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- Tim Newman, Solana Beach, CA

"I liked how the doctor explained everything before he did it. I did not have any discomfort after the surgery. I could see perfectly the next day. This is the best thing I have ever done for myself."

- Claudia Jones, San Diego, CA

"Unbelievable. If someone told me I'd be driving the next day, I'd tell them they were nuts. But I'm driving! Wish I'd done this 10 years ago - I'm seeing 20/15, can't wait for tomorrow and the next day – it can only get better. Thanks, Global, you made a difference in my life!"

- Chris Steward, Cardiff, CA

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- Tanya Lancee, San Diego, CA

"I've worn glasses since I was 8. What an experience to get up the next morning, reach for your glasses and realize, 'Hey, I can see!' Thanks for your help in enhancing my life."

- Denise Alloway, Cudahy, CA

"You were all wonderful. I am very happy to be able to see again without the hassles of glasses and contact lenses. Thank you for providing me with a new life."

- Patricia Rhodes, San Diego, CA

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"I was absolutely amazed when the first eye was completed. I couldn't wait to have the second eye completed. I could see as soon as he finished. I felt very relaxed as the procedure was being done. The doctor explained everything he was doing and that was very relaxing. I would recommend this procedure to anybody. I have worn contact lenses since I was about 13 and had the procedure done at 35. As soon as I got home all the contact stuff went in the

- Lorie Lindenmuth, Oceanside, CA

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"It is awesome to be able to surf and snowboard without the worries of losing a lens. I can finally wake up every morning to clear, perfect vision and not more headaches due to poor vision! Thank you so much for this gift - it has brightened my world."

- Sandi Nagy, San Diego, CA

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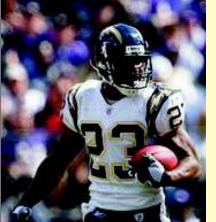
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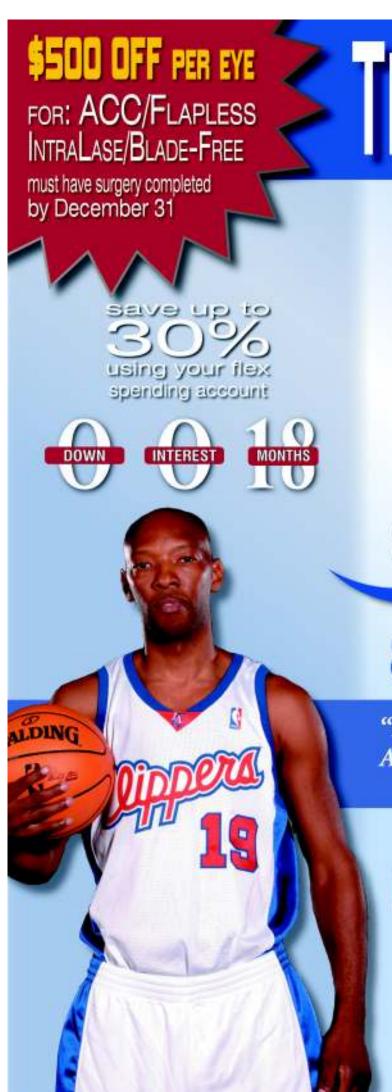
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John Moore

nate, University of California regent, confidante and patron of ex-president **Jimmy Carter** — rarely communicates directly with the taxpaying public, save for a few throwaway lines handed to sportswriters about the ups and downs of his professional baseball franchise. But the

wealthy ex-Texan and nominal Democrat is never far from the minds of local political insiders and pundits, who see his shadowy influence — much of it mediated by ex-Democratic state senator **Steve Peace**, now a well-paid Moores executive — almost everywhere.

A recent case in point: a hush-hush six-month lobbying effort in Washington, D.C., financed by his JMI Realty holding company. Disclosure statements on file with the U.S. Senate reveal that on September 30 of last year, Del Mar Heights-based IMI hired Wavne Berman and Stewart Hall of the Federalist Group, LLC, to lobby Congress and the president regarding "base closure and realignment issues." The company also represents the University of California and Science Applications International Corporation. A yearend 2005 filing, dated February 7 of this year, described the influence peddling on behalf of JMI as being about "issues related to base closure redevelopment." According to that filing, the lobbyists had contacted the "Executive Office of the President," along with the House and Senate. The contract, worth \$160,000, ended this April 1, says an August 9 filing by the lobbyists.

The timing of JMI's lobbying effort parallels progress of the controversial Navy Broadway Complex project, ultimately awarded to rival developer **Doug Manchester** on March 31. Days



Doug Manches

before that, on March 27, the Irvine Company, then regarded by many as the front-runner to win development rights from the Navy, announced it was hiring ex–Padres president **Charles Black** and former JMI executive **Thomas Sullivan**, a move that sug-

gested they would lead the

Broadway project. A March 8 *U-T* story said that JMI "chose not to bid" for the project's long-term lease rights. Almost since the day it was announced, Manchester's proposal has been opposed by a host of critics, who complain about its lack of public spaces and schlocky design. They've found a seemingly unlikely ally in the *Union-Tribune*, known for boosting most big local development projects. The paper, which has repeatedly bashed Manchester's Broadway complex concept, has long been editorially friendly to Moores.

**Hard knocks** Today is judgment day for **John D'Intino**, the last remaining defendant in the long-running Cheetahs city hall bribery scan-

dal, who on September 2, 2003, pled guilty to felony gun possession and wire fraud conspiracy charges in a deal with federal prosecutors. In a sentencing memorandum filed last week, D'Intino's attorney, **Geoffrey C.Morrison**, laid out his case for clemency. "Mr. D'Intino is a 55-year-old man who, although he suffered a misdemeanor drug conviction that was later set aside in 1972, as well as two driving under the influence convictions in 1988 and 1997, has led a law abiding life," Morrison asserts. A veteran of the



John D'Intino

restaurant business, D'Intino got more than his share of bad breaks, the memo says, including the abrupt ending in 1993 of his five-year ownership of the bar and grill at the Viejas casino when "certain tribal members 'made him an offer he could not refuse' to abandon the lucrative concession

and return it to Native American control." Later, D'Intino set up a "lucrative automated teller machine concession" at Cheetahs and other local strip joints. Then, while he was in jail for two years awaiting sentencing, **Jack Galardi**, father of Cheetahs owner **Mike Galardi**, "edged Mr. D'Intino out of the ATM business, and Mr. D'Intino no longer has any interest in ATM concessions."

The defendant chose to serve time in downtown's federal lockup pending sentencing, "preferring to 'pay the price' that he ultimately would have to face rather than having it hanging over his head." But "in custody, Mr. D'Intino did not have a pleasant experience," according to the memo. He "was the target of frequent taunts by fellow inmates who, based on the 'prisoners' code,' looked down on him as a 'snitch' and a 'rat.' His personal affects were repeatedly stolen, he was verbally threatened, and his glasses were broken on repeated occasions. During his incarceration, his wife left him, and this experience was particularly painful given his extreme isolation and his inability to reach out to her to broker some sort of rapprochement."

As it turned out, D'Intino, who was day manager at Cheetahs, never testified in the case against Michael Zucchet and Ralph Inzunza, the two San Diego city councilmen ultimately convicted by a jury for trying to loosen up the city's "no touch" rule for strippers in exchange for political favors; the government decided it didn't need him. But the memo says he "listened to countless tapes, read numerous transcripts, and spoke extensively with the prosecutors and case agents." As for his own role in the crime, his attorney argues, "it was not until Mr. Galardi brought in Lance Malone, a lobbyist and former politician well acquainted with bribery of public officials, that Mr. D'Intino's efforts crossed over from legitimate lobbying activities to illegal bribery." D'Intino seeks a sentence of time served plus three years of supervised release and no fine.

— Matt Potter

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#### First the Feds, Now the Neighbors

By Don Bauder

ichael Ellis, cofounder of the bankrupt Metabolife International, has battled drug enforcers, the Food and

Drug Administration, the Justice Department, the Internal Revenue Service, personal injury lawyers, the House Energy and Commerce Committee, bankruptcy probers—you name it. Now he is fight-

Nearby residents and Point Loma community groups charge that Ellis and his immediate neighbor at 2900 Nichols Street have erected walls and planted vegetation that block the public's right-of-way at



2900 Nichols Street

ing with people who live near a mansion he owns in Point Loma. Both sides want to compromise, but the matter may have to be resolved in court.

Ellis owns, but never used as a primary residence, a posh home on the bay in Point Loma at 2905 Nichols Street. the foot of Nichols Street. People have a right to have a view of the bay, as well as a path to the water from that spot, say such groups as the Peninsula Community Planning Board and the Point Loma Association, along with the City of San Diego.

Norman Magneson, a retired Navy civil engineer living at 2980 Nichols Street, has led the battle for more than four years. He enlisted 82 property owners nearby to join his cause. If the matter goes to trial, it would be "a case célèbre," he says. The outcome would be "precedent-setting. Every deadend street in the coastal area of the city of San Diego will be affected by the outcome."

City Attorney Mike Aguirre agrees. "I am trying to work out a compromise, but we must protect public access wherever the public has a right to it, particularly on dead-end streets in coastal areas."

The opposition is formidable. Ellis is now selling his house. Locals believe the buyer is Stephen Games, founder and chairman of Prudential California Realty in Southern California. Area real estate pros say the house was once priced at \$13 million but probably went for \$8 million to \$9 million. Games did not respond to queries for comment. The other house is owned by real estate speculator Todd Sabin and his wife Stacy. They are trying to rent the home for \$60,000 a month. When the brouhaha began, another couple owned the Sabin home.

Ellis has had his ups and downs—lately almost entirely continued on page 8

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#### **From Rural Retreat To Suburbia**

By Ernie Grimm

n September 19, the unincorporated community of Campo threw a oncein-a-century party. It featured a parade,

cavalry reenactors, former buffalo soldiers stationed in Campo pre-World War II, and home-

baked goodies. But it wasn't the attractions that folks were celebrating. They celebrated the concurrence of the date and the area's zip code, 91906.

It's a testament to the spirit of this town, located 50 miles east of San Diego on the Mexican border, where the high desert and the mountains meet, that 200 people would crowd into the un-air-conditioned Campo Community Center at 10:00 a.m. on a Tuesday during what was supposed to be a Santa Ana. God rewarded that spirit by sending the mildest Santa Ana in memory. Under a blue dome of sky and in 75degree air, the crowd gathered on the center's 20-by-100-foot deck to watch a parade of vehicles from the Highway Patrol, Border Patrol, local sheriff's office, and fire agencies serving the area: the local department, the Rural Fire Protection

District, and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The locals cheered for all, but nobody could blame them for cheering the fire trucks more, not in this fire-prone region.

After the parade, everyone looked down the dirt road.

has an outdated feel, but it's clean and maintained. After a short presentation hosted by Campo's postmaster, Jan Martin, attendees discussed the area's past, present, and future over chocolate-pudding pie and oatmeal cookies.

Pete Scully has "lived here off and on for 30 years and worked here off and on for 30 years." Scully is tall and broadshouldered, his blond hair turning gray. He's a chief for the California Department of Forestry's fire department, working out of the station a couple of miles up State Route 94 in the section of Campo known as Cameron Corners. In Scully's firefighting mind, what Campo



Pete Scully

But the cavalry charge didn't materialize. The partygoers moved back into the building. The vinyl-tiled, whitewalled meeting room of the Campo Community Center

has is 20 years of unburned vegetation and prime conditions for a conflagration. "The last two days have been the first real Santa Ana conditions we've had this year," he said. "We expected to be busy. Usually there are three or four spots that flare up around the county in conditions like this. We've all been on our toes waiting. But so far," he looked for wood to knock but none was within reach, "there's been nothing. Nobody knows why."

If an area doesn't burn this year, what happens to the fuel next year?

"What happens is it continues to grow so it gets bigger," he answered. "But as it gets older and older, it drops a lot of dead twigs and branches on the ground and on the brush itself. So when the fire finally comes through, there's a lot more fuel, and it's completely dry."

A half-mile up the road from the community center is an EastLake-style housing development called Campo Hills — 221 homes, plus a park and community pool, wedged onto 92 acres. It's an odd sight in an area where small lots are between 5 and 10 acres, big lots are over 80, and some of the old cattle ranches stretch over 2000. "It's kind of funny," Scully said, "when you drive in there, it's like you've been transported downtown - paved streets, sidewalks, curbs, and little cracker-box houses."

Scully said Campo Hills and other proposed housing



the refreshment table, Scully

developments inspire passion among the locals. "There's a group that's adamant about no growth. Then there's a group that wants to grow. Then there's the vast majority that feel like growth is inevitable to some degree."

Though he counts himself among the third group, Scully's further comments betrayed a frustration with growth and development. Standing near

said, "What I personally have a problem with is developers who come in, make all their money, then leave. Meanwhile, there's no water, there's no sewer facility, there's no road facility, there's no fire department, there's no police protection. The infrastructure isn't there to support them. They come in, they do their thing, they make their money, and then they wash their hands of it. They couldn't give a flying flip about the community. The roads coming in here can't really even support Campo Hills. The main travel route in and out of here is Buckman Springs Road." Buckman Springs Road, ten miles long and two lanes wide, is the most direct route from Campo to Interstate 8. "When I leave, if it's during normal daylight hours, I go out to La Posta Road [parallel to Buckman Springs, but four miles east] because I can't stand going up and down Buckman anymore. It's already traffic jammed just with the houses they've put on Campo Hills. So what will happen when they put another thousand houses out here?

And there are no plans to widen that road or do anything else about it."

"I call Campo Hills 'the ﷺ Projects," said Mark Ovadia, a docent at the Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum, whose %



Star Ranch, Campo Hills

#### Now the neighbors

the latter. In 1988, he was arrested for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. He got five years' probation; his partner got five and a half years in prison. In the mid-1990s, Ellis and two partners set up Metabolife, a marketer of an ephedra-based compound primarily used by dieters. The company prospered mightily — for a while. Then came multiple reports that the pills were dangerous. Congress investigated, as did the Food and Drug Administration. Metabolife went bankrupt facing huge personal injury claims. In mid-2002,

an Internal Revenue Service investigator reported that according to inside sources, Ellis and his cofounders had set up secret accounts in offshore tax havens.

One of the founders, William Robert Bradley, was sentenced to six months in prison for tax evasion, but Ellis will not face tax charges, according to a reliable source. One reason is that the company's outside accountant, Michael Compton, committed suicide in 2003, depriving the government of a witness. In 2004, Ellis and Metabolife were indicted by a federal grand jury for lying to drug regulators about the safety of the ephedra pill, which has since been banned. According to

assistant U.S. attorney Phil Halpern, Ellis still faces those allegations, as well as charges of owning firearms - prohibited by his earlier drug conviction. Meanwhile, Metabolife is trying to settle ephedrarelated health claims. Ellis's lawyer won't say where Ellis lives; Halpern says Ellis has a home in Florida.

Magneson says prior residents of the two mansions, going back to the early 1940s, honored the long-standing right-of-way. One owner of 2900 Nichols built a fence, but the City forced it to be removed in 1992. Then five years ago, the owner preceding the Sabins built a six-foot concrete wall and planted large trees. Ellis then built a large arch. In 2003, Ellis

posted "No Trespassing" signs and installed a motion sensor. The City agreed with the neighbors, denying permits to make the structures legitimate and citing the owners for noncompliance with city codes. But nothing was done.

Last year, the two homeowners changed strategy: they filed suit against the City, claiming the land belonged to them. Maps going back to the mid-19th Century showing a public right-of-way were never properly accepted or recorded, they assert. The City "has no right, title, estate, lien or interest" in the property, claims the suit. The land belongs to the residents of 2900 and 2905 Nichols Street, insist the mansion owners.

But Katheryn Rhodes, a civil engineer, says she has poked into the musty records. The key map was filed with the city clerk in 1876. Attorney Matthew Peterson, who represents Ellis and Sabin, "is making that up," she says. "We all want to settle, but our case is stronger than they think it is."

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Peterson disagrees strongly and adds, "This thought that you can't see the beach or bay is crazy. Straight down Nichols Street you can see the water." Magneson's claim that prior owners honored the right-ofway back into the 1940s "is open to debate."

Snaps Magneson, "You cannot see the shore at all from their viewing area. You can

see the far shore, but not the near shore. There is no place for people to congregate."

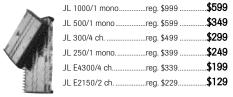
Ellis and Sabin will drop the suit if their opponents will be satisfied with a 25-foot-by-18-foot viewing area at the edge of the curb; a 10-footwide pedestrian access to the bay; and a 4-foot security fence. They will give \$98,000 to the City for maintenance. But they insist on having ownership of the property.

"It has always been the City's property," says Malinda Dickenson, deputy city attorney handling the case.

Magneson, Rhodes, the Peninsula Community Planning Board, and the Point Loma Association will grant

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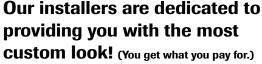
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# Now the neighbors

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some things, but they won't cede ownership to Ellis and Sabin. "We have given them 58 percent of what they wanted; they want 74 percent," plus ownership, says Magneson.

"Those two mansions, they want all that to themselves," says Edwina Goddard, an activist neighbor.

"If the City gives up anything on this, it's the public that loses," says Cynthia Conger, president of the Peninsula Community Planning Board. "Coastal property is going for \$350 to \$500 a square foot, so this property would be worth \$2 million to \$3 million." The City must retain ownership and give a reasonable encroachment agreement to Ellis and Sabin, she says.

On November 9, superior court judge Patricia Cowett gave the parties another 60 days to settle the matter. Earlier, she had said she'd given her last continuance, but she changed her mind. Second district city councilmember Kevin Faulconer is trying to get both sides to reach agreement.

The neighborhood has one thing going for it: Michael Ellis has more pressing matters hanging over him. ■

# Rural retreat

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Campo branch is a mile north of the community center, just on the other side of Campo Hills. Ovadia was dressed in jeans, a train-themed T-shirt, and a conductor's hat with the word "Trainman" engraved in the brass band. When he spoke, his fuzzy gray and white beard bobbed hypnotically. He stood by a table full of flyers and printouts advertising his museum. "People ask me, 'How could you call those beautiful new houses 'the Projects'? Well, high density is high density."

Fifty-two-year-old Ovadia grew up in the Bronx. He knows high density. "It's the reason I left the Bronx," he said.

Ironically, density is the reason Ovadia moved to Campo. "Before moving here, my wife and I lived on 40 acres by ourselves out in Jacumba. We lived off the grid. We used the generator to pump water up out of the well into a 1000-gallon storage tank. We had

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solar panels, propane, and AC/DC appliances. But my wife wanted more community and convenience. And she wanted to be able to get television other than Mexican TV. But here all we can get is Channel 8 and 49, and 49 is Mexican."

Ovadia's beard quivered as he laughed. "We have a lot more community here," he added. "I like living here on the mountain. It would be a shame if they turned it into a town."

Back at the refreshment table, someone asked Scully how many more Campo Hills–style developments the area could withstand before it's no longer the place he's lived in for 30 years. Scully reflected for a moment. "Probably one more."

works. The Star Ranch straddles the two-mile portion of State Route 94 that jogs north from Campo proper to Cameron Corners. The owner of the 2100-acre cattle ranch, Barry DeVorzon, has made it known he'd like to develop his land, clustering 460 houses as well as retail and business properties on 350 acres around Cameron Corners and leaving the rest of the ranch as open grazing area. Though the local planning group voted against the project on July 10, the group is only an advisory body. The county board of supervisors will vote on the project when final plans are submitted about two years from now.

Star Ranch is a hot topic of conversation around Campo. Sitting near the door out to the deck, Jean Bates, 91, and Roger Challberg, 76, discussed it. Bates wore a black cowboy hat adorned with a turquoiseinlay buckle on the front of the band. Her face, a maze of fine wrinkles, testified to decades in the wind and sun of the mountains. Challberg is a local historian whom Jan Martin introduced earlier as "the mayor of Campo." A widower, he has lived on five acres in Campo since 1981. He was clad in an old-fashioned Western-cut suit and a broad-brimmed cavalry hat. His thin, weather-beaten face bore a mustache more than two feet from waxed tip to waxed tip. His philosophy for land development in Campo: "If you've got a piece of property and you want to do something with it, if you meet the regulations and the plans, we're for you. But we're not for you if you're going to rape the land. There's a difference between property development and land rape."

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Does the Star Ranch proposal fall under the category of land rape?

"No," Challberg answered, tucking the tips of his mustache into his collar at the nape of his neck. "If you say they're trying to put 460 homes on 350 acres, that sounds like rape. But then if you take the broader picture and say it's 460 homes on 2100 acres — which means that if you have a house, you're looking at the landscape and cattle ranch, which are going to stay there; they're not going with a bulldozer and cutting out home sites — that's not rape. I haven't spoken publicly either for or against the project because I haven't seen final plans. But what they're planning is something that blends into the land."

Jean Bates has lived on her 85 acres since 1947. Her plot, three-quarters of a mile west of Buckman Springs Road, is surrounded by Star Ranch. She and her late husband graded a lot of the home sites and roads around Campo over the decades. She's in favor of the Star Ranch development and as a member of the planning group would have voted for it on July 10 had she not recused herself because her land borders Star Ranch. "I'd like to see more growth and development in the area," she said. "We need a grocery store up here so you don't have to drive down the mountain for everything. And we need some industry up here."

Challberg added, "After World War II, there was a clothing factory up here, and there was a button factory. They had a number of things up here that provided employment. We need employment up here again, clean employment that will keep some of these young people on the hill."

"I learned my trade — sewing machine repair — right here in Mr. Roberts's factory," said Bates. "He brought his factory down from L.A., and it was in one of these buildings here. But nowadays, there are very few people who live and work here. Most people commute down the hill."

Asked for predictions on Campo's future, Bates answered, "There will be growth. There's no way they can stop it."

Challberg nodded, "There's going to be growth out here." ■

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#### **Good Lawyering**

Two weeks ago the SEC affirmed that City Attorney Michael Aguirre was correct in his assessment of the wrongful and illegal manner in which the City's pension fund had been handled in the past ("What Did Murphy Know and When?" "City Lights," November 22). But the SEC's report of its finding following an exhaustive investigation also strongly suggests that Mr. Aguirre's decision to cooperate with the SEC, rather than maintain a "head in the sand," "we didn't do anything wrong" approach, saved the City from the financial "death sentence" the SEC could have imposed.

I have not seen any apologies in the paper from Mr. Aguirre's detractors, who have, since even before he took office, vilified Mr. Aguirre for his stance on the illegality of certain pension-plan benefits and the fraudulent nature of the acts of those who created

and sustained them. But I should have.

The fact is, Mr. Aguirre did some incredibly good lawyering on behalf of our

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did some incredibly good lawyering on behalf of our City through the manner in which he handled the SEC investigation. Had the City continued to take the defensive and uncooperative stance that has been favored in the past, one can only imagine what the SEC's response would have been. And, had the SEC not known that Mr. Aguirre took his job as the top law enforcement officer in the City seriously, it's likely that the SEC would have put the City on an even tighter leash and made it impossible for the mayor to have any realistic chance of persuading the folks on Wall

Street that the City of San Diego is coming back from the dead. Without that ability, the City would not be able to tap into the financial markets for the help it needs if it is to avoid bankruptcy.

The City of San Diego is indeed fortunate to have Mr. Aguirre as its senior legal advisor. Because of the way he has handled the SEC investigation, the City is on its way to digging itself out of a very deep and dark hole, one which could well have been its grave but for his guidance.

Congratulations, Mike! And thank you!

Mark C. Mazzarella via e-mail

#### **CORRECTION**

In the November 22 story "Old and New," the author of an upcoming book on North Park and the historical period the book covers were stated incorrectly. The author's name is Don Covington; the period covered is 1896 to 1946.

#### **Salute In The Glow**

Re "Garbage In, Garbage Out" (Letters, November 22). Bravely anonymous "Concerned reader/parent" feels compelled 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."

So what's next, "Concerned"? Rounding up a bunch of stuff (books? newspapers? paintings? movies? music?) created by people you've decided are

"totally sick in the head," piling them up nice and tall, and tossing a no doubt well-oiled (but unimaginatively intolerant) match on it all? Throwing a stiffarmed salute in the glow of that bonfire in honor of whatever it is you think is right? Is this what you want to set an example for when it comes to your kids, your friends, your community? Unfortunately, I am sure that this is exactly the example you want to set. Which is more than a little scary. And so very, very sad. Elizabeth Ziembag

via e-mail

#### **Promoting Captain Smith**

I enjoyed Linda Nevin's informative and interesting article of November 16, "Do All in Your Power," about the 1913 Mexican refugees transported to San Diego from the Arizona border during the Mexican Revolution. However, there is one error. The article states that Colonel Emilio Kosterlitzky "surrendered to his friend and fellow Indian-fighter Captain Cornelius Smith of the Arizona Rangers." In fact, Smith was an officer of the U.S. Army in command of Troop G, 5th U.S. Cavalry at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, when he accepted Kosterlitzky's surrender. Cornelius C. Smith was an interesting figure in his own right, having won the Medal of Honor in 1891 in an engagement against the Sioux at White River, South Dakota, three days after the

Battle of Wounded Knee.

Anyone interested in further information about Emilio Kosterlitzky can find it in *Emilio Kosterlitzky*— Eagle of Sonora and the Southwest Border (Glendale Clark, 1970) by Smith's son, Cornelius C. Smith Jr.

Steve Kane via e-mail

#### **About My Guts**

I'm the "Name Withheld" person who called you last issue with the "B\*\*\*\*\* letter (November 16). I found it quite interesting that the Reader chose to censor the word "b\*\*\*\*\*\*," yet in that same publication they had the word "f\*\*\*" in there. And I've seen it also in your "Diary of a Diva" column as well as several other places in the *Reader*. So let me make sure I'm crystal clear on this. The word "f\*\*\*" is okay; the word "s\*\*\*" is okay to have in the *Reader*, but the word "b\*\*\*\*\*\* is not. Hmm. Gee, the hip and trendy Reader has selective censorship. Interesting.

I read with some interest the response I got from Jennifer. I found it interesting that Jennifer, first off, complains about my guts to publish my name. I didn't have the guts, I just choose not to leave it. Although I found it interesting that she chooses to not have the guts to let us know where she works at. Because I'd love to be able to come in there and purposely not leave her a tip. Plus it would be nice

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~ MATTH ш € ALIC

I went to a show recently, and the club had this device to check my ID. They swiped my driver's license, and my age and name were displayed. I told them I didn't want them to swipe my card; if they need to verify my age, then they can look at my license and do the math. What sort of info are they taking from swiping my card? Are they selling it to marketing groups? Are they keeping tabs on me and collecting data? What are my rights? I told the guy I didn't want to have my card swiped, and he said that I had no choice. I just don't trust the whole process.

— Nick in the valley

San Diego's Privacy Rights Clearing House has looked into the issue of mag strips on California drivers' licenses. They're satisfied that the data strip mirrors the front of the license, with the exception of the photo. (Your Social Security number is not on the strip.) You get no info by swiping that you don't get by reading. But another purpose of swiping is to find counterfeit licenses. It's harder to fake the strip than it is to fake the front of the license. So if the front and back match, the club figures its butt is covered. They have no interest in having their license yanked by the ABC for selling booze to minors with phony IDs.

Theoretically, we're protected by California Civil Code Section 1798.90.1, which gives businesses the right to swipe but says they can't save or "use" the info except for identification purposes. The vast majority of businesses are going to comply. Too much is at risk for whatever pennies they'd earn for selling you out. You might have more to fear from the company that makes the swiping software, if they have access to the swiped data. But, all things considered, studies show we're much more vulnerable to identity thieves who steal paper from our mailboxes or trash cans. So we say, go to clubs, buy a shredder.

#### The Great La Costa Bumper Car Mystery Solved

The research elves are out in the solarium toweling off from this marathon caper. They're beat. Grandma Alice is making a batch of Gatorade-tofu-Red Bull smoothies to get them back in fighting trim. Here's the remaining skinny on the bumper cars.

They're owned by one North County family and originated at a local paint shop. Usually, the drivers you see are relatives of the owner, who is a lifelong car tinkerer and has done the conversions himself with the help of a build team. Modesty prevents him from revealing personal details; he won't sell what he has or build any more, so please don't ask. What you see is all we'll get. And, odds are, we've got the only way-cool, tooling-around bumper cars in the country. Another perk of living in Dago.

The whole thing started a few decades ago, when the Long Beach Pike amusement park closed. A car collector bought one of the park's bumper cars, planning to renovate it into a conversation piece for his family room. That idea went the way of most expensive, elaborate, guy-type brainstorms. The car just sat in his collection, collecting dust. But along comes our particular North County tinkerer. The bumper car reminded him of his growingup days on the ride at the Pike. He spent many happy hours bashing into friends and strangers there, maybe in that exact car! Of course, there's no use fighting nostalgia. He takes the bumper car off the collector's hands, intending to turn it into a conversation

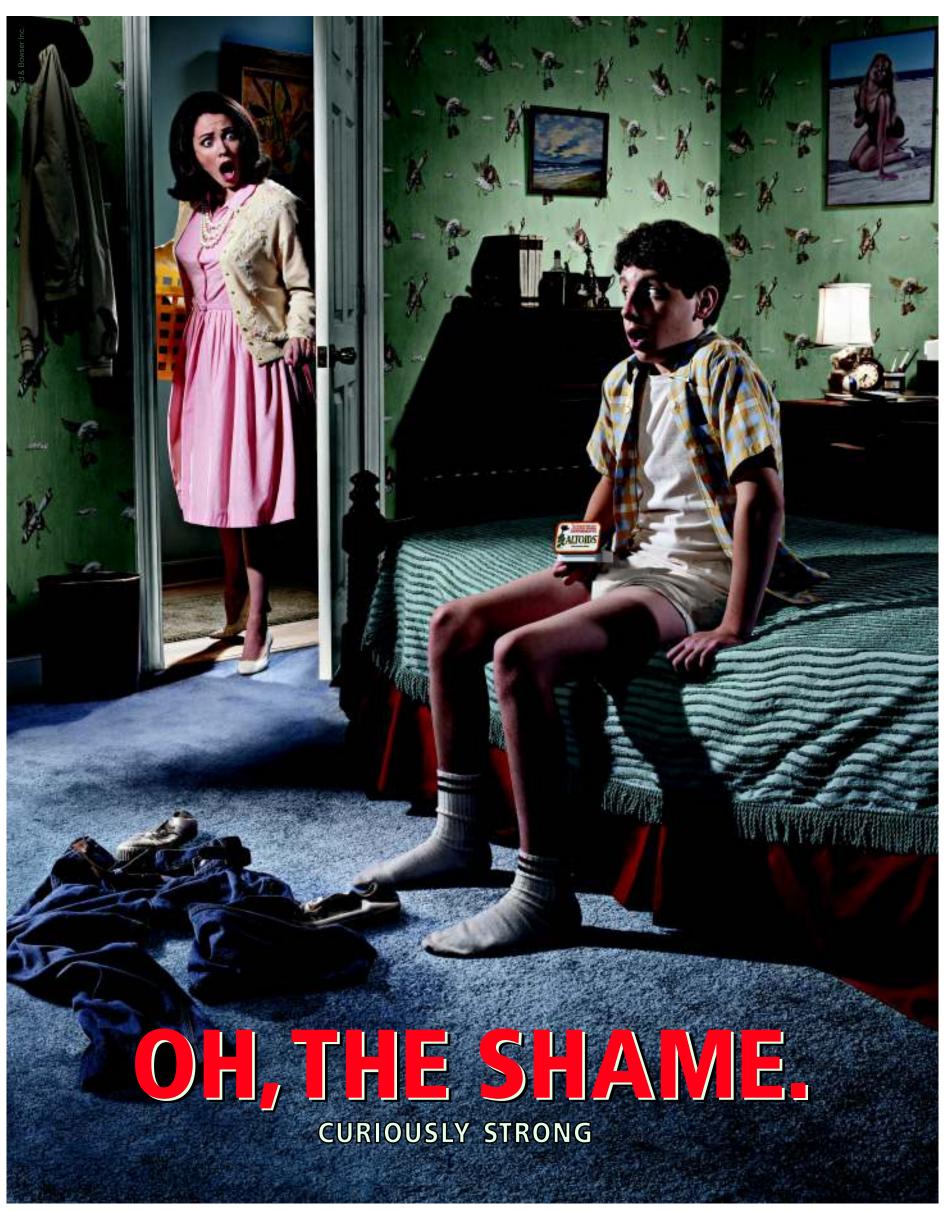
Here's where we separate the ordinary thinkers from the visionaries. The collector was just a collector; but the tinkerer was a true car nut and decided the bumper car had to be reworked into a self-powered fun ride for the grandkids. Fifty thousand dollars later, he had his car and the kids had the coolest grandpa on the block. It was so much fun he made seven more from cars originally used at amusement parks in Petaluma, Coney Island, Atlanta, Detroit, Germany, and Austria. They're powered by Yamaha and Kawasaki engines; the original Harleys shook the cars too badly and had to be replaced.

If you haven't seen them at a local car show, check out the pictures from the first 101 Beach'n Cruise: http://www.drivethe101.com. Click on the images link, then find the link to pictures taken at the Oceanside Pier. In batches 4 and 5, you'll find the bumper cars, including a woodie version. Thanks to N.D. Webster for the site.

Reader Efren and a reader in Clairemont who apparently goes through life without a name alert us to some vehicles that you might mistake for our real bumper cars. Each one is about the right size, with a windshield and two roll bars. They're three-wheeled, opentop, two-seaters painted bright primary colors. They're rented out by a company called Tour Coupes, on Seventh Avenue in downtown San Diego and licensed as motorcycles. (The drivers will be wearing helmets.) Check them out at http://www.tourcoupes.com, but don't confuse them with the genuine article.

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By Patrick Daugherty

# New Team On The Runway

'm flipping back and forth between the Boise/Nevada game on ESPN2 and San Diego State's self-immolation in Albuquerque, which, thankfully, is only available on radio. Still, it feels like an unnatural act of media consumption, this vision to sound, back to vision, back to sound hippity-hop. I decide, like most adults who enjoy college football, to drop the San Diego game. The latest Bowl Championship Series (BCS)

rankings have pegged Boise State University as the eighth-best team in the nation, which is remarkable. But, more remarkable is that this condition is not unusual. The Broncos have been playing quality football for years; in fact, two years ago (November 21, 2004), Boise State was ranked seventh in the

Boise's 38-7 Saturday win over Nevada guaranteed their fifth straight Western Athletic Conference title. Boise has made bowl appearances in 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 (three Humanitarian Bowls, one MPC Bowl, one Liberty Bowl, and one Fort Worth Bowl). We can add 2006 and the Fiesta Bowl. Pretty good, considering Boise did not start playing Division I-A football until 1996.

San Diego State has been playing Division I-A football since 1969 and has been to four bowls (Mirage Bowl '81, Holiday Bowl '86, Freedom Bowl '91, Las Vegas Bowl '98).

You ask, "What's up with this pigskin powerhouse?" Well, Boise State University can be found in Boise, Idaho. It opened for business in 1932, claims 18,447 students this year, and plays football in Bronco Stadium, which can seat most of Boise or 30,000 humans, whoever arrives first. The average winter temperature is 29 degrees with no snow. Paradise!

Yes, I understand. You want to know why some of the best football players in America choose BSU rather than another college like...I don't know, let's pick one...like San Diego State University?

Well, recruits must flock to Boise because it's the capital city of Idaho. It's also Idaho's biggest city. According to the U.S. Bureau of Census, 193,161 Idahoans lived there on July 1, 2005, which makes Boise over 100,000 citizens smaller than the city of Aurora, Colorado. It is also smaller than Garland, Texas, and Lubbock, Texas, which is okay by me.

They've got six public high schools in Boise, and if you want college, they got college. They've got the University of Phoenix (the nation's finest diploma mill), the aforementioned Boise State University, and Boise Bible College, making a trifecta of higher education second to none.

Before Idaho transplants hunt me down, I should say that I like Boise, I could live in Boise; it's a throwback to my Alaskan past. But, I am not an 18-year-old nationally ranked quarterback looking for TV exposure in order to get myself into the NFL. If I were that kid, I would as likely pick Boise State University as I would a cooking school in Albania. And yet Boise has won five WAC conferences in a row, and, if you include this year, has been invited to six bowls in seven years. This time around they'll play in the Fiesta Bowl, a BCS bowl, and collect a yummy check for \$3.5 million.

The Bowl Championship Series has been through several incarnations since first manifesting itself in 1992. There is the mythical national championship, there are computers and rankings, the good works of the AP, New York Times, USA Today, and many others. There are mutations and additions and subtractions and name changes and new eligibility rules, but we don't have to go there. We are free people not under the orders of any court.

Here's what you need to know: the five BCS bowls (Sugar Bowl, Orange Bowl, Rose Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, BCS Championship Bowl) pay invited schools millions of dollars. League champions of the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10, Southeastern conferences, and Notre Dame (with conditions), have automatic berths. Automatic berths tend to be self-perpetuating. From 1992 to the present day, only one school from a non-BCS conference has played in a BCS bowl. Utah, out of the Mountain West Conference, made it to the 2004 Fiesta Bowl.

Which brings us back to football in San Diego. The Chargers are back in it again. University of San Diego football, under head coach Jim Harbaugh, is fielding one of the best I-AA football teams in the nation, a team that is a pleasure to watch. Then there is San Diego State football.

SDSU has been so bad for so long, I'm not sure there's a fix. Compared to Boise, SDSU has everything: weather, location, size, and money. It can only be that nobody cares. Almost 40 years' worth of presidents, athletic directors, coaches, students, alumni have decided — or at least enough of them have decided — that playing lousy football is good enough. I don't know how you change that.

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"I hope you aren't too full of leftover turkey," said

the song leader at the Lucite lectern — though it was clear from the outset that Thanksgiving and its attendant sentiments were still very much with us. "Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart," sang the choir and congregation. The singing that rose into the dim heights of the arched ceiling—singing led by the song leader but backed by a six-member choir that pulled off some proper old-time gospel-quartet harmony - was unaccompanied, such that the virtues (and occasional stumbles) of the choir were showcased. No

organ sat in the choir loft. The congregation, which stood at various points throughout the service to sing along, waxed and waned in its enthusiasm over the course of nine hymns. They showed special zeal for "Ten Thousand Angels" ("He could have called ten thousand angels/ To destroy the world and set Him free...")

but needed a bucking-up midway through "Lord, Reign in Me."

Music

Good .....

Thanksgiving also filled the opening liturgy. From Pastor Hinton's welcome: "Throughout the year, we have great things to thank God for ....." From the opening prayer, one of many elements offered by a man stepping up from the congregation: "Thank you for this season.... Help us to take this spirit forth into our daily lives." And the Communion meditation, together with the prayers within the Communion rite and the prayers before the offering, called on souls to remember the good works of God.

Communion itself was taken in silence, broken only by the pings of matzoh on metal as congregants broke off pieces from the crackery bread in the silver bowls. Afterward, the choir sang, "Give thanks with a grateful heart/Give thanks to the holy one...." Thanks and praise were also extended to the women who had run the previous week's sackfood drive, and a felt patch was placed on the burgundy banner noting significant events from the church's year: baptisms, weddings, retreats, physical improvements, church picnics...

Only the Scripture reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, skipped the thanks in favor of exhortation: "Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.... Practice hospitality.... Do not repay any with evil for evil.... If it is possible...live at peace with everyone. Isn't God great?" concluded the reader,

Pastor Hinton's sermon sought to lay out "How your holidays can be truly happy" amid heightened expectations, insane busyness, the weight of unhappy history, and even personal tragedy: divorce, the death of a loved one. He opened with Jesus' promise that "with God, all things are possible," then moved on to the definition of happiness: "Happiness, to us, depends on what happens to us.... This makes happiness something very tenuous. The Bible defines happiness - or as something much more sturdy. The happiness that Jesus promises is based in His spirit, His truth, and His hope living inside of us, not going on around us."

He took as his text Jesus' invitation to "come

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weary and burdened, and I will give you rest...take my yoke upon you...for my yoke is easy and my burden light."Weariness, he said, might come from seeking "spiritual realities" such as "meaning, purpose, happiness, and contentment"in thingseven good things—other than God. The yoke, said Hinton, joined us to Christ. "This is a help. I believe Jesus is also saying, You know all of those painful, confusing, stupid sins and mistakes you've made? All that stuff that has...destroyed your happiness? When you slip your head [into my yoke], they become my problem. It's not always about taking the crushing burdens away. It's giving us the resources to bear up under them. Jesus says, 'I didn't take it away, but I have overcome your divorce. I have overcome your abortion. I have overcome your adultery. I have defeated your addiction, your depression... I have triumphed over your

lies and your greed and your selfishness and have even conquered your greatest fear and enemy: death.'What could possibly happen that can destroy the happiness we have in Christ?" At sermon's end, everyone read the Serenity Prayer aloud.

After the sermon, Hinton called for the lights to be dimmed and then showed a trailer for the upcoming film The Nativity Story. The bulletin offered "some things we can do to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to reach people with the 'Good News' of Christ," including buying tickets in advance and inviting friends via the enclosed postcard to attend the film on opening night. Finally, in keeping with church tradition, everyone poured toward the center aisle and held hands for the final prayer.

What happens when we die?

"I would say that we fulfill our destiny," said Hinton, "find the ultimate purpose we were created for, and are held accountable before God and by God."

— Matthew Lickona

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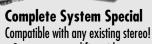
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-EVE KELLY

For as long as I can remember, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners have been identical: the oven-roasted turkey in the center of the table, surrounded by mashed potatoes, creamed onions, cranberries, and Mom's yams topped with marshmallows. Apple, pumpkin, and mincemeat pies await their turn on the side-

board. The food is all washed down with warm apple cider. We eat way too much, vow to never do it again, and spend the evening slumped on the couches.

The Christmas meal will be at my home, and I've decided it's not going to be another Thanksgiving doover. There must be a change in the family routine, and if Eve doesn't do it, nobody will. It's my house, dang it. There will be no turkey, no mashed potatoes, no cranberries this Christmas. Different, yet delicious, will be the theme for Kelly Christmas Feast '06, which means I had to pester every friend I have for their favorite out-of-the-ordinary Christ-

"One year, I served a creamy turnip and carrots puree soup as a first course for Christmas dinner," said Nancy. "My chef-friend John asked for seconds, so I knew it was a winner. And my roasted-root vegetable dish is always a hit. You can use any root veggie you like: sweet potato, onion, parsnips, the more the merrier, sprinkle with salt and pepper, drizzle olive oil and maple syrup, and slow roast them for an hour."

I found a splashy main course dish from Patrick's pal Danny. "At our house, we make a boar's head, like the English Christmas carol. In old England, it was traditional to carry in a boar's head singing the carol. Though you can buy a boar's head from Korean markets, and I hear the meat on the head is delicious, I'm not keen on eating the brain. So we make our own boar's head. You cook the pork or beef meat rare, carve it into the shape of a hog's head, and then wrap it in pastry dough. You can use a pâte brisée, or I like to use brioche dough. Once it's finished cooking, you lay green or red peppers and black olives for eyes. We carve tusks out of raw potatoes or raw squash

and stick them into the roast after it has cooked. And then it has to be garlanded — lots of apples, flowers, holly. A simpler version is to just make a meatloaf and sculpt it into a boar's head." I liked the sound of the pastry-wrapped roast. I can see Uncle Max's eyes popping out of his head now.

My friend Shawn offered a potato plate. "My great grandmother lived in eastern Pennsylvania in the early 1900s and was very poor. She would make a potato filling, which I still make to this day. It's a mashed potato dish with bread crumbs to make the potatoes go farther. It has onion, celery, eggs, milk, butter, parsley, and poultry seasonings in it. I make it up to five days in advance of Christmas. It's a dense potato dish, really delicious served with a prime

Or a boar's head, I thought. Bernice offered

"At our house, we make a boar's head."

her Nanna's old-fashioned skillet potato dish, a gussied up warm potato salad with bacon, red peppers, onions, and red wine vinegar.

But perhaps I could have a potato-less holiday. That would really shake them up. My sister Cathy suggested German egg noodles. "At every feast in my husband's German household, the staple is the creamy egg noodles," she said. "It has sour cream, cottage cheese, and green onions topped with butter and bread crumbs.'

I didn't think I could get away with not serving Dad's favorite part of the holiday meal: yams. But I drummed up an alternative to the white-trash marshmallow topping: my college pal Molly's streusel yams. She whips yams with eggs and then covers them with a layer crust of pecans, coconut, and brown sugar. "It's really a dessert in disguise," she joked.

Erica, my Mexican friend, has many fond memories of making tamales. "All the women would go a week before Christmas

to my great-aunt's house and make tamales. They were delicious." Though I had some Mexican food

fans, I had a strong contingent of nonfans, so Mexican as a main course had to be passed

But Kathy offered a Mexican salad option."Though it's traditionally served for Christmas Eve dinner, I often serve it on Christmas

day," she said. "It's called Ensalada de Noche Buena. It has beets, apples, oranges, bananas, limes, pineapples, carrots, and jicama in it, sprinkled with sugar, peanuts, and seeds of pomegranate. It can be served with lettuce."

Everybody seemed to have a dessert alternative. "I like to do a poached fruit, like pears or apples in red wine," said Nancy. "It's simple but so festive.'

Kathy suggested her favorite party cake, lemon layer cake with lemon curd and mascarpone. "I found it in Bon Appetit," she explained, 'and the cake can be made a day ahead, which is ideal. It's a lemon curd cake with lemon syrup poured over the cake, all topped with a frosting made of mascarpone cheese and whipped cream. It sounds heavy, but it's actually a light dessert, perfect for following a heavy feast."

Pal Bernice offered a dessert that's always a hit with the ladies. "I make a cake called a Diplomatico. It's rum- and coffeesoaked pound cake covered in a whipped cream and shavings of chocolate," she stated. "And you make it a day ahead of time and let it ripen.

Finally, Bernice's husband Frank, cocktail lover that he is, had a holiday cocktail suggestion. "Take the juice of one orange and add a half shot of pure unsweetened cranberry juice. Add a shot of vodka, the juice of one quarter lime, a pinch of sugar and place in a cocktail shaker and shake, shake, shake."

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# Crasher

#### PORN FOR ACROBATS

by Josh Board

hen I went to see the Zombies at the Belly Up Tavern, I hadn't planned on crashing a party there. But when I saw that a section of the venue was set up for a party hosted by Rolling Rock, I crashed it with my friend Steve, a photographer. They were giving out bottles of beer and had a table of appetizers. A guy named Brad was staring at me and it turned out that he worked for 103.7 FM. He mentioned that I wrote about a Cinco de Mayo party his station hosted and that I wrote their VIP section sucked. At first, I thought he was mad, but he smiled and said, "Hey, maybe those comments helped improve the food we had at future events. It's gotten better."

I met a woman who works for the Mainly Mozart festival. She told me that she went to school at Oxford. I asked about MM. "It's primarily involved with the production of classical music concerts. We also do educational and binational programs and things like that. The









Top left: Birthday girl Layla belly dances at her party: Top right: Bono impersonator Pavel Sfera; Bottom left: Tarot-card reader; Bottom right: The contortionists

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and she said, "I'm pretty much against karaoke, in general, although with the right combi-

"Do you think if I was Bono, I would be worried about saving a hundred bucks on the camera?"

ensembles, so it's basically an all-star orchestra, which is pretty cool."

We talked about karaoke,

nation of alcohol, it can be quite amusing. I am kind of a music snob. I hate some of the choices people make. Actually,

I would say that about pretty much everything."

We had an interesting conversation and then she took off. I was bummed for about two minutes, when an employee of the Belly Up said we could go backstage to meet the Zombies. They were going to be autographing a guitar for someone. I was stoked. (I had once tried to crash a party with Ted Nugent backstage at the House of Blues and had no

luck.) I told the drummer, who is the son of the bassist, that I had met him in San Juan Capistrano. He remembered our conversation from a year ago about drummer Stewart Copeland. I talked to his father, bassist Jim Radford, who had played with the band Argent and with the Kinks. He was shorter than he looked onstage. And he was the only band member taking advantage of the food tables. I felt guilty bothering him while he was macking, but as people often talk about the food and the groupies backstage, I took a look around. I realized that the women back there were probably fans of the band in the '60s. A flashback of the time Ted Nugent was backstage at the old Bacchanal with a groupie made me wish I could've crashed the backstage at that House of Blues gig. But as my friend pointed out, "Nugent is married now and a lot less crazy."

Zombie singer Colin Blunstone was swamped with fans, so I approached keyboardist Rod Argent. I asked him about





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a Who album he played on and whether or not he played keyboards on the song "Sister Disco." He said he didn't and that he had trouble remembering which tracks he was on. He was friendly and appreciated talking about music.

I didn't stay long because I had a party to go to at the Kava Lounge on Kettner downtown. I didn't realize at the time that I'd be meeting another "rock star" there.

I saw several local musicians and a few belly dancers when I arrived at Kava Lounge. I had met Greg, who played sitar during the belly dancers, at a previous party. I asked him if it was difficult to learn to play the sitar. "Oh, this is a baby sitar. It's a lot easier." He then went into a detailed explanation that

I talked to one guy who told me that this bar was called Puss 'N' Boots in

went over my non-

musician's head.

the '60s and that it was the old location of the Casbah before it moved down the street. It then became Velvet. Now it's the Kava Lounge.

There were tarot-card readings set up on one side of the club. Musicians were selling CDs and incense on the other side. I asked one of the card readers how they learned their craft. "You're taught some things, but I'm self-taught. Each deck of cards has a booklet. I memorized the stories in three months. I started going to coffee shops and doing readings for free before I was offered jobs. I've been doing this for ten years

I noticed a crowd gathering to watch the next performance, a couple of contortionists. The guy was strong, lifting his partner slowly in ways that looked impossible. The person next to me said, "This is like porn for acrobats."

Later the belly dancer

whose birthday it was performed. I didn't think you should have to be the entertainment at your own birthday party.

