City Heights." However apocalyptic that might sound, North Park is seeing its renaissance. New buildings abound on 30th Street, fostered by the city's Redevelopment Agency, all glass windows and pastel stucco postmodern palaces in the middle of wartime storefronts. Little artsy shops display all sorts of wares, while the glittering North Park theater dominates University Avenue with its old-fashioned marquee lights. North Park seems to be employing all the things necessary to become a bustling urb. Phil Erdelsky, a 30-year resident, retired computer programmer, and webmaster of his own site about North Park, says with a smile, "I don't have to move downtown. They're building a downtown around me. Have you noticed?"

Both instrumental in and wary of these endeavors is the North Park Community Association, which



*Big City Tattoo, University Avenue*

formed in 1984 in response to the slowly but steadily changing landscape and increasing population as recommended by the Greater North Park Planning Committee, an advisory group

to the city council that, at the time, had very little resident representation. Beth Swersie, president of the North Park Community Association, explains, "[The organization] started out in

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a time when the planning committee in the community was heavily populated with developers, and things were going differently than the general community really wanted in terms of knocking down bungalows and putting up six- and eight-plexes, what we call the Huffman Era. And eventually, a lot of the NPCA members ended up on the planning committee."

While the community association supports things like the renovation of the theater, it frowns upon the disruption and upheaval of some of North Park's finer features. To address this problem, the North Park History Committee was formed as an offshoot dedicated to preserving the neighborhood's landmarks. The reopening of the North Park theater has been a real treat for them. "[It] opened in 1929 as one of the first theaters set up for talkies," says Katherine Hon, secretary of the history committee, sitting across from the lily pond in Balboa Park. "[It's] really a beautiful theater, and it was empty after about '86. It was actually a church for a little while, and then it was just vacant, and then just in the last couple years it's been restored to essentially its original glory."

Among the history committee's efforts is a push

to designate the area around 28th and Pershing a historic district, thereby placing heavy restrictions on the demolition of the residences, and a full-length book chronicling North Park from 1946 to 1996, originally authored by the late David Covington and now in the hands of the committee. At the forefront of the book's publication is Hon herself. "I would say [Covington] was probably about 90 percent done with it, and then he contracted leukemia and died in the summer of 2002," she explains. "And his wife, Karen, was trying to pull [the book] all together from his electronic files and his notes, and that was just really difficult for her. And then this June, I think, she felt she trusted me enough to turn it all over to me." The book is almost entirely laid out, and Hon and the committee hope for publication.

Understanding the groups formed to upgrade North Park is complicated at best. Swersie draws them out on a scrap of paper over coffee at the Other Side Coffeehouse. She explains, "There's the NPCA, and there's the planning committee. There's the PAC, which is for redevelopment issues. There's Main Street, which is our business improvement district. There's



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Boulevard to 805." He continues, "I think the goal [is] to have a downtown area in North Park that is economically viable and self-sufficient in the sense that it serves the residents and the other businesses in the area so that people can come and get all their goods and services [locally]."

But still, there are skeptics. Despite the combined efforts of each committee and group, disdain remains palpable. "Actually, North Park's sort of a hole," Brandon Cornalo declares, as he puffs on a cigarette outside Scolari's Office, the dive bar/music venue just off University Avenue. Cornalo, 28

and a welder by trade, is a lifelong San Diegan and lived in North Park until recently, when he made his way to Clairemont. He doesn't appear to miss his old digs. "There's a lot of degenerate nigger fuckin' spic Jew bastards that don't give a fuck about anybody else," he continues. "It's the fuckin', for lack of better words, the legislature, you know, city council, whatever, they're trying to do better, with nice buildings and everything, but it's still not taking away from homeboy over here, wasted and fucking asking every Tom, Dick, or Harry that comes by for a cigarette." He jabs his own cigarette in the

direction of a darkened doorway behind him where a duo of black men has camped out for the night. The "upgrading" of North Park doesn't impress Cornalo, as he rattles off a litany of problems: disrepair, homelessness, a populous existing largely without motivation. Most of these things, though, he attributes to a simple lack of caring, as he points out a bent traffic cone to his left. "There's plenty of money in the community of North Park," he says, "[and] if they give a shit they'd come out and repair that, but no, they're going to spend all their money on the goddamn richer parts of the city."

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Cornalo's friend, Brian Bondie, gives his two cents. "I think in the last two years it's probably gotten a little seedier," he says. "[There are] more transients. More, I don't know, just like random troublemakers, trash talkin', stuff like that. I feel it's a result of this [indicates new condos on 30th Street], honestly. I do. [It's] gonna happen, you know, when you start cramming more people in here, no matter what, no matter where it's at, and when you're piling more people on top of each other. I think the problems are gonna increase exponentially." Bondie, 31, grew up in Georgia and has been



30th Street and El Cajon Boulevard

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it's just nostalgia, I don't know, but after the break-in, things are starting to set in."

Swazzo, too, sees some of the same problems in the community. "There are homeless people," he says, echoing Cornalo, "which is kinda, you know, a shame. They should just take them and...move them away." But he feels a sense of empathy. "When I came out here, I was homeless," he says, then looks toward the front of the bar. "You see Curtis outside?" he asks. "He's a black guy, a homeless black guy. Nicest guy in the world. Just...doesn't want to work. So he lives on the street. I

give him cigarettes every day. He gets arrested 'cause he's vagrant. He's been living on the street now for, I guess, two years." He pauses. "The rents are going up [like] crazy," he continues, then chuckles. "Maybe that's why Curtis is on the street!"

But there are those who are comfortably situated, however wary of the new wave of buildings. John Keasley, who arrived in San Diego four years after his tour in Vietnam, bought a house in 1989. "When I got ready to leave home, it was either here or Baltimore," he says, laughing. "I had friends in both places. The guys in San Diego just picked up the

in North Park for six years, after doing a Navy stint at Point Loma. He lives not far from Scolari's on 30th Street.

Though he likes North Park—"My house got broken into two weeks ago and I fuckin' still love it!" he

claims—he'd rather be back near the base. "I'd rather live in Point Loma if I could afford it," he admits. "Maybe

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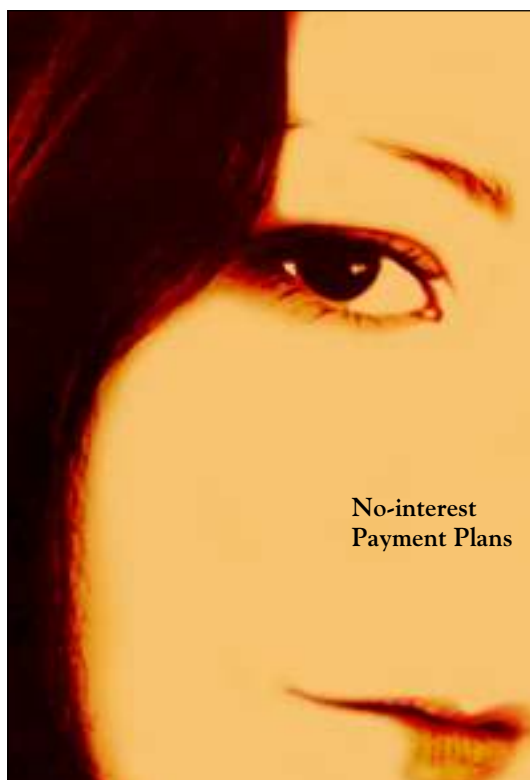
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phone first. That brought me, and the gay nightlife kept me.” Keasley settled in North Park after scoring a great deal on a piece of property and has stayed ever since, starting work with a local AIDS service organization. “This is the longest I’ve ever lived anywhere,” he says. “I’ve outlived two roommates, a roommate and a partner.” Armed with a background in real estate, Keasley sees flaws in the development plans a layman may not. Recalling the ’80s real estate crash in San Diego and the foreclosures that came with it, he predicts a repeat performance. “The banks allowed [homebuyers] to overextend themselves,” he says, “and what happened was they found that they couldn’t get their equity out of their houses and so they got foreclosed on. So after the ’80s, we had a lot of foreclosure sales, where people got real estate real cheap. Now these same people, they’ve waited 20 years, and they sold [their property] at a profit, but the people who bought it are now overextended, so we’re



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Park Main Street, the business improvement district, recalls what a visitor to his office had to say. "A gentleman came in on Friday talking about how much he hates specific developments," says Thomas. "He's just an old guy who comes in about twice a year and he rants. He goes off on his spiels for a while, and then usually he goes, 'But you've been doing great work here, thanks a lot,' and then he'll leave. He's just someone who's lived here forever, and he doesn't like the changes. He complains about how they're

pushing out poor people or pushing out the middle class." And the man has a point. Even with an option to buy, the package is expensive.

So what will North Park look like in five years? Ten? Can it all coexist, new and old, swank and well worn? Jude Thomas thinks so, speculating that the bars in particular will continue to hang on. "If you look at dive bars in San Diego in the last four or five years, they've gone through a big resurgence," he says. "You get the people who don't want to go to clubs, but they want to go out

drinking—the indie-music-scene type thing—they see these dive bars as places they can go and hang out on a Friday and a Saturday night." Anything else with an arts focus, he adds, should be safe since it "taps into the whole arts culture and entertainment aspect of North Park that is what these real estate developers are selling to people." But others are worried, and not just about the change in businesses. Brian Bondie worries the new buildings will increase their allotment of lower-income housing. "I think all the new development and urbanization here is gonna usher in just...a new wave of Section Eights and everything that goes with that," he says. "[They are] the lower-income people that, while one of those condos might cost me \$320,000 to \$420,000 [or] whatever they're going for, it's 50 percent subsidized for [them]. I think it's a detriment to the social program." And Brandon Cornalo? "I don't give a fuck," he says. ■

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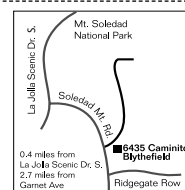
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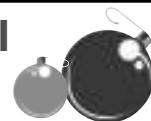
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while you're at it.

Bubba's Bane  
via e-mail

## Beware The Vicious Coastal Commissioner

I suppose that folks like Don Bauder and G. du Bois (Letters, November 9) and the other hypocrites among their cohorts rely on the overwhelming numbers of

the ignorant and misinformed to lap up the relentless non sequiturs that they pass off as reasoned arguments.

In Don Bauder's remarks of November 2 (Letters), at least he affirms that the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club owns the portion of the beach landward of the mean high tide line. Unfortunately, the Coastal Com-

mission's blatant confiscatory actions betray their intent to declare the landward area a public beach by posting a sign labeling it so. To my knowledge, no definitive data has been presented to support a redefined location of the mean high tide line (which clearly many have mistakenly interpreted to be the mean high water line). And why would they when they can resort to vague anecdotal references to indulge their perverse hatred.

As for du Bois's letter of November 9, at least we can get a laugh at the notion that support of private

property rights somehow brands you as a right-wing racist. What would ever the brain-dead do if they didn't have that label to cast about whenever they were confronted by logic and constitutional principles.

Thomas Leeman  
via e-mail

## On The Same Path

Regarding "There Is One God" (Cover Story, November 2).

My highest praise for Abe Opincar's article on the Sikh religion and community. It was very informative and enlightening, and I came away from it with a much better understanding of this much-maligned group.

It is unfortunate that people have great difficulty in looking past the obvious stereotypes and seeing the God in all. Our religion (Religious Science) teaches that we are *all* one with God and that the path we take to that realization does not matter. We are all God's children, and He loves all equally.

Mr. Opincar's article underscores the fact that we are far more alike than we are different and that no matter what the religious affiliation of an individual they deserve the right to practice their beliefs in peace and respect.

Churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, and their spiritual leaders need to dedicate themselves to teaching this Truth.

Rev. Patricia Paris  
Pacific Church  
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## Not A Shred Of Truth

My name is Dr. Kurtis Strange, and I'm a local San Diego filmmaker. I must take exception to Ken Leighton's recent "Blurt" piece titled "Crabs," dated

October 26. While I am not defending South by Southwest or the admission policies of any film festival, I find the claims made *very* hard to believe. I have recently hit the festival circuit with my new comedy short film, *Park Grubbs*, and, yes, I did submit to SXSW. To date all I have received from SXSW is a very nice e-mail stating they received my film and would process it soon. Working the festival circuit, as I have with *Park Grubbs*, I seriously doubt any of these very busy people would have the time or the inclination to take anyone's submission and "[shred it] into pieces" and then mail it back to them. Did the submitter include return postage and a note saying "Please shred and send back to me"? Not likely.

Furthermore, the idea that someone at such a major music, art, and film event like SXSW would be overly concerned as to what a local San Diego radio DJ has said or done is extremely amusing. As far as a "San Diego-versus-Austin thing," I think that only exists in the minds of certain San Diegans. Austin has its own problems to deal with. It is, after all, in the state of Texas.

Dr. Kurtis Strange  
via e-mail

## And Duncan With A Lampshade On His Head

Do all the writers ever get together over there? I picture meetings where Barbara and Saffron are talking loudly about "how to deal with inter-office politics," ignoring a wailing Josh Board who has been hog-tied by Ollie and is being poked with a stick.

Karl Hunkle  
via e-mail

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# The Land and The Kumeyaay

## Native Plants of Mission Trails Park

**T**he Kumeyaay were seasonally migratory people who followed food,” says Linda Hawley, volunteer trail guide for Mission Trails Regional Park. “They would summer in Point Loma for the fish and abalone, which were plentiful then, and [for the] nice cool ocean breezes. This time of year would be when the Kumeyaay would make their way east to San Carlos to collect the coast live oak acorns.”

On Saturday, November 25, Mission Trails Regional Park is offering a guided nature walk amongst the native habitat of the area’s indigenous people, the Kumeyaay Indians.

When the Kumeyaay migrated inland in autumn, one of their main sources of protein was *shawii*, a kind of pudding made

### LOCAL EVENTS

from acorns that is created in an elaborate process taking up to several days. “The first step was to collect acorns in granary baskets — those are four-foot-tall, oval-shaped baskets that they could strap to their backs,” Hawley explains. “They would strap the baskets in the croch of a tree to protect [the acorns] from insects and ground critters.” After the acorns had been collected, they were dried in the sun. Once dry, the acorn seeds were removed from their shells.

The shell cracking, says Hawley, “was a murderous, time-consuming process. It took almost all day.” When the acorns had been liberated from their hard casings, the skin remaining on the nuts was then removed using winnowing trays, or flat woven baskets. “They would take their hands and grab a

handful of these acorn seeds and rub them with their palms so the brown skins would fall off. Then they’d toss them up in the air, almost like a pizza guy, and [any leftover] skins would fly off in the breeze. When the seeds were completely white and clean, then they would grind them.”

Boulders and stones near the river were used as mortars and pestles to grind the nuts to a fine powder. “After the grinding, they would sift the powder in loosely woven straining or leaching baskets that worked like colanders to remove the tannic acid. This would happen for hours.” Finally, the



Kumeyaay

ground and soaked acorn mush was placed into a juncus basket, into which fresh water and hot rocks were added to cook the pasty substance.

“If they wanted to make it really nice and tasty, they would add a big-eared woodrat or a rabbit and make a stew out of



Mission Trails Regional Park

it. They would also add honey.” Hawley had the opportunity to taste traditional *shawii* at the Barona casino (where the process was expedited with the help of a food processor and blender). “It’s very bland,” she remembers. “Some say it’s like corn mush or pudding, but to me it was more like oatmeal.”

The Kumeyaay had an abundance of food in the riparian area that was home to the oak groves. “They were farmers, of a fashion, and would increase the growth of certain plants that they knew attracted mule deer, which they also ate.” According to *kumeyaay.com*, fire was the most significant tool used for environmental management by the Kumeyaay. They would burn the brush in certain areas and then plant seeds in the burned soil.

The arroyo willow plant was used to make skirts for women. It was also used to build *’ewaas*, the rounded-topped huts in which the Kumeyaay slept, often after lining the interior with rabbit skins. The willow also acted as a panacea — it contains salicylic acid, the primary ingredient in aspirin.

In an article on *kumeyaay.com*, Kumeyaay elder Jane Dumas explains the medicinal qualities of many indigenous plants. Black walnut leaves can be made into tea to purify the blood and ease stomachaches. Buckwheat tea can be given to babies to relieve diarrhea, and rose petal tea can combat fevers. Boiled elderberry stems

are said to “heal sores in diabetic patients,” and horsetail stem tea helps to control high blood pressure. Violets, Dumas writes, are “not only beautiful, but the leaves can be made into tea to ease coughing and sore throats.”

White sage is another plant of many uses, acting as an insect repellent and, when boiled, a decongestant. Kumeyaay men would rub the sage on their bodies prior to hunting in order to mask their human scent, and sage is slowly burned, like incense, during sacred rituals.

“Another thing [the Kumeyaay] would eat this time of year are the berries from the toyon, what we call ‘Christmas berry,’” says Hawley. Toyon is a green shrub with clusters of small red berries. “They are protected here, so people can’t go around cutting it to make a nice fresh wreath. But the Kumeyaay knew just when to choose them — if you pick them too soon, they’re very bitter.”

— Barbarella

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## BAJA

**"Solo Como un Perro,"** music by Astor Piazzola performed by Orchestra of Baja California Thursday, November 23, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río; 011-52-664-687-9636). \$15 U.S. (TIJUANA)

**Tango and Dance** promised Thursday, November 23, 9 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328). 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

**Avandaro Rock Festival** is slated for November 24 and 25 at Caliente Race Track (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). Performers include Kinky, El Gran Silencio, Alan Parsons Project, Los de Abajo, Blood Sweat and Tears, Javier Batiz, others. Festival begins at 4 p.m. on Friday, 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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**"Unrestrained Urbanism"** is topic for lecture by Peter Zellner, Friday, November 24, 7 p.m., in

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**There's a 5K Bike Ride** planned Sunday, November 26, starting at 8 a.m. at Malecón Playas de Tijuana. Routes: 011-52-664-300-6140. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

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**"Cantos Para Una Muerta Diminuta"** — poets Mario Alonso, Jeanne Karen, and Armando Adame read from their work, Tuesday, November 28, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

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## OUT & ABOUT

### DUCK SEASON

Mexican comedy screens Thursday, November 30, Museum of Photographic Arts.

(SEE FILM)



**The Play** *Un Encuentro* is performed Wednesday, November 29, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$13 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**Mexicali-San Felipe Off-Road Racing**, Thursday, November 30–Sunday, December 3. Routes: 011-52-656-657-1155. (MEXICALI, SAN FELIPE)

## OUTDOORS

**Roaming Tarantula Spiders** are occasionally seen this time of year crossing rural roads or marching through some of San Diego's canyon-bordering neighborhoods. Doggedly searching for a mate, a male will try to hold its course despite your best effort to deflect or hinder him. Docile in temperament, most tarantulas will tolerate

gentle handling; they may bite, however, if provoked. Despite their fearsome reputation, tarantula venom is less powerful than a bee's.

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

same birds can also be seen on the shores of inland reservoirs such as Lake Murray and Lake Miramar.

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

**Relax and Enjoy the Scenery** when naturalist/biologist Carol Stanford leads moderate five-mile hike along Creek Crossing and Sage trails in Daley Ranch. Meet at

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## LOCAL EVENTS

9 a.m. on Friday, November 24, in main parking lot (on La Honda Drive), with water and hiking boots. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

**See Stars** during star party hosted by San Diego Astronomy Association on Friday, November 24, 8 p.m., in Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Open-Space Preserve (access from Highway 67, southbound off Scripps Poway Parkway exit). Numerous telescopes set up to view distant galaxies, nebulae, other celestial wonders. Free. 858-513-4737. (POWAY)

**Basic Birding** program by Tom Troy, Saturday, November 25, 8:30 a.m., at Buena Vista lagoon landing. Emphasis on using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, local resources. Free. Directions: 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

**Trekking the Refuges**, view migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge during outing hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, November 25, 8:30 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

### Be a Partner in Protection!

San Diego River mouth restoration, Saturday, November 25, 9 a.m. Tour sand dune and wetland habitat, plant native species in salt marsh and upland habitats, participate in biologic monitoring to record progress at site, collect data on plant cover. Wear comfortable work clothes; work gloves, tools, snacks provided. Free. Join group at "Friends of San Diego River" sign in grassy area at east end of Dog Beach parking lot. 858-488-3849. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Kumeyaay Thanksgiving**, what animals did San Diego's natives hunt? Trail guides tell all during guided walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, November 25, 26, and 29, 9:30-11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

**Rediscover South Escondido Boulevard** during walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, November 25, 11 a.m., starting at northeast corner of Escondido Boulevard at 5th Avenue. Free. 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

**Weird Land Formations** examined in series hosted by Anza-Borrego Institute, on Sunday, November 26, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., starting at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Get the skinny on "Tilted Rocks and Layers" from Paul Johnson,

## OUT & ABOUT

### COP TALK

author Joseph Wambaugh signs Hollywood Station, Thursday, November 30, Warwicks Bookstore.

(SEE IN PERSON)



from hard sandstone to relatively soft clays. Expect one moderate hike of two miles (with optional short side trip involving steep scramble up rocky slope), several short hikes. Four-wheel-drive required. Wear hiking boots, bring water and lunch. \$45. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

**In the Lap (and Lagoon) of Luxury**, ramble around "regal resorts and remarkable residences" with Walkabout adventurers on Sunday, November 26. Hilly three-hour, moderate-plus meander starts at 9 a.m. at northeast corner of Poinsettia Lane and Batiquitos Drive. Free. 619-231-7463. (CARLSBAD)

**Shamanic Traditions Hike** led by Will Bowen in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Sunday, November 26. Short hike to a "power spot" to "learn about and practice some of the shamanic traditions" integrating "self-healing, spiritual work, and ecological awareness." Bring a drum or rattle, blanket to sit on. Adventure starts at 3 p.m. at west end staging area on south side of Sorrento Valley Boulevard (one-half mile east of intersection of Vista Sorrento Parkway). Free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**See "Wintering Specialties"** with Audubon Society birdwatchers at Kit Carson Park, Wednes-

day, November 29, 8 a.m. Possible species: canvasback, cedar waxwings, American goldfinch, American pipit, Townsend's warbler, Hutton's vireo. Meet at El Arroyo picnic area; find Kit Carson Park at 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. Easy hiking. 619-692-3246. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

## DANCE

**New West Ballet Theatre** offers 27th season production of *The Nutcracker*, November 24-26, at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Production

includes professional dancers in leading roles, young talent from local dance schools in supporting roles, with dancers aged 4-54. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$15, \$20, \$25. 760-738-4751. (POWAY)

**Polka** and Schottisch variations showcased during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, November 24, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

**Nutty!** California Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* November 25 and 26 at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Cast of 160 includes children 4-14 years old dancing to Maxine Mahon's choreography, Tchaikovsky's score. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 1 and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$22-\$78 for adults, \$22 for those 12 and younger. 858-560-6741. (EL CAJON)

**Old Twine String Band** spins music, Steve Barlow calls for contradance on Saturday, November 25, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

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**Panic! At The Disco** Dec. 9

**AFI/Taking Back Sunday**

Dec. 10

**"Dancing with the Stars"**

Dec. 19

**Peter White** Dec. 23

**Jamie Foxx** Dec. 26

## George Lopez

December 2



### Cheetah Girls

January 13

### Justin Timberlake

January 8

**Incubus** Jan. 12

**Guns N' Roses** Jan. 16

**Lisa Lampanelli** Jan. 26

**Lyle Lovett** Feb. 28

**The Who** Mar. 1

**Christina Aguilera** Mar. 2

**Snow Patrol** Mar. 3

**Doodlebops** Mar. 4

**Pat Metheny** Mar. 23

**Rod Stewart** Mar. 25

**Josh Groban** Apr. 6

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**Israeli Party Night** with Dalya Dallal, Saturday, November 25, 7:30 p.m.–midnight, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Bring snack, finger foods to share. \$6 general. 619-281-5656. (NORTH PARK)

**English Country Dancing** takes place every Sunday, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Callers are Janet Arnold and Ellen Riley on November 26. \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

**Bellydance Show** with Ana “La Gitana” performing to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, and open dancing, Sunday, November 26, 8 p.m., at Turquoise Cafe Bar Europa (873 Turquoise Street). No cover. 858-488-4200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**“Dancing with the Stars”** tour hits iPayOne Center on Tuesday, December 19, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$91.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

## FILM

**“Peaceful Warrior,”** film based on Dan Millman’s book — chronicling “Millman’s Olympic dreams, near-fatal accident, and life-changing encounter with a mysterious spiritual philoso-

pher/teacher” — screens at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, November 24, and at 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 26, at Bonita Church of Religious Science (5120 Robinwood Road). \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. 619-475-1012. (BONITA)

**The San Diego Afrikan Mental Liberation Film Festival** runs Saturday and Sunday, November 25 and 26, noon–9 p.m., at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Details: 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

**Wake Up** and smell the coffee, *Black Gold* explores conditions under which “our favorite drink” is produced. Are international commodities markets rigged against “third world” nations? Find out on Saturday, November 25, 3 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Donation: \$5. 619-807-1357. (SOUTH SAN DIEGO)

**Spike & Mike’s Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation** concludes on November 25 in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego. Program showcases over 21 new short animated films including *Happy Tree Friends*, *Pirate Baby’s Cabana Battle Street Fight 2006*, *How to Cope with Death*. Final screenings at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on 25th. For those 18 and over. \$10. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

**How About a “Simmering Odyssey Toward Grace”?** See *L’Enfant (The Child)* by Jean-

Pierre and Luc Dardenne when it screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Monday, November 27, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. In French with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

**Election Films** showcased during ongoing Carlsbad Library film series this month. Jonathan Demme’s *Manchurian Candidate* (2004), starring Meryl Streep and Denzel Washington, may be seen on Wednesday, November 29, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

**“Duck Season”** (Temporada de Patos) screens for Latin American Film Festival at Museum of Photographic Arts, Thursday, November 30, 7 p.m. \$10 tickets include admission to San Diego Museum of Art and Museum of Photographic Arts through weekend. 619-232-7931. In Spanish with English subtitles. (BALBOA PARK)

**The Italian Film Pane e Cioccolata (Bread and Chocolate)** screens — in Italian with English subtitles — for series on Thursday, November 30, 7 p.m., at House of Italy. UCSD professor Pasquale Verdicchio leads following discussion on film, which deals with an emigrant coping with prejudice and cultural differences. Free. 858-831-1717. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Peccato Che Sia una Canaglia”** — this 1955 comedy by Alessandro Blasetti stars Sophia Loren and Marcello Mastroianni. Catch the giddy comedy on Thurs-



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LOCAL EVENTS

day, November 30, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Santa vs. the Snowman*, *Roving Mars*, and *Deep Sea*. “Fridays at the Fleet” features *Journey Into Amazing Caves* (6 p.m.) and *Mysteries of Egypt* (7 p.m.) on November 24. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

“**Living in Gratitude**” is subject when author Reverend Patricia Paris (*Tough Times for Good Kids*) speaks Sunday, November 26, 10 a.m., at Pacific Church (11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 619-303-6609. (TIERRASANTA)

“**Forensic Genealogy**” illuminated when Colleen Fitzpatrick explains finding “hidden details in old family photographs that will further genealogical research” for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, November 28, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 858-509-4937. (CARLSBAD)

“**The Secret**: Understanding the Law of Attraction” explained by Walter Holtschi on Tuesday, November 28, 6 p.m., at Sacred Pathway Bookstore (300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 107). Learn “how to attract what you want.” Free. 760-505-0004. (CARLSBAD)

**Excavation in the Presidio Hills Golf Course** adjacent to Old Town State Historic Park unearthed artifacts from Mannasse’s Corral, owned by Jewish immigrants in the mid-1800s. Historic archaeologist Stacey Jordan presents “Mannasse’s Corral: The Life History of a Piece of Old Town” examining the limited work at the site on Tuesday, November 28, 7:30 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos

ROAM-ORAMA

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

After 18 years of effort by the Fallbrook Land Conservancy, nearly a dozen small- to medium-sized parcels of property around Fallbrook have been set aside as public open space and wildlife habitat. Just north of the Santa Margarita River, in a landscape of meandering creeks, steep-sided ridges, and secluded rural homes and “ranchettes,” lies the 78-acre Rock Mountain Preserve. You can engage in a climb of the preserve’s landmark peak, Rock Mountain, and enjoy a wide view of the surroundings from atop the heap of granitic boulders at the top.



Rock Mountain boulders

To get there from “downtown” Fallbrook, find Pico Avenue, which intersects Mission Road near the west edge of the town. After you turn north, Pico quickly turns into De Luz Road and descends sharply toward the Santa

Margarita River. At the bottom of the grade, turn right on Sandia Creek Road. Proceed 1.3 miles to a T-intersection, with Rock Mountain Drive on the right and the continuation of Sandia Creek Road on the left. Turn left, proceed 1.7 miles, and find a small turnout on the right — the obscure Rock Mountain trailhead.

The rough, steep trail (the remains of a bulldozed track) wastes no time on its ascent up the west and south sides of the mountain. You pass through an agreeably scented mix of coastal sage-scrub vegetation, serenaded at times by birds singing and flitting through the undergrowth. After about 0.7 mile, the graded track starts to descend, heading east. You’ll want to stay left, heading north toward the boulder-frosted ridgeline of Rock Mountain. The increasingly sketchy, steeply inclined path eventually peters out among the rocks of the mountain’s west shoulder, where a short boulder-hopping traverse eastward gets you to the highest point, 1108 feet above sea level. There, the views of the

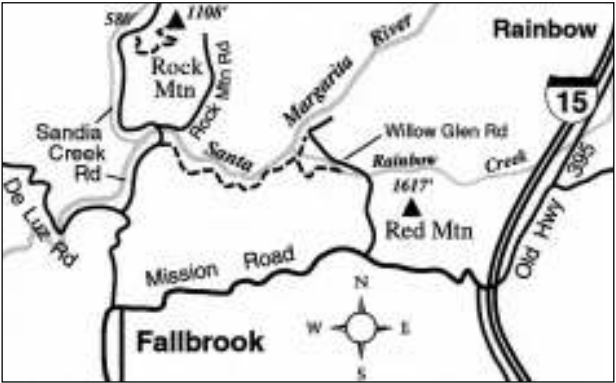
surrounding landscape are unobstructed and panoramic. This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked.

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ROCK MOUNTAIN

A mini-climb of Rock Mountain near Fallbrook reveals a hidden, rural landscape.

**Distance from downtown San Diego:** 60 miles  
**Hiking Length:** 2-mile round trip  
**Difficulty:** Moderate



Canyon Preserve Ranch House. Free. 858-538-0935. (RANCHO PEASQUITOS)

“**Torrey Pines State Reserve: San Diego’s Treasure**” explored by amateur botanist and reserve docent Margaret L. Fillius for California Native Plant Society, Tuesday, November 28, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 104 or 101. Free. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

**Digging and Chewing Problems?** Home alone workshop addressing management and prevention of troubling behaviors in bored canines, Wednesday, November 29, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). \$35. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

“**Projects, Plans, and Birds of Famosa Slough**” detailed

through photographs and presentation during Friends of Famosa Slough meeting, Wednesday, November 29, 7 p.m., at Loma Riviera clubhouse (3115 Loma Riviera Drive). Free. 619-224-4591. (POINT LOMA)

“**Sweet Endings**,” Will Gust-willer of Eclipse Chocolate discusses “his art” and offers samples of some handcrafted creations, Wednesday, November 29, 7 p.m., at Taste (1243 1/2 University Avenue). Expect tips on dessert cheeses, wines. \$45. Reservations: 619-683-2306. (HILLCREST)

“**El Guercino y el Barroco Tardío**” presented in Spanish for “Art in the Afternoon” lecture series at Timken Museum of Art on Thursday, November 30. Talk in conjunction with “Guercino:

Stylistic Evolution in Focus” exhibition begins at 12:30 p.m. Free. 619-239-5548 x15. (BALBOA PARK)

“**Civil War and the High Level Panel Report**” presented by Andrew Mack, director of the Human Security Centre at Liu Institute for Global Issues at University of British Columbia on Thursday, November 30. Lecture begins at 4 p.m. at Weaver Center, Institute of the Americas at UCSD (10111 North Torrey Pines Road). Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

**European Travel Guru** Rick Steves plans slide-illustrated lecture hosted by KPBS on Saturday, December 2, 1 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). \$35 general. 619-231-5714. (NORTH PARK)

“**Bling Bling Holiday Décor**,” floral design instructor René van Rems leads workshop, Saturday, December 9, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Students will create large holiday wreath, centerpiece, decorative candle holder. \$100 class fee plus \$115 materials fee. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

**27th Annual San Diego Thanksgiving Dixieland Jazz Festival** continues through November 26 at Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center (500 Hotel Circle North). Over 20 bands, international guest artists,

and solo pianists play jazz, ragtime, and swing for dancing and listening in seven venues. Participants include Butch Thompson Trio, Oz-Chi Connection, Music of Walter Donaldson, vocalist Eva Emingerova; swing dance exhibitions, jam sessions, more.