A guy walked by that reminded me of Bono from U2. His name was Pavel, and he's in a U2 tribute band called Desire. He told me he had just been hired to play a private party for actor Pierce Brosnan's son. I told Pavel that the Union-Tribune did a story about Bono signing autographs in Horton Plaza and then ran a retraction a few days later when it turned out the guy was an impersonator. Pavel admitted it was him. He said he went to lunch there with someone from his church, and with U2 in town for a concert. their fans kept approaching him. Pavel told me a story about being in an electronics store near L.A. He was going to buy a camcorder and asked the salesman what the higher-priced camera did that the cheaper one couldn't. The salesman just stared at him

and said, "I love your music. I'm a big fan." Pavel said, "I'm not him." The guy didn't seem convinced, so Pavel said, "Do you think if I was Bono, I would be worried about saving a hundred bucks on the camera?"

Pavel told me about his dad, who was jailed in another country for political reasons. Pavel also sings opera, which I think he should throw in next time he's singing a U2 hit, just to keep the crowd guessing.

After I said goodbye, I overheard two guys smoking outside say, "I've seen Bono lots of times here in San Diego. I saw him here tonight. I just don't go up and bother him. He probably hates when people do that."

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by Barbarella

# **Common Courtesy**

No one is more insufferable than he who lacks basic courtesy.

- Bryant H. McGill

eople are bothering me. I realize their antagonisms are unintentional for the most part but, nevertheless, I continue to be annoyed, almost to the point of hermitry. Random acts of inconsideration are particularly offensive.

Like the circles of Dante's *Inferno*, there are many levels into which irritating people fall. Passive incon-

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people fall. Passive inconsideration is not rude as much as it is an act of one who is missing the opportunity to be polite. For example, the failure to hold the door open for someone following immediately behind is a passive act of inconsideration, and therefore not so deplorable; rather than eliciting hatred, this "un-act" merely causes me to raise a brow and harrumph noisily.

I admit I'm no authority on etiquette — David is the picture of dismay whenever I demonstrate (with glee) my talent for stretching a burp out for several seconds so that I may extend the pleasant sensation of relief while simultaneously amusing myself. Still, I mourn what appears to be the slow death of common courtesy in a culture that increasingly encourages and rewards selfish behavior.

Yesterday I stood outside of Trader Joe's and glared at a woman who, having unloaded her groceries into her car, was trying to prop the shopping cart against a tree so it wouldn't roll into the street. I looked at her pointedly, then at the cart corral 20 feet away, and then back at her. For minutes I watched her struggle, hoping she'd catch my eye and understand from my expression that she was a moron. I telepathically

implored the woman to give up her attempts to sturdy the cart and return it to the corral. She didn't see me. I wasn't surprised. The inconsiderate are an oblivious lot

Cell Phone Offenders are some of the worst, and the gadget gurus toiling in their research labs are not helping. Like inconsiderate smokers, CPOs pollute the air — but instead of wreaking havoc on the nostrils and lungs of innocent bystanders, these assaults are launched upon the ears. Granted, I'm usually the first in line to buy the latest gizmo, but I am discerning enough to know that there's a time and a place for disruptive devices. Like the booklet that instructs the proud new owner of a hairdryer not to use it in the shower, every new toy should come with an etiquette guide for idiots.

Recently, while dining at Rama, my favorite Thai food haunt, I caught a CPO in flagrante delicto. He was seated two tables away, his white polo shirt pulled taut over his giant belly, his dark curly hair fluffed and unkempt. I wouldn't have noticed him had it not been for the blinking blue light of his Bluetooth attached to his head. In a Morse-like code only I seemed able to understand, the luminous blue blips sent a message that was as clear to me as the rice noodles on the guy's plate: "I am a schmuck, and anyone who tries to have a conversation with me is only a quiet little beep in my ear away from being interrupt-

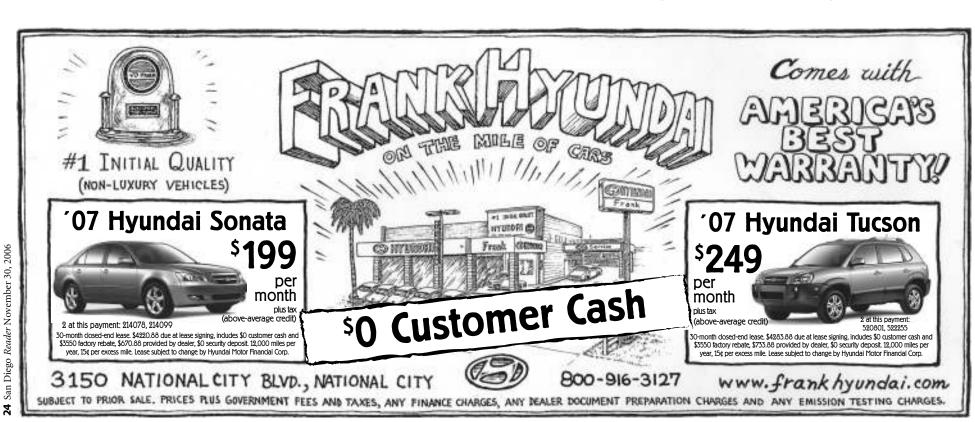
ed by someone I deem to be more important."

I'm all for hands-free devices, especially while one is driving or doing the dishes. But is it really necessary to have one attached to your head at all times? While walking down the street? While dining out? The only professions I could imagine that might require a person to be so permanently connected are surgeons, cops, and firefighters. But most of the schmoes and schmoettes I meet blue-blinking their way around town are real estate agents.

Bluetooths are not the only cell-phone devices that are abused. Every time I leave the house, regardless of whether I'm going to the 7-Eleven or the Four Seasons, I encounter at least one person who is shouting into his or her phone, mindless of the fact that everyone within earshot is forced to listen to the latest brokered deal or what Gladys said about Nancy.

Last week I accompanied David to the FedEx office to pick up a package. It was late, and the two customer-service reps were hustling to take care of the nightly crush. Posted on every wall was a sign that read, "We please ask you to refrain from using cell phones." To accommodate the illiterate or non-English speaking, the sign also included the universally recognized symbol for NO: an image of a cell phone in a red circle with a line through it.

I set my cell phone to vibrate and waited quietly, along with 30 other respectful



patrons. That is, until a man wearing the uniform of a competing delivery service entered the small room and answered his loudly ringing phone. Either oblivious or indifferent to the signs and the 60-some eyes burning with annoyance in his direction, the man carried on his conversation as if he was sitting at his favorite sports bar with a beer in his hand. Indignant on behalf of the disrespected FedEx employees and acutely aware that the last of whatever patience was left in the room was fading fast with every "Yeah!" and "No, not yet, still waiting!," I

clamped my jaw tightly and twitched until it was our turn to claim our package and thank the lady behind the counter.

I wish I could take a deep breath, say, "This doesn't affect me," and move on. But inconsiderate behavior gets under my skin and continues to irritate me for days.

Sometimes I fantasize about going to the mall with a riding crop and swatting every parent who brings an infant to the movies, every person who leaves trash at a table, and every imbecile who holds up a line because she's too busy taking a call. With

each swat I would shout, "Stop being such an asshole!"

As distressing as I find inconsiderate people to be, I am fascinated with uncovering how they can be so thoughtless. Have they lost the imagination required to put themselves in someone else's shoes? If I leave my empty coffee cup next to my car in the parking lot, I know that someone else will have to pick it up. Just like someone else would have to collect my shopping cart if I can't be bothered to return it and another person might either step in or have to smell my dog's shit if I

don't assume the responsibility of cleaning it up.

Earlier this evening, as I waited for David at the airport baggage claim, I watched a security guard trip over a bottle of water. After recovering from his stumble, he glanced down to identify the culprit,

noticed the bottle, shrugged, and kept walking.

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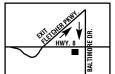
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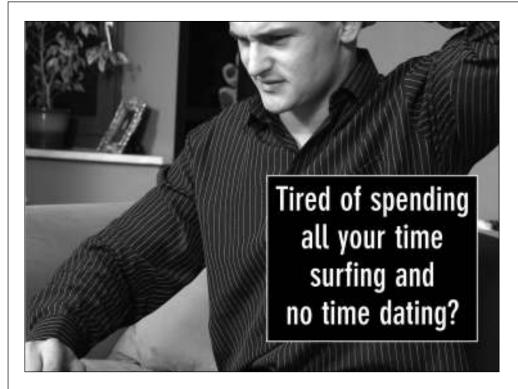
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Chorus, infrequent fisher and loather of boat travel

Bill Poole, 85, local fishing legend, past part-owner of Poole-Chaffee Boatyard

Buck Everingham, 51, heir and part-owner of Everingham Brothers Bait Company

Frank LoPreste, 63, local fishing legend, owner of five boats, two gas docks, and three

landings

Catherine Miller, promotional officer of the San Diego Sportfishing Council Fred Huber, 45, captain and part-owner of the Daily Double, a rival half-day boat R.J. Hudson, 24, captain of the New Seaforth, a rival half-day boat Robert Knox, associate director of Scripps Institution of Oceanography Paul Dayton, professor of marine ecology at Scripps Institution of Oceanography

**Shelly Ehmer,** 37, fisherwoman and crewmember of the long-range boat the *Dominator* 

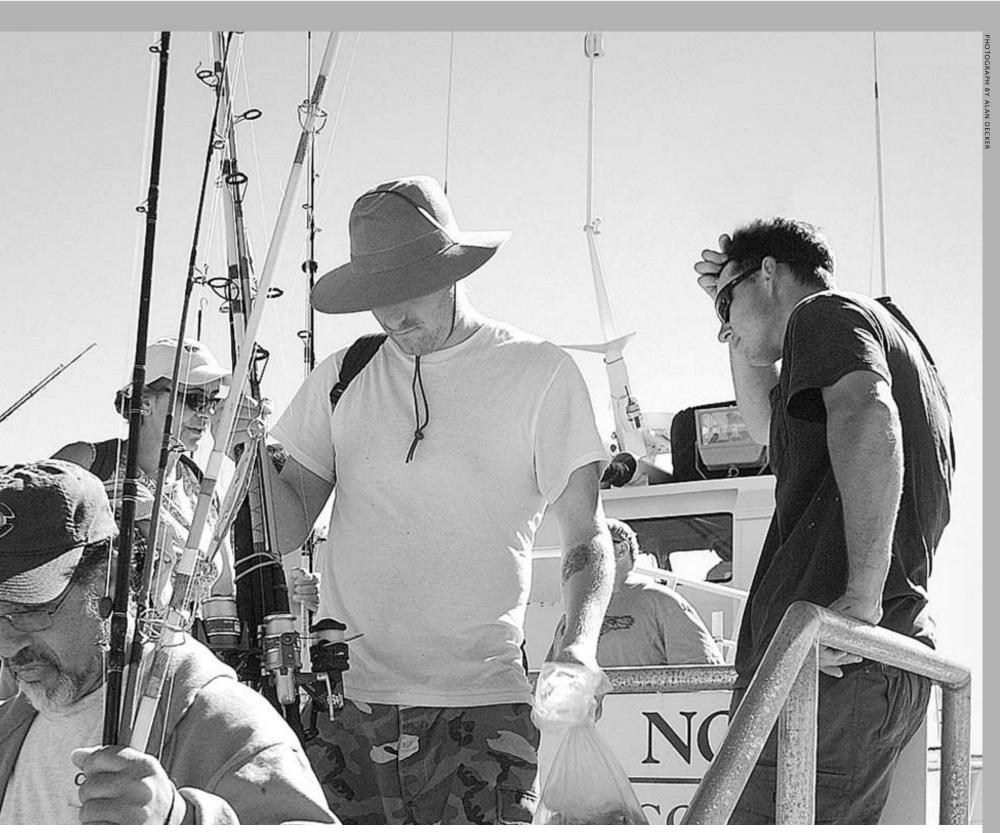
J.D. McGriff, 46, captain of the Fisherman III, a rival half-day boat

*Jason Coz*, 35, captain of the *Dolphin*, a rival half-day boat*Dr. Tim Radke*, cardiopulmonary radiologist and expert on seasickness

**Chuck Driscoll,** part-owner of Driscoll Boatworks on Shelter Island Drive

**Michael Hinton,** senior scientist at the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

Sundry San Diego sportspeople and crewmembers



Fishermen disembarking the Dolphin

#### **MORALITY TALES**

Chorus, infrequent fisher and loather of boat travel: You talk to anybody who's hooked, and you know it's addictive. That adrenaline rush. Fighting and landing a whopping fish. The beauty and rhythm of the marine environment. Some folks spend their whole lives fanatics of the sport. And many pass the fishing bug genetically, down through their families. As one sea captain told me, "It's natural. I'm a Pisces."

Fishing makes me think of fate, of the powers and principles that are beyond me that determine the course of my life. Fishing makes me think from this perspective because fishing makes me think, at least momentarily, from a fish's perspective.

Imagine how fishing must seem to a fish: In the midst of a meal I always enjoy, a sharp-angled pin pierced me today and an upward pulling strained against me. I struggled and was hoisted from my element into a suffocating thinness. I could see only bright shapes there, and though I continued to struggle I was spastic and helpless. Something wholly alien to me tore at my mouth and handled my body.

Even thrown back into the water, what must fishes think? How bizarre the whole experience must seem, even to a tiny fish brain.

"I would consider lying about catches to be sacrilegious. I would just be right down a guy's throat for doing something like that, if I found out." Fishing reminds me that even when we feel as though we have things under control, due to forces beyond us, not one of us is ever truly free. We're in a bait tank or being fitted with a hook or set loose or we're in a vast and complicated ocean where sea lions and bigger fish and other predators predate.

Is fishing fundamentally cruel? Is it wrong to manipulate bait and to force fish from their homes and sometimes to kill them?

Why do I feel foolish even asking myself these questions?

As humans, we have that old sense of entitlement. After all, we weren't just given fish, we were taught to go fishing.

Bill Poole, local fishing legend and past partowner of Poole-Chaffee Boatyard: "The human race just likes to look the

other way. You've got people who eat beef, but they won't go hunting. Or there's people who say it's okay to butcher a cow, but it's not okay to kill an elk. Or people ask me how I could shoot a cute animal like a deer. But that meat doesn't go to waste. And these animals and fish aren't stupid. You learn that over the years. You go looking for fish in their habitat and try to get them to bite a hook, then you find out how clever they are. They're smarter than we like to think. And then you hook a big one and fight it for a few hours, and you tell me you don't think it's a pretty fair fight."

Buck Everingham, heir and part-owner of Everingham Brothers Bait Company: "I've never seen a fish scream. I can't attest to the fact of whether or not they feel



R.J. Hudson

pain. But if you read the Bible, you see where mankind is supposed to harvest and use the things of the earth. Now I'm not saying we should go whole hog and pollute and kill everything, but what we need is there for us to use. And if you don't believe that, then what do you do? You've got to eat.

"You know, how many environmentalists go out and eat chicken or beef? And how many eat fish? Probably a lot more of them eat fish.

"What are we supposed to do, get sensitive and starve to death?"

#### WHAT IS IT, EXACTLY, ABOUT THIS THING CALLED "FISH-ING"?

Frank LoPreste, local fishing legend, owner of five boats, two gas docks, and three landings: "The anticipation of going fishing is a big part of the fun," he said. "Actually getting on the boat is another huge part of the fun. The camaraderie is sensational. Generally speaking, most guys fish

with friends. But when you're actually talking the act of fishing, the presentation of the bait is very important, getting the bait into the zone is extremely important, but the biggest thrill is getting bit and setting the hook.

"To me, and to most people, the rest of it takes a weak mind and a strong back. So losing the fish — and don't get me wrong here, there are certain fish that you really want to land, and it is heartbreaking — but you know what? 'That's fishing,' like the man said.

"How about all these guys who go over to the Guadalupe Islands and the white sharks eat their fish right next to the boat after they've fought it for an hour and a half?

"But it's all worth it, all of it, in the end."

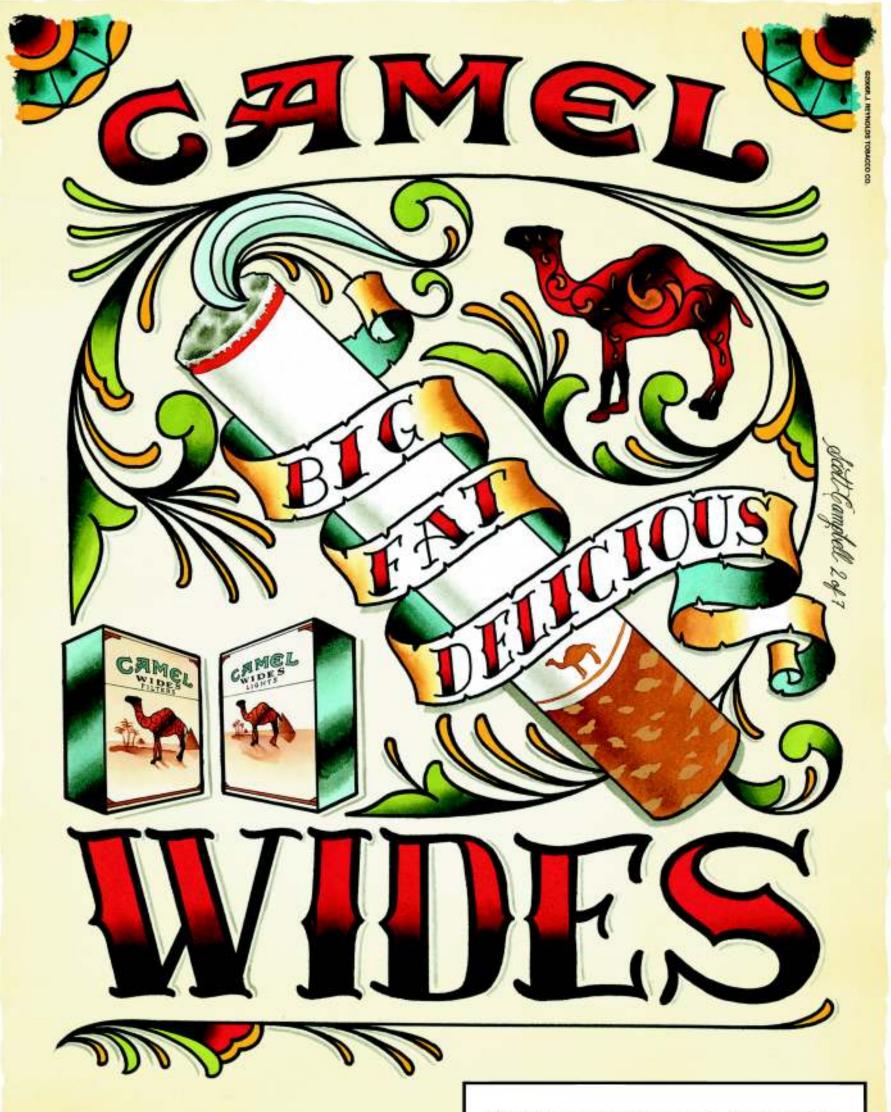












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#### FISHING TRIPS TRIP 1

Captain and partowner: Fred Huber, 45. Thirty-one years in the business, 23 as captain. **Boat:** *Daily Double*, 65 by 20 feet, launched in 1959, built by Jack Norek, who worked at the Dittmar & Donaldson boatvard up in Costa Mesa. "Norek had different ideas on how to do things," Captain Huber said. "The *Double* is built a little beefier than the Dittmar & Donaldson design. A little broader across the stern and up the sides."

Charter Company: Point Loma Sportfishing Trip: Half Day P.M. Anglers Onboard: 27 Weather: Sunny Air Temperature: 77 degrees Water Temperature: 68

Water Temperature: 68 degrees
Ocean Condition: Rela-

tively flat **Personal Seasickness** 

**Deterrent:** Bonine **Total Boat Catch:** 3 sand

bass, 3 sculpin, 2 calico bass, 3 whitefish, 49 rockfish

**Biggest Fish:** 3-pound whitefish (winner of \$49 jackpot)

Personal Catch: 0 Total Cost: \$52 (includes one-day license and tackle)

#### TRIP 2

Captain: R.J. Hudson, 24. Nine years in the business, four as captain. Boat: New Seaforth, 85 by 24 feet, Poole Hull construction, built in 1983. Capacity, 149, or 90 anglers. Owned by Frank LoPreste and Bill Poole. Cost, over \$1 million. Cruises at 10 to 11 knots, with top speed of 15 knots.

Charter Company:
Seaforth Sportfishing
Trip: Half Day P.M.
Anglers Onboard: 19
Weather: Sunny
Air Temperature: 76
degrees
Water Temperature: 69

Ocean Condition: Flat

degrees

Personal Seasickness Deterrent: Sea-Band Acupressure wrist bands Total Boat Catch: 38 calico bass, 32 bonito, 6 yellowtail, 1 California sheephead, 2 barracuda, 2 rockfish, 3 king mack-

**Biggest Fish:** 9-pound yellowtail (winner of \$33 iackpot)

Personal Catch: 2 king mackerel

**Total Cost:** \$58 (includes one-day license and tackle)

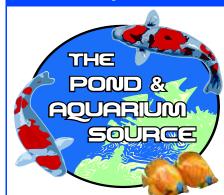
#### TRIP 3

Captain: Jason Coz, 35. Sixteen years at sea, ten as captain. **Boat:** *Dolphin*, 85 by 24 feet, Poole Hull con-

feet, Poole Hull construction, built in 1988. "The biggest, nicest halfday boats on the West Coast are these Poole Hulls from the '80s," Captain Coz said.

Charter Company: Islandia Sportfishing Trip: Half Day A.M. Anglers Onboard: 11 Weather: Sunny

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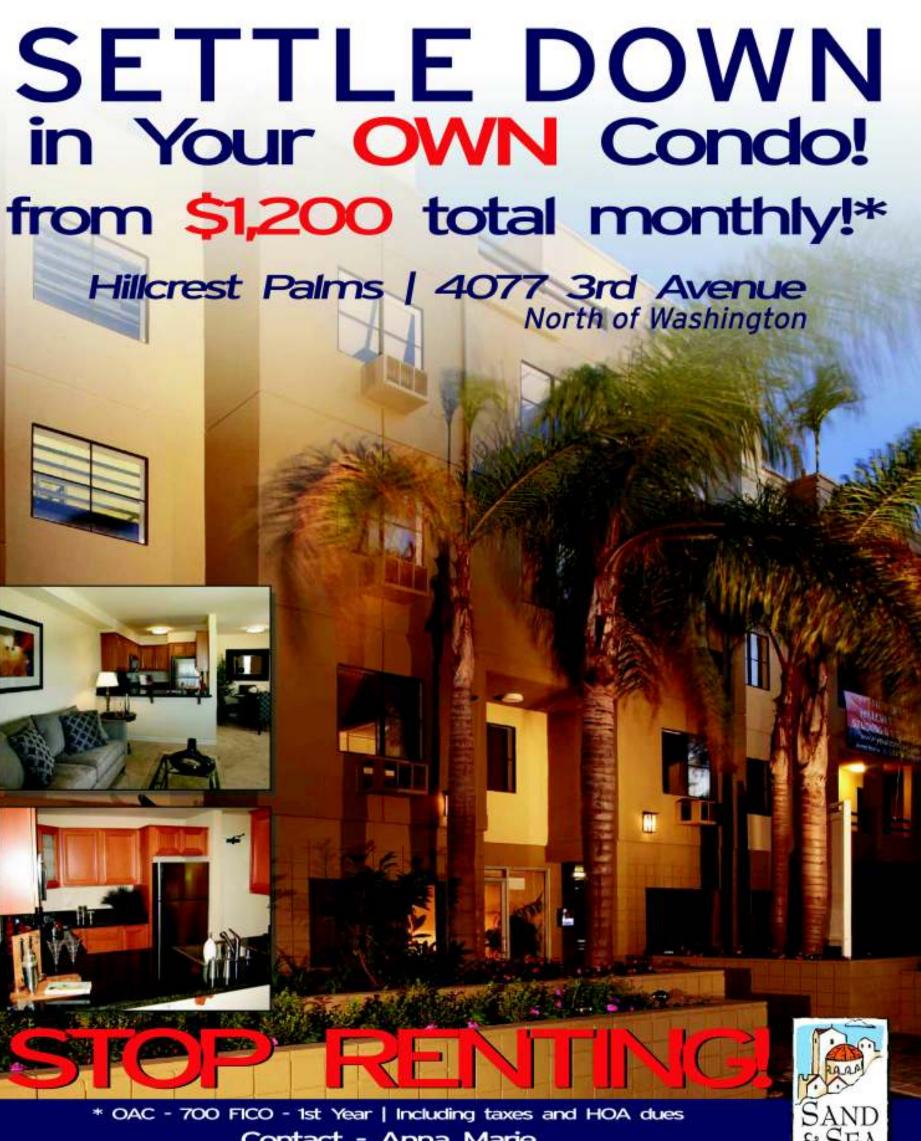


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Water Temperature: 69 degrees

Ocean Condition: Relatively flat **Personal Seasickness** 

**Deterrent:** Dramamine **Total Boat Catch: 55** bonito, 6 calico bass, 3 rockfish

Biggest Fish: 4-pound bonito (winner of \$22 jackpot)

Personal Catch: 4 bonito, 1 calico bass Total cost: \$62 (includes one-day license and tackle)

#### TRIP 4

Captain: J.D. McGriff, 46. Twenty-nine years on boats, 22 as captain. Boat: Fisherman III, 65 by 20 feet, Dittmar & Donaldson design, mahogany plank, built in 1959. Capacity 61. Cost, \$500,000.

**Charter Company: H&M** Landing **Trip:** Half Day P.M. **Anglers Onboard:** 11 Weather: Cloudy

Air Temperature: 69 degrees

Water Temperature: 67 degrees

**Ocean Condition:** Very choppy **Personal Seasickness** 

**Deterrent:** Scopolamine

**Total Boat Catch: 33** sculpin, 12 rockfish, 1 bonito

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out of San Diego Bay Number of boats: 17

#### **H&M Landing**

Owners: Jan Kirk, Phil Lobred, Frank Kadota, William Ishibashi In operation since 1935, since 1949 out of San Diego Bay Number of boats: 31

#### **Islandia Sportfishing**

Owner: K and R Proper-In operation since 1956, out of Mission Bay

## Point Loma Sportfish-

Number of boats: 9

Owners: Frank LoPreste and Bill Poole In operation since 1949, out of San Diego Bay Number of boats: 15

#### **Seaforth Sportfishing**

Owners: Frank LoPreste and Bill Poole In operation since 1960, out of Mission Bay Number of boats: 17

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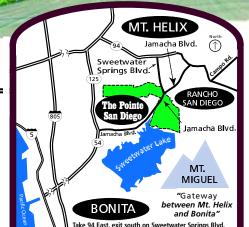
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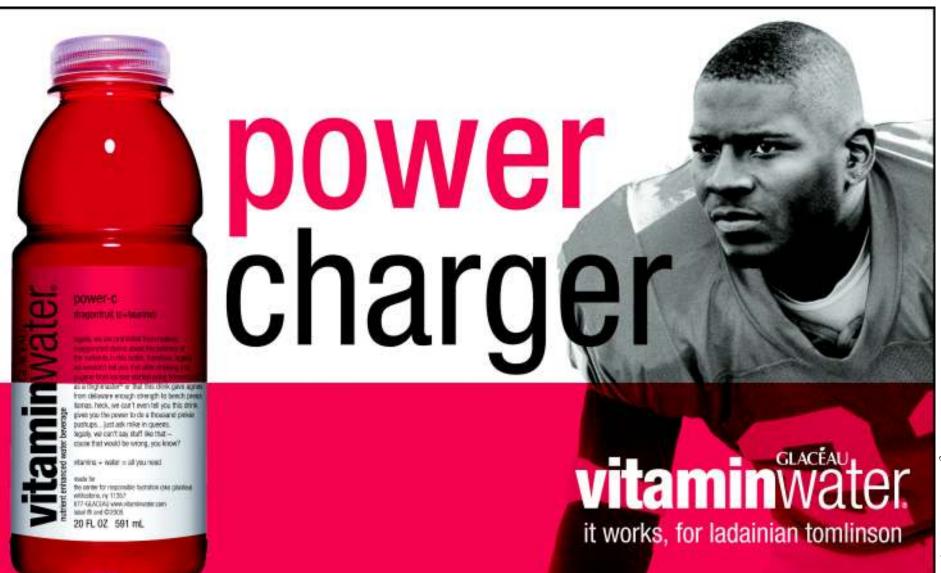


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"For fishermen looking for fish, how much nutrient-rich, deeper, cooler water there is versus how much relatively warmer, more sterile, less productive water there is is probably a significant piece of the puzzle."

Frank LoPreste: "A big part of finding fish when you're out in the deep sea is reading your temperature charts, your satellite charts. They give you edges, temperature edges, where you're going to find the baitfish stacked up. And that's where your fish are going to be, where there's a change in temperature, where there are current breaks and warm water edges and cold water edges. And they might not always be on the warm side; they might be on the cold side. I couldn't tell you why that is, but fish like the temperature changes. Then a



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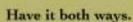
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lot of it also depends on past experience too. 'Okay, the fish have been here before, well, where did they go next, and where do they usually go?' And once in a while, you get surprised too. The biggest mistake any fisherman can make is thinking that he's got it down pat. Because, at my age even, I'm constantly learning. When you think you've got the whole system down, you're in for a rude surprise."

#### KELP!

Captain Huber: "Every year the kelp canopy changes. Some years, the canopy goes all the way out to where the bottom drops off to a hundred feet. And some years, like this year, the canopy is a

lot smaller. And you just try different edges of it. If there's a big rock on the bottom and it's on the edge of the kelp, then that's multiple structure — you've got the canopy plus you've got the habitat of the rock. That's a pretty good bet for fish."

Paul Dayton, professor of marine ecology at Scripps Institution of Oceanography: "Usually when we talk about the kelp forest, we're talking about the giant kelp.

That's the stuff we see up on the surface. But on the bottom there are many other species of kelp. So the giant kelp that we see most often is usually what laypeople refer to as kelp.

"Anyhow, the giant kelp is really dynamic. People worry about the kelp when they don't see the giant kelp around, but the giant kelp comes and goes. It comes and goes with the ocean climate and sometimes with overgrazing by sea urchins.

"Kelp only grows on hard bottoms, and here it's mostly in water that's 70 feet deep or shallower. The kelp moves back and forth with the currents, so fishermen can read currents by reading the kelp.

"But the combination of kelp and fish is mostly a myth. There's a few species of fish, like the kelp bass or calico bass, that's pretty closely tied to the kelp, but for the most part the fish we associate with kelp are more interested in the rocky bottom habitat where the kelp thrives. But fish, even the kelp bass, will live quite happily even when the kelp population goes down."

#### **KELP FIRE!**

Anonymous Sea Captain: (overheard on the New Seaforth radio)
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"My family's been in the fishing business in San Diego since 1951. It's a tough job, running a bait business. We fish for anchovies and sardines. It's an extensive operation. It's not an easy job. It's not an easy life. Most people don't have the fortitude for it, I guess. I've got arthritis and a lot of back pain. But that's how it goes. Really, you have to love fishing. A lot of our guys'll work 90 or 100 days straight in the height of the season, and then the first thing they do when they get a day off is they go out fishing."

### FISHERMEN ARE MOSTLY MEN

Frank LoPreste: "Fishermen are mostly men, yes. But the women we have are generally sensational anglers. It's not as many as I'd like to see, but quite often the gals are better anglers than the guys."

Chorus: Why?



Jason Coz

**LoPreste:** "They isten

"It's very simple, when you think about it. Guys might say their dads used to take them fishing, so they know a bit about it, and they'll say they've fished for maybe 24 years. So there's the ego thing. Whereas a woman, her dad didn't take her fishing, and maybe this is one of the first times she's ever held a rod in her hand, so she's a little scared maybe, and she listens to every word the captain and the crewmembers say."

Shelly Ehmer, fisherwoman and crewmember of the long-range boat the Dominator: "I've been in the industry off and on for six years, but I've been fishing since I was a little kid. Both of my parents fish. My daddy got me into it. I got hooked and just fell in love with it.

"But I think most women are just intimidated. It takes a lot for a woman to go on a sportboat when she's by herself. And for women who didn't grow up with fishing, who weren't raised with it, they might have no interest.

"But there's a lot of new chicks I'm seeing who are getting into fishing. Their husbands bring them out, or their boyfriends, or a lot more younger gals are coming out with their dads, and once they get into it, they get a little more comfortable. My daughter's 12, and she fishes hard.

"But a lot of chicks do get grossed out. It's pretty funny."

#### FISH TALES 1 (That's why they call it "Fishing," not "Catching")

Chorus: In 27 feet of water off the coast of La Jolla, one angler, Russ, hooked a yellowtail in the 25-pound range on light tackle, 15-pound test, and he fought it for over 15 minutes, back

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#### **FISH TALES 2**

Fisherman One: "I've been out for nine days in a row. Got a freezer full of fish. I'll be eating yellowtail and bonito

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#### **FISH TALES 3**

**Chorus:** A guy right next to me on the New Seaforth, Bob, hooked something big. His rod bent into a taut "r."

The crewmen rushed over and started guessing.

Crewman Three: "Is it a vellowtail?"

#### Crewman Four:

"Looks like something big. A halibut?"

Bob: (Pulling mightily, fighting, but his voice keeping an easy tone) "It's a black sea bass."

Crewman Three: "A black sea bass?"

Crewman Four: "I bet it's a really big halibut."

Bob: (Says nothing. He fights.)

Crewman Three: "A white sea bass?"

Chorus: Suddenly, right there in the water, flashing to the surface with a hook and line in its awkward, curved mouth, was a monstrous black sea bass, an endangered fish, easily a 100 pounder.

Bob's line broke, and the protected fish, which would have been released

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anyway, returned to the depths.

**Bob:** (Says nothing. Not even "I told you so.")

#### **FISH TALES 4**

Chorus: In 130 feet of water, four miles off the point of Point Loma, under cloudy skies and a chill wind, on choppy gray seas, Fisherman III got into multiple schools of bottom fish. I brought a new fish into the boat on nine out of ten casts for almost an hour, including the second-biggest catch of the day, a two-pound sculpin. That was the good news.

The trade-off for my good fortune was a queasy stomach. Fisherman III pitched up and rocked. Bobbed over and swayed. It was pure hell. I puked twice. Three other folks "lightened their lunch," as Captain McGriff gently joked.

Today, the next day, sitting here typing at my shaky computer, my whole room wavers too. Shuddering, trembling. My ugly stomach. Ugh.

#### **FISH TALES 5** (It's Raining Fish)

Chorus: On our best day, on the New Seaforth, we were in a free-for-all, blue clear water, a warm morning, two stone's throws from the jutting coast of La Jolla, and thousands upon thousands of baitfish in multiple schools swam wild around us. Birds were everywhere, seagulls and pelicans, cormorants diving, small private fishing boats, anglers in kayaks, dozens of sea lions, and us, the New Seaforth, pulling up bonito, mackerel, and barracuda boatwide, nearly every cast.

The baitfish, schools of anchovies and sardines, were the main attraction, of course. They caused the rest of the frenzy. Baitfish everywhere, baitfish breaking the water and boiling by

the thousands. Baitfish like raindrops falling upward, breaking the ocean surface, making a loud whoosh. Whoosh. Little tails breaking. Little flips. Whooshes all around. That many baitfish.

#### **FISH TALES 6**

**Chorus:** You're onboard and you've got your tackle and the boat's at the right spot. You reach into the outer bait tank and you grab a lively baitfish. You hook the big sardine or the little

anchovy through its bony nose, and then you drop it fluttering into the water and let it swim.

At this point, one of three things happens: (1) it swims and gets tired, in which case you reel it in after two or three minutes and get a new anchovy or sardine; (2) it swims and gets bitten in half by a sea lion, in which case you reel it in and get a new anchovy or sardine; or (3) it swims and attracts a bigger fish, which bites and, hope-

fully, gets hooked, in which case you fight to get the big fish on the

#### **FISH TALES 7**

Fisherman Two: "I went out for the trifecta yesterday. Morning, p.m.,

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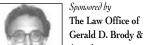
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**Chorus:** And now he was out there again the next afternoon?

Fisherman Two:
"I'm living the good life, huh?"

#### **FISH TALES 8**

Chorus: When it comes to getting my bait "into the zone" (out and down to where the fish are), I adhere to the "watched pot never boils" school of thought. I cast it out of sight, and hope.

### REGARDING "FISH TALES"

Captain Huber: "Lying about what you catch does more damage in the long run than telling the truth. You know, bringing in a few extra people tomorrow because I lied about my catch today, that's great for the short term, but in the long run it's suicide. Because people are going to realize what's going on. The fishing world is too small. It's too easy for someone to go home and check the Internet and see what was caught, and maybe they were on the boat, and someone will know if you're lying. And word of mouth is everything in this business.



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tell the truth, I think, even if you didn't catch anything on a particular day." Frank LoPreste: "I would consider lying about catches to be sacrilegious. I would just be right down a guy's throat for doing something like that, if I found out."

Captain J.D.

McGriff, of the Fisherman III: "I don't see much benefit in lying about what you catch. We're checked by Fish and Game anyway. And people call your bluffs when you embellish. You always end up getting caught in the end. Because if you lie once, then you've got to lie all the time to keep up with your lie."

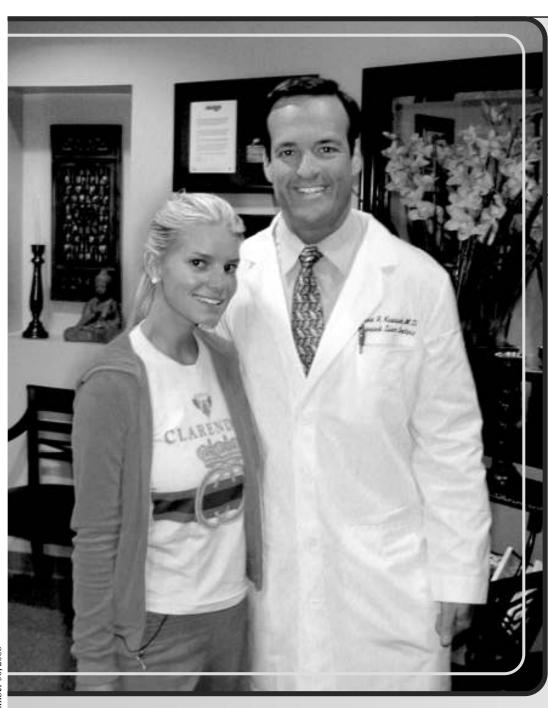
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# Do you have Celiac Disease?

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# Schizophrenia?

If you have been diagnosed with Schizophrenia and your current medication is not helping you, you may qualify to participate in a research study being conducted by doctors in your area.

To participate, you must be willing to switch from your current therapy to an FDA-approved study drug.

#### What is Schizophrenia?

A disorder of the brain that can cause abnormal thinking, hallucinations (seeing things or hearing voices), emotional withdrawal, and other symptoms.

#### What can I expect if I participate?

You will receive the following at no charge: professional medical examinations and study drug, lab results, and other information about your health.

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#### **Frustrated with Type 2 Diabetes?**

Living with diabetes is not easy. Sometimes the proper diet and the right exercise are not enough.

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Local physicians are conducting a research study of a new investigational combination therapy for Type 2 diabetes.

If you qualify, you will receive all study-related care and study medication at no cost. Financial compensation is also provided.

For information, please call: **1-888-619-7272** 

## **Alzheimer's**

#### **Clinical Research Trial**

- Do you have a family member diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease?
  - Have they become more confused?
  - Do they require closer supervision?
  - Does their condition seem to be getting worse?

If so, then your loved one may qualify for a clinical research trial. All study-related visits, investigational medication and study-related care will be provided at no cost to qualified study participants or caregivers. If you are a caregiver of someone at least 50 years of age who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, then you may want to find out about this study.

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# Depression Research Study

If you have been previously diagnosed and treated for depression and in recent months you are experiencing a recurrence of similar or increased symptoms, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study.

Those symptoms may include feeling sad or empty, feeling worthless or guilty, decreased interest in activities you once enjoyed, difficulty concentrating, weight loss, difficulty sleeping or lack of energy.

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### **BIPOLAR DISORDER**

#### Mania

- Racing thoughts
- Increased activity
- Decreased sleep
- Increased spending

#### Depression

- Sadness
- Lack energy
- Difficulty concentrating
- Feel restless or irritable

If you are experiencing some of these, you may be eligible for a research study.

Some qualifications are:

- > Aged 18-65 years
- ➤ Non substance/alcohol dependent
- ➤ Using reliable contraceptive
- ➤ Not pregnant or lactating
- > Non diabetic

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If you or a family member has one or both eyes that are red, crusty, sticky and swollen, call one of the local physicians who are taking part in a national clinical research study of an investigational drug eye drop for the treatment of Pink Eye.

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had one of the best days in the history of the boat. I think we ended up giving away some free passes."

#### Captain McGriff:

"Years ago, long-range fishing, when I was just starting out, I was a deckhand on a boat where the captain was clearly unbalanced. He was always throwing things, yelling, pushing people. Actually, I think it was a good characterbuilder for me. Getting chewed out right in front of passengers — it's not professional, but it does make you a stronger person."

Chorus: So did
McGriff ever coordinate
or become part of a
mutiny?

#### Captain McGriff:

"No. No mutinies. All you really could do was quit and go work for another captain. After a while, the word gets around about the bad

captains, and then no one wants to work for them. You just learn to avoid those guys."

*Chorus:* How would a mutiny work, nowadays?

Captain McGriff: "A boat's just like any onland business. If you're being physically abused or put in danger, then you can sue, I guess."

Captain Jason Coz, of the Dolphin: "We had these three big Marines onboard once, just back from Iraq. And you could tell they'd been drinking before they even got onboard. And even after we went out, it seemed like their whole goal was to get drunk. And they were big guys, all three of them.

"So after a while, they were getting loud and obnoxious, and I went and explained to them that pretty soon I was going to have to shut them off. But they just got louder and kept drinking more.

"So I did shut them off. And they really didn't like that. They were giving me a stink, calling me names, almost ruining the whole trip for everyone with their antics.

"Except that we were catching fish that day full speed: yellowtail, calico bass, barracuda. So finally this one Marine, a big dork, a big jarhead, whatever you want to call him, goes back to the bait tank, and his friend goes to cast, and he hooks his buddy right through the nose.

"So I looked at him, and he looked at me, and this big hook was hanging down right through his nose, and there was blood, the whole bit. And he just reaches up, before I can say anything, and he yanks the hook right out of his nose. 'Arghhh!' Just like that, pulling straight down. He defi-

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# The holidays are no fun when you have... Irritable Bowel Syndrome

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#### To possibly qualify:

- Females, at least 18 years of age
- Prior history of diarrhea-predominant IBS or symptoms including abdominal pain or cramps, bloating, and increase in frequency and loose consistency of bowel movements, and urgency for at least 12 weeks in the last year
- Willing to stop present medication for treatment of IBS

Participants may receive at no cost study-related:

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nitely was going to have a scar. But everyone got on them after that. Those Marines quieted down pretty good then."

#### **SEA LIONS 1**

Chorus: Sea lions suck. There, I said it.

Reeling in the entrails-trailed head of your baitfish is an inconvenience, yes, but fighting up a sweat for ten minutes only to reel in the disembodied mouth, eyes, and gills of a prize yellowtail can ruin your whole day.

But that's what sea lions do to fishermen.

They wait, lolling on buoys, lounging in the mouths of the bays, until a fishing charter zips by. Then the chase is on. It's like when we were kids: "Ice cream man! Ice cream man! Wait!"

Captain Coz: "Here come the dogs!"

Captain McGriff:

"They're a lot cuter at SeaWorld, aren't they. They're like little kids

who've learned what they can get away with."

#### Captain Huber:

"The Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 pretty much protected sea lions. And now, there's an awful lot of them. They've grown outside of their traditional boundaries, and they're more numerous now than they ever were before

"There are a lot of sea creatures that make their living off of party boats and off of fishermen. You talk to the bait guys, there's 40 or 50 ani-



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#### **Depression Study**

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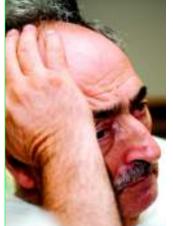
If you or someone you know is experiencing any of these symptoms, you may be suffering from Depression.

Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a research study for people with Depression. If you qualify, you may be eligible to participate in a study testing the effectiveness of an investigational drug for the treatment of Depression at no

If you would like additional information regarding this study and are between the ages of 18 and 65, please contact:

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#### **Bipolar Disorder/Manic Depression Research Study**

We are currently seeking volunteers for a clinical research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of bipolar illness (Manic Depression). To qualify for this study you must be at least 18 years old and currently experiencing a "manic" or "mixed" (depression and manic symptoms at the same time) episode of your illness. All study medication and study-related medical care are offered at no cost to those who qualify.

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- Kids ages 12 and older AND adults
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#### Qualified participants:

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'manic" or "mixed" episode of your illness. Symptoms include: irritability/agitation, euphoria, sleep disturbance, racing thoughts, concentration difficulty, changes in energy level and feeling more talkative. Compensation will be provided for time and travel as part of your participation in this study. In addition, all medication and study-related medical care is offered at no cost to those who qualify.

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#### **Bipolar?**

Affiliated Research Institute is currently looking for men and women diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and be unhappy with their current medications due to unpleasant side effects and/or weight gain. Patients suffering from bipolar disorder must be currently experiencing a major depressive episode and be willing to change their current medications.

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# Is your Pap smear abnormal? ... Told to wait ...

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- Be a female 18-40 years of age
- Have untreated low-grade Pap smear (ASCUS or LSIL)
- Have regular periods and using acceptable birth control

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# BIPOLAR DISORDER DEPRESSION SCHIZOPHRENIA







Researchers at Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital are currently enrolling subjects into inpatient and outpatient studies. Eligible participants will receive all study-related care at no cost, and will be reimbursed for time and travel.

For more information, please call the **Clinical Research Center at (858) 694-8350**.

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mals that spend the day chasing them around. You talk to the lobster guys, there's animals that know about finding their traps at the bottom of the ocean, ripping them open, and getting the bait out of the traps.

"Sea lions are a nuisance, and they are a problem, but for every trouble animal, there's probably a hundred that go out and do their own hunting in a natural way where people aren't involved."

SEA LIONS 2 (Potential Deterrence Methods for Pacific Harbor Seals & California Sea Lions, revised May 2006, by the National Oceanic

### and Atmospheric Administration)

Potential methods for use by fishers to deter Pacific harbor seals and California sea lions from damaging gear or catch (anglers must be actively fishing with gear deployed).

Visual Repellents/Noise Makers:

- boat hazing, circling
- pounding on hull
- pyrotechnics (e.g., bird screamers, bangers, underwater firecrackers, cracker shells)
- starter pistols
- horns, bells, whistles

Physical Contact:

- slingshots
- paint ball guns
- non-lethal ammunition

(e.g., rubber bullets, sabot rounds, game stingers)

Methods to Avoid — The following methods and techniques have an increased likelihood of causing injury or death and should be avoided.

- No Firearms with "live" (lethal) ammunition
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- When poor sleep becomes a regular problem it can affect your health.
- If you wake up tired or feel sleepy during the day, you are not sleeping well at night!

If you have chronic problems falling and/or staying asleep, you may qualify for a research study in our state-of-the-art sleep clinic and receive an investigational medication for poor sleep.

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# **Depression**

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#### **SEA LIONS 3**

*Captain McGriff:* "We've tried all that deterrence stuff, like paintballs and

slingshots, but it doesn't really work. So we don't do it at all. The sea lions just get used to it. They don't seem to care.

"What we should do instead is invite the Eskimos down. Or we could introduce orcas and great whites. Except that would put a damper on the swimming and surfing. Or maybe we should show the sea lions some video from up in Alaska. You know how these sea lions will steal a big fish and then swim out and toss it up in the air and catch it, and toss it up and catch it again, and

flop it around and play with it before they eat it? Well, we should show the sea lions some footage of orcas up north doing the same thing to them. That might help."

### SEASICKNESS MEDICINES

Bonine: Relatively effective, but it put me to sleep, literally. I was exhausted and hungover all day.

**Dramamine:** Hardly worked at all, but no aftereffects except for a strong case of landsickness.

Sea-Bands: Actually

and play worked well, although the ocean was quite flat. The only side effect was footage of doing the on my wrists.

Scopolamine Patch: I tore this little patch off my neck right after I threw up for the second time. In all fairness, the ocean was very choppy, and perhaps no medication would have helped. I was one of four anglers who got sick over the side of the boat that day.

#### **SEASICKNESS**

Bill Poole: "A lot of it's whether you hit a rough day or a calm day. Sometimes the medications don't matter. And for some people it's just mental, and nothing else matters. I've got a buddy who lives in Wyoming, and he'll come out here to fish, but I joke with

him that he starts to get seasick around Salt Lake City. He's got such a thing built up in his mind about it."

Captain Huber: "I used to get seasick as a kid, growing up, and I swore I'd never go on a boat again. But I overcame it. Getting seasick and having to work was awful. But I just beat it."

Dr. Tim Radke, cardiopulmonary radiologist and expert on seasickness: "Seasickness, or motion sickness, is caused by the disruption of spatial orientation. Our brain gets orientation signals from three places, basically: from our sense of sight; from very sensitive nerve-sensing organs in our tendons, ligaments, muscles, and joints called proprioceptors; and also from the vestibular system, which is a series of semicircular canals in our inner ears that are filled with fluid.

"Now, if the signals reaching our brains from any one of these sources disagree with the signals coming from other sources, then our brains become confused. We lose our sense of orientation. And the symptoms of this are sweating, anxiety, dizziness, and nausea.

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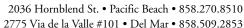
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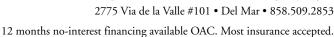
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moving. But you're reading a book. You're focused in your visual cortex on something really close, and that's not moving relative to everything else. So then your brain starts to get nervous. It knows something's wrong."

Chorus: So was seasickness just psychosomatic? Was it all in our heads, literally?

Dr. Radke: "That's a good observation. Yes. The brain is creating an illness. It might be a classic instance of that. People think that 'psychosomatic' means there isn't really a problem. But what it really means is that something arising from within the brain is causing you to be physically ill.

"Fresh air might feel good, but it doesn't help with the motion sickness. It just helps to have fresh air because you're sweating and you feel

nauseous, and fresh air always feels good when you think you're going to vomit. What we really want to do to get over motion sickness is try to bring all of the senses and signals reaching our brains into agreement.

"And the medicines basically deaden our senses. They tell our brains to ignore the extra input. And they also serve to settle our stomachs.

"Acupressure might work as well. In many ways acupressure operates similarly to the proprioceptors I mentioned. It stimulates these neural pathways that we don't usually pay attention to. The Chinese have known about that for a very long time. It's not really well understood, but it's not a total crock.

"But our brains can get used to any experience if we have it enough. Our brains and bodies get used to the feeling. They call that 'earning your sea legs.' But then the irony is once you return to land you'll probably have to adjust to the stillness all over again. You've overcome seasickness, but now you've got landsickness."

#### **FISH TASTING**

Fisherman Three: "You're going to keep your mackerel?"

Chorus: Why not? Fisherman Three: "Because only Asians eat mackerel."

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Chorus: Ironic, I think, that when most people say they want fish, what they really want is something that doesn't taste very much like fish. Halibut? Sea bass? Sole? Half-flavor-

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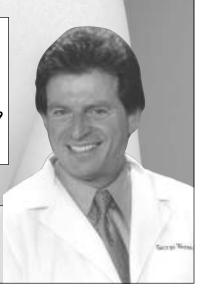
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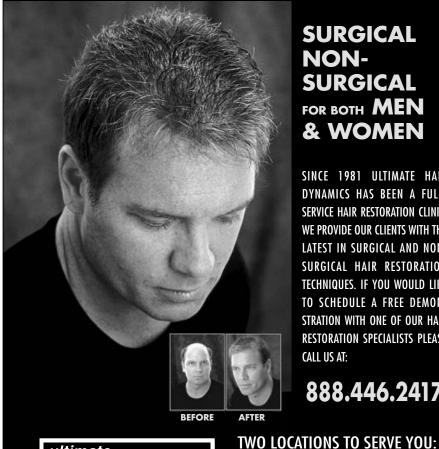
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At any rate, I cooked side by side the five fish fillets I had, exactly 22 hours after they were caught. Each was baked in aluminum foil with salt and pepper for ten minutes at 375 degrees.

My tasting notes:

King mackerel: Very fishy, gamey, robust.
Dark meat. Chunky texture. So oily it holds onto your mouth and gets caught in your teeth almost like canned fish.

Bonito: Oily, dense,

flavorful, rich. Darker meat. Relatively fishy.

**Barracuda:** Meatier texture, firm and stringy. Light in color. Quite mild flavor.

Calico bass: Flaky, white meat, very light, very mild. Delicate flavor, feathery in the mouth.

**Sculpin:** Firm, flaky, white meat, mild, slightly sweet, savory and rich, moist. Surprised we don't see sculpin more in local restaurants.

#### **FISHER KINGS**

*Chorus:* Fishing is a game of legends and royalty. Barney Miller. Eddie

McEwen. Bruce Barnes. Bill Poole. It's passed on through families, and great fishermen seem to be born, not made.

**Bill Poole:** "Maybe in the old days there were big names associated with fishing, but not so much nowadays, I don't think. But back then, back in the early '60s, when we had 50 boats going to fish the Coronado Islands at the height of the season, along with a bunch of private boats and yachts, back then, the guy who consistently produced the best catches developed a

name. And he was called the Highliner. And the Highliner caught more fish than anybody else. And, of course, that's who everybody wanted to fish with. If you built that kind of reputation, it was like money in your pocket. It was also pretty good for your pride. Like my original boat, the Polaris. It seemed like every time we went out, we'd get more fish than anybody else. That's just how it was."

Jason Coz: "I saw a picture of Bill Poole in a magazine once with a gun in his hand and his

foot on the head of a lion."

**Chorus:** Bill Poole's been to Africa 25 times on safari. His prowess as a fisherman is legendary.

Today's reigning fisher king is almost certainly Poole's protégé, Frank LoPreste. His name is pronounced with a long last *e*, like "LoPrestee." When people say Frank LoPreste's name, they whisper.

Frank LoPreste: "I started fishing up in Newport Beach, and I came to San Diego in 1965, when I was 22 or 23, and I called Bill

Poole. Now, Bill Poole is one of the most successful men in the local fishing industry. I think he's about 85 years old now. And he knew of me, and I called him one day, and I told him I wanted to come to San Diego, and I was in the market to buy a boat. And he said. 'Well, do you have any money?' And I said 'No.' And he said, 'Well, how do you expect to buy a boat?' And I said, 'Well, I figure if anybody would know of an opportunity where I could get into a boat for nothing and do sweat equity, then it

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would be you.' And Bill Poole helped me. That's where I got started."

Chorus: LoPreste, 63, owns five boats, holds liens on dozens of others, has two gas docks, and is the majority owner of three of the five sportfishing landings in San Diego — Point Loma, Fisherman's Landing, and Seaforth. One of LoPreste's boats is the fastest long-range fishing boat in the world, the Royal Polaris.

But can LoPreste fish?

LoPreste: "The biggest fish I ever caught, well, I'm not sure how big it was because I threw it back. But I've caught black marlin that were huge, well over 600 pounds. The biggest fish I ever had weighed back at the docks was a bluefin tuna: 299 pounds, 6 ounces."

#### **COMPETITION**

Captain McGriff: "I get along with R.J., Fred, and Jason, the other half-day captains. So we all work together, for the most part. Plus, we work different areas, generally. Although we do hold back maybe a little in the summertime, when the fishing's really good. But in winter we help each other as much as possible. It's a mutual thing. We all want to be the

#### Frank LoPreste:

to put anyone else out of

best, but we don't want

business."

"You can work with each other, but you can also compete with each other. There's no doubt that one landing is always trying to do better than the other. And the staff wants to be better than the other, and I consider that healthy competition. It's better for the industry, and most of all, it's better for the customer, and that's what our

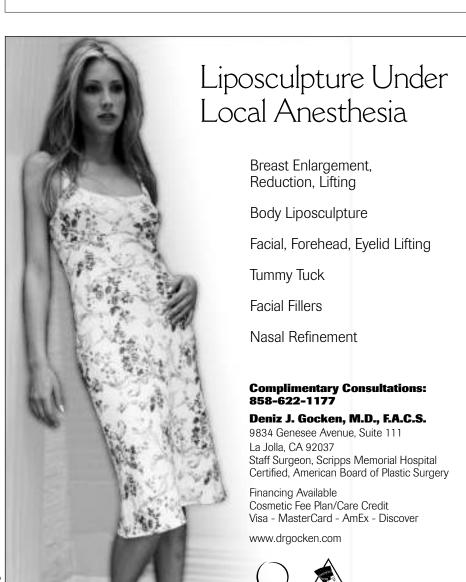
entire focus is on."

Captain Huber: "If the weather's bad in the wintertime, or if we don't have enough customers, then H&M Landing is right next door to us at Point Loma Sportfishing. So if we cancel, then we send our folks to them, and if they cancel, then they send their people to us. We're in competition, but we still help each other out. It's better for the boat, for the passengers, for the fishing business. It's better for everyone if you're not too cutthroat about things. We have to share ideas and share information. It can be a win-win situation. We need to work together.

"But, of course, I'm just talking about the half-day boats. There's only four half-day boats in town, two out of San Diego Bay, and two out of Mission Bay, and we all work pretty well

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#### **CODE GROUPS**

Frank LoPreste: "A code group means you work with certain guys and you don't work with other guys. In general, our cooperation is extremely high.

Although you have to differentiate. You don't want to have to share information with anyone who only works half as hard as you do. Why do I want to help a guy who doesn't do his share of the looking and going out and taking chances? Why help anyone who just goes wherever we're catching fish and who never does anything to help find fish?

"You've got to understand. To be successful in this business, you're essentially brought up in it. You get involved from the time you're in high school. In my case, I started on boats when I was 8 years old. And now I'm 62. And there's a lot of training, a lot of learning, and when you get some guy who, excuse me, but who doesn't know his ass from a hole in the ground, as they say, then he has to earn his way into the code group. He has to show that he belongs in the code group. And it's not only that. It's the ethics of fishing. Responsible angling. Not catching over limits. A willingness to work with other guys. That type of thing."

**Bill Poole:** "In the old days we used to use code words, and you knew if certain things happened, you used the code word, and then you'd switch to an oldfashioned radio with your code group. Now, yes, there's some greediness among the sportfishing fleet, and you know, that's great, some competition is good for the business, but one of the major reasons for the codes was because of the purse seiners that might be listening in. If you came upon a big area of fish and started blabbing

your mouth, well, the seiners would be there the next day. Now, the seiners had to make a living too, I had nothing against them, but I'd just as soon not guide them to the fish!"

#### LONG-RANGE TRIPS

Frank LoPreste: "To me, the difference between long-range sportfishing and the half-day trips around the shore is like this.

"It's very similar to you having a son — or daughter, for that matter — who really likes baseball. And he starts off in Little League, and pretty soon it's Pony League, and then he's thinking about high school, but then he goes to a summer baseball camp. And just like that, he's twice the player he was. And why does he excel at a summer camp? Because he goes away, and he gets to play baseball in the morning, he gets to play in the afternoon, and he gets to play under the lights.

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#### THE SHIPWRIGHT **IS NO MORE**

Chuck Driscoll, partowner of Driscoll Boatworks on Shelter Island *Drive:* "No one's building sportfishing boats anymore. The market's full.

The boats out there now have lasted 50 to 60 years, some of them, and they're still in pretty good shape. And then when someone does need a fishing boat, they convert other boats, oil rig supply boats maybe, into sportfishers. But Poole-Chaffee's gone. Dittmar & Donaldson's gone."

Bill Poole: "Todd Chaffee was the brains of our operation. We had a good partnership for years. I took care of the bidding and the money, and he took care of designing and building the boats. He was a genius without much education, but he was a genius with fiberglass or

steel or aluminum or wood. He could work with anything. But he was poor with figures. He couldn't make money at it, so I came along and took care of the money, and we did well.

"Several things have happened now to slow down the boat-building market. For one thing, the cost of building boats has gone up so much more than what we can charge for our ticket. So it's almost impossible to build a new boat and make it pencil out. There have been some individual boats built recently, but no one's turning out boats anymore the way Dittmar did and the way we did back in the day.

"Dittmar & Donaldson was a very good builder. They made allwooden boats out of Costa Mesa. And our boatyard, when we were running to capacity, we had about 15 to 20 men on each boat. It took maybe a year to build a very simple boat, up to over two years for a boat that was pretty fancy, with a lot of woodwork in it, and refrigeration and air-conditioning and whatnot. Although sportfishers of old didn't have all that special stuff.

"The cost to build a fishing boat could be as little as \$75,000 and as much as over \$3 million. My particular boat, Excel, cost \$3.5 million. And

that was 16 years ago. It would probably cost over \$5 million to replace it now."

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Chorus: For many years, and as recently as 1980, San Diego was the tunafishing capital of the world. The big boats used to net these prized fish are called seiners (pronounced "SAYners"). In 1981, at the height of the industry, 90 seiners were stationed in the harbors of this city, according to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission. Seiners use gigantic nets — as much as a mile long and 400

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but the numbers paint the picture. From a high of 167 seiners and pole-and-line tuna-fishing boats in San Diego in 1978, only 1, a seiner called the *Connie Jean*, remains in San Diego today. From 1980, when San Diego brought in 54 percent of the U.S. tuna supply, and over 5 percent of the world's total, our local take today is down to zero.

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#### Captain Huber:

"The American fleet of seiners that used to fish porpoise schools and catch tuna underneath porpoise, they got put out of business, in part, because of government legislation. And now these foreign fleets fish our waters, and a lot of

them aren't even as careful as the American fleets were.

"I went to Catholic school in Point Loma with a lot of the Portuguese kids who made the decision to go into commercial fishing, and they were conscientious fishermen. They jumped into the nets with the tuna and the porpoise

tuna that was caught near porpoise schools. So it closed an opportunity for the American fleet, and now third world countries are picking up the slack."

Michael Hinton, senior scientist at the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission: "When I came here in the 1970s, in the Navy, to

#### "I know tuna fishermen who've been eaten by sharks getting porpoises out of the net...."

and the sharks, and they kind of put their life on the line to make sure there wasn't incidental kill on the porpoise.

"But foreign interests don't care. Some flyby-night third world country doesn't care. Now they've got the boats, so they do the fishing. And American companies won't buy be stationed down here, I just loved looking at that tuna fleet. It was beautiful. It was really impressive. The bay was full of those big seiners. Then, when I came back to work for the commission, they were pretty much gone.

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"So the net hangs down straight. They drop a skiff off the back end of the seiner, and it has, tied to it, the free end of the net. If you can imagine, stacked up on the deck of the seiner, this huge net, and the skiff has the top end hooked to it. And then the seiner essentially drives away from the skiff, and the net just falls off the back.

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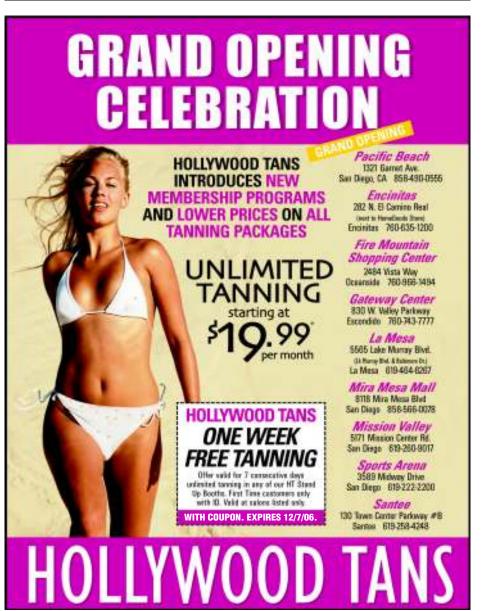
"And once the net's closed, then the fish can't get out. And they start bringing in the float line. And as they bring in the float line, they make a smaller and smaller space for the fish. There's a very involved process called a 'back-down process' that they go through now to release porpoise and dolphin from the net, and there's all these things they go through to get the fish in

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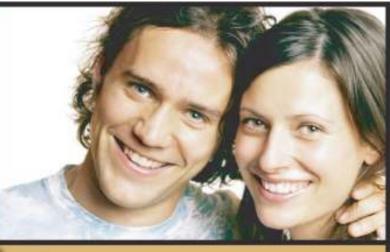
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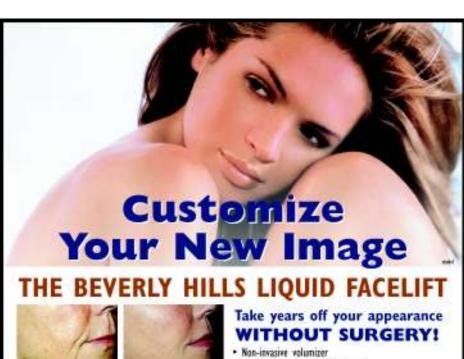
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**Buck Everingham:** 

"The loss of the tuna fleet was kind of a negative thing for me. It hurt us and our industry because there's nobody around to supply the stuff we used to be able to get right off the shelf, so we have to stock our own netting and rope and twine. I have to buy those things now in larger quantities and then hold on to it. If we're in the middle of our season and we rip our net up, and I don't have enough #18 twine to sew the net, then I'm out of business. Now I have to keep that going myself.

"I watched it all unfold, and it turned into a mess. I mean, you know, I know tuna fishermen who've been eaten by sharks getting porpoises out of the net, and

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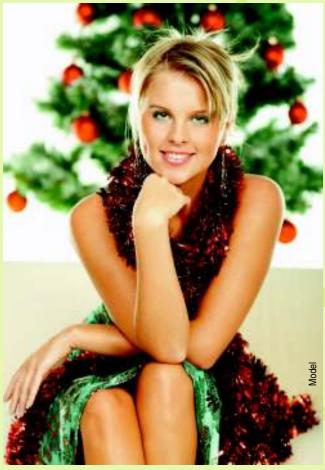
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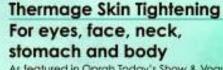


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"I remember back then, the news organizations were running a propaganda film on all the channels, this film that was 20 or 30 years old at the time, and it was a Panamanian tuna seiner, it wasn't even an American boat, and it was this footage of a seiner setting nets around some spinner porpoise, just to prove that they could catch them, and they were running this film on all the stations saying that this was what was going on. It wasn't even authentic footage of what was going on, but they were showing it on all the channels. And that was only one example. There was all this stuff everywhere about 'Save the Dolphins.' Everybody got all hot on it, Greenpeace and Congress, and they were able to fire it through legislation to stop the tuna industry in

the United States.

"Now, from what I understand, the tuna industry is all in foreign ports, where they have no regulations, so I don't know what it really did to help the porpoise. All it really did was hurt American industry, which seems to be all the environmentalists want to do anymore. Cutting our noses off to spite our

"A whole big group of family businesses, just like mine, got shut down and put out of work.

"So it is a touchy issue with me. I'm worried about some environmentalist whim putting me out of business one day. And if the bait business goes, then the whole thing's going, since it all starts with the bait.

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had a laid back, uneventful summer. No big vacations or any of that, just a nice time around San Diego. I enjoyed this, although a little change of pace might have been nice. Activity-wise, I hung out with friends and went to parties and movies (Little Miss Sunshine, Miami Vice, Accepted). I did, however, take a philosophy class at Mesa College, so that (while maybe not the most fun) was interesting.

Once the back-to-school crunch calms down, I can say that I am happy to be back in school. School isn't so bad...although I may be singing a different tune when massive essays and tests start rolling around. But, for the time being, it feels nice to be back at school with friends and a few good teachers. Best of all, it feels good to be a big, bad senior.

The day before school started, a friend and I went to Staples and picked up a lot of school supplies. It made a satisfying end to our summer. On a side note, supplies are more expensive than I anticipated; I spent \$30.12.

Another exciting, "Oh, God, my summer is over" moment was back-to-school clothes shopping; I spent around \$150. On the subject of clothes, the checkerboard Vans slip-ons seem to be the fashion these days; you can't turn around without seeing some kid with a pair on. It's become almost comical. I owned a pair, but I have moved on to a more "mature" tweed pattern.

I do not eat in the cafeteria; I tend to eat in my journalism room or with other friends outside. I usually eat leftovers, sandwiches, and whatever else I can get my hands on.

What I am dreading most about this school year is developing a really serious case of senioritis; that would make a potentially tedious year absolutely unbearable.

Grant Barba, La Jolla H.S.

senior year began with many firsts: For the first time, I parked my car in the student parking lot. I park in the last space in the lot in order to protect my car from the students that seem to aim for the vehicles next to them. For the first time I knew where my classes were, and for the first time I did not wear jeans and a sweater on the hottest day of the year.

You always know when it is the first day of school because it is blistering hot and the sun taunts you with the best weather of the summer while you are stuck in a classroom going over school

When my alarm goes off in the morning, I growl and sigh, doing everything in my power to keep myself

from crawling back under the covers. I start each day with a splash of water and bright lights, motivating myself by counting down the days left until graduation.

"Only 163 days left," I would say, a phrase that is usually followed by "163 days too many." A bowl of Cheerios and a chunk of toothpaste later, and I am hauling my textbooks into my trunk and tossing in my backpack, smashing my lunch.

I wear the same T-shirt and baggy jeans I wore the week before, mainly because the second I buy something that is in style it becomes "so last season." I don't lack a fashion sense, I just lack the funds required to keep one. I do not go to school to focus on fashion; I go to school for an education.

Well, at least I try to. I spend my days in class shaking my feet and staring at the clock in between lectures and exams, counting down the minutes until the bell rings and hitting myself for not taking a period off.

Although it may not be the best year

ever, I try to find the good in everything. Tomorrow, I'll only have 162 days left...162 too many.

> — Erin Bradley, Rancho Bernardo H.S.

his past summer was the most amazing that I have experienced. In my sandy, beach-worn shoes, I spent hours waiting on concrete for that "perfect spot" at a concert. It never ceases to amaze me how long I can last in the front row of a show because bruises, dehydration, and exhaustion are always part of the price I pay. The rest of the price goes to the ticket, but that goes unnoticed when the artist seems to part the clouds and bless us with their presence.

The city wasn't always my escape last summer, and it wasn't all spent at the beach. Nights in the houses of friends were just as amazing. Most of my summer hours were spent in the houses of friends, jamming on instruments, eating, laughing, and sleeping. Those



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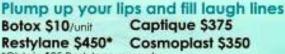












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moments matched up to concerts and parties that had been marked on the calendar.

Sooner than expected, I found myself standing on the crisp, clean, green lawn of Mount Miguel High School. The prior year's memories ran through me in a flash: the cafeteria food, the homework, the expectations, the lack of freedom, and waiting for the bus every day. Well, those things don't seem to change much. Lunch "spots" can move anywhere from next to the 400 building to next to a bush. The cafeteria food can hardly be called food. But these factors are all manageable, for there is next summer to look forward to. Only 180 days to go.

— Phylicia Black, Mt. Miguel H.S.

eople say junior year is the hardest year of high school, but, man, senior year is sure in the running. It's a lot harder to drag myself out of bed in the morning. It's a lot harder to stay in school all day. What do I do when I leave school early? I nap. But what can I say? I'm tired. I've been doing this high school thing for four years now.

That's not to say my classes this year are worthless, but I only get high school credit for three out of my six classes; two are through Mesa College and one is an "office internship" (a waste of time). My three classes at Madison keep me busy, as do the Mesa classes, but for some reason, I am having a hard time falling into a daily routine.

I don't know why I said "for some reason." I know the reason. It's my senior year. "Senioritis" is a real phenomenon, and I'm fighting it. Usually, at the beginning of each school year, I'm extremely organized. I have all my binders for my classes in order. I have notebooks assigned to each class. I know what I'm doing and

what assignments are due every day in every class. Yet, this year, I haphazardly throw a few notebooks in my backpack and my main concern is to not forget my keys or my Kashi granola bar.

This has been the hardest back-to-school ever for me. Against my will, I have adopted a nonchalant attitude toward my last year of school. What's hard is having to sit patiently in my seat all year in classes that I don't care about (even if they are interesting) while my mind wanders to where I could be and what I could be doing a year from now.

— Laurel Popplewell, Madison H.S. oing back to school senior year was the worst. Having spent the summer camping out on the beach, going wake-boarding with friends, and having a good time, the prospect of another year of homework and teachers was disheartening. To add on to injury, seniors have that little nuisance called college applications to look forward

For me, "senioritis" began the moment my junior year ended. I knew the worst was over. I spent the summer celebrating; although my family didn't go on a vacation, spending the summer in La Jolla was

not a poor second choice. Beach during the day, festivities at night...my friends and I kept ourselves entertained throughout the summer.

And then, suddenly, it was September. Being seniors, none of us bought school supplies because we had accumulated so many binders and pens that Staples would be proud. What I did do, however, was shop for clothes. Shopping is my therapy because when I shop, I forget about all other less important things I have to do (such as homework and college applications). Because all I wore over the summer was a bathing suit and

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miniskirt, I bought a more appropriate wardrobe before the start of the academic year. I made sure to avoid several items whose popularity had diminished their appeal, such as oversized sunglasses and striped shirts.

This year has been difficult for me because I was misled by the assumption that senior year is easy, as grades are insignificant. This is a lie. Not only do colleges look at senior grades, but at classes as well. Consequently, I am currently buried under piles of homework from two AP and two college classes. It has been a nightmare when combined with the approaching application deadlines.

The only beacon of light at the end of a dark and narrow tunnel is the idea of second semester. Once first semester is over and applications are filled out by the end of December, every senior can breathe a sigh of relief. Second semester of senior year really is the time when we can relax academically and enjoy our last year. Second semester is a time of prom, senior pride, and, finally, graduation. It is this bright light that keeps me from hurling myself out of a window each time I begin typing a college essay.

— Jennie Matusova, La Jolla H.S. ■

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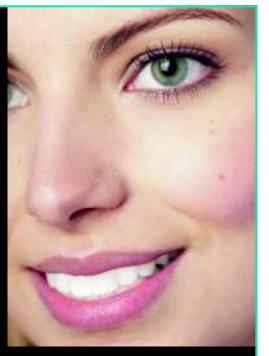


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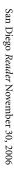
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Recovery from my surprise, plus a sudden abundance of new movies in town that seemed worth writing about, has prevented me until now from answering the various letters with thank-yous or thank-you-but-no-thank-yous, as appropriate.

The percentage of letters that would come in for the former response was considerably higher than usual in the aftermath of my article, but nonetheless remained the minority. Unofficial majority leader, by dint of sheer amount of time holding the floor, was one J. Michael Straczynski. Claiming he could no longer contain himself in the face of my continued abominations, but failing to mention that he had been similarly unable to contain himself in the correspondence column before, he set the tone for much of the return-fire by referring to me in his letter as "Dunky" and

also as "old Dunky" — a rhetorical device I have only rarely run up against since the second or third grade. Straczynski, who stopped just short of enclosing a job application and résumé, or we stopped short of printing them, did not relinquish the floor until his verbal portrait of me had been filled in with such adjectival details as "selfindulgent," "self-impressed," "self-righteous," "petulant," "pernicious," "reprehensible," "base," and "unprofessional," and such nounal details as "self-aggrandizement," "arrogance," "condescension," "contempt," "disdain," "snobbery," "smugness," "pettiness,"

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"egotism," and "a blight." Me to a T, do you think?

I must say, even

though it is probably not my place to do so, that I find it a little hard to understand what form of currency my self-aggrandizement can consist of when what I seem to make most of in this job is enemies. (Our J.M.S. can serve as the convenient example here.) It will doubtless be said by someone, and not for the first time, that I must get some weird kind of kick out of notching up the ranks of my enemies ("perverse" and its variations figured prominently in other people's letters, although J.M.S. somehow overlooked them). I wouldn't expect that anyone in his right mind, or at least anyone in such a mind who is also disposed to use it now and again, could seriously believe that I see the critic's role as being akin to that of the sideshow freak, the flasher, or the tackling dummy. But then again, I would not have expected that anyone in his right mind could have wasted as much space as J.M.S. did in attempting to refute points in my article that were made purely, or mostly, in jest. Rather than call for a count of Straczynski's marbles, and taking him instead as proof that even a person in full marble possession can go off baying on completely the wrong trail, it might be worthwhile to address a couple of his points which I would normally have thought common sense would have taken care of.

The first is his attitude of shock and dismay that I should give my vaya con dios to anyone who, unable to stand or understand my stuff, should defect to Rex Reed or the Variety boxoffice chart or Rona Barrett or the next-door neighbor or someone else deemed a more trusty weathercock than

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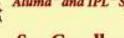
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me. He seems to think I should run after these people, plead with them to come back, try to make it up to them somehow. I would not know how to do that without laying aside such things as conscience and conviction and taking up such things as popularity-seeking and bootlicking and flattery and demagoguery — qualities, that is, that seem to me

far worse for a critic than whatever qualities J.M.S. is interpreting as arrogance, condescension, smugness, and all that. And I would defy him to name any writer in any field — any writer, I mean, with more spine than a banana — whose first order of business. whose motivating creative principle, is to please the people who don't like him. If feeling

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of some as arrogant, condescending, smug, and the rest of the litany that's tough. Not everybody, after all, need bother reading movie criticism. Just as you needn't bother reading novels if your appetite for the art of narrative is satisfied by office gossip, and you needn't bother with newspapers if your interest in current events is satisfied by Johnny Carson's monologue so, too, it's silly to read and quarrel with movie criticism if all you really care to hear about a movie is your own, or the average person's, opinion of it. It doesn't stand to reason that the average moviegoer is going to match up very well with the sort of person who would want to devote himself to the practice of criticism, who would be willing to put in the hours and put up with the grief, and whose frame of cinematic reference will naturally tend to be larger than the average person's. And if you don't want to know what that sort of person thinks of a movie, would rather know only what the average viewer thinks, then you would do well to confine yourself to the society of average viewers, or to the sort of critic, of whom there is no scarcity, who isn't

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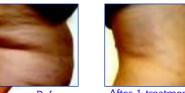


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really up to the job or doesn't mind debasing it.

The second point worth mentioning is Straczynski's contention that my kind of critic, in a guilt-by-association sort of way, makes life tougher for his kind of critic, lowers his social standing, hinders him in his work. This is a laugh. The sort of critic who sets himself up as public servant or public mouthpiece, who measures his worth by his popularity or by his accuracy in predicting the public reception of a given movie, who boils criticism down to a yes vote or a no vote and doesn't believe in burdening his audience with superfluities — the sort, in sum, who is in the clear majority in the critical fraternity and has significantly shaped, or bowed down to, the general public's conception of what a critic should be — can hardly be said

to have made life easier for the sort of critic who thinks that whether or not he or anyone else "likes" a given movie is much less important than what he actually has to say about the movie.

Getting that said, and getting it said well, tends to let a critic in for a charge of "verbosity," which was leveled at me by several correspondents, first and foremost Craig Leimkuehler, but not J.M.S., who otherwise did not hesitate to make charges that might boomerang on him. If I were to add to the list of common reader complaints that I suggest ought to be given a rest for a while, "verbosity" would be next in line. I don't know what sort of things people are reading these days, and I suspect I don't match up with the majority of people any better on what books I like to read than I do on

what movies I like to see, but Leimkuehler's comparison of me to film textbooks would indicate he has never honestly read an actual film textbook. It's no doubt true that my stuff doesn't read much like the daily newspaper or a restaurant menu or a bumper sticker, and you certainly can't hurt my feelings by pointing this out to me. I hardly know what I can do about it at this stage, and I am sure it would be an intolerable imposition to suggest that perhaps a greater effect of lightness would infuse my stuff if, like the on-deck batter who warms up with a baseball bat made of lead, you were first to try reading a certified film textbook, preferably one written by one of the semiological theorists, or (if you want better writing) a chapter or so of The Golden Bowl. Leimkuehler, I

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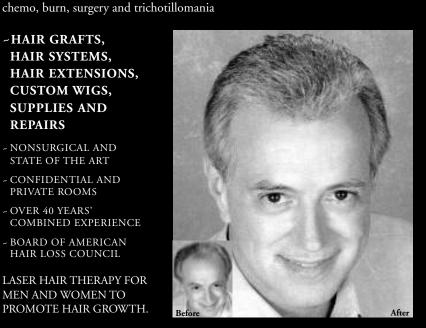
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should acknowledge, balanced his strictures about verbosity with the conciliatory remark that critics are, after all, human beings, and I had the feeling that he was speculating that part of the motivation for my sounding-off had been similar to that of the Elephant Man, when, backed up to life's urinals by the ravening mob, he turned round to face his persecutors with a heartrending claim of membership in their very



species. This, strangely enough, does seem to need to be pointed out about critics from time to time, but not as often, I think, as a critic's also being a writer. Most people are far more willing to grapple with another person's bare opinions than with his reasoning or his prose, and I don't think I am mistaken in my belief that most of the back talk I get in the correspondence column is in response to the capsule reviews (or, heaven help us, the star-ratings) rather than to the longer

Which brings me at length to a few of the deserved thank-yous. It was Chuck Sierra, in a sharply worded counteroffensive to the first

wave of reader outrage, who cut right to the heart of the matter and made the point about a critic's being a writer, and Kevin Kenyon came in with a letter so delightfully written that it reminded me why I am, or work at being, one of those. Lilli Greenberg, whom as far as I know I have never met, said she regarded me as a friend, and therewith got closer to why a writer writes than any of Straczynski's "to inform, to advise, to praise, to decry, and to educate" platitudes. Donna Walker was so congenial as to find, amid my diagnosed cynicism and perfectionism, traces of a sense of humor, which some people can't seem to reconcile with things like sub-

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ordinate clauses and polysyllables. And Patricia Buckles went so far as to perceive some educational value. Well, it is not for me to know or to advertise my usefulnesses as educator, rib-tickler, or pen pal. All I can do is try to hold up what I see as my end of an ongoing discussion, and if I tend to turn my attention more toward those people who take an interest than toward those who make barnyard noises, or who doze off, or who can't listen to contrary views without hurling a glass of wine in the speaker's face and calling for the maitre d' to remove the lout — I think that's only natural.

The attempt made several weeks ago to coax the barnyard noisemakers to join the discussion like grownups or to hold their peace can be judged a less-than-smashing

success in the final tally. And the whole affair seemed to have gotten out of hand — or had it just gotten back to normal? — with the arrival of an "Open Letter to Film Enthusiasts, Advertisers, and Editors of the Reader," written by an M.D. Nation of La Jolla. For some reason my editor chose to get tough at this point and not run the letter. So it is up to me to be a sport and reproduce the letter here. This I do in full, with no editorial alterations beyond the typically necessary correction of spelling on my surname. I make a special point of its completeness in case anyone is stirred to ask the question, as I was, and as my original article had intended I would never be again, of just exactly which of my many appalling, insult-

ing, and repelling acts

this particular letter writer had been so appalled, insulted, and repelled by. See for your-

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cats on my doorstep? The asterisk key on my typewriter booby-trapped with nitroglycerin? Let's agree that a certain loss of perspective has

entered the picture here, and that the wise thing to do would be to open the window and let the air clear. Please, in other words, do not think it is

my intention with these few afterthoughts to stir the whole thing up again, just when it has thankfully settled down. The truth is, I will not be paying any more attention. The time has arrived on my astrological calendar for me to crawl into bed with comforter, TV Guide, bottle of Madeira and box of Nabisco Triscuits, and embark on the proverbial Well-Deserved Vacation. For the duration, the apprehensive reader can feel

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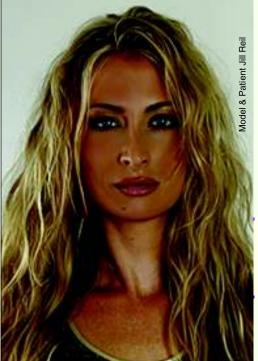
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street — here's a little

Also, I didn't understand in the article the whole point behind race being a part of tipping. I mean, if we're to take that into consideration, should we then also go with the stereotypical Italian, where they tip everybody? You can't put race as a factor into tipping, and by reading the letters page, that's what I'm guessing the article was about. Race has nothing to do with tipping. It has to do with just our personal beliefs on it.

Oh, and by the way, my name is Alex. There, I had the guts to leave my name.

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"You have to relearn to skate when you skate on a banked track, which is 52 feet wide by 96 feet long." The track, which takes at least six hours to construct in a skating rink and about three hours to break down, is made of Masonite. "It's made for speed and flexibility," says Ferrari. "You can get up to 45 miles per hour on it."

To have a shot at getting on the team, you must have two things: the ability to skate and personality. "Roller derby is a rough game. It requires speed and blocking and endurance. We're looking for somebody who would go out and play football and ice hockey." During tryouts, would-be players are tested on their speed, endurance, and ability to navigate around obstacles.

A player's position on the team in this league is designated by the helmet: jammers, or offensive players, wear striped helmets, blockers (defensive players) wear solid helmets, and pivot skaters (who switch between jamming and blocking) wear black helmets. Raquel Welch's character in the movie *Kansas City Bomber* was a jammer.

Players skate around the track counterclockwise, building up speed, until the referee blows the whistle to signal the beginning of a jam. The jam lasts for 60 seconds, during which the jammers (who have gained a one-lap lead over the rest of the players) attempt to advance past the pack of skaters. The team receives one point for each opposing team member a jammer is able to pass.

"The teams can score at the same time," explains Ferrari. "They will send back blockers, big strong people, to stop [the other team] from scoring." As in ice hockey, illegal blocking earns penalties for the offending team. "Legal blocking is with a knee or an elbow. But if you turn around, reverse, and do a shoulder block or trip someone, that's illegal."

It is common for blockers to assist their team's jammers by "whipping" them forward. A single whip is when one player grabs the jammer's hands to propel the skater forward, and a double whip is when two players throw the jammer forward.

As in any other contact sport, injuries occur. During a game in Oakland on November 9, Bay Bomber Dave Martinez broke his left leg. "Once you've had extensive training, you learn how to go into the rail. [Dave] misjudged it, he led with his



foot instead of his body, and his skate hooked in between the kick rail [or bottom rail] and the track. It caught and broke his leg right under the knee." Martinez underwent surgery for three hours and is not expected to be able to play again for eight months.

The strangest injury Ferrari can recall occurred six years ago. "[A jammer] was coming into the score, and an opponent tried to block him out. One of [the jammer's] members tried to help, but when the teammate jumped up to try to get the blocker, the [blocker] sidestepped and [the teammate] got his own player." After the incident, the wounded jammer called Ferrari into the dressing room. "The bolt of [his teammate's] skate had pierced his penis, and there was a two-inch gash with blood squirting out."

The general manager of the Bay Bombers, who goes by the name Icebox, has a take-down move that has been dubbed "the deep freeze." According to Ferrari, the deep freeze is when a six foot five, 400-plus-pound man "goes flying in the air and jumps on somebody to try and smash them." One player went home with two broken ribs as a result of this maneuver.

Ferrari attended his first roller derby game in 1958 when he was two years old. He loves the sport, but he has never had any interest in being on the track. "I don't mean to insult roller skaters, but I think they're crazy to go out there. I would never subject my body to it. But they love it; it's in their system."

— Barbarella

Southern California Fire Birds Tryouts Wednesday, December 6 8 p.m. Ups N Down Roller Skating Rink 862 N. Broadway Escondido Cost: Free Info: 760-739-0897 or www.freewebs.com/bombersrollerderby





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#### BAJA

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

"Cuentos Anfibios," Mayra Luna discusses new book, Thursday, November 30, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"An Act with No Words," mime show by Alejandro Keys at Centro Cultural Tijuana on Thursday, November 30, 8 p.m. \$15 U.S. Find centro at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Rival," tribute to Agustín Lara by Hernán del Riego, Sara Castro, and Felipe Nájera, with music by Negro Curiel Orchestra, Thursday, November 30, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Country Club (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). Tickets: \$35-\$55. 011-52-664-105-1215. (TIJUANA)

Luis Miguel in Concert, Friday, December 1, 8 p.m., at Terminal de Cruceros (on Boulevard Lázaro Cárdenas). Tickets: \$150-\$350 U.S. 011-52-646-174-0145. (ENSENADA)

The Comedy El Gran Zobako en San Miguel el Chico is presented Friday, December 1, 8:30 p.m., at Teatro del IMSS (Cárdenas Street and Boulevard Salinas). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-631-0668. (TIJUANA)

"The Nutcracker" is performed by Compañía de Danza de Baja California on December 2 and 3 at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Enanitos Verdes, Saturday, December 2, 8 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets: 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Eek-a-Mouse in Concert, Saturday, December 2, at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$13 in advance. 619-230-1190. (TUUANA)

Tres Tristes Tigres, concert by Gerardo Peña, Alejandro Santiago, and Sergio Félix, Saturday, December 2, 9:30 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo

#### OUT & ABOUT

SANTA VS. **THE SNOWMAN** through January 1, Reuben H. Fleet Science Center.

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#1328). 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

La Playa Masters of Motocross competition, Sunday, December 3, 10 a.m., at Rancho Los Cordero (east of Festival Plaza Hotel). Fees:

\$20-\$50. 011-52-661-612-2525. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Manuel de Falla Songs performed by soprano Florencia Tinoco, guitarist Roberto Limón, Sunday, December 3, 1 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río, 011-52-664-687-9636). Free. (TIJUANA)

#### **OUTDOORS**

"Rainbow Season" arrives with the first rains of late fall. Scattered showers are best for rainbow watching: sunlight refracting and reflecting through the raindrops causes two bows to appear — an intense circular arc at 42° and a bigger but weaker arc at 51° from the antisolar point (the point in

the sky diametrically opposed to the sun's position). From November through mid-February, the sun never gets higher than 42° above the horizon as seen from San Diego, so (rain and sunlight permitting) the brighter of the two arcs may appear above the horizon at any time of day. In spring and summer, rainbows are never seen in the sky around midday because the sun is too high — and the antisolar point is too low.

The Fremont Cottonwoods

along the San Diego River in Mission Gorge are now showing their best tawny foliage. You can park at the Old Mission Dam historic site or the Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center and explore the riparian area by way of riverside trails, or by walking, bike riding, or skating along the bike path high above the river's south and east banks. Large cottonwoods can also be seen along other watercourses throughout the San Diego County backcountry, including along the Sweetwater River near Cottonwood Golf Course, and in

Cottonwood Valley, east of Pine Valley along Interstate 8.

Whelan Lake Bird Walk, see many different species during walk hosted by Buena Vista Audubon Society to scope out fall migrants, Saturday, December 2, starting at 8 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-941-7824. (OCEANSIDE)

Golden Eagle, Bald Eagle, Ferruginous Hawk, red-naped and red-breasted sapsuckers, Lewis's woodpeckers — all are possibilities when Audubon Society birders head out for annual Lake Henshaw/Mesa Grande Road outing, Saturday, December 2. Meet leader at 8:15 a.m. at Dudlev's Bakery (at intersection of Highways 78 and 79). Bring a scope and lunch. Minimal hiking. Free. 619-692-3246. (SANTA YSABEL)

"Wild, Wild West at Daley Ranch," naturalist Dorothy Klitzing leads moderate to strenuous four-mile hike, Saturday, December 2, in Daley Ranch. Outing starts at 8:30 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Requested

Friends of Ruffin Canyon seek volunteers for help cleaning up the canyon, maintaining native garden on first Saturday of each month, including December 2, 9 a.m.-noon, at Taft Middle School (9191 Gramercy Drive). Free. 858-560-8327. (SERRA MESA)

reservations: 760-839-4680. Free.

Trail-Repair Work in Paso Picacho at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park continues on Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. Registration: 619-851-2285. For those 16 and older with a parent. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Guided Trail Walk exploring animals, history, geology, and ecology in Mission Trails Regional Park, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, December 2, 3, and 6, 9:30-11 a.m. Find park at One Father Junípero Serra Trail, 619-668-3281. Free. (SAN CARLOS)

**Gaslamp Folklore and Legends** Walking Tours offered Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon, by tour guide Gino Lizardi, who reveals romantic past and characters of the area. \$10. Reservations: 619-239-7515. (GASLAMP OUARTER)

Rediscover Downtown Escondido during walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, December 2, 11 a.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue.

"Hollywood Revisits the Desert: From the War Years to the X-Files," presented for Anza-Borrego Institute, on Sunday, December 3, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., starting at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitors'

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center discovery lab. Film liaison Fred Jee leads outing to locations where films have been made, shares photographs, moviemaking history. Four-wheel-drive required. Tour includes one moderate ten-minute hike. \$45. Reservations: 760-767-4063. (ANZABORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

**Geology Hike** with Don Albright in Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Sunday, December 3, 9 a.m. See "a rare fossil" and preserve's waterfall. Route follows steep trail; bring water. Meet group at intersection of Calle Cristobal and Caminito Propico. Free. 858-484-3219. (MIRA MESA)

**Tamarisk Bash** at Black Mountain Park, Sunday, December 3, 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Mike Kelly leads group to eradicate the invasive shrub tamarisk. Wear boots for outdoor work, bring water, sun protection. Tools provided. Meet at parking-staging area off San Dieguito Road (about one-half mile from intersection with Camino del Sur in Santa Luz). Free. 858-566-6489. (SAN DIEGO)

**Hike to Jack Creek Falls** with Canyoneers on Sunday, December 3. Participants hike through chaparral to high point overlooking Dixon Lake; if rainfall is "near normal," see the beautiful falls. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (ESCONDIDO)

**Nature Hike,** mountain naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including December 3, 1 p.m. Three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 High-

way 79. 877-581-9904, 619-447-8123. (JULIAN)

**Tidepooling for All!** Explore False Point with naturalist from Birch Aquarium at Scripps on Sunday, December 3, 1 p.m. Fee: \$12 for adults, \$8 for children older than two. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Very Low Tides this weekend and early next week coincide with optimum times of day for tidepooling: Sunday, December 3, at 2:11 p.m. (-1.2 feet); Monday at 2:56 p.m. (-1.4 feet); Tuesday at 3:41 p.m. (-1.4 feet); and Wednesday at 4:26 p.m. (-1.2 feet). Very high tides will also occur within that string of days, most notably on Monday at 7:34 a.m. (+6.8 feet) and on Tuesday at 8:14 a.m. (+6.8 feet).

December's Full Moon, named the "cold moon," "oak moon," "wolf moon," and "moon of long nights" according to the traditions of certain past cultures, rises spectacularly over the eastern horizon at around 4:25 p.m. — some 10 minutes before the time of sunset on Monday, December 4. The moon's night-long journey will take it nearly to the zenith of the sky by midnight and then down to a setting position over the ocean by dawn on Tuesday morning.

#### DANCE

Look Out! Ranting Banshee!
They make music, Graham
Hempel calls for contradance on
Friday, December 1, 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)

"Shapes and Reflections 2006," MiraCosta's Dance Arts Ensemble displays modern, jazz, ballet, hip-hop, ballroom, and world dance in performances Friday–Sunday, December 1–3, at MiraCosta Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Shows at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. \$10.760-757-2121 x6526 or 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

"ONE to Echo," featuring Bound Contemporary Dance and A.S. Peterson Dance, Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, at 8 p.m., in San Diego State University's Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200). A collection of California dance and film artists honoring "the passion that one artist can share with a community." Tickets: \$10–\$14.619-594-1696. (SDSU)

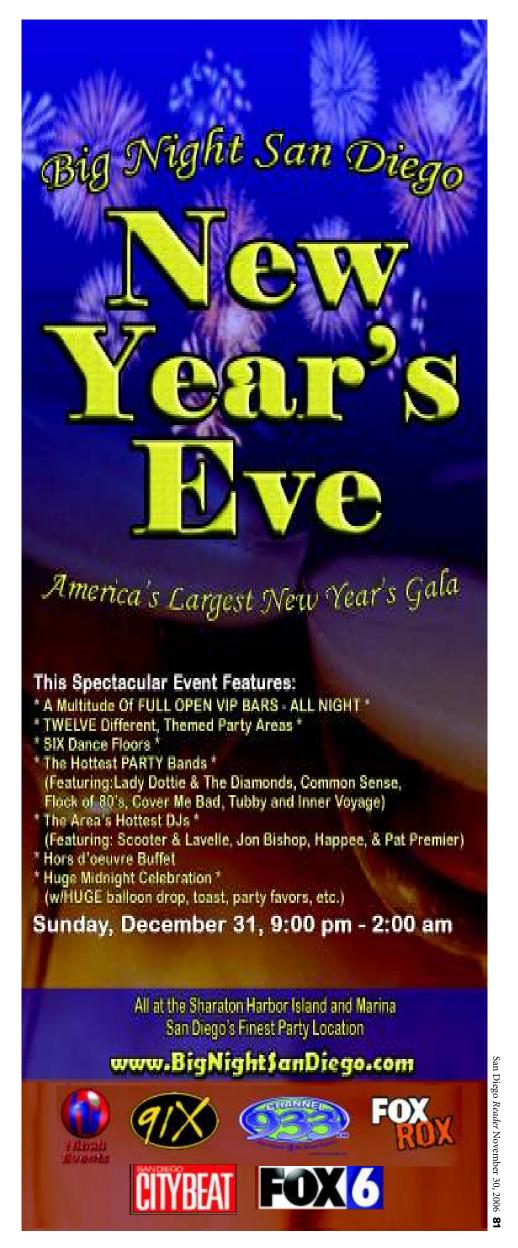
Willis Prudhomme and Bonne Musique Zydeco of Louisiana play for Christmas zydeco dance hosted by Bon Temps Social Club on Saturday, December 2, at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive, at Park Boulevard). "Santa Gator and His Reingators" will make an appearance. Dance lesson at 6:20; dancing from 7–10:30 p.m. \$14. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

**USA Dance Party** with wide variety of music, first Saturday of each month, including December 2, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8–11 p.m. All ages, abilities. \$7.760-525-5124. (ENCINITAS)

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's Holiday Ball is Saturday, December 2, 7:30 p.m., at United Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). Susan Wor-







**San Diego Swing Club** hosts West Coast swing-dance party every Sunday, 3–7 p.m., at La Mesa Women's Club (5220 Wilson Avenue). Beginners' lesson: 3–4 p.m. \$7. 858-274-6422. (LA MESA)

**Celebrating the Season** is theme when Toni Michael leads Sufi dancing on Monday, December 4, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, room 112). \$3. 619-692-3079. (MISSION HILLS)

"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**

"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 Thursday, November 30, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center

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

ROAM-()-RAMA

A trip down the San Diego River canyon during the rainy season is a true adventure. (Mind you, we are not referring to the river at its lower Mission Valley segment, or even at Mission Gorge; rather, this section is way up in the mountains toward Julian.) Runoff from winter storms fills the rocky riverbed with a silvery band of water. Green grass, new leaves, and wildflowers (appearing by February or March) brighten the banks as well as the slopes. In several places



Upper San Diego River on a foggy day

along the way the stream cascades over rock precipices, including one with a drop of 100 hundred feet.

Bedrock morteros (grinding holes) along the river, especially near groves of oaks, attest to frequent use of the canyon by Native Americans for hundreds of years or more. Contemporary human usage pales by compar-

usage pales by comparison; only an occasional hiker, backpacker, or hunter penetrates these canyon

depths today.

Sturdy boots and a patient, cautious attitude are essential for exploring

the canyon. This is a trek suitable only for those adept at moving through steep, rough terrain, and comfortable with occasional scrambling bordering on technical rock climbing. Get an early start if you are planning anything other than a brief, cursory look at the canyon. Keep in mind, too, that any substantially wet, winter-season storm could temporarily swell the usually indolent river flow to a dangerous level.