Hours: 7–11 p.m. Thursday (\$20), 10 a.m.–11 p.m. Friday and Saturday (\$30 each day), 8 a.m.–10 p.m. Sunday (\$25). Ticket packages available. 619-297-5277. (MISSION VALLEY)

**The Boy Band of Comedy** along with Bob Murphy offer stand-up comedy at Ocean House (300 Carlsbad Village Drive), Thursday, November 23, 8:30 p.m. Performers include Murphy, Zoltan Kaszas, Stuart Swanson, Brandon McPherson, Amadeus Tafoya, others. \$10. 760-420-3645. (CARLSBAD)

**Ocean Beach Comedy** — Jesse Egan, Steven Kendrick, Travis Taylor, Bob Hansen, Stu Swanson, Andrew Deans, Dorian Black, and others perform Friday, November 24, 6 p.m., at Winstons Beach Club (1921 Bacon Street). Free. 619-222-6822. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Author** Barbara Outland Baker discusses, signs *Arnold and Me*, Friday, November 24, 6 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Horace Tapscott Living Legend Concert**, Friday, November 24, 8:30 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Program includes Cosmic View Band, Turiya Mareya Latin Jazz Ensemble. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

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**Fusion of Words, Sounds, and Visual Art** promised during Poetry and Art at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado) on Wednesday, November 29, 6:30 p.m. Columnist/poet Edwin Decker will be joined by Pruitt Igoe (poetry meets opera and ambient sound) and Blackbirdz. Open mike follows

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# Reading

## Life Is Meals: A Food Lover's Book of Days



James Salter

By James and Kay Salter  
Knopf, 2006, 464 pages, \$27.50

### FROM THE DUST JACKET:

"The meal is the emblem of civilization," the Salters observe. "What would one know of life as it should be lived, or nights as they should be spent, apart from meals?"

### WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

**Publishers Weekly:** The author of *A Sport and a Pastime* teams with his wife, his 30-year cooking companion,

to produce a "dinner book," a quirky cornucopia of recipes, historical notes, household hints, brief surveys of foodstuffs (eggs, salt, avocados, doughnuts, cheeses, olives, martinis, etc.) and utensils (forks, knives,

or toothpicks, say), appreciation of friends met both in life (including Alice Waters and Julia Child) and through books (Lord Byron, Anna Karenina), random observations (what makes a good waiter), and advice of all kinds. For example, six "days" in January are dedicated to the useful art of giving a dinner party, but in fact, tips on or accounts of picnics and parties (clearly a delight for both Salters) are everywhere. Their recipes are simple and good (Polpettone alla Toscana; Chicken Marengo; Fraises a la Cussy; Gazpacho) and can usually be made in advance, leaving the cooks free to socialize. But this volume is not chiefly one of recipes or hints (though both may prove

practical). The Salters call it a "bedside book" and, with its attractive packaging and charming illustrations by Fabrice Moireau, it should make the perfect hostess gift, not always an easy thing to choose, say the authors.

### ABOUT THE AUTHORS:

James Salter is the author of nine previous books, including the novel *A Sport and a Pastime*; the collection *Dusk and Other Stories*, which won the 1989 PEN/Faulkner Award; and *Burning the Days: Recollection*. Kay Salter, a journalist and playwright, has written for the *New York Times* and *Food & Wine*, among other publications. The Salters live in Colorado and on Long Island.

### A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHORS:

I phoned James and Kay Salter at their home in Bridgehampton, New York, on the day after Veterans Day, eager to learn how the idea for their *Food Lover's Book of Days* was born. Mr. Salter opened by speaking about the early days of their marriage. "We lived in a small old house that just happened to have a very small, congenial kitchen where we cooked and ate together. Ours weren't like Winston Churchill's and his wife's breakfasts. Churchill once said he and his wife had tried, during their 40 years of marriage, several times, to have breakfast together, but they found it was so disagreeable that they

gave up the idea.

"Our experience was that we talked a lot over breakfast, and often about food. We gave many dinner parties, and in the course of all this cooking in all these years we had read a lot about food and about entertaining and references to it in books.

"The book was also partly inspired by one of those Oxford books in which they had an entry for each day of the year — usually the birth of some writer or the publication of some book or a meeting between writers or an anecdote. I proposed the idea to Nicholas Callaway, who is a publisher we like a lot. He said he liked the idea, and so we undertook it."

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"Churchill once said he and his wife had tried to have breakfast together, but they found it so disagreeable that they gave up."

features (sign-ups at 6 p.m.). \$5. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

### Annual Cider Celebration

hosted by Point Loma Nazarene University music department and Concert Choir is a "Christmas show to end all shows." Christmas favorites old and new offered at 6 and 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, and Friday, December 1, in Crill Performance Hall. Find campus at 3900 Lomaland Drive. \$6. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

### NPR Commentator and Local Author

Debra Ginsberg signs her new book, *Blind Submission*, Thursday, November 30, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

"Harvey" is presented by Mt. Carmel High School drama students, November 30–December 9, at Oak Valley Middle School (16055 Winecreek Road). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursdays–Saturdays, with 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, December 2. \$10 adults, \$8 students. 858-484-1180 x3341. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

**Cop Talk**, bestselling author and former Los Angeles Police Department detective sergeant Joseph Wambaugh signs *Hollywood Station*, Thursday, November 30, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**Traditional Drumming and Dance of Ghana** showcased when Ho-Asogli performs November 30–December 3 at Tenth Avenue Theatre (930 Tenth Avenue, at Broadway). Thursdays at 8 p.m. pay what you can; tickets are \$10 Friday–Sunday. Show starts at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. 619-990-7039. (DOWNTOWN)

"El Mas Chingón," comedian George Lopez in concert, Saturday, December 2, 8 p.m., at Cox Arena at San Diego State University. Tickets: \$38.25–\$60.25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SDSU)

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**Aloha!** Makaha Sons plan sixth annual Hawaiian Christmas Concert, Saturday, December 9, 7 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. Guests include Darlene Ahuna, Hoku Zuttermeister, Barry Kimokeo, Halau o Na Ali'i and Halau Na Lei o Liana hula performances. Tickets: \$37.50, \$45, \$75. Reservations: 619-426-1953. (LA JOLLA)

**Woody Allen and His New Orleans Jazz Band** in concert for UCSD's ArtPower series on Tuesday, December 19, 8 p.m. at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Allen is an avid clarinetist; this is the ensemble's first North American tour. Tickets: \$40, \$60, \$85, available at 858-534-TIXS. (DOWNTOWN)

## SPORTS

**Inaugural O'side Turkey Trot**, Thursday, November 23, from Oceanside Civic Center to Oceanside Pier. Open 5k run/walk for nonresidents at 7:15 a.m., locals-

only 5k at 8 a.m., kids' pier-to-pier run (1.2 miles) at 9:15 a.m. 760-434-7706. (OCEANSIDE)

### Father Joe's Thanksgiving Day

5k Walk and Run starts at Museum of Man in Balboa Park at 8 a.m. on Thursday, November 23. Wheelchairs, strollers welcome; no Rollerblades, scooters, bikes. 858-848-6437. (BALBOA PARK)

### Run for the Hungry Thanksgiving Day 5K and 10K

Thursday, November 23, starting at 8 a.m. at Embarcadero Marina Park South (behind Convention Center). 760-692-2900. (DOWNTOWN)

### Thanksgiving Up the Coast

join Sierra Club bicyclists for brisk 30-mile ride starting at 8:30 a.m. at North Torrey Pines Road and Muir College Drive on Thursday, November 23. Rev up your appetite! 858-456-7849. (LA JOLLA)

**Thanksgiving Day Paddle**, tour La Jolla sea caves with Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Thursday, November 23. Two-hour tour starts at 9:30 a.m. at 2246 Avenida de la Playa. For families, beginners, aged eight and older. \$35 fee includes equipment, guide. Required reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

### 13th Annual San Diego Surf Girls Cup

soccer tournament runs November 24–26 at San Diego Polo Club (14555 El Camino Real). Field includes 152 teams. Games begin at 8 a.m. each day, end at dusk. 760-944-7888. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

**2006 Pacific Beach Turkey Trot 5K Beach Run**, Saturday, November 25, 8 a.m., at Tourma-

line Surf Park. Participants run down and up coast of Pacific and Mission Beach. \$20 fee benefits Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. 619-890-6067. (PACIFIC BEACH)

### Board and Brew the Long Way

join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists for 50-mile ride, Saturday, November 25, 8:45 a.m., at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Bring money for lunch. 619-243-8617. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

### 22 Tons of Snow

will blanket a two-story rail structure next to Wave House (3125 Mission Boulevard) for Sun Diego Boardshops' "Beanies and Bikinis II," Saturday, November 25, 4–8 p.m. Amateur and professional male and female snowboarders will compete. Free. 858-228-9283. (MISSION BEACH)

### Ride to Leo Carrillo's Ranch

with Sierra Club bicyclists on Sunday, November 26. The 35-mile ride with moderate hills, social pace, starts at 9 a.m. at Harvest Ranch shopping center (Rancho Santa Fe Road at Encinitas Boulevard). 858-456-7849. Free. (ENCINITAS)

### San Diego Chargers

host Oakland Raiders in Qualcomm Stadium, Sunday, November 26, 1:15 p.m. Game broadcast on CBS; listen on radio station KIOZ, Rock 105.3. Tickets for future games start at \$54, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

### National Tennis Hardcourt Championships

run Monday, November 27–Sunday, December 3, at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club (2000 Spindrift Drive). Competition for men and women in

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### "Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's

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# Reading

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I confess to Mr. Salter that when I began reading *Life Is Meals*, I started dog-earing pages containing information I wanted to remember. After a few weeks' worth of entries, I realized I'd marked every other page.

"I don't think people are going to do this because the book turned out to be more handsome than we'd thought. I guess you'd hate to mar the pages, but the original idea was that you would write in the book yourself on the flyleaf or on the first page so that you could keep track of favorite parts. Of course, there's an index, if you really want to go back."

I ask Mr. Salter where they found all of the food facts they share. "Did you have to do a lot

of research or had you already collected the information throughout your years of cooking together?"

"I would say the first 20 entries were easy, but then we began to think a little more carefully about where we were and what we wanted to include. We eventually had an eight-by-three-foot board on the wall, divided into a big, open calendar. We would pin up possible entries. They were color-coded, because we didn't want four French references to come together, or something like that. We tried to alternate recipes, historical entries, things about food, entertaining, and personal reflections from our own dining book.

"We did research at the Culinary Institute of America on the Hudson, near where Roosevelt's house is. They have an extensive library, and we spent

days up there. I hesitate to say that *Life Is Meals* can be taken as authoritative without even the slight raising of an eyebrow, but, generally speaking, it's pretty solid."

"Whom do you most enjoy reading on food and cooking?"

Mr. Salter responds by lauding the work of M.F.K. Fisher. "Naturally, styles change — people change — you just don't find writers like her anymore. She wrote straightforward nonfiction about cooking and eating. But, she also wrote nonfiction pieces that were so beautiful you might mistake them for short stories in *The Gastronomic Me*."

Kay Salter concurs. "I was introduced to Fisher by Alice Waters, who knew her and loved her, and by a great friend of ours named Anne Isaak, who worked at Chez Panisse when she was beginning in the restaurant busi-

ness. I have to say, however, that I'm more interested in descriptions of meals in literature. I don't sit down, usually, and read food writers. I don't dislike them; they're just not something I pick up normally."

Mr. Salter adds Julia Child to his list of favorites. "I've heard Jason Epstein say more than once that, 'if there were one politician, just one, who had the intelligence, honesty, and charisma of Julia Child, we'd be all right.'"

"What were the challenges of collaborating on this book with your spouse?"

Mr. Salter gives a low chuckle. "You mean personal challenges? We didn't have any. Our system was such that it prevented that. We worked a hundred miles apart. We would agree on the assignment, then Kay and I would each write three or four entries and then we would sit

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down together and edit those to our mutual satisfaction."

"We are each other's first and best readers," Ms. Salter adds. "We know how to be candid without being brutal with our comments. There were definitely things that were tossed out or that we disagreed on, but it was a very easy collaboration. It was a lot simpler than our relationship

with the contractor when we put an addition on the house."

"If you were a very close reader," Mr. Salter continues, "and happened to know both of our styles, you might be able to distinguish, occasionally, who wrote which. But, in general, we made an effort to have that not be evident. There are a few entries that are specifically writ-

tographs, and illustrative materials such as engravings, lithographs, cartoons, and political ephemera focusing on Lincoln's America, many aspects of Civil War. Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

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dio, Friday-Sunday, November 24-26, at 20307 Beech Lane. Art glass and dichoric glass jewelry by Cohen and Cherria La Porte, glass-blowing demonstrations, music. Free admission. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 760-745-7020. (ESCONDIDO)

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**Stamp-Collecting Show**, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, November 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-218-7835. (KEARNY MESA)

**Yoga All Over!** Hatha yoga classes led by Sylvia Castelluzzo every Sunday, 3-4 p.m., on lawn south of Mission Bay Hilton (1775 East Mission Bay Drive). \$7 general. 858-380-7507.

Castelluzzo also leads classes on Mondays, 6 p.m., in vault at Rock Paper Scissors International Galleria (4976 Newport Avenue). \$10. 619-222-7625. (MISSION BAY, OCEAN BEACH)

**Volunteer Open House** at Tijuana River Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way), Thursday, November 30, 5-7 p.m. Presentations, refreshments, information tables, applications for potential volunteers. Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

**"Understanding Hinduism"** is the goal on Thursday, November 30, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

**Skating by the Sea**, outdoor ice-skating rink overlooking Pacific Ocean remains open for skating through December at Hotel del Coronado (1500 Orange Avenue). Three-hour skating sessions begin at 2 and 6 p.m. daily (\$20 general, \$15 for kids), with two-hour sessions beginning at 11 a.m. on weekends (\$15 for adults, \$10 for kids). Hours change on Decem-

ber 19. Skate rental: \$5. 619-435-6611. (CORONADO)

## FOR KIDS

**"Santa and the Ho, Ho, Ho Thief"** performed by Big Joe Productions through Sunday, November 26, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Showtimes: 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m., 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find theater near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

**Arthur the Aardvark** plans visit to Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway) during story time, Friday, November 24, 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

**The Disney Channel's "High School Musical"** hits ipayOne Center on Wednesday, November 29, 7 p.m. Live concert version of the made-for-TV movie features most of stars of TV film. Tickets: \$38.50-\$58.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

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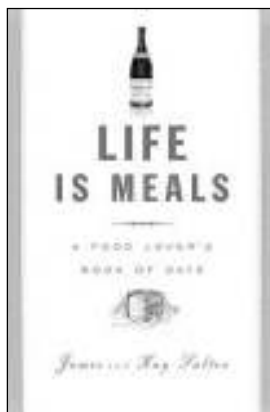
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ten by one person. Those often have the initials after the entry.” (A notable case in point is the entries for the second and third of May, where each author delivers a short meditation on eating alone.)

We turn to the subject of holiday cooking, and I ask Mr.

Salter which meal inspires the most angst for the casual chef. “Well, we don’t have angst. We don’t have a really lofty reputation to uphold. But, the most important meal, from a point of view of food, and also the most interesting holiday, is Thanksgiving. It’s really dedicated to the warmth of food and the people you’re with.”

“Do you generally prepare the same foods for Thanksgiving, or do you change the menu from year to year?”

“We try to change a few things, but the central foods remain constant.” Mr. Salter responds. “We’ve made turkey in a number of ways. Most recently, we’ve been brining it for 24 hours before roasting. It turns out spectacularly. You get a very moist and particularly flavorful turkey.”

The entry for November 23

recalls a time, several centuries ago, when turkeys were driven, on foot, from the English countryside to market in London. In order to withstand the week-long walk, the turkeys’ feet were shod in sacking or leather boots.

As we chuckle about this, Ms. Salter quips, “If they could just get that into a movie — ‘Cue the turkeys!’”

“What do you do with all of the leftovers in the week after Thanksgiving?”

Mr. Salter extols the virtues of the turkey sandwich. “Sandwiches made from an actual turkey rather than that pressed turkey meat you get in stores are an entirely different thing. In London we used to stay at a hotel, and down on the corner was a big pub. They always had a great roast turkey and a great roast beef on the shelf behind the bar. If you ordered a sandwich,

the barman sliced big pieces of turkey breast for you right there. That tastes like nothing else. It’s not the kind of thing you get at Subway; it’s the real thing.”

Kay Salter walks me through the making of another of their favorites — turkey hash. “We boil potatoes, but not until they are completely cooked, then dice them rather fine. Usually we add some green pepper and some herbs and the bits of chopped-up leftover turkey. It’s sort of like a stir fry, but not cooked at that extreme high temperature. Then, we stir it all together with a little bit of butter or a bit of liquid to help it meld. Often we fry an egg and put it on top. It’s good for any meal of the day, starting with breakfast.”

Our conversation moves from holiday to holiday.

“Christmas is somewhat different,” Mr. Salter offers. “Talk

## “We don’t have a really lofty reputation to uphold.”

about angst! There’s the question of presents. Do you have Christmas partly on Christmas Eve and partly on Christmas Day? Our practice for a long time has been to have a lot of it on Christmas Eve. But, of course, that’s hard to do if you have little kids, since the general feeling in America is that you do it on Christmas morning after Santa has been there.”

Asked if they have begun writing the menu for Christmas dinner, Mr. Salter replies, “We haven’t given it a thought. We usually do these things somewhat impromptu — a couple of days before. Really good cooks

usually go to the market and make the menu from what’s available. Of course, unless you happen to be living in an area with well-supplied fresh produce, you’re not in that position. Supermarkets all have the very same things: grapes from Chile, lettuces from California, grapefruits from Florida, and tomatoes with the taste of tennis balls, mechanically picked. Although there’s an abundance of food, a lot of it is not particularly good to eat. We think we’re living in paradise, but there are a couple of countries living above us.”

— Jerry Miller

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)

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

**Barona Cultural Center and Museum** is located at 1095 Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2. (LAKESIDE)

**Coronado Museum of History and Art**, “Marilyn Monroe at 80: Some Still Like It Hot!” continues through Sunday, January 14. Exhibit includes 64 photographs, some of which have never been shown for general public, as well as images shot by George Barris in weeks leading up to Monroe’s death, such as last photograph ever taken of her entitled *The Warm Up*.

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

**Flying Leatherneck Museum**, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723.

**Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego**, glimpse San Diego’s

colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp’s San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and “New Town,” early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

**Magee House Museum**, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes “one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad.” Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

**Museum of Making Music**, “Brother Musician, Listen to a Miracle,” exhibit celebrating 75th birthday of electric guitar is collaboration between museum, organology expert Matthew Hill, and Rickenbacker International Corporation. Exhibit charts development of electric guitar by exploring innovations, includes prototypes and custom instruments. Through December.

“Howe-Orme: Forgotten Voices Remembered” is exhibit of rare and historic mandolins, mandolas, and guitars manufactured by Elias Howe Company of Boston over 100 years ago. Howe-Orme were awarded a series of patents for “the uniqueness of their functional design features and style.” Through April.

The past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips,

and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

**Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum** is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women’s clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

**San Diego Aerospace Museum**, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in “100 Years of Aircraft Engines,” including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spitfire* and P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004*, one of the world’s first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see “The History of Commercial Aviation in America.” A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a recreation of the airline’s first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

“P-51 *Mustang*” celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum’s *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which “saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s”; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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west, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Dieguito Heritage Museum,** the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

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

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

**Birch Aquarium at Scripps,** an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Sea of Genes" offers visit "to the genomic fron-

tier"; "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

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

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

**Chula Vista Nature Center,** an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the

David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

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

**San Diego Natural History Museum,** "Dinosaurs: Reel and Robotic," on view through December, demonstrates how dinosaurs first came to life in movies, follows their transformation over the years through artistic portrayal and advances in scientific information and technology. Exhibit includes original movie memorabilia, posters, models, dino dig box, giant robotic dinosaurs.

"Fossil Mysteries," a new permanent exhibit, showcases last 75 million years in Southern California and Baja California region, a time known for its rich fossil record. Highlights include life-size models of *Albertosaurus*, *Lambeosaurus*, a sea cow, megalodon shark, more.

"Visions of the Natural World through the Lens of the Masters," continuing through Sunday, March 11, is collaborative effort between museum and Ordover Gallery, with variety of nature-based photography. "Alison Shaw: Until I Saw the Sea," featuring fine-art photography by artist who has lived on Martha's Vineyard for 31 years, continues through Sunday, January 7. Also on view and for sale: sculpture and glass.

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through April, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

Current "giant-screen films" are *Too Hot Not to Handle* (through November) and *Ocean Oasis*. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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### CLASSICAL

**Civic Organist** Carol Williams presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, November 26, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

**Choir Standards** promised when Pacific Coast Harmony plays for mini-concert at noon on Monday, November 27, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Bring lunch! Free. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Valse Triste" by Sibelius**, the Saint-Saëns "Danse Macabre," and "Slavonic Dances" by Dvořák promised when UCSD Chamber Orchestra performs Monday, November 27, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. \$8 general. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

**Chamber Singers** perform three chamber pieces in five-voice harmony, later joined by concert choir to perform choral and solo excerpts from Handel's "Messiah," Tuesday, November 28, 8 p.m., in

Mandeville Recital at UCSD. \$8 general. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

**Courtly Noyse** sings and plays Renaissance and medieval music on (reproductions of) period instruments, Wednesday, November 29, 6:30 p.m., at Rancho Bernardo Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). Free. 858-538-8163. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**"Romance of Piano,"** Natalya Kalendarev and Ranan Traficante perform solo and "two piano" romantic repertoire for Concert Hour series, Thursday, November 30, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

**UCSD Wind Ensemble Concert**, Thursday, November 30, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. \$8 general. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

**UCSD Guitar Students in Recital**, Thursday, November 30, 8 p.m., in Erickson Hall (B210) at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

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### GALLERIES

**"Mixing It Up,"** wildlife watercolors, plein air oil paintings, large studio oil pieces by Joe Garcia go

on exhibit with reception on Saturday, November 25, 4 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79; 760-765-1676). Closes Sunday, January 7. (SANTA YSABEL)

**It's C-Note Time!** Annual winter "C-Note Fundraiser" at San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist begins Saturday, November 25, 5-8 p.m. Original artwork by institute member artists offered for \$100, \$200, or \$300. Art replaced on walls as pieces are sold. Continues through Sunday, December 3. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Latitude,"** Lael Corbin's exhibit continues through Wednesday, December 13, in Keller Art Gallery at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Lecture and discussion, Thursday, November 30, 5 p.m., followed by reception at 6 p.m. 619-849-2200. (POINT LOMA)

**The Stella Lucis Gallery** opens with reception for artists Greg Balogh and John Moseley, Thursday, November 30, 5:30 p.m. Find gallery at 344-A South Cedros Avenue, 858-350-9950. Through Friday, January 12. (SOLANA BEACH)

### ART MUSEUMS

**California Center for the Arts Museum**, time for Eloy Tarcisio's 11th annual site-specific installation *Muerte de todos ofrenda de participación* (Death Comes to Everyone: A Participatory Offering). Installation includes wooden crosses, clay bowls filled with grains, beans, and other organic materials symbolic of Mexico's pre-Hispanic past. Through November.

"The Migrant Project: Contemporary California Farm Workers," with photographs and text by Rick Nahmias, offers "in-depth journey detailing the lives and struggles of today's California migrant farm workers." Work focuses on all aspects of migrant stories, including personal lives, family members, women's issues, creation of community.

Basic human emotions explored in paintings and mixed-me-

dia creations by Anna Zappoli Jenkins in "Where Do You Store These Dreams." Hugo Heredia's "Broken Chandeliers" boasts large-scale sculptures combining glass and metal in "impossibly intimate and beautiful configurations."

"Memoria del Hombre: A Muerto de Todos Retrospective" is a site-specific installation of "objects left behind over the 12-year span of the installation."

Except where noted, the exhibitions close on Sunday, January 28. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

**Mingei International Museum**, "Grass and Gold — Nomads of Kazakhstan" focuses on important archaeological discoveries, including those in 1998-1999 at frozen burial site of Berel. Exhibit includes gold, silver, and bronze artifacts fashioned into small animal forms along with their stories of recovery, overview of the history and culture of Kazakhstan, and mythology of the Steppes. The art objects are being shown in the U.S. for the first time. Through Sunday, April 15.

The first university furniture design class in California was offered in 1948 by SDSU professor John Dirks, whose "elegant architectural sculptures combine various woods and acrylic." The retrospective "John Dirks, Sculptor" continues through Sunday, February 11.

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

**Mingei International Museum — North County**, "Folk Art of Mexico — Selections from the Collection of Mingei International" presents contemporary objects of daily use from throughout Mexico fashioned from tin, clay, wood, paper, and fiber. Exhibit "demonstrates the importance of family, community, religion, and fun."

"Pre-Columbian Art of Mexico — Selections from the Collection of Mingei International" highlights clay and stone objects. These objects "abound with material from myth and legend." Both exhibits close on Monday, January 15. Find the museum at 155

West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla**, "TRANSactions: Contemporary Latin American and Latino Art" — closing on Sunday, May 13 — features approximately 50 works by 48 artists from museum's permanent collection. Showcased pieces demonstrate "diversity and hybridity of contemporary Latin American art," with artists working across media and between disciplines.

Concurrently, see site-specific installation by Milwaukee-based Argentinean artist Santiago Cu-cullu. His art juxtaposes images of progressive, historical figures and events with his personal experiences. This piece engages the architecture and oceanfront site of museum.

"From the Vaults: Recent Acquisitions" focuses primarily on works on paper, demonstrating a range of contemporary drawing and photography practices in recent additions to permanent collection. Closes Sunday, December 10.

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

**Museum of Photographic Arts**, "The Roads Most Traveled: Photographs of Migration by Don Bartletti" examines lives of migratory workers in search of economic survival. Exhibit including 90 photographs by Pulitzer Prize-winner Bartletti continues through Sunday, January 14.

"Mexico: The Revolution and Beyond — Photographs by Agustin Victor Casasola, 1900-1940" features more than 80 "of the best and most significant images from Casasola's archive at the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia in Mexico City." Images document Mexican Revolution and industrial revolution in "streets, homes, cafés, and countrysides of Mexico." Closes Sunday, January 7.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

**Oceanside Museum of Art**, "Quilt Visions 2006" offers 43 works of art from 725 entries submitted by 318 artists from 20

countries. Jurors Jane Dunnewold, Patricia Malarcher, Lloyd Herman selected pieces offering "surprises in design and nontraditional materials." Closes Sunday, January 21. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

**San Diego Museum of Art**, "Personal Views: Regarding Private Collections in San Diego" features 25 "of the finest private collections to be found in the San Diego area." The collections highlight historical artworks from the 19th and 20th Centuries, including works in variety of media by Rembrandt, Cassatt, Monet, O'Keeffe, de Kooning, Kahlo, Gordin. Closes Sunday, January 7.

"Paper Traces: Latin American Prints and Drawings from the Collection at SDMA" continues through December, highlighting approximately 60 Latin American and U.S.-Latino works on paper. The prints, drawings, posters, portfolios in exhibit "confirm the vitality of paper as a medium with a particular historic outline of its own."

"Backs," on exhibit through Sunday, February 18, focuses on backs of five paintings where important information such as age and ownership is revealed. Works are drawn from museum's European collection. Labels, inscriptions, and markings divulge details of painting's history of attribution, exhibition, ownership, sale.

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

**Timken Museum of Art**, "Guercino: Stylistic Evolution in Focus" explores dramatic shift in artistic style of Il Guercino, considered one of the most prolific and successful artists of 17th Century. At heart of exhibit is Timken's *Return of the Prodigal Son*, a theme Guercino painted a number of times over his life, shown with versions on loan from Borghese Gallery in Rome, and Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna. This is the first time these three works have been shown together. Closes Sunday, January 7.

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# Becoming a Man In America

*These stylized choices distance the performers from the audience.*

The "Flying Dutchman" wasn't a ship. According to legend, the 17th Century Dutch Captain Bernard Fokke spat at the Devil and had to sail around the Cape of Good Hope — his phantom ship a strange red light — until Judgment Day. In another version, a Captain Van der Decken blasphemed and had to sail forever in the eye of a storm, drink gall, and eat "red-hot iron" instead of meat.

In most versions the Captain has a potential reprieve. Every seven years, he goes ashore. If he can win the love of a woman, his curse will disappear.

There's no ship in Amiri Baraka's fiery *Dutchman* (1964), just a subway "heaped in modern myth," he says, in which people run to or from their identities. Baraka swore that his characters aren't symbols. Riding the subway on a blazing summer afternoon, Clay and Lula are "real people in a real world." That may be true, but Baraka packed them with multiple possibilities.

The most obvious: Lula, a red-haired white woman, offers Clay, an African-American male, an apple. She attracts him, appeals to his vanity, then attacks him verbally ("You're so serious. I bet you're even too serious to be psychoanalyzed") — and then assaults his manhood.

Like the Dutchman of legend, Clay chases a chimerical good hope — not to be saved, but to

blend in. His three-piece suit and rational cast of mind make him a more preferable "type" — a middle-class commuter on his way to the office — than a racially stereotyped African-American male.

Baraka added his own reading: *Dutchman* is about "the difficulty of becoming a man in America," which, he adds, is harder for white males than black: "You will find very few white American males with the slightest knowledge of what manhood involves. They are too busy running the world, or running from it."

Lynx Performance Theatre has become known for hard-hitting drama performed without realistic sets in a dark, intimate space. The spare, street-tough style worked for *Jesus Hopped the A-Train* and *In Arabia We'd All Be Kings*. *Dutchman*'s eruptions of language and violent conclusion are in this vein. But director Al Germani has radically altered the play to fit his style. He clutters the space with so many musical riffs and explanatory effects that they compete with, and eventually derail, Baraka's bullet train.

The first 10 minutes are a medley of African-American music, from Billie to Bessie to Ella to Bird, with rap and poetry thrown in. As the music shifts, like changing stations on a radio, the actors freeze in predictable, explanatory poses,

erased by blackouts. This motif continues throughout the performance as a sax (played well by Bill Kehayias) blares and the lights go out — even though Baraka wanted his 45-minute piece to escalate, "flying" non-stop with a profound "sense of speed."

The production never grounds Clay and Lula. At first, when they speak, they face forward. What should be a pseudo-seduction becomes stilted. When the script calls for her to touch his thigh, a third person steps between the actors, and she touches him — why is anybody's guess. When Clay and Lula finally confront each other, the sax intrudes and you can't make out what they're saying. These stylized choices distance the performers from the audience. They become abstractions. You watch the how and wonder why.