You may park at Inaja Picnic Area in the Cleveland National Forest, where you must post a National Forest Adventure Pass on your car for the privilege of parking. Start off by descending a precipitous slope south of the restrooms into the canyon's oak-shaded floor, a short distance below. Turn down-canyon, and at 0.5 mile arrive at the first falls, a set of two, each about 50 feet high. To get by, you'll probably need to traverse through brush and over tilted rock slabs on the right (west) side. If you don't like this dicey maneuver, go no further and turn back. You will encounter nothing but long stretches of boulder hopping, and occasional rock climbing ahead. The 2003 Cedar Fire incinerated the thick brush that was starting to make passages down the river canyon almost impossible. Now, however, that same vegetation is growing back.

After a total of 3.2 miles and perhaps 4 or more arduous hours,

you'll come upon the lip of a 100-foot waterfall (elevation 1950 feet) — the highest falls on the San Diego River. The water tumbles than did the hike down.

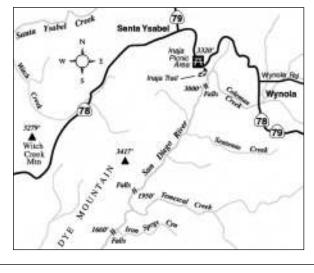
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#### **UPPER SAN DIEGO RIVER**

Waterfalls grace the upper reaches of the San Diego River, where only the most competent hikers tread.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 58 miles Hiking Length: Up to 6+ miles round trip Difficulty: Very strenuous

over a rock face and collects in a shallow pool perhaps 60 feet across. This destination is about as far as it is prudent to go in a full day. Remember that the hike back is all uphill and will almost certainly take a lot longer are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. *The Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.



(1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

**The Taiwanese Film** Eat Drink Man Woman (1993) screens for International Film Series at Mira-Costa College on Friday, December 1. See film at 1 p.m. in room 204 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Film also screens at 7 p.m. in room 3601 on campus at One Barnard

Drive. 760-795-6612. Free. English subtitles. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

**"Touch the Sound"** — examining one person's exploration of percussion all around us — screens for "First Friday Film Series" on Friday, December 1, 6 p.m., at Santee Library (9225 Carlton Hills Boulevard, suite 17). Short discussion follows film. Free. 619-448-1863. (SANTEE)

**Outdoor Holiday Film Series** features *Polar Express*, Friday, December 1, 7 p.m., on Prescott Promenade. Bundle up and picnic.

Heritage Language Program Film Festival concludes for season with 1999 Iranian film *Children of Heaven*, Saturday, December 2, 11 a.m., in room 4301 of Applied Physics and Mathematics

Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Building at UCSD's Muir College. Free. 858-534-0693. In Persian with English subtitles. (LA JOLLA)

"Great New Wonderful,"
Danny Leiner's "darkly comic
meditation on a moment in time"
starring Maggie Gyllenhaal, Edie
Falco, Tony Shaloub, and Olympia
Dukakis is shown for Sunday
Matinee on December 3, 2 p.m., at
San Diego Public Library (820 E

Street). Free. 619-236-5800.

**"Secret Cinema Salon"** — rare and notable films from past, present, future of world cinema screened, then discussed at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Next salon convenes Sunday, December 3, 7 p.m., Donation: \$5. 619-230-1938 x123.

How About a Diary of Boredom, Boozing, and Adultery? Richard E. Grant's Wah-Wah screens for Film Forum, Monday, December 4, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). South African film stars Gabriel Byrne, Emily Watson, Julie Waters. Free. 619-236-5800.

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (1975), starring Jack Nicholson, screens for First Tuesday Film series exploring "controversial issues," December 5, 6:30 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Discussion follows. Free. 760-839-4601. (ESCONDIDO)

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 Wednesday, December 6, 5:45 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Donation: \$5.619-807-1357. (SOUTH SAN DIEGO)

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 Roving Mars (6 p.m.) and Santa vs. the Snowman (7 p.m.) on December 1. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

#### **LECTURES**

"El Guercino y el Barroco Tardio" 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)

Forensic Dentistry in Modern Times is subject for seminar by Dr. Norman Sperber, Friday, December 1, 11 a.m., in room 3601 at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Free. 760-757-2121 x6410 or x6343. (OCEANSIDE)

**"Ethical Veganism:** A Talk by Gary Yourofsky" is presented on Friday, December 1, 6 p.m., in Calmecac of Aztec Center at San Diego State University. He asks "people to be kind to animals...and go vegan." Free. 415-269-1301. (SDSU)

Forum on Immigration Issues slated for Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m.—noon, at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Forum promises "overviews of the theology, practicality, and human face of immigration." 619-298-7261.

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**Holiday Gourd Decoration** (for those 12 and older), Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuvamaca College Drive West). \$30 feel. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Ocean Printing Workshop slated for Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m., at Birch Aquarium at Scripps (2300 Expedition Way). Participants in class — open to those 16 and older — will create unique ocean-themed artwork. \$35 fee includes specimens for art projects. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Holiday Cheer, chef Bernard Guillas demonstrates all kinds of celebratory dishes, Saturday, December 2, noon, at Macy's School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). \$25. 888-424-3663. (MISSION VALLEY)

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)

Geology and Paleontology of Anza-Borrego Desert examined by Lowell Lindsay, co-editor of Fossil Treasures of the Anza-Borrego Desert, Saturday, December 2, 1 p.m., at Heritage of the Americas Museum (on Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Requested donation: \$5. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

**Hydroponics** explained at City Farmers Nursery (4832 Home Avenue), Saturday, December 2, 1 p.m. Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"In Search of Quality," scholar, critic, author Seymour Menton speaks on Wednesday, December 6, noon, in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Menton is known for his work on magical realism. Free. 760-750-4366, (SAN MARCOS)

"Schoolchildren and the Future of Grevy's Zebra in Northern Kenya" is subject when Bill Toone presents Special Speakers lecture, Wednesday, December 6, 7 p.m., in San Diego Zoo's Otto Center Auditorium. Toone trekked to Kenya in August to connect with educators in foothills of Mount Kenya, Nonmembers: \$17. Required reservations: 619-557-3969, (BALBOA PARK)

The Writing of Historical Mysteries is illuminated by author Patricia Wynn when Sisters in Crime gather on Thursday, December 7, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Wynn is author of 12 published novels. \$3, 760-735-9313. (HILLCREST)

#### IN PERSON

**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, Novem-

ber 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





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Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

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.

Busy on Thursday? Wambaugh will visit Mysterious Galaxy Books on Saturday, December 2, 2 p.m. He'll be interviewed by author Robert Levinson. Find Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747. Free. (LA JOLLA, CLAIREMONT)

**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)

Fifth Annual Jazz for Juvenile **Diabetes** concert with music by David Patrone hosted by Rotaract Club, Friday, December 1, 7 p.m., at Karma Lounge on Broadway (615 Broadway). \$40 at door. 858-248-7010. (DOWNTOWN)

"Finding Christmas," the 2006 Christmas celebration at College

Avenue Baptist Church starts at 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, December 1-3. The 175 performers include members of church's choir and orchestra. Free, 619-287-4747 x218. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Holiday Carol," original play based on the Dickens classic, with performers from STARS Troupe for actors with developmental challenges, Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, 7 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard), \$8. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

**Speculative Fiction Triple** Threat! Authors David Farland (Sons of the Oak: Runelords), L.E. Modesitt Ir. (Soarer's Choice: Corean Chronicles), and Brandon Sanderson (Misthorn: The Final Empire) discuss and sign their work, Friday, December 1, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

The Backvard concert series continues (indoors) with performance by Josh Damigo and Alex Esther, Friday, December 1, 7 p.m., at Community Reformed Church (777 West Felicita Avenue). Free. 760-746-1322. (ESCONDIDO)

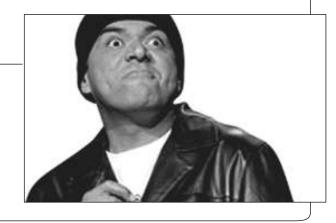
"The Music Man" is presented by Broadway Theatre Arts Academy, December 1-3, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Cast includes 39 young actors, led by Don and Bonnie Ward. \$15. Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. each day, with 2 p.m.

#### <u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

#### **EL MAS CHINGON**

comedian George Lopez, Saturday, December 2, Cox Arena.

(SEE IN PERSON)



matinee on Saturday. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Comedy Central Comic Sean Conroy is headliner on Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, 8 p.m., at Comedy Co-Op Warehouse Theatre (11211 Sorrento Valley Road, suite M). Tickets: \$10 general, \$5 students. All shows for those over 18. 888-567-4464. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

San Diego Saxes Holiday Concert, Saturday, December 2, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Donation: \$5, 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Parol Lantern Festival hosted by Pasacat Philippine Performing Arts Company, Saturday, December 2, 2 p.m., at St. Rita's Church Auditorium (5115 Churchward Street). Philippine Christmas traditions showcased, with entertainment by Pasacat, Folk Choir of St.

Rita's. Ticket price (\$12 general) includes food, parol-star lantern exhibit, entertainment. 619-477-3383, (SAN DIEGO)

"Southern Fried Rice: Life in a Chinese Laundry in the Deep South" is discussed by author John Jung on Saturday, December 2, 2 p.m., at Chinese Historical Society and Museum (404 Third Avenue). Jung was child of only Chinese family in Macon from 1920s-1950s, when segregation and Jim Crow laws were staunchly enforced. \$2. Booksigning follows. 619-338-9888. (EAST VILLAGE)

Kwanzaa Poetry Reading by Encanto Boys and Girls Club Children's Poetry Choir, Saturday, December 2, 3 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Children's open mike for Kwanzaa poems, "poetry of our roots in African culture." Free, 619-263-6407 or 619-285-9737. (SOUTH SAN DIEGO)

"Holiday Cirque on Ice" presented at 4 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Stage is transformed into an ice rink, audience transported to "a Winter Wonderland on ice." Tickets: \$20-\$35. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

"Cirque de Magic" featuring Simon Winthrop, Saturday, December 2, 5:30 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Magician is joined by Jeanne and Karl Anthony, some Cirque-style performers to benefit Art of Living Foundation, Tickets: \$25-\$125. 866-626-5373. (DEL MAR)

They Are Maggie and Terre and Suzzy...the Roches in concert hosted by AcousticMusic-SanDiego, Tuesday, December 5 (\$22, \$25). The sisters follow concert by Geoff Muldaur, Saturday, December 2 (\$15, \$20). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Expect Celtic Music when Highland Way performs for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, December 2, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Tim Flannery and Friends in Concert, Saturday, December 2, 7:30 p.m., on board Star of India. \$30. Find Star and Maritime MuGeorge Lopez in concert, Saturday,

seum of San Diego at 1492 North

Harbor Drive. 619-234-9153 x101.

"El Mas Chingón," comedian 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)

"An Irish Christmas" boasting traditional music, song, dance, storytelling, and laughs is slated for Saturday, December 2, 8 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$30, \$42. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Holiday Concert with seasonal music and sing-along planned by Palomar Symphony Orchestra, December 2 and 3, in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453, (SAN MARCOS)

The Musical Yours, Anne is presented by J\*Company Youth Theatre, December 2-10, at David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Play based on Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl has music by Michael Cohen, libretto by Enid Futterman. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 2; 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 3; 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 7; 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 9; 1 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 10. Tickets: \$12.50 children, \$16.50 adults.

Dr. Edith Eva Eger, who was 16 years old when she and her family were sent to Auschwitz in 1944, will share "A Dialogue with Dr. Edie" on opening night (December 2). Eger has worked with cast of Yours, Anne.

"Inside Anne Frank's House," a life-sized recreation of attic where Anne and her family hid for two years, is on view during the run of the play; tour of house is included in ticket price. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Local Author Nancy Holder signs, discusses Daughter of the Blood, Sunday, December 3, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa









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#### "High School Musical" Nov. 29 George Lopez All-American Rejects Dec. 1

**290 Jingle Jam** Dec. 2 Barenaked Ladies Dec. 3

Larry The Cable Guy Dec. 3 93.3 Holiday Show Dec. 6 Andre Rieu Dec. 7

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AFI/Taking Back Sunday Dec. 10

"Dancing with the Stars" Dec. 19 Peter White Dec. 23

Jamie Foxx Dec. 26 Incubus Jan. 12 Guns N' Roses Jan. 16 Monster Jam Jan. 20

#### Justin Timberlake



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Lisa Lampanelli Jan. 26 **Maná** Feb. 10 Supercross Feb. 17 Lvle Lovett Feb 28 The Who Mar. 1 **Christina Aguilera** Mar. 2 **Snow Patrol** Mar. 3 **Doodlebops** Mar. 4 Eric Clapton Mar. 15 Pat Metheny Mar. 23 Rod Stewart Mar. 25 Josh Groban Apr. 6

"Plaid Tidings" Through Dec. 3 "Spelling Bee" Dec. 5-10

#### Chargers Home Games

vs. Broncos Dec. 10 vs. Chiefs Dec. 17 vs. Cardinals Dec. 31

Poinsettia Bowl Dec. 19 Holiday Bowl Dec. 28

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Boulevard, 858-268-4747). Free.

San Diego Men's Chorus in concert, Sunday, December 3, 5 p.m., at All Saints' Episcopal Church (625 Pennsylvania Avenue). Free. 619-298-7729.

Musical Saws in Concert, David Weiss, described as "one of the world's foremost musical saw virtuosos," massages this ordinary tool and its sound into "beautiful music," Sunday, December 3, 6 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). \$10. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

San Diego Playwright Janet S. Tiger's *Day of Atonement* is presented Sunday, December 3, 7:30 p.m., in Swedenborgian Theater (1531 Tyler Avenue). The story of an interfaith marriage is read by Rolly Fanton and Susan Benninghoff. Audience discussion with Tiger, Rabbi Scott Meltzer, Reverend Carla Friedrich follows. Donation: \$5. 858-274-9678.

"A Child's Christmas in Wales," Megan Webster plans dramatic reading of Dylan Thomas's story (with sound effects by Risa Goldberg), Monday, December 4, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"A 1940s Radio Christmas Carol"** — said to be "very loosely based on the Charles Dickens classic" — is next production for staged readings by Carlsbad

Playreaders, Monday and Tuesday, December 4 and 5, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$5. 760-494-4699. (LA COSTA)

Pulitzer Prize Poetry Nominee Beverly J. Hudson reads from *Love Has Everything to Do With It* and *Agape Love Feast*, Tuesday, December 5, 11 a.m., in L-238 at Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Road). Free. 619-421-6700.

"Communal Mourning," new work exploring border issues within context of Dia de los Muertos is presented Tuesday, December 5, 4 p.m., in Camino Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-7877. (LINDA VISTA)

**Lighthouse** plays for music night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, December 5, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-489-0191. (ESCONDIDO)

Best Poets and Musician of the Year celebrated when Poetry Unlimited convenes Wednesday, December 6, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Poets include Josh Seligman, Rose Anderson, Dana Porter, Billekai Boughtor, Johnnie Renee, Cloe Hanson, Andrew Barbolla; the musician is harpist Mariea Antoinette. Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

**"El Broche de Oro,"** Los Bilingual Writers Anthology release — with prose, poems of Los Jovenes,

Los Abuelitos, and Los Escritores, screening of *Barrio Logan: Youth Voices, Community Stories* by Teen Producers Project — Wednesday, December 6, at Our Lady of Angels Parish Hall (635 22nd Street). Donation: \$10 per family. 619-230-1938 x102 or 619-384-7144. (SAN DIEGO)

"Christmas Classics" both secular and sacred — including Fred Waring's "Twas the Night Before Christmas" — promised when choir, violin, pipe organ perform for all ages, Wednesday, December 6, 7 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Offering. 760-753-6582. (ENCINITAS)

Poetry Publication Party hosted by Magee Park Poets, Wednesday, December 6, 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Poets included in 2007 will read from their work; cookie exchange follows. Free. 760-602-2026 (JA COSTA)

Les Nubians in Concert, Wednesday, December 6, 8:30 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). The female duo came from Bordeaux, France, during 1990s. \$15. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

**Author** Lara Rios discusses and signs *Becoming American*, Thursday, December 7, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

"In the Heart of Winter," composer/pianist Robin Spielberg in

concert, Thursday, December 7, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Expect "inspired tales, extraordinary piano technique," a "heartfelt" performance. \$25 general. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

"A Warm Winter's Night," classics and carols "reflecting the many moods and traditions of the holiday season" may be enjoyed when Palomar Women's Chorus performs Thursday, December 7, 8 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). \$5 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

**Comedy Grill** now convenes on first and third Thursday of each month, including December 7, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). Cover: \$5. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

#### **SPORTS**

National Tennis Hardcourt Championships continue through Sunday, December 3, at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club (2000 Spindrift Drive). Competition for men and women in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles for players over 39 years old. Free for spectators. 858-454-6500. (LA JOLLA)

**Saddlebred Horse Show,** Friday–Sunday, December 1–3, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

**Poinsettia Regatta,** Saturday, December 2, 6 a.m.—3:30 p.m., at Oceanside Yacht Club. Details: 760-722-5751. (OCEANSIDE)

Until Every One Comes Home, bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate for Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign during USO's ninth annual 8k/5k run and walk at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar on Saturday, December 2, 8 a.m. The kids' candy cane

stroll steps off at 9 a.m. 619-235-

6503. (MIRAMAR)

**Lake San Vicente Beginning Kayaking** hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m. Lots of wildlife to see, hidden inlets to discover. Fee: \$65 for adults, \$20 per child 6–12 in double kayak with parent. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (LAKESIDE)

Bicycle Through Vista and San Marcos with Knickerbikers, Saturday, December 2. The 25-mile ride commences at 9:30 a.m. at Woodland Park (use parking lot at Woodland Parkway and Rock Spring Road). Bring money for lunch at Old Spaghetti Factory. 858-453-3687. (SAN MARCOS)

**Lake Wohlford Express,** Sierra Club bicyclists head out for briskly paced 45-mile ride on Sunday, December 3. Ride with steep grade, brisk pace begins at 8 a.m. at first entrance to Kit Carson Park (3333 Bear Valley Parkway). 858-974-4871. (ESCONDIDO)

**San Diego Chargers** meet up with Buffalo Bills for football in New York, Sunday, December 3,

10 a.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).

**The San Diego Wildcats** play basketball against team from Beijing, China, Tuesday, December 5, 5 p.m., at EastLake High School (1120 EastLake Parkway). \$5. 619-696-5123. (CHULA VISTA)

Professional Banked-Track Roller Derby Try-Outs planned Wednesday, December 6, 8 p.m., at Ups-n-Downs roller-skating rink (862 North Broadway). New positions open for men and women 18 and older in Southern California Fire-Birds. 760-739-0897. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

#### SPECIAL

Have a Story to Tell? San Diego Public Library's digital community storytelling station remains available through June, 2007. Gather reminiscences of your neighborhood, memories of interesting jobs, tales of special interests and activities, to record San Diego history as told by general public. Find library at 820 E Street. Requirements, reservations: 619-236-5821 or 619-230-1938. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Suburban Trees"** continues through fall 2007, at Carlsbad Sculpture Garden (2955 Elmwood Street). Exhibit inspired by a piece by Italo Scanga features work by seven area sculptors. Viewing hours:



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### Reading

#### The One From the Other: A **Bernie Gunther Novel**



By Philip Kerr G.P. Putnam's Sons: A Marian Wood Book, 2006, 372 pages, \$26.95

#### FROM THE DUST JACKET:

Fifteen years ago author Philip Kerr created the character of Bernie Gunther, a German detective in Nazi Germany. In quick succession, he produced three Chandleresque novels with this fascinating central character. Much awaited, this is the fourth, set just at war's end. Brilliantly plot-

ted, it is also disconcertingly accurate in dramatizing the escape channels of fleeing Nazis and those who abetted them.

#### WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

"Excellent...stylish...a joy to read." – Publishers Weekly 'Grim and gripping, with all the author's customary sure-hand-

Reviews

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Philip Kerr was born in Scotland in 1956 and lives in London with his wife and their three children. He is the author of 14 books (and 4 kids' books). The first 3 in this series are published by Penguin in one volume as Berlin Noir.

edness in evidence." - Kirkus

#### A CONVERSATION WITH THE **AUTHOR:**

I reach Philip Kerr at home in London, where it's already Saturday afternoon.

"Your hero is a surprise a Nazi-era German detective, a skeptic who dislikes the regime. But when the Nazis take power and absorb the police into the SS,

he goes along initially. How did you come up with this risky, unusual hero?'

"I think it was a case almost of method acting. I was trying to project myself into the character. And as far as I could see, policemen who were opposed to the Nazis had little choice. If they resisted, they found themselves out in the street, or worse - shot, imprisoned. It's a very tricky tightrope to walk for anyone with a strong sense of morality. And that was what I was interested in writing about: someone trying to remain true to himself, to morality and, at the same time, survive.

"You were born after the war, so you had no personal familiarity. Were there still echoes

of it in England?"

"It was only ten years afterward and it was a defining moment in British history, so the echoes when I was a child were very loud."

"Was there rationing, bomb craters, that sort of thing?"

'No, no, there was nothing like that at all. You could have easily believed there never had been a war. No, I mean, the awareness was really to do with people, the things you read in the papers, and comic books full of British wartime adventures. The fiction being published was about the war as well, much more so than in America. I think that it never touched the Americans at home the way it affected British people. Although

I didn't experience the war, it was certainly one of the most important influences in my growing up. Because there was so much of it around: talk about it, writing about it, pictures of it,

"Did your agent Caradoc King, at A.P. Watt, talk you into it, or is your long-time editor in the States, Marian Wood, the person to be credited with your going back to writing a fourth Detective Gunther novel?"

"No, actually I think I'm the one. For years friends and colleagues have been saying, When are you going to write another one?' After a while I forgot why I stopped writing them. I think it had to do with my not wanting to fall into the

"I'd ask myself, what kind of books would Chandler have written if he'd gone to live in Berlin instead of Los Angeles."

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. 760-434-2904. Free. (CARLSBAD)

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)

10th Annual San Diego Strong Ale Festival is Friday, December 1 (4 p.m.), and Saturday, December 2 (11 a.m.), at Pizza Port (571 Carlsbad Village Drive). Over 65 beers with over eight percent alcohol

showcased. \$25 fee includes tasting

glass, eight tastes; \$1 for additional

samples. 760-720-7007. (CARLSBAD)

**Balboa Park December Nights** 

Entertainment, food, holiday cheer, free admission to museums in park-wide annual celebration, Friday, December 1, 5-10 p.m., and Saturday, December 2, noon-10 p.m. New this year: Subaru's Starlight Cinema with "extreme" films shown on screen near San Diego Natural History Museum, SDG&E holiday light canopy, expanded "My Ancestors' Village" hosted by Barona Band of Mission Indians. Free admission. Plaza de Panama Holiday Taste of San Diego (\$20 for 20 tickets or \$10 for ten tickets). 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Studio Sale hosted by Stone and Glass, Art Glass, and Mixed Media Studio, beginning with reception on Friday, December 1, 6 p.m., at Bernardo Winery (13330 Paseo del Verano Norte). Sale continues 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3. 858-485-7701. Free admission. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Bloom," artists Nikyta Palmisani, Mary-Margaret Mitchell, Pres will be painting two murals onstage with Bliss Beats Collective performing live original music, Friday, December 1, 7-10 p.m., at Kava Living Arts Gallery (adjacent to Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard). Art will be "affordably

priced." Free admission. 619-543-0933. (DOWNTOWN)

Antique and Craft Fair with work by over 45 fine craftspeople and expert artisans, Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Summers Past Farms (15602 Old Highway 80). 619-390-1523. Free admission. (EL CAJON)

Pottery Sale with work by many potters, Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at studio of David and Mary Cuzick (9204 Campo Road). Free admission. 619-461-3019. (SPRING VALLEY)

Baby and Family Expo. Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Exhibits, new products, interactive children's exhibits, live entertainment. \$8 general. 212-499-1508, (DEL MAR)

**Christmas Home Tour and Art** Sale, the 55th annual All Souls Episcopal Church event is Saturday, December 2. Tours of four Point Loma homes (10 a.m.-4 p.m.), organ music and art tours (noon-3 p.m.), arts sale (noon-4 p.m.), afternoon tea (12:30-3:30 p.m.). Find the church at 1475

Christmas in Alpine celebrated Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Self-guided tour of four homes starts at Alpine Women's Club (2156 Alpine Boulevard). \$25. 619-445-4024. (ALPINE)

Catalina Boulevard. \$22. 619-223-

6394, (POINT LOMA)

Great Train Expo rolls into Del Mar Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Vendors and dealers, operating model railroad layouts, workshops. Admission: \$7 general, free for those under 12. 630-279-4048. (DEL MAR)

Vintage Postcard and Paper Collectibles Show with 25 dealers offering many types of antique paper items including photographs, trading cards, postcards, labels, historical memorabilia, December 2 and 3, at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Appraisals of old paper collectibles included in admission.

Show opens at 10 a.m. both days, closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$5 Saturday, free Sunday. 626-665-9435. (KEARNY MESA)

Holiday Book Sale with all manner of books on offer, Saturday, December 2, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at Coronado Public Library (at 6th and Orange Avenue). Free admis-

Art Studio and Garden Tour offered Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at Cathy Carey Art Studio (2048 Ridgecrest Place). Original paintings, prints, food and beverage tastings. Free admission. 760-489-9109. (ESCONDIDO)

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Create Holiday Cards to be sent to men and women serving the country, Saturdays, December 2 and 9, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at Shiva Artistic Collections (115 West Grand Avenue). Free. 760-745-7835. (ESCONDIDO)

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North Park Toyland Parade, Saturday, December 2, starting at 11 a.m. at University Avenue and 29th Street. Clowns, classic cars, horses, flag and drill teams, music. Free, 619-296-6343, (NORTH PARK)

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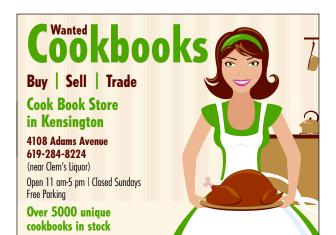
"California Dreamin' " is theme for Vista Christmas parade on Saturday, December 2. Parade starts at 1 p.m. at Pala Vista Drive, proceeds north on Santa Fe Avenue to Main Street, turns right on Citrus,



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trap of sticking with a [single] detective. It seems to me that after a while authors can start wearing their character like a rather old smelly dressing gown. You almost think they're too comfortable wearing it. I persuaded myself I should strike out a bit, take a few more risks, do something different. Then, as the years went by, I thought, well, it might be interesting to write another one, and write it from the point of view of an older detective who had come through the war and has quite a few skeletons in his cupboard. Rather than just bolt another plot on to the end of him."

"You're moving along through Bernie, through his history, quite rapidly. There are pretty big jumps in terms of Bernie Gunther's life, one novel to the next"

"That's true, but it's also very true of Germans of that generation. I think there are gaps." "Do you speak German? Did you spend a lot of time in Germany?"

"I haven't spent a lot of time in Germany. I trained as a lawyer and I did a postgraduate degree in German law. Really it was an excuse to read philosophy, because I never felt I'd had much of an undergraduate education. And that led me to writing about the whole Nazi period."

"The details are so convincing. Are the streets correct; the nightclubs, were they there?"

"Oh, yes, basically. Rather than paint in broad brush strokes, I'd rather be like a painter who put in little spots of color that didn't mean much close up, but when you took a step or several steps back, you could see the picture. I think small things make big things."

"Were there any writers who inspired you?"

"[Raymond] Chandler and [Dashiell] Hammett. They're more

spiritual influences. They're pretty much the only detective writers I've read. It seems to me they were novelists, not detective writers [per se]. I had a fun game with myself when I first started writing about Bernie Gunther. I thought, well, Chandler went to school in England, and then he went to live in Los Angeles. I'd ask myself, what kind of books would Chandler have written if he'd gone to live in Berlin instead of Los Angeles. So that was my kick off, my starting point. The great thing about Chandler is, you can taste and feel and smell the city of Los Angeles while you're reading. I set myself the near impossible task of doing the same with Berlin.

"Critics invoke Raymond Chandler quite often in connection with your work."

"It's a flattering comparison and one I am happy to enjoy. He's a master stylist. Also a wonderfully funny writer as well — the wise cracks, and the comparisons, the wonderful similes. It's often overlooked that he was at the same school [in England] as [the great British humorist] P.G. Wodehouse."

"In your latest book, a 'ratline' plays a major role. What is a ratline?"

"There were several varieties. They were just ways of getting Nazis out of Germany at the end of the war. Some were operated by the CIA, some by the German army or the SS themselves. One or two were worked by the forerunner of the Russian KGB. The British Secret Service had their own as well. And the Catholic church seemed to be involved too, in a number of them. A lot of the accusations of the church's complicity in Nazism relate to that."

"When did you decide to turn from the law and try your hand at writing?"

"I never really wanted to

"I'd written three sort of macho novels, and I thought it would be nice to write a book from the point of view of a female."

be a lawyer. I became one really just to please my father. I think that's how most young men become lawyers; I can't think of a better reason." He laughs. "In my case, I knew pretty soon. I wanted to be a writer from about the age of ten. But, you know, your father tells you writers don't make a living, stuff like that. So finally you think, I suppose I should go to university and become a lawyer. I always hoped one day I'd find

a career that would enable me to spend at lot of time home, writing. I knew law wasn't going. So I got out of it quickly and became a copywriter at an advertising agency."

"Did you do a lot of promotional writing before?"

"Mostly it was a day job. As far as I was concerned, I was like a prisoner digging an escape tunnel in *Stalaq 17*. Quite often

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ends on Broadway. Free. Five tons of snow for play in front of Krikorian Theatres, 2:30–5 p.m. 760-726-1122. (VISTA)

**Discuss "Patriotism"** by Yukio Mishima with Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, Saturday, December 2, 2 p.m., in thirdfloor conference room of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

**Starlight Yule Parade,** Saturday, December 2, starting at 5:30 p.m. Floats, drill teams,

marching bands, cars, more. Parade heads north on Third Avenue from H Street to E Street. Free. 619-422-1982. (CHULA VISTA)

Battle of San Pasqual reenactment is planned Sunday, December 3, 10 a.m.—4 p.m., at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Military encampment, battle reenactments, food, entertainment. Clash was between U.S. Dragoons and California militia on December 6, 1846. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

**Dog-Gone Wet and Wild Pool Party,** the Loma Verde Pool (1420 Loma Lane) is being drained for an-

Loma Lane) is being drained for annual maintenance, so dogs are invited to "compete or paddle in a variety of aquatic activities" on Sunday, December 3, 10 a.m.—1 p.m. Splash dogs compete, dog trainers and pet psychic on hand. Free. 619-691-5081. (CHULA VISTA)

Holiday Homes Tour 2006 benefiting Vista Community Clinic is Sunday, December 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., featuring four Vista homes decorated for holiday season and Rancho Buena Vista Adobe (651 East Vista Way). \$25.760-631-5000 x1139. (VISTA)

Help Save Buena Vista Creek Valley! See part of 134-acre Sherman parcel, learn about its important cultural, historic, and natural resources, Sunday, December 3, 2–4 p.m., starting at historic Marron Adobe (at dead end of Haymar/Plaza west from College Blvd. near Highway 78). Take mini-tour of adobe, site, displays and learn why preserving this valley is important to North County. Donation requested. Required RSVP: 760-724-3887. (CARLSBAD)

"Legends of the Season," La Jolla Christmas parade and holiday festival, Sunday, December 3. Marching units, floats, bands, equestrians, vintage vehicles parade along Girard Avenue (starting at Kline Street), beginning at 2 p.m. Festival runs 10 a.m.—4 p.m. on Silverado Street. Free. 858-454-1444. (JA JOLLA)

**Parade of Lights Car Show** planned Wednesday, December 6, 5–8 p.m., in downtown El Cajon. Specialty vehicles decorated and lighted for holidays. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

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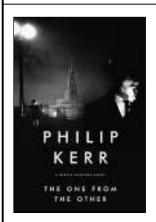
Semi-annual student art and pottery sale at Palomar College runs December 7–9, at south end of campus between Howard Brubeck Theatre and Lot 15 under green roof. Find campus at 1140 West Mission Road. Hours: 9 a.m.–9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Saturday. 760-744-1150 x2302. (SAN MARCOS)

**Are Divorce Laws Today Biased Against Men?** Present your theory, Thursday, December 7, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)





### Reading



I'd be in the office supposedly working on a piece of copy and actually writing my novel.

"Now it can be told." We both laugh. "Contrary to your father's fears, you did really well. You've produced 18 books by

my count; 4 are Bernie Gunthers." "Yeah. And I'm just about

starting a fifth." "And a good many of your

novels have been sold to movie makers by Bob Bookman at CAA in Los Angeles."

"Lots sold, very few made. I've been lucky in the sense that I've actually been paid. The best kind of Hollywood experience to have. You get paid well and you don't suffer the ignominy of seeing what you've written reduced to a joke on screen. Which has happened to a couple of friends of mine. I've always regarded Hollywood as a bit of an arts council grant. It has enabled me to keep going. As far as Hollywood, I've learned the best thing really is to forget all about

"Does anybody own the film rights to the Bernie Gunther

"They were bought [outright] a few years ago by a German film producer. Ever since, he's been looking for an international co-producer."

"Do you read a great deal? Is that how you learned to write?"

Yes. In the beginning I read a lot more than I do now. Most of what I read these days has something to do with and informs what I'm writing. It tends to be nonfiction."

"Your fourth mystery, A Philosophical Investigation, published in the States by a prestigious literary house, Farrar Straus & Giroux. How did that come about?"

"I'd written three sort of macho novels, and I thought it would be nice to write a book from the point of view of a female. Also, I was sort of flummoxed by the huge crime writing industry. Much of it seems to just repeat itself. And, in a sense, that novel was my own investigation into the phenomenon of crime writing and why people

like reading about murders, and why people continue to write them.'

"Some of your other work has futuristic elements – almost science fiction. Where does that particular thrust come from? Do you have an interest in science fiction?"

"Not really. It comes from the idea that, since you're writing fiction, it's fun to make everything up, not just the story, and to make it sound plausible. It's sort of pure creative writing: entering a world that doesn't exist and making it sound like one which we live in."

"You try for a very serious level in your themes - nearly Philip K. Dick [whose work inspired the films Blade Runner, Total Recall, and Minority

"Him I've read and much admire. Maybe that's where some of it comes from."

"You're married to novel-

"I've found having a good time gets in the way of writing."

ist Jane Thynne. What's it like living with another writer?"

"I'm not naturally gregarious, where she is. She likes to be with people; I don't much. So I've got the perfect career for me. I don't really have to stir from my hole."

"So you're a curmudgeon," I interrupt, "and she's down at the Groucho (Club, London's publishing hangout)."

He laughs. "Yes. Also, I've found having a good time gets in the way of writing; hangovers have to be recovered from. Late nights out aren't good for writers. I follow John Updike's advice go in your study and keep office hours. You get a lot more done that way. I enjoy going out and having a good time; my capacity for it is pretty large. All the same, I suffer from a Scottish Protestant work ethic, and I feel guilt. This summer is the first I've taken off completely since I started I had three months when I didn't actually write anything at all. If I'm not doing it, I don't know really how to define myself. I only feel properly myself when I'm actually writing a book."

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#### Celebrate Return of Thursday

Night Thing and opening of three new exhibitions with artists and local bands, Thursday, December 7, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner Boulevard). "Cerca Series" artists Amy Adler and Glenn Kaino will be on hand to talk about their work; guests will create 3-D sculpture using 2-D materials. Donation: \$3. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Holiday of Lights at Del Mar Fairgrounds is display of seasonal festive lights, with holiday-themed displays and more than 400 displays on view through Monday, January 1. Visitors view lighted creations from their vehicles, driving along 1.5-mile route through

fairgrounds, around racetrack.

Hours: 5:30-10 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays, 5:30 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Admission: \$13 per vehicle (up to five people), \$18 per vehicle with six or more people. 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

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

#### FOR KIDS

"December Nights Holiday Show" presented at 6, 7, and

8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater (no daytime shows on 1st and 2nd). Weaver's Tales deliver Funny Fractured Fairytales, December 6-10. 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)

Pajamarama Story Time with Delano Holmquist, author of SantaSaurus, Friday, December 1, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway). He'll read and sign his stories. Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" is presented by La Jolla San Diego Junior Theatre, December 1–17, at Firehouse YMCA Community Center (7877 Herschel Avenue). Ponder the meaning of Christmas in classic tale by cartoonist Charles M. Schulz. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Fridays, at 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. \$10-\$15. 619-239-8355. (LA JOLLA)

Santa's Workshop opens for fun on Saturday, December 2, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., at East Valley Community Center (2245 East Valley Parkway). Holiday craft activities, face painting, visit with Santa, food. Tickets: \$6 for children (free under 2), \$4 for adults. Reservations: 760-839-4382. (ESCONDIDO)

Pet Pals Kids Club convenes Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m.noon, at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Kids 6-13 have "fun with other animal-loving kids." \$15. Required reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

Create Amazing Animals during family open studio event on Saturday, December 2, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., in courtyard at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Event is in conjunction with "Spectacular Achievements:

Audubon's Animals of North America." Exhibit tours, art-making workshops for all ages. Materials provided. Free. 760-434-2904 or 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

Snow in Escondido? Head to California Center for the Arts, Escondido to play in 18 tons of snow, Saturday, December 2, 4 p.m. Snow, cookies and candy canes, costumed characters, tree-lighting, Santa. Find center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. Free. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"TransForming Portraits" is theme for family day events on Sunday, December 3, 2-5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)









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#### CLASSICAL

"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)

"Past Masters," compositions by Scarlatti, Corelli, and Handel, along with medieval traditionals, and Bach's "Largo" may be heard during Camarada's "Candlelight Concert," Friday, December 1, 7 p.m., at Botanica (2310-B Kettner Boulevard). Poet Kenneth Bell performs with Beth Ross-Buckley (flute) and Fred Benedetti (guitar). \$50, 619-231-3702, (LITTLE ITALY)

American Pianist Orion Weiss performs Bach's "Overture in the French Manner," "Sonata No. 19"

by Schubert, "Concert Etudes" by Liszt, and Bartók's "Three Etudes" for concert series hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Friday, December 1, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Twelve-vearold North County pianist and violist Andy Leu performs at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20 general, \$5 for children. 858-459-3728. (LA COSTA)

Classical Guitar Concert by Prasanna, Friday, December 1, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Free, 858-549-3940, (LA JOLLA)

Mahler's "Symphony No. 4," the Villa-Lobos "Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5," and Mozart's "Symphony No. 4" may be heard when soprano Jennifer Aylmer joins conductor Jahja Ling and San Diego Symphony for "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts December 1-3. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$20-\$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Voice Master Class Students lower and upper divisions - make final presentation, Saturday, December 2, 4 p.m., in Erickson Hall (B210) at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

"Voices Ringing Out," San Diego Women's Chorus performs classic and contemporary pieces, Saturday, December 2, 7:30 p.m., at University Christian Church (3900 Cleveland Avenue), Program includes Leslie Bricusse's "Christmas Children," Naomi Stephan's "Alleluia," more, \$15 general, 619-291-3366, (HILLCREST)

Holiday Concert with seasonal music and sing-along planned by Palomar Symphony Orchestra, December 2 and 3, in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

"Coronation Mass," Karla Lemon leads La Jolla Symphony and Chorus in concerts December 2 and 3. Program includes Berlioz's "Benvenuto Cellini Overture," the "Chinese Folk Song Suite" by Chen Yi, and Mozart's "Coronation Mass." Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. \$26 general. 858-534-

Organ Concert by civic organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, December 3, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Glorious Praise," listen for "Gloria" pieces by Vivaldi, Mozart, and Rutter, along with traditional carols and holiday favorites, Sunday, December 3, 4 p.m., at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (925 Balour Drive). Over 60 performers participate, including handbell ringers,

singers, instrumentalists. Offering, 760-753-1026 x10. (ENCINITAS)

**Advent Lessons and Carols** presented Sunday, December 3, 5 p.m., at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church (1638 Polk Avenue). Free. 619-291-1660, 760-716-9700. (HILLCREST)

Handel's "Messiah" performed by Point Loma Nazarene University's 200-voice Choral Union and Chamber Orchestra and soloists, Sunday, December 3, 7 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

"Let Heaven and Nature Sing Gloria," music by American composer Mark Hays and carol singalong promised by church choirs and instrumentalists on Sunday, December 3, 7 p.m., at Clairemont Lutheran Church (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Offering. 858-273-7423. (CLAIREMONT)

"The Music of Christmas" is served up Sunday, December 3, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Soloists, organ, and orchestra perform "The Christmas Oratorio" by Saint-Saëns, seasonal carols arranged by Kirke Mechem. Offering. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Guitar Recital by Ines Irawati, Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

**Music Student Honors Recital** offered during Concert Hour series, Thursday, December 7, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Per-

formance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Courtly Noyse presents Renaissance music for First Thursday Concert in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street) on December 7, 7 p.m. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

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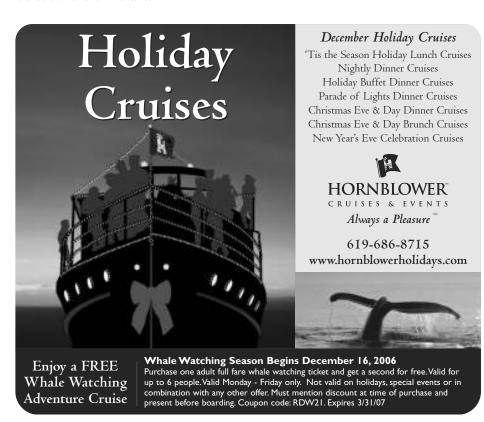
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#### GALLERIES

"Annual Art and Photography Faculty Exhibition" opens with reception, Thursday, November 30, 11 a.m., in Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). 760-744-1150 x2304. Closes Thursday, December 14. (SAN MARCOS)





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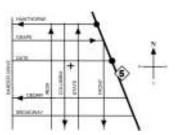
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#### Calendar ART

"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.

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)

"Sticky," Los Angeles artist Joe Girandola has work on view through Saturday, January 20, at R3 Gallery (2421 India Street). Meet artist — who concentrates on three-dimensional drawings and paintings using a variety of media — during opening recep-

tion, Saturday, December 2, 5 p.m. 619-654-4332. (LITTLE ITALY)

"When Cars Roamed the Earth," art exhibition "about and inspired by the petroleum lifestyle" by Kim Reasor opens with reception on Saturday, December 2, 4 p.m., at Art of Framing Gallery (3333 Adams Avenue). Through December. 619-563-9770. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Pacific Quilt Artists have work on view through Saturday, January 6, at Rancho Buena Vista Adobe Gallery (651 East Vista Way). Meet artists during reception on Sunday, December 3, 1 p.m. "These quilts express artistic concerns common to other forms of visual art"; they're to be displayed on the wall, like paintings. 760-639-6164. (VISTA)

"Small Image Art Show" with work by members and nonmembers of San Dieguito Art Guild opens with reception on Sunday, December 3, 2 p.m., at Off Track Gallery (687 South Coast Highway 101). Featured artist in lobby: Lisa

Reinhardt. 760-942-3636. Through December. (ENCINITAS)

**"Holiday Medley"** continues through Sunday, December 17, at La Jolla Art Association Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue). Meet artists during reception on Sunday, December 3, 3 p.m. 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)

**"Conversation Peace,"** painting and sculpture by Paul Vauchelet opens with reception on Sunday, December 3, 7 p.m., at Coco Cabuquit-Jarboe's East Village Church Lofts (909 Tenth Avenue, suite 209). 858-342-2814, 619-955-7961. Through December. (EAST VILLAGE)

#### 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.



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dia creations by Anna Zappoli Jenkins in "Where Do You Store These Dreams." Hugo Heredia's "Broken Chandeliers" boasts largescale sculptures combining glass and metal in "impossibly intimate and beautiful configurations." "Memoria del Hombre: A Muerto de Todos Retrospective"

Basic human emotions ex-

plored in paintings and mixed-me-

"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,

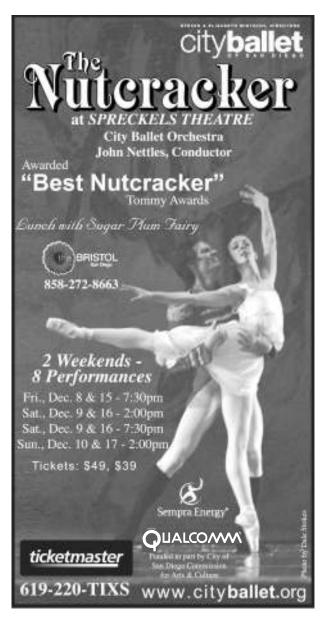
"Grass and Gold — Nomads of Kazakhstan" focuses on important archaeological discoveries, including those in 1998-1999 at frozen burial site of Berel. Exhibit includes gold, silver, and bronze artifacts fashioned into small animal forms along with their stories of recovery, overview of the history and 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 fin."

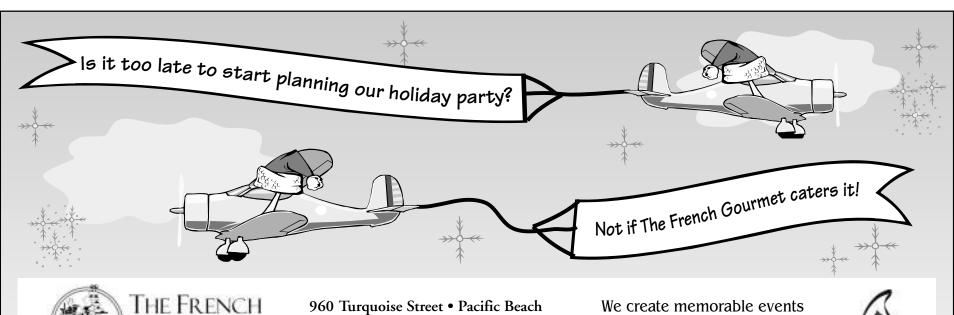
"Pre-Columbian Art of Mexico — Selections from the Collection of Mingei International" highlights clay and stone objects. These objects "abound with material from myth and legend." Both exhibits close on Monday, January 15. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)



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#### ${\bf My Plat form 4 Violence.}$

**com** In a recent report, SD police chief William Lansdowne said around 87 gangs with approximately

pages with people flashing gang signs and declaring regional gang allegiance.

The South Siderz music page not only includes gang signs and graffiti but also an apparent Sureno gang oath ("Kill a Norputo [rival gang], win a prize, kill a Sureno and your whole family dies").

Local rapper SMC posts a

the inside track

3500 members operate within San Diego. Many are referred to — if not represented — on MySpace pages.

2-11
Nayb4hood Crip
from Southeast
San Diego ("41st
47th blk") post
their song "Make
They Mama Cry"
("The punk-ass
L.A. niggas trying
to take over Daygo, but that ain't
gonna happen
'cause we're
cappin' it, we're

laying niggas on their

backs").

The page for VXIXIV
VIIXIX XIII Violent 1 has
songs credited to them,
including color-coded Crip
anthems such as "Bold Heads
Blue Rags" ("Blast a punk
witness, ain't no stopping
this") and "Beware of the
Blue" ("Workin' on that
third strike...district
attorney, remember me? I
put my foot in your ass").
Several "friends" links lead to

song called "Thug Love," which uses gunshots and trigger-cocking as percussion ("Pull your strap on me,



THE SOUTH SIDERZ SEEM TO PROMOTE KILLING

nigga, you better kill me").

DS "RC" Music says he's a member of the DelSol South San Diego gang and flashes its sign in a picture amidst photos of guns. In "South Sid3 Season," he sings of his cousin being shot by a rival gangmember ("That loco motherfucker from 29th Street throwin' up his

flag...it's not about Crip or

Blood, it's about payback").

— Jay Allen Sanford

#### **Long Live a King**

Former 91X DJ Bryan Jones was found in his Fresno apartment on November 16. He had died two days earlier from a heart attack at age 49.

Jones and other early-'80s 91X DJs made the daily commute to their Tijuana studios.

"I drove across the international border eight miles into a neighborhood I wouldn't let my worst enemy enter!" Jones said in a 1988 interview. "The local kids, who we fed almost every morning, treated us like kings of Mexico. The drug/gun runners and all the burned-up skeletal masses of cars at the bottom of the ravine [near the studio] made me realize how easy we have it." The Mexican government

began allowing Mexican-licensed stations to originate programming from the U.S. in 1989.

Jones, whose characters included the surfed-out Corky Dewd, gagging sportscaster Chatty Nelson, and lounge lizard Bobby Volare, started at

91X in 1984. He cohosted *The Breakfast Club* and other 91X morning shows. Upon being rehired by the station in April of 1988, Jones talked about beginning his first tour of duty at the station ('84–'86):

"I wasn't in control of my life. When I got fired, I realized I had lost the best job I ever had in my life. I lost everything because of that shit."

Jones told of how his BMW was repossessed during a 91X club night, how his life unraveled due to his crack cocaine use. The 91X program director at the time, Trip Reeb, admitted he was taking a risk. About six months later, Jones no longer worked at the station; the *L.A. Times* reported that he had failed a drug test.

Jones returned for three more 91X stints. He also worked at 92/5, Z-90, and 92/1 and four cyber-music companies, including MP3.com and spinrecords.com.

Dave Ezratty, vice president of Bob Baker Auto Group, does radio voiceover work. He knew Jones for 20 years.

"Listen to any XTC song, but especially 'Mayor of Simpleton,' and you have Bryan. In fact, he moved back to Fresno with the hope



R.I.P, BRYAN JONES

of becoming mayor of Fresno. He had a dream of taking that city, which was economically depressed, and turning it around. He was talking about using liberal radio and whatever else he could do to become mayor."

— Ken Leighton

#### **Ska Soon Extinct?** "You have to be good to play this

have to be good to play this music," says Chris Wise of the Hi-Lites, a North County-based ska band. "Anytime you have more than five members, it's hard to get people to practice. And when you play a gig you might get \$100 or \$150 for the whole band. We aren't



CHRIS WISE SEEKS THE YOUTH

doing this for the money."
According to Wise, the
Hi-Lites must also deal with
the fact that there isn't much
local support for ska.

"Just last weekend we played a 12-band show at the Knitting Factory in L.A., and all three rooms were packed. You have to go two hours north of here to play a gig."

Wise notes that last fall's nationwide "Ska Is Dead" tour hit San Luis Obispo but avoided San Diego.

"It also hit a city called Orangevale, California. I guess Orangevale has a bigger ska scene than San Diego."

Wise recognizes that ska's popularity ebbs and flows; the early '80s and mid-'90s were boom years. He says existing ska fans came of age during waves of ska popularity, and younger potential fans aren't exposed to the music.

"There are only two allage venues," says Wise, "and Soma won't even return any

of my e-mails. The last time I was at Soma, I dropped off a demo [CD], the person took it, looked at it, and noticed it was ska and put it down like it was nothing. The Epicentre is a pay-to-play house, and we ain't doin' that. If there are only two venues in town and you can't play at one and the other is pay-to-play, the scene will basically die."

The Hi-Lites appear at the Ken Club December 2 and Squid Joe's December 9.

— Ken Leighton

Relevant Raps Iraqi-American rapper Timz is riding the anti-Bush wave with "Iraq," the first single off his new CD *Open for Business*. At this writing, the song is the number four most-added track on CMJ's College Pop Radio



TIMZ RIDES ANTI-BUSH WAVE

beautiful, what did they do to you?/ They used you, it's so indisputable.../ What, are we supposed to be thankful?/ You killed my family and I should say thank you?"

Born in the U.S. and of Chaldean and Iraqi descent, Timz (real name Tommy Hanna) says he wants to educate people about Chaldeans, devout Catholics credited as having been Iraq's native population in ancient times.



"I'm not shy about being proud of who I am, and it's great to educate people about my culture by rapping about things that other artists can't." He says the album title Open for Business refers to his job at his father's liquor store. "It's not nine-to-five; [it's] more like morning to night, 365 days a year. I'm here; I turn the lights on, and I turn the lights off."

In early November, Timz won a \$5000 cash prize in TheBeat.fm's Summer Bash Music Contest. Earlier this year, an El Cajon concert was shut down by police and promoters as he performed an anti-Bush song titled, "There's a War Going On." Police said they responded to noise complaints.

– Jay Allen Sanford

Welcome to the Big Time Josh Steely played guitar for 13 years in Sandiacket, a Carlsbad trio. His last show with the band was in September at the 49-capacity Mas Fina Cantina. Now with a new band, Steely jokes that he's been rocking as long as his new front man has been alive. "I got my first guitar at

age 10," says Steely, 37. "That was the year Chris was born."

Steely refers to Chris Daughtry, the shaved-head country-rock singer whose success as an American Idol finalist landed him a contract with Sony/BMG. His debut CD, Daughtry, was released last week.

Last month Steely was selected as lead guitarist for Daughtry's band.

"I guarantee they weren't looking for a 37-year-old electrician," says Steely, referring to his youthful appearance and day job. He got the audition through his longtime friend, North County-bred guitarist Stevie Salas.

Steely didn't play on Daughtry's album.

"It was almost done when



production deal." Chris Daughtry's tour will kick off in February.

— Ken Leighton

Of SoftLightes and **Limelight** "Ah, *NME* and their hyperbole..." says a not

ungrateful Kristian Dunn, bassist in the SoftLightes. The San Diego band (formerly known as the Incredible Moses Leroy) was reviewed in England's New Musical Express for

their performance earlier this month at the annual thousand-act College Music Journal confab in New York.

"As charming as a poodle in a tutu," waxed correspondent James Jam in his column titled "The Buzz." Out of the 157 CMJ bands he saw, Jam picked the SoftLightes as one of five to highlight.

Yet, it was Dunn's wife Amy Devers who, during the same week, made a bigger media splash when she appeared on the syndicated Dr. Phil show. Devers (like Dunn, a '90s alum of SDSU and participant in local music scenes past and present) is a professional carpenter and home contractor who holds an MFA in furniture design. She's the cohost of DIY to the Rescue and hosts her own

Freeform Furniture program, both seen on the home improvement-oriented DIY Network.

Earlier this year, DIY Network fan Dr. Phil McGraw brought Dunn and her cohost in on what would



THE SOFTLIGHTES MAKE MEDIA RIPPLE

be the series' 80th "rescue": the rebuilding of the hurricane-damaged New Orleans home of 78-year-old Marion Camp, a victim of post-Katrina swindlers.

"See [Dr. Phil] call me a crybaby," joked Devers in an e-mail alerting friends to the segment in which the new house is presented to Camp. McGraw never calls Devers a crybaby but does prompt her to emotionally state that the endeavor produced "the most meaningful set of circumstances of my career...."

Normally a half-hour program, DIY to the Rescue: Katrina Rebuild is an hourlong special that will run again on December 1 at 5 and 9 p.m.

— David Stampone

#### Game Playa When

Ludacris appears at the Z-90 Jingle Jam at ipayOne Center on Saturday, December 2, "at no time shall Ludacris be without his assigned ground transportation and driver.' His dressing room requirements include a largescreen TV, a DVD player and CD player, a Sony Playstation or Xbox game system, four full-length mirrors, and a dozen aromatherapy candles ("pillar style"). Drinks: one bottle each of white zinfandel, Hennessey, Bombay gin, and Grand Marnier; a six-pack of Heineken ("bottles only"), a case of assorted soda ("no Pepsi"), and he wants the mixing board station to have



REASONABLE REQUESTS

a case of Red Bull energy drink. (From the smoking gun.com.)– Jay Allen Sanford

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#### as i hear it by BRIAN CARVER

San Diego songs take the street test

Name: Stacy Taylor, Pacific Beach Artist: Call Down Fire Song: Light Breaks (from the CD Why You Headed West)



They kind of sound like some kind of indie rock or emo stuff. I like toward the end with the instrumental part. It sounded like some strings maybe or like the piano joined in. I liked the ending. If you were driving in your car on a long trip or something, it would be a good song to jam to.

Name: Bob Steele, Pacific Beach Artist: Darzana Song: If My Eyes Were Greener

(from the CD Magic Cats and Dogs)



The vocals reminded me of Alanis Morissette. I thought the lead guitars were pretty good. I thought the lyrics were a little uninspired. She was just asking would anything be different if she were taller, if she had green eyes, if she were thinner — would the world be different. It seemed a little trite to me. [It's a good song for] lounging around the house, hangin' out at the beach. It was pretty mellow, easy on the ears. Name: Reyna Olea, Normal Heights Artist: The Wigbillies Song: Bob Marley Is Dead (from

they got me." He says he and

salaried musicians. Slash was

one of the guitarists used in

the studio. Steely rejects the

idea that his new band has a

"It is so not that. Even

bands like My Chemical

Their label tells you who

makes the cut. It was the

same thing with me before

with Sandjacket. We had an

investor who set us up with a

Romance are put together.

bandmates were hired as

his other three new

prefab, N\*Sync feel.

the CD Goin' Up The Mountain)



It's kind of folky music. I like the beat. The lyrics are pretty cool. There was some insight into them. [The lyrics were about] Bob Marley being dead and his dreadlocks being white instead of black and reminiscing on how people that are gone — how are they looking at us now? [It would be good to listen to] if you've got your headphones on and you're walking around somewhere. I don't know about a club scenario.







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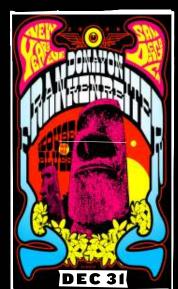




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#### Who's on First

"I'd rather be unfocused than play the same song ten times in a row."

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

ockaltcountryindiepopcatchycore" is the word singer/guitarist Adam Gimthe word singer/guitario. About the music of bel has coined to describe the music of Rookie Card. "I'd rather be unfocused than play

the same song ten times in a row," he says. Despite their name, Boston-born Gimbel is the only bandmember who actually has a baseball card collection. "I bought

a Beckett monthly price guide a few years ago to check current prices and see which of my thousands of cards were worth keeping. Not many. Nineteen seventy-four Mike Schmidt and Rickey Henderson rookie cards are worth a lot less than they were when I was a kid. Thanks for reminding me.'

Rookie Card's What's on Second? was nominated at the 2006 San Diego Music Awards for Best Pop Album. This summer they acquired a new drummer, former Virginian Andrew McNally. The trio (currently "between bassists") is rounded out by guitarist Dylan Martinez, ex of Broken Dial Radio and Static Halo.

#### WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER? Adam Gimbel

- 1. The Mates of State, Bring It Back ("Husbandand-wife duo that should've painted themselves into a corner by being just keyboards and drums, but they came up with one of the best albums
- 2. Kite Flying Society, Where Is the Glow? ("I should've gotten their songs out of my head by now, but no dice.")
- 3. Neutral Milk Hotel, In the Aeroplane Over the Sea ("A longtime fave making its umpteenth comeback."
- 4. Bob Dylan, Highway 61 Revisited ("We recently performed the title track, and it made me re-appreciate how out of tune the guitars on the original

5. DJ Spooky Presents In Fine Style: 50000 Volts of Trojan Records ("Compilation of early ska — possibly my favorite music on earth.")

#### Andrew McNally

1. The Dirty Pretty Things, Waterloo to Anywhere ("The slightly more sober half of the Libertines crafts a great, edgy pop tune.")

2. Teenage Fanclub, Grand Prix ("A staple in my collection since high school. I've turned dozens on to this album.")

3. Morrissey, Ringleader of the Tormentors ("He's still brilliant.")

#### **Dylan Martinez**

'Shouldn't this question be changed to iPods? You may as well ask what's in my 8-track player, which would be K-Tel's Hits of 1978."

#### **DESERT ISLAND DVDs?**

- 1. This Is Spinal Tap ("Greatest audio commentary ever, with the actors all in character.")
- 2. High Fidelity ("If anyone can get me the English Beat-style promo T-shirt from this, let's
- 3. Melody ("Beautiful late-'60s U.K. kids' film that needs a proper release.")

#### Andrew

Eddie Murphy Raw and The Goonies ("Because I still haven't gotten sick of them.")

- 1. Rushmore ("It makes me happy.")
- 2. Network ("I really like most Sydney Lumet movies.")
- 3. Without a Clue ("Humor is good.")
- 4. The Beatles Anthology ("Since I'll have plenty of time to kill.")

#### **FAVORITE TWILIGHT ZONE?**

Adam: "'Living Doll.' Telly Savalas is great, having such a hard time with the Talking Tina doll. My mom went to Rod Serling's high school in Ohio

**Dylan**: "Either the one where the state is going to execute a librarian for being obsolete ["The Obsolete Man"] or the one where the man opens a jail cell and ends up letting the Devil loose on the world ["The Howling

#### ANOTHER LOCAL **DESTINED FOR FAME?** Adam: "Billy Midnight and Bad Credit. I could

see them both repeatedly and it'd never get old. Can I bring them on the desert island instead of DVDs? They're way more entertaining.

Andrew: The Prayers [former members of the Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Towerl.

Dylan: "Another? Who's famous now?

#### WORST SONG EVER?

1. "Somebody," Depeche Mode ("Even I am not that sappy.")

2. "American Pie," Don

McLean ("Maybe if it was longer?")

3. "Real Love," the Beatles ("Prettiest home demo ever ruined by producer Jeff Lynne.")
4. "The Bumper of My SUV," Chely Wright

("Support troops, not housewife anthems.")

- 1. "Who Let the Dogs Out?" Baha Men
- 2. "How Bizarre," OMC 3. "Thong Song," Sisqo
- 4. "Every song by Kiss."



Rookie Card

#### OASIS OR RADIOHEAD?

Adam: "I fronted an Oasis parody called the Fookin' Wankers, so I'm pretty biased. Singing their songs made me realize how right Noel Gallagher was when he said his lyrics were

Andrew: "Oasis. I saw them in Maryland a while back, and every time Noel would sing lead on a song, Liam would storm off the stage. Attitude, pissy-pantsed rock stars, and sibling rivalry. That's rock and roll." ■





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#### THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

#### **FRIDAY**

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**The All-American Rejects:** ipayOne Center, Friday, December 1, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**The Melvins:** The Casbah, Friday, December 1, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

#### **SATURDAY**

#### Geoff Muldaur:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**"Z-90 Jingle Jam":** ipayOne Center, Saturday, December 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

#### SUNDAY

**The Barenaked Ladies:** RIMAC Arena, Sunday, December 3, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497.

#### **MONDAY**

**The Disco Biscuits:** House of Blues, Monday, December 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

#### **TUESDAY**

**The Roches:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Tuesday, December 5, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Public Enemy:** House of Blues, Tuesday, December 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

#### **WEDNESDAY**

**Gregg Allman:** House of Blues, Wednesday, December 6, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**"93.3's Your Holiday Show":** ipayOne Center, Wednesday, December 6, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**The Faint:** 4th & B, Wednesday, December 6, 345 B Street, San Diego 619-231-4343

#### UPCOMING CONCERTS

#### **DECEMBER**

**Andre Rieu:** ipayOne Center, Thursday, December 7, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171. **Ziggy Marley:** 4th & B, Thursday, December 7, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Aimee Mann: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, December 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-

**Slightly Stoopid** and **Pepper:** 4th & B, Friday, December 8, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Big Bad Voodoo Daddy:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, December 8, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

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

"Star 94.1 Jingle Ball": ipayOne Center, Friday, December 8, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**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.

Senses Fail and Saosin: Soma, Saturday, December 16, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

**Ozomatli:** House of Blues, Wednesday, December 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Tha Alkaholiks:** 'Canes, Wednesday, December 20, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

**Redman:** House of Blues, Thursday, December 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Jeremy Enigk:** The Casbah, Thursday, December 21, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

**El Vez:** The Casbah, Saturday, December 23, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355. **Peter White:** Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, December 23, 121 Broadway, downtown, 619-235-9500.

**Soul Asylum:** House of Blues, Saturday, December 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Donavon Frankenreiter:** House of Blues, Sunday, December 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

#### **JANUARY**

**My Morning Jacket:** House of Blues, Tuesday, January 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Blues Traveler:** House of Blues, Thursday, January 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**NOFX:** Soma, Friday, January 5, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Beres Hammond and Marcia Griffiths: 4th & B, Sunday, January 7,

Justin Timberlake and Pink:

ipayOne Center, Monday, January 8, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**Al Kooper:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, January 12, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Manhattan Transfer:** California Center for the Arts, Friday, January 12, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

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

**Keller Williams:** House of Blues, Saturday, January 13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Guns N' Roses:** ipayOne Center, Tuesday, January 16, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

#### Eliza Gilkyson:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, January 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Reverend Horton Heat:** 'Canes, Thursday, January 18, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

**Tom Rush:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, January 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

#### Muriel Anderson:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, January 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**The Chieftains:** California Center for the Arts, Friday, January 26, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

**Pennywise:** House of Blues, Saturday, January 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Pennywise:** House of Blues, Sunday, January 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**G Love & Special Sauce:** House of Blues, Tuesday, January 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.



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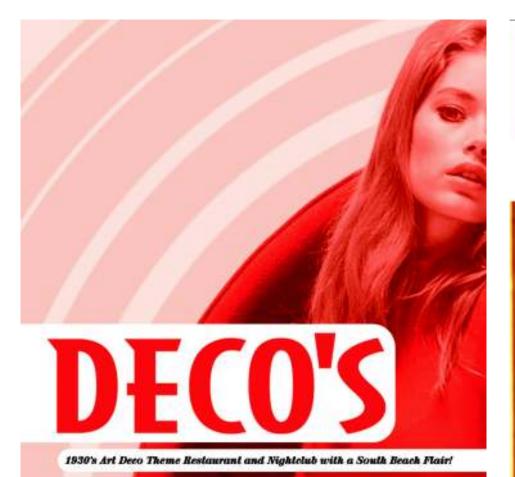
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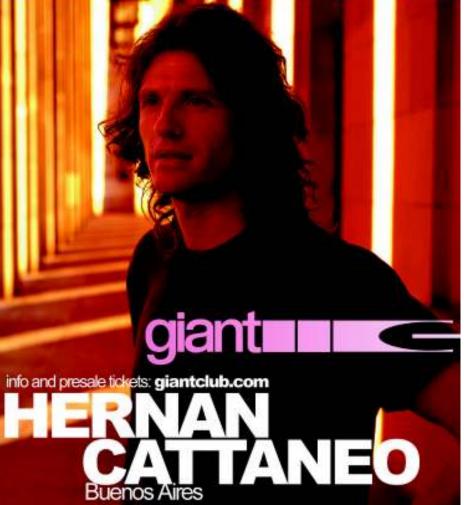


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G Love & Special Sauce: House of Blues, Wednesday, January 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

#### **FEBRUARY**

Maná: ipayOne Center, Saturday, February 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Sound Tribe Sector Nine: House of Blues, Friday, February 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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

"Texas Songwriters Show" with Lyle Lovett, Joe Ely, John Hiatt, and Guy Clark: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Wednesday February 28, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

#### **MARCH**

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

**Christina Aguilera:** ipayOne Center, Friday, March 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

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

**Samite:** AcousticMusicSanDiego. Saturday, March 3, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Eric Clapton and J.J. Cale: ipayOne Center, Thursday, March 15, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Dave Stamey: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, March 17, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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

Josh Groban: ipayOne Center, Friday, April 6, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

#### David Wilcox:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, April 27, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

#### **Fairport Convention:**

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Tuesday, May

1, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal

#### Alison Brown:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, May 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

### Calendar

#### DANCE

If you would like to include your DJ event, e-mail sellis@nethere.com or submit a listing online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. The listings are free.

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, 4mat 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.

Character's 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.

Crudo: Thursdays, deep, soulful, and sexy house grooves with guest DJs. 9 p.m; 21 and up. No cover. 1953 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy. 619-398-2974.

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 DIs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and

up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest.

Gaslamp Tavern: Thursdays, DJs Billie Knight, Tek, and guests spin true hip-hop. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Billie Knight spins Tavern music. Sundays, DJ Tek spins '80s. 868 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-3339.

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 hiphop, downtempo, and breakbeat with DJ Ricky Wrecks and Mada; 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays, *Deep*, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallkrawler, 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: 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.

**The Kensington Club:** Wednesdays, *Sub-Par*, hip-hop, rock 'n' soul, and funk with DJs Buddha and SC. 9:30 p.m. 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-284-2848

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.

Mission Valley Resort: Thursdays and Fridays, *Mambo* Lounge, salsa, bachata, and cha-cha with DJ D2. 8 p.m. to midnight. 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-298-8281.

**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,

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 DIs Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

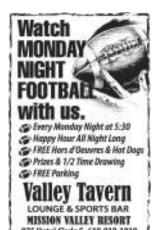
710 Beach Club: Sundays, hiphop, funk, and old skool with the Husky Boy Allstars. 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844

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.

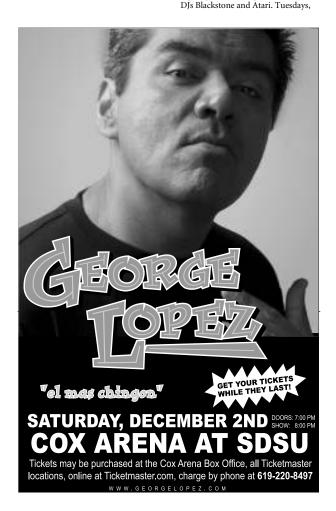
Whiskey Girl: Sundays, Top 40, hip-hop, and dance with DJ Danimal. Mondays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616.

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













#### Calendar **CLUBS**

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

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#### **Beaches**

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West 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.

Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474 Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Philip* Carrillo, classic rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Uplift*, reggae. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Billy Thompson*, blues. Saturday, Fuerte, salsa. Tuesday 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind, global jazz.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach 858-488-1780 Most music is rock/alternative. Thursday, 8 p.m., Ten Mile Dive, Forty One Sixty and *Dogmatic*. Friday, 9 p.m., *Zoo-2*, U2 tribute band.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Iolla, 858-534-2311. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Life or Death, Iron Age, and the Wages of War. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Paul Baribou & Captain Chaos, and Jehovah's Fitness.

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. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Joe Cardillo,

**Del Mar Plaza,** 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar. Sunday, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Keith Jacobsen, smooth jazz

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, 4 p.m., Worthless Parasite, Myron & the Kyniptionz, the C.H.I. Club, a Breath of Fresh Air, Electric Mistress, Variable, Blue Tendryl, Transic Vibe, and G.F.I. Friday, 4 p.m., Open Wound, a Sinner's Prayer, Morning Drive, Touch of Cas, Unbeknown, Crimson Knight, Counter Launch, Decompression, and the Lost Disciples. Saturday, 4 p.m., Black Guard. Distance 31, the Skank Agents North East, the 25th Hour, Courtesy Knave, Vox Dea, Emaue, the Leperkhanz, and the Horns of Fervor. Sunday, 4 p.m., Juice, FFL, Despite the Wolves, Jupiter, Elephant Army, Livid, Among the Lost, and Hector's Revenge.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street. Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Thursday, Joseph Angelastro, jazz. Friday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Peter Hall, acoustic. Monday, 7 p.m., Vladimir & Friends. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., open

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, live music Saturday, I-Sao-7, reggae/hip-hop/old

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, 8 p.m., Shockwave Four, classic hard rock. Friday and Saturday, Serious Guise, classic 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.

Manhattan Restaurant, 7766 Fay Avenue, La Jolla. 858-459-0700. Friday and Saturday, the Joe Marillo Jazz Trio.

Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-255-8635, Sunday, 5 p.m., Big Slim, blues jam

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, Meld and Johnny Different, alternative rock. Saturday, Dazed and Confused, rock. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Tunes by Trent. Wednesday, Ready Aim Fire.

**Tower Two Beach Cafe, 5083** Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-223-4059. Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., live acoustic/folk

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, the Roni Nash Experience, Gen'O, and Big Toe, rock. Friday, 9:30 p.m., Banyan and the High Rolling Loners, punk rock/alternative country. Saturday, live music. Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock.







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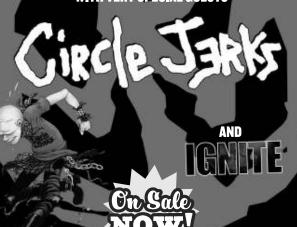
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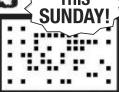
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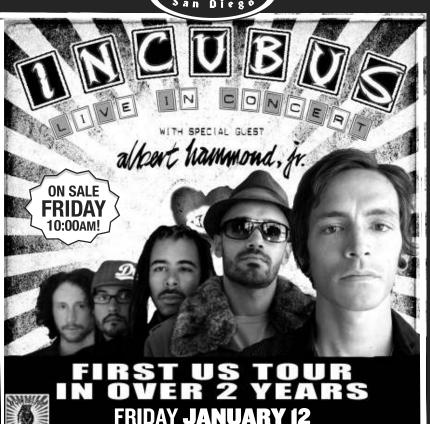
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#### **Downtown**

**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., Lee Coulter, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., Frances Charlotte, acoustic.

Busalacchi's Ristorante, 3683 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-298-0119. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., the New Standard Jazz Trio, straightahead 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. Thursday, Gram Rabbit, the Glossines, and the Lovemakers. Friday, the Melvins, Big Business, and Pleaseeasaur. Saturday, Transfer, the Jade Shader, Japanese Sunday, and Lhabia. Sunday, John Waters. Tuesday, Hot One, the School of Rock, and Sus Hijos.

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. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain*. Saturday, *Metal Snake*. Sunday, *the Disco Pimps*. Tuesday, *Flock of 80's*. Wednesday, *the Ghost of Sada*. Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., Tommy Gannon, Ted Hughhart, and Kirk Hoffman. Friday, 8 p.m., Nathan James, Byron Hudson, and Anna Troy, acoustic. Saturday, 8 p.m., Jennifer Lee, Gerry Grosz, and Gunnar Biggs, jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m., the Bonita Jazz Sextet. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Gary LeFebvre, Lynn Willard, Dave Marr, Tim McMahon, and Gilbert Castellanos, jazz.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Wednesday, the Faint and Ratatat.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, the Brat Pack. Friday, Good Times. Saturday, call club for information. Tuesday, the Stilettos, rockabilly. Wednesday, Lady Dottie & the Diamonds, blues.

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, 9:45 p.m., Pop Rocks, '80s dance. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., Diva Soul, disco/Top 40. 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. Thursday, Modern Day Moonshine, rock. Friday, live acoustic performances. Wednesday, 9 p.m., Shannon Long, acoustic.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band; 9 p.m., the Fremonts. Saturday, Family 5tyle. Sunday, L.A. Jones and the Blues Messengers. Monday, Chet Cannon & the Committee. Tuesday, the Bayou Brothers. Wednesday, Len Rainey & the Midnight Players.

**Samba Grill,** 514 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp. 619-236-1000. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Edo Brazil*, Brazilian



BY DAVE GOOD

The thing about a true jam band is, you had to be there. Recordings rarely do them justice. That's because the jam band is a 3-D experience. What makes the music succeed (or not) is a product of sights and smells, of light shows and heavy amplification, and of the group vibe of an audience. It is the interplay of the senses that shape-shifts the jam-band experience into something larger than the moment. So far the **Disco Biscuits** have failed to capture this on CD.

This is due in part to the Biscuit ethic that, musically, less is more. This is not said as criticism but rather as an endorsement of their craft. The Disco Biscuits are at the top

of their game. Live. they can take a single riff, work it for an hour, and raise it to the level of a mantra. It takes mastery to pull off that kind of long groove and keep it interesting, and in that sense, contemporary jam bands aren't too far off from straightahead jazz. The Biscuits appear to embrace the modal revolution that jazz saxist Ornette Coleman was talking about in the late '50s, where the melody alone would become the song.

But the members of the Disco Biscuits have, after almost 20 years of performing together, subjugated some of their individual virtuosity to the greater good of the ensemble — synth-based stuff with hard guitars that often sounds as if it has no beginning, middle, or end. The roots of this genre extend backwards to the peace and love generation, when jamming was less of a means to an



end than a mode of protest with noise. Is jamming a valid art form? That may be an unfair question, but even the greatest of jam bands — the Grateful Dead — knuckled down and wrote actual songs.

DISCO BISCUITS, House of Blues, Monday, December 4, 7 p.m. 619-299-2583. \$18.

**The Shout House,** 655 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Rock and roll sing-along dueling pianos.

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 Loskota 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.

Worldbeat Center, 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. 619-230-1190. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Les Nubians* and *Sene Africa*, R&B/soul/eclectic world music.

#### San Diego

AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Music is acoustic/folk/pop. Saturday, Geoff Muldaur. Tuesday, the Roches.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Chris & Harold, Irish folk. Monday, Pat & Joe and Allison Gill, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

**Brick by Brick,** 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Thursday, *Temperature Delete, the Paper Dolls*, and *Overcast*, rock.

Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 284-2747. Thursday, 8 p.m., Obligerant, Disfunktional, and Lilith Velkor, indie/punk/rock. Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, the Sounds, Shiny Toy Guns, Tommie Sunshine, and Get Back Loretta. Saturday, the Trophy Life, the Morning Riot, Right to Athena, Autumn Leaves, and Chasing Shadows

**The Gordon Biersch Brewery,** 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego 619-688-1120. Friday, *Fall Boy*, rock.

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 lazz Duo.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-469-4113. Thursday, jazz. Friday and Saturday, live bands. Sunday, salsa. Monday, tango. Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Criminal Funk, '80s dance. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Corvelles, Motown, 9 p.m., Viva Santana, Latin rock. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Skelpin, Celtic music; 9:30 p.m., the Detroit Underground, Motown/dance. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Patrick Yandall, smooth jazz guitar. Monday, Nathan James and Ben Hernandez, blues. Tuesday, the Taylor Harvey Band, original rock. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., Metro, '80s dance.

**JP's Pub**, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, *Blues Lite Special*, blues.

**The Kensington Club,** 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is hard

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#### Navajo

Thursday, November 30 Mike Ruggirello presents

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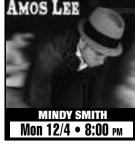


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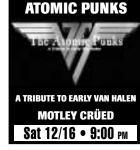




















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Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Chris Pureka* and *Faux* Pasproduction. Friday, Robin Henkel. Saturday, Trevor Davis and Molly Jenson, Sunday, J. Turtle and Kyle Phelan. Monday, open mike.
Wednesday, Edie Carey, the Pawnshop Kings, and Kim Divine

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, 9 p.m., the Empire State, One Inch Punch, and Zero2none, rock/alternative/punk. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., JD Romance, Blue Spring, and Darzana, rock. Monday, 7:30 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Brian Holwerda* the Blackout Party, and Lindsey Cook, blues/Americana/experimental.

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.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos, 619-465-1730, Friday and Saturday, the Rockoholics, classic rock.

Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street. San Diego. 619-531-8887. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA Performances start at 7 p.m. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Thursday, Get Back Loretta, Dirty Sweet, the Shys, Thieves & Liars, and Chasing Paper. Friday, the All American Rejects, Motion City Sound Tracks, and the Format. Saturday, My American Heart Pistolita, Action Action, Danger:Radio, and Lower Definition. Wednesday, Through the Eyes of the Dead, From a Second Story Window, the Acacia Strain, and Light This City

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

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa, 858-695-1461, Thursday, Stars on the Water. Saturday, the Bayou Brothers, blues.

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, the Clamour and the Monsters from Mars, rock. Saturday, the Love Me Nots and the Infrareds, garage rock. Sunday, John Johnson. Monday, Lady Dottie & the Diamonds, blues.

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Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m., Sterling Witt, Tim Fahlen, Champion Vinyl, and Tiffany, Friday, 8 p.m., Leviticus, James Drive, Kristen Proffit, Michael Robert Cook, and Taran Gray. Saturday, 8 p.m., Beston Barnett, Ferraby Lionheart, Gabriel Feenberg, and Rafi Benjamin, Sunday, 4 p.m. the Celtic Ensemble, 8 p.m., Bushwalla. Wednesday, 7 p.m., open mike with Tim Mudd

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

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Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., Dynamite Walls, This Holiday Life, and the Drowning Men, rock/alternative. Friday, Deep Rooted, the Kneehighs, and the Gaslamp Killer, hip-hop. Sunday, 8 p.m., Primo, salsa Monday, 8 p.m., Amos Lee and Mindy Smith, acoustic/folk. Tuesday, 8 p.m., Four Good Men and Stefy, rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., Don Carlos and Lloyd Hemmings, acoustic.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735.



**Album:** Tim and the 23s (2006)

Where available/price: Lou's Records, M-Theory, Mojo Sounds, Music Trader for \$9.99. Online at CDBaby.com for \$12.97 and iTunes for 99 cents per song.

Band: Tim Malley (guitar, vocals, bass), Jeff Grasmick (drums), Jon Gangwer (guitar, piano, vocals), Chris Kasper (drums, vocals, quitar), Kyle Thompson (quitar)

Songs: 1) Twenty Some Years 2) We Aren't Going Away 3) Peace of Mind 4) Through the Door 5) Mississippi 6) It's Enough 7) Leaders to Come 8) Mushroom Clouds 9) Tunnel Vision 10) Lovely Little Lady 11) Like You Want to Be Treated

Website: www.timmalley.com

Extra info: Tim Malley will play the Cooler Lounge in Las Vegas on December 2.

Tim and the 23s is a garage-band project; it's not a professional production. The album is not a masterpiece, but it's all

straightforward rock, and each track is different from the previous.

Track 7, "Leaders to Come," and number 8, "Mushroom Clouds," are politically themed. The songs aren't inspirational, and they don't suggest change but, like so many other protest songs, whine about the political climate ("regime change starts at home," etc.).

Some of the tracks are rootsy and grounded. "It's Enough" is a working man's lament of piling bills and "union dues." Track 5, "Mississippi," is a bluesy Southern-rock piece about that muddy water.

The first song shows clever writing skills: "Hey/ you're gay and you've found your own way/ come together with your brother 'cause you've got to create/ a brand new plan with the army man/ to put the ways of the world in the palm of your hand."

There's no cohesive theme for the album; it's a collection of songs written by an



amateur musician. I can't even see it being good as background music for downing a couple of beers with your friends at the bar. The songs are mostly on the slow side, never getting out of second

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Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566 2400. Friday and Saturday, Nite Hawk, 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. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Fish & the* Seaweeds, classic rock. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the Sons of Bordertown, rock/blues/folk. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Reggie Smith &

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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

**The Jumping Turtle,** 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Impalor, the Horror Kats, and Disintegrator. Friday, Roger Miret & the Disasters, the Angel City Outcasts, Naked Aggression, and Hellfire Trigger Saturday, Total Chaos, Solis, Disabled Youth, and Media Blitz. Sunday, When I Rise, Irie I, and Prophecy, reggae

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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.

Friday and Saturday, live rock/alternative. Wednesday, 9 p.m., open mike.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue. Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Adrienne Nims & Raggle Taggle, Irish dance cabaret.

When in Rome, 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-944-1771. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Mike Nelson, solo jazz/Latin

#### **South Bay/Coronado**

**Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110** 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, Robe Sebastian, and Scott Wallingford, jazz.

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McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *Northstar*, classic rock. Friday, the Stilettos, rockabilly Saturday, 4-Way Street, classic rock. Sunday, Gene Warren, Irish folk. Monday, Steve Brewer, acoustic. Tuesday, Laguna, classic rock. Wednesday, 2 Guys Will Move U,

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Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Scott Wilson, modern rock

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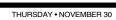


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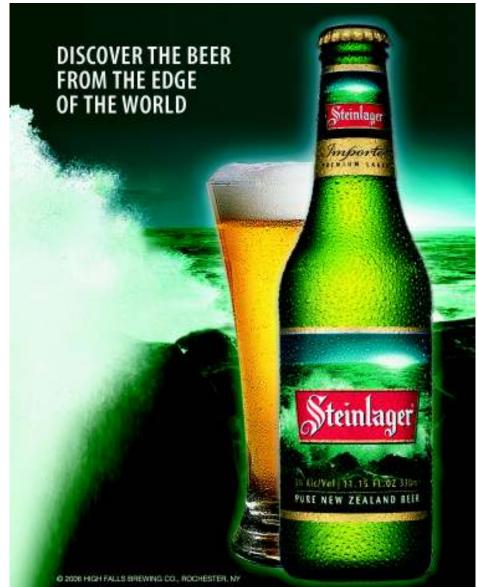
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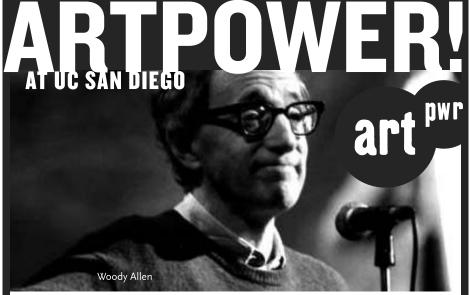
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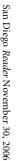
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## The Old Is All New

The U.S. Grant Hotel, under new ownership by the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, has finally reopened after its \$52 million renovation, and it's looking magnificent. The lobby is bright and dramatic, with multicolored polished marble floors and small white leather couches beside coffee tables set with handcrafted basketry mats. On the walls around the periphery are small, museum-like exhibits of the arts, crafts, and lifestyles of the Kumeyaay, the original inhabitants of this region, who are now flourishing through their ownership and management of Sycuan Casino.

In October, the venerable Grant Grill also reopened - and it, too, is changed and freshened. The two dining rooms are separated by a brightly lighted lounge where we spotted several large parties congregating for drinks and dinner, and, one night, an elderly solo diner, face buried in a thick book. One dining room has such "romantic" lighting (by dim chandeliers and candles) that my partner and I found it difficult to read the menu. The other dining room, which abuts the kitchen door, supplements the Victorian lighting with handsome Deco-ish wall-hung lamps that allow you to see what you're ordering and eating. The walls and floors are still the old dark, beautiful hardwood, newly refinished. The chairs and booths are upholstered in white leather, with white damask for the banquettes — a shift that, for better or worse, rids the rooms of their brown-leather English men's club vibe. The wonderful old waiters in tuxes are gone, and I hope they are well pensioned. (The oil paintings of hunting scenes seem to be gone, too, and good riddance.) Oh yeah, and women are allowed now, even at lunch. Have been since 1969.

It's premature to review Grant Grill such a short time after its reopening, but the holidays are nearly here. We're all looking for places to wine and dine Cousin Shelley from chilly Chicago and Aunt Peggy from poky Peoria, and a gorgeous grill like the Grant is a San Diego showcase. Local curiosity is rampant, too. The dining rooms are packed at prime dinner hours — with city bigwigs, visiting celebs, socialite charity queens planning their next "events," and, of course, plenty of regular folks. Romantic lighting or no, odds are you'll see or be seen by somebody you know. (At our second dinner, I spotted a doctor from UCSD — hi, Sean! — entertaining a pretty blonde colleague at a nearby table.)

In days of yore, the bill of fare combined French



**NAOMI WISE** 

haute cuisine with British hotel-grill staples. Even before the renovation, the menu was changing to a less dated style. Now it's thoroughly Southern Californian. No more secret-recipe mock-turtle soup, no more beef Wellington. A classically trained, highly

experienced hotel chef, Andreas Nieto, is the new commander of the kitchen. His preparations are simpler and cleaner than the Grill's former Gilded Age fare. The "Slow

Food" movement makes itself felt with free-range chicken, naturally raised meats, produce from nearby farms (including Chino), and Pacific seafoods, including locally caught species.

Dinner begins with an *amuse-bouche* (a bit of ceviche one night, a square of carpaccio another) and with house-made sage bread — a round, quartered artisan loaf so freshly baked, it arrives still hot in its pan. (One night it was puffy; another, it was heavy and doughy from a few minutes' undercooking.) The butter plate includes tiny rectangular depressions filled with ground pepper and fine-ground Kosher salt, with a strong, pure-salt taste that hits hard but dissipates quickly, leaving no aftertaste. That salt will be strongly present throughout your meal —

it's heavily applied to nearly every dish.

Our best appetizer was a special of foie gras, probably a harbinger of upcoming menus: marshmallow-tender with a glaze of caramelized apple juice, the liver rested atop a mound of flawless risotto

and black trumpet mushrooms, with a few slices of apple on the side. "This is the way I like risotto," said my partner. "Soft and creamy, with lots of flavor from the broth." Sec-

ond-best: hand-pulled burrata mozzarella that the chef makes himself, with a sensuously gooey center that spilled off the fork like Silly Putty. It was surrounded by tangy heirloom tomato slices and microgreens, garnished with balsamic vinegar and a discreet touch of white truffle oil. Another salad worth recommending, even untried, features organic Chino baby lettuce with figs and Sonoma goat cheese that is made to order for this restaurant. We feasted our eyes on it as it was delivered to other tables, wishing we could clone ourselves to taste it.

Native California roasted white corn soup was an engaging, thick purée, its sweetness set off by sharp microgreens afloat in the broth and droplets of toasted coriander seed oil, lending a nutty note

#### **Grant Grill**

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and a citric aroma. (It's "native" because the corn is local, not because the Sycuan Band has taken up truck-farming behind the casino.) A Pacific seafood bouillabaisse, served as a starter, was a sort of *Reader's Digest* rendition of the French seafood soup, abridged and simplified but still true at heart. It included tender mussels, clams, and local halibut, and a few overcooked jumbo shrimp in a thick broth powered by the classic flavorings of Florence fennel, diced tomato, and saffron. Missing, though, was Provence's customary *rouille* (red pepper aioli) and baguette croutons, a lack I felt keenly. However wonderful the house bread, it's too heavy and herbal to make a good sop for seafood broth.







If those two soups boasted strong, straight-ahead flavors, another evening's special of truffled wild-mushroom soup was the opposite. A creamless tan purée, it tasted of neither mushrooms nor truffles nor any other flavor, except for a hint, perhaps, of flour. Another letdown was the roasted spiced lobster cake, where an excess of salty bread filler obscured the flavor of the sweet local lobster chunks. The garnishes of Maui onion relish and Satsuma tangerine reduction were pleasant but couldn't undo the damage.

The best of our entrées was Arctic char (a species of wild Pacific salmon), ideally done with crisped, charred skin and moist flesh, accompanied by "housedried pepper-crusted tomatoes" (soft, lush, and intense), leaves and heart-slices of tiny baby artichokes, and four small gnocchi — one perfect, three on the chewy side.

We loved the lavender-maple glaze on a double-thick pork chop. However - I asked for the meat medium rare, even specifying 140 degrees, and while our food-hip waiter got the message, the kitchen hotline did not. The chop arrived cooked medium (about 160 degrees) with only a hint of pink at the center, robbing the meat of succulence and flavor. (Come, all ye chefs and grillers and listen to my song: At 140 degrees, USDA-approved pork is safe from any unlikely trichina spores, the life-stage of this parasite that's dangerous to us. If you serve rare beefsteaks or roasts, you can serve mediumrare pork.) The gigantic chop came with a tasty baked-down corn purée and a copper ramekin of macaroni in a thick sauce of mild white Sonoma cheddar brightened with garlic.

A fennel-crusted roast veal chop struck us as a huge slab of nothing. I order veal chops from time to time hoping for the flavor-explosion I once enjoyed at Nancy Oakes's Boulevard in San Francisco — but Nancy used amazing free-range organic veal. Although naturally raised (Brandt Meats), this was not that. The best thing about the plate was a pile of puffy hand-cut fries, sized for a Yeti's delectation. The veal tasted only of a faint generic meatiness. Even the garnish of whole yellow-foot chanterelle mushrooms seemed devoid of flavor. I began to speculate that Grant Grill's historic kitchen may be haunted by a resident hungry ghost — perhaps one of the courtly old waiters who has passed on. Unable to eat physically, the ghost wafts around and ectoplasmically sucks the flavor out of random ingredients.

Porcini-crusted jumbo day boat diver scallops were also somewhat lacking. These are Baja scallops, not the customary New Englanders, and for all their double pedigree, they were pale in flavor. Ours were undercooked and a bit rubbery. Prettily presented, the four scallops were lined up on a rectangular glass plate, each resting on a wafer of golden beet and capped with tomato chutney. The plate was aswirl with many-colored unidentified glazes. But something was missing — one more distinct flavor for contrast. "This plate needs a side of some vegetable or starch, even if it's just fries," said my partner. "It feels more like an overgrown appetizer than an entrée.

But remember, Grant Grill is still a very new restaurant, with an evolving menu, as the chef trains a newly assembled kitchen staff. In mid-December, when his winter menu debuts, he promises to bring more complex preparations to the menu — but still, nothing too crazy. It will still be Grant Grill.

Desserts, it turns out, are in the "needs more work" stage. We were thinking of ordering the "banana corny dog" because it looked so good when delivered to a nearby booth occupied by an odd couple — a plump, fortyish blonde in a Levi jacket and jeans canoodling with a fiftyish man in a stuffy business suit. The blonde took a bite of her banana and frowned. After a second bite, she abandoned it. I took that for a food review in mime.

We decided instead on the warm mini-donuts, remembering the airy little ones served as a mignardise at the end of a dinner at A.R. Valentien. Those at Grant Grill were more like cinnamon-coated "donut holes" made from a heavy batter and as firm and dense as those from a cop-stop donut shop. They came with nice mocha ice cream and vanilla whipped cream. Next time, we tried a "trio of dessert shots." One of the trio (the mocha) was MIA; the other two were raspberry and strawberry (subbing for the advertised passionfruit). The raspberries were very tart, so let that guide you if you're tempted by the "raspberry stack" dessert. When our waiter noticed that we'd eaten little of this offering, he apologetically told us that it was an "experimental" dish. I suspect this experiment will be aborted long before you read this.

If the menu is now at least partly "Slow Food," so is the serving pace, especially on busy evenings. There are plenty of staff, and they're attentive, but the kitchen isn't up to speed yet. Once the room fills up, the wait between courses can stretch to half an hour. In the season of entertaining guests and out-oftown relatives, this isn't necessarily a bad thing, so long as there's plenty of family gossip to catch up on. As for the food the small technical flaws we encountered are bound to improve over time, but for the moment, the menu is still conservative. There is nothing there to shock anyone, not even Aunt Peggy from Peoria. Given the impressive surroundings and the great glimpse of old-time San Diego, Grant Grill is an excellent destination for holiday dining, if you don't mind that the food is cautious. It may eventually become more of a destination for culinary high-divers, but give it a few more months to develop its kitchen staff and grow into its surroundings.

#### **ABOUT THE CHEF**

Andreas Nieto is a third-generation hotel chef, following his father and grandfather. "When I was 15 and I got my learner's permit, I decided I wanted to buy a Mustang. My father told me that if I wanted a car, I had to start earning money for it, so I

went to work for him at the hotel restaurant in Dallas where he was working. Before that, I'd never even been there. And the restaurant kitchen was so magical to me. I fell in love with it and have never wanted to do anything else. I was so fascinated, I even forgot about the car.

By the time he completed high school, Nieto was already a working line chef, but his father advised him that if he wanted to get anywhere in the future, he'd better have formal schooling in cooking. He entered a classic three-year apprenticeship program under the auspices of the CIA (Culinary Institute of America), cooking in hotels all over America, France, and Switzerland, learning all facets of culinary technique. Since then, he's been executive chef at such respected Los Angeles destinations as the Beverly Hills Hotel (home of the Polo Lounge) and the Century Plaza, supervising their hotel restaurants.

When he was offered the job at Grant Grill, the kitchen wasn't ready for him, so he prepared for the job by eating all over town. "It's true that San Diego is a less sophisticated food town than Los Angeles," he observed. "With all the wonderful local farms, I found that most of the restaurants here are not even using local produce, they're still buying from Sysco. And sometimes you see very complicated dishes, seven or eight things on a plate, so you can't even understand what the plate is about - meanwhile, the mashed potatoes arrive cold. What I stress with my staff is ingredients, freshness, and classic technique, with the dishes served promptly and at the proper tem-

perature. The aim is to give diners a pleasurable, memorable experience...I want to have highquality ingredients, and I like to have just a few clear flavors on each plate, every element complementing each other and contributing to the whole.

'What we're doing at Grant Grill is using almost entirely local ingredients. That's what we mean when we say 'native' on the menu — it means locally grown or caught and cooked according to local traditions. The scallops we use — I went out on the boats in Baja with the people who dive for the scallops, and I buy these directly from them. I have a sous-chef who came from the Lodge at Torrey Pines [A.R. Valentien] who knows all the local farmers. and we buy from them, and we go up to Chino as well." (Ed. note: Chino Farms doesn't deliver, except by air to Chez Panisse in Berkeley. Several other local North County organic/sustainable farms have banded together to deliver directly to restaurants in the city and surrounding areas, instead of selling to a jobber who trucks it up to Los Angeles for subsequent re-importation back to San Diego.)

The opening menu, he agreed, is conservative - not so much to humor San Diego's notoriously cautious tastes as to train a newly assembled kitchen staff. "I change my menu with the seasons, and on December 15, we'll start the new winter menu. I'll be introducing more complex, sophisticated dishes then. I'm hoping to become a force in San Diego for really sophisticated cooking." ■

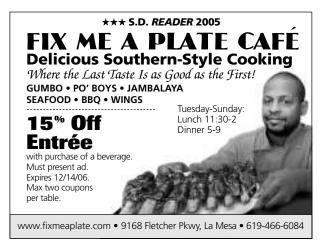


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## **Crunch Crunch**Crunch

"Any arguments about the French roll being French?"

"Oh, yes." "Oh, wow. Yes!...Ohmygod!" Okay. This is just me. Outta control. "For crying out loud," says Hank. "Guess I was," I say. "Crying

out loud, that is.

Because this is the real thing. Twice-fried Belgian fries. But it's not so much the salty, crunchy, anchovy-v, mayonnaisy taste I'm getting, it's the crispy-crunchy crack-through effect.

But wait — maybe it's not even that.

"This," I say, holding up one of the saucetipped wonders, "is a part of me."

"What are you talking about?" says Hank. "Well, I was in my late teens. Let's see, three, four years ago...alone, stuck in Belgium, Antwerp. Tramping the freezing docks, looking for a cargo ship I could work to get me back across the

Atlantic." "And?" says Hank.

"And...this!" I wave a Belgian fry dramatically in the air. "This kept me from croaking, right there on the docks. Belgian fries were the only things cheap enough to keep me going...

I hand Hank a paper napkin in case he needs to dry his eyes.

"So what else are we having?" he says.

Sigh. We're here on PB's main drag in this new place I'd never seen before. The "Belgian" sign out front was the hook. Maroon and black, with a bright yellow canopy and three tables on the sidewalk and the promise of the best

fries you've ever had.

Of course Hank resisted. Health grounds. "Besides, who ever heard of Belgian fries? Freedom fries, yes; French fries, maybe."

But, too late. I barged in before he could fin-

ish his quibble. It's nice inside, in a pubby kind of way. Maroonand-white walls, chest-high counter, five round tables, Belgium tourist posters — hey, there's one for "Antwerpen," looking sunny like I never saw it that icy January — and around the walls, dark wood counters with holes in

them to put your cones of fries in while you eat.

"Hi."

**ED BEDFORD** 

It's Hope. Cute gal dressed in black. Waiting to take our orders.

'Course, fries is really all I wanna try, though I see they have Belgian waffles, and breakfast all day, and sandwiches and full-on lunches. But the heart and soul, you can tell, is those damned fries and the couple dozen sauces you can put on them, from Andalouse, a Spanish mix of onions and red and green peppers, to Piri Piri, "a Portuguese roasted red-pepper sauce," to mango chutney or fritessaus, the "traditional Belgian mayo made with capers, fresh parsley, and anchovies."

The paper cones come in two sizes, single (\$3.95) and double (\$5.95). I order a single with the fritessaus just to get us going.

That's when this guy René comes out from the kitchen. He's the son of Belgians who came to San Diego in 1961. He and his sister Marcelle run this place.

"Fries are practically the national religion back there," he says. "Because we invented the French fry, not the French." And, guess what? We can blame the U.S. government — well, sort of. Seems Thomas Jefferson, who loved all things French, was offered a plate of them when he was ambassador, traveling in what's now southern (French-speaking) Belgium. Back home, he started serving them at Monticello as "potatoes, fried in the French manner."

Later, says René, came the end of World War I, and all the American doughboys returned from the battlefields of Belgium determined to bring "French fries" home.