For arias of poetic rage, it's hard to beat *Dutchman* (in his long monologue Clay bemoans "a whole people of neurotics, struggling to keep from being sane"; of Bessie and Billie: "Let them sing curses at you in code and see your filth as simple lack of style"). Patrick Kelly (Clay) and Michelle Procopio (Lula), however, sprint through their speeches. They become more like musicians chanting notes than



Michelle Procopio in *Dutchman*

**Dutchman**, by Amiri Baraka  
**Lynx Performance Theatre**, 2653-R Ariane Drive, Rose Canyon  
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**Hank Williams: Lost Highway**, by Randal Myler and Mark Harelik  
**San Diego Repertory Theatre**, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown  
**Directed by Randal Myler**; cast: Van Zeiler, Mississippi Charles Bevel, Patricia Dalen, Margaret Bowman, Stephen G. Anthony, Myk Watford, H. Drew Perkins, Mike Regan, Regan Southard, Russ Wever; scenic design, Vicki M. Smith; costumes, Robert Blackman; lighting, Dan Darnutzer; sound, Eric Stahlhammer; music direction, Daniel Wheetman  
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In San Diego theater, 2006 may be remembered as the “Year of the Musical Biography”: Ella Fitzgerald, George Gershwin, Chopin, and now Hank Williams. Concerts disguised as life stories, none dips far beneath the surface — most cling to the myths, in fact — and all create pseudo-tensions rather than drama. The best thing they do is send you back to the original artists.

If you only saw Act One of *Hank Williams: Lost Highway*, you’d think the great “hillbilly” singer lived a charmed sitcom life. If you only saw Act Two, you’d want more facts to support the allegations that arise about drug and alcohol abuse, philandering, and spiritual decay. The book’s an improvement over the yummy version the Old

Globe staged over a decade ago, but it still doesn’t multitask in one of the trickiest of genres: the entertaining cautionary tale.

The performances, however, are quite good. Mississippi Charles Bevel (as Tee-Tot, allegedly a blues influence on Williams) and Patricia Dalen (as a waitress who has a one-night stand — make that a one-night steeplechase — with the legendary singer) bookend the stage and follow Williams’s career on the radio. Bevel’s blues riffs, like antiphonal responses to Williams’s country crooning, are a highlight. As are the antics of the quality backup band: Stephen Anthony (bass), H. Drew Perkins (fiddle), Myk Watford (various guitars), and Russ Wever (his steel guitar so lonesome starts to cry).

None of the performers in San Diego’s Year of the Musical Biography has recreated the original completely. As

Williams, Van Zeiler comes fairly close. He’s got the nervous tics — including his left foot tapping sideways to the music — and has Williams’s signature yodels down pretty pat. One of my favorite bits: every now and then Williams extracts folded pieces of paper from his shirt pocket. It’s a humble act, but on them are the lyrics for “I Can’t Help It (If I’m Still in Love With You)” or “Your Cheatin’ Heart.”

The combination of Zeiler and the band create the Williams aura best. And there are times, as when the nervous group first performs at the Grand Ole Opry and Zeiler belts out “Lovesick Blues,” they transport you back to Nashville’s old Ryman Auditorium, “the mother church of country vocals,” and you become part of a stunned crowd hearing Williams for the first time. ■

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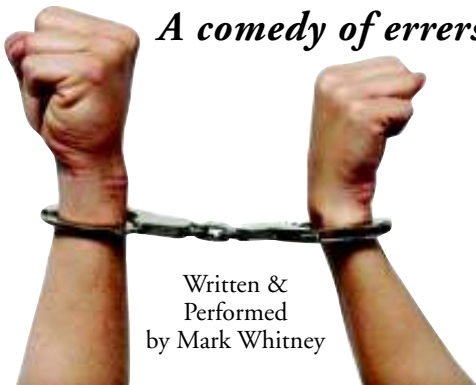
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## Bacchae

6th@Penn Theatre presents Marianne McDonald's new translation of Euripides' drama in which Dionysus, god of orgies, leads an ill-fated dance. Douglas Lay directed.

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## A Christmas Carol

Applauz Theatre presents David Weiner's new adaptation of Dickens's story, which includes a Greek chorus, and music and dance numbers. James Dublino directed. APPLAUZ THEATRE, 450 FLETCHER PARKWAY, SUITE 250, EL CAJON, THROUGH DECEMBER 17; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-440-6714.

## Dutchman

Reviewed this issue.

LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE SPACE, 2653-R ARIANE DRIVE (NORTH OF COSTCO), ROSE CANYON, THROUGH DECEMBER 10; FRIDAY AT 9:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-889-3190.

## Hank Williams: Lost Highway

Reviewed this issue.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH DECEMBER 17; SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

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## It's a Fabulous Life!

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## National Comedy Theatre

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 ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

### Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

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### Worth a try.

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## Readings of August Wilson's Plays: Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

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### Worth a try.

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**Come Together** Marcos Curiel, former guitarist for Chula Vista-based P.O.D., was asked to leave the Christian rap-core band in

contract offer is contingent on Curiel being part of the band. So, according to sources, Curiel has been asked to rejoin P.O.D.

Curiel had no comment about these latest developments. Earlier this year, as he settled a two-year-old lawsuit over unpaid royalties, Curiel did say, "I'm

music?

P.O.D. claims it has sold seven million records worldwide. Yesterday, Rhino released a 17-track P.O.D. compilation titled *Greatest Hits: The Atlantic Years*.

— Ken Leighton

### Shelved, but Not Dusty

Reeve Oliver's first major-label album was set for a January release, but a spokesman for band manager Dan Field says Capitol Records will now release the self-titled CD "in early summer." Capitol Records publicist Ambrosia Healy offered no reason for the delay.

"My thinking is that Capitol will be putting all its promotion behind Interpol, which has a new record out early next year," says an insider. "Interpol is big in Southern California, but they haven't broken in the rest of the country, and Capitol wants to make sure they break Interpol on a national level this time."

"I think they want to make sure that a new baby band like Reeve Oliver won't get lost in the shuffle. They want to release [the Reeve Oliver record] when they can give it the most promotion. I also think that Reeve Oliver might go out on a major tour next summer, and Capitol would want the record release to coincide with that tour. I honestly don't think Capitol is losing interest in these guys at all."

Both 91X and FM-94/9 have said they plan on playing the record, which was produced by Neal Avron (Weezer, Fall Out Boy, Yellowcard, Good Charlotte). Al Guerra has already played one track from the CD

("Summer") on his *Loudspeaker* local music program.

Elektra Records signed



REEVE OLIVER TO WAIT FOR THEIR BREAK

and then recorded an album by local sisters Anna and Lindsey Troy in 2002. That album, which was supposed to be out in 2003, was never released.

Reeve Oliver appears tonight, November 22, at 'Canes and at the House of Blues on December 12.

— Ken Leighton

**Sensational!** "There's no big breakup story," says singer Brandon Welchez of the soon-to-disband Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower. "We're all still friends and still doing various band projects together." Recalling offbeat tour experiences, Welchez mentions hitting a Utah stage in skin-tight pants, faux-fur coats, and mascara.

"This didn't sit well with the conservatism of half the crowd, who immediately started heckling us.... One of them came up to the stage and was yelling things, so I spat in his face. After our last song, a group of 15 to 20 armed Mormon jocks

gathered.... One of them had keys in his fist and punched our drummer's snare drum. One of them punched our

upstairs, and he decided he didn't want to finish the walk.... We were ejected and told never to return and that we wouldn't work in Baltimore again. We found the tires to our van slashed once we got outside."

The Plot will play its final show December 1 at the Ché Café. "Me, Willy [Graves, bassist], and Brian [Hill, drummer] have the Prayers, and we have a four-song EP coming out early next year.... Me and Chuck [Rowell, guitarist] are doing the Vultures, and we're writing an album." The Plot's last release will be the seven-song EP, *Saviours and Suckers*.

— Jay Allen Sanford

### "It's Not Easy Being a Chick Rocker,"

says VV Loveland of Scary Mary. "One time at Scolari's, this guy shows me his penis while I'm onstage. He was drunk and dancing and jiggling it around in the wind, and I told him, 'Mine's bigger than yours,' so he put it away."

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the inside track

2003. Fans bought four million copies of the first two P.O.D. albums on Atlantic (*The Fundamental Elements of Southtown* and *Satellite*).

not a hater. I miss their friendship. I wish them all the luck."

A call to P.O.D. manager Tim Cook was not returned.



CURIEL (RIGHT) WISHES LUCK FOR P.O.D.

The band's third and fourth albums — recorded without Curiel — have not sold well. P.O.D. was released from Atlantic Records this summer.

Now, insiders say a major label is interested in signing the band; however, that

If P.O.D. does regroup with Curiel, what will happen with Jason Truby, the guitarist who replaced Curiel? What happens to Accident Experiment, the local band Curiel joined when he left P.O.D.? And, is there still a market for P.O.D.'s style of



STRANGELY, VV LOVELAND ATTRACTS GUYS

the time was completely knackered. He was trying to make his way to the bathroom, which was

She says her fiancé brings a camera to shows and witnesses fan lust firsthand. "He hears all the guys talk

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about how they want to touch me in naughty places. I dance around and I'm alive, so I guess people get the wrong idea. It's funny these guys have no clue who he is, [but he] just takes it in stride....

"Sometimes the drunks are onstage. We played before Terror Whore at Scolari's and, next thing I see, the lead singer is barfing everywhere in the bar. Does he stop playing? No, he gets down on the floor of the bar and starts humping the ground where his spew is. Yikes! The strangest thing was the band was totally unfazed by his behavior....

"At the same show, there

was a fight outside when I was leaving, and the bartender had to clean that up as well as the puke inside."

Loveland returns to Scolari's on December 7 with her new side band, VV Morgue. "Scary Mary is in hibernation for now," she says.

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Screamo, San Diego's Baby** Wikipedia defines screamo as being "...a musical genre which evolved



FAR SCREAMED THEMSELVES A LEGACY

from emo, post-hardcore, more specifically hardcore emo in the early 1990s.

## OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: HOUSE OF BLUES

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Characteristic of the genre are hardcore screaming vocals and harmonized guitars.... In California in the early 1990s, Gravity Records from San Diego released many defining records of this style."

Troy Davis agrees that screamo had its beginnings in San Diego. When he was booking tours for Three Mile Pilot in the early '90s, he needed a band for three shows in Northern California. Davis realized that locally based Far were from

Sacramento, so he contacted them and went on to manage the band during the early part of their career (from 1992 until early 1996). Davis considers Far's 1996 major-label debut, *Tin Cans with Strings to You*, to be the first screamo record.

"Plus, what screamo band doesn't have ballads?" Davis inquires as we listen to the final song from *Tin Cans*, the ballad "Sorrow's End."

How does the early version of the genre compare with today's brand of screamo?

"Every song wasn't structured exactly the same," says Davis. "Far was more influenced by grunge bands such as Pearl Jam and Smashing Pumpkins, but what differentiated Far from most of those bands was lead singer Jonah's screaming....

"The screamo scene has basically turned into the hair metal scene from the '80s. The kids look the same, the bands sound the same; it's the same way that Slaughter and Skid Row were marketed. It will go away as quickly as the hair-band stuff. The music is very timely and doesn't have much lasting potential."

— Dryw Keltz

**Big Score** Kyle Ponterio says he is one of about 30 professional marimba players in San Diego and the only player in a local rock band.

"I was teaching percussion at a local school," says the classically trained Ponterio. "They were getting



MANGANISTA'S MARIMBISTA, PONTERIO

rid of old drums that were not to be used again because of missing parts. The marimba was broken down in one of the cabinets. I told the band director, 'If you ever want to get rid of it, just let me know.' She said, 'Okay, just don't tell anybody.' "

Ponterio says he spent about \$500 to repair broken

keys on the 60-year-old instrument. A new marimba costs between \$2000 and \$17,000.

"The material they use to make new marimbas is not as good. They used to be made of rosewood, but rosewood is becoming scarce. You can't import rosewood into the U.S. anymore." He says new marimbas often use a lesser wood or synthetic material.

When Ponterio joined Manganista last year, it was the only band he'd been in outside of a school or marching band. He took over the complex parts that had already been written for a synthesized marimba by singer/songwriter Matt Rhea, who admits his six-man band may not be appreciated by mainstream music fans. He uses Danny Elfman as a point of reference.

"Anybody who doesn't appreciate or at least respect Oingo Boingo knows nothing about music. There are countless guitar bands out there. What would be the point of contributing new music to that category?"

Manganista appears Saturday at Pete's Place in La Mesa and December 9 at Squid Joe's in Carlsbad.

— Ken Leighton

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## as i hear it by BRIAN CARVER

San Diego songs take the street test

**Name:** Matt Donaldson, Mira Mesa  
**Artist:** The Screamin YeeHaws  
**Song:** "Ride Again" (From the CD *The Bottle and the Band*)



MATT

The guy sings like he's in a country band, and there were a couple fast breaks like it could have been a punk song but then it had a classic-rock guitar solo towards the end of the song. The guy's voice turned me off to the song pretty much altogether. Drinking beer would help that song dramatically.

**Name:** Lilla Kiss, visiting from Offenburg, Germany  
**Artist:** Secret Apollo  
**Song:** "Piccolo" (From the CD *Homemade Time Machine*)



LILLA

I think it's very rockin', like the Rolling Stones, but in their old days. It's got a good beat. Very danceable, also; I can imagine a rock concert and they're doing it and the crowd is going crazy. I think it would be a good song to start a concert. I didn't get the message, actually — what they want to say. Maybe because I don't know [much] English, so I don't know what "you take the piccolo" means.

**Name:** Jason Poole, Escondido  
**Artist:** Fifty on Their Heels  
**Song:** "Occupation" (From their self-titled EP)



JASON

The guitar at the beginning was cool. It sounded really full and it was already catchy. I was already hooked on the song from the very beginning. The singer came in and I wish the singer's voice sounded a little fuller. Buck-O-Nine, I think, would be what they reminded me of. Other than if you were watching them live, jumping around in the mosh pit, I could see that [song] on a skate video or a surf video.



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# Punk Life

*"I love to see the looks on people's faces as I'm mutilating my flesh."*

I'm just trying to keep real punk alive and keep rock and roll dangerous," says Tim Raldo. "I'm doing shit a lot of people wish they had the balls to do. I've cut myself onstage, performed in the nude, I've even brought in fish heads and other animal parts for performances. I love to see the looks on people's faces as I'm mutilating my flesh, miming with animal sacrifices, and smacking myself around — it's priceless."

Raldo is aware that audiences tend to dislike being antagonized. "One of our first shows at the Playhouse ended when some guy threw a barstool at us...I've noticed that the people who stand in the back and talk shit almost never have anything to say to me when I call them out. Instead, it seems like it's always the guy in the front, not saying or doing anything, who ends up punching me in the face as soon as I start running through the audience."

"That's punk life," he explains. "Sure, we've played shows that only last three songs before they shut us off or someone falls into our equipment and breaks shit, but that just comes with the territory. Most club owners don't say [anything to me] until I call them trying to book another show, then they say they can't book me again unless I tone it down. Sometimes I do, and sometimes I tell them I'll tone it down, but then I fuck shit up all over again."

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5. Turbonegro, *Ass Cobra* ("A favorite because of its intensity and its blatant homosexual theme...with songs like 'Sailor Man' and 'The Midnight NAMBLA,' it makes most homophobes very uncomfortable.")

## FAVORITE CARTOON?

"*South Park*, because it never gets old or stale. That show always makes me think...and laugh."

## WORST SONG EVER?

"Just listen to the radio for an hour, and you'll hear all the worst songs ever."

## HENRY ROLLINS OR JELLO BIAFRA?

"Biafra! Rollins is cool and all, but at least Jello



Tim Raldo

isn't doing some crap talk show and in a bunch of lame movies."

## PET POLITICAL PEEVE?

"I feel strongly about the fact that this country is being run by conservative Christians who want us to be like robots and to think like them. If you think you're better than someone else because you believe in a different God, then you're the same as a terrorist. Christians, Jews, and Muslims are all the same — they think they're right and everyone else is wrong. Religion is the reason for every war ever...live your life for you, not for some pretend man in the sky."

## PERSON WHO MOST NEEDS THEIR ASS KICKED?

"Dick Cheney. There, now there's gonna be a government file on me."

## LAST TIME YOU PUKED?

"Last Sunday morning, after a wedding."

## SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

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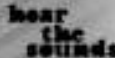
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**Primus:** RIMAC Arena, Friday, December 8, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497.

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**Slightly Stoopid and Pepper:** 4th & B, Saturday, December 9, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Panic! at the Disco:** ipayOne Center, Saturday, December 9, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**The Charlie Hunter Trio:** Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, December 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577.

**Modest Mouse, the Shins, and Pete Yorn:** RIMAC Arena, Saturday, December 9, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497.

**Tom Russell:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, December 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**"91X Nightmare Before Xmas" with AFI, My Chemical Romance, and Taking Back Sunday:** ipayOne Center, Sunday, December 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**Papa Roach:** 4th & B, Sunday, December 10, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Yung Joc:** House of Blues, Monday, December 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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**The Cheetah Girls:** ipayOne Center, Saturday, January 13, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

In 1976, Claude Bolling released, with flautist Jean-Pierre Rampal, his *Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio*. The record bridged classical and jazz like no other and in the process created something both distinguished and curious. That, I think, is where to place **Lori Bell**. She is a classically trained flautist, but, like Rampal, she can choose to speak in a more fluid musical language. Bell's jazz is interpretive, polite, and almost regimented, but it was a local jazz (not a classical) radio station that recently hosted an hour-long retrospective of her work.

Unlike more traditional jazz flautists such as the late Herbie Mann, there's no spleen in Bell's honeyed sound. That texture comes from her partner, **Ron Satterfield**.

"He's different," Bell says from her North Park music studio. "He really is."

Musically, Satterfield is a slick and jazzy display of emotions. He and Bell form two-thirds of a partnership with L.A.-based jazz pianist Dave Mackay called Interplay. Satterfield is previously known for his partnership in the nationally acclaimed pop jazz duo Checkfield but has advanced his role in Interplay such that it bears little resemblance to his famous past. In the years since, he has perfected the lost art of singing scat. It seems a primal language known only to him, one that can imply darkness or ecstasy. His acoustic guitar carries both bass and rhythm, leaving Bell to improvise in the space that remains. It is a sound not unlike that of reedman Joe Farrell's when he was making '70s fusion with Chick Corea and Stanley Clarke, but it carries the same feeling that Rampal imparted when he crossed that line with Claude Bolling.



**LORI BELL**

I tell Bell that I'd heard she was thought of as more classical than jazz in some circles. She insists that jazz is her primary mode of expression. Later, perhaps as a delayed response, she says, "Next year I'm gonna do a classical record. My first."

**LORI BELL, Kitima Restaurant, Saturday, November 25. 7 p.m. 619-298-2929.**

## FEBRUARY

**Cheap Trick:** 4th & B, Thursday, February 22, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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**The Who:** ipayOne Center, Thursday, March 1, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

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**Snow Patrol:** Open Air Theatre, Saturday, March 3, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

**Jeremy Camp:** House of Blues, Wednesday, March 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

## APRIL

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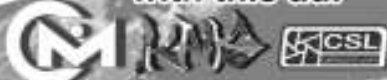


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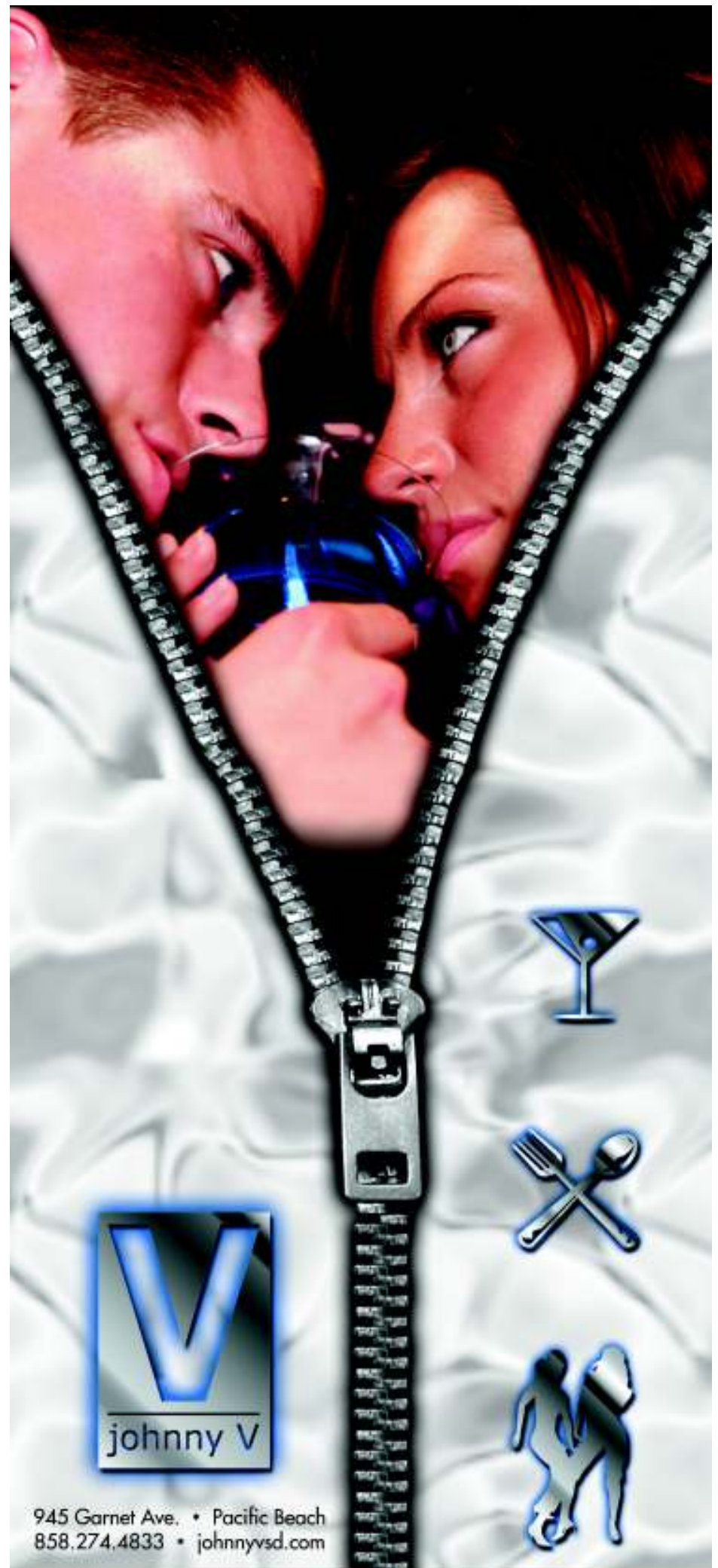
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**Brick by Brick:** Fridays, *Therapy*, industrial, gothic, and fetish with DJs Bryan Pollard and guest. 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.; 21 and up. 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

**Buster Daly's:** Thursdays, *Amat* with rotating DJs Veep Reekins, Xavier, Clean Cut, and Myson King. 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

**'Canes:** Thursdays, Top 40, hip-hop, and old skool with DJs Power Girth, and Rick Nasty. 9 p.m. 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

**Characters Bar & Grill (La Jolla Marriott):** Fridays and Saturdays, salsa, mambo, and merengue. 9:30 p.m.; 21 and up. 4240 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla. 858-597-6397.

**The C Lounge:** Sundays, *Liquid*, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

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**Dino's:** Fridays, *Gimmie Gimmie Gimmie*, punk, goth, and rock with DJs Bryan Pollard, Morgan Young, and guest. 3929 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-3466.

**The Flame:** Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *Sabbat*, gothic,

industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

**Habana Restaurant:** Saturdays, *Adventuras East*, salsa, merengue, and cha-cha with David Garcia and David Suave. 10 p.m. 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-713-2011.

**Honey Bee Hive:** Wednesdays, *Mixtape Sessions*, underground hip-hop, downtempo, and breakbeat with DJ Ricky Wrecks and Mada; 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays, *Deep*, drum 'n' bass with DJs Walkkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown. 619-702-6010.

**Inferno Young Adult Nightclub:** Wednesday, *Pre-Thanksgiving Jam* with guest DJs. Thursday, Thanksgiving Jam featuring DJ Dizzy D. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school sophomore and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

**Jack's Lounge:** Fridays, sexy dance music with DJ Misha and weekly guests. Saturdays, vocal house with DJ Sean Wilson. 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111.

**Kadan:** Wednesdays, *Darkwave Garden*, punk, gothic, and ethereal with DJs Bryan Pollard, Stern, and Grimderella. First Saturday of the month, *BrokenBeat Night*, live electronic, machine funk, and breaks. Second and third Saturday of the month, *Underground Playground*, breaks, house, and progressive with Jack Tripper and guest DJs. Tuesdays, *Distortion*, mashups, bastard pop, and cybertrash. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

**The Kava Lounge:** Second Friday of the month, *Ascension*, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

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#### The Kensington Club:

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#### Michael's Lounge (Hyatt Regency):

Thursdays, DJs Neko, Sky, and Chris Mullins spin hip-hop, dance, and '70s/'80s. 9 p.m. 3777 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla. 858-552-1234.

#### Moondoggies Pacific Beach:

Saturdays, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

**Moose's Gaslamp:** Sundays, *Nocturnal*, house and trance with DJ Neko. 9 p.m. 535 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-702-5595.

**Riley's Sports Bar:** First Friday of the month, *Sin Factory*, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs Darkman and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

#### San Diego Sports Club:

Wednesdays, *Club Pussy Galore*, Robin Roth and other female DJs spin indie rock, electro pop, and '80s Second and fourth Saturday of the month, *Club Fashion Whore*, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Saul Q, Barry Weaver, and more. Third Saturday of the month, *Club de Sade*, gothic, industrial, and fetish with DJs Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

**710 Beach Club:** Sundays, hip-hop, funk, and old skool with the Husky Boy Allstars. 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

**Shooterz:** Thursdays, *Club '80s*, new wave, new romantic, and punk synthpop with DJs Bryan Pollard, Sickboy, and Stern. Saturdays, *Underworld*, industrial, gothic, and dark electro with DJs Bryan Pollard, Cybian, and Harlot. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

**Static Lounge:** Saturdays, house music to dark dance beats. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 18 and up. 634 Broadway (between Sixth and Seventh Avenue), downtown. 619-544-1609.

**Whiskey Girl:** Sundays, Top 40, hip-hop, and dance with DJ Danimal. Mondays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616.

**The Whistle Stop:** Second Thursday of the month, *Programme:Zero*, indie, Brit pop, and soul. First and third Saturday of the month, *Transport*, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *One Nation*, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. Tuesdays, *Friends Chill*, downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, Lstr, and guests. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

## CLUBS BY AREA

If you wish to submit a listing, call 619-235-3000, ext. 405, night or day by 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. To send weekly or monthly schedules, fax to 760-788-1309 or mail to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section.

### Beaches

**710 Beach Club,** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Wednesday, November 22, *the Disco*

*Pimps*. Friday, *the Sure Shot*, rock. Saturday, *Fall Fling*, live rock bands. Sunday, hip-hop. Monday, *Mitch Budd*, rock. Wednesday, November 29, *Spigga*, alternative/electronica, and *Split Finger*, reggae/rock.

**Bahia Resort Hotel,** 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/Latin/international/pop standards.

**Bar Leucadian,** 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday, *Leo Rising*, rock. Saturday, *the Stone Senses*, reggae.

**Beaumont's,** 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., *Allison Scull* and *Victor Martin*.

**The Calypso Cafe,** 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Wednesday, November 22, *Tres Sapos*. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Billy Thompson*, blues. Saturday, *Triple Shot*, blues. Sunday, *the Tony Ortega Trio*. Monday, *John Scott & the Magnificents*. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, November 29, *Cactus Twang*, country rock.

**'Canes,** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Most music is rock/alternative. Wednesday, November 22, *Reeve Oliver*, *Daredevil Jane*, *Kemistry*, and *the Big Provider*. Friday, 8 p.m., *Atlas of Id*, *the Taz Taylor Band*, *the Exit Theory*, and *Heroe*. Saturday, *the B-Side Players* and *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz.

**Clay's,** atop the Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Latin jazz. Saturday and Wednesday, live jazz/funk.

**Cody's La Jolla,** 8030 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-459-0040. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Roy Resnikoff*, light classical piano/show tunes. Friday and Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Dick Koenig*, jazz guitar. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Stefani Stevens*, jazz piano.

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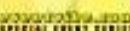
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Sunday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Joe Cardillo*, acoustic jazz-rock.

**Dreamstreet**, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Wednesday, November 22, *Metal Lounge*. Thursday, live hip-hop. Friday, *Klymis*, *Corporate Circus*, *Circa Now*, *Kelly Harper*, and *the Barroom Shakers*. Saturday, *Buckley's Ghost* and *Little Big Porn*, hard rock. Wednesday, November 29, *JD Romance* and *My Laughing Face*, alternative rock.

**E Street Cafe**, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Justin Froese* and *Ivar Rodriguez*, jazz, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Jalopy*, jazz. Monday, *Vladimir & Friends*. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Joseph Angelastro Duo*, jazz.

**Estancia Resort Hotel**, 9700 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 858-550-1000. Mustang & Burros Bar and Grill: Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Los Reyes Del Ritmo*, Gipsy Kings tribute band.

**Hennessey's Tavern (PB)**, 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *the No Show*, rock. Saturday, *I-Sao-7*, reggae/hip-hop/old skool.

**Ki's Coffee on Top**, 2591 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-2158. Friday, *Fred Benedetti*, classical guitar.

**The Kraken**, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday,

*the Bill Magee Blues Band*. Saturday, 9 p.m., *West of Five*, rock. Sunday, blues jam with *the Blues Brokers*.

**La Valencia Hotel**, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz.

**The Lodge at Torrey Pines**, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila*, solo jazz guitar. Also, Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

**Pasquale on Prospect**, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, *Gil Barron*, *Mark Fulton*, *James East*, and *PTrak Armenta*, acoustic pop/rock/Latin/soul. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jazz 101 Band* featuring *Nick Fiore*, *John Guillino*, *Dave Scott*, and *the Cynthia Hammond*. Saturday, Latin jazz.

**People's Food**, 4765 Voltaire Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-224-1387. Friday, 6 p.m., *the Speak Easy Quartet*, '40s traditional jazz.

**Shooters Bar and Grill**, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/pop/Latin/standards.

**Tiki House**, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *the Boogiemen*, R&B. Saturday, *the Rockin' Blues Hounds*. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, *Tunes by Trent*. Wednesday, November 29, *Tigershark*, rock.

**Tower Two Beach Cafe**, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-223-4059. Saturday and Sunday,

# NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In the subgenre of science fiction known as steampunk, writers will set a story in a version of the past, but with elements of modern technology. For instance, top-hatted Victorian gentlemen will work at steam-powered computers. There's something comforting about this kind of image — maybe it's a way for us to reconcile our longing for what's been lost on the way to modern society with our feeling that modern conveniences and freedoms are actually really great.

I think of steampunk when I hear the music of **Norfolk & Western**. The Portland band likes to play dress-up in vintage clothes, and they often employ accordion, ukulele, and other old-fashioned instru-

ments, but they might not fit in on a bill with more explicitly old-timey acts like Jolie Holland, the Be Good Tanyas, or the Ditty Bops. For one thing, Norfolk & Western's main players, **Adam Selzer** and **Rachel Blumberg**, occasionally like to crank up the guitars and let rip. But even their quiet songs sound more like indie rock than anything else. Selzer's songwriting doesn't conform to old genres, it merely suggests them. The ukuleles are sound effects, just like the sound of an old projector that opens and closes their new album, *The Unsung Colony*.

I don't mean that as a knock. Like M. Ward, for whom Selzer and Blumberg sometimes play backup, Norfolk & Western is creating something new and perhaps more honest than what revivalists do. In real life, many of us have high-speed Internet access in a house that was built in the '30s, and



## NORFOLK AND WESTERN

some of us keep old photos of our grandparents in our new cell phones. It makes sense that our music should have the same ambiguous but respectful relationship with the past.

**NORFOLK AND WESTERN, The Casbah, Wednesday, November 29, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$7.**

1 p.m. to 4 p.m., live acoustic/folk music.

**Winstons**, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Wednesday, November 22, *Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra*, jazz/funk. Friday, *Psydecar*, reggae/funk. Saturday, *Delta Nove* and *the Underground Orchestra*, jazz/pop. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*,

classic rock. Tuesday, *Gadfly* and *the Wagon*, reggae/rock. Wednesday, November 29, *the Edub Poets* and *the Professors*.