But are Belgian fries really different? "Absolutely," René says. "They're thicker cut. They absorb less fat. And we fry them twice, first at a lower temperature to seal in the flavor, and then we 'rest' them, then 'shock-fry' them when you order, in a high-temperature oil, so you get the crispy shell and soft center."

René says they started off wanting to be just a frietkot (Belgian fry stand), selling fries and sauces and Belgian beers to go with them. "But getting a wine and beer license has been really tough." Then people kept coming in and asking for more Belgian stuff, 'specially waffles. "Now we have full waffle breakfasts and full lunches. And we're still pushing for a license."

I'd say amen to that. Lord, combine those dark, rich Belgian beers and these fries...

"I'm hungry," says Hank. We look at the lunch specials. He goes for the veggie sandwich in a French roll (\$4.95). "Any arguments about the French roll being French?" says Hank. "No argument," says Hope.

Initially, I order the "Fries Benedict" all-day breakfast, which is fries topped with poached eggs, bacon, and homemade hollandaise sauce (\$5.25). But they're out of hollandaise, dammit. So I go for the "carbonnade" lunch instead

Hank's happy: he's eating healthy, after all. He gets a salad on top of his cheese croquette sandwich, sprinkled with onions, orange pepper slices, and little button tomatoes. He turned down fries for \$1.50 more. They came, though, as part of my plate. This time I got the Andalouse sauce. Oh man, smokin'. But the star of my plate had to be the carbonnade. It's basically a Belgian stew, marinated, René says, in dark Belgian beer. When I chomp into them the chunks of meat taste like they've been in red wine for half a day. Wickedly good, 'specially with the sour cream that comes

Hank finally cracks and takes a swipe at one of my fries.

"Of course, we cook our fries in canola oil," says René. "In Belgium they traditionally cook them in pig fat and horse fat. The flavor...

"Somehow," Hank says, "I think you'd better stick to canola." ■

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## Wine and the Novel

"I think there's this kind of Puritan streak in wine writing."

ay this for Jay McInerney: he has the good sense to know how fortunate he is. Never mind the career as a novelist — which started, famously, with Bright Lights, Big City back in 1984. I'm thinking of his career as a wine

writer — the chance to play passionate amateur at House & Garden's expense. "I'm very lucky that way," he says. "They sell a lot of curtain ads, a lot of wallpaper ads, to pay for my habit." Of course, they get something in return — a monthly column, five years' worth of which have re-

cently been released between two hard covers as A Hedonist in the Cellar: Adventures in Wine. (A previous book, Bacchus and Me, gathered his ear-

Well, maybe I shouldn't dismiss that whole career-as-a-novelist thing. McInerney, in the introduction to Hedonist, notes that he started finding pleasure in wine, at the rate of one bottle per evening, while in the graduate writing program at Syracuse University. He worked at the Westcott Cordial Shop, read the proprietor's wine books, and began joining his fellow clerks in learning the inventory. "I started with, as I recall, a two-dollar bottle of Yugoslavian Cab and worked all the way up to Freixenet, a Spanish sparkler that sold for \$5.95 at the time." Looking back, he judges it "a pretty good way to develop a palate. I see so many people — particularly in

New York — who are basically investment bankers and who suddenly find themselves with lots of money in a culture where wine is one of the trophies of the good life. They start off drinking these \$150 Cabernets in steakhouses; it's like be-

> ing helicoptered in to Mount Everest at 27,000 feet and then making the last 1500 feet yourself." If he hadn't been a poor grad student struggling over a debut novel, who knows if he would have properly developed his obsession?

> Further, his initial interest in wine "started with literature, re-

ally — as with so many other things." He absorbed the astonishing wine intake in Hemingway's novel The Sun Also Rises and rejoiced over the cellarraiding in Evelyn Waugh's Brideshead Revisited. 'I got this idea that wine was a bit of a sophisticated beverage. And it was something my parents didn't drink, which made it all the more attractive. They were drinking cocktails — stingers and

Which is not to say he didn't spend a few years with a martini glass himself. "I used to drink a lot of martinis, and I thought I was a very sophisticated guy. But you know, it doesn't really take you anywhere — except to bed. Wine can take you places." As he writes in Hedonist, the love of wine leads us to other subjects and leads us back to the world. It lifts us up and delivers us from the mundane circumstances of daily life, inspires

contemplation, and, ultimately, returns us to that very world, refreshed, with enriched understanding and appreciation.

If that doesn't sound terribly hedonistic, give the man a moment to explain. "Oenophilia was a way of channeling the hedonistic impulse," he writes, "of refining and intellectualizing it to some extent...Ideally, the appreciation of wine is balanced between consumption on one hand and analysis on the other." In conversation, he defines a hedonist as "someone who is assiduous in the pursuit of pleasure. I guess I would follow that by saying that I think there are higher and lower forms of pleasure and that the love of the grape is a much more rewarding form of hedonism than a crack addiction." Still, he says, "I think there's this kind of Puritan streak in wine writing. I think so much of the wine world is terrified that people will think that we're just getting paid to get drunk. You can read hundreds and hundreds of pages of any of these publications, and if you had come down from another planet, you would never guess in a million years that wine was an intoxicant, and that's one of the reasons we like it. It gives us a buzz. We shouldn't pretend that that's not the case, which is one of the reasons I called the book what I called it."

He refers to the book as "a continuation of my explorations into different areas of pleasure and connoisseurship," and he thinks it an exploration that his generation considers worthwhile. "I think as my generation has gotten older and weaned ourselves off the pharmaceuticals, that wine has, strangely, become fairly hip. It would have been hard to say that ten years ago.'

Getting back to the intersection of novelist and wine writer: "By the time my first novel was published and started selling some copies, it was a great moment in the wine world. The 1982 Bordeaux vintage" — the superstar year that made

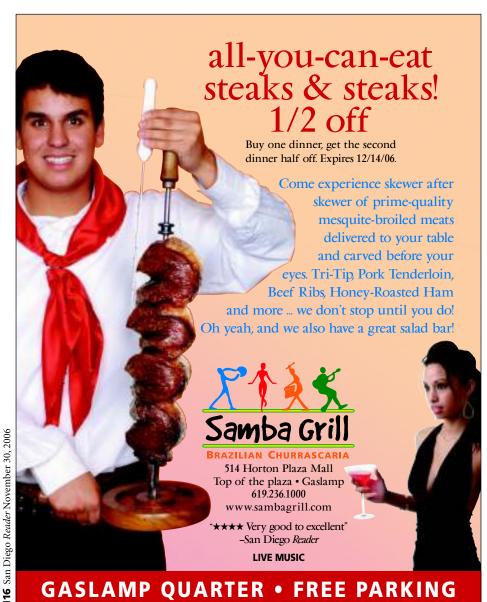


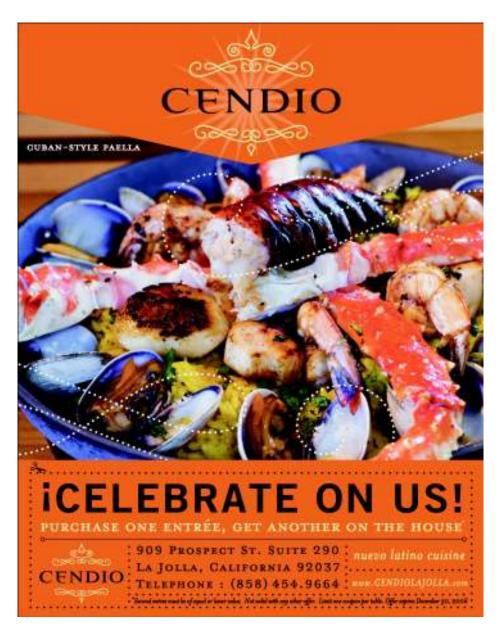
Jay McInerney

Robert Parker's reputation — "was just being released. It was a good moment in terms of vintages, in terms of the California industry, and in terms of Parker, who helped me demystify a lot of the French wine world."

And it was a fellow novelist, the Englishman Julian Barnes, who opened his cellar and provided McInerney what was probably his closest approximation of Charles Ryder's joy at drinking his way through the Flyte family collection in Brideshead. "The first night that I was at his house, he served me a '62 and '67 Jaboulet 'Le Phaedre' Chateauneuf-du-Pape, which were kind of legendary wines, though I didn't know it at the time. I didn't realize how lucky I was, and then, when I tasted the wines, I thought, 'Wow, this is amazing stuff." After that, "I can't begin to count for you how many — we'd need several hours to go over subsequent wine dinners." Finally, it was at Barnes's table that McInerney met English wine luminary Jancis Robinson.

So when his friend Dominique Browning took over as editor in chief at House & Garden, she didn't have to look too hard for the passionate





amateur she wanted to cover the wine beat - one who could manage the tricky balance between knowledge and populism. "She just thought that wine appreciation had become a part of the good life in a way that it wasn't when House & Garden magazine was first founded. Americans, in the last 23 years, have been developing more and more of an interest in wine, and they clearly needed help." McInerney was happy to serve as their stand-in, traversing the globe, talking to sommeliers, winemakers, importers, reporting on interesting developments and ancient traditions - and drinking. "I live in New York City. I go out to eat almost every night of my life." (And while the tone of his writing is generally positive, he does take a moment at book's end to needle the restaurant practice of putting "a 200 or 300 percent markup on wines that probably wouldn't be mature anyway.")

A Hedonist in the Cellar is the fruit of his labors. "I may get weary of it and retire in a year or two. But on the other hand, I'm still having so much fun. I thought I'd get sick of it, but I haven't yet. My life is clearly not going to be long enough to drink all the good wines I want to — but I have to keep trying."

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Americana 1454 Camino Del Mar (southwest corner at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a his building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a seri-ous dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring world-wide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a "Roman breakfast" of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don't miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. During summer, some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber's home garden; the French fries (which don't come from his garden) are world class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn't be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids' menu available. Break fast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — A.M. (1/05)

Big Jim's Old South Barbecue 190 North Coast Highway 101 (two blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo' Mouth!" The smokingwood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, beef ribs, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) You don't eat meat? The ever-expanding menu now includes a delicious, spicy blackened grilled salmon steak. Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew

(you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw...oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (6/05)

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — "Iskender" means "Alexander." Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and tzatziki sauce). The shepherd's salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and coq au vin to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

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Jamroc 101 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162, At this former site of D.B. Hacker's, you can still get great fish'n'chips — but the Brit batter now gets its lift from Jamaica's Red Stripe beer, mon. The shack by the tracks now sports bright tropical designs on its back-patio walls, and the fare is casual Jamaican (plus a couple of Cajun dishes). Check out the bargain-priced samplers which include luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of beef, curry chicken, or veggies. The spicing of the jerks and curry entrées are down-tuned to suit tourist tastes, but the table bottle of Walkerswood Scotch Bonnet Hot Sauce can kick that right up. Don't miss the fresh coconut water, served out of a young Thai coconut. Soca, ska, and (clean) reggae set the mood, and there's live steel pan weekend evenings. Beer, wine, Bigga soft drinks. Open Sunday through Wednesday until 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday until 9 p.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/05)

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

**Paul's Place** 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkey-burger. Open seven days for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "Es ist Wunderbar!" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an M.A. in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Friday through Sunday after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness,

simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — N.W. (10/01)

#### **NORTH INLAND**

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakerv is one of the best in the region. offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/05)

**Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant** 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy's), 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag." She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent pho bo, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate even if it was just pho bo. Inexpensive. - E.B. (2/03)

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is the place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect - light, thin crêpelike eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. Reservations on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access; sturdy high-chairs; low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive

- N.W. (9/03) Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive. Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan each with its own dedicated chef - but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, vou're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse

feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once: the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrées. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. - N.W. (8/04)

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain

Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pan-cakes — from thin, crisp (and irre-sistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aa-pams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy poori bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj" - style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — N.W. (1/03)

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Place (at Webb Park), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in salad (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on

weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. - N.W. (8/04)

#### LA JOLLA

**A.R. Valentien** The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. This is the closest in San Diego to dining at Berkeley's famed Chez Panisse — but the scenery is prettier. Chef Jeff Jackson's dailychanging menu of California cuisine emphasizes peak, in-season produce and top-quality meats and seafood, cooked to maximize and not disguise their natural flavors. For restaurant food it's relatively healthy, with less fat, salt, and "bad carbs" than most. Some frequently served menu highlights include tuna carpaccio, date-marinated Colorado rack of lamb, roasted breast of duck, and dreamy brioche bread pudding. The long California wine list is pricey, but there's plenty by the glass or half-bottle, while cocktail prices are moderate. Reservations essential on weekends. Validated valet parking, free self-parking. Quiet and romantic unless packed. Business-casual to dressy-casual attire. Just south of the Torrey Pines Hilton; look for road signs to golf course and lodge. Three meals daily. Breakfast and lunches high moderate, dinners very expensive. N.W. (12/05)

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not dupli-cated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/99)

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





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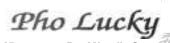
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**The Cheese Shop** 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Mon-terey 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 spitroasted 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)

Come On In! 1030-B Torrev Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast - down to a small roar. Of course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Open daily, weekends to 8 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — E.B. (4/03)

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Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise, and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (9/02)

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simcious dining room and a shaded

patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until closing time. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. — N.W. (5/02)

George's at the Cove 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244.
At George's dressy, comfortable downstairs fine-dining restaurant, chef Trey Foshee's superb California cuisine is based on prime ingredients, emphasiz ing local seafood and produce and cooked to highlight rather than mask the natural flavors. The menu changes seasonally, so don't miss such treats as squash soup, table-smoked salmon, Sea of Cortez scallops, or wine-braised prime short ribs when available. A long and serious (but costly) wine list at fair prices offers plenty by the glass or halfbottle, including rare dessert wines. Leisurely pace, attentive service make a special evening of it. Reservations necessary. An informal Café is one flight up, and on the rooftop is the wildly popular Terrace, with its fabulous seacoast views, sharing with the Café a more casual and affordable menu; reservations advised. Wheelchair-access by two elevators; front desk staff will guide you (if arriving alone, ask valet parkers to fetch a staffer). Men's restroom upstairs; disabled can use neighbor Pasquale's facilities. Downstairs dinner only; up-stairs lunch and dinner daily. Downstairs expensive to very expensive; Café and Terrace moderate. - N.W. (12/04)

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 – rich, poor, Brahmins, and gar deners) - 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 between 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)

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (harira), a salad plate, bastilla (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic - tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, bellydancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. You can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cin-namon. Lunch and dinner daily; reserve for weekends. Moderate.

— N.W. (4/01)

**Roppongi** 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. The hard part is deciding whether to sit in the drop-dead gorgeous interior or to peo-ple-watch on the large, heated street patio. Then you have to decide what to eat from the long Euro-Asian fusion menu, with its vast choice of tapas and sushi options, as well as entrées. At lunch there are several imaginative bento boxes as well as sandwiches and appetizers. Reservations a must at din-





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Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provencal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated foie gras torchon, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your firstclass dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners." Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — N.W. (9/03)

**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 courtvard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avantgarde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with as-

sorted international influences. The food can be divine - or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant status, there's a surprising air of beancounting 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)

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar/fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local uni (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. *N.W.* (6/01)

#### MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Cen-ter, 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 Lev-antine-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)

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multi-regional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. -

#F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-inthe-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, mansize-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-andsour 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)

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street

East Buffet 8998 Miramar Road, Miramar, 858-566-1888. Curly-haired stone lions greet you outside one of the grander dining halls in the county. The biggest buffet of San Diego" claims the menu, with "over 200 items daily." Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick

your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, satays, and hand the plate-load to the Iron Chef He'll stir-cook them on the hotplate for you. You'll need hiking boots to cover the endless rows of steaming chafing dishes. Must-eat: the fresh sashimi, like salmon and tuna mouth-wateringly scrumptious. And try the chicken feet (they taste a bit like cow tongue, or brains). Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/05)

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Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext. 1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course, But healthy - beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue has blackand-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/05)

Seoul B.B.O. 4344 Convoy Street. Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (tong galbi) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef gui). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (yukhwoe). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner daily. — *M.N.* (12/99)

Sunrise Buffet 3860 Convoy #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. "Oysters are here!" It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and *mochi* (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess "heaven." Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just allyou-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too — included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/05)

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827, A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W. (8/99)

#### THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921, A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road

Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Friday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; weekends 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Boule vard (at Emerald), Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. This may be the first New Zealand food place in town, but that's not what keeps the customers coming in. It's BBG's claim that most of their meat is certified organic. The owners guarantee hormone-free beef and lamb, both from from New Zealand. So, what to eat? Burgers, burgers, burgers - all kinds—from prime NZ Angus to "Bare Li'l Lamb" burgers with wasabi dip. They also offer chicken. Decor inside is strictly Kiwiland, from the all-black rugby shirt on the wall to the declaration of food principles. People who had given up on hormone-treated meat are coming here for their first burger in years. Open seven days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/05)

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98 - you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/04)

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this familyowned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an



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The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet tout de suite. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The panroasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne beurre blanc sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. esserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in-house. Bakery and breakfast daily; no lunch or dinner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive S.M. (9/04)

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Avenue (Pacific Plaza 2 shopping center), Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-youcan-eat buffets in town. They boast a glittering chandelier hanging in the oc-tagonal entrance, plus "over 150 items daily." Certainly they have great surf-n-turf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayonnaise mussels. Or Japanese charcoal-grilled eel with sesame seeds on rice -zushi). It tastes salty yet caramely too. Eel-icious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on crab shell. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow, Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple, peach, longan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/05)

Hancock St. Cafe 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass lookalikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pi-anist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pi-anos, guitars, and drums inside—even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boul Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie The Beach, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like gang ped, panang, and kang kari. Or noodle dishes like the famous pad thai. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The tom yum kung (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushro lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled

with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured inÖ *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Caiun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with some thing for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/03)

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At both locations of this delightful minichain you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegivirtuous to enjoy full-flavored combi nations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak - in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an antojito stuffed with beef - it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try...anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/01)

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? Açaí (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a sur-prisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with sandwiches. But the açaí power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open until 7 p.m. weekdays, until 8 p.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-thepremises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a

respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M. (8/02)

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Monday. Inexpensive. E.B. (11/00)

The Third Corner Wine Shop and **Bistro** 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach 619-223-2700. Ed Moore's casual, loosey-goosey spot is first of all a wine shop selling most global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It's \$5 to pop the cork there if you plunk down at a table among the racks to enjoy casual bistro-style food designed to go with wine. You can snack on goat cheese salad, smoked duck salad, a cheese plate or a pâté plate, or get serious with braised short ribs or duck confit surprisingly paired with spicy Nawlins red beans and rice. No reservations accepted, so best to go at off-hours or you'll wait for a table. Comfortable lounge with fireplace for sipping. Full bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for after-work noshing. Lunch and dinner until 1 a.m.; closed Monday. Low-moderate. — N.W. (12/05)

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi high-lights include lemony ama ebi, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpens moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit at varnished inlaid wooden tables with lots of diagonal timbering and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and laugh-loud noisy. Who's gonna be food-picky here? You, when





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#### CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Elaine's Coffee Shoppe 1212 South 43rd Street, 619-264-6525. When Su Cha Yang took over Elaine's a quarter century ago, this was one tough part of town. No problem. Su had survived the Korean war and Vietnam before she came here. Now, with Southcrest looking up, she is famous for her fun and her food. Most customers are regulars — judges, ministers, teachers among them — and they don't want change. So Elaine's remains a bright, genuine 1970s-style breakfastall-day coffee shop. Breakfast: try the ham, bacon, mushroom "Hunter" omelet. Lunch: the pork chop plate is a great filler. Su Cha Yang also cooks dishes for vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Breakfast and lunch six days; closed Tuesdays. — E.B. (5/06)

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Impe rial Avenue (at Euclid), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some fa-- check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two - and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their grays smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Just Fabulous Kensington 4116 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-584-2929. At this usually-packed café, painted in cheerful Creamsickle colors, noted owner and executive pas-try chef Beryl Ann Byrd and executive chef Marcello Alvarez offer a full menu

of seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine. At dinner, appetizers are generally fun to eat but entrées can be inconsistent. Weekend brunch dishes are terrific. The primary emphasis is on desserts, of course: Byrd's pastries are of the Euro-influenced American mode very sweet, a little heavy, a touch more sophisticated than Mom's apple pie. The pastry case doubles as a retail counter for sweets-to-go. Affordable interna-tional wine list and coffeehouse specialty beverages. Few tables, no reservations Arrive early or late on weekends or expect to wait. No alcohol allowed at outdoor tables. Street parking only. Dinner daily, lunch Tuesday through Friday, breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (9/04)

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenu Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "Treno della Pace." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chantsongs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengalitinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the ac-companying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dres ing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry fla-vor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner (no dinner Wednesday); Sunday occasional brunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Ave nue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Prepara tions follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine - sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. Kens ington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — M.N. (8/99)

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 5296 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-582-0603. Original branch at 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of

more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including "33"; just two generic wines. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). – N.W. (3/04)

Zensei 3396 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-546-6171. This muchwelcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrées emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The "party rolls" (such as "stuffed tomato" and "honeymooners") may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers, sakes, and wines. Lunch and dinner daily. — N.W. (1/05)

#### **EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA**

Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney - mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Chef Taka 7520 El Cajon Boulevard (at Parks), Mesa Plaza, La Mesa, 619-463-0231. This is indeed the same chef Satate Taka who co-founded Taka in the Gaslamp, and then Octopus Garden. In July 2003 he moved his kitchen to La Mesa where he now cooks his inventive Japanese-based fusion cuisine with French, Mexican, and Chinese

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touches. Try the dreamy soft-shell crab with "salsa cream aioli," the tender tempura, or the traditional Teishoku dinner. Taka generally presides at the sushi bar. The staff is small so for the best cooking and service, dine on a weeknight and make an evening of it — weekends can be hectic. For a bubbly treat try chilled Nigori (unfiltered) sake, served in the traditional manner in an overflowing square wooden cup. Open daily for dinner. Happy hour bargains nightly; regular prices moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/04)

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Main, a French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/03)

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. The barbecue beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery corn-meal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. All-you-can-eat catfish Wednesdays and Fridays. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. - A.M. (2/02)

#### **FAR EAST**

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven. Also, try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and

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served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for dinner on Sunday Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. Dinner daily except major holidays; call ahead. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* 

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canvon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menuincluding a good chile verde (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Closed in the summer; other seasons, open for lunch and dinner (with a break between), Wednesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. - N.W. (4/03)

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fra-grant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

#### **UPTOWN & OLD TOWN**

Bamboo Bistro 3882 Fourth Avenue (at University), Hillcrest, 619-299-9727. How many American chefs do you know who actually went to Asia and learned by working in traditional restaurant kitchens of Vietnam, Indonesia, India? Chef Alexandria did. The result is her Asian Fusion Cuisine. The Bistro is huddled in the corner of a strip mall, but you can still eat under exotic um-brella lampshades (inside) or tropical palapas (outside). The food is fresh, original, and often tasty. Dishes to try include Chinese Chopstick salad (shredded chicken, fried rice noodles, mandarin oranges, toasted almonds), Indo-Chinese burrito with steak (beef, rice noodles covered with a sesame and lime sauce), Drunken Noodles (chicken, steak, shrimp, salmon, or tofu), and Sea Salad (glass noodles, wild salmon, greens). Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sundays. Inexpensive. E.B. (12/05)

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa, and 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of clean-ing it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!," an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-

menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

**Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant** 540 University Avenue (near Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The menu was originally devised by a chef who cooked for the Siamese royal family. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the Chef's Specialty items on the menu to find the best and rarest. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss choo chee duck or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, pineapple fried rice. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. -N.W. (5/05)

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with ma-roon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison, But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are goodhumored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; latenight dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/03)

European Market & Deli 4135 Park Boulevard (north of El Cajon Boulevard), Hillcrest, 619-298-8661. Basically a Greek deli, but charming, especially if you're into patios. Inside has painted grapes, hanging copper pans, and framed pictures of Paris cafés. The most popular dish is the lemon-roasted chicken, but if you love lamb, Paul's Special, with potatoes, salad, and pita — Fridays and Saturdays only — is the way to go. (They do offer lamb sandwiches daily.) Other good dishes include the Veggie Diabolou pita sandwich (hot and spicy), the ground beef moussaka plate (eggplant, potatoes, and béchamel sauce), Greek chicken soup and, of course, gyros. But go just to play bon vivant on the patio. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, till 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Inexpensive. -

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Avenue (at University), Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Where to get a good Chi-nese meal after midnight? This restaurant (next to Column One's statues and fountain shop) serves meals till 2:30 a.m. Inside is typical Asian decor, including black-and-white Chinese brush paintings and carved cherry wood chairs. Their huge menu offers traditional Szechwan and Mandarin fare. The fried, pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage are delish, especially splotted with fiery Chinese mustard. The Singapore Style Rice



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Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Debo rah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear vou out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive chipotle cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk' chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the house style - sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy Heated patio. Dinner served daily Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

La Posta de Acapulco's Taco **Shop** 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-andwhite drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the carne asada burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the chile verde and the quesadilla with carne asada. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink horchata, a rice drink, or jamaica, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

Sausage King 811 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. Not too many delicatessens in the county still make their own sausages, luncheon meats, and jerky. But the German couple who runs this place does. They make an unbelievable 34 different sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 different smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. For lunch they will make you a really cheap bun-sandwich filled with anything from home-made liverwurst to blood sausages to salami. Two would really fill you up. As with the nearby cheese shop (see Venissimo), the Starbucks at Falcon and Washington is a good place to chow down this unique sausage experience. Open 9 a.m. to

5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/06)

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668 Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypical Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the "hot & spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets Inexpensive lunch specials. Open late until midnight Monday through Thursday, until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and until 10 p.m. on Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — B.D. (6/05)

Venissimo Cheese 754 W. Washington, Mission Hills, 619-491-0708. Just don't ask for Velveeta here. Every thing else, they've got: sixty-plus varieties of cheese, most from Europe. But a meal? Yes. You can get a baguette-style sandwich stuffed with cow cheese, sheep cheese, goat cheese, fruity, moldy, runny, stinky, any cheese in the house, same price, around five bucks. Even Boschetto cheese, with truffles in it, which sells at around \$30 per pound, or Napoleon's favorite, stinky Epousses Berthaut, or the beautifully tangy Schloss Plus you get grapes or a pear to go with the sandwich. Where to eat it? Starbucks, a few doors down, usually doesn't mind. Coffee, bread, interesting cheese, fruit - it's the perfect combo. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/06)

#### **DOWNTOWN**

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive. downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches (all served with generic fries), variations on fish and chips including prawns, plus some entrée salads. The

burgers are genuinely "have it your - for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Breakfast, lunch and early dinner, daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Dakota Grill and Spirits 901 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or "the other white") meat cooked on a woodfired grill, smeared with a precooked sauce that, for better or worse, first meets its mate on the plate. Meatavoiders will find fish and poultry dishes, too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most entrées. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobblers, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wide-ranging beverage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant offers big plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950s pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. Valet parking. Full bar. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/04)

**Darband Fifth Avenue Grill** 1556 619-230-1001. Darband is named after an exotic mountain resort north of Tehran. Quite a contrast to this sloping office-and-car-park strip of Fifth. Lunchtimes, office workers fill the tables. Evenings feel more, well, Persian. It's mostly men, some playing backgammon, talking, arguing, laughing. With all the Farsi flying round, it feels like a local café back in Tehran. Food is good, fresh, regular Persian. "Khoresh Bademjan" is a tasty baby eggplant and beef stew. "Barg" is a safe bet, too - marinated beef tenderloin with rice. So is the vegetarian plate, though the veggie wrap's cheaper. Of course, kabobs star, as do yogurt-y, cu cumber-y, minty flavors. Open breakfast through dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/06)

**DeMedici** 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m.to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

**Dublin Square** 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music, including live bands (acoustic but loud) during happy hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, lamb medallion, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. – N.W. (3/02)

**House Of Blues Restaurant** 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-299-2583. Best thing HOB did was not tear down Woolworth's old sidewalk canopy. Now it shelters their streetside café, where you can just do coffee and people watch, or get into their Southern-inspired cuisine. This is a classy joint, with heavy flatware, big white cloth napkins, and solid china plates and cups. Can a fellow on a tight budget afford to eat here? Yes and no. Meaning, for a song you will find great chicken gumbo mixing it up with andouille (Cajun) sausage and okra in traditional brown roux with French bread, or skillet-baked rosemary cornbread with maple butter, or their delicious sweet potato fries. But you'll need big-ger notes to finance the all-beef Blues Burger with cheese and fries or the luscious baby back ribs with mashed sweet potatoes. Value dessert? The white chocolate-banana bread pudding with Jack Daniel's crème anglaise, whipped cream, and a "caramel halo" will have you singing with the angels — not the blues. Open daily, 10 a.m. to midnight. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (11/05)

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — bar-becued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in Top Gun. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Done Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long happy hour (3:30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (3/01)

Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood 827 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-tender Kobestyle Wagyu beef from New Zealand. Or you can choose a giant rack of lamb so tender it should be called "Certified Angus." Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb interna-tional wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking, or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until midnight on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. – N.W. (3/04)

Mediterranean Cafe and Lounge 1352 Fifth Avenue (between A and Ash), downtown, 619-515-2233 or 619-325-1900. Don't come early. You'll be all alone. Turn up around midnight, and you'll see just how social the Lebanese can be. Meals are spread over a couple of hours with lots of conversation, probably finishing with a baklava, Turkish coffee, and a sheesha — water pipe (much cheaper by the hour here than down in the Gaslamp; best flavor: rose). They have the whole panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food, but the best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (2/06)

Morton's of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or threepound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Morton's Hot Choco late Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — M.N. (9/99)

Puerto la Boca 2060 India Street (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Argentines love their beef and they love it lean and wholesome — free-range and grass fed. That's what you'll find at this uncompromisingly authentic outpost of Buenos Aires cuisine. The great national entrée is the mixed grill (parrillada) for two or more — a massive meatarama featuring numerous grilled cuts of marinated beef, chicken, and sausages. Start with luscious beef or corn empanadas or, if you're feeling hungry and adventurous, matambre (rolled beef galantine). Not a steak lover? Try the shrimp "la boca." Don't eat meat? There are vegetarian pastas and pizzas. Gnocchi (*ñoquis*) are served only on the 29th of each month. International, affordable choice of wines, plus Latin and U.S. beers. Full bar. Patio dining. Lunch and dinner daily. -

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard (at B Street), Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because













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can dine old-style and enjoy it - warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it - it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. - A.M. (6/03)

Sally's on the Water Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place (Market and Harbor Drive, adjacent to Seaport Village), downtown, 619-358-6740. On an isolated "island" between the Hyatt and Seaport Village, in fair weather you'll catch great marina views from the terrace. Under inventive young French chef Fabrice Tissier, the fare is California-French with a summery Provencal accent and an accent on seafood. Don't miss the exquisite crab cakes or the classic bouillabaisse. If you'd like to know what the chef can do when he isn't limited by the tastes of hotel diners, with 72 hours to a week's notice you can book 'The Chef's Table" inside the kitchen for six to twelve people and collaborate with him on a custom menu. Sally's interior is hard-edged modern and can be noisy. Full bar, good mainly California wine list. Validated parking in hotel garage. Call for wheelchair-access directions. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — N.W. (10/04)

Sidebar Deli California Western School of Law, corner of Second and Cedar, downtown, 619-525-1444. The motto of this place is "Every day's a good day, but some days are better than others." It certainly applies to the Sidebar, just because the daily specials can be gone in a flash. Students have fought class actions to secure lunch specials like spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread. Of course there are always breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches like bacon or sausage and cheese, French Dip sandwiches, or California wraps. Open to the public, breakfast and lunch, weekdays. Înexpensive. — E.B. (10/05)

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult

film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price - and you can take them up a notch with nu-merous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers onions, and meaty hunks of portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream nov elties. Casual, no reservations, streetpatio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinners nightly, open late Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/02)

Tesoro 548 Fifth Avenue (between Island and Market), Gaslamp, 619-234-5670. Sharp modern decor meets contemporary Mexican resort-style cuisine. Highlights include appetizers of *panuchos de cochinita* (soulful Yucatan-style pork and black bean minitostadas) and *tarta de rajas*, puff-pastry layers covered with strips of poblano chile and melted Oaxaca cheese in cream. Chicken in black Oaxacan mole sauce is an interesting, authentic entrée, and filet mignon in a sauce of *jamaica* (hibiscus flowers) is luscious. Unfortunately, few entrées include any veggies or starches, and since flavors are intense the mouth yearns for relief. Side dishes (costing extra) are largely limited to rice, good beans, house-made tortillas, chiles. Full bar, including specialty tequila and beer drinks, Baja wines. Elevator available to mezzanine dining room and basement nightclub levels. Smart-casual dress, spiffy on weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. High moderate to expensive. — N.W. (4/05)

#### **SOUTH BAY &** CORONADO

Asian Noodles Bay Plaza Shopping Center, 1430 E. Plaza Boulevard, Suite E-12, National City, 619-477-5390. You've got to be a noodle fan to be into this. It's an outpost of the venerable Ma Mon Luk family's Filipino restaurant empire. Mr. Ma went to Manila from China nearly a century ago and introduced the idea of egg noodles in a chicken soup (instead of rice noodles). His now-famous soup (with beef or chicken these days) came to be called MaMi. (Mr. Ma's "Mi" — noodles). Yes, MaMi's a little bland, but it's filling, and their *siopao* (stuffed steam buns) make a good accompaniment. Most interesting is another invention Ma Mon Luk claims: sweet spaghetti. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days. In-expensive. — *E.B.* (3/06)

Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy "Lizard Lounge serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian 'monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table's first round of delicate "flower buns" with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend dinners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. — N.W. (11/04)

Canyon Club Cafe 421 Telegraph Canyon Road, Chula Vista, (no phone). You don't get deals like this every day — think 1940s roadhouses. Read the breakfast menu: "All items above include hash browns, toast, coffee, juice and (1) beer." Bikers (especially the U.M.F. of America, and vesyou've probably worked the letters out) appreciate this menu regularly. The food is strictly Americana, from the half plate of biscuits and gravy, to steak and eggs, to omelets with Ortega chili. Biggest threat isn't the bikers (they're "good people" according to the owners), it's gentrification. Good-tasting sandwiches: salmon burger or COBALT (Cheese, Onion, Bacon, Avocado, Lettuce, and Tomato). Open seven days, lunch and dinner, until midnight; breakfast on weekends from 9 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/05)

China Super Buffet 3007 Highland Avenue #9, National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises "over 100 items daily." Yellow-gloved girls constantly rove the rows checking, stirring, wiping. A lot of the stuff is very good, like the marinated baby octopuses that look like large blushing spiders, or the mussels in their shells, bubbling golden on top with melted cheese, and of course, roast beef au jus. If you must be healthy, they have oaning salad bars and adequate sushi. groaning salad bars and adequate susm. It's an incredible value. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/05)

**Giant Pizza King** 600 Palm Avenue (at Rainbow), Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inch-wide, footlong, loaded pizza slices. They can flop, but they can't fail. For alternatives, the fish and chips dish is pretty generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo, fries, and salad is good value. You're near enough here to the beach to get supplies for sunset "green flash" parties - this is a full-on Italian take-out eatery with ham or turkey subs, spaghetti with meatballs, halfpound burgers, and more. Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive.

**Lizard Lounge** 1301 Orange Avenue (at B), Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy oldtimers' favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh, and each nigiri is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the *hamachi* roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there's also a lively mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and *ponzu*. For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. —

N.W. (11/04) Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the birria en su jugo (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like taquitos, cucaracha (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: botanas (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open daily, three meals, (Call ahead for availability of the birria.) Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

McP's Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's' patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Open daily, standard pub hours. (Breakfast Sunday during football season.) Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but any-body can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time visitors get their meal free. Really. Players or nonplayers. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even secondtimers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

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Big Boy Restaurant Agua Caliente Boulevard #9892 (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting peo-ple in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Cafe la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Ti-juana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed,

not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to carne asada and bistek ranchero, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

El Faro de Mazatlan Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-8883, or 684-2236. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish-fare here. The "Lighthouse of Mazatlán" is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albóndigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, pez espada (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the cabicucho (Mexican sea bass), charbroiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.B. (6/05)

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two botana (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A *parrillada* — BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, *carne asada*, and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal tabletop grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — E.B. (5/05)

La Baguette Boulevard Lázaro Cárdenas #1030 (a.k.a. Boulevard Costero, opposite Sanborn's between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their







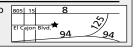


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La Escondida Santa Monica #1 (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana, 681-4458. This hidden ("escondida") mansion has been a restaurant for three decades. The terrazzo and garden over-looking the Tijuana River valley make breakfast and dinners a treat. House specialties are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (cacerola de mariscos), the tambor (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork), or the roasted baby Monterrey goat ("cabrito tatemado"). Desserts include the house especial, mango and ice cream with rompope (Mexican egg nog), and crepas de cajeta con nieve, crèpes with walnuts, green pistachio ice cream, and "burnt milk" caramel sauce est thing to liquid fudge this side of paradise. On weekends the place rocks with parties and live music. The big downside: It's hard to find. Take Agua Caliente Boulevard one half mile past the racetrack, turn right at Las Palmas, then left at the Rey del Pollo sign. The La Escondida entrance sign is in red neon at the road's end. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.* (1/05)

La Vuelta Avenida Revolución #8210 (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of

the cuddly *carretitas* — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at "the turn" (*"la vuelta"*) where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a combinaci'onmexicana (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or *carne asada* served in an *olla de barro*, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding filete mignon with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican, Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent 10-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/03)

Restaurante Don Quijote  $\operatorname{Hotel} \operatorname{El}$ Conquistador (ground floor), 10750 Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 681-7955. This tribute to the great windmill tilter himself serves as breakfast, lunch, and dinner anchor for the town's truest colonial Mexican posada (inn). It's a world of glowing stainedglass windows, heavy doors, and black wrought iron. You expect Zorro himself to come clattering out from the shadows on his horse. The food is standard middle-class Mexican fare, but between quail dishes and enchiladas, creations like cheese-stuffed shrimp wrapped in bacon pop out. Nicest surprise? Sopa Azteca, with tortilla strips, grated cheese, chopped dark red chiles, and avocado. Inexpensive to moderate. Open three meals, seven days. -EB (2/06)

#### MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Buca di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822; 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of "themed" Italian. Bucca di Beppo ("Joe's Cellar") is a mighty national chain — but it works. Downtown's rabbit-warren of low-ceilinged dining rooms is plastered with Italian photos (check out Sophia Loren, transfixed by Iane Mansfield's breasts) and crowded with customers chowing down from portions large enough to feed two or spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you're having fun. Don't leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/05)

California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Coast Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424: and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4078. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBO chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBO chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order "Hawaiian" pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. -

Joe's Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-574-8617; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Drive, downtown, Harbor 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive with-

out some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grown-ups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up ter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere - striped gold-andcream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the

Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. Okay, it's a na-

tionwide franchise, but it's a comfy

franchise, from Oregon. All-day break-

fast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive.

Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441.

Ruth's Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real (at Arroyo Sorrento), Sorrento Hills, 858-755-1454. Flashcooked steaks from the finest wet-aged, corn-fed USDA Prime, seasoned with salt, pepper, butter, and parsley, are the hallmark of this 95-location chain. If you aren't a salt offender, ask the kitchen to use a lighter touch. All side dishes are à la carte but come in portions large enough to feed two. The broiled tomatoes, caramelized with a touch of sugar, are a delight, and potatoes are offered in eight guises. A pecan-topped sweet potato casserole, although delicious, would be better as dessert. Non-beef-eaters can choose from numerous luxurious seafood dishes, a cheese-stuffed chicken breast, grilled portobello mushrooms, and six salads. Award-winning wine list is steep but serious, with an average bottle price of \$70 but reasonable markups and wines over \$100 offered at retail price. The main room harbors a fabulous view of the ocean if you arrive before sunset, but it's noisy — tables upstairs are quieter. Dinner nightly; lunch Friday only. Also downtown, with equally stunning views, at 1355 North Harbor Drive, 619-233-1422. Very expensive. — B.D. (5/05)

## Restaurant Coupons and Menus SanDiegoReader.com

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#### Pacific Beach, Mission Beach & Ocean Beach

Atoll at the Catamaran Hotel

Broken Yolk **\$2 off breakfast or lunch** 

Canes Free wing basket

Chateau Orleans 50% off

Costa Brava Free tapa for lunch

French Gourmet **Free dessert** 

Great Moon Buffet 10% off total bill

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Lahaina Beach House Free breakfast

Limónz Rostizados Free churro, fries, drink

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill 2 for 1 entrée

Pacific Rotisserie Free entrée

Sam's by the Sea

Saska's Free sushi or 25% off bill

TJ Oyster Bar 2 for 1 tacos/tostadas

Tower Two Beach Cafe 1/2-price appetizers

Cafe Milano Free Comedy Store tickets Cendio

Clay's La Jolla

Ginza-Sushi Sushi dinner for 2 \$15.95

Harry's Coffee Shop 20% off

La Jolla Brew House Free lunch or dinner entrée

Marrakesh 50% off lunch

Regents Pizzeria Free large salad

The Shores 20% off dinner

Su Casa 20% off entire check•

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#### **North County**

Wild Note Cafe

The Beach Club 50% off entrée Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q 50% off entrée The Blvd Free Happy Hour appetizer Del Mar Rendevous **20% off** Greek Village Free saganaki Jamroc 101 Free island sampler Ki's Restaurant Free appetizer or dessert Mikko Japanese 50% off sushi Noodles & Company Pho Lucky 10% off entire check

#### South Bay & Coronado

Batter Up! 50% off Batter Up! basket Chick-Fil-A 10% off catering Lai Thai 50% off entrée Mariscos La Costa Azul Free combo plate

#### Uptown & North Park

A La Française

Awash Ethiopian 1/2-price entrée

**B** Fried Rice

Baby Back Jack's \$2 off

Hob Nob Hill **\$2 off entrée** 

House of India Free dinner

India Princess Free dinner

Lips 50% off dinner

Rannoosh Free entrée Rudford's **\$2 off entrée** 

San Filippo's Pizza & drinks \$15.45

#### Midway, Old Town & Mission Valley

The Amigo Spot 15% off bill

Bali Thai Free entrée

Bennigan's **\$5 off lunch or dinner** 

Chiba Japanese \$2 off lunch or dinner

Forever Fondue **2 for 1 entrée** 

Fuji Japanese Steakhouse 10% off

Lot 81 Free appetizer

Old Town Mexican Cafe

Paradise Yogurt **50 cents off a smoothie** 

Pizza Bella **Free wine dinner** 

Shanghai Chinese \$1 off Mongolian BBQ

Tio Leo's **Dinner combos \$8.99 each** •

Todai 10% off lunch or dinner

#### East County & State College

Alpine Inn Sunday prime rib \$18.95 Aroma Thai Free entrée

Cereal Port Cafe Free energy drink Fix Me A Plate Cafe 15% off any entrée

Greek Town Buffet 50% off dinner buffet Habana Cuban Free entrée

Lucky Star Buffet 50% off dinner Shakey's Pizza Lunch buffet \$4.95

## Clairemont, University City, Miramar Rd., Poway, Mira Mesa, Scripps Ranch & Kearny Mesa

Ashoka the Great 50% off lunch or dinner Bangkok West Thai Cafe Free Thai iced tea

Filling Station **Free appetizer** 

Honey's Cafe

Indian Asian Buffet **\$1 off lunch** 

Joe's Pizza 2 large pizzas \$20.99

Pampas Free empanada

Philadelphia Sandwich Co. Free sandwich

Thai Cafe **\$1 off buffet** 

#### Downtown & Point Loma

Alambres Free soup

Blue Water Seafood 25% off

The Boathouse **2-for-1 entrée** 

Dae Jang Keum Korean BBQ 50% off Korean BBQ

Dublin Square 15% off or free lunch

Embers Grille 50% off entrée

The Field **Free lunch** 

Hard Rock Café

Hornblower Cruises

House of Blues 20% off restaurant receipt

Humphrey's

La Cantina Prime rib, crab, wine \$19.95

Lotus Thai Cuisine Free entrée

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant Mister Tiki Mai Thai Lounge

Olé Madrid 2 for 1 lunch or brunch entrée Puerto La Boca Free Argentine dessert

RA Sushi

Rei do Gado

Saigon on Fifth 20% off

Samba Grill Free all-you-can-eat Brazilian feast

Sevilla

The Shout House

St. Tropez Bakery-Bistro 10% off •

Star of India 50% off entrée

Thai Time II Free fried spring rolls

Visions **25% off sushi** 

Whiskey Girl

Xavier's Free appetizer



## Adrift in the **Horse Latitudes**

Her love'd have to be "god-sized...the kind that creates a world."

JEFF SMITH

sabella's had it with plain old, everyday, fuddyduddy love. A pirate queen, free as a zephyr, she can rob and plunder on the high seas and speak blank verse if of a mind to. She's even learned to swear (which means knowing all the

right places to shout "farg!"). Nope. For Isabella to give her heart one last time, don't trudge no down-home, plain-wrapper love up that gangplank. Farg that! Her

love'd have to be "God-sized...the kind that creates a world."

Liz Duffy Adams has set her thinking person's comedy, Wet, or Isabella the Pirate Queen Enters the Horse Latitudes, in between worlds: the one that is, where war currently rages; and the one that might be, an island called El Mirago — "the mirage" — the only place on earth where happiness is still possible.

Isabella and her mates have time on their hands because, once they stormed a ship and took everyone prisoner, they entered the "Horse Latitudes" — areas of profound calm between the westerly winds, of the higher latitudes, and the southern trades - and can do little else but reflect. They become the opposite of Sebastian Brandt's famous Narrenschiff (1494), in which a "ship of fools" from all social classes sails to the Land of Fools. Duffy's crew becomes a ship of

philosophers. Caught between winds and worlds (and ultimately between hope and despair), they meditate on wealth, power, love, and the prospect of much-improved "second lives." They don't have that much time, it turns out, since the ship has sprung a leak.

Were there female pirates? All kinds (check out Cathy Johnson's Pyrates in Petticoats). Did they utter baroque, Shakespearean

language like Duffy's characters? Probably not, though Captain's logs and sailors' diaries, especially those with grog-stained pages, affected a literary style — and dreamed utopian dreams.

A theme that weaves through Duffy's comedy, song, and speculation like a leitmotif: just how free are these "unfettered" pirates? Isabella and her mates appear to be postliberation (on opening night a guy in the audience told the guy next to him, half-joking, "The play's bringing out a side of our dates I'm not familiar with"). But there are two kinds of freedom: freedom from something and freedom to do something. In this sense, when the play begins, the "dastardly renegades" are only halfway home. They are free from a world at war, for the time being, but still define themselves by what they are not. At play's end, however, they are ready to try something new.

Even buoyed by a spirited Moxie Theatre pro-



Laurence Brown, Jennifer Eve Thorn, Wet, or Isabella the Pirate Oueen Enters the Horse Latitudes

Wet, or Isabella the Pirate Queen Enters the Horse Latitudes, by Liz Duffy Adams Moxie Theatre, Lyceum Space, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown

Directed by Delicia Turner Sonnenberg; cast: Jo Anne Glover, Liv Kellgren, Jennifer Eve Thorn, Don Loper, Tom Deák, Laurence Brown, Chris Walsh; scenic design, Jerry Sonnenberg; costumes, Fred Kinney; lighting,

Playing through December 10; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-544-1000.

The Labyrinth of Desire by Lope de Vega, adapted by Caridad Svich

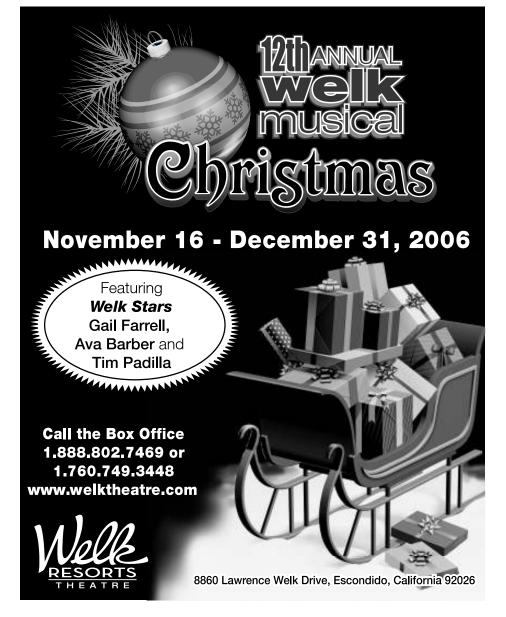
UCSD Theatre and Dance, University of California, San Diego

**Directed by Gerardo Jose Ruiz;** cast: Michelle Diaz, Amy Ellenberger, Peter Wylie, Larry Herron, Brian Hostenske, Eduardo Placer, Molly Fite, Brandon Taylor, Craig Huisenga, Luke Lopez, Simon Quiroz; scenic design, Nikki Black; costumes, Emily DeAngelis; lighting, Christian DeAngelis; sound, Christopher M. Luessmann Run concluded.

duction, the script has doldrums, especially in Act Two, where the characters talk out of character, like musing writers determined to hammer

out a theme, and the playwright seems unsure where to go next. The slow patches also suffer by comparison to an opening fight scene — staged





with three-ring circus theatricality by Tim Griffin — that sets up expectations for more.

Now in its second full year. Moxie Theatre has earned its name with feisty, challenging theater rife with contemporary concerns. Moxie has also earned a subtitle: versatile. It's impossible to label their work or to cubbyhole the "style" of artistic director Delicia Turner Sonnenberg, who has directed everything from Shakespeare to David Lindsay-Abaire — or, for that matter, the favorite acting style of Jo Anne Glover. This year she's played an assertive Ophelia, an ethereal spirit guide (Maryamma in Miss Witherspoon), and now "Neptune's bastard daughter," the swashbuckling, farg-shouting Isabella: a hat-trick of complex roles performed admirably.

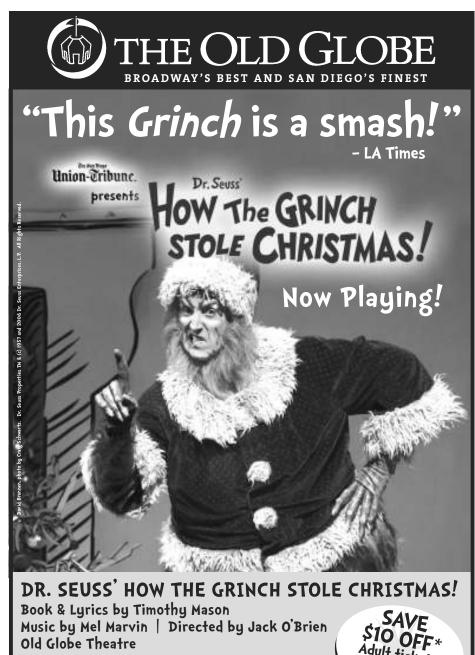
Jerry Sonnenberg's terrific set's a wood-planked ship with creaky mast and tattered sails, lit with wispy cloudscapes and gorgeous Turneresque sunsets by Eric Lotze.

The cast has no weak links, but Don Loper stands out as the Vicountess Marlene, a male in aristo-drag (apt costuming by Fred Kinney) who balks at notions of happiness the way Prospero replies to Miranda's wide-eyed vision of a brave new world: "t'is new to thee." But in the end Isabella, and even Loper's hilariously dour Marlene, might give hope one more try.

Shakespeare loved to write comedies in which women dis-







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guised as men move invisibly through a male world and like Tom Sawyer watching his own funeral — see it from a privileged viewpoint. When Lope de Vega (1562-1635) wrote Labyrinth of Desire, it's as if he'd just seen a retrospective of Shakespeare's cross-dressed efforts and found an angle the Bard hadn't considered: What if a woman, dressed as a woman, claimed she was a man?

Using Caridad Svich's excellent new translation (which blends old and new verbal choices the way Lope loved to blend genres), UCSD staged a thoroughly entertaining production. The ensemble acting was so sharp and funny it's impossible to pick favorites. Each actor performed comic touches that go back to Plautus and delineated characters so well that, during the concluding scene when everyone gets paired off and order's allegedly restored, the couplings didn't feel right: the woman claiming to be a man shouldn't marry the man of her dreams. Her "disguise" awakened heretofore unthinkable feelings. Her new dream lover's just been paired with a man.

Lope de Vega claimed to have written over 1500 plays (of which 470 are still extant). Svich's translation of a heretofore obscure work, at least in English, felt like striking gold. Which raises another question: how many more de Vega plays of this quality have yet to be translated? ■

#### **THEATER** LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box

#### Amahl and the Night Visitors

Common Ground Theatre stages the popular fable about the shepherd boy, his impoverished mother, and a visit by three wise men. Floyd Gaffney directed. GREAT HALL, ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL FIFTH AVENUE AND NUTMEG STREET. HILLCREST, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 THROUGH DECEMBER 17; THURSDAY

THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-263-7911, OR 619-298-7261, X356

## Archangels Don't Play

SDSU Theatre, Television, and Film presents Dario Fo's early farce about Tim: the more he tries to straighten out his life, the more bureaucratic chaos overwhelms him. Peter Larlham directed. EXPERIMENTAL THEATER, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH DECEM-BER 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-594-6884

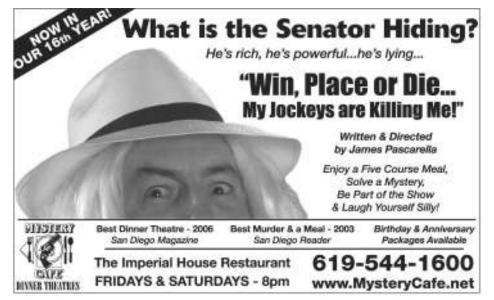
#### Bacchae

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 di-

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH DECEM-BER 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M 619-688-9210.

#### Bad Dad, a Comedy of Errers

In Mark Whitney's comedy, Dad opens a Ben & Jerry's. The FBI investigates. "Dad goes to the cooler, but who really gets licked?" WAREHOUSE THEATRE, 11211 SOR RENTO VALLEY ROAD, SUITE M, SOR RENTO VALLEY, THROUGH DECEM-BER 16: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, AT 8:00 P.M. 888-567-4464





#### **A Christmas Carol**

Julian Theater Company stages the classic tale of un-curmudgeoning, adapted by Don Winslow and directed by Scott Kinney. JULIAN TOWN HALL, 2129 MAIN STREET IIIIIAN FRIDAY DECEMBER 8 THROUGH DECEMBER 16; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, PRESHOW AT 6:30 P.M.,

#### **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**

For arias of poetic rage, it's hard to beat Amiri Baraka's fiery one-act (1964). There's no "Flying Dutchman" in the piece, just a subway "heaped in modern myth" in which people run to, or from, who they are. Baraka swore that Clay, a middle-class African-American, and Lula, a red-haired, racist serial killer, aren't symbols, just "real people in a real world." Lynx Performance, however, makes them abstract beings, surrounded by musical riffs and explanatory effects that compete with, and eventually derail Baraka's bullet-train. The production never grounds Clay and Lula. What should be a pseudo-seduction becomes stilted. Instead of addressing each other, for example, they face forward, and when they finally confront each other, a saxophone plays so loudly you can't make out much of what they're saying. These stylized choices distance the performers. You watch the how and wonder why. Patrick Kelly and Michelle Procopio sprint through their speeches. They become more like musicians chanting notes, not speaking harsh, meaningful words. But Baraka wanted "real people in a real world."

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

#### The Grapes of Wrath

Ion Theatre presents Frank Galati's adaptation of the John Steinbeck novel. Claudio Raygoza directed. NEW WORLD STAGE, 917 NINTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, THROUGH DECEMBER 10; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-374-6894.

#### Hank Williams: Lost Highway

If you only saw Act One of 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 allegations about drug and alcohol abuse and spiritual decay. Randall Myler and Mark Harelik's book's actually 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's blues riffs, like antiphonal responses to Williams's country crooning, cut through the night with an ancient, authentic ring. The backup band's high quality (Russ Wever's steel guitar's so lonesome it cries). Van Zeiler has Williams's nervous ticks and signature yodeling down pretty pat. But it's the combination of Zeiler and the band that 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 Hank Williams for the first time. Worth a try.

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 SAT URDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

#### **How the Grinch Stole** Christmas

The Old Globe Theatre stages its popular Christmas show about the Green Meanie, based on the book by Dr. Seuss. Jack O'Brien directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH DECEM BER 24; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. SUNDAY AT 5:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

#### It's a Fabulous Life!

Diversionary Theatre presents a gay holiday musical borrowing its premise from It's a Wonderful Life. David Brannen directed and choreographed.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. THROUGH DECEMBER 17; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P M FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097

#### It's a Wonderful Life

Cygnet Theatre presents a live radio show, before a studio audience, inspired by the popular Frank Capra holiday movie. Sean Murray directed.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, SATUR-DAY, DECEMBER 2, THROUGH DECEM-BER 24: TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525, X3.

#### Lamb's Players Festival of Christmas

Lamb's Players sets this year's story in San Diego. It's 1949, and Anthony Gabbiano becomes torn between family responsibility and becoming a big-time musician. Deborah Gilmour Smyth directed LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, THROUGH DECEM-BER 30; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUN-DAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

#### **Plaid Tidings**

Broadway\*San Diego presents a holiday version of the popular Forever Plaid, which includes a Caribbean "Christmas that puts the 'Day-O' in Excelsis." SPRECKELS THEATRE, 121 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH DECEMBER 3; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SAT-URDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-TIXS.

#### The Princess and the Pea

Imagination Express...All Aboard presents Michele L. Vacca's adaptation from the Hans Christian Andersen story, "How to Tell a True Princess.

CENTERS OF LEARNING BY THE SEA. 950 GARLAND DRIVE, NESTOR, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, THROUGH DECEMBER 9; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-575-3023.

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

The San Diego Black Ensemble and Cygnet Theatre could do for the late August Wilson what "Grassroots Greeks" did for ancient Greek drama in San Diego. The companies present a series of staged readings of one of the American theater's rarely performed but most important playwrights. Twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize (for Fences in 1987 and The Piano Lesson in 1990), Wilson wrote a cycle of dramas that probe the African-American experience through the decades of the 20th Century (he concentrated, he said, on the "largest idea that confronted blacks in each decade"). The readings will also be staged at the Performance Annex in City Heights and other locations. The series will culminate in a week-long staged reading festival of all the plays at Cygnet in June 2007. Next offering: Calvin Manson directs Ma Rainey's Black Bottom. Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH



#### San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the "game show" on Fridays - is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the

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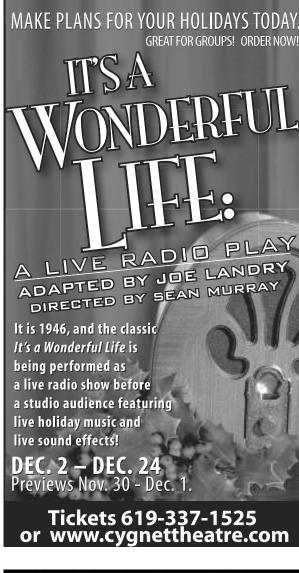
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## **Before It's Too Late**

Even the few orthodox interviews sound informal.

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

orry to have been so slow to get to Shut Up and Sing, which earns pride of place this week on merit alone. Entering on Friday into an added third week at the Ken Cinema, the backstage

musical documentary recounts in vivifying detail the vaguely familiar story of how the

three Dixie Chicks, "the best-selling female group in history," fresh from their rendition of the National Anthem at the 2003 Super Bowl, and right at the kickoff of their Lipton Teasponsored "Top of the World" tour, fell precipitously out of favor with their core country-western audience. How — to get down to a detail or two — the lead singer Natalie Maines, at the dawn of the U.S. invasion of Iraq, shot off her mouth among friends, as it were, the enthusiastic throng at Shepherds Bush in London, to wit, "We're ashamed that the President of the United States is from Texas" (as if Texans have little else to be ashamed of), and how the unscripted remark resulted in a nationwide ban from the C&W airwaves, a strain on relations with Lipton, an open feud with the flagwaving country singer Toby Keith

("We'll put a boot in your ass,/ It's the American way"), and almost inevitably a death threat, which Maines took seriously enough to phone up her personal fortune-teller, prior to a concert

in — where else? — Dallas.

The film jumps back and forth, not willy-nilly, but for sub-

stantial stretches at a time, between 2003 and 2005, when the trio were busy preparing and recording their next album, and then kicking off a new tour, back again in Shepherds Bush — "the scene of the crime" early in 2006, with a defiant reiteration of the same wave-making sentiment. The world and the war, needless to say, look rather different now than then, but vindication has come slowly and incompletely. (Ticket sales for the new tour are disappointingly "sluggish.") The group's initial impulse in response to the backlash had been to backpedal: to damage-control, to appease, to apologize, to explain away ("It was a joke made to get cheers and applause"). But the country at the time, and not just the country-western part of the country, was in an unforgiving mood: no takesy-backsy. To Fox's Bill O'Reilly, rabble-rouser supreme, the



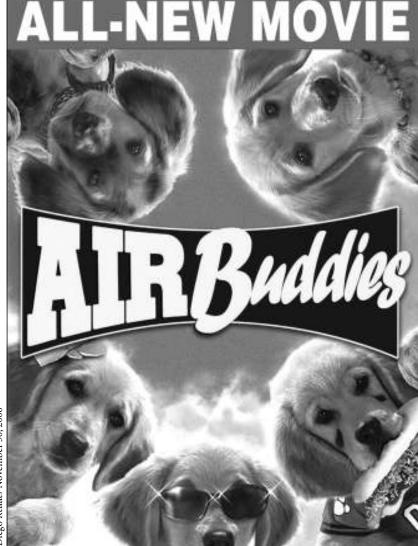
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Chicks were "callous, foolish women who deserve to be slapped around." (The two accompanying Chicks, Martie Maguire and Emily Robison, biological sisters, seem to have staunchly stood by their loose-lipped leader through it all.) Positions on both sides became entrenched; heels got dug in. This, we can recognize, is how wars begin. It is not a simple story,

straightforwardly inspirational. It is a complex one, about, among other things, the difficulty of courage (especially when big money is at stake) and the possible attainment of it along a path of regret, hurt, anger, bitterness, resignation, and finally the absence of any other choice. Tortuously inspirational.

Documentarist Barbara Kopple

relates the story, as she did in her exemplary *Harlan County, U.S.A.* and *American Dream*, without the aid of narration (clips from newscasts and chat shows unobtrusively serve the purpose) and pretty nearly without formal interviews (clips from chat shows, once again, excepted), simply by being on the spot during strategy sessions and in the recording studio,



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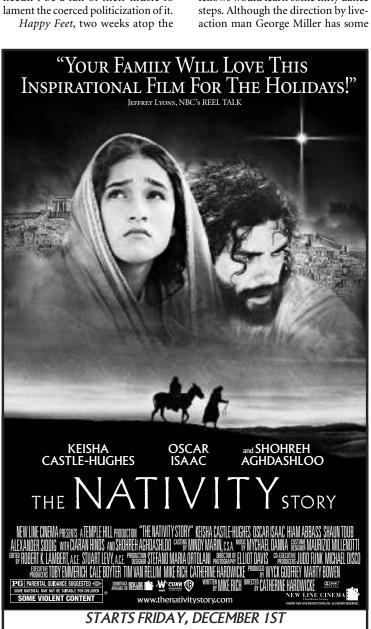
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hanging around the living quarters, following life as it unfolded. Even the few orthodox interviews sound informal, no more than casual conversation addressed to the unseen and unheard filmmaker in lieu of an on-screen friend or colleague. There is so much laziness in the crowded documentary field today that you might almost forget that these crutches - the talking head and the disembodied voice-over — can be thrown away. The drama, in the result, seems to move ahead on its own steam, to evolve organically. (Kopple, the preeminent American documentarist of her generation, shares the directing credit with Cecilia Peck, daughter of the august Gregory, of whom Kopple once filmed a commissioned portrait for TCM.) Of course, in the grand scheme, the career arc of the Dixie Chicks — whose music in the film is abundant though not dominant may seem quite a small thing. Yet as a symptomatic thing — a test case of the depth or shallowness of Americans' belief in freedom of expression it is quite a big thing after all. You needn't be a fan of their music to box-office chart, is a computeranimated message movie about the pressure of conformity and (separate message) the plunder of nature, more specifically about a species of popsong-singing penguins, into whose midst is born a "different," an aberrant, tap-dancing penguin (try, if you can, to put the pudgy trudging birds of March of the Penguins out of your mind), and about a runtier breed of Latino penguins, some menacing seabirds, a scary seal, a couple of humongous orcas, and a race of "aliens" who are not computer-animated at all. The interface with these aliens near the end is moderately mind-blowing, if only from a mixed-media standpoint, but the alleged alienness of the human race would carry more rhetorical clout if the penguins hadn't all along been borrowing so freely from its popular culture. (The natural state holds no accommodation for vintage rock-and-roll.) And you cannot feel entirely happy about a happy ending in which it's suggested that humans might show more respect for their fellow creatures on the planet if only the fellows would learn some nifty dance nice touches and clever angles, the action, approximately 60mph faster than the action in his Mad Max movies, is approximately 65mph too fast.

Déjà Vu requires that you park your reason, along with your car, outside the theater. A ferry boat blows up in post-Katrina New Orleans, killing 543, mainly returning Navy men and their welcoming families; and the uncounted body of a young woman bearing residue from the explosion has been fished out of the

water a few minutes before the blast. What's the connection? The chief investigative tool proves to be a fanciful science-fictional device that allows the feds, through satellite imagery and computer projections, to view events from four days and six hours earlier, even inside the apartment (and the bathroom shower) of the deceased young woman: an audiovisual time machine. In addition, a portable-headset version of the device facilitates a truly unique car chase, in the lengthy

annals of car chases on screen, whereby one vehicle is four days ahead of the other, which has to steer through a totally different pattern of traffic to keep pace. The bag-of-tricks filmmaking technique of Tony Scott, really more of a weathercock than a director, throws a few smaller obstacles in your path. Still, if you consent to ride out the bumps, the film works up plenty of forward momentum and climactic tension (en route to a have-it-both-wavs ending); and the preposterousness in





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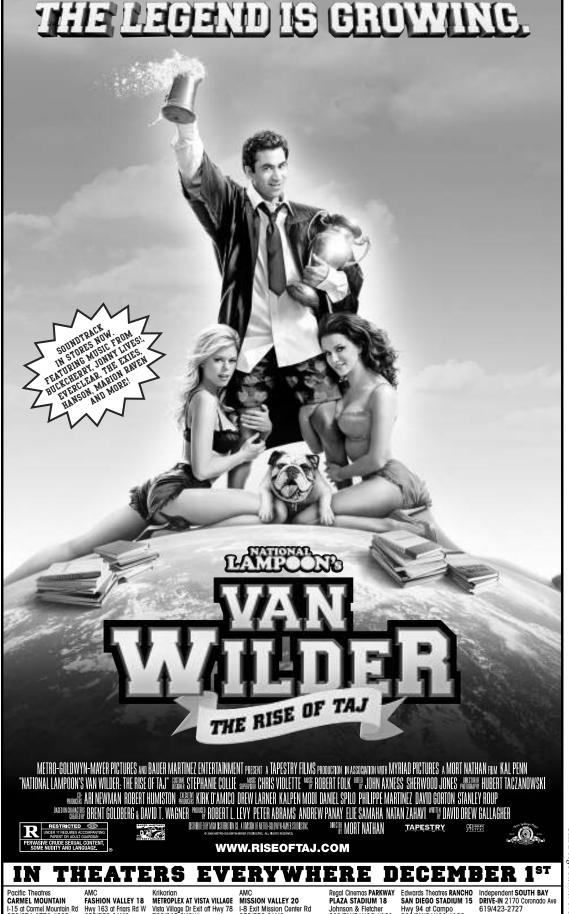
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no way limits the level of engagement, or engagingness, of Denzel Washington.

For Your Consideration takes filmmaker Christopher Guest back to the target area of his very first film, The Big Picture — namely the movie biz, more narrowly the Oscar buzz and back before he chained himself to the mockumentary format, Waiting for Guffman, Best in Show, A Mighty Wind. Any sense of liberation therefrom has not spilled over into comic invention. The behind-the-scenes satire is sufficiently old-hat that there must be a lot of truth in it, even if not a lot of laughs in it. And the parodies of on-screen Hollywood, both big budget and small, are so far outside the realm of possibility as to spare everyone's feelings, moviegoer's included. Guest is more on the mark with the assorted inanities of the P.R. game - the studio publicist, the "infotainment" industry, the talk-show circuit. And Catherine O'Hara, among his stable of repertory players (Harry Shearer, Eugene Levy, Michael McKean, Parker Posey, Fred Willard, et al.), stands out as an over-the-hill actress who, try though she mightily might, cannot hide her vanity and her ego. Her surgical overhaul for awards season is truly gruesome, and indeed the outward aspect of the cast in general shows a loving, or rather a loathing, attention to detail. For your consideration: Best Makeup.

The Cave of the Yellow Dog is a Mongolian movie from one of the two directors of The Story of the Weeping Camel, Byambasuren Davaa. This one tells the story of a little girl and a stray dog, not a yellow dog, but white with a black face and a black spot on his back, hence his christening as Zochar (translation, Spot), and cute as the dickens, though the girl's father worries that the dog, likely mingling with wolves, cannot be trusted around the family sheep. In spite of an uneventful narrative and a glacial pace, the feeling for unspectacular landscape (low mountains, wide valleys), the sense of open space, and the placement of people within it are authentically cinematic. I might prefer my landscape to come with cowboys, but no one

these days is giving me that option. I must settle for a studious ethnographic record of the making of cheese, the gathering of dung, and the disassembling of a nomadic domicile. Tolerably interesting.

The recently renovated North Park theater (full name: the Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre) is making room for a series of classic, i.e. old, movies, under the heading of "The Fabulous Faces of the Fifties," organized by Andy Friedenberg of the San Diego Cinema Society and Scott Marks, late of the Museum of Photographic Arts. It shapes up like so: Imitation of Life, December 14 and 17; White Christmas, December 21 and 23; All about Eve, December 28 and 31; Roman Holiday, January 11 and 14; Giant, January 18 and 21; Some Like It Hot, January 25 and 28. Old movies in an old theater, a comfortable fit. Call 619-239-8836 for ticket information. ■

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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 Blanchett, Adriana Barraza, Gael García Bernal, Koji Yakusho, and Rinko Kikuchi.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HOR TON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**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 showroom, 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. Macv 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

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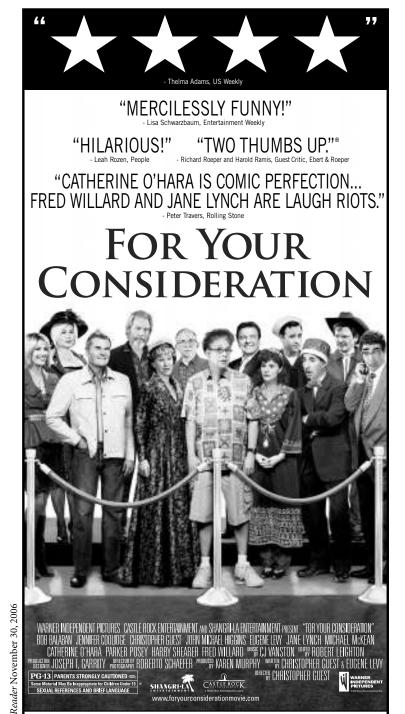
kitchen worker with tickets to the big game, and Martin Sheen, the filmmaker's fa mously Left-leaning father. Among others All of the women "of a certain age Demi Moore, Sharon Stone, Helen Hunt exhibit identical gaunt elongated faces, in the Mannerist manner, that appear to have come through the same 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 re-enactment 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? With Heather Graham, Lindsay Lohan, Elijah Wood, Christian Slater, Nick Cannon, Harry Belafonte. 2006.

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#### **Borat: Cultural Learnings of America** for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan — For anyone who hereto-

fore 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 toilettrained (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), ostensi-bly dispatched to America to shoot a documentary for home consumption — a builtin 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: Candid 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 chauvinistpig 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. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME NADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TOWN

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Ian Fleming's first James Bond novel, the 007 franchise approaches the opportunity of a new James Bond as 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 blackand-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 vet 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 allthe-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; CIN-

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The Cave of the Yellow Dog — Reviewed this issue. With Batchuluun Urjindorj, Buyandulam Daramdadi Batchuluun, Nansalmaa Batchuluun, and Batbayer Batchuluun; written and directed by Byambasuren Davaa.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 12/1)

Deck the Halls — Holiday comedy starring Danny DeVito, Matthew Broderick, Kristin Davis, and Kristin Chenoweth, directed by John Whitesell.

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**Déjà Vu** — Reviewed this issue. With Denzel Washington, Paula Patton, Val Kilmer, and James Caviezel; directed by Tony Scott.

TOTING SCORE.

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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 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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROME-NADE 24)

**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 cornercutting and penny-pinching, the exploitation of undocumented workers, the brandnaming 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.

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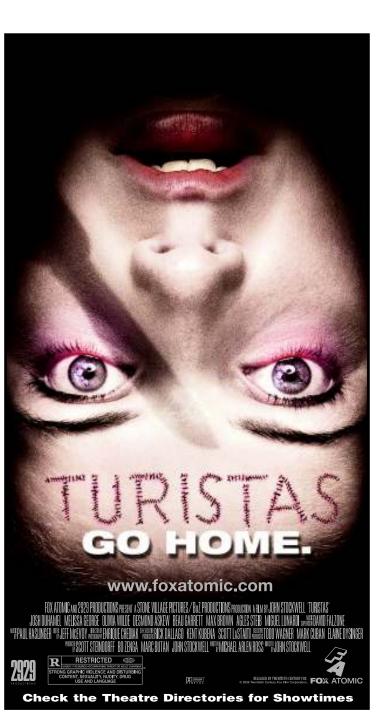
**Flags of Our Fathers** — Clint Eastwood, sorely trying the patience of anyone still hoping for a sixth installment of Dirty

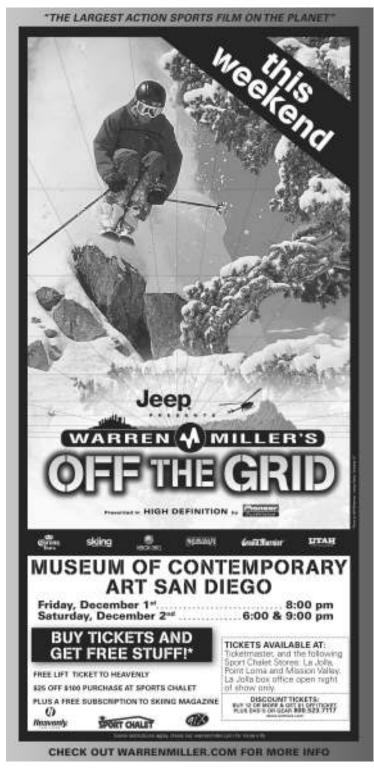
Harry, is plainly not yet done paying penance for the casual, callous, and prolific violence of his earlier years. And this elegiac war film makes an essential, an unmissable, piece of the entire cycle, an extraordinary course of self-examination and self-reform, beginning in earnest with the aptly titled Unforgiven, continuing through A Perfect World and, yes, The Bridges of Madison County — the modern-day saddle tramp 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 flagraising 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 Iima with John Wavne), 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.

★★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Flushed Away — Animation from the Aardman Studios, not claymation, like their signature Wallace and Gromit series (and not Nick Park directing), but instead compliant, acquiescent computer animation, and a compliantly, acquiescently crasser and cruder sense of humor to go along with it. (Traces of which began to creep into the feature-length Wallace and Gromit outing a year earlier.) The basic plot premise: a housebound tux-wearing pet mouse, in his





owner's absence, gets dispossessed by an intrusive sewer rat, literally flushed down the loo, to discover an alternative, miniature London in the underground, plus a feisty feminist mouse, a villainous toad and his toadies, a French-accented frog (get it?), among others. The trademark ping-pongball eyes are still in place, although all sign of a human touch in the modelling of the figures has been smoothed out, and the three-dimensionality — the light and shade and all the rest — is blatantly counterfeit. and the total effect is markedly less distinctive. Still, a good deal of skill went into it, in matters of pacing and timing and elementary draftsmanship. Hitting the hero in the nuts in a variety of ways in rapid succession is almost as ingenious as it is low. Almost. With the voices of Hugh Jackman, Kate Winslet, Ian McKellen, Jean Reno, Bill Nighy; directed by David Bowers and Sam Fell. 2006.

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For Your Consideration — Reviewed this issue. With Catherine O'Hara, Harry Shearer, Eugene Levy, Parker Posey, and Christopher Guest; directed by Guest. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROME NADE 24: SAN MARCOS 18)

The Fountain — Loopy science fiction in orbit around the dream of life and love everlasting. 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 husband 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 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. With Ellen Burstyn. 2006. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: ESCONDIDO 16: FASH-ION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SOUARE 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-andcenter 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 introducing her name to it - her actual work is conspicuously absent — as well as teaching that audience how to pronounce it. Deeann, evidently, not Dye-ann. With Robert Downey, Jr., Ty Burrell, Harris Yulin, and

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 11/30)

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 winegrowing 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.

• (GASLAMP 15)

**Happy Feet** — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Elijah Wood, Robin Williams, Brittany Murphy, Hugh Jackman, and Nicole Kidman; directed by George Miller. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: LA COSTA 6: LA IOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Illusionist — Ponderous amplification of a Steven Millhauser short story about a thaumaturge in turn-of-the-century Vienna (a fiercely scowling if not terribly intimidating Edward Norton), arrested on stage in the film's first scene and fast start. There follows a tedious childhood flashback to a forbidden friendship across class barriers and a clichéd shot of clutching fingertips poignantly pulled apart. The separated friends are destined to meet again in adulthood when Crown Prince Leopold (Rufus Sewell with a joke-shop mustache)

volunteers his presumptive fiancée as a pigeon in the magic act, whereupon the magician immediately recognizes his long-lost sweetheart (Jessica Biel), while she fails to return the favor, perhaps because of his beard or perhaps because he has aged at twice the rate. The entire story, until at long last it makes its way back to its starting point, is ostensibly told to the Crown Prince by the Chief of Police (the unpre possessing Paul Giamatti), including information he couldn't know or wouldn't share. Questions of whether the magician's powers are supernatural or just prestidigital cannot be answered without Plot Spoilers, or Bean Spillers, though it's fair to say they are answered with trivial tricksiness. Production and photography, nevertheless, are sufficiently evocative of bygone times, even without the antiquated iris-out transitional device. Directed by Neil Burger. 2006.

• (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Last King of Scotland — The selfconferred 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.

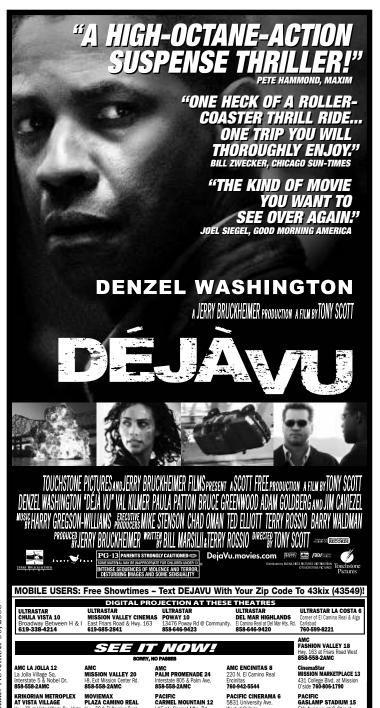
Little Children — Todd Field's sopho-

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

more 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 middleclass suburban parents today than about the jaded palates of our moviegoers and/or moviemakers. An adulterous playground liaison — between a killingly 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 bookdiscussion group — cannot be considered sufficiently spicy without the added tang of a neighborhood sex offender, a vigilante excop 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. And there's 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 flashcut 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. With Jennifer Connelly, Jackie Earle Haley, and Noah Emmerich. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Little Miss Sunshine — The feature debut of music-video veterans Jonathan Dayton and his wife Valerie Faris was put together on the "quirky" assembly line, a product of the thriving "quirky" industry. Dad (Greg Kinnear) is a would-be self-help guru, "would-be," that is, if anyone were buying his Nine-Step Refuse-to-Lose System. Sample pearl, in casual conversation: "Sarcasm is the refuge of losers." Mom (Toni Collette) is not such an arrant embarrassment, is not really much of anything, except that she has taken responsibility for and custody of her homosexual brother (Steve Carell), a failed suicide and the self-professed, as opposed to acknowledged, "pre-eminent Proust scholar in the



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United States." Dad's dad (Alan Arkin), who resides in the same household, is a scurrilous cokehead. And the kids are a Nietzsche-reading teenage boy (Paul Dano) who has held fast to a vow of silence for nine months, though he is not averse to communication via notepad ("I hate everyone"), and an owlishly bespectacled younger sister (Abigail Breslin) in competition for the crown of Little Miss Sunshine in Redondo Beach. Since the family lives in Albuquerque, a road movie ensues, with all members of the family packed into a yellow-and-white VW bus. You wait with dread for the moment that will cause the boy to break his silence, and even greater dread for the first public performance of the girl's "talent" as nurtured in secret by Granddad; and the dread in each case proves fully justified. Quirkiness does not preclude sappiness. There are ample compensations, however. Little Miss Breslin is a good crier, and her competitors in the beauty pageant are a frightening collection of JonBenét Ramsey plastic dolls, and the bus itself emerges as the best character, requiring a collective push after the clutch goes out en route, and emitting a rudesounding, unpredictable bleat after the horn gets stuck. 2006.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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.

● (GASLAMP 15)

The Nativity Story — Keisha Castle-Hughes, of Whale Rider, as the Virgin Mary, directed by Catherine Hardwicke. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 12/1)

The Prestige — Not the best film of its 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 flashbackswithin-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)

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 PROME-NADE 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)

Running with Scissors — Splashy feature debut for the man behind the cabletelevision 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 go ing 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



#### SARAH FARBER

Editorial coordinator, WildStorm Productions/DC Comics

I always recommend Waking the Dead — an intelligently written story that beautifully captures love, loss, and going completely mad. The performances are heartbreakingly honest. Everyone can identify with a character or a moment, be it the darkest place or the most amazing moment in one's life.

Radiohead might just be the most important band in the world right now. If you're unfamiliar with their music, get thee to a music store immediately! In 1998 they released a documentary called Meeting People Is Easy. Director Grant Gee offers an intimate look at the band on tour and all of the frustrations and delirium life on the road entails.

Say what you will about teenage dramadies, but My So-Called Life is one of the most fantastic television shows cancelled prematurely. The writing's smart, the characters are very real, and it doesn't have a creepy laugh track.

WAKING THE DEAD (USA) 2000, Universal List price: \$14.99

MEETING PEOPLE IS EASY (England) 1998, Capitol

List price: \$19.98

MY SO-CALLED LIFE: THE COMPLETE SERIES (USA) 1994,

**BMG Special Product** List price: \$149.99 (five discs)

#### GARY GUESS

Secret Cinema regular

Tsai Ming-Liang's Goodbye, Dragon Inn is a wonderful homage to film set during the last screening of Dragon Inn at a theater that's going to be demolished. It beautifully conveys the importance of remembering the past and how film brings people together.

Shake Hands with the Devil is a documentary about Romeo Dallaire, the Canadian commander of the U.N. mission to Rwanda during the 1994 genocide. It tells of his struggle to come to terms with what happened and how he goes back to Rwanda to heal himself. As a military man, he felt he wasn't allowed to complete his mission. The film serves up an indictment of the West.

Clint Eastwood's Unforgiven is a story about keeping one's word and about the importance of having a mentor in one's life. It suggests that violence is not always the answer, and although set in the 1880s, it can apply today.

GOODBYE. DRAGON INN (Taiwan) 2003, Fox Lorber List price: \$26.98 SHAKE HANDS WITH THE DEVIL (Canada) 2004. White Pine Pictures List price: \$24.95 UNFORGIVEN (USA) 1992, Warner Home Video

List price: \$19.98

MORGAN SIILLY

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Story collector and cofounder of

I saw The NeverEnding Story when I was five and it's still my number-one film. Some of the ideals it conveys are very simple because it's a children's book, but it resonates for adults as well. A key scene I remember is when Atrevu has a great dialogue with G'mork, the servant of nothing.

I would also have to mention George Lucas's THX 1138. I love that movie. I actually remixed it with other footage for a project I was doing.

Then it's a toss-up between 2001 and Princess Mononoke. I'll go with Princess Mononoke because it's about the relationship of people to the land. What's fascinating is that the villain is not so cut-anddried. She wants to dominate the land and make weapons, but the people she hires are lepers, and she creates a community for them. It's a children's story, but it also has complexity.

THE NEVERENDING STORY (West Germany/USA) 1984, Warner Home Video List price: \$14.98 THX 1138 (USA) 1971, Warner Home Video List price: \$19.98 PRINCESS MONONOKE (Japan) 1997, Miramax List price: \$32.99





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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 tranquillized, 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.

Shut Up and Sing — Reviewed this issue. With Natalie Maines, Martie Maguire, and Emily Robison; directed by Barbara Kopple and Cecilia Peck. ★★★★ (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 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 readings 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 goodies in her early culinary repertoire hovers breathlessly between sheer po-

etry and utter pornography: "Lemon chiffon cake with zesty peach icing," etc., etc. Directed by Marc Forster. 2006 ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: DEL MAR

HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO 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; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VAL-LEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RAN-CHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Turistas — Backpackers in Brazilian hot water, with Josh Duhamel and Melissa George, directed by John Stockwell. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: ESCON-DIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15;

GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-COS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 12/1)

Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj — Comedy sequel starring Kal Penn, directed by Mort Nathan

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: ESCON-DIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARK-WAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-COS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 12/1)

Volver — Almodóvar adds to his familiar sour comedy and mock melodrama the new element of an apparent apparition, a mundane ghost, a flatulent phantom blended 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 seveneighths 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 descriptively, a heavenly body. Carmen Maura, Lola Dueñas, Yohana Cobo, Blanca Portillo, 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Wah-Wah — Actor Richard E. Grant's semi-autobiographical coming-of-age film, set in Swaziland on the verge of its independence, but centering on his messy domestic situation, his cheating mother, his boozing father, and his unceremonious American stepmother, "a common little exair hostess." (The title comes from her mimicry of Brit speech affectations.) It has the feel of a public testimonial, a purgation, not terribly painful, nor particularly involving, for the disinterested spectator. Well acted by Miranda Richardson, Gabriel Byrne, and Emily Watson (putting on, and playing up, an American accent), but was it really necessary to employ two separate actors, a couple of years apart, to play the adolescent hero? And a bit more might have been made of his acting-out of his private torments in his home-made puppet theater. With Nicholas Hoult, Julie Walters, Celia Imrie, Zachary Fox. 2006.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 12/4, 6:30 P.M.)

## MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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#### **CENTRAL CLAIREMONT**

#### Town Square 14

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#### **DOWNTOWN**

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) The Blood Diamond (R) Sat. 7:00p.m.; Déjà **Vu** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:15, 2:15) 4:15, 5:20, 7:30, 8:25, 10:25 Sun. (1:20, 2:10) 4:20, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15, 10:05; Fast Food Nation (R) 4:40, 7:25, 10:00; Flushed Away (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:25, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50, 10:05 Sun. (2:45) 5:10, 7:40, 9:40; **A Good Year** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:50) 4:35, 7:25, 10:10 Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:20, 9:55; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri. (1:40, 2:40) 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 9:50 Sat. (1:40, 2:40) 4:30, 5:30, 8:15 Sun. (1:35, 2:35) 4:15, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35; Marie Antoinette (PG-13) Fri., -Sat. (1:30) 4:10, 7:10, 10:00 Sun 90 (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 9:45; **The Nativity Story** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:45, 2:45) 4:25, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30 Sun. (1:00, 2:25, 3:20) 4:55, 5:50, 7:30, 8:20, 9:50; **The Prestige** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (3:40) 7:05, 10:00 Sun. (1:05, 3:50)

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6:55, 9:45; Running with Scissors (R)

Horton Plaza 14

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#### **LA JOLLA**

#### La Jolla 12

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#### **MIRA MESA**

#### Mira Mesa 18

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#### MISSION VALLEY

#### Fashion Valley 18

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**Mission Valley 7** 7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) Borat (R) Fri., -Sat. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; Casino Royale (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:30, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:30; **Deck the Halls** (PG) Fri. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30 Sat. (2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30, 2:15, 5:15) 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:30, 2:15, 5:15) 7:45; The Nativity Story (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30) 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30) 8:00; **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45) 8:15, 10:45 Sat. (12:45, 3:15, 5:45) 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45) 8:15

#### Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Babel (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:10, 3:35, 7:00, 10:30; The Blood Diamond (R) Sat. 7:15p.m.; Bobby (R) Fri.,-Sun. 1:15, 4:05, 7:05, 10:15; **Borat** (R) Fri. 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20 Sat. 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:45) 12:30, 3:10, 4:00, 6:35, 7:30, 10:00, 10:55 Sun. (11:45) 12:30, 3:10, 4:00, 6:35, 7:30, 10:00; **Deck the Halls** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:10; **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:50) 1:00, 3:00, 4:15, 6:35, 7:20, 9:45, 10:35 Sun. (11:50) 1:00, 3:00, 4:15, 6:35, 7:20, 9:45; **The Departed** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:25p.m.; **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri. (11:05) 1:35, 4:25, 6:55, 9:35 Sat. (11:10) 1:35, 4:25, 6:55, 9:35 Sun. (11:05) 1:35, 4:25, 6:55, 9:35; The Fountain (PG-13) Fri. (11:25) 1:55, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55 Sat. (11:25) 1:55, 4:25, 10:25 Sun. (11:25) 1:55, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri. 12:20, 3:25, 6:30, 9:20 Fri. (11:10) 12:20, 2:00, 3:25, 4:45, 6:30, 7:40, 9:20 Sat. (11:00) 12:50, 1:40, 3:35, 4:30, 6:30, 7:40, 9:20 Sat. 12:50, 3:35 Sun. 12:20, 3:25, 6:30, 9:20 Sun. (11:10) 12:20, 2:00, 3:25, 4:45, 6:30, 7:40,

**Nativity Story** (PG) Fri. (11:00) 12:05, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:25, 7:10, 8:05, 9:50, 10:45 Sat. (11:05) 12:05, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:25, 7:10, 8:05, 9:50, 10:45 Sun. (11:00) 12:05, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:25, 7:10, 8:05, 9:50; The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (G) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00) 1:30, 4:10, 6:45, 9:40; Saw III (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15) 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:40 Sun. (11:15) 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35; Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13) Fri. (11:15) 2:15, 5:00, 7:55, 10:50 Sat. 10:50p.m. Sat. 12:45, 3:50, 10:50 Sun. 2:15, 5:00, 7:55, 10:40; **Tenacious D in The Pick of** Destiny (R) Fri.,-Sat. 2:25, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40 Sun. 2:25, 5:15, 8:00, 10:35; **Turistas** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:20) 2:05, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05; Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:40) 2:35, 5:30, 8:10, 11:00 Sun. (11:40) 2:35, 5:30,

#### **STATE UNIVERSITY**

#### Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Casino Royale (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (3:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (3:15) 7:50; Deck the Halls (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50 Sun. (3:20) 5:30, 7:45; **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (3:40) 7:10, 9:55 Sun. (3:40) 7:00; Flushed Away (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (3:45) 5:50, 8:00, 10:05 Sun. (3:45) 5:50, 7:55; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sat (3:10) 5:40, 8:15 Sun. (3:00) 5:35, 8:10; **The**  $\textbf{Nativity Story} \; (PG) \; Fri., -Sun. \; (3:30) \; 5:55,$ 

#### Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Shut Up and Sing (R) Fri. 5:10, 7:30, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

#### **UPTOWN**

#### **Hillcrest Cinemas**

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) For Your Consideration (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. 11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; **The Last King of Scotland** (R) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Little Children** (Not Rated) Fri. 2:10, 5:05, 8:00 Sat.,-Sun. 11:15, 2:10, 5:05, 8:00; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri. 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. 10:35, 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35; **Volver** (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. 10:55, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55

#### Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Deep Sea 3D (G) Fri.,-Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00 8:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00; **Roving Mars** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 6:00, 9:00 Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 6:00; Santa vs. the Snowman (Not Rated) Fri. 3:00, 7:00 Sat. 10:00, 11:00, 3:00, 7:00 Sun.

San Diego Natural History Museum Ocean's Twelve (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Too Hot Not to Handle Fri.,-Sun

#### **EAST COUNTY**

#### **EL CAJON**

#### Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) The Blood Diamond (R) Sat. 7:00p.m.; Bobby (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:35) 7:00; Borat (R) Fri. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 8:00, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:25; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 1:15, 3:55) 7:10, 7:40, 10:30; **Deck the Halls** (PG) Fri. (10:40, 12:15, 1:05, 3:30, 5:55) 8:25, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (10:40, 12:15, 1:05, 3:30) 5:55, 8:25, 10:50; **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 1:20, 4:05, 4:25) 7:05, 7:35, 10:10, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:50, 1:20) 4:05, 4:25, 7:05, 7:35, 10:10, 10:45; **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri. (10:50, 1:10, 3:35, 5:55) 8:10, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (10:50, 1:10, 3:35) 5:55, 8:10, 10:30; **For Your Consideration** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:30, 3:55) 9:55; **The** Fountain (PG-13) Fri. (10:35, 4:50) 10:55 Sat.,-Sun. (10:35) 4:50, 10:55; Happy Feet (PG) Fri. (10:30, 11:20, 1:30, 2:10, 4:10, 5:00) 7:20, 7:55, 10:20, 10:40 Sat. (10:30, 11:20, 1:30, 2:10) 4:10, 5:00, 7:55, 10:20, 10:40 Sun. (10:30, 11:20, 1:30, 2:10) 4:10, 5:00, 7:20, 7:55, 10:20, 10:40; **The Nativity Story** (PG) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 1:35, 2:05, 4:15, 4:45) 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10 Sat., -Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 1:35, 2:05) 4:15, 4:45, 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:45, 4:25) 7:10, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:25, 7:10, 9:45; **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** (G) Fri. (11:35, 2:15, 4:55) 7:45, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 4:55, 7:45, 10:25; **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 1:25, 4:10) 6:55, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (10:40, 1:25) 4:10, 6:55, 9:40; Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny (R) Fri. (2:50, 5:25) 7:50, 10:35 Sat., Sun. (2:50) 5:25, 7:50, 10:35; Turistas (R) Fri. (10:30, 12:55, 3:20, 5:50) 8:15, 10:40 Sat., Sun. (10:30, 12:55, 3:20) 5:50, 8:15, 10:40; Van Wilder: The Rise of Tai (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:15, 4:55) 7:35, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:15

#### LA MESA

#### **Grossmont Center**

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) Call theater for program information

#### **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

#### Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road Call theater for program information

#### **SANTEE**

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Casino Royale (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun.; Happy Feet (PG) Fri.,-Sun.; The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (G) Fri.,-Sun.; Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun.

#### **SOUTH BAY**

#### **CHULA VISTA**

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) **Borat** (R) Fri. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:30, 8:30, 10:30; Casino Royale (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:30, 10:45; **Deck the Halls** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15; **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Nativity Story** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (G) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny (R) Fri.,-Sun. 9:30p.m.; Turistas (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 10:45; Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennerv Road (858-558-2262) Babel (R); Bobby (R); Borat (R); Casino Royale (PG-13); Deck the Halls (PG); Déjà Vu (PG-13); The Departed (R); Flushed Away (PG); For Your Consideration (PG-13); The Fountain (PG-13); Happy Feet (PG); Let's Go to Prison (R); The Nativity Story (PG); The Queen (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); Turistas (R); Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj (R)

#### Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) **Babel** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 9:35p.m.; **Bobby** (R) Fri. (12:50, 3:40) 6:55, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (10:05, 12:50, 3:40) 6:55, 10:10; **Borat** (R) Fri.,-Sun (12:30, 2:40, 5:10) 8:00, 10:45; Casino Royale (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 3:45, 4:20) 7:00, 7:45, 10:25, 11:00 Sat.,-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 3:45, 4:20) 7:00, 7:45, 10:25, 11:00; Deck the Halls (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 1:15, 2:55, 5:20) 7:50, 10:15; **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 1:30, 3:55, 4:30) 7:20, 7:55, 10:30, 10:55 Sat.,-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 1:30, 3:55, 4:30) 7:20, 7:55, 10:30, 10:55; **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:35, 4:45) 7:05; **The Fountain** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40) 4:40, 7:10, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:40) 4:40, 7:10, 10:00; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 1:00, 2:20, 4:05, 4:55) 6:45, 7:30, 9:20, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (10:25, 11:45, 1:00, 2:20, 4:05, 4:55) 6:45, 7:30, 9:20, 10:10; **The Nativity Story** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:40) 7:15, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:40) 7:15, 9:55; **The** Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (G) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:30, 5:00) 7:25; Stranger **Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 3:50) 6:50, 9:45 Sat., -Sun. (10:05, 12:55, 3:50) 6:50, 9:45; Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00p.m.; Turistas (R) Fri. (12:55, 3:20, 5:45) 8:10, 10:45 Sat., -Sun. (10:10, 12:55, 3:20, 5:45) 8:10, 10:45; **Van Wilder: The Rise** of Tai (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:15) 7:55, 10:35 Sun. (10:00, 12:20, 2:50, 5:15) 7:55, 10:35

#### **IMPERIAL BEACH**

#### South Bay Drive-In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

#### **NORTH INLAND CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

#### **Carmel Mountain**

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Bobby (R) Fri.,-Sat. (2:10) 4:55, 7:35, 10:20 Sun. (2:10) 4:55, 7:35; Borat (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:55p.m.); Casino Royale (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30; **Deck the Halls** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (2:15) 5:20, 7:45, 9:55 Sun. (2:15) 5:20, 7:45; **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (2:10) 4:50, 7:35, 10:25 Sun. (2:10) 4:50, 7:35; **The Fountain** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:35) 5:25, 7:40, 10:05 Sun. (1:35) 5:25, 7:40; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (2:00) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55 Sun. (2:00) 4:45, 7:20; **The Nativity Story** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:45) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sun. (1:45) 4:15, 7:00; **The Santa Clause** 3: The Escape Clause (G) Fri.,-Sat. (1:40) 4:20, 7:05, 9:50 Sun. (1:40) 4:20, 7:05; Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13) Fri., -Sun. (1:50) 7:10; Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny (R)Fri.,-Sat. 4:55, 10:10 Sun. 4:55p.m.; **Turistas** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (2:05) 5:00, 7:25, 10:15 Sun. (2:05) 5:00, 7:25

#### **ESCONDIDO**

#### Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) **Bobby** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:15, 4:00) 7:05, 9:55; Borat (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:35, 4:55) 7:10, 10:05; Casino Royale (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12.20, 1.00, 3.40, 4.15) 7.00, 7.30, 10.20, 10:45; Deck the Halls (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55, 3:50) 6:55, 9:45; Déià Vu (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:55, 1:10, 2:45, 4:25) 7:15, 7:35, 10:25,

 $10:40; \textbf{Flushed Away} \ (PG) \ Fri., -Sun. \ (10:50, 1:20, 3:45) \ 6:30, 9:35; \textbf{The Fountain} \ (PG-13)$ Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 4:10) 7:20; Happy Feet (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 1:25, 2:25, 4:05, 5:05) 6:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:25; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Sat. 7:00p.m.; **The Nativity Story** (PG) Fri.,-Sun (11:00, 1:35, 4:20) 7:25, 10:15; **The Prestige** (11:00, 1:55, 4:20) 7:25, 10:15; The Prestige (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:40p.m.; The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (G) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15; Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 3:55) 6:50, 10:00 Sat. (1:05, 3:55) 10:10 Sun. (1:05, 3:55) 6:50, 10:00; **Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:45) 9:50; **Turistas** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:50, 4:30) 7:55, 10:30; **Van Wilder: The Rise** of Taj (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:40,

#### **FALLBROOK**

#### Galaxy 6

Casino Royale (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:30) 7:30, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 1:15, 4:30) 7:30; Deck the Halls (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45; Flushed Away (PG) Fri. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 Sat. (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 Sun. (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00; Happy Feet (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Nativity Story** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00,

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#### **POWAY** Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Bobby (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30, 4:30) 9:30 Sun (11:30, 4:30); **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:15) 7:30, 10:45 Sun (10:00, 1:00, 4:15) 7:30; Deck the Halls (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:45 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:45; Flushed **Away** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:45, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. (10:45, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:45, The Fountain (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:15) 7:15; Happy Feet (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) nappy reet (PG) Fri., Sat. (10:13, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, **The Nativity Story** (PG) Fri., Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **The Santa** Clause 3: The Escape Clause (G) Fri. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sat., -Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:45, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 9:45 Sun. (10:45, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00; **Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15,

#### **SAN MARCOS**

#### San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Call theater for program information

#### Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive

(760-945-7469)

The Blood Diamond (R) Sat. 7:10p.m.; Bobby (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:05; Borat (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:20, 5:30) 7:40, 9:50; Casino Royale (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 4:00) 7:30, 10:35; **Deck the Halls** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:10, 9:30; **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 2:00, 4:45, 4:50) 7:05, 7:50, 10:10, 10:45; **Flushed Away** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:25, 3:40, 5:50) 8:05; **The Fountain** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:00) 6:50, 9:15 Sat. (11:30, 2:00) 10:15 Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 6:50, 9:15; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 11:45, 1:45, 2:20, 4:25) 7:20, 10:00; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Sat. 7:00p.m.; **The Nativity Story** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:10, 12:00, 1:40, 2:30, 4:10, 5:00) 6:45, 7:25, 9:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:10, 12:00, 1:40, 2:30, 4:20, 5:00) 6:50, 7:25, 9:20, 10:00; **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape** Clause (G) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 1:55, 4:20) 6:40. 9:00; Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:45 Sat. (11:05, 1:40, 4:20) 9:45 Sun. (11:05, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:45; Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny (R) Fri.,-Sun. (4:30) 10:15; **Turistas** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 3:00, 5:20) 7:45, 10:10; Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:35, 5:00) 7:35, 10:05

#### **NORTH COASTAL**

#### **CARLSBAD**

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:10, 1:55, 4:40) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (11:10, 1:55, 4:40) 7:30; The Nativity Story (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 2:30, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35 Sun. (12:00, 2:30, 4:55) 7:15

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#### Plaza Camino Real

**EVERYTHING** 

#### (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00 **ENCINITAS**

**DEL MAR** 

(858-646-9420)

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road

Borat (R) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00)

6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00)

6:15, 8:30; Casino Royale (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:30 Sun. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15; Deck the Halls (PG) Fri.,-Sat.