## Downtown

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

**Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)**, 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Sara Petite*, country/bluegrass/blues. Saturday, *Steven Ybarra*, pop folk.

**Busalacchi's Ristorante**, 3683 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-298-0119. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the New Standard Jazz Trio*, straight-

ahead jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Cynthia Hammond*, jazz.

**The Casbah**, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Wednesday, November 22, *Jivewire* and *One Nation Under a Groove*. *Thursday, Les Georges*, *Leningrad* and *Duchess Says*. Friday, *Pernice Brothers*, *Elvis Perkins*,

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and *Julie Mack*, acoustic/folk. Saturday, *the UV Tigers*, *Goodbye Blue Monday*, *Years Around the Sun*, and *the Modern Rifles*. Sunday, *Ilya*, *Via Satellite*, *Manuok*, *Irwin's Conspiracy*, and *Shea Stratton*. Monday, *the Hidden Cameras* and *Born Ruffians*. Wednesday, November 29, *Norfolk and Western*, *Corinna Repp*, and *Old Man Hands*.

**Croce's Jazz Bar**, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*.

**Dakota Grill and Spirits**, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jimmy Lavello*, pop piano.

**Dick's Last Resort**, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Wednesday, November 22, *the Ghost of Sada*. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain*. Saturday, *the Siers Brothers*. Sunday, *the Disco Pimps*. Tuesday, *the 86'd*. Wednesday, November 29, *the Ghost of Sada*.

**Dizzy's**, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Danny Green & His Quartet*, Brazilian jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Gilbert Castellanos*, Latin jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Hot Pstromi*, featuring *Yale Strom*, jazz. Monday, 8 p.m., *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues, and *ESP*, jazz. Wednesday, November 29, *M'taftiti Imara* and *Gunnar Biggs*, jazz.

**4th & B**, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Monday, *Lloyd Banks*, hip-hop. Wednesday, *the Spazmatics*.

**Henry's Pub**, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Brat Pack*. Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, call club for information. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*s, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, blues.

**House of Blues**, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Friday, *Led Zepagain*, rock. Saturday, *Tyrese*, *Kev Samples*, *Rehab*, and *Picasso*, hip-hop/R&B. Sunday, gospel brunch. Monday, *Talib Kweli*, hip-hop. Tuesday, *the Black Label Society*, *Black Stone Cherry*, and *Priestess*, alternative rock. Wednesday, November 29, ...*And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead*, *the Blood Brothers*, *Brothers and Sisters*, and *Celebration*, rap/soul.

**Jimmy Love's**, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 p.m., live disco/'80s dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Insight*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, jazz/dance/Top 40.

**Martini Ranch**, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Yutes*. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Shannon Long*, acoustic.

**Patrick's II**, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Wednesday, November 22, *Bill Magee Blues*. Thursday, *Chet Cannon & the Committee*. Friday, *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*. Saturday, *Rickie Parish*. Sunday, *Shelle Blue*. Monday, *Chris James & Blue Four*. Tuesday, *Blue Largo*. Wednesday, November 29, *Bill Magee Blues*.

**Princess Pub & Grille**, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, piano.

**Samba Grill**, 514 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp. 619-236-1000. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Edo Brazil*, Brazilian jazz.

**Seaport Village**, 849 West Harbor Drive, downtown. Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Nite Life*, blues/swing.

**Sevilla**, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Tuesday, *Orquesta Guarare*. Wednesday, *Orquesta Tabaco y Ron*.

**The Shout House**, 655 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Rock and roll sing-along dueling pianos.

**Voz Alta**, 1544 Broadway, downtown. 619-230-1869. Saturday, 8 p.m., *the History of Premature Burial*, *Conspiracy of Equals*, *Elephant Skull*, *Broken Gong*, and *Zsa Zsa Gabor*, experimental noise.

**The Westgate Hotel**, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: All music is piano. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Karin Carson Trio*. Friday, and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Fran Laskota* and *Karen Giorgio*, jazz/blues/pop. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to midnight, *Julio de la Huerta*.

Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to midnight, *Faith Page*.

**Whiskey Girl**, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., November 22, *the Stepping Feet* and *DJ Famous Dave*. Thursday, *DaGroove*, rock hits, and *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Friday, *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Saturday, *DJ Marc Thrasher* and *DJ Famous Dave*. Sunday, *DJ Danimal*. Monday, *Manic Mondays* with *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Tuesday, *the Crosswinds*, Southern rock/country/blues, and *DJ Famous Dave*. Wednesday, November 29, 8:30 p.m., *the Stepping Feet*, a Dave Matthews

Band tribute, pop/rock, and *DJ Famous Dave*.

## San Diego

**The Aero Club**, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

**Albie's Beef Inn**, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Piano bar, call club for information.

**The Alibi**, 1403 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-295-0881. Saturday, 11 p.m., *a Scribe Amidst the Lions*, indie rock.

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Monday, *Pat & Joe* and *Allison Gill*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

**Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)**, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Javid*, flamenco.

**Brick by Brick**, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Friday, *Klub Therapy*, industrial/fetish/dance. Saturday, *New Model Army*, *Vale*, and *the Stranger's Six*,

soul/punk/folk/rock. Sunday, *Zombie Ghost Train*, *Hola Ghost*, *Rip-Off Johnny*, and *the Horrorkats*, psychobilly/punk. Wednesday, November 29, *Known Enemy*, *Dark Horse*, and *the Dead Serial Killers*.

**Claire de Lune**, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Live acoustic/jazz/folk.

**Epicentre**, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Saturday, *the Mates of State* and *the Botticellis*.



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## SAN DIEGO

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**Etta's Place**, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Live rock/swing.

**The Gordon Biersch Brewery**, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, live music.

**Greene Music**, 7480 Miramar Road, San Diego. 877-652-8523. Monday, 6 p.m., *John Cain* and *Kiko Jimenez*, Latin jazz.

**Harry's Bar and American Grill**, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the *Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo*.

**Hot Monkey Love Cafe**, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-469-4113. Thursday, jazz. Friday and Saturday, live bands. Sunday, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Alan James* and *Greg Douglass*, folk/blues/country. Monday, tango.

**Humphrey's**, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Wednesday, November 22, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Soul Persuaders*. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Magic Slim & the Teardrops*, blues. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Makai*, dance/disco. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Fattburger*, jazz.

**In Cahoots**, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

**JP's Pub**, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, *the Hoodoo Blues Band*.

**The Kensington Club**, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live punk/hard rock/metal/alternative.

**Lestat's Coffee House**, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Wednesday, November 22, *Derek Evans* and *J.R. Robinson*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday,

November 29, *the Buddy Wuddy Blues Show*.

**Martini's Bar and Grill**, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Vintage Vegas*, jazz.

**O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub**, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Roses on Her Grave. Saturday, U.S. Drag, PepeUs Revenge* and *Seven Dead*. Sunday, *Hugh Gaskins* and *Soul Man*, blues/soul. Monday, *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, *Bedpost Buzzard, Ghost in the Graveyard* and *Unloaded*, rock/punk.alternative. Wednesday, *Tefflon* and *Compass Rose*, rock/folk rock.

**The Ould Sod**, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gene Warren*, Irish folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

**Red Fox Steakhouse**, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Eddie Rossi* and *Joe Soprano*, piano. Monday and Tuesday, *the David Shaw Duo*.

**The Rhythm Lounge**, 3048 Midway Drive, San Diego. 619-224-4835. Tuesday, open blues jam.

**Rosie O'Grady's**, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

**Scolari's Office**, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *the Black*, rock/country/R&B.

**Second Wind**, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *6one9*, classic rock.

**Sham Rocks Shack**, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (half block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Friday and Saturday, live bands.

**Sogno Di Vino**, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

**Soma**, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Performances start at 7 p.m. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Wednesday, November 22, *Danzig, Lacuna Coil, the Haunted, Belphegor*, and *Asesino*.



## >hometown CDs

BY OLLIE

**Album:** *Uncoiled* (2006)

**Artist:** Dan Jacobson

**Label:** self-released

**Where available/price:** Sports Arena Music Trader for \$11.99 or online at *CDBaby.com* for \$12.00 and *iTunes* for \$9.99

**Band:** Dan Jacobson (percussion, electronics, keyboard), John Slaney (bass), Harvey Kramer Hawks (trumpet), Lou Winant (flute), Joel Pedersen (keyboard), Chris Westland (guitar, e-bow), John Rolando (guitar), Jason Langton (percussion)

**Songs:** 1) Symbiotic 2) The Tilting Line 3) Silencing the Sky

4) Start from Uncertainty 5) Chaos Logic 6) Imprint 7) Lift

8) Never Now 9) Cradle of Dreams 10) Ghostland

11) Circular August

*Uncoiled* sounds like yoga in the desert at sunrise. All the songs start out with a percussion instrument, a taiko drum, or some other

nontraditional instrument; a few songs sound as if they start off with a fork against a bottle. Other percussion work is added until a tight rhythm is laid

Friday, *30 Seconds to Mars, Head Automatica, Cobra Starship*, and *Rock Kills Kid*. Saturday, *Copeland, Appleseed Cast, Acute*, and *Owen*. Sunday, *a Static Lullaby, Classic Crime, I Am Ghost, So They Say, Z-Factorial*, and *In Memory*. Monday, *All Shall Perish, Arsis, the Faceless, TerrorsPELL*, and *Agony in Heaven*.

**South Park Bar and Grill**, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Thursday, 7 p.m., *John Kopecky*, solo Latin jazz guitar. Friday, 7 p.m., *Amelia Browning*, jazz/Latin standards. Saturday, 8 p.m., jazz jam session. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sam Johnson's Jazz Quartet*.

**Tina's**, 1956 54th Street, San Diego. 619-263-0254. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Johnson Project*, funk/pop/R&B/jazz.

**Tio Leo's**, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Thursday and Saturday, live music.

**Tio Leo's Lounge**, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday and Saturday, live bands. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band*.

**The Tower Bar**, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday and Saturday, live rock/hard

down.

Atmospheric sounds and subtle bonks and twiddles add an electronic feel to the tracks. A trumpet or string instrument (guitar, bass, keyboard) is mixed in the background until the sounds build to a crescendo and fade to the end. All of the downtempo, slow-paced, resonant sounds, with a samba beat and the Native American flute, affirm it as “world music” jazz. This isn’t a stinky hippie drum circle in Balboa Park on Earth Day; it’s sophisticated and polished.

The trumpet is my favorite. It complements the percussion-heavy tracks with a distant, tinny ringing that is sentimental.

With more soulful guitar and horn work to differentiate the songs, this could be like the St. Germain album *Pont*



Dan Jacobson

*des Arts*. Instead, I can’t tell one track from the next; the album is too reliant on percussion, and that makes it more of an ambient, background soundtrack for a Brazilian restaurant in Ocean Beach or morning coffee at Burning Man.

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**Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant**, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the B-3 Four* featuring vocalist *David Mosby*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Peggy Lloyd*, jazz.

**The Zombie Lounge**, 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-284-DEAD. Music is hard rock/metal. Friday, 8 p.m., *Fing*. Saturday, 10 p.m., *the Astrozombies, Bamboula*, and *the Strikers*. Sunday, *Maystar, Jezebel*, and *Someday Assassin*. Monday, 10 p.m., metal rock.

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**The Alley**, 421 Grand Avenue,  
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Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

**Belly Up Tavern**, 143 South  
Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.  
858-481-9022. Wednesday, November  
22, 9 p.m., *Elijah Emanuel & the  
Revelations* and *Shaka Buku*, reggae.  
Friday, 9 p.m., *Grand Ole Party* and  
*Dirty on Purpose*, rock. Saturday, *Joe  
Bonamassa* and *Oliver Pigott*, acoustic.  
Monday, 8 p.m., *Stan Ridgway* and *the  
Handsome Family*. Tuesday, 9 p.m.,  
*Sugar Minott*, *Scientist*, and *Admiral  
Tibet*, reggae. Wednesday, November  
29, *BT*, *Thomas Dolby*, and *Cory  
Biggs*, new wave/electronic.

**Boar Cross'n**, 390 Grand Avenue,  
Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday,  
hip-hop. Friday and Saturday, live  
classic rock.

**The Book Works/Pannikin  
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la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735.  
Friday, 7 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues.

**Borders Books and Music  
(Carlsbad)**, 1905 Calle Barcelona,  
Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday,  
8 p.m., *Hargo*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m.,  
*Jennifer Jayden*, folk.

**Borders Books and Music  
(Carmel Mountain)**, 11160  
Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel  
Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday,  
8 p.m., *Steven Ybarra*, pop folk.  
Saturday, 8 p.m., *B'Dale*, acoustic.

**Bub's Whiskey Dive**, 301 Pier  
View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS.  
Friday, 9 p.m., *Cory Wilkins*, classic  
rock.

**Carvers**, 11940 Bernardo Plaza  
Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-  
2400. Friday and Saturday, *Night Shift*,  
classic rock.

**Cheers**, 2475 Main Street, Ramona.  
760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday,  
live classic rock/country. Tuesday,  
5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*,  
acoustic rock/folk.

**Coyote Bar and Grill**, 300  
Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad.  
760-729-4695. Wednesday, November  
22, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Northstar*,  
classic rock. Thursday, *Red Lane*,  
rock/blues. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to  
10:30 p.m., *the New Breed Band*,  
jazz/pop. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.,  
*the Blues Pharaohs*; 6:30 p.m. to  
10:30 p.m., *Billy Thompson*, blues.  
Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the  
Fabulous Woodies*, rock; 5 p.m. to  
9 p.m., *Bruce Cameron*, jazz.  
Wednesday, November 29, *Blues Jam*.

**Cuvee Restaurant**, 2334 Carmel  
Valley Road, Del Mar. 858-259-5878.  
Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*,  
Brazilian and American jazz.

**Del Dios Bar and Grill**, 20154  
Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-489-4800.  
Friday, *the Clachan Boys*, folk.  
Saturday, *Luna Llena*, Cuban salsa.

**Game Time Tavern**, 12735 Poway  
Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday,  
live rock. Saturday, *Sundance*,  
rock/country.

**Hennessey's Tavern  
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**The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe**,  
5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa  
Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday,  
and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to  
9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety  
piano.

**The Jumping Turtle**, 1660  
Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-  
7778. Music is rock/metal/alternative  
unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Hot for  
Teacher*, *Loss of Control*, *One  
Thousand Pictures*, the *John-Mark  
Band*, and *the City's Finest*. Sunday,  
live bands. Monday, *Valient Thorr*,  
*Nebula*, *Deverb*, and *Thieves and Liars*.  
Wednesday, November 29, *No One  
Goes Home*.

**La Tapatia Mexican Restaurant  
and Cantina**, 340 West Grand  
Avenue, Escondido. 760-747-8282.  
Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Taupier  
Trio*, jazz.

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760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

**Ocean House**, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 9 p.m., *Undecided*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Shockwave Four*, classic hard rock. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Credit Union*, swing. Wednesday, November 29, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues jam.

**Rancho Bernardo Inn**, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

**Surf N'Saddle**, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Saturday, *Lifelike*, rock.

**Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & Restaurant**, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims & Raggle Taggle*, Irish dance cabaret.

## South Bay/Coronado

**Buon Giorno Restaurant**, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Saturday, *Stage 4*, jazz.

**The Butcher Shop**, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/pop/Latin.

**Cafe LaMaze**, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson*, *Robert Sebastian*, and *Scott Wallingford*, jazz.

**Coronado Island Marriott**, 2000 Second Street, Coronado. 619-435-

3000. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet*.

**Hotel del Coronado**, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino*, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stellita & Dave Lindgren*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson*.

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**Island Sports & Spirits**, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, 9 p.m., *Ron's Garage*, classic rock. Saturday, *Jumpstart*, blues/classic rock.

**McP's Irish Pub and Grill**, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Wednesday, November 22, *Tommy Price*. Friday, *the Stiletto*s, rockabilly. Saturday, *IdleTrain*. Sunday, *Jim Moore*. Monday, *Gary Rich*. Tuesday, *Taylor Harvey*. Wednesday, November 29, *4-Way Street*, classic rock.

## East County

**Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)**, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Patty Hall*, folk.

**Cosmos Coffee Cafe**, 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-698-4217. Friday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *the Sam Johnson Jazz Duo*.

**Dirk's Niteclub**, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Zone 4*, classic rock.

**Don's Cocktail Lounge**, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *the Taylor Harvey Band*, acoustic rock.

**Fannie's Nightclub**, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, 7 p.m., *One Thread*, rock/hard rock/metal. Saturday, *Collage Menage*

and *Fuzz Huzzi*, rock. Sunday, live hip-hop.

**Habana Restaurant**, 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-713-2011. Saturday, salsa dancing.

**Pete's Place**, 8330 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-464-9535. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Manganista* and *Monkey Wagon*, rock/world/reggae.

**Renegade Inn**, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Tumblin' Dice*, country.

**Second Wind**, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

**Sixty 7 Bar and Grill**, 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside. 619-561-6767. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Nicky D* and *the Whiskey Dicks*, *In Perfect Agony*, and guests.

**Tommy's Italian Restaurant**, 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Wize Guyz*, swing/standards.

**Viejas Casino**, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Dream Catcher: Friday and Saturday, *Stayin' Alive*, disco/dance.

# Calendar BANDS

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**Acute:** Soma

**Agony in Heaven:** Soma

**The Album Leaf:** Belly Up Tavern

**All Shall Perish:** Soma

**...And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead:** House of Blues

**Appleseed Cast:** Soma

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**The Astrozombies:** The Zombie Lounge

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**The Barroom Shakers:** Dreamstreet

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- The Botticellis:** Epicentre
- Broken Gong:** Voz Alta
- BT:** Belly Up Tavern
- Circa Now:** Dreamstreet
- The City's Finest:** The Jumping Turtle
- Classic Crime:** Soma
- Cobra Starship:** Soma
- Conspiracy of Equals:** Voz Alta
- Copeland:** Soma
- Corporate Circus:** Dreamstreet
- Danzig:** Soma
- Dark Horse:** Brick By Brick
- The Dead Serial Killers:** Brick By Brick
- Deverb:** The Jumping Turtle
- Thomas Dolby:** Belly Up Tavern
- Duchess Says:** The Casbah
- Elephant Skull:** Voz Alta
- The Exit Theory:** 'Canes
- The Faceless:** Soma
- Fing:** The Zombie Lounge
- Goodbye Blue Monday:** The Casbah
- Hat Trick:** The Jumping Turtle
- The Haunted:** Soma
- Head Automatica:** Soma
- The Hidden Cameras:** The Casbah
- The History of Premature Burial:** Voz Alta
- The Horrorkats:** Brick By Brick
- Hot for Teacher:** The Jumping Turtle
- I Am Ghost:** Soma
- Ilya:** The Casbah
- In Memory:** Soma
- Irwin's Conspiracy:** The Casbah
- Jezebel:** The Zombie Lounge
- The John-Mark Band:** The Jumping Turtle
- Kemistry:** 'Canes
- Klymis:** Dreamstreet
- Known Enemy:** Brick By Brick
- Lacuna Coil:** Soma
- Les George Leningrad:** The Casbah
- Loss of Control:** The Jumping Turtle
- Manganista:** Pete's Place
- Manuok:** The Casbah
- The Mates of State:** Epicentre

- Maystar:** The Zombie Lounge
- The Modern Rifles:** The Casbah
- Monkey Wagon:** Pete's Place
- My Laughing Face:** Dreamstreet
- Nebula:** The Jumping Turtle
- The New Model Army:** Brick By Brick
- No One Goes Home:** The Jumping Turtle
- Reeve Oliver:** 'Canes
- One Thousand Pictures:** The Jumping Turtle
- Owen:** Soma
- Priestess:** House of Blues
- Rock Kills Kid:** Soma
- JD Romance:** Dreamstreet
- A Scribe Amidst the Lions:** The Alibi
- So They Say:** Soma
- Someday Assassin:** The Zombie Lounge
- The Spazmatics:** 4th & B
- Spigga:** 710 Beach Club
- The Stranger's Six:** Brick By Brick
- Shea Stratton:** The Casbah
- A Static Lullaby:** Soma
- The Strikers:** The Zombie Lounge
- Terrorspell:** Soma
- Thieves and Liars:** The Jumping Turtle
- 30 Seconds to Mars:** Soma
- The UV Tigers:** The Casbah
- Valient Thor:** The Jumping Turtle
- Via Satellite:** The Casbah
- The Wise Monkey Orchestra:** Winstons
- Years Around the Sun:** The Casbah
- Z-Factorial:** Soma
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ROCK

- Atlas of Id:** 'Canes
- The Black:** Scolari's Office
- Born Ruffians:** The Casbah
- The Brat Pack:** Henry's Pub
- Buckley's Ghost:** Dreamstreet
- Mitch Budd:** 710 Beach Club
- Cactus Twang:** The Calypso Cafe
- Collage Menage:** Fannie's Nightclub
- The Crosswinds:** Whiskey Girl
- Daredevil Jane:** 'Canes
- Dirty on Purpose:** Belly Up Tavern
- The 86'd:** Dick's Last Resort
- The Electric Waste Band:** Winstons
- The Fabulous Woodies:** Coyote Bar and Grill

- 4-Way Street:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill
- Fuzz Huzzi:** Fannie's Nightclub
- The Ghost of Sada:** Dick's Last Resort
- Grand Ole Party:** Belly Up Tavern
- The Handsome Family:** Belly Up Tavern
- The Taylor Harvey Band:** Don's Cocktail Lounge
- Heroe:** 'Canes
- Hola Ghost:** Brick By Brick
- Jumpstart:** Island Sports & Spirits
- Red Lane:** Coyote Bar and Grill
- Led Zepagain:** House of Blues
- Leo Rising:** Bar Leucadian
- Lifelike:** Surf N'Saddle
- Little Big Porn:** Dreamstreet
- Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors:** Dizzy's
- Nemesis:** Second Wind (Santee)
- Night Shift:** Carvers
- The No Show:** Hennessy's Tavern (PB)
- Northstar:** Coyote Bar and Grill
- Norfolk & Western:** The Casbah
- Old Man Hands:** The Casbah
- One Thread:** Fannie's Nightclub
- Private Domain:** Dick's Last Resort
- Rip-Off Johnny:** Brick By Brick
- Ron's Garage:** Hotel del Coronado, Island Sports & Spirits
- Shockwave Four:** Ocean House
- The Siers Brothers:** Dick's Last Resort
- Gone9:** Second Wind (San Carlos)
- The Stilettos:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill, Henry's Pub
- Sundance:** Game Time Tavern
- The Sure Shot:** 710 Beach Club
- The Taz Taylor Band:** 'Canes
- Tigershark:** Tiki House
- Undecided:** Ocean House
- Vale:** Brick By Brick
- The Wagon:** Winstons
- West of 5:** The Kraken
- Cory Wilkins:** Bub's Whiskey Dive
- Zombie Ghost Train:** Brick By Brick
- Zone 4:** Dirk's Niteclub

- POP / TOP 40**
- PTrak Armenta:** Pasquale on Prospect
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Galileo 101, like all heavenly bodies, is ever in transit — and has been since it first entered our solar system. When new, it offered “avant-garde Italian” food that has gradually evolved into adventurous Euro-Cal cuisine, its dishes influenced by modern French cooking with a few Pacific Rim touches. A “wine tower” in the bar (complete with “wine angels” in harnesses) subsequently became a rum tower and is now turning into a tequila tower (sans angel).

And (as Galileo said), it still moves. A few weeks before we arrived, the restaurant’s long-time top toque departed and was replaced with Joe Craig, who was chef de cuisine for the previous nine months. (Earlier, he was chef de cuisine under Scott Halverson at Chive, which received four stars in this paper during that period.) The change was a surprise to us, but hey, Joe — way to go! At two dinners (sampling some 16 dishes), I encountered no flops, no serious flaws, not even minor inconsistencies. Everything we ate was highly enjoyable, and several dishes were no less than splendid.

At the base of the soaring Harbor Club, the restaurant is handsome, offering good things to look at from every angle. You enter via a wraparound patio dining area (named “Pluto,” since it’s “out there”) with firepit tables, some facing the convention center across the street and others next to a grassy mini-park. You pass through the “Earth Bar,” which was populated on a weekend evening by young corporate types (men in Polos and Dockers, women ranging from the preppy Ts and sneaks of moon-goddess Artemis to the high-glam date duds of would-be Venuses). In the “Jupiter Dining Room,” the decor is deliciously astronomical, with overhead lights shaped like half-moons, well-padded matte silver steel-backed chairs with a 1950s-style oval hole in the back (very NY-MOMA Design Collection), and an open kitchen along one side of the room. On the walls are portraits of Galileo, the inventor of the telescope. Hung on a silvery mesh curtain behind the banquettes is a framed gallery of the scientist’s engravings, enlarged and richly colored-in, showing what he saw on our moon and the other planets with his 20x telescope. (The brief captions reveal why Galileo’s observations so upset the papal worldview of his time.)

Dinner begins with slices of crusty rustic bread and coral-colored butter, whipped with roasted



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sweet chilies and sugar. The fall menu is well adapted to the season, with autumnal flavors of game, premium meats, wild mushrooms, and clean, honest sauces based on reduced meat stocks.

The soup du jour at our first visit was an earthy, comforting butternut squash puree with greens floating subsurface to offset the squash’s sweetness, and, center stage, a “chorizo fritter” made of the mild Spanish (not spicy Mexican) version of the sausage. In the wild mushroom duck confit tart, a filling of moist duck shreds, dressed with a veal reduction, mingled with fresh wild mushrooms (shiitake, cremini, enoki) to spill from a buttery puff pastry shell. The combination proved a happy one, intensifying the “ducky” flavor of the fowl.

The savory veal reduction sauce makes a clever reappearance where you’d least expect it, as a glaze under large, plump, sweet scallops, cooked tender, uncommonly paired with osso buco (veal shank) shreds mixed with baby arugula and chive oil. It’s a wonderfully eccentric version of surf and turf.

A wild boar tamale is loaded with finely chopped braised meat, but the meat doesn’t taste very wild. “It’s like regular pork,” said my friend Cheryl. In

fact, I doubt that it’s true boar: Some years ago, while writing a meat and game cookbook, I discovered that most “boar” available commercially in the U.S. is feral pig, descended from escaped ridgeback hogs that the pioneers brought to the New World. Furthermore, most of the current supply is farm raised, so the ridgebacks have come full circle — they’re back in the pen again, presumably with some extra run-

ning-around room. (The advantage of farm-raised “boar” is that truly wild pigs and boars are prone to trichinosis and so must be cooked to death for safe eating.) Whatever the meat’s actual ancestry, the dish redeems itself with a lively chile *guajillo* sauce and a charming little salad of fresh nopalito strips, good tomato, and onion. Thin streaks of lime-flavored cream sauce decorate the plate and are worth dipping into.

Another November evening, when the temperature had returned to steaming Indian summer, my partner and I were drawn to lighter beginnings. Scottish salmon, house-cured to tender gravlax in vanilla vodka, was the bashful star of a salad, hiding under a heap of baby arugula dotted with tiny beets in a light, balanced dressing of orange and

## REVIEW

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### Galileo 101

★★★½ (Very Good to Excellent)

West Tower, Harbor Club, 201 J Street at Second Avenue (also 10 Harbor Drive), Suite 101, 619-702-7101; [www.g101.com](http://www.g101.com).

**HOURS:** Dinner nightly, 5:00–10:00 p.m., until 11:00 p.m. weekends. Bar open 4:00 p.m.–1:30 a.m.

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**CUISINE AND BEVERAGES:** Adventurous “Progressive European Cuisine” with some fusion touches, featuring premium ingredients including Kobe beef, Jidori chicken, Kurobuta pork, game meats. Solid international wine list, on the pricey side, includes some prized French reds at the high end; a separate list of excellent choices by the glass and the half bottle. Corkage \$15. Full bar with “tequila tower” and avant-garde martinis.

**PICK HITS:** Scallops with osso buco; wild mushroom duck confit tart; sea bass with purple “potato” (Hawaiian ubi yam); Kobe flat iron steak; elk rack; nightly specials.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Valet parking at restaurant Thursday–Saturday; validated valet parking (\$10) at Morton’s Sunday–Wednesday, plus some street parking on J Street. Patio dining at tables with firepits, some abutting a mini-park. “Wine Wednesdays” feature half-price bottles with dinner entrée. Wine locker rentals available. Note: website menu may be out of date.

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yuzu. Rare seared ahi has become a ubiquitous starter, and Galileo, too, offers it. Here the cubes are garnished (per the menu) with “tropic fruit, avocado mousse, papaya coconut sauce.” All were present and accounted for, but in miniature. We found puffs of the mousse, squiggles of the delicious sauce, plus a tiny, welcome pile of unadvertised green tobiko (flying fish roe). The fruits consisted of apple slices, baby kiwis, and — *ta-dah!* — a single fresh rambutan (a luscious, funny-looking fruit from Southeast Asia with a flavor something like

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a lychee) capped with its own Phyllis Diller wig of wild, red-headed peel. I'm not sure the dish is worth \$15, even with a rambutan, but the flavors were fine — we just wanted more of the garnishes.

We had to wrestle with our eco-consciousness when we saw Chilean sea bass on the menu — our gang of four that evening (Sam, Cheryl, my partner, and I) have been trying to boycott it until stocks are fully recovered. This fish, which lives to age 40 and takes ten years to mature enough to reproduce, is still endangered, although the rampant poaching for the American market has abated somewhat. What made us ignore our consciences was its escort, a bed of “Okina-wan purple potatoes.” These were, as I'd hoped, Hawaiian ubi — big, knobbly Hawaiian yams with sweet and slightly glutinous deep-purple flesh. Vacationing at a rent-a-house in Kailua, my housemates and I constantly threw them on the barbie. (“Haoles don't like those,” the supermarket checker told me, but these haoles sure did.) This is the first time I've seen this much-missed veggie at a mainland restaurant, and it's still delicious — here pureed with butter to serve as a dais for the fish. The bass was tender, moist, flaky, surrounded by a blood-orange coulis that lent a subtle note of sweetness. This is one Patagonian toothfish that did not die in vain.

The most expensive dish on the menu features a good portion of the best parts of a Maine lobster, out of the shell, with thick-skinned ravioli filled with pumpkin puree, along with thin

slices of lightly cooked fennel root, and a foamy sauce based on a lobster stock reduction barely touched with powdered star anise. It's very good, but not as good as the bass. Few things are.

A venison strip loin was cooked rare to our order — but alas, since most restaurant venison nowadays is farm-raised red deer from Australia or New Zealand, it's nothing like gamy wild venison. Chef Joe himself was disappointed with its mildness: “Compared to the deer my father used to hunt in Minnesota, it just tastes like a cow,” he told me later. Nonetheless, if venison is on the menu, you'll get very tender meat, cooked to order (and *please* give this fatless meat its due by ordering it rare). It came with purple and green broccoli and cauliflower, all just right. The garnishes were supposed to include pomegranate-juice gnocchi, but the kitchen was all out that night. A black truffle demi-glaze sauce was AWOL, too. In any event, chef Joe is going back to the rack of elk that appeared on earlier menus. Having eaten elk (a delicious meat), and after observing the careful treatment of venison here, I think I can recommend the rack sight unseen.

Due to a printer's error, the menus before us no longer trumpeted the pedigrees of the meats, as previous menus had, but when we tasted the flat iron steak, it was clear that it was Kobe beef. It, too, came rare as ordered, surprisingly tender for this cut, accompanied by caramelized onions, roasted red potatoes, asparagus, and above all else, a zesty chipotle béarnaise sauce that tasted freshly made

and (aside from the addition of chilies) true to the classic recipe. On a return visit, the evening's special was another “difficult” cut of Kobe beef, the short rib. Served boneless in a thick square, it was topped with two rounds of fried onion, crowned by a haystack of buttery slim *haricots* (French green beans), all plated atop a shallow pond of chipotle barbecue sauce. The meat was tender and rich, its sauce a serious barbecue sauce and not some sweet, ketchupy thing. It was complex and spicy, clearly the product of much thought and experimentation (and a lot of ingredients). The onion rings were coated with panko and seasonings, and my only wish is that the chef would use a sweet variety like Maui, instead of plain yellow onions, to live up to the rest of the ingredients. If you're into wine, go for a big, bold red with this — the somewhat tannic but fruity Nebbiolo on the wine list might be perfect.

If we're to believe chef/writer Anthony Bourdain, diners should approach “specials” with caution, as they may feature the remnants of some aging ingredient that the chef wants to get out of the kitchen before it spoils. (I think I'd be scared to eat at Bourdain's restaurant.) But at Galileo, the specials are worth serious consideration, because they're where a talented chef gets to exercise more creativity than on the printed menu items. At our first meal, Cheryl's heart was set on a special I wouldn't have ordered, seared ahi with soba and Thai green curry. Surprising the heck out of me, the spicy sauce tasted convincingly like

genuine Thai curry, not the usual dumb *farang* fusion-fakery. I even liked the soba, since it was the carrier of that sauce.

My visits to Galileo 101 were slightly premature, as a dessert chef from San Francisco was hired to start work the following week, with a license to do “edgy,” non-mainstream sweets. When I ate there, unfortunately, although desserts were all house-made, the choices were the easy-to-cook standards of restaurants without specialized pastry chefs: various crème brûlées, gelati, chocolate lava cake, house-made s'mores. There's also a cheese plate listed among the appetizers, which might have served for dessert if we hadn't already finished our wine. Mainly, though, after both dinners we wanted to leave with the meal's great good tastes still in our mouths.

Googling Galileo 101 turned up almost no previous press coverage. I'd attribute this to the restaurant's tendency (in the language of Galileo-era astronomy) to be a “mutable star,” with a shifting identity, plus its location in an obscure corner of the galaxy — a cul-de-sac where J Street ends at a park. With no foot traffic, the restaurant is invisible except to those who already know about it. But if it's been an undiscovered star, it's now become a culinary star, one that awaits your discovery.

#### ABOUT THE CHEF

Galileo 101's owner is Jay Amini, in his first venture into the restaurant business. He was originally partnered with a more experienced restaurateur, whose share he eventually bought out.

Asked about the restaurant's shifting identity, he says, “We are always improving.” One likely improvement is in the skill of the chef.

Chef Joe Craig, aged 28, hails from Minnesota. “I've been traveling around the United States, cooking in high-end restaurants, and I landed in San Diego because of the weather,” he says. “I worked under Scott Halverson at Chive for two years, and from there I came here and worked under Danny Salcedo for about eight months, until he left.” Craig's interest in cooking stems from childhood. “My father was an awesome cook, and he hunted. He'd cook deer, and boar, and all sorts of wild game. As a kid, I loved to be in the kitchen. So when the time came, ten years ago, I studied cooking at the Art Institute of Minneapolis.”

Joe was the one who put the game meats on the menu. “I had some awesome venison, but it didn't have much game flavor... I just took that off the menu and put back a rack of elk. But the owner didn't want us going too crazy on this menu with things like the elk, the venison, the Colorado lamb braised for 12 hours, and the Chilean sea bass with Okinawan purple sweet potato. People were reading the menu and asking, ‘What is *this*?’ So I also put some stuff on that people will recognize — simple things for the San Diego people and conventioners. I had to put a pasta on the menu, a really good one with shrimps, but it's still pasta. The problem is, you put a pasta on the menu and a tenderloin steak on the menu in San Diego, that's all

that people order. That's not fun for a chef. But I can still buy high-end product, like Wagyu tenderloin I get from Snake River Farms for, like, \$400 apiece [for about six pounds], and Kurobuta pork, and Jidori chickens. One of the good things downtown, a lot of the guys around here are buying high-end stuff now. People aren't trying to buy and sell garbage around here anymore....

“Next week we're getting a new chef to do desserts. She went to school in San Francisco, and she's been cooking [professionally] for three or four years. Her main interest now is in getting into the sweets. She showed me some pretty weird stuff she makes that I think will go really well with our menu — not mainstream stuff, it's going to be a little edgy. If we do a chocolate cake, it'll be a bizarre chocolate cake. I'm working on trying to get our pizza oven out of here, since we don't use it, and replace it with a convection oven so we can do soufflés and old-school desserts. You can't get a soufflé to blow up fast enough without a convection oven.

“People think a chef's job is glamorous somehow. But it's a crazy business, 'cause your schedule is opposite to the rest of the world. Your restaurant is your life, you have to be married to it. It's like a construction job — it's really heavy work and stress.” Nonetheless, Joe plans to stick with it. “I'm just a really good cook, and that's all that I want to do.” His hope for the future? To open a neighborhood bistro of his own someday. ■

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# Spicy Gravy

*Sure seems Carlsbad is voting with its feet.*

I ask once. I ask twice. The guy at the transit center, the guy at the auto repair. Need a breakfast joint, bad. They both say the same thing. "Just around the corner. Oldest place in town. Don's."

Who am I to question? Been up since five, on the road, and here I am in Carlsbad. My gut has been flashing "Empty!" for two and a half hours.

Ah. There it is. Clean little place, dun-colored walls with gold-yellow tile, half a dozen blue umbrellas and tables out in front. I swivel through the corner door into this narrow, longish space, painted light blue and white with about five tables by the counter. It's a full house of bobbing heads. Cops clustering, older folk blustering, waitresses whipping about, plus a rack of hooped backs — people eating at the counter. Sure seems Carlsbad is voting with its feet.

"Chosen the best by those who ate at the rest," says one sign. "Home of the best biscuits and gravy in town," says another.

I climb aboard a squiggly stool with a wrought-iron back. Guy beside me is finishing up what looks like a four-inch-high stack of spuds. But no, it's a vegetarian omelet. "Good stuff," he says. "Broccoli, mushrooms, onions, tomatoes. And there's a lot. Too much."

"Something to drink?" says this gal Dora, coffee pot in hand. She's doing her counter patrol, topping up cups and clearing off dishes.

"Uh, yes. Cawfee," I croak, just as this couple comes up and sits down on my other side. The

gal plonks a book, *Hidden Mexico*, on the counter.

"We're on our way to Baja, San Quintín," says the guy, Josh. He puts his arm around her. "Tequila," he says. "Tonight, sunset."

They're ready to order when Tricia, another waitress, arrives. "I'll have the Bob Scramble," says the gal, Grey. That's her first name, with an e, English-style. She's getting one egg on an English muffin with cheese for \$2.95. A deal. (With bacon it'd be \$3.95.) Plus she gets an order of biscuits and gravy (\$3.65).

Josh closes the menu. "I'll have the Heart Attack Breakfast, Number Nine," he says.

I check. Number Nine doesn't say "Heart Attack," it says "chicken fried steak with two eggs, \$9.25."

"Last time I had this was 20 years ago," Josh says. "The menu is just as I remember it. Today, we were on our way down from Santa Barbara, got hungry, and I guess I navigated here by instinct. 'Cause I sure couldn't remember the address."

Wow. The guy can't be more than 30. But he tells me he surfs. Maybe that life keeps you young. Or maybe he was a kid last time he came.

Uh oh. Here comes Laura, the third gal behind the counter. She's waiting for me. I think about the chicken-fried steak, but nine bucks? I spot Number Five, a hamburger patty with two eggs and two biscuits and country gravy. Seven Washingtons. Or two sausage patties in the same combo

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for a nickel less. I'm tossing and turning betwixt the two when my eyes catch a special on the blackboard. "Kielbasa scramble with home fries or hash browns and biscuits, \$7.55."

"It's excellent Polish sausage," Laura says.

She's got me. 'Course then I discover it's a dollar extra for some Country Sausage Gravy. Coulda had Josh's dish. But what the hell. Best in town, right?

And yes, it's good, and it's a lot of food. The kielbasa and eggs are tasty with the home fries, big inch-plus chunks with the red skins intact and plenty of slurpy bell peppers and onions. The scrambled eggs are mixed in with olives and onions and that garlicky sausage. I get some of the homemade salsa to kick it up a notch, and by golly, that does the trick.

The problem is, I get so interested in what Josh's talking about, I just wolf it down. Forget to enjoy that taste bonanza. The guy's a glass-blower. Does it by hand. "I call it a dance with heat," he says. Grey's also an artist, a chef at the Hotel Andalusia in Santa Barbara. "Not chef, cook," she says.

"Chef," says Josh.

"Cook."

"Chef."

Her Bob Scramble's like a little egg burger, with avocado. "It gives me my fatty fix for the day," she says.

The guy at the cash register when I get up to pay isn't Don. It's Roberto. Don died two years ago, and Roberto and his wife Rosa run the restaurant now. "Don had the place 25 years," Roberto says. "And it was going for years before that, under a different name. I started off here in the kitchen." And yes, just as Josh said, the menu hasn't ever changed. And the sausage gravy? "That was Don's recipe. That stays *exactly* the same."

Me, I'm having some buyer's regret. Should've just had biscuits and gravy on their own for \$3.65. That would've filled me plenty for half the price. Still, I can take the second half of my kielbasa scramble back to share with Carla. Nothing more delish than a reheated.

But...best gravy in town? Mine tasted subtle, light, slightly peppery, slightly sausagey. Not too overpowering. But I want to hold final judgment till I try the rest. Come back to beautiful downtown Carlsbad on the train. So...would that make it the gravy train? ■

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# Deconstructing Spain

*"I smell red fruit — red plums, red cherries, a little cranberry."*

**S**panish wines are foreign to me," says Dan Chapman as he opens the tasting session. Of course, there's foreign and there's foreign. Chapman was at home enough in Spain to pass the advanced sommelier exam a while back, and now he serves as a sort of moderator for the rest of the tasters gathered in the back room at Roppongi: Lisa Redwine, Catherine Henson, Megan Burgess, and Paul Krikorian. They all work in restaurants, they all work with wine, and they all want to advance along the path of formal wine mastery. To that end, they meet every Monday around noon to taste, analyze, and share information. Before each of us are six glasses of anonymous Spanish red, ready to be sniffed, swirled, picked apart, and guessed after.

"Early on," says Chapman to me, "we were doing it like we're doing it now, picking a varietal or a region and just spending a lot of time with it. Then we switched over to 'anything goes,' just practicing tasting." The "anything goes" set-up mimicked test conditions: "In the advanced and master sommelier exams, you have 25 minutes and six wines, and there's a certain way they want you to taste, where you point out all these characteristics." And in those exams, you're not going to have a comfortable starting point such as a common provenance.

But random tasting doesn't make for great

education. If you want to plumb the depths of a varietal or region, it helps to spend some time there, do a little compare and contrast. "Now," continues Chapman, "we're looking at varietals and regions again, ones we're not as familiar with."

We spent about four weeks in Italy, the whites and reds — just because we don't drink that much Italian wine. Now we're moving on to Spain. We practice going through the tasting format, and kind of keep track, build a database for ourselves."

Chapman sets up a map of Spain showing the various wine regions and starts hitting the highlights. When he gets to the "up-and-coming" region of Jumilla, he says, "They grow Mourvedre — they call it Monastrell. Obviously, it's in the south, and they tend to be juicier. My experience with those wines is they're almost Zin-like — really fruity aromatics, but with a little more structure than Zin."

Then he glides on to a discussion of the label laws. "Everything seems to be around barrel-aging; that's their thing."

The rest of the group starts chiming in. "To be a Reserva, it has to be bottled the January after harvest," offers Redwine.

"So you've got the Joven, which is no barrel aging..." continues Chapman.

"No," corrects Henson, "the Joven can have 12 months or under — or none."

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Vineyards in Priorat region of Spain

Henson adds a comment on soil types. "I think it's really interesting how you've got some mountainous areas that they've planted all the way down to complete sand."

Moving on to the wines. "What do you expect from Tempranillo?" asks Chapman about Spain's most famous grape.

"High acid," says Krikorian.

"Pinot-like, with lots of oak," offers Burgess.

"But with a little more structure," replies Chapman. "Tight."

"They show a little more of that cooked-type fruit," suggests Redwine. "The fruit is not that bright, more like stewed. A lot of cinnamon...not real earthy, and not a lot of herbaceousness. It's like compote, kind of."

"Right on," says Chapman.

Redwine assesses Wine Number One. "I just started with doing the characteristics by memory," she says, and begins running down the formal checklist of observations: "Wine number one is a red wine. The wine is bright — no gas, no par-

"Okay, good," replies Chapman, happy to be reminded. "Crianza in Rioja and Ribero Del Duero is at least one year in oak, plus another year aging; everywhere else, it's six months and two years aging. Reserva is one year in barrel, three years aging — these are always minimums. And then Gran Reserva is two years in barrel, a total of five years."

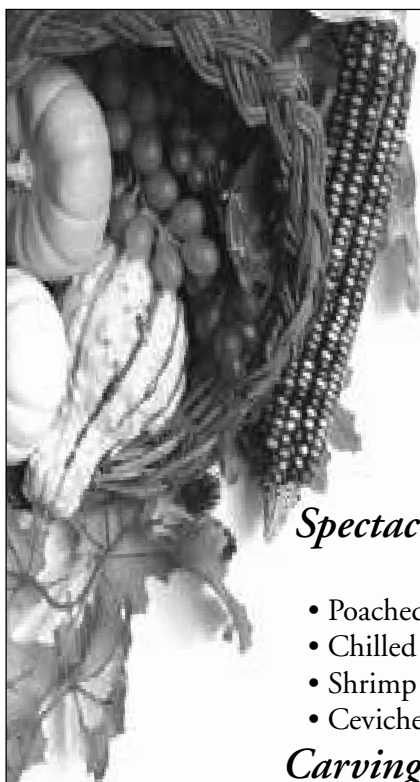
"The whites have different aging requirements," adds Henson. Chapman nods and runs down the numbers before moving on to designations. "It's interesting. In the beginning, it was Vino de Mesa — table wine — and Vino de la Tierra, which applies to larger regions without really strict guidelines. Then you have Denominacion de Origen and DO Calificada, which applies to Rioja and Priorat."

"As of April of '91," notes Henson.

"But they've added two new designations. First, VCIG — Vinos de Calidad con Indicacion Geografica, which is like a stepping stone to a DO. The other one, which I think is the most interesting, is the DO. Vino de Pago. It's given to specific sites that are not using grapes native to the area but that have shown great promise. Maverick winemakers."

"Like Priorat?" asks Redwine

"No," says Chapman. There, the use of outsider varietals is "within the laws." (Though it's easy to see why Redwine asked. Priorat is something of a maverick region. In addition to Garnacha, says Chapman, "they're using Cabernet, Merlot, Syrah, Carignan...") The DOVP wines "tend to be down in Castilla y León outside of the DO regulations. They're individual vineyards that have shown they are really special — like a Sassicaia in Italy. Last I heard there were eight of them. I think it's pretty smart."



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ticles. The color is — it's not opaque, but it's dark, it's deep. The color is ruby going out to slightly orange meniscus. The viscosity, I would say, is medium."

She swirls and sniffs. "Moving on to the nose. The wine is clean, medium intensity, medium alcohol. The wine is developing. Moving on to fruit characteristics: I smell red fruit — red plums, red cherries, a little cranberry in there. Almost like a tea, an Earl Gray tea. I get a wet stone or a wet leaf, forest floor, a little bit of cinnamon maybe coming from oak, a little bit of clove, a tiny bit of herbaceousness...."

She sips and sucks air over the wine in her mouth. (So does everyone else.) She spits the sip into an empty water glass. "Moving on to the palate: the acidity is medium/medium plus, tannins are medium, intensity is medium, alcohol is medium. Confirming the fruit: a lot of red cherry, a lot of cranberry, a little bit of that tea characteristic. It's more com-

ing from the tannin. Definitely cinnamon, clove, oak. Almost like a cola-ish too, on the finish. I get that earthiness, the wet leaves. Did I miss anything?"

"Is it balanced?" asks Chapman.

"Yes, the wine is balanced. The finish is medium-medium plus. Complexity — is that the one I'm missing? Medium." She sips again. "Mmm. It's good. So then: moving on to initial conclusion. It's old world. Given the earthiness and the alcohol content and that it's Spain, um, it's one varietal, and three to five years."

"Temperature?" asks Chapman.

"Cool..." She begins considering her final verdict on varietal: "Tempranillo...Grenache...I don't think it's Monastrell — not deep enough. Final conclusion: old world, Spain, 2003, I'm gonna say Rioja, and it's a blend..." She's guessing that the orange on the rim is because of Grenache and that the "stewed, cooked fruit" she detects matches with her earlier thoughts on Tempranillo.

"Quality level?" asks Chapman.

"DOCa."

And so it goes around the table, Chapman taking notes

on each taster's evaluation, prompting them when they forget to mention a required characteristic. (Nobody offers criticisms during the individual evaluations. The table policy is "No hurt feelings," but they save their disagreements for the end.) Then after all six wines have been tasted, Chapman asks for group comments on Wine Number One.

"High acid," says Krikorian. "Tart." It's a hard judgment, but there's reason for it. The fruit is still there, but it's muted, and the finish bears that cola-like character Redwine mentioned. The acid has taken the upper hand.

Chapman: "Lots of red fruit herbs spices forest floor." Someone suggests leather, and he agrees.

"2003 Rioja?" he asks, checking Redwine's assessment.

Krikorian: "Given the browning, it's either Grenache or it's more than five years old."

Chapman turns to Redwine. "You called the color deep, but that's not deep, when you compare it to the others. It's starting to lighten up, which might suggest some age."

"This could be a little older than we think," says Krikorian. And he's right: it's a '96 Reserva from Campillo.

"So I got the region right," says Redwine, satisfied.

Chapman holds up the trade

book he's been using as a reference. "Doug Frost says Spanish wines are such good value, because oftentimes they release wines when they're ready to drink," holding on to them for several years after bottling.

That may be changing somewhat. The other two Tempranillos we taste are huger, riper, richer — and much younger. "Tempranillo has behaved differently in the three wines we've had today," says Burgess, and she agrees it may be due to a shift in winemaking style, a shift that may lessen the need for extended prerelease aging. Spanish wines may be getting a little less foreign. As Krikorian puts it, "They're closer to California than to either Italy or France." ■

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## NORTH COASTAL

**Beach Grass Cafe** 159 South Coast Highway 101 (one block south of Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Formerly a branch of Parkhouse Eatery, Beach Grass has been bought by a mini-chain (with Swami's Cafe and Honey's), but still serves the original recipes. You could eat breakfast here daily and never get bored with the creative morning menu, which includes foamy, fresh orange juice and "Beach Benedict" with eggs and house-made hollandaise on a soft, lush crab cake. Oddly, though, the "maple" syrup and "butter" spread are both mass-market blends. Lunches and dinners feature multi-ethnic "coastal cuisine," with the best results in seafood dishes like "Moroccan crabcakes" and the fish-n-yam chips (with fine house-made tartar sauce). Vegetable accompaniments are tasty and creative. Reservations essential for weekend breakfasts. Free parking in back via driveway to right of restaurant. Breakfast through dinner daily. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.* (6/05)

**Besta Wan Pizza House** 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/01)

**Cafe Zinc** 132 South Cedros (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-

back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

**El Q'ero** 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepesdy offers personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made beverages. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — *N.W.* (5/04)

**La Especial Norte** 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Boulevard), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to restrooms. Open daily, breakfast

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**Pacifica Del Mar** Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-792-1803. The chic crowd is drawn here by Pacific Rim/California-fusion cuisine centering on seafood and organic, locally grown produce. It's quality all the way, but some nights the restaurant is a victim of its own success. The riotous overflow crowds can challenge the kitchen's capacities, not to mention diners' tender ears. (Best strategy for pleasure: Reserve for early or late on a weeknight, and ask for patio seating or Room #2.) Fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. The award-winning wine list is half price Thursday nights, and the full bar specializes in creative martinis. "Pacifica Dine-In" offers call-in take-out for selected items. Lunch and dinner daily. Early-bird dinner discount. Pacifica Breeze Café (a level down) offers savory dishes for breakfast through late lunch daily. Expensive to very expensive. — N.W. (6/05)

**Potato Shack Cafe** 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

**Ruby's Diner** 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too; try their omelets. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

**Savory** 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. High tea Saturday afternoon. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (12/03)

**Tom Giblin's Irish Pub** 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, block-long Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish "peasant" potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music Thursday through Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/02)

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**Trattoria Positano (Cardiff-by-the-Sea)** 2171 San Elijo Avenue (at Chesterfield), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted for parties of four or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. — *E.W. (6/98)*

**NORTH INLAND**

**Abbey's Real Texas BBQ** 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a mari-

nade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-y slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

**Galeon (Escondido)** 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (6/01)*

**Pho Hoa Hiep** 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, *Dac Biet Xe Lua*, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the *Xam Bo Luong*, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

**Rancho Valencia** 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to

dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Their crab cake topped with sun-dried apricot-mango chutney was equal to the best you'd eat around Chesapeake Bay. Also, enjoy an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, lamb, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner; brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — *S.M. (6/04)*

**Sand Crab Cafe** 2229 Micro Place (at Oppen, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Beer and wine and good margaritas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

**Vincent's Sirino's** 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robbing local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday

through Sunday. Expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

**LA JOLLA**

**Brockton Villa** 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," invented for breakfast but now served all day — it's the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex restroom. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Monday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

**The Cheese Shop** 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 427 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B. (10/01)*

**French Pastry Shop** 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this

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**Harry's Coffee Shop** 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big ham steak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter be-

tween been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

**La Jolla Brew House** 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

**La Taverna** 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Look for Italian cooking styles ranging from Tuscan, which showcases pastas with simple fresh sauces, to meatballs and red sauce. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say "yes." Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

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**The Pannikin Cafe** 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pan-niches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

**Piatti Ristorante** 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you're in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded *ciabatta* and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don't fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are house-made and served with lively, unusual sauces. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal *piccata*, and *bistecca* (a grilled ribeye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you're planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner weekdays; brunch and dinner Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. — *S.M. (7/04)*

**Sadaf** 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/00)*

**Trattoria Acqua** 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (11/04)*

**Tutto Mare** 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh

seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly house-made, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good happy hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — *N.W. (10/02)*

## MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

**Aladdin's Cafe** 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. Both locations offer beer and wine. Hillcrest's owners offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

**Andres' Patio Restaurant** 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (8/01)*

**Bale French Sandwich Shop** 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

**Dumpling Inn** 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**94th Aero Squadron** 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels:

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there's classic American fare (stuffed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess." Happy hour is weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Shanghai City Restaurant** 3860 Convoy Street #105 (off Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Forget the blah strip mall it hides in. This little piece of Shanghai is a jewel. It feels like one of those century-old places in San Francisco's Chinatown. A two-foot-long, satin-silver arowana fish greets you as you come in. Brightly painted dragon columns support a gold dragon arch that leads you into the gold-walled dining room. Mainly, Chinese seem to come here, often eating Shanghai seafood dishes or choosing sumptuous specials like clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Or, for around five dollars, you can choose lunches like Shanghai chicken, chicken chop suey, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles, soup, steamed rice, a spring roll, and the main item. Open 10 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/05)*

**Spice House Cafe** 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs; Italian sausage frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant** 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splish on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

## THE BEACHES

**Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar** 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaí*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoada* stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef," offered Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats ev-

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ery day: the “PF,” *prato feito* (“ready plate”). It’s beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Come early evening or weekends and you might learn the *forro* (“fo-ha”), a Brazilian dance. Open seven days; closes at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/04)

**Gringo's** 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moonoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely *picante*. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/02)

**The Mission Cafe and Coffee House** 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

**People's Organic Foods Co-op Deli** 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of “organic,” “cruelty-free,” “environmentally safe,” “shade-grown.” Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. ©Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible mommys East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, “mango madness,” tempeh sausage,

steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner (but “serious” breakfasts Saturday and Sunday only). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/03)

**The Surfside** 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a “scene” here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and “California coastal cuisine,” i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual “party rolls” too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. At least five Japanese beers and a dozen sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (10/02)

**Sushi Ota** 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas. Don't miss the *ama ebi* with crisp shrimp heads, atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat when the master's most likely to be present. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Disabled access chancy. Long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — *N.W.* (11/00)

## CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

**La Fachada** 20 25th Street (near Commercial Street), Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. The thing about La Fachada is: You can have anything anytime. The 24-hour restaurant near the

trolley's 25th Street stop is Mexican but has Anglo food too — maybe because the cops' Central Division HQ sits across the road. Great not-quite-morning place for breakfast at, say, 3 a.m. They do a pretty good Western omelet breakfast with cheese, bell peppers, onions, and ham, bacon, or sausage. They also have great *Caldo Siete Mares* and *Vuelva a la Vida*, tasty soups laden with seafood. But the best fun is in the evening up to 11 p.m., when an outdoor kitchen operates, mostly serving tacos to eat under a big white garden canopy. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (6/05)

**Los Reyes** 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida*: “Return to life.” On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flagship branch open until 11 p.m. on weekends; all other branches close early every evening. (Smaller branches at 47th and Market and 25th and Imperial.) Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/03)

**Phoenicia** 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word “Phoenicia” written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Bakery open mornings; restaurant lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

**Saigon** 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass

palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. “33” Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

**Trieu Chau Restaurant** 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of “Kampuchea” decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for “*djak kvai coffay dok ko*” — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy (“*koitiow bahat sai kho*”). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

**Turf Supper Club** 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, “re-established” in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Weekdays dinner only; open until 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W.* (4/01)

## EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

**Barnes Bar-B-Que** 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: “Let Us Bring Tha South to

Ya Mouth.” You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/04)

**Jimmy's** 6935 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast “Eggs and Cakes” (two eggs, three pancakes), the “Touchdown” (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the “Monte Cristo” hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

**Los Michoacanos** 8001 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full treatment of tortilla chips and salsa beforehand. Then out comes this hot, crisp-shelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and inside, the most scrumptious sautéed potatoes. It may be way cheap, but it's no way mean. Other good Mexican dishes here include the chorizo torta or the grand garlic shrimp combo. Added bonus: The place is new, bright, red and yellow, and sports a terrace looking out across the valley. Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive — *E.B.* (4/05)

**The Omelette Factory** 7941 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686. The Factory sits in the kind of stand-alone building you expect to see in a country town: long, angled roof with a portico dressing up the

basic shed structure behind. It's a great sprawling place that's ideal to bring the kids for a big breakfast. You can't beat their omelets, all nineteen of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, Cheddar, or American), to the magnificent Factory Omelette (a build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek family has turned this location, outside Santee, from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems. For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two hamburger patties *plus* gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/05)

**Taste of African Cuisine** 5241 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-583-5788. This is one of the main gathering places for Somalis in San Diego, but they welcome others to sample their food, which is a combination of African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences. Fish plays a big role in the diet of a country that boasts the longest coastline in Africa, but so does lamb, goat, and camel meat. Start with a *fadareshin*, a mixed plate of roasted goat meat, fried fish, basmati rice (the Indian influence), and a pile of spaghetti — common since the Italians came to colonize. No meal is complete without bananas, which are mixed in with pretty much everything, especially soups. Open three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/05)

## FAR EAST

**Dulzura Cafe** 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled “success.” Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

**La Posta** 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the “NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.” sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair.

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## UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

**Adams Avenue Grill** 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billings. As to treats, the generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Lunch and dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/01)

**Bread and Cie** 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/02)

**Cafe on Park** 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But

don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or Brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Three meals Tuesday through Saturday; only breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday (line at door on Sunday). — E.B. (10/01)

**Cafe Pacifica** 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fished up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limbed clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustard-crusting Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fish-scorers. Optional valet parking \$5. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (10/02)

**Ichiban** 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine.

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**Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant** 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami will get your juices flowing, or try the mango salad, with fresh mango, raisins, and sweet onions. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (5/04)

**Khyber Pass** 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items

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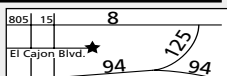
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**Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice** 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (11/98)*

**Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant** 2302 El Cajon Boulevard (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate's address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual

graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky *shashlik* (a.k.a. shish kebab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Dinner nightly, service until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

**Sushi Itto** 441 Washington, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don't come here looking for Japanese food. This is *Mexican* sushi, from a chain based in Mexico City that's dedicated to creating rolls for Mexican tastes. Nearly all the party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado and most include a shot of hot spice and some fake crab (*surimi*), too. In their own way, they're fun, so long as you're prepared to give up any puristic standards and go with the flow. But don't bother with the plain *nigiri* — the rice lacks classic sushi seasonings (and is often dry), and the seafood is too mediocre to be appealing in simple preparations. Rock-bottom prices, though. Another branch is in the Gaslamp at 409 F Street, 619-237-1037. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/05)*

**Terra** 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Shopping Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, etc.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Saturday and Sunday three meals, weekdays lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

DOWNTOWN

**Athens Market** 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy — white table cloths, linen napkins — but

you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakee*, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). Entrées come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, dinner only Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

**Bud's Louisiana Food Shoppe** 2034 Kettner Boulevard (at Grape, next to the Waterfront Bar), Little Italy, 619-239-4210. Bud Deslattes, a New Orleans native, was the original chef-owner of the late Bayou Bar and Grille and the inventor of the legendary white chocolate bread pudding served there. Now he's cooking it in this cute, casual eatery. A brief but choice menu features authentic Cajun-Creole specialties, to eat in or "to geaux." (If taking out, ask for your rice on the side.) Among the treats are a fine seafood bisque, crawfish étouffée, and a "cupa-cupa-cupa" sampling of gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice. For lunch, check out the roast beef po' boy. Some Louisiana grocery items intermittently available at retail (frozen andouille, tasso, crawfish, etc.). Parking's usually a pain but worth it. Beer and generic wine. Closed Sunday and Monday. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/05)*

**Cabo Cafe & Grill** 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**Candelas** 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been

somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioners. The choices are more Dude-friendly — that is, less venturesome than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for non-diners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — *N.W. (1/04)*

**Edgewater Grill** 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

**Fat City Steakhouse** 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy,

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**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-ridden 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 palpable 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)*

**The Honey Bee Hive Bar and Grill** 1065 14th Street (at C), East Village, 619-702-6010. Seems like half the students and staff of City College are popping across the road to this cellar-dive. Why the bee theme? A hive of real bees once lived in here. Try the Bee Keeper burger (a half-pound cheeseburger), the King Bee honey-lemon grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, or the Queen Bee, a Cajun honey-grilled chicken sandwich or wrap. Also loved by the more affluent college staff: Big Daddy’s 12-ounce steak with baked potato and salad. Open weekdays for lunch till late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

**Las Cuatro Milpas** 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn’t a restaurant, it’s a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don’t serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that’s about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It’s room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, “The Four Cornfields.” Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

**Osteria Panevino** 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and

pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi, which can come with a four-cheese sauce on request. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

**Pete’s Quality Meats** 1742 1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete’s Meats was just a butcher’s shop until Pete’s daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Rama** 327 Fourth Avenue (near K Street), Gaslamp, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It’s named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork — a fat-fest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

**Rei Do Gado Churrascúria** 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there’s a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There’s always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you’ll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a *Caipirinha*). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — *N.W. (10/02)*

**Sadaf** 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various sa-

very rice dishes. There’s excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch’s kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *bamieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/00)*

**Sevilla** 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dish-ing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

**The Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen** Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It’s part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can’t live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. Among the menu items offered, the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

## SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

**Cilantro Live!** 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. Look in Cristina Guzmán’s kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory?

Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They’re life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What’s amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates tuna wraps using sunflower-pumpkin seed pâté and burgers using flax seeds — both pretty credible and edible. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

**Coronado Boathouse 1887** 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer is wonderful, as is

the very fresh macadamia-crustéd halibut sauced with coconut milk. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to “melt in your mouth”) and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days (weekends until 1 a.m.), moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

**Da Kine’s Plate Lunches** 1635 Sweetwater Road (at Prospect), National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You’ll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, “Aloha Maid” Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn’t cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchi. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday;

closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

**Filipino Desserts Plus** 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748; also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it’s no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and *lumpia*. *Diniguan*, a Filipino specialty, is pork made with “chocolate milk,” slang for pig’s blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. — *E.B. (9/04)*

**Island Wok** 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious

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**Lai Thai Restaurant** 1430 E. Plaza Boulevard #E10, National City, 619-474-5546. Lai Thai started up as the lone Thai in a sea of Filipino restaurants in South Bay, but has gained a respected place under glamorous Summawadee Bubpha. Prices are so reasonable, you feel the food shouldn't come on such beautiful platters. The soups, *tom kah* (spicy coconut), and *tom yum* (hot and sour), are especially good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious *panang* coconut-curry sauce. But you've got to push for spiciness if you want it. Lunch deals are really cheap. Also check out the Thai art on the walls, some for sale. Open lunch through dinner six days; closed Mondays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/06)*



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**Parisi's Italian Restaurant** 323 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-4490. This is an area where a lot of folks live in trailer parks on fixed incomes, and Parisi's has become their affordable, often daily treat. The good news is they don't just open cans. Nick and Rosemary Parisi, who opened here back in 1979, brought New Jersey traditions with them. Nick had been a butcher. His son Nick still makes his own delicious fennel-flavored sausage just as his dad taught him. Sons and daughters now run the place and still make their own spaghetti sauce, too. Other dishes include the eggplant or veal Parmesan sandwich and meatballs and sauce with garlic bread. This isn't the smart, spare Gaslamp Italian, it's the old-fashioned *Moonstruck* Italian. Lunch and dinner six days, late lunch and dinner Sundays. — *E.B. (4/05)*

**Peohe's** The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Lunch (with limited breakfast) Monday through Saturday; brunch Sunday. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

**Swaddee Thai** 1001 C Avenue (at 10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swaddee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the *saté*, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many

seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang* tastebuds. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

**Cien Años** Calle José María Velasco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile meat mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

**La Costa** Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable.

Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass — the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrazo" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Sarandeado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeuvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (3/05)*

**La Fonda** Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada, near CESUN Universidad), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambience, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Bajagrown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

**La Leña** Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, fumeey, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of...countryside! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like *Star Wars* creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill *charro* food for well-to-do *charros*. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabrería*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexican — their hamburger is darned tasty. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TJ we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. until late. Moderate. — *E.B. (10/04)*

**Malecón de Puerto Nuevo** Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with standard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is

astorishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

**Manzanilla** Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menu; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become the destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some wait staff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until midnight. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/04)*

**Original Ortega's** In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and *antojitos*, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted "Kitchen Maid" margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — *N.W. (11/02)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

**Bully's East** 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660). Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the

edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. The price ranges. — *E.B. (2/03)*

**El Pollo Loco** 2795 Main, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/03)*

**Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits** 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, offered at some locations, is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/02)*

**Uno Chicago Bar and Grill** The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Its expanded menu includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, and steak'n cheese burgers. Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — *E.B. (8/01)*

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Just to stay on top of the pile, in preference to under it:

**Little Children.** Todd Field's sophomore directing effort, following up his quietly sensationalized *In the Bedroom*, is less quietly sensationalized, in other words more blaringly sensationalized, and truly more sophomoric.

The adaptation of a Tom Perrotta novel, complete with a snooty third-person-omniscient (i.e., know-it-all) narrator, undoubtedly tells us less about the malaise of our young middle-class suburban parents today than about the jaded palates of our moviegoers and/or moviemakers. An adulterous play-ground liaison — between a killing handsome Mr. Mom (Patrick Wilson, with his Newman-esque blue eyes and jutting upper lip), a graduate of law school but a flunker of the bar exam, and a latter-day Madame Bovary (Kate Winslet, the sleeker edition), who, married to a clod, champions her literary forerunner as a proto-feminist in her book-discussion group — cannot be considered sufficiently spicy without the added tang of a neighborhood sex offender, a vigilante ex-cop with innocent blood on his hands, and a married Internet porn addict in secret

correspondence with Slutty Kay. To have three separate male characters masturbate on screen on three separate occasions must set some sort of record. (I might have exclaimed over the creepiness of Jackie Earle Haley as the sex offender had I not already exclaimed over it in the role of the tac-

iturn bodyguard of *All the King's Men*, a box-office flop but first in the marketplace all the same.) There is not even any clear evidence of developing skills since the director's freshman effort, which really was praised too highly, perhaps too intoxicatingly. See, for example, the flash-cut fusillade of innocuous bric-a-brac at the outset. Or see the overly choreographed scene at the public swimming pool when the sex offender's arrival in snorkel and flippers gets everyone out of the water faster than if he were a Great White accompanied by the theme from *Jaws*. Or see the treatment of the night-league amateur football players, through distorting wide-angle lenses, as sneering bruisers suitable for an Adam Sandler comedy. In short, see, all too ostentatiously, the director direct.

*The Fountain.* Loopy science fiction in orbit around the dream of life

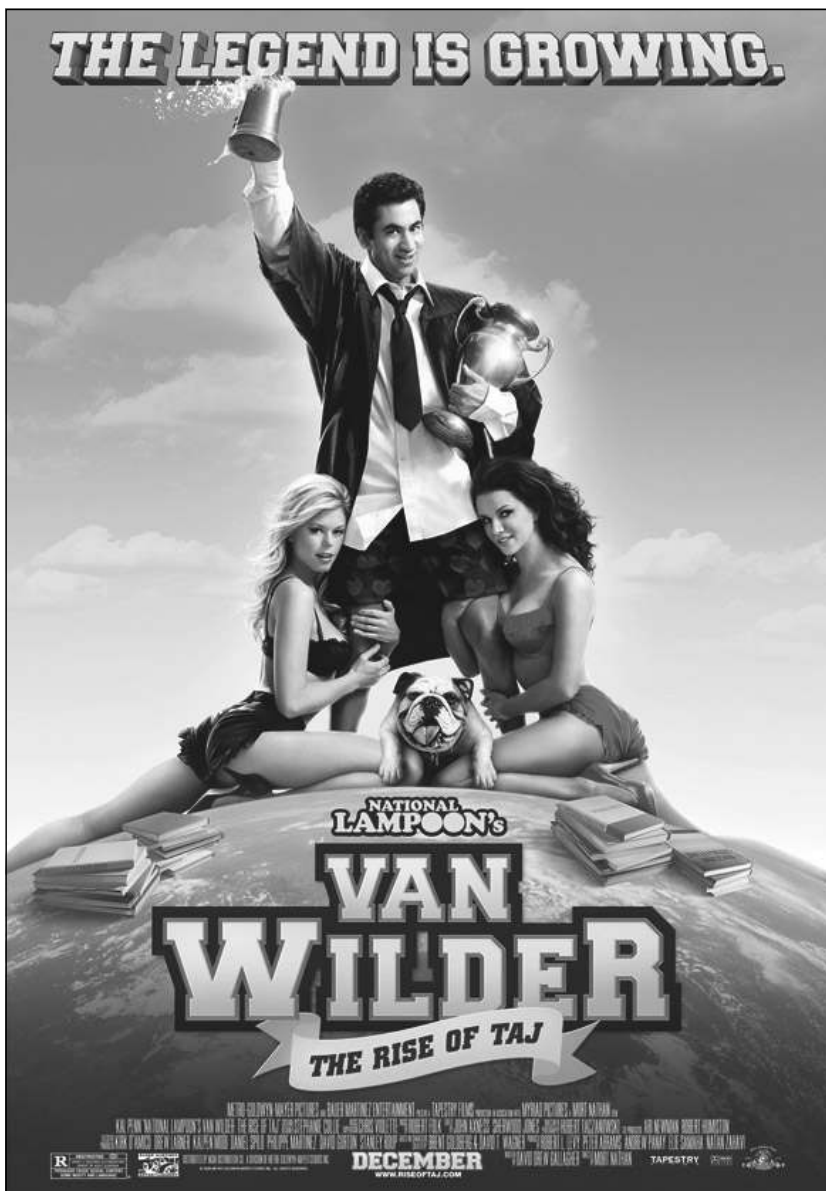


*The Fountain*

and love everlasting, surely the fool-hardest commercial venture in the genre since Steven Soderbergh's *Solaris*. It unfolds in three different time zones, that of the Spanish Inquisition, the present day, and some indeterminate future inside a floating bubble in outer space. These three spheres are tied together by the presence in each of them of Rachel Weisz and Hugh Jackman,

as, by turns, Queen Isabella and a conquistador called Tomás, commissioned by Her Majesty to find the Tree of Life in the land of the Mayas, and then their apparent reincarnations (or carbon copies or clones or something) in the form of a dying novelist named Izzi, at work on a book titled *The Fountain* about Queen Isabella's quest for the Tree of Life, and her faithful hus-

band Tommy, a research scientist in quest of a cure, and then, lastly, a ghost of her former selves and an ageless hairless Tom, keeping himself alive artificially (on the bark of a Tree of Life, it would seem) while carrying on into eternity seeking a cure for his wife's death, "a disease like any other." The film has uncommon intensity, even if much of that intensity consists



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of closeups so close that the faces won't fit on the screen, and much of the rest of it consists of our peering into the semidarkness (a darkness that engulfs science labs, hospital corridors, operating rooms, reading lamps) simply to make out what's in front of our eyes. Writer-director Darren Aronofsky, the *Pi* man, has worked things out elaborately in terms of visual and verbal motifs (the tree, the ring, the refrain of "Finish it," and so on), but the spectator might be more compelled to sort it out if he were more compelled to look at it. This is a type of science fiction generally restricted to the printed page and banished from the screen, and it does not here establish much of a beachhead.

*Volver*. (Meaning, if I remember my Spanish, *to return*.) Almodóvar adds to his familiar sour comedy and mock melodrama the new element of an apparent apparition, a mundane ghost, a flatulent phantom, blended



*Volver*

in with the familiar elements in uncertain tone. He shows nary a trace of the erstwhile "bad boy," nothing now but a good, good boy, devoted to

mothers in particular, reverential of females in general, the Spanish George Cukor. (The cadaver in the freezer, male, is but a further sign of his respect and his awe.) The result can be recommended to the well-trained legions who are willing to meet this filmmaker seven-eighths of the way. Even the foot-draggers must concede that it's deftly staged and well acted, and that Penélope Cruz, beyond acting well, shines like a star. Or more descrip-

tively, a heavenly body.

*Bobby*. One day at the former Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, the fateful day of June 4, 1968, when Bobby Kennedy, on the campaign trail, was going for the votes in the California Primary, and Don Drysdale, on the mound for the Dodgers, was going for the record of consecutive scoreless innings pitched. A tapestry of lives, from the Mexican menials in the kitchen to the Hollywood headliner in the show-

room, woven together in the pattern of *Grand Hotel*, which is explicitly referenced in the dialogue, or just plain *Hotel*, which had been released the previous year, 1967. Director (and democratic role player) Emilio Estevez, who was six years old at the time, churns up a lather of nostalgia for political idealism, seemingly missing, now, in a parallel time of an unpopular foreign war. The seriousness of intent does not lessen the hokeyness, though, and the politics tend to load down the soap operatics at least as much as the soap operatics lighten and cheapen the politics. Solid contributions from William H. Macy as the hotel manager, a self-proclaimed "equal opportunity kind of guy," Anthony Hopkins as the retired doorman who still haunts the premises daily, Laurence Fishburne as the head chef, Freddy Rodriguez as a humble kitchen worker with tickets to the big game, and Martin Sheen, the filmmaker's famously Left-leaning father. Among others. All of the women "of a certain age" — Demi Moore, Sharon Stone, Helen Hunt — exhibit identical gaunt elongated faces, in the Mannerist manner, that appear to have come through the same plastic surgeon's office and spoil the illusion of a period piece. And Ashton Kutcher in a headband and a House-of-Stuart wig looks like a Halloween hippie. Liberal masochists who simply crave an occasion to relive the day, however, will get what they need, especially in the newsreel footage of Kennedy on the stump, and in the agonizingly drawn-out reenactment of his death, and in the final reprise of one of his eloquent speeches, in which he sounds, first, as if he knows and understands what he's saying, and, second, as if he means it. Wouldn't it be swell to have a President like that? ■

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**Babel** — Communication problems the world over. An American tourist is struck by rifle fire in Morocco, arousing erroneous worries of terrorism. An illegal-alien nanny drags along the two towheads in her care to a Mexican wedding, and runs afoul of the Border Patrol on their return. And a horny pantyless deaf-mute Japanese girl can't get a man, any man, to take an interest in her. These three storylines are fashionably "interlocked" (anyone who can recognize the voice of Brad Pitt over the telephone will immediately know the connection between two of them), and the film strategically ends in the same place, from a different point of view, as it begins, coming full circle. The illusion of complexity, for all that, could scarcely be more transparent. Mexican director Alejandro González Iñárritu, much in the manner of his *Amores Perros*, achieves depth only in the way that a hero sandwich achieves it; and it achieves length — almost two and a half hours of it — in the same way as a footlong at any Subway shop. Tenuous in construction, slack and sluggish in pace, sketchy and far-fetched in plot, the film does nothing to justify its epic length or its cosmic ambitions. (The Mexican storyline, particularly weak, goes nowhere until it goes bananas: a series of decisions so bad as to forfeit all sympathy for the characters, let alone for the storyteller who compelled the characters to make the decisions.) With a somewhat calmer camera than his norm, however, the director does some nice scene-setting, some impressionistic documentation of the locales, to help realize his goal in sheer duration. With Cate

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Blanchett, Adriana Barraza, Gael García Bernal, Koji Yakusho, and Rinko Kikuchi. 2006.  
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**Bobby** — Reviewed this issue. With Anthony Hopkins, William H. Macy, Sharon Stone, Demi Moore, Ashton Kutcher, Lindsay Lohan, Christian Slater, Heather Graham, and Emilio Estevez; written and directed by Estevez.  
★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 11/23)

**Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan** — For anyone who heretofore hadn’t encountered the character on HBO, Borat Sagdiyev will need an introduction. He is one of the personas of British comedian Sacha Baron Cohen on *Da Ali G Show*, a Kazakh TV reporter dapperly dressed in a dove-gray suit, bristlingly mustachioed, blissfully sexist, superstitiously anti-Semitic, and not yet toilet-trained (he splashes water on his face from the commode in his New York hotel room, takes a doggy-style dump in the bushes of a public park, jerks off in front of a Victoria’s Secret display window, and so on), ostensibly dispatched to America to shoot a documentary for home consumption — a built-in excuse for bad camerawork. Scripted scenes, or at any rate pre-planned scenes, primarily involving Borat’s obese and camera-shy producer, Azamat Bagatov (Ken Davitian), secondarily involving a slightly less obese African-American call girl (Luenell), and presumably also involving the proprietors of a Jewish B&B (how can we be sure?), alternate with unscripted performance-art pieces, so to call them, in which assorted innocents, dupes, patsies, and joke-butts are lured into the gag unawares. These unrehearsed bits, no doubt more compelling, more riveting, more nerve-racking than the planned-out parts, naturally give rise to thoughts of their comedic antecedents and analogues: *Can-did Camera*, the practical jokes on a Dick Clark *Bloopers* special, MTV’s copycat *Punk’d*, the crank calls of any wisenheimer radio deejay, Andy Kaufman’s chauvinist-pig wrestling career, the Yes Men (and their eponymous film of a couple of years previous), etc. At the same time, they give rise to moral concerns — to say nothing of legal ones — that far overshadow artistic ones. Can, as an example, an Alabama minister’s wife — bluntly insulted for her dearth of pulchritude — be safely assumed to be less of a human being than our fearless guerrilla artiste, or has the latter’s sexism perhaps crossed over, there, from fiction into reality? Any diversion afforded by such thoughts is all to the good, because the general impression of the film, right down to

the spottiness of its laughs, and regardless of whether staged or not, is amazingly similar to that of your average Will Ferrell comedy. In a word, over-the-top and high of

the target. Directed by Larry Charles. 2006.  
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**Casino Royale** — Taking the title from Ian Fleming’s first James Bond novel, the 007 franchise approaches the opportunity of a new beginning. The new Bond, Daniel Craig, is not just another pretty face, in fact is a pretty craggy face (Craiggy face, perhaps that should be), and it can pretty well express itself in the bargain. Granted, noises were made about a similar rollback toward reality when Timothy Dalton came on board; and even in the midst of the reign of Pierce Brosnan, noises were made about toughening up his act. These proved to be only noises. The new noises are more. The obligatory pre-credits sequence, in black-and-white and sprinkled with flashbacks, shuns spectacle in favor of blunt brutality; and the action to follow seems to be under no compulsion to “top” all previous action. While Judi Dench reprises the role of “M,” Bond himself has only just been promoted to double-0 status (a new beginning for sure) and has yet to earn his boss’s trust. There is no equivalent of “Q” and his cute presentation of the gadgets *du jour*. There is no casual bedding of “Bond girls,” and the

one romantic relationship (with the enigmatic, darkly eyelined Eva Green) attains an emotional weight beyond even the all-the-way-to-the-altar affair of *On Her Majesty’s Secret Service*. The hero’s lame quips and puns, meantime, have thoroughly been expunged from the script. And “I don’t give a damn” is his response to the bartender’s inquiry as to whether he’d like his vodka martini shaken or stirred. All these changes are definite improvements. And yet, and yet, and yet.... The action, even if somewhat scaled back under the one-time Bond director Martin Campbell (*Goldeneye*, the beginning of the Brosnan Bonds, but scarcely a *new* beginning), is still more than sufficiently cartoonish. The plotting is skimpy. The whole thing runs on far too long. And then there’s the fundamental question: if you want to do an alternative to James Bond, why call him James Bond? Why not put him out to pasture where at his age he belongs? Mads Mikkelson, Jeffrey Wright, Giancarlo Giannini. 2006.  
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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**Déjà Vu** — Time-travel thriller with Denzel Washington, Paula Patton, Val Kilmer, and James Caviezel, directed by Tony Scott.

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**The Departed** — Martin Scorsese's career-changing turn to the overblown epic, a turn marked by *Casino*, would seem to be a course difficult to reverse. *Kundun* ...

*Gangs of New York* ... *The Aviator*.... And now even a trashy light diversion, adapted from an average-length Hong Kong action film, will get dragged out to two and a half hours — this despite the delivery of dialogue at the machine-gun tempo of a hopped-up auctioneer (or of Scorsese's own casual conversation), and despite, too, the mere semblance of speed imparted by the free-associative cutting and the incongruous rockabilly beat of the background music, whenever the filmmaker isn't trotting out his collection of rock-and-roll oldies. The convoluted plot verges on farce: an upwardly mobile underworld spy in the Massachusetts State Police (Matt Damon, raising his eyebrows in an ostentatious show of innocence) and a downwardly mobile



Fast Food Nation

bile police spy inside the mob (Leonardo DiCaprio, giving himself away with his meat-cleaver worry line) both become involved, first as clients and then as suitors, with a *Harper's Bazaar* idea of a psychotherapist (Vera Farmiga, she of the prow-like cheekbones, life-raft lips, blue-lagoon eyes). Not even the take-no-prisoners crescendo of gore toward the end, jolting though some of it is, can pull the movie back from the farcical brink. And Jack Nicholson, as showy an actor as Scorsese is a director (when he's only in it for the money, anyway), plays the mob boss at a pitch barely below his *Batman* Joker. With


Mark Wahlberg, Martin Sheen, Alec Baldwin, Ray Winstone. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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)

**L'Enfant** — The Dardenne brothers of Belgium, Jean-Pierre and Luc, have become dependable providers of coarse-grained slices of lower-class life, thicker in credibility than in captivity, but still thicker than most films in both. The title of this one, which translates as *The Child*, would seem to refer not so much to the illegitimate blue-bundled newborn as to his callow young father (Jérémié Renier, the juvenile lead in the Dardennes' *La Promesse* ten years earlier, and a player in their *Rosetta* and *The Son* in the interim), a panhandler, a petty thief, a sometime street person ("Only fuckers work") whose outstanding trait is his short-sightedness. His girlfriend's stay in the maternity ward proves to have been a golden opportunity for him to sublet their apartment to total strangers, and never mind when mother and baby come home. (We find this out in step with the bewildered girlfriend, the screen debut of Déborah François, who, typical of a Dardenne discovery, scarcely appears to be acting, simply being.) The young couple smooth out this first bump, and although there is no evidence of a deep connection between them, their animalistic roughhousing, their romping in the open air, their tussle over control of the car radio (the intolerable, to him, *Blue Danube* waltz is the only music in the movie), paint a family portrait of chimplike contentment. The next bump is bigger. Entrusted to take the baby for a solo stroll in the park, the new father gets the bright idea of selling the infant on the black market (ever the child, ever the chimp, he busies himself, while waiting to be disburdened of his son, making muddy footprints on a convenient wall), and he neglects to anticipate the mother's reaction until he next sees her: "I thought we'd have another." This turn of events would be shocking if not for the Dardennes' sublime ability (shared with their eminent compatriot, Georges Simenon) to remain unshocked by anything human. To find the principal character animalistic, not just in his idea of fun (carving ripples in the river with a handy metal rod) but also in his freedom from in-

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trospedition, is not to find him subhuman. It is merely, and fearlessly, to broaden the view of the human spectrum. Watching him smooth out this bigger bump calls upon the sorts of emotions aroused by the broken-winged bird and the three-legged dog. 2005.

★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 11/27, 6:30 P.M.)

**Fast Food Nation** — Multicharacter fictionalization of Eric Schlosser’s nonfiction exposé of the same name. With it, director Richard Linklater picks up a placard and joins the radical parade of American fictioneers from Frank Norris and Upton Sinclair and Jack London and John Steinbeck and on down. The major issues, too many to fit on one placard, are corporate corner-cutting and penny-pinching, the exploitation of undocumented workers, the brand-naming of America, the brainwashing of its citizens, and the like. Undisguisedly didactic in intent, often clunky and chunky in dialogue (“Right now I can’t think of anything more patriotic than violating the Patriot Act”), it is surprisingly watchable, with its large assemblage of life-sized characters (Ashley Johnson, special mention, as a perky fast-food clerk with incipient scruples) and its smooth-flowing narrative, following two principal paths to its central arena of Cody, Colorado: the investigation by a Mickey’s marketer (Greg Kinnear) into allegations of elevated fecal content in their Big One burger (“There’s shit in the meat.... This could be a problem for us”) and the importation of Mexican laborers (Wilmer Valderrama, Catalina Sandino Moreno, Ana Claudia Talancón) to staff the Uni-Globe Meat Packing plant. The first path, though, trails off long before the finish, yielding to a new and unavailing path of local consciousness-raising. And the rhetorical climax on “the kill floor” is, from any angle, overkill. Particularly from the vegetarian angle. Ethan Hawke, Patricia Arquette, Kris Kristofferson, Bruce Willis, Bobby Canavale, Paul Dano, Esai Morales. 2006.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Flags of Our Fathers** — Clint Eastwood, sorely trying the patience of anyone still hoping for a sixth installment of Dirty Harry, is plainly not yet done paying penance for the casual, callous, and prolific violence of his earlier years. And this elegiac war film makes an essential, an unmissable, piece of the entire cycle, an extraordinary course of self-examination and self-reform, beginning in earnest with the aptly titled *Unforgiven*, continuing through *A Perfect World* and, yes, *The Bridges of Madison County* — the modern-day saddle tramp



A Good Year

riding a pickup instead of a pony and shooting with a camera instead of a Colt — and, after slacking off for a few lesser efforts, carrying on with revived urgency through *Mystic River* and *Million Dollar Baby*. Once again, as in *Bridges*, opting for the camera as a weapon of choice, he tells the story of the famous Joe Rosenthal flag-raising photograph from the Battle of Iwo Jima — the full story, how this flag was in actuality a larger replacement flag for one

raised already, how the battle raged on for five more weeks afterwards (contrary to the 1949 *Sands of Iwo Jima* with John Wayne), how the three survivors among the six faceless flag-raisers (played with great restraint by Ryan Phillippe, Adam Beach, Jesse Bradford) were brought back home to be paraded around on a bond drive, how they squirmed under the banner of “the heroes of Iwo Jima” (the best-known of them, the American Indian Ira Hayes, later celebrated

in song by Johnny Cash and Bob Dylan, drank himself into an irreversible skid), how they lived out their remaining days. It

is distinctly a film of, and for, its own time, gripped with the conviction that the more you know about an event, the more tainted it will get. (And let’s remind ourselves here that Eastwood is the only major filmmaker to have commemorated on screen the American conquest of Grenada. Surely some special penance was owed for that. Mark it down as paid in full.) The central theme of the manufacture and marketing of “heroes,” while timeless in its application to the everyday work of Hollywood, has a particular topicality in the post-9/11 world where no one in public service seems to be able to do his job anymore without being branded a hero. The point — that men are only men, that “heroes” are their creations, a label pinned on them like ribbons — is quietly and forcefully made. Yet despite its best efforts, or rather *because* of them, the film inescapably demonstrates the existence of heroes in the real world. One such, obviously, would be Eastwood himself, a shining example of the human capacity for growth and renewal. He, too, shoots with a camera. 2006.

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★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**For Your Consideration** — Christopher Guest’s Hollywood satire with Catherine O’Hara, Eugene Levy, Harry Shearer, Parker Posey, and Ricky Gervais. (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; SAN MARCOS 18)

**The Fountain** — Reviewed this issue. With Hugh Jackman, Rachel Weisz, and Ellen Burstyn; written and directed by Darren Aronofsky.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-



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WAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Fur: An Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus** — Also described prefatorily as “a tribute to Diane.” Clearly, it’s at pains to deflect expectations of a straight, literal, pedestrian biography of the celebrated American photographer of front-and-

center freaks (or non-freaks who, so forcibly fronted and centered, merely look like freaks). In spite of the freedom of form, the repressed-Fifties-housewife stuff feels awfully stale, and the protagonist’s pursuit of her inner strangeness leads her into a conventional Beauty-and-Beast relationship, with hirsute makeup handed down from Cocteau. (Director Steven Shainberg, in his first film since the S&M romance, *Secretary*, thus continues the pursuit of his

own inner strangeness.) Some of the intermediate steps — the arrival of a mysterious masked neighbor in the apartment upstairs, the removal of a hairball clogging the bathroom pipe — elicit a shiver or two, and Nicole Kidman in the title role is convincingly strange (even without any outside knowledge of, for example, her off-screen choice in mates). At the very least, the film has the benefit of introducing Arbus’s work to a wider audience, or at any rate intro-

ducing her name to it — her actual work is conspicuously absent — as well as teaching that audience how to pronounce it. Deean, evidently, not Dye-ann. With Robert Downey, Jr., Ty Burrell, Harris Yulin, and Jane Alexander. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**A Good Year** — Self-betterment swill, to do with a cutthroat London bond trader (Russell Crowe, disconcertingly fey) who inherits from his uncle a rundown wine-growing estate in Provence, the happy stamping ground of his boyhood holidays, and who, returning there to sell the place, falls again under its spell — and under that of a hot-as-a-pistol brunette — and recaptures the magic of youth. Ridley Scott (who directed Crowe in *Gladiator*, too) extols the enchantments of bucolic tranquillity in a hectic visual style, and with a busy soundtrack, amounting to self-sabotage. The only bright spots, exactly two of them, are the brief appearances of Valeria Bruni-Tedeschi (a top-line star on the continent) as the hero’s French legal advisor, a role that affords her fractionally more screen time than her blink-of-an-eye appearance in *Munich*, plenty long enough to emit a blast of Mediterranean soulfulness. With Marion Cotillard, Abbie Cornish, Tom Hollander, Albert Finney. 2006.

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**Happy Feet** — Computer-cartoon penguins, with voices by Robin Williams, Hugh Jackman, and Nicole Kidman, directed by George Miller.

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action in Afghanistan, is not already a policeman but soon hopes to be. When, however, he receives his letter of rejection from the LAPD, he shows his commitment to law and order by tossing at a neighboring motorist the beer bottle from which he had been guzzling while driving. His motivation, to be sure, had never been to enforce laws but only to gain greater license to violate them for personal profit. And although the LAPD screeners have red-flagged him, the Department of Homeland Security, impressed by his fluency in *español*, might yet wave him through. Christian Bale's *español* is indeed impressive; and the contradictions in the character, if often uncontrollably comical, are no barrier to belief. The extravagances of Bale's go-for-broke performance (Denzel Washington got an Oscar for *Training Day*, didn't he?) are another matter. Sky-high. With Freddy Rodriguez, Eva Longoria, J.K. Simmons. 2006.

★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**The Last King of Scotland** — The self-conferred title of Ugandan strongman, and madman, Idi Amin Dada, a facile role for Forest Whitaker, who pitches into it with gusto. The true central character, however, is a fictitious young Scottish doctor (James McAvoy), the President's personal physician, "closest advisor," illicit lover of Wife Number Three, and all-around trivial distraction. With Kerry Washington, Gillian Anderson, Simon McBurney; directed by Kevin Macdonald. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Let's Go to Prison** — Behind-bars comedy with Dax Shepard, Will Arnett, and Chi McBride, directed by Bob Odenkirk. (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Little Children** — Reviewed this issue. With Kate Winslet, Patrick Wilson, Jennifer Connelly, Jackie Earle Haley, and Noah Emmerich; directed by Todd Field.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Marie Antoinette** — Sofia Coppola, possibly drunk on power after the reception of *Lost in Translation*, has gained in ambition as an artist without really gaining in confidence as a technician. She has all the costumes her heart could desire, and all the access to Versailles, but her color palette is a bit bleached and her narrative manner rather starchy. (She spends an inordinate amount of time on the delayed consummation of the royal marriage, and then must bustle through the little business of the Revolution.) The foremost sign of her drunkenness, though, is her use of contemporary pop songs on the soundtrack, a lapse in judgment limited pretty much to a quarter-hour stretch, an hour and a quarter into the film. Kirsten Dunst, Jason Schwartzman, Steve Coogan, Judy Davis, Rip Torn, Asia Argento. 2006.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

**The Prestige** — Not the best film of this year to deal with the subject of magic and to feature both Scarlett Johansson and Hugh Jackman. That distinction would belong to Woody Allen's *Scoop*, which was unchallenged as well (except insofar as the air pressure in Jessica Biel's lips may have challenged Scarlett Johansson's) by that intervening magic film, *The Illusionist*. Between the two also-rans, it's pretty near a toss-up, two turn-of-the-century period pieces tangled up in their compulsive twists and turns. Christopher Nolan, the present director, is somewhat less adept at concealing his tricks, despite trying diligently to lose the viewer in a maze of flashbacks-within-flashbacks. Even had he succeeded, his reliance on the plot expedience of dead ringers is taken to lengths of absurdity surpassing even daytime soap operas. Lengths, to be more exact, of the flightiest science fiction. The plot premise of a professional and personal rivalry between a couple of London stage magicians (Christian Bale, Christopher Nolan's Batman, in addition to Jackman) is fractionally more involving

than the hanky-panky of the separated lovers in *The Illusionist*, and Michael Caine adds a touch of class, David Bowie a touch of mustache. 2006.

● (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

**The Queen** — A spot of simulated Royals-watching, ably guided by the seasoned Stephen Frears: a satisfying, if unsurprising and unrevealing and unimaginative re-enactment of what must have gone on behind closed doors in the week after the death of Princess Di, in specific the diplomatic efforts of the newly elected Tony Blair to compel the Royal Family ("a bunch of freeloading, emotionally retarded nutters," in the view of Mrs. Blair) to behave like human beings: "Will somebody please save these people from themselves?" Helen Mirren and Michael Sheen embody Her Majesty and the Prime Minister to two T's. In support of them, James Cromwell at least looks the part of Philip, but plays only one note, and Alex Jennings is a bit short in the snout (in complete contrast to Cromwell) but is otherwise credibly dyspeptic as Charles. The plentiful humor, out of deference to history and living persons, is very mild. 2006.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; SAN MARCOS 18)

**The Return** — Green-around-the-gills chiller (literally greenish photography) about a spunky St. Louis career girl searching in a Texas small town for the source of her mystifying self-mutilation. Strictly going through the motions, and lumberingly. With Sarah Michelle Gellar, Sam Shepard, Peter O'Brien, Adam Scott, and Kate Beahan; directed by Asif Kapadia. 2006.

● (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Running with Scissors** — Splashy feature debut for the man behind the cable-television series *Nip/Tuck*, writer-director Ryan Murphy, a hey-look-at-me cannonball, adapted from the "memoir" of Augusten Burroughs. Set in the Seventies, it spans his prepubescence ("I guess it doesn't matter where I begin," the narrator comments in voice-over, "because nobody's going to believe me anyway") into his gloomily gay adolescence. In specific, the breakup of his nuclear family — an alcoholic academic father and a psychobabbling self-deluding poet manqué mother ("Augusten, your mother was meant to be a very famous woman") — and his subsequent placement in the foster care of the mother's crackpot analyst, whose first arrival on the scene parodies the arrival of Max von Sydow in *The Exorcist*. (True to the period, for sure.) The boy's second home is no stabler, a pink-painted monstrosity that accommodates a haggard hausfrau who never misses a day of *Dark Shadows* and snacks on dog kibble; two nubile daughters, one coquettishly virginal and one candidly tarty; a cat named Freud; a perennial Christmas tree in the parlor; a never-diminishing pile of dishes in the kitchen; the doctor's private sanctuary known self-explanatorily as his "masturbatorium"; and a trail of neurotic clients prominently including a brooding predatory homosexual. The basic assumption, trendy and trite as can be, is that the more eccentric, the more lunatic the vision of family life, the more truthful and insightful, the more relevant and revealing, it must be. (And never mind how tortuous the route to a punch line: the sole purpose of the dragged-out practical joke of a cat-meat stew is to enable the humorless homosexual to huff off with an "I don't eat pussy!") Annette Bening, whose presence tends to point up the kinship with *American Beauty*, puts on quite a show as the biological mother, running the gamut from the irrepressibly tempestuous ("Get the rage on the page, women," she rails at her fledgling poets' circle) to the chemically tranquilized, with nary a misstep along the way. This is a portrait which, floridness notwithstanding, remains recognizably and humorously human. In most of the rest, the floridness overgrows and obscures. Joseph Cross, Brian Cox, Jill Clayburgh, Gwyneth Paltrow, Evan Rachel Wood, Joseph Fiennes, Alec Baldwin. 2006.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

## SEEN ON DVD

### GUILLERMO DEL TORO

Filmmaker, *Devil's Backbone*, *Hellboy*, and the upcoming *Pan's Labyrinth*

I am very thankful for James Whale's *Frankenstein* (with Boris Karloff as the monster) because I believe that it is one of the most beautifully articulate ways of saying how we are thrown into this world by a creator that does not care for us, and how we have to find our way in it.

And I'm very thankful for Martin Scorsese's *Taxi Driver*, starring Robert DeNiro, for being a variation on the *Frankenstein* monster in an urban environment.

*FRANKENSTEIN: 75TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION* (USA) 1931, Universal Legacy Series List price: \$26.98

*TAXI DRIVER* (USA) 1976, Columbia/Tristar List price: \$19.94

**Shut Up and Sing** — Barbara Kopple's documentary on the Dixie Chicks and their entry into a political crossfire. (KEN)

**Stranger Than Fiction** — The first filmed screenplay of Zach Helm crowds in on the domain of Charlie Kaufman: a Pirandellian brainteaser about a robotic IRS auditor (Will Ferrell, constrained by catatonia) who discovers he is a character in the work-in-progress of a blocked novelist (Emma Thompson) and is slated to die at the end of it. (A new approach, there, to the standard time-travel and second-sight conundrum: can the foreordained be averted through foreknowledge?) He discovers all this when he, and he alone, starts to hear the voice of the omniscient narrator — don't ask how or why — accurately describing his life as he lives it, "but with a better vocabulary," and he then seeks help not from a therapist but from a literary theorist (Dustin Hoffman). The pedantry tends to get in the way of laughs, and the twisted logic sometimes trips up the plot developments (what does the author think she's narrating when her hero is dashing to a phone to dial her own number?), and the voice-over prose samples do not remotely live up to the writer's reputation. Nevertheless, the improbable romance between the

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history/information/interlibrary loan-it,  
San Diego Public Library

Here are two films I'm thankful for. I'd awakened politically and was very disillusioned with the Vietnam War when the antiwar sentiments of Philippe de Broca's World War I parable, *King of Hearts*, struck a chord. The framing of the movie, its comedic touches, strange characters, and talented actors created a quirky antiwar film that made me think. It was more powerful than the images on television and brought home the question of who's sane and who isn't. Most of all it helped develop my political consciousness and widen my worldview.

*They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* fed my newfound cynicism and despair about the Vietnam War. The bleak reality of Depression-era America as depicted in this story of a merciless dance marathon made me realize that there were circumstances beyond our control that shaped our lives. I thought how I could make life better for others, and began tutoring inner-city youths.

*KING OF HEARTS* (France) 1966, MGM List price: \$14.98

*THEY SHOOT HORSES, DON'T THEY?* (USA) 1969, MGM List price: \$14.98

### SHANE FLORES

Curator, Secret Cinema,  
<http://secretcinema.blogspot.com>

This Thanksgiving I'd like to give thanks to Marcel Carné's *Children of Paradise* for keeping the flame of humanity bright during some of the darkest days of cinema's century. Made in secret under Nazi occupation, it's a generous spectacle of love and revenge.

To Kittikorn Liasirikun's *Saving Private Tootsie* for being the most fun one can have in the jungle in a dress. A bit rough and raw for some tastes, but overall quite pleasing. Ending theme song by famous Thai folk singer and activist Ad Carabao is a reason to be thankful in and of itself.

To Guy Debord's *Howls in Favor of De Sade* for stripping film down to its basic components and fashioning from it an infernal device capable of toppling those who would be kings or torquemadas.

And to Hayao Miyazaki's *My Neighbor Totoro* for the catbus.

*CHILDREN OF PARADISE* (France) 1945, Criterion List price: \$39.95

*SAVING PRIVATE TOOTSIE* (Thailand) 2002, AG Entertainment List price: \$10.50 (PAL format)

*HOWLS IN FAVOR OF DE SADE* (France) 1952, GCTHV List price: \$64.25 (three discs, PAL format)

*MY NEIGHBOR TOTORO* (Japan) 1988, Walt Disney List price: \$29.99

inflexible tax man and a civilly disobedient, tropically tattooed baker, currently under IRS scrutiny, is oddly touching, thanks in large part to the touchingly odd line read-

ings of Maggie Gyllenhaal, who can work wonders with an echoic little query like, "You don't like cookies?" And immediately after that, her sensuous recital of the good-

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ies in her early culinary repertoire hovers breathlessly between sheer poetry and utter pornography: “Lemon chiffon cake with

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#### Mission Valley 7

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zesty peach icing,” etc., etc. Directed by Marc Forster. 2006.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

#### Tenacious D in The Pick of

**Destiny** — Rock-and-roll comedy with Jack Black and Kyle Gass, directed by Liam Lynch.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14;

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**Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas** — More accurately Henry Selick's *Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas*, Burton having had the idea for it

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and then having turned it over to Selick, a specialist in three-dimensional stop-motion animation. As so often in that medium, the aesthetic plane, quite distinct from the financial plane, is not sufficiently higher than that of Mr. Potatohead. The hero, Jack Skellington, a/k/a The Pumpkin King, looks unfortunately like Whitley Strieber's extraterrestrial in a pinstripe suit and on stilts. And his many, varied, and grotesque co-

**of Egypt** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Roving Mars** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 12:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sun. 12:00, 4:00; **Santa vs. the Snowman 3D** (G) Fri. 10:00, 2:00 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00, 2:00, 6:00

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### RANCHO SAN DIEGO

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horts are first and foremost a manifestation of Hollywood’s besetting vices of overabundance and overindulgence: too many, too varied, too grotesque. Another, more basic, manifestation of these is the mere fact that the film is a feature and not a short. Because it is a Disney film, of course, and an animated film, there seems to be some immutable law that it must have songs, songs, and more songs — written (and some of

them sung) by Danny Elfman, but sounding more like Andrew Lloyd Webber in search of a melody (“I don’t believe what’s happening to me./ My hopes, my dreams, my fantasy!”). These musical interludes are no doubt the greatest offenders in the torture-rack stretch to feature-length, but the gaudy displays of wealth and expenditure run them a close second. In its bare bones, the premise seems viable enough. Com-

pletely separate towns, according to Burton’s fantasyland geography, are responsible for planning and carrying-off the separate holidays on the calendar, until one year the Halloween mastermind gets it into his head to abduct Santa Claus and usurp Christmas. There is some dark-toned fun (not darker than TV’s *The Simpsons* or than Charles Addams’s *New Yorker* cartoons, and not more fun, either) when the revised

Christmas plans begin to go awry. And by and by there’s a traditional and respectable fairy-tale message to do with accepting yourself as you are. The delivery of that message, however, and for that matter the setting-up of the basic premise, are garbled in the extreme. One does not envy parents who must try to explain the thing to their young. 1993.  
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Volver** — Reviewed this issue. With Penélope Cruz, Carmen Maura, Lola Dueñas, Yohana Cobo, and Blanca Portillo; written and directed by Pedro Almodóvar.  
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**Return** (PG-13); **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G); **Saw III** (R); **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13); **Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny** (R)  
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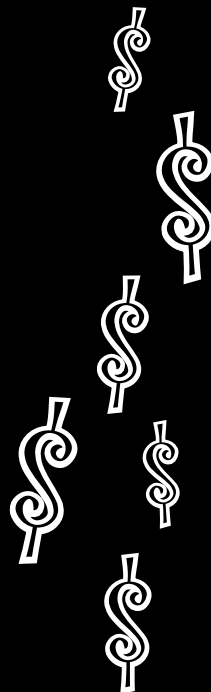
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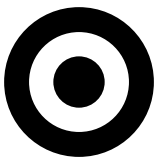
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## THE READER PUZZLE

### Across

- Nebraska's largest city
- Something thrown for a loop?
- "Isn't \_\_\_\_ shame?"
- Scout's mission
- Chip giant
- Took the prize
- Stud
- Grasshopper's teacher, in Aesop
- Draft status
- Cabinet dept.
- Totaled
- Stud
- Lend a hand
- 1960s pitcher Blue Moon
- Single-master
- Knighted Guinness
- The "B" in KB and MB
- Bettor's slip
- Stud
- Freq. unit
- Rental units: Abbr.
- Popular jeans
- Spanish 101 verb
- Ginormous
- Vaira Vike-Freiberga became its first female president in 1999
- Stud
- Lose ground?
- Olin of "Chocolat"
- Ponder
- Nicotine's partner
- Stud
- Bastille Day season
- Major company renamed in 1997
- Joy on "The View"
- Bering, for one
- \_\_\_\_-nez glasses
- 1979 hit "\_\_\_\_ Really Going Out With Him?"

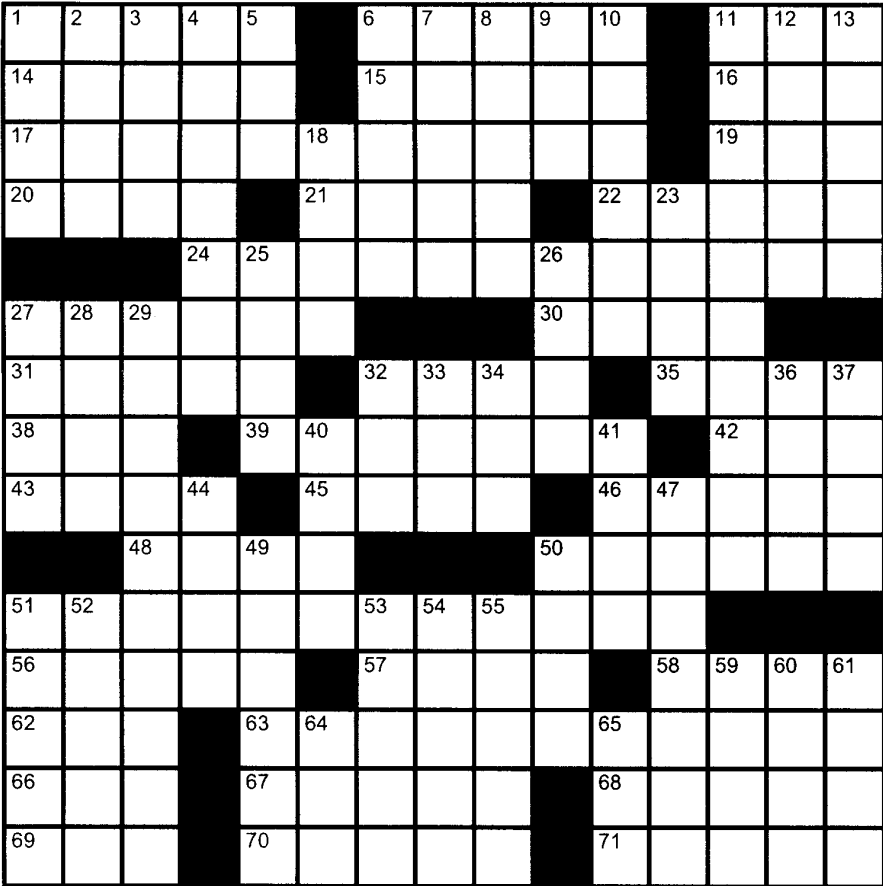
### Down

- Black-and-white cookie
- Nasty
- Fair-sized garden
- "Good night, sweet prince" speaker in Shakespeare
- Nickname for young Darth Vader
- Watchmaker's unit of thickness
- Paid (up)
- Commercial prefix with foam
- 30-day mo.
- 1993 A.L. batting champ John
- Catchphrase sung by Sting in the Dire Straits hit "Money For Nothing"
- "Kemo sabe" speaker
- Playwright Chekhov
- On deck

- Hardly the full gamut
- U.S. agcy. whose labor union is the National Association of Letter Carriers
- \_\_\_\_ Raton, Fla.
- Atlas section
- Sty fare
- Its flag features the yin-yang symbol
- Dismiss
- Cleaning agent
- Miami duo?
- Bangkok native
- Poet Pound
- Hgt.
- Bar preference
- Brought to court
- Thwarts
- Matured
- Bound
- For whose sake?
- Be bombastic
- The "A" in the literary monogram EAP
- Excavation find
- Get used (to)
- Words said with a grimace
- Iranian sovereign, once
- Raison d' \_\_\_\_
- "Just \_\_\_\_ thought!"
- Triple Crown stat

### RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
- In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- 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 11/16/06.

There were 63 entrants.  
The winners are:

- Griffin Buehler, *Pacific Beach*
- Barry Newman, *Escondido*
- Richard Stavde, *San Diego*
- Nick Vetere, *San Diego*
- James Buckley, *La Mesa*

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# NAME This Place



**Last week's place: (clue: Think inside The Box) Tunnel under Orange Line trolley tracks at Marshall and West Main, El Cajon. The corrugated steel-lined underpass links park-and-ride facilities on either side of the trolley tracks at the El Cajon Transit Center. (Last week's winners: Thomas F. Stan, Jim Flood, Will Johnson, Garry Frohn)**

## Q: End of the road for the South?

**Describe** this location, name the nearest cross-streets, and win a *Reader* T-shirt. E-mail to [NameThisPlace@SanDiegoReader.com](mailto:NameThisPlace@SanDiegoReader.com); fax to 619-231-0489; or mail to *Reader*, Name This Place, Box 85803, San Diego 92186 — include your name and address. (Deadline, Tuesday, 9 a.m. In case of ties, lottery will determine top five winners.)



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**MODELS NEEDED-** For Website Ads. Get top-rated permanent make up free, \$550 value. Especially full brows, excellent health, over 18. Dr. Kordis, 858-451-6722.

**MODELS.** Amateur models needed for photo, video, web work. Ages 18-60. All types. No experience necessary. Cash paid. Professional setting. Call Jenn, 619-379-4964.

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**MOVIE EXTRAS, ACTORS,** models! Make \$100-\$300/day. No experience required. Full time, part time. All looks needed! 1-800-799-6215. (AAN CAN)

**VOICEOVER WORKSHOP.** Break into voiceover! Taught by voice actor/author James Alburger. Learn interpretation, character voices, microphone technique, more for radio/TV. [www.voiceacting.com](http://www.voiceacting.com); 858-484-0220.

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**MALE GROUP MEMBER NEEDED** for mixed process/support group. Relationship difficulties, intimacy, self-esteem, childhood issues. Tuesday evenings, UTC area, fee. Susan Jorgensen, MFT-22281, 858-622-0632.

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**ALLWRITE** is a nonfiction writing group for people who have a writing project they want to start, or one that's underway. It may be a single essay, a memoir, a book, a book proposal, or something else. Your project and your writing expertise are less important than your commitment to your work. We meet twice monthly in Normal Heights to read and critique our work in a supportive environment. Our aim is to help each other stay with their work by offering a committed peer group. We're looking to add a few new members. About the leader: I've published a nonfiction book and I've written for Stanford's alumni magazine, the Christian Science Monitor, and the Del Mar Times. If you'd like to learn more, email me [bbdavenport@cox.net](mailto:bbdavenport@cox.net) about your writing experience and current project.

**ARTIST FAIRE HOLIDAY** Botique. Unique, handcrafted items created by local artists. Fabulous items. December 2, 6-9pm and December 3, 10am-3pm. 302 South Nardo, Solana Beach.

**CANNABIS CONSCIOUSNESS** Collective. Camaraderie for Proposition 215 patients, caregivers. Social, educational group. Organic gardening classes. Donated van would be deeply appreciated by disabled person. 619-291-0983.

**CANNABIS PATIENTS ACT.** (Association Cannabis Therapeutics.) Nonprofit. Seeking patients in need of free assistance with personal cannabis garden, in accordance with 215. Local guidelines. 619-528-0907. [edzepp@yahoo.com](mailto:edzepp@yahoo.com).

**DIVORCE CARE,** meets Sundays 9am. CVCF campus. 10791 Tierrasanta Boulevard DC, free support group for broken hearted, in/out divorce, or live-in relationship. 619-461-4480. [bfarley@calitoday-cashtomorrow.com](mailto:bfarley@calitoday-cashtomorrow.com).

**DIVORCED AND PROBLEMS,** With child visitation, support payments, non-custodial rights, lawyers, and family law court? Change the system, join Coalition of Parent Support. Call 619-465-2677.

**DONATE** that automobile, boat, RV, etc. to Ronald McDonald House Charities-San Diego, receive tax deduction and possibly a partial cash payment! Call toll-free, 866-244-8464.

**EARN \$100 BEFORE YOU MOVE!** If you are moving soon. Call us to schedule a home interview and environmental sampling. For just 2 hours you will earn \$100. SDSU Healthy Homes Study, 619-594-0501.

**ENERGY FIELD TUNE-UP!** Every Tuesday, 7pm-8:30pm, 2141 El Camino Real, Oceanside. Energy field cleansing and chakra balancing. Earth and Sky Church, 760-631-7900.

**FREE BIBLE STUDY** course by mail. Non-denominational. Increase your knowledge of God's word. Palomar Church of Christ, Minister Bill Sisco, Postage paid. PO Box 1473R, San Marcos 92078. 760-436-3730. San Diego. 619-299-6812.

**GRANDMA NEEDS HELP.** Want to help and be of service to someone who is in dire straits? Go to web address: [breastcancerangel.com](http://breastcancerangel.com). God bless you.

**HAS LIFE GOT YOU DOWN?** Jesus says, come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. For prayer, 619-203-1277.

**HELP FOR YOUR LIFE.** Lonely? Dial hope, 858-277-8060. Scripture, new thought, prayer, request prayer. Recorded message changed daily. Helpful messages, 858-277-2389. Sunday service, 10am, Linda Vista Presbyterian Church, 2130 Ulric Street, San Diego 92111. 858-277-0523.

**HERPES/HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS.** (HSV/HPV) Support group. Accurate medical information and support. Recorded message, 619-491-1194. [www.SanDiegoCityHELP.org](http://www.SanDiegoCityHELP.org).

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE,** stop crime and violence. Be a role model. Be a guardian angel! Free martial arts training. 619-964-8099.

**MEDITATION.** Free classes Tuesdays 7pm, Wednesdays 7:30pm, Saturdays 11:30am. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue, Suite 303, Ocean Beach. 858-616-6308. or [www.dharmacenter.com](http://www.dharmacenter.com).

**MOVIE BUFFS,** Interested in watching movies then discussing it afterwards, like a book club? Ages 25 to mature welcome. Please call 619-850-6075 or 858-272-8727.

**OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE** Anonymous 12-step meeting for people with OCD. Mondays, 6-7pm, Free, Department of Health Services Complex, 3851 Rosecrans Street, Mission Road, San Diego. 619-757-6603.

**OPEN MIC NIGHT.** Every Sunday, 9pm-12am. Tom Giblin's Irish Pub, 640-A Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS.** Overweight? Anorexic? Bulimic? Can't stop eating? There is a 12-step solution. Meetings daily. No dues or fees. [www.oasandiego.org](http://www.oasandiego.org) or 619-521-2538.

**PARENTS, FAMILIES.** and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). Find help, support, and understanding. Meetings Hillcrest, East County, North County. [www.pflag.com](http://www.pflag.com). Call for details. 619-579-7640.

**PATHWORK DISCUSSION,** "Giving and Receiving" December 14, 7-9pm. 1228-1/2 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 92014. Meeting, no fee. 858-259-1880.

**PATHWORK DISCUSSION,** "The Power Of the Word," November 27, 7-9pm. 3180 University Avenue, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92104. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. 619-296-9046.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK,** And God's word. Sunday 10am, 6159 University Avenue, 619-820-8505.

**PRIVATE COUNSELING.** Your journey can be clearer, more peaceful; relationship issues, body image, self-esteem, anger. I can help. Work toward acceptance of yourself. Fee. 619-838-6817.

**RECOVERY GROUPS** for men and women seeking freedom from addiction/co-dependency. Fridays, 7pm. Celebrate recovery, First Lutheran, 867 South Lincoln Avenue, El Cajon. 619-444-7444. [www.recovery4u.cc](http://www.recovery4u.cc).

**SEX** and/or relationship problems? Out of control? You are not alone. Call Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step fellowship. PO Box 3791, San Diego 92163 or 619-685-7211 or [www.slaa-san-diego.org](http://www.slaa-san-diego.org).

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Karolyn Bond

Accountant

North Park

Larry David, creator of *Seinfeld* and *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. My second person would be Hunter S. Thompson. And probably Janis Joplin. David would have me rolling on the floor from laughing so hard; Hunter for the same reason. He's a wild mofa that I would love to get crazy with and get drunk and stoned. The same thing with Janis Joplin. I think it would be a perfect connection. A fire roaring, a bottle of whiskey, doing shots, singing and talking. It would be priceless.



Todd Saretsky

Research manager

University Heights

William Jefferson Clinton, Albert Einstein, and my grandmother, who I never got a chance to meet. I thought Clinton was an outstanding president, whom I revered. I thought his politics were on target, both domestically and internationally, and he did so much for this country. Einstein was the most brilliant man of his time. Very unique in that sense; an incredible human being, statesman, scientist, and humanitarian.



Nazmus Saquib

Scientist

Normal Heights

I'm not sure how to answer, because if you are asking who in the Hollywood world to spend an evening with, maybe Diane Lane. If it's science, Einstein and Newton come to mind. And Leonardo da Vinci. If it's a person I want to meet and search for the truth, I'd pick Jesus, Buddha, and Mohammed. I'm Muslim, and the Muslims believe in an abstract God. I would ask Jesus what he meant by saying he's the son of God. I would ask Buddha why you refrain from mentioning God at all. And why all we want to achieve is nirvana. I feel every human being is on a journey, and I don't know the truth. I want to ask those three.



Antawn Gordon

Waiter

San Diego

Arthur Ashe, Bill Clinton, and Janet Jackson. She's one of my favorite artists. And I think Bill Clinton rocks. And Arthur Ashe, I always wanted to meet him. People say I look like him, so I thought it might have been cool to meet him. If Janet wanted to sing at the dinner, that would be nice. I wouldn't force her to.



Ryan Haberman

Restaurant host

South Park

I'd go with Friedrich Nietzsche, Charles Manson, and Burt Reynolds. I just think it would be interesting, man. Who knows what kind of crazy conversations you could get into with those guys sitting around a table.



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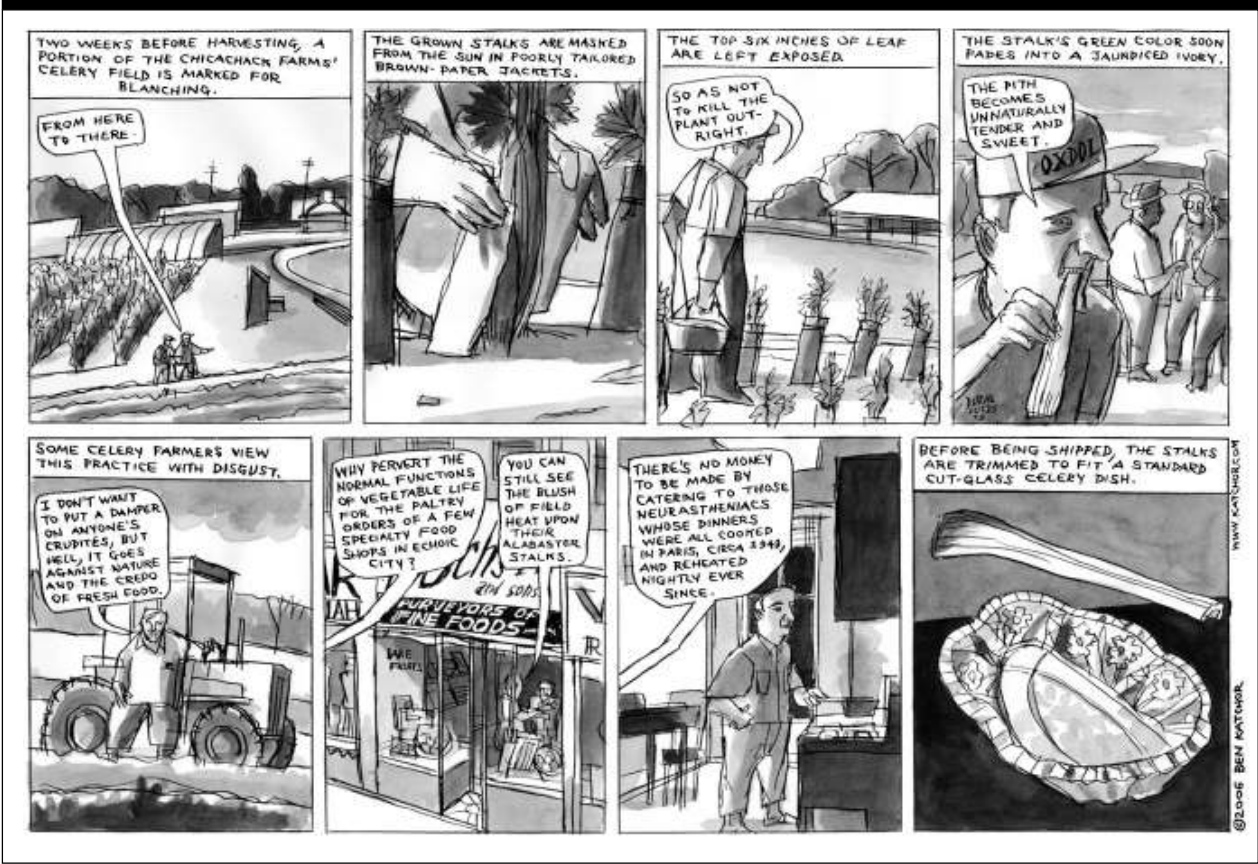
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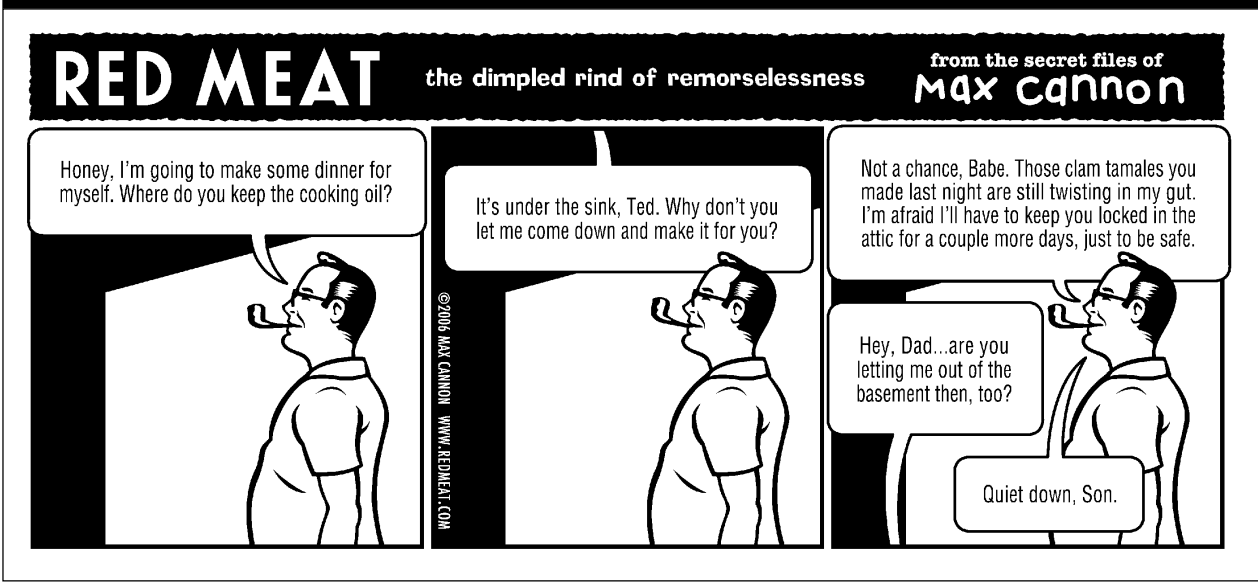
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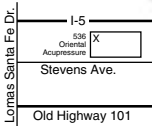
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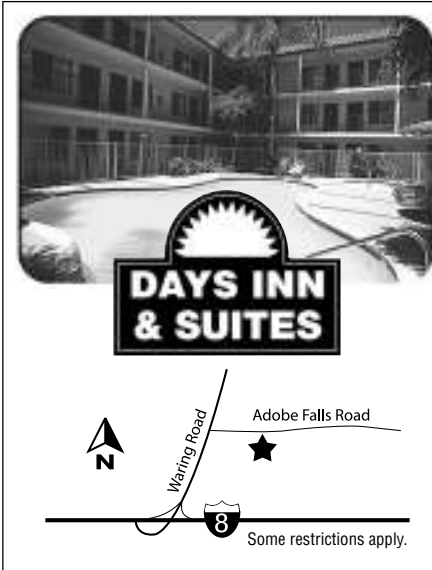
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**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Small pet OK. Month-to-month lease. Available 12/4. 2027 Grand Avenue. Garage available for additional \$55/month. Call 858-688-0287 or 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs corner unit blocks to beach. Street parking, no laundry on site. 6-month lease. Available 12/8. 4612 Dawes. Call 858-583-0182 or 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1 block to beach! Shared yard. Garage. 800 square feet. No laundry on site. Available 12/8. 831 Diamond Street. Call 858-583-0182 or 858-688-0287. www.cal-prop.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** 3 bedroom, 2 bath. \$2400. Upstairs condo with garage. Washer/dryer. 1000 square feet. 6-month lease. No pets. Available 12/9. 1844 Diamond Street. Call 858-688-0287 or 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** Indoor cat OK. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath upper apartment, balcony, refrigerator, stove. Parking, laundry facility. Available 12/1. \$1050. 1488 Reed Avenue. 858-272-1488.

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— Alternative-world online games such as Second Life allow players to create identities and personalities, to communicate, and to interact commercially in a self-contained universe. Players buy, sell, invest, and generate wealth using a virtual monetary system. Currently, Second Life players bump up against real-world taxes only if they earn real-world money from cashing out in-game wealth, but a congressional economist told Reuters in October that the House and Senate would soon be considering whether also to levy taxes on property and currency left inside the system (“virtual capital gains”). (Second Life’s in-game economy is so robust that it is growing at many times the rate of the U.S. economy.)

The Entrepreneurial Spirit!

— The small specialty restaurant Guolizhuang in Beijing serves mostly dishes made from various animal penises, according to a September BBC News dispatch. Sheep, horse, ox, and seal are allegedly good for the circulation, said the restaurant’s staff nutritionist, and donkey improves the skin. Tiger, she said, has no particular value to justify its high price, but snake (“two penises each,” she said) is great for potency. — No sooner did Abel Gonzales Jr. develop a State Fair of Texas prize-winning recipe for his Fried Coke than a competitor popped up at the North Carolina State Fair. Gonzales’s fried batter balls are made with strawberry and Coke syrups topped with cinnamon sugar, whipped cream, and more Coke syrup. In October, Greg Seamster in North Carolina served a similar concoction but as fried strands of dough in a cup.

New Frontiers in Science

— In October, the *Washington Post* reported the growing movement among psychiatrists to call compulsive buying a separate, identifiable disorder and recounted this 62-year-old “shopaholic’s” therapeutic conversation with herself: “I would say [to the jewelry she felt compelled to buy], ‘You are so beautiful, I can’t live with-

out you, I love the way you sparkle.’ The jewelry would say back, ‘You need me. You look pretty when you wear me.’ I would say, ‘I do need you. I can’t possibly think of being without you. But something has to change. I need to stop this. I can’t afford a penny more.’” The patient said she eventually came to believe that her compulsion stemmed from her relationship with her mother. — 21st-Century Medicine: (1) Researchers at the University of Bradford in the UK said in October that bandages soaked in maggot secretions were successful in accelerating tissue repair. (2) In September, researchers at Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands, seeking to create a robot to traverse the colon but without tearing the colon’s delicate walls, successfully tested one such tiny robot that can propel itself smoothly by gliding along mucus.

Leading Economic Indicators

— According to 2005 transcripts made public by the *Wall Street Journal* in September, a British Airways 747 flew its entire ten-hour-plus route from Los Angeles to Manchester, England, even though the pilot knew that one of its four engines had caught fire and burned up 30 seconds after take-off. The pilot surprised the Los Angeles tower by radioing his decision to fly on “as far as we can” (after checking with BA headquarters, which might have been mindful that returning to Los Angeles would have meant dumping \$30,000 worth of fuel and possibly incurring \$275,000 in European Union fines for the delay). The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration initially proposed a fine for BA but recently closed its investigation. — Even though protests grow against Wal-Mart for supposedly treating its employees badly, Kellie Guderian is not fazed. In October, she and her husband won Iowa’s \$200 million Powerball lottery, but she cheerfully said she was keeping her job at the Fort Dodge Wal-Mart. Guderian, said her husband, “loves her job, and the people she works with are like family.” — Hard-working Britain: The Birmingham City

Council revealed in October, first, that a man whose job is to paint white lines in the street made more than twice the average annual British wage, and then that a city lightbulb-changer was paid at about the same rate. ... In October, London’s *Daily Mail* profiled Keith Jackson, 57, an engineer for the AquaTec Coatings company in Wales, whose occupation for the past 30 years has been watching paint dry (to gauge its application time). He said the job pays “fairly well” but “can be stressful.”

People with Too Much Time on Their Hands

— In October in Cincinnati, lines formed in advance of the grand opening of a Chick-fil-A restaurant, populated in part by out-of-town customers who chase openings around the country much as rock fans follow their favorite groups on tour. As usual, there were tents, sleeping bags, lawn furniture, and portable generators in evidence. “We’ve been planning it for two weeks,” said a 24-year-old woman from New Richmond, Ind., who was there with her grandmother. (The first 100 in line received coupons worth \$260.)

Creme de la Weird

— In September, health officials in Macerata, Italy, rescued a 57-year-old woman identified only as Carmela, after a brother reported he wouldn’t be able to keep delivering food to her. It turns out that Carmela had become fearful of influenza 26 years ago, had sealed the windows of her apartment, and had not ventured out the entire time except to collect the food her brother left at her door. She weighed about 65 pounds and had hair seven feet long, and workers required respirators to enter the home.

Least Competent Criminals

— Peggy Sue Hesskew, 44, was arrested in Kerrville, Texas, in November after she made a down payment to a hit man (actually, an undercover police officer) for a contract on her ex-husband. She made the contract even though the *Kerrville Daily Times* had reported the day before that

police were on the lookout for a woman who had been asking around town for hit men. “You don’t get the paper?” asked the magistrate when she was arrested. “I was out of town,” she said.

Recurring Themes

— In 2001, “News of the Weird” noted a U.S. tour by the Indian spiritual leader “Amma” (Mata Amritanandamayi), whose mission in life is to dispense random hugs in her attempt to calm the world’s stresses, sometimes putting in 20-hour days of hugging. In some countries, however, public hugging has not taken hold. Random huggers working the streets in three Chinese cities in October found that most people ignored them, and in Beijing, police detained the huggers for questioning. ... In north London in October, two New York coaches staged the country’s first (non-sexual) “cuddle party” to a slowly warming group of Brits that eventually loosened up and hugged. (A recent study cited by London’s *Daily Telegraph* reported that at a Puerto Rican café, diners touched each other 180 times per hour, vs. zero in a British café.)

Fine Points of Law

— (1) In October, a judge freed Tammy Skinner, 22, of Suffolk, Va., who had been charged with killing her unborn, third-trimester child by shooting herself in the abdomen. The judge said Virginia’s anti-abortion law, like those of other states, makes criminals of doctors and others who abort third-trimester fetuses (absent special medical circumstances) but exempt the mother herself. (2) Lawrence Roach of Seminole, Fla., complained in October that the \$1200 monthly alimony payments he has been making to his ex-wife should end now that she has undergone a sex-change. Said Roach, “I’m a man, and I don’t want to be paying alimony to a man.” Legal experts were pessimistic.

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## In the Reader

### Thirty Years Ago

From the window by my desk I can see a sign advertising an auto dealership. I can also see it from the bedroom window, the kitchen window, and the rear balcony. To merely say that I can see it understates the matter; dominates my view would be more accurate. It soars well over 100 feet into the air, illuminated by thousands of yellow and turquoise bulbs. About half of them blink. I am forced to live with the thing. Day and night it perseveres, standing guard over its four-wheeled kingdom.

—WRITING CONTEST WINNERS: "NORTH PARK,"

Elliot Swill, December 2, 1976

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

Dear Matthew Alice:

Can you please find the address of Allen Ginsberg or a way that I may be able to contact him?

It is about a manuscript of poetry that I would like him to see.

Brahm Eiley

La Jolla

The latest *Who's Who* gives the home address of the poet as Box 528 Stuyvesant Station, New York City 10009; the office address is c/o *City Lights*, 761 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco 94133.

—STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, Matthew Alice,

November 25, 1981

### Twenty Years Ago

Let me get this straight. The time is fast approaching to settle upon some New Year's Resolutions, otherwise known around *Reader* editorial offices as the Annual Job Performance Review, and I want to be sure I understand what must be done in order to make myself over into a nearer likeness of Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert — apart from (as the case may be) ripping my hair out in sodlike clumps and rolling half-a-dozen marbles across my tongue or increasing my calorie intake five-fold and laying in a supply of primary-color pullovers.

—"SELF-IMPROVEMENT," Duncan Shepherd,

November 26, 1986

### Fifteen Years Ago

In mid-August, American customs agents stopped a southbound car at a checkpoint near the Mexican border. The car belonged to Jorge Hank Rhon, owner and operator of Tijuana's Agua Caliente racetrack. Hank's driver was at the wheel, and in the passenger seat was the nephew of Hank's sister Ivonne, who had been spending time in one of the

family's homes at the Coronado Cays. In the back seat of the car was a playful white Bengal tiger cub.

Asian tigers are listed as endangered by the UN's International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, which tabulates the world's official endangered species list.

—CITY LIGHTS: "TYGER, TYGER, SLEEK AND BRIGHT —

WERE YOU STOLEN IN THE NIGHT?" Neal Matthews,

November 27, 1991

### Ten Years Ago

Noting that [Mayor Willie] Brown also appointed Malcolm to the California Coastal Commission, the [San Francisco *Examiner*] resurrected remarks reputedly made by erstwhile Democratic moneyman Dick Silberman to FBI agents who arrested him in a 1989 money-laundering sting. Silberman, according to an agent's notes, called Malcolm a "bagman" for then-state assembly speaker Brown. Malcolm denied wrongdoing and was never charged with a crime. Silberman, ex-husband of Mayor Golding, was found guilty of several felonies and served more than three years behind bars before being quietly paroled to San Francisco.

—CITY LIGHTS: "TALE OF TWO MAYORS," Matt Potter,

November 21, 1996



San Diego Reader, November 25, 1981

### Five Years Ago

I weigh more now than I've ever weighed. If human physiology is, as scientists tell us, similar to a pig's, then I'm a culinary goldmine. If I were butchered like a pig, fat from around my kidneys would produce a large quantity of "leaf lard" — the best for making flaky pastry. The fat from my back, also good, could be used to wrap pâtés, or, as is done in southern Europe, salted, cubed, and used to flavor stews. Once rendered, my buttocks could serve as the frying medium favored in parts of China.

—TIP OF MY TONGUE: "LARD," Max Nash,

November 21, 2001

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## Dear Worked,

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## Dear Saffron,

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been trying different medications, but they are not working. I was not surprised to hear this because she has lost maybe 25 pounds during the course of the semester. A couple of times she has come to school looking pink-eyed and puffy, like she has been crying. She has told me she is a member of Alcoholics Anonymous because of previous substance abuse. She has family problems, boyfriend problems, and money problems. Her writing has improved during the time we have been working together, but it still has a long way to go. Last week she came to me and said that the writing center at school has an opening for a paid position for a part-time writing tutor, and she wants me to recommend her for this position. I know she needs the money, and she really wants the job. I am fond of her and want to help. But her writing skills are still sub par, and I can't imagine her being an effective writing coach for other students. She seems so fragile and sad that I don't want to say no, but I do not think she is qualified for the position. What should I do?

PROFESSOR X IN COLLEGE HEIGHTS

## Dear Professor,

I think you have to be honest with your student. It's not okay to recommend someone for a job you don't feel they can do, no matter how much you want to help them. Let her know that while she's made wonderful progress with her writing and you are pleased and proud of her, you don't think she ready

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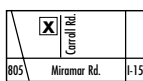
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## GATES OF EDEN

It's late August, seven o'clock in the morning. I am standing on the bank of the Thamalakane River, ten kilometers upstream from Maun, waiting for my captain to pick me up in a ten-foot punt. A Blacksmith Plover is making a fair racket, hopping and flying around. At night, watchdogs use them as an early warning system for strangers approaching. They make a pinging sound like a blacksmith at work. I hear the putt-putt of our 20hp engine approaching and ready myself to board.

Heading toward the hippo pool, we wave at a mother and daughter fishing from the shore. We have seen these fishers before, out for much of the day, catching fish for their family. Entering the hippo pool, we slow down and prepare to go through the main pipe. Heads bowed, we go under the "old bridge" — the first bridge built in these parts.

Making our way upstream, we are treated to herons, cranes, and ducks, busy with their morning activities. Soon we pass Crocodile Camp and Okavango River Lodge, which have breakfast guests of their own. Another kilometer on and we swing to port and start up the Boro River, toward Moremi Game Reserve, a vast wildlife management area established in 1963. It covers over 4,800 square kilometers, or 20 percent of the Okavango Delta. You enter an unspoiled region of mopane woodlands, acacia forests, floodplains, rivers, and lagoons. Moremi is one of the most beautiful wildlife reserves in Africa. If you plan to visit, come during the dry season from June to November.

Buffalo Fence marks the entry into Moremi and the end of domesticated animals. We travel the ten kilometers to the fence without incident. The annual flood waters from Angola are still causing the river to rise, overflowing its banks in parts.

Slowing down, we pass through Buffalo Fence, where tourists are embarking on an overnight mokoro trip. The polers and guides are Bayei, the traditional tribe of the river who arrived in the area during the 1850s. A mokoro outing offers plenty of time to reflect, ask your guide about the plants and animals you see, and discuss local culture. Many of the guides are interesting storytellers and are used to fielding a wide

range of questions.

As we pass them by, I stare in awe at the distant plains, palms, and mopani trees. I can feel my spirit fill and lift. I am now as close to the gates of Eden as I expect to get to in my life.

Later in the morning, I am giving the captain a rest and navigating through a narrow channel. Unknown to us, we have disturbed a hippo that had made its way out of the water to graze behind bushes along the shore. Our boat passes the hippo just before it charges us.

It is a young bull, charging at the speed we are motoring. The hippo is above us, running downhill into the narrow stream, three or four meters away. My last vision is a large swell preceding the surging mass of the hippo as it runs after us and into the river. We hold on tight, and after a pregnant pause and no further commotion, breathe a collective sigh of relief.

Soon we find a shoreline with mopane trees for shade. After starting a fire for our marinated ribs, it is time to stretch our legs and have a look around. We inspect some damaged trees. Much of the lower bark is gone. Elephants have been here for their lunch. When we return to camp, the fire is ready for our grate full of ribs. We eat, take a short rest from the midday heat, clean up, and

continue our search for Naraka Lagoon.

With the floodwater so high, the lagoon is almost 400 meters across. Motoring into the lagoon we are met by three hippos surfacing, snorting aggressively, and submerging. Circling the lagoon, more hippos rise to greet us. After our narrow morning escape, we don't want to push our luck. Fish-



ing can wait for another day. Sightseeing becomes our priority.

The return trip is more leisurely. We adapt to the rhythm and meandering of the inland delta. The high-light of the trip home is a herd of elephants coming down for an afternoon drink and bath.

Elephants travel long, dusty distances with dogged determination. Their skill of smelling water from far away is legendary. If you want to see elephants in a state of pure joy, watch them enter a river. We turned off the engine and floated downstream. The closer the ele-

phants get to the river, the faster they move. They raise and lower their heads — tusks and noses bob with excitement. They do not test the water before plunging in. The babies are the last to enter the water because some of them stumble, not experienced enough to know how their trunks work.

Thirty minutes later, the elephants are returning to

where they came from, and we proceed on our way home. Ducks, cormorants, and geese entertain us in the late afternoon, flying beside and in front of our punt, testing their speed and maneuverability against the 20hp engine. We make one last short stop and

watch some jacana, the African lily runner, move over lily pads and through dense river grasses. With the softening light of the setting sun, they provide one last inspirational sighting of our trip into paradise.

We motor along in darkness. The captain carefully guides us under the two bridges that lead us home, where we tie up, unpack, and make our way up the riverbank to prepare supper. After dinner, we sit back and reflect on the exceptional day we had inside the gates of Eden.

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Like little peacocks, we’d research bands that you girls would like; we’d build collections. We spent hours agonizing what you’d like based on what you wore last time we saw you and what we wanted to be seen listening to.

By arranging the songs, we got to play DJ/artist, we got to show off our depth and culture, and we got to create an image of ourselves, hidden behind whatever images the bands we chose were selling. We’d sculpt the CD with an attention to detail that no one could appreciate fully. Like, where to insert the ironic, happy song (George Michael in an indie set), where to put the slow song that shows how in tune with our emotions we are, and then the epic, artsy closer.

(The mix tape had an alluring strength over the CD btw: one

spent at least an hour making it — that’s about how long it took to record to one of them. With CDs, you drag them over and are done in a minute or two.)

And then the artsy side, the obligatory art on the CD liner and scribbles on the plastic cover. It wasn’t complete without art. Stickers? Sure. Fragments of poems? Oh, yes. Cryptic hints of attraction? Well, cryptic to the artist’s mind, anyways.

And now? Well, we still trade music — MP3s, CDs, albums (assuming a physical trade occurs). We just direct someone to a link. The finesse is gone. No more agonizing whether the slow song goes third or fourth on the comp, just bring over the band’s whole catalog. I guess you can still record and dedicate a DJ set to someone, though that’s more limited both in who can do it and who would appreciate it.

Want to make a bundle? Create a website that allows one to replicate that. The key functionality would be to allow shy boys to make hour-long music ‘things’ for shy girls, ones that they both can

centric for me to identify your passing with an end of a personal life chapter, it’s fitting that the two happened at the same time. Thank you for everything. Goodbye.

POST DATE: November 8, 2006

POST TITLE: The Temple  
San Diego lost one of its temples this past year. No one noticed. It stood on the intersection of Kettner and Broadway, on the border of all the lines of force in the city and the ocean currents.

I’d been in the building a few times. To get in, you walked around to the south wall and lifted one person up to the windows. They pushed their way in, hopped to the floor, and opened the doors from the inside for everyone else. The building would expand before you like a cathedral: a colossal empty space, light filtering in from high windows, a staircase leading up to the

choir loft, and a pewless nave leading to a baldachin made from a colossal three-story metal lattice.

The place was stripped; all that was left was the building’s inner skeleton. The only light came from giant unstained windows. The building was not without surreal turns; in one spot where an upper floor had collapsed stood a door that lead from nowhere to nowhere — just a door placed up high in a dividing wall.

One unusual thing: there was almost no trash in the place. In my experience, abandoned buildings, especially ones in the middle of a city, fill up with broken bottles and food wrappers, but the temple was empty. Part of it, no doubt, was the difficulty of getting in, and part of it was that the building was invisible in the city around it. And I think one couldn’t help but feel that they were in a special place.

I feel empty spaces are needed for sanity. The infinite is not impressive, since we can’t get a grasp on it; large and empty works much better for capturing that sensation. An empty space lets our eyes relax into space and lets us feel a sense of perspective on ourselves. The temple was exactly that.

The real estate was far too valuable, I imagine, and I’m amazed it stood there for as long as it did. I’ll miss it.

TITLE: **Alive Miriku** | ADDRESS: <http://miriku.livejournal.com>  
AUTHOR: **Miriku** | FROM: **Golden Hill/South Park border** | BLOGGING SINCE: **May 2002**  
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put on their little MP3 players. Because, while the mix CD is going, going, gone, nothing else is changing. The universe’s supply of shy boys, pretty girls, and music is limitless. But mix tape and mix CD, you were fundamental in my adolescence, and while it’s self-

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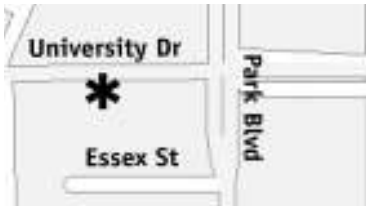
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BURGLARY

Location: 1751 University Drive, Vista  
Time/Date: 4:00 a.m. on 11/10/06

Report: A parked tractor trailer truck was burglarized at the loading dock of the Target store. Thieves removed



protective padding between the truck and loading dock and gaining entry to the trailer's cargo. Once

inside the trailer, the thieves located and removed high-dollar electronics and clothing. Evidence found at the scene led to the identification of a suspect residing in the 2300 block of Primrose Avenue.

Follow-up by deputies and detectives...resulted in the recovery of nearly 100% of the stolen property valued at approximately \$5000. Michael S., age 39, a transient, was arrested for possession of stolen property and Niles R., age 43, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Loss-prevention specialists from Target responded to assist detectives with the inventory and identification of the stolen items.

FUGITIVES

Location: International Borders at San Ysidro and Otay Mesa  
Time/Date: Various times from 11/05-11/11/06

Report: Customs and border protection officers conducting antiterror inspections at the San Ysidro and Otay Mesa ports of entry apprehended 34 suspects with outstanding arrest warrants in one week.

The most significant arrest...occurred on Sunday, November 5 at the Otay Mesa border station when CBP officers took 21-year-old Miguel P., a Mexican citizen with permanent resident status from Paramount, California, into custody without incident at about 1:30 p.m. Officers conducted a law enforcement query of P., revealing he had an active felony warrant for burglary issued by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department with \$130,000 bail.

In another significant apprehension, CBP officers at the Otay Mesa port nabbed 24-year-old Francisco P. from Pico Rivera, California, when he entered the United States

as a passenger in a vehicle at about 1:30 a.m. He was taken into custody after systems checks revealed he had an active outstanding felony warrant for a sexual offense out of El Centro, with a \$50,000 bail amount.

CBP officers also intercepted 24-year-old Henry F. from Los Angeles at the Otay Mesa border when he presented himself for inspection as a passenger in a vehicle on Monday, November 6, at approximately 6 a.m. Officers determined F. was wanted on a \$20,000 felony warrant for larceny from Los Angeles County. After the warrant was confirmed, F. was transported to the San Diego County jail.

The remaining 31 warrants were for other criminal offenses such as larceny, probation violations, and dangerous drugs.

FALSE BOMB THREAT

Location: 3557 Monroe Street, Carlsbad  
Time/Date: 9:37 a.m. on 11/08/06

Investigation: Carlsbad police communications received a call from a male subject stating that he was "dropping off a bomb" at Carlsbad High. The call came from a pay phone on campus. School authorities were notified and they elected to clear the campus of students as a precaution. CHS staff moved the students to Magnolia Elementary School, Valley Junior High School, and the Carlsbad Village Academy.

After the campus was cleared, Marine Corps explosives detection dogs (three teams from Camp Pendleton and three from MCAS Miramar), Carlsbad police officers, and school security personnel searched the entire campus.

Given the time needed to conduct a complete and thorough check of the campus, school administrators elected to cancel classes at CHS for the rest of

the day. The search was completed at approximately 2:15 pm. No explosives or suspicious devices were located.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

Location: 2564 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad  
Time/Date: 7:15 a.m. on 11/12/06

Report: A citizen called and stated he saw the suspects taking office equipment out of the closed business. Officers responded and detained M., who was sitting in a Honda. The witness identified M. as one of the suspects he saw removing office equipment from Taylor Place realty. M. was arrested and booked into the Vista detention facility for burglary. The owner of the business responded and identified the property that was located in M.'s vehicle as his.

The other suspect fled the area on foot and officers searched the area with negative results.

ROBBERY

Location: 3087 State Street, Carlsbad  
Time/Date: 12:45 a.m. on 11/15/06



Investigation: Suspect #1 entered Vigne Antiques and pistol-whipped the victim and stole his money. Suspect #1 then exited the business and got into a blue sport utility vehicle that was occupied by Suspect #2.

Suspect #1 is described as a Hispanic male adult 35 to 40 years old, 5'10" tall, weighing approximately 200 pounds, with black hair. Suspect #2 is described as a Hispanic male adult 35

to 40 years old. The suspects fled the area in the vehicle and were not located. The loss is unknown at this time. The victim's injuries were non-life threatening.

DUI CHECKPOINT

Location: 100 East Misison Road, San Marcos  
Time/Date: 7:00-10:00 p.m. on 11/11/06

Report: The San Marcos Sheriff's Traffic Division, with cooperation from the North County Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Council, conducted a Driving Under the Influence checkpoint...433 vehicles passed through; 214 were inspected; 7 DUI evaluations were conducted; 3 drivers were found to be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs; 51 citations were issued; 35 vehicles were stored due to various license and registration violations.

BOMB THREAT

Location: 1645 Magnolia Avenue, Carlsbad  
Time/Date: 8:11 a.m. on 11/09/06



Incident: Carlsbad Village Academy received a phone call from an unknown male stating: "There is a bomb in one of your classrooms and it's going to go off any minute." The caller then disconnected.

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The three generations before me had all worked on road crews at one time in their lives, paving the dirt streets of Sonora.

I watch TV for a living.

They all started working young; worked backbreaking jobs their whole lives, sweating through their shirts and pushing their bodies to the point of injury. Great Granddad and Grandpa Olivieri died right after they retired.

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They've all come to be known as “the old man.” When my dad speaks of his grandfather or dad he says “the old man.” I call my dad “the old man” now, too.

I'm going up to see the old man this week. It's his birthday; he'll be 61. I'll stock the ice-box full of beer, and we'll sit in our chairs and watch TV. I'll absentmindedly draw pictures and leave them scattered around the front room. He'll collect them all when I leave and keep them in his room.

It'll be good to see him before he retires.

basin and the eggs add a hint of morning flavor to last night's dinner. My coffee cup has splashed over and has taken up residence. I needed something bracing and slightly irritating to break me out of bed and get me moving.

SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 25

G.I. JOE SIGMA 6

FOX 10:30 A.M.

Things are getting worse. What was once flavorful and the symbol of a good time has gone sour. Glasses of bourbon from Friday night, a beer can, and the morning dump of coffee grounds and swill collect in the sink now. I'm a little hung over and don't want to deal with reality. The sink has changed from something I once enjoyed to an annoyance hanging over my head.

AMERICAN IDOL REWIND

WB 8:00 P.M.

Things have gotten worse, but I don't care. I've forgotten about the stink of it and only add to the growing problem. More beer cans, more coffee, more bourbon. Wine glasses are no longer sweet and continental, but have rather become the vehicle to intoxication and have taken on a sinister role in the community of my kitchen sink. I'm drunk and don't mind the stench.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

FAMILY GUY

FOX 9:00 P.M.

Unexpectedly, things have gotten better. Somehow the rank juices, liquids, and pulp from a few days of neglect have canceled each other out. A fan and my open door have helped to clear the air and it's refreshing to stand in the kitchen and not gag. What was once an irritant has become okay.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

HEROES

NBC 9:00 P.M.

It's absolutely pleasant in here now. The growing stack of plates and bowls is a little gritty to look at, but a green tea-scented candle gives an oriental and ethereal aroma to the place. It's a fool's paradise, though. The duty of clean-



G.I. Joe Sigma 6

ing up will no doubt be an apocalyptic and sacrificial one. I'm thinking of leaving it for the girl to clean up, but no, it's my responsibility.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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USA 9:00 P.M.

Woof! It's back, and it's worse. The sweet smell of candle and mixing of scents was only gilding on the dark bacteria that's been corrupting the now-overcrowded pile. But. The experiment must go on. Only two days left.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND

WB 7:30 P.M.

Sweet Mary! I've gone to the gym, and in my absence the stink pile has threatened to overtake my entire apartment. It will be hard to sleep here tonight. It's not only befouled the entire front room but has crept its dark tentacles into the bathroom and bedroom. Things couldn't get worse. I hope.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

THE KING OF QUEENS

FOX 6:00 P.M.

Things have gotten worse. What was the formula for a disgusting sink odor has mutated into a gagging, sickly sweet, and aggressive rot. It smells like the dump in here. I've got to do something. The dishes have spilled from the sink and are now covering the stovetop and a section of the floor. It's giving me a headache, and I might “number 3” right there in the kitchen trash can, but I've got to get rid of this load of crap. Who-ho-ho!

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

A rating of this week's television programs as they correspond to the smell in my kitchen sink from last week:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

SPIDER-MAN 2

FOX 8:00 P.M.

First night. I've broiled kabobs in the oven for my girlfriend and me. My sink smells of the remnants of dinner. The chicken and roasted vegetables are a savory and warm aroma, sentimental and satiating. *Spider Man 2* is a tender, romantic, and affectionate film. Perfect!

SEX AND THE CITY

WB 11:00 P.M.

It's later. Wine has been opened, drunk, and the glasses mingle in the sink with the dishes from dinner. The fruity alcohol has lent a metropolitan air. As a hillbilly kid, wine was something only snooty city folk drank. Now I'm an adult who has moved to the Big Smoke and have a glass with dinner every night. The girlfriend's in bed, watching *Sex and the City*, and I'm typing on my laptop. How appropriate.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

THE MEGAN MULLALLY SHOW

NBC 11:00 A.M.

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# T.G.I.F.

One can usually look a gift horse in the mouth and find a price tag somewhere.

By John Brizzolara

The transition between youthful cynicism and the attitude "What's to be grateful for?" was characterized by "Things could be worse" in my late 30s, when I couldn't avoid flat-out gratitude for surviving lymph cancer. Actually, it wasn't that simple, having prepared for death at age 36 (I thought). When I heard the word "remission," and it sank in that I would now live, my reaction was "What now? I've got to live? Oh, great! Thanks a heap." This seemed diabolically torturous. Conversely, what catalyzed something like real gratitude (and I believe it was) involved the first time I was able to drink whiskey after a year of chemotherapy, during which even the idea of it only guaranteed a new intensity of nausea. I remember drinking Bushmill's, holding it down — this was within a week after radiation treatment was concluded — and feeling grateful that my old friends Jameson, Johnny Walker, etc. had been restored to me, and verily it was good.

Within ten years, those friends had been jacked from me (or possibly they mutinied), and I was confronted with the kind of irony only the man upstairs can provide, and that is the idea that I actually had cause for gratitude regarding alcoholism. Why? I could see, after a time, that it provided a spiritual advantage over nonalcoholics in the forced march of enlightenment: that is, the starting point is the Abyss from which the view of anything

you care to point at is clear as the azure skies of summer.

At age 55, after surviving much (including a quadruple bypass and the dual implants of a defibrillator and pacemaker), one would think it is a natural to thank heaven I'm alive; but as my father never tired of pointing out, "Nothing's ever simple." I am hardly leaping for joy, as possibly I should, that I am alive (for one thing, it might kill me), nor am I keen on croaking right this minute or today, for that matter.

The reminders that I need for the onset of gratitude are things that I assiduously avoid these days: certain neighborhoods of homeless, county jail, detox, etc. Even though I once experienced these environments, I am no more immune than the hopelessly detached to the idea that sheer proximity to these places involves a risk of contagion. As irrational as that is, I am more convinced than ever that it is so.

I've heard it said, usually among the elderly, that it is the small things one eventually settles on for gratitude. As I am now owner of a senior/disabled bus pass (for which I am grateful when I think about it, but I almost never do), I find that rather than life itself or the roof over my head, which was not provided by a contractor for county jails, I am grateful for — and this is precious — the hours during the day when my roommate is gone and I can light my pipe full of Burley Virginia and Latakia tobacco. I can get away with this quaint yet disgusting pleasure almost nowhere, at least in this state. While I find it odd that my chain-smoking Marlboro man of a roommate finds this objectionable, it is a small price to pay for half the rent. Gratitude for trade-offs with a sense of bargain attached qualifies for gratitude.

Just as at some point in the not-too-distant future I will be grateful I do not need a roommate any longer (possibly by that time it will be a nurse I need), and need no longer suffer bluegrass music, politics on television, and football, I am grateful my rent is now under five bills and Zeke (the roommate) says nothing about my occupying the bathroom for inordinate periods of time.

The *Oxford American Dictionary* shows grateful to mean: "Feeling or showing that one values a kindness or benefit received." Unlike the larger *Oxford English Dictionary*, it does not give a clue as to the origin of the word, specifically the root, "grate." The only thing coming to mind is the Latin *gratis*, meaning free. The only association I have offhand is that one is full of what has been given freely. Close enough. But just as no good deed goes unpunished, one can usually look a gift horse in the mouth and find a price tag somewhere. Part of the cost for my rent luxuriating in the under-half-a-yard range is smoking my one pipe before 3 p.m., when my roomie might arrive home at any moment



and make me feel like a juvenile delinquent smoking corn silk behind the barn. My gift of alcoholism has been far from free (nearly needless to say); the gift of life itself, defying hefty odds, comes with the knowledge that the whole deal will be yanked from me decades earlier than I might have expected 20 years ago, etcetera, etcetera.

Other "gifts" ostensibly free, like the "God given" musical ability I enjoy or "knack" for words, seem, on little reflection, to have cost the metaphorical arm and a leg.

And, so, the utility of gratitude (God, the universe, some spiritual economic principle does indeed respond to the stuff, the thing) is surpassed only by its necessity. Like patience, once a virtue, now an imperative in 2006, gratitude is indispensable, a survival tool; whatever wealth (and define that how you like, from grandchildren to bearer bonds) clings to, a *self*, the *atman*, our core being, quickly turns to Teflon without it. We become bankrupt in any way that matters. So if you have to scrounge for whatever it is that might distinguish you from, say, the ingrate, scrounge away. It is certainly worth it, I've found, and goes as well if not better with turkey as cranberry sauce.

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