(10:45, 1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; **Déjà Vu** (PG-13)

Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:30; **Flushed Away** (PG)

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## Hereda crisis

Analistas políticos aseguran que Felipe Calderón debe ser un presidente con carácter para sofocar los explosivos problemas que invaden a la sociedad mexicana.

Mauricio Rossell, doctor en derecho y analista, sostiene que al panista le heredan "un mal escenario; Fox le deja el país a Calderón en una crisis política. El país está prácticamente incendiado. Está el caso Oaxaca, el narcotráfico, la delincuencia, la guerrilla urbana, los bombazos".

Y añade: "Calderón es un presidente legitimado por un tribunal, pero hay una parte de la población que se siente agraviada".

El presidente electo, hombre formado en provincia, criado según él mismo en el campo, enfrentará un arranque complicado, dijo Jorge Chabat, analista e investigador del CIDE.

Para el analista Mauricio Rossell, será necesario que Calderón busque legitimarse a través de "manotazos". especial



## Consternación

"La libertad de prensa no debe celebrarse, simplemente se debe ejercer", dijo tajante el periodista Jesús Blancornelas en mayo de 2001 durante una entrevista con motivo del Día de la Libertad de Expresión.

La madrugada del pasado jueves 23 de noviembre J. Jesús Blancornelas dejó de existir. Una pleuresía, mai que le aquejó desde su adolescencia y que le hacía acumular agua en el pulmón, lo venció a sus 70 años.

No obstante su muerte, el periodista está todavía presente en el semanario y en los siete libros de crónicas y reportajes que publicó a lo largo de su carrera, desde "Crónica de una infamia" en donde narra la crisis del gobernador Carlos Armando Biebrich en Sonora hasta las investigaciones acuciosas sobre el Cartel Arellano Félix.

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## Duelo caliente

Cuatro equipos quedan vivos en el Apertura 2006, las series de semifinales están pactadas y, sin menospreciar la que jugarán Pachuca y Toluca, llama poderosamente la atención la otra, la que enfrenta a los dos máximos rivales del futbol mexicano, América y Guadalajara, Chivas y Aguilas, equipos con gran poder de convocatoria y que, además, llegan en su mejor momento.

La historia reciente de los clásicos tiene a Chivas como gran dominador ya que sólo perdió uno de los últimos nueve y tiene dos triunfos seguidos en la liga, pero deben confirmar ese dominio en la etapa más importante del futbol mexicano, la liguilla, en la que Águilas tiene un amplio dominio con 11 triunfos en 16 partidos.

Los juegos de fin de semana de la seminifales del futbol mexicano son: Toluca contra Pachuca a las 10:00 am y América contra Guadalajara a las 6:00 pm en el majestuoso Estadio Azteca.

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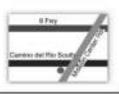








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## Se apagó

Curiosamente en domingo y el mismo día en que sería transmitido su homenaje por el Canal de las Estrellas, el conductor de Siempre en Domingo, Raul Velasco, murió rodeado de sus seres queridos.

El afamado conductor de la televisión mexicana falleció de complicaciones cardiacas y hepáticas en su casa de Acapulco y el lunes sus restos fueron cremados en el Panteón Francés de la Ciudad de México. Raúl Velasco Ramírez nació en Celaya, Guanajuato, el 24 de abril de 1933. Desde pequeño ayudó a su familia en tienda La Violeta, propiedad de sus padres.

A los 20 años, Raúl Ve-

de México para trabajar en la revista Novelas de la radio. Posteriormente colaboró en Cine Universal, Cine Novelas y Cine Album.

El 13 de diciembre de 1969 nació el programa de variedades musicales de mayor tradición en México: Siempre en Domingo. La emisión alcanzó fama en toda la repùblica mexicana, Estados Unidos, Centro, Sudamérica, Europa y Asia.

Durante casi 30 años. Raúl Velasco llevó domingo a domingo a artistas tan reconocidos en la actualidad como Lucia Méndez, Chayanne, Lucero, Emmanuel, Mijares, Gloria Trevi y muchos más.

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## Bomba latina

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La ex miss Universo Dayanara Torres inicia carrera en miniseries de acción norteamericanas.

La hoy modelo y actriz de origen puertorriqueño estelarizará "Watch Over Me" en el canal 6 de la cadena Fox.

"Esta es una gran oportunidad para mi como actriz, es una miniserie de acción que será transmitida por una de las principales cadenas de televisión", diio Dayanara Torres en entrevista exclusiva con Diario San Diego.

La hoy modelo y actriz de origen puertorriqueño protagonizará una historia que narra un triangulo amoroso, donde la joven hispana está comprometida con un magna-

te sandieguino de turbios negocios que contrata un guardaespaldas para proteger a su prometida.

"Es una historia que tiene de todo, acción, suspenso, amor con efectos especiales pero sobre todo es una historia fuerte que narra un amor termentese perque vo me enamoro de mi guardaespaldas y ahí empieza el conflicto", apuntó la guapa ex miss universo.

Con esta oportunidad en su carrera, Torres se encuentra complacida ya que representa un inicio positivo en su trayectoria como actriz.

Protagonizar una telenovela para público de habla inglesa es muy importante porque seguramente le abrirá puertas para continuar su carrera artística.

El corredor de los Cargadores de San Diego,

LaDainian Tomlinson, se convirtió en el mejor acarreador de la Liga Nacional de Futbol (NFL) al ubicarse como el primer jugador en anotar 100 touchdowns en menos de 93 juegos profesionales. El jugador de la escua-

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dra sandieguina tuvo una fenomenal actuación el domingo pasado al anotar dos veces y lanzar un pase de anotación.

Muchos comparan ya la trayectoria profesional de Tomlinson con el legendario corredor de los Cafés de Cleveland, Jim Brown.

"Honestamente, no sé que pensar respecto de ello", declaró Tomlinson,



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"Qué increible jugador fue Brown, es uno de mis ídolos", apuntó Tomlinson. En el 2006, Tomlin-

son ha anotado 20 touchdowns, 16 por tierra y dos por aire, y lidera la NFL en puntos anotados con 108.

El resumen: Tomlinson ha corrido para 88 touchdowns, ha logrado otros 10 en recepciones y ha pasado para cinco en su estancia con los Cargadores de San Diego.

Con apenas 27 años de edad Tomlinson va. sin lugar a dudas, corriendo para ganarse un lugar en el Salón de la Fama de la NFL.

Este fin de semana los Cargadores visitan a los Bills de Búfalo en la semana 13 de la NFL.



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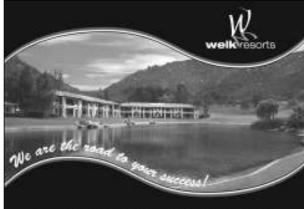
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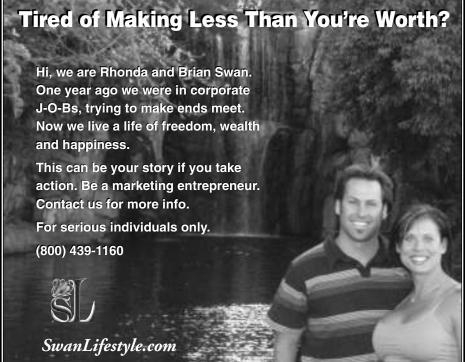
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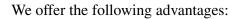
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Garth Traub

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sure hope to be. I'm doing what is very optimistic and [what will] hopefully open a lot of doors for me. I graduated and am working on some ideas I'm trying to get working. My father is an attorney, and my mother deals in art supplies. They're from South Africa. At my age, my father was already practicing law in his hometown. My mom

was a housewife. I'm not earning

any money now but hope to be.



Sara Melaten

Advertising sales

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Well, I'd have to divide it up, since my parents are divorced and doing completely different things now. Yes, more successful than my dad, but I can't really say for my mom. It depends how you define success. She's a homemaker, a really good mom, and lives a really good life get-ting to do whatever she wants to do. She has a husband that supports her. In that way, she's really successful. At my age, well, she was 19 when she had my older brother, and a portion of that time she was a single mom without a good job.



Thomas Williams

Finish work

Mission Valley

don't consider myself more suc-Lessful than my parents. They grew up during the Depression, and they scrimped and saved. They ended up having a cushion. I don't think people do that anymore. They were ecological way before their time. Everything got used. To this day, nothing will get thrown away if it can

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would say it's 50/50. I am more successful the way I have the opportunity to learn more about myself as an individual and be selfish. My parents, when they were 23 and 24, they were tied down by a little bundle of joy. At a time when they could've traveled, been with their friends, or taken classes for themselves, they were worried about another mouth to feed. I don't have that and can explore. In another way, I'm not as successful. The priorities I have are a little superficial. I don't measure success in terms of financial, Right now, in this day and age, the real success is being one with your mind and getting along with others and

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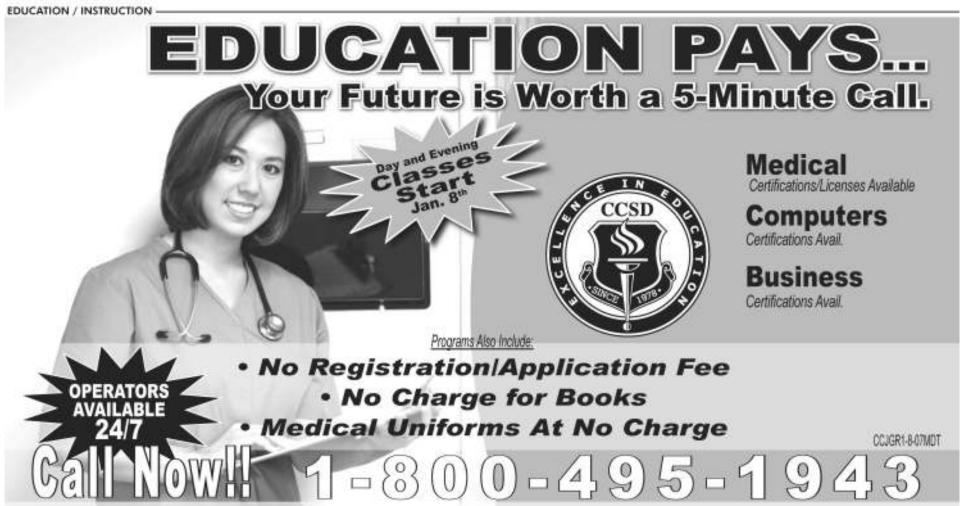
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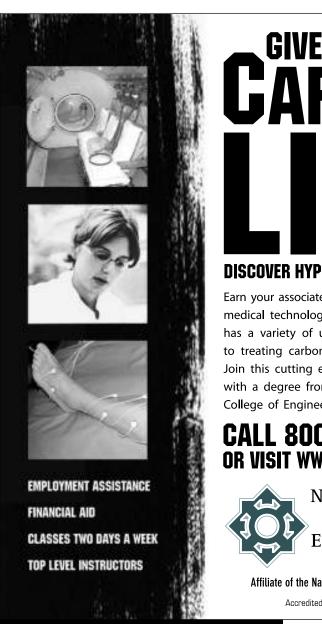
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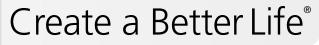
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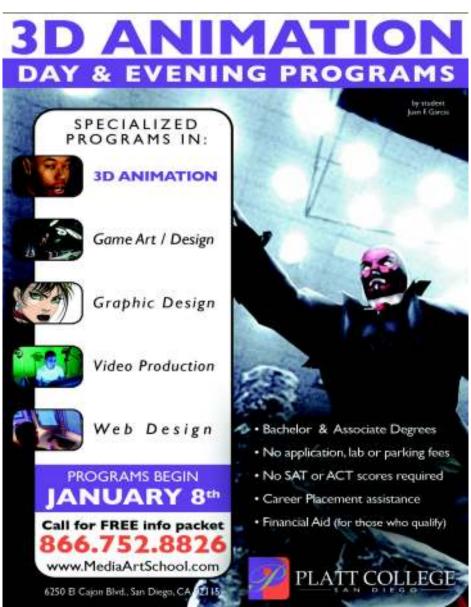
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- 10. Lounge (about)
- 14. Songstress Mann
- 15. Scott Turow's first book
- 16. They sometimes clash
- 17. Moved to a quieter table, maybe
- 18. Game using a 32-card deck
- 19. Lady's man
- 20. Suggest to a PGA player how he should stand for a portrait?
- 23. Work \_\_\_\_ sweat
- 24. "Are you a man \_\_
- 25. Royalties from a Top 40 hit?
- 33. Dijon dad
- 34. "ER" regulars
- 35. Sell out
- 36. NASCAR track shape
- 37. It might be 18 oz. on a cereal box
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- 41. Gold or silver
- 43. "I'm impressed!"
- 44. Historic periods
- 45. Boarding school scholarship awarded before enrollment? 49. Spartan's sch.
- 50. Narc's grp.51. Streetwalker's Stridex-using boss was in charge?
- 59. Bearded Smurf
- 60. New York-to-Tel Aviv option
- 61. Eat away at
- 62. Completely
- 63. Govt. disaster relief org.
- 64. Actress Sophia
- 65. Relinquish
- 66. Deuce topper 67. See 1-Across

- 1. Org. for seniors
- 2. Waterfront walkway Excited"
- 3. 1982 hit "\_ 4. Half-moon tide
- 5. "Leave!"
- 6. Sitcom character who wins \$108 million in the lottery in the show's final season
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- 21. Brush off
- 22. Henry VIII's last wife
- 25. Flu symptom
- 26. Speak at length
- 27. Pass twice on the track
- 28. Bar, legally \_\_ hike!"
- 30. Prenatal care centers?
- 31. Vagabond
- 32. Grandson of Adam 33. Splendor
- 38, 2006 crossword puzzle
- documentary
- 39. "Of \_\_\_\_ Sing" 42. Genie's home
- 46. Remains
- 47. Aaron Burr, famously
- 48. David's costar on "Baywatch"
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- 52. Gadget that comes with earbuds
- 53. Windy locale?
- 54. Notre
- 55. Hold (up) 56. Petty of "Tank Girl"
- 57. Fall locale
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- 59. Campaign contributor

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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 11/22/06.

by David Levinson Wilk

There were 54 entrants. The winners are:

- 1. Anthony Fraser, San Diego
- 2. Lawrence Patterson, San Diego
- 3. Bill Woerner, Escondido 4. Kristen Fiandaca, San Diego
- 5. Cathie Gowen, Pacific Beach

MODELS: HOIST Open casting call Saturday, December 9, 2006. HOIST is looking for physically fit female and male models. Must be high energy, capable of working out on strength fitness equipment and study helps with life issues, transitions, relationships. \$40/session. Paul Hartsuyker, MFT-15896. www.sandiegotherapist.com/hartsuyker.html. 619-269-8939. FEELING STUCK? STRESSED? Experi comfortable about showing their body in a bathing suit. If interested, you need to prequalify for this casting call by e-mailing your resume and full body shots to: marketing@hoistfitness.com. encing crisis? Relationship issues? Career problems? Family conflicts? Grief? Sexual issues? Take back your power. Free con-sultation: 619-723-9244. Trish Deignan, ICCW01961

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HEALTHY ADULTS learning to heal child-HEALTHY ADULTS learning to heal child-hood traumas. Emotional recovery from wounds of dysfunctional family. Includes Thought Field Therapy for eliminating anx-ieties and traumas. Counseling for individ-uals, couples enrichment and family bonding sessions. Sharon Goodlove, TFT Diagnostician, and Glenn Goodlove, LCSW-1450. Goodlove Counseling Cen-ter, 858-569-8975, www.goodlove-online. com

MALE GROUP MEMBER NEEDED for mixed process/support group. Relation-ship difficulties, intimacy, self-esteem, childhood issues. Tuesday evenings, UTC area, fee. Susan Jorgensen, MFT-22281, 858-622-0632 MARRIAGE/FAMILY THERAPIST. Seek-

ing individuals, adolescents, couples, families ready to make changes. Let me help you help yourself. Sliding fee. License #MFC43461. Lilach Harris, 619-241-6006. PROFESSIONAL SPIRITUAL Counselor

M.A., Human Behavior. 34 years Peer Counseling experience. Expertly focused: PTSD, Emotional Abuse, Addictive Behaviors, Co-dependence, Relationships. Teaching Credential #020171282. www.idurathapl.com. 619, 701, 4621 idaretoheal.com, 619-701-4621.

RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS, depression, gay and lesbian issues, child and adolescent therapy are my specialties. Individuals, couples, families. Sliding fee. MFC-43174. Phaedra Scoortis, MFT. Call

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Line Catholic Church will present a cel-

John's Catholic Church will present a celebration on Sunday, 12/3, 5pm. Music provided by The Saint John Choristers

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acconolismo en su familia? Juntas sesio-nan Martes, 5:30pm-7pm, y Sabados, 1-2:30pm, 3450 Bonita Road, #207, Bonita, CA 91902. **ALANON,** Grupo rencuentro hay problemas de alcoholismo en su familia? Sesiones Lunes y Jueves de 5-6:30pm, 3450 Bonita Road #207, Bonita CA

ALCOHOLICOS ANONIMOS. Tiene prob-lemas con la bebida? Llamenos 24 horas. Oficina Central Hispana, 3628 University Avenue, San Diego, 92105. 619-280-

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 bobdavenport@cox.net about your writing experience and current project.

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Last week's place: (clue: End of the road for the South?) The compass rose atop the Pacific Milestone plinth in Horton Plaza marks the spot where the "Old Spanish Trail," from St. Augustine, Florida, to San Diego ends (as does the more controversially named Lee Trail, the southern route from New York). The memorial was built in appreciation of San Diego's Col. Ed Fletcher, who led the fight for a southern transcontinental highway. (Last week's winners: Emilio Szymazack, Tiffany Gardner, Matt Hom, **Douglas Bills, Peter Danque)** 

### Q: Riverside reading, anyone?

**Describe** this location, name the nearest cross-streets, and win a Reader T-shirt. E-mail to NameThisPlace@SanDiego Reader.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.)



ALMOST HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS, an inspiring story in barbershop harmony. Saturday, 12/16, 3pm and 7pm, The Neu-rosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. 760-723-2294.

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL works for human rights. Meetings: 7pm, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. First Unitarian Church, 4190 Front (opposite UCSD Medical Center). Information, 858-576-3811.

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ANXIOUS, depressed? Recovery Inc. has been holding self-help mental health meetings since 1937. Many suffer from nervous symptoms and fears. Voluntary offering, www.recovery-inc.org or 619-275-0364.

ARTIST FAIRE HOLIDAY Botique Unique, nandcraffed items created by lo-cal artists. Fabulous items. December 2, 6-9pm and December 3, 10am-3pm. 302 South Nardo, Solana Beach.



### SPEED DATING Tuesday, December 5

at **30-Two** (inside Rama, Downto Ages 24-34, 35-47 & 48-62 Check-in 7 pm, event 7:30 pm dvance registration required.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Singles & Sushi, Wine Tasting/Blending, Fondue Party & more!

See website for details. ww.lucky7match.com (619) 890-7117

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DIVORCE CARE, meets Sundays 9am.

CVCF campus. 10791 Tierrasanta

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DIVORCED AND PROBLEMS with child visitation, support payments, non-custo-dial rights, lawyers, and family law court? Change the system, join Coalition of Par-

DIVORCING/SEPARATING? Get quid ance/support during your emotional ad-justment. Group meets Friday, 6:30-8pm, in Allied Gardens off Waring Road. Di-vorce Anonymous, 619-442-1550.

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FREE PSYCHIC HEALING, Lecture Clinic, Free readings for new visitors. Mondays, 7:30pm, 11/6, 12/4, 11/107, 2/5/07, by Vessa's Clairvoyant Program students, 4455 Morena Boulevard, Suite #107. 858-

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HELP FOR YOUR LIFE. Lonely? Dial hope. 858-277-8060. Scripture, new

thought, prayer, request prayer. Recorded message changed daily. Help-ful messages, 858-277-2389. Sunday ser-vice, 10am, Linda Vista Presbyterian Church, 2130 Ulric Street, San Diego 92111. 858-277-0523.

JOHN WALLACE CICCARELLI, as of November 23, 2006, am not responsible for wife, Chesley J. Ciccarelli, debt acquired after this date, due to marriage

separation.

LOST: November 24. Man's wedding ring, white gold, 5 small stones. Lost by Mobil station near Pomerado and Ted Williams. Had it 45 years. 858-748-5692.

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MEDITATION. Free classes Tuesdays 7:30pm, Saturdays 11:30am. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue, Suite 303, Ocean Beach. 858-616-6308 or www.dharmacenter.com.

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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-

NATIVE COUNCIL PROGRESS, Incorporated, non-profit, supports the repatriation of Mexican Indian immigrants. 4000+ dead. Derechas para los migrantes sin papeles! Amnesty, yes! Wall? No!

OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE Anonymous 12-step meeting for people with OCD. Mondays, 6-7pm, Free, Department of Health Services Complex, 3851 Rose-crans Street, Mission Room, San Diego. 619-757-6603.

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verkealers ANONTWOUS. Over weight? Anorexic? Bullimic? Can't stop eating? There is a 12-step solution. Meet-ings daily. No dues or fees. 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. Call for details, 619-579-7640.

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PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "Giving and "Searcher 14, 7-9nm. 1228-Receiving" December 14, 7-9pm. 1228-1/2 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 92014. Meeting, no fee. 858-259-1880.

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PATHWORK DISCUSSION, 'The Process of Meditation,' December 18, 7-9pm. 3180 University Avenue, Suite 200. San Diego CA 92104. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. 619-296-9046.

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PREGNANT? Available to take part in a paid clinical study? PrecisionMed is seeking healthy volunteers, between the ages of 20 and 45, who are at least 7 weeks pregnant, and who would like to participate in a research study. Participation in this search study. pate in a research study. Participation in this genetic study involves no medication or treatment and requires between 1 and 3 short office visits to our offices. As compensation for participating, volunteers will receive \$100 for each office visit. For further information and to check if you quality, please call 800-519-8810 or you can email at carolemarks@precisionmed.com

PRIVATE COUNSELING. Your journey can be clearer, more peaceful; relation-ship issues, body image, self-esteem, anger. I can help. Work toward accep-tance of yourself. Fee. 619-838-6817.

RAGGLE TAGGLE, Will sing holiday songs for December nights in Balboa Park December 2 (Saturday) behind Prado

SEX and/or relationship problems? Out of control? You are not alone. Call Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step fel-lowship. PO Box 3791, San Diego 92163 or 619-685-7211 or www.slaa-san-diego.

restaurant, 6-10pm, www.raggletaggle

TWELVE STEPS NOT working for you? Try a self-empowering, skill-building approach with S.M.A.R.T. Recovery, free support groups 878-546-1100 support groups. 858-546-1100.

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VolunteErs. Stop the crisis in child abuse. San Diego's abandoned/ne-glected children desperately need you. Become a child advocate. Information sessions: Wednesday, 12/13, 1/3, 1/24 (North County), 2/7. Voices for Children, 858-569-2019 or visit www.speakupnow.org.

WALGREENS PHARMACY? If you received a letter regarding renewing your prescription from Walgreens, we are in-terested in hearing from you. Finkelstein & Krinsk, LLP. 619-238-1333.

YOU'RE WELCOME HERE! Join in for the Christmas season at Spring Valley Com-munity Church. Sunday Worship: 9:30am-English, 11:30am-Spanish. AWANA for kids, Wednesdays! 730 Concepcion. www.svchurch.org.

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DAVIEBABES, in Boston. You weren't perfect, but you were perfect for me. I

HGS, just realized that I can't write you a love letter saying my heart is trembling unless you tell me first. TYS Michale, IRDLY 24/7/F.

PUTIN YOUR JEWSKYS, Are Rooskys Condi you talked them over, talk them back. KGB round up your Rooskys.

TO UNDERSTAND TRUTH of the teachings of the Master Christian Teacher, is to know the truth of thy Brethren in other dimensions. You cannot have one without the other. Ashtar.

### MATCHES

### Women SEEKING MEN

WHERE ARE YOU? I'm still waiting, black female, 49. Looking for Mr. Everything, 32-55, no games, serious relationship, hopeful. Let's find the magic together. (12/6) ☎70073

SINCERE, ADVENTURESOME, Loving SINCERE, ADVENTURESOME, LOVING lady, 5'6', trim, no dependents, enjoys outdoors. Seeks tall, white, healthy, 57-69, to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (858). (12/6) \$\tilde{\Pi}\$70068

SEEKING A LIFE PARTNER Who is a nonsmoker male between 35-45. I am 40 years old, 5'3", 125lbs, dark brown hair and brown eyes. (12/13) ☎70104

**59, HAPPY, ENERGETIC,** attractive Filipino-Chinese, widowed, loving, secured healthy. Seeking nonsmoker, Christian gentleman, to share life. No games

please, life is short, but beautiful. (12/6)

LATIN, FUN, FIT, Professional, 50s, petite, cute, loving, caring. Love the outdoors, music, dancing. Seeking fun, honest, educated guy for lasting relationship. (12/6) \$\oldsymbol{\Pi}70077\$

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN All my life? Caring, educated, vibrant woman, 58, to meet sense of humor, sincere gent 55-63 for fun, friendship and romance. (12/13)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, Energetic woman, 40s. sexv. Seeking that other half to share life with. Seeking not hard, I'm here. Make that first move. Merry Christmas. (12/13)

SLIM. ATTRACTIVE BLOND. Real estate agent 60, enjoys travel, outdoors, art, great food. Seeks a reasonably fit companion for conversation and a glass of wine. (12/6) ☎70069

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN, Health care ASIAN, Health care provider, 42, 115lbs, 5<sup>4</sup>. No children, outgoing, love outdoors, activities, home owner, financially secure. Seeking college graduate, 40-45, nonsmoker. (12/6) \$\overline{\Pi}\$70087

WOMAN 56 OF HEIGHT and girth, seeks 50ish, slightly independent, tall, clever, reputable, patient, loyal and kind Charger fan, for casual dinners, talk, caring, more? (12/13) \$\infty\$70107

ASIAN, EXOTIC, SEXY, Nice legs/smile, curvaceous figure, 5'3', 115lbs, professional, childless, homeowner. Desires fun, fit, nonsmoker, upscale, compatible, generous, 36+ Asian/Caucasian stable 12/13) **7**70109

gentieman. (12/13) \$\overline{\pi}\$70109 **DOCTOR, BEAUTIFUL,** affectionate. Loves dancing, yoga, traveling. Looking for successful, passionate, intelligent, spontaneous, caring, loving, sincere man, 40s, for long-term relationship. (12/13) \$\overline{\pi}\$70108

SEXY, PASSIONATE VIXEN, Spoiled graduáte student, 27, curvy, ádventur-ous, healthy nonsmoker, into fitness Seeking older, affluent, healthy, classy, generous-hearted, clean gentleman, foi pleasurable times. (12/6) \$\infty\$70086

ыевамиарие times. (12/6) \$\overline{\textit{T}} 70086\$ **LIKE YOUR COFFEE BLACK,** With a dash of cream? Maybe you will like this senior chocolate lady from Central America. Let's enjoy the holidays together. (12/6) \$\overline{\textit{T}} 70070\$

CHOCOLATE SEEKS VANILLA. Have a sweet tooth? Then this 35 year old chocolate beauty is waiting for you, for fun dates. (12/6) \$\infty\$70082

Daties. (12/6) 12/70082

QUALITY WOMAN, Accomplished, retired professional, cultured, great body, lively, aware. Seeking quality, non-smoking man, financiallylemotionally secure, to explore life's possibilities. (12/6) 12/70076

BLONDE, FIVE FOOT SIX, 53, medium build. Looking for attractive gentleman to meet for coffee, maybe dating. Race open and please, no games. (12/6)

MUST LOVE DOGS and laughter. I'm 52, 5'4", slender warm-hearted, romantic. 5.4, stender warm-nearted, romantic. Like travel, stay home, walks, motorcycle rides, nature, yellow roses. Seeking se-cure gentleman. (12/6) \$\alpha\$70081

COUNTRY LADY WANTS Cowboy-rancher. Country-oriented, outdoors, dancing and activities. Nonsmoker, non-drinker, 65-75. (12/13) \$\alpha\$70105

FRENCH, SEXY, ATTRACTIVE, 41, 5'6". 125lbs, blond/blue, romantic, affectionate, fun, sports, dancing, outdoors/indoors, beach, travel, socializing. Gentleman 41-55, handsome, athletic, secure, trustworthy, similars. (12/6)

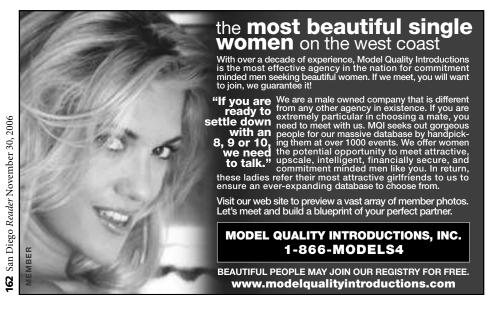
I AM AFFECTIONATE, Kind, considerate, love life and nice people. Looking for sincere, intelligent man, 56-60, nonsmoker 5'9"+. Me 5'5", 135lbs, 56, physically fit. (12/13) \$\alpha\$70092 EUROPEAN EDUCATED, Gorgeous, pe-

tite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no baggage man, friendship, sportive, no previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 35-53, 59+. (12/6) \$\mathbb{T}70075\$

5'9'+. (12/6) \$\overline{\text{T0075}}\$\$

\text{SPECIAL LADY, 53, black, attractive, proportionately full-figured. Easygoing personality, sense of humor, loving and affectionate, movies, books, travel, music, conversation, walks, hand-holding, kisses. (12/6) \$\overline{\text{T0084}}\$ 70084

49, FIT, 5'8', Single white female. Seeking educated, positive, kind, 'good guy' to explore San Diego and have fun with. Interested? Give me a call. (12/6) \$\overline{\text{T0080}}\$



# San Diego

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Bring in the New Year with us! Plans and party info to come.



VERY ATTRACTIVE, Sensual artist. Seeks long-term relationship. Tall, classy, educated, fit, fun, romantic, loving, kind gentleman, 45-60, handsome nonsmoker. Enjoy movies, outdoors, music, swimming. (12/13) **57** 70110

LIFE IS A BEACH! Adventuresome, petite, blonde, 61, would like to share with an attractive, adventuresome gentleman, 60-66. So much fun to have together! (12/6) ☎70078

GENUINE HISPANIC, 5'8", green eyes, plus-size woman, romantic, loves to cuddle, beach. Seeking honest, loving romantic, ready-for-relationship male, 36-45, loves kids, cuddling. (12/13)

ATTRACTIVE, SLIM/TALL, Educated, caring, loving. Enjoys travel, outdoor walk/bike. Seeks similar interest gentleman, financially secure 55-65, 6'+ for mutual friendship, good times, commitment-minded. (12/6) \$\infty\$ 70072

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TALL, PLAYFUL, AUBURN, 46, 5'9'. Seeking 38-48 professional, 6'+, 200lbs+, spiritual, nonsmoker/addictions, humorous, cultural, romantic, available, adventurous, flexible, spontaneous, music, share goals, friendship. (12/13) ★ 70095

GREAT LOOKS, EUROPEAN, Classy lady, honest, passionate, romantic, feisty, fun, successful, homeowner. Loves life, arts, people. Seeking accomplished gentleman, 44-55, with similar interests. (12/6) 27/0085

MEXICAN WOMAN. I'm 37, 5'5', 108lbs, brown hair/eyes, single, no children, never married, easyoing, like outdoors. Looking for white man. Call me please. (12/13) 2770094

BRITISH GENTLEMAN DESIRED By at-

of humor, world traveler, healthy lifestyle. Seeking ages 43-54 with similar interests/lifestyle. (12/13) \$\infty\$70091

FUN, ATTRACTIVE, SLIM BLONDE, Positive, affectionate, caring. Looking for tall, handsome, sincere, intelligent, successful, loving, fun man for dating, 53-62. (12/13) \$\overline{a}\$70100

SWEET, HUMOROUS, Lively Japanese. Seeks to meet a stable man with more than average qualities. (12/13) ☎70112

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From this page, click on "Matches."

YOUNGER WHITE MALE that can keep up with a 40s pretty woman with dark brown, smooth skin, 5'6", 130lbs. Be attractive, athletic, clean-cut nonsmoker. (12/6)

OUTGOING, WARM, GEORGIA PEACH, 62 years young. Amateur photographer, adventurous, museums, travel, outdoors, indoors, family, pets, friends. Let's laugh. Live near Balboa Park. (12/13) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$70097

BRILLIANT APHRODITE-LIKE woman, desires vibrant man of kind heart and generous soul, to travel worlds together, laugh frequently, touch life, and love well (12/13) \$70102

BLONDE, 44, 5'3", 115lbs, has cat. Looking for permanent relationship, before I leave town. No pets of your own, please. Leaving in May 07. (12/13) ☎70098

LOOKING FOR THE ONE. In search of loving, sexy, passionate man. Me, 50 Latina, fun-loving. You, real, honest and looking for amor y passion. (12/6) ☎70083

**51-YEAR-OLD WHITE WOMAN,** Sweet, sexy, blue eyes, fair skin, proportionate weight. Seeking handsome, sweet, sexy guy, honest, sincere, beaches, dining, loving relationship. (12/13) **27**70093

SLIM, HEALTHY, WHITE FEMALE, Tall and cheerful, 68. Seeking upbeat, fit gentleman, at least 6', for mutual enjoyment, aiming for loving relationship. Nonsmoker please. (12/6) 770071

YOUNG AT HEART, Attractive, active senior lady, healthy lifestyle. Enjoys outdoor activities, dancing, travel. Wishes to meet nonsmoking, health and nutrition oriented gentleman 70+. (12/13) 270111

DID SHE TREAT YOU WRONG? Pretty lady will give you the TLC you deserve if you are 60+, tall, romantic, carefree, and fun. (12/13) \$\frac{1}{2}\$70103

MATCHES

### Men Seeking Women

SEEKING A LADY, 60-75. I am well-groomed, healthy, active. Enjoy cruises, movies, walk, quiet times. East County. (12/6) \$\frac{1}{2}\$70610

SINGLE DAD, With 9 year old daughter. I'm 45, blond hair, blue eyes, 160lbs, 5'9'. Looking for slender woman, fun to be with, really nice. (12/6) \$\infty\$70614

STRIKINGLY HANDSOME WIDOWER, Tall, fit, successful, retired, healthy, educated, financially secure, homeowner. Seek attractive, affectionate, 55-65, shapely lady, little extra padding OK. Dates, dining, romance. (12/13) 27/0632

TAKE A CHANCE, Personable gentleman, 80. Likes Bridge, music, dining out, dancing, short trips. Seeks tall, full-figured lady with similar interests. Leave phone number. (12/13) \$\mathbf{Ta}\$70646

### Travel, 61, Live Free

5'8', 148lbs, in shape, spiritual. No smoke. Tennis, healthy life style. You, in shape and attractive inside and out. Let's boogie. (12/13) \$\frac{\pi}{27}\$70642

SENIOR SEEKS FIT LADY, outdoor and nature, travel, events, spontaneous, attractive, unencumbered, happy to participate together, music, movies, walks. Share warmth and caring with retiree. (12/13) \$\opinion{2}{\text{Total}}\$

MIDDLE AGED HOMEBODY Who enjoys walking, movies, theater, sports, watching TV with fireplace going, traveling. Seeking petite companion with similar likes. Let's enjoy life's pleasures. (12/6) 770601

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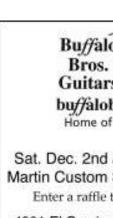
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### **LEAD STORY**

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### **Latest Religious Messages**

 Bad Water/Good Water: Some churches in Canada have begun condemning commercial bottled water (except where no other sanitary water is available) either as environmentally destructive or as the commercialization of God's gift of life (according to a September report in Toronto's Globe and Mail). At the same time, in Mumbai, India, as many as 1 million Hindus once again this year dunked hand-made idols of the elephant-headed Ganesh, thus worsening the polluted waters around the city.

 New York City Episcopal priest Timothy Holder ("Poppa T"), whose HipHopEMass and "Hip Hop Prayer Book" have turned south Bronx youth into parishioners over the last two years, issued a music CD in November featuring Bible stories in street language. For example, the 23rd Psalm: "The Lord is all that/ I need for nuthin'/ he 'lows me to chill."

### **Cultural Diversity**

- Among the indigenous rituals that survive today in Madagascar is the quinquennial (or so) "turning of the bones," when families dig up their ancestors' remains, polish them, show them around the village (so the departed can see how

things have changed), and re-dress and re-inter them. Not to partake is to show disrespect, bring bad luck, and risk one's own unsatisfactory afterlife, according to an October Wall Street Iournal dispatch from Antananarivo.

— Asia's Game: According to an October report in the Asian Wall Street Journal, golf camps in China, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore teach kids as young as two, in many cases because parents are awed by the financially successful pro golfer Michelle Wie, who started at age four. ... Some adult golfers in Thailand play the Kantarat course in Bangkok, whose fairways are between active runways of Don Muang airport, with the "smell of kerosene on the first tee" and the occasional need to dodge planes to play a tough lie. ... China's Xiamen University recently began requiring that students majoring in management, law, and software engineering take a course in golf, to round out a "socially elite" education.

### **Questionable Judgments**

 Frank Williams, 48, filed a lawsuit in Pittsburgh in August, accusing the state Department of Corrections of improperly punishing him four years ago when he was ordered back to prison for missing a parole appointment. Williams said he was not able to contest the decision then because he was hospitalized, unconscious, having been shot on his way to the appointment, and in the intervening years, his medical condition has worsened because of inadequate medical care in prison.

### **Election Roundup**

Dead candidates continued to enjoy electoral success, with at least four winning hard-fought races in November. Katherine Dunton tied in an Alaska school-board race but, though dead, won the coin toss and was elected. Glenda Dawson won her Texas state-house seat, thanks in part to a colorful campaign mailer that went out a month after her death, touting her achievements (but making no campaign promises). And Sam Duncan won a seat on a North Carolina

county soil-and-conservation board, which was such a low-key race that even some of his backers were surprised to learn after the election that he had died in September.

Smashmouth Politics: Barbara Cubin barely won reelection to the U.S. House from Wyoming after she threatened to slap her wheelchair-confined opponent over a comment about campaign finance reform after an October debate. And former Texas state House member Rick Green took a swing at the man who beat him in 2002 when both arrived at the polls to vote at the same time.

### **People With Much Worse Sex Lives** Than You:

(1) Michael McPhail, 26, was arrested in Spanaway, Wash., in October after his wife said she caught him having sex with the couple's pit bull terrier. (Washington's new anti-bestiality law took effect in June, passed after the highly publicized 2005 death of a man in Enumclaw who allowed himself to be penetrated by a horse.) (2) Bryan Hathaway, 20, was arrested in Superior, Wis., in October and charged with molesting a deer carcass that he said had sexually aroused him when he saw it in a ditch. (Hathaway's lawyer has raised the defense that the anti-bestiality law only applies to sex with live animals.)

### Updates

Since 1999, "News of the Weird" has reported stories of perhaps the same man who, posing as a cop, made periodic phone calls to managers of fast-food restaurants in several states demanding that a young female employee be interrogated about a crime while he listened in and steered the questioning to sex. Last year, police made an arrest after identifying the purchaser of a calling card used to phone a Kentucky McDonald's as David R. Stewart, 39, of Fountain, Fla. (The caller had demanded that the employee undress and jump up and down so that the manager could sniff her sweat for traces of drugs.) However, a jury in Shepherdsville, Ky., acquitted Stewart in October.

The employee still has a lawsuit pending, and authorities in other states want to talk to Stewart.

### Thanks for the News, Alcohol!

 Twice in October, motorists were arrested for DUI after driving up to the security-guard house at the nuclear power plant in Braidwood, Ill. According to police, Lloyd Kuykendall, 38, drove up and handed the guard \$1, thinking it was a highway toll booth, and ten days later, Stanislaw Drobrzawski, 51, tried to align his car with the guard house, thinking it was a gas-station pump. ... In Des Moines, Iowa, in October, customer Michelle Marie Engler, 45, was arrested for public intoxication at the Big Tomato Pizza restaurant after demanding to know why her food was taking so long. An employee explained that she hadn't ordered yet.

### **Bright Ideas**

- Sarasota, Fla., dermatologist Michael Rosin was sentenced to 22 years in prison in October for subjecting numerous patients to unnecessary, frightening cancer surgery so that he could bill them (and Medicare) for millions of dollars. An FBI investigation had revealed that Rosin had once detected aggressive cancer from a slide that contained not a skin sample but chewing gum and another time from a slide that contained plastic foam.

 When oil prices rose in the summer, Steve Jordan began drilling what would be an 8500-foot oil well under his house near Lake Charles, La., because prices were finally high enough for him to recover the \$2 million he thought the operation would cost. (Crude oil, which peaked in July at about \$77 a barrel, had fallen to \$65 by the time Jordan gave his last reported interview, on CNN in September, and at press time was about \$56 a barrel.)

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--- WRITING CONTEST WINNERS: "A KINGDOM BOUGHT AND SOLD." Steven R. Sorensen, December 9, 1976

### **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

In the preface to his "true story," Fast Times at Ridgemont High, author Cameron Crowe states that he changed the names of his characters and altered superficial details in the book's juicy account of modern adolescence. But Clairemont High School insiders haven't been fooled by the cloak of anonymity.

Clairemont alumnus Andy Rathbone says he became good friends with Crowe during that year: "He'd mostly hang around the lunch court and stuff and after school he'd do stuff with us. But it was not like he was doing the

regular student routine."

—CITY LIGHTS: "WHAT HIGH SCHOOL DID YOU GO TO?" Jeannette De Wyze, December 3, 1981

### **Twenty Years Ago**

When two Mexican police officers and two FBI agents showed up at his beachfront Playas de Tijuana apartment on October 17, James Gibson had reason to suspect that his attempt to start a new life south of the border had been foiled. This became all the more clear to him as he was pushed into the back seat of a car and, with an FBI agent seated on either side of him, driven to the headquarters of the State Judicial Police in Tijuana. The 32-yearold fugitive — a parole violator and the subject of warrants alleging he played a role in a New Mexico prison escape two years ago was being informally extradited.

— "YOU CAN RUN BUT YOU CANNOT HIDE (AT LEAST NOT IN TIJUANA)," Stephen Meyer, December 4, 1986

### Fifteen Years Ago

County Supervisor Susan Golding, who is divorcing Dick Silberman, appears to have settled her child-support battle with first hubby, lawyer Stanley Prowse. Golding and Prowse split in 1978 after a ten-year marriage. When

Golding wed millionaire Silberman in 1983, Prowse claimed he stopped paying child support after his ex-wife said she didn't need it anymore. But when Silberman was indicted for money laundering in 1989, Golding sued Prowse for more than \$50,000 in back payments. Argued Prowse, "Susan sent my son off to boarding school north of Santa Barbara without a word to me," and "Susan insists that the children refer to me as 'Stan' and to Dick as 'Dad.'"

—CITY LIGHTS: "MY SON CALLS ANOTHER MAN DADDY." Matt Potter, December 5, 1991

### **Ten Years Ago**

The male squirrel, like certain high school boys, is ready for mating before the female. He courts her anyway, winter comes, and she accepts him when the days are short. She carries the resulting triplets, quadruplets, or quintuplets (the record stands at 15) for six and a half weeks. The inch-long babies are hairless and blind and whiskered.

—"THEIR BABIES SMELL LIKE FRESHLY OPENED HICKORY NUTS," Laura McNeal, November 27, 1996

### **Five Years Ago**

The next day, Gwinn wrote a letter to Union-Tribune editor Karin Winner, in which he

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claimed, "Mr. Bauder has misrepresented the truth through conduct that may be legally actionable." In other words, Gwinn was threatening to sue the paper for what his letter alleged was Bauder's "misconduct."

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—"DID CASEY GWINN TRY TO GET DON BAUDER FIRED?" Matt Potter, November 29, 2001

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so I made an appointment with him. He insisted our whole family attend the first appointment, instead of just Dahlia. It was a bit of a nightmare. Everyone talked except Dahlia, who hated the psychologist and ended up walking out of the room. He said (after having seen us for about ten minutes) that there's nothing wrong with Dahlia she just wants attention. Dahlia is adamant about not seeing this psychologist again, and her situation at school is unchanged. My husband is satisfied with the verdict of this psychologist and says we just have to be more strict with Dahlia and punish her until she brings her grades up. I don't feel like this is progress!

VERY WORRIED MOM

### Dear Very Worried,

Persevere in your quest to find a good psychologist or counselor to help Dahlia. Seek someone who specializes in adolescents, and find one whom Dahlia likes. You could begin by asking your family doctor for suggestions. You will probably have to do a bit of research. Talk to other parents, look online, ask school counselors.... Be sure to make Dahlia a part of the process of finding someone that she can talk to. Dahlia has a stake in this and shouldn't feel as if it's something that's being done to her. This process may take a while, but it will be worth it. If your daughter is floundering, getting to the bottom of what's bothering her now could save a great deal of suffering later on.

### Dear Saffron,

I'm in college in another state and travel home to San Diego for holidays, as does my sister. Since Sis and I went off to school a couple of years ago, our mom, who is a very giving person, has taken to inviting various people who have no place to go to our house for dinner on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other holidays. These are sad, lonely folks whom Mom has taken pity on, but they are not people who are close to our family or whose company the rest of us enjoy. Now that Sis and I don't see our parents all the time, we'd like to have the holidays when we are home be a time for family and not have to put up with all these strangers. We don't want to quash Mom's admirable Good Samaritan instincts but are bummed out that now all holidays are more like charity events, with no family intimacy. When we talked to Dad about it he said, "This makes your mother feel good, so even though I don't like it either, I am not going to rain on her parade." Would Sis and I be justified in asking Mom to stop doing this or is that mean spirited and selfish?

EAST COAST COLLEGE SOPHOMORE

### Dear College Sophomore,

The trick here is to find a compromise between Mom's kindhearted desire to take in

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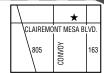
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### CLOWNS OF THE PLAINS

Does the wilderness call your name? I often hear my name. Today I am answering the call and feeling fortunate to be looking at a packed safari vehicle with open air seats and a canvas roof. By 8:30 a.m., our group of seven is ready to head from Maun to Moremi Game Reserve for a three-day safari. Qani, Shaka, Allan, and Shylock are from Botswana; Trevor is from England; Kelly is an Australian; I am from Canada.

The first 25 kilometers are tarred roads. Before leaving the tar, we stop to buy firewood. Another 50 kilometers of gravel road brings us to South Gate, one of the reserve's main entrances. While Shylock, our guide, registers the vehicle and occupants, we stretch our legs, warm ourselves in the sun, and have a cup of hot coffee.

We are heading to Khwai, our campsite for the next two nights. The road becomes more a worn trail, and often we are holding on because of the dips and ruts. Heavy seasonal rains have caused considerable damage. The trip is now a game drive. Impala, kudu, and giraffe are spotted along the way.

Camp is close to the River Khwai. The tents are erected in a semicircle, facing our vehicle, portable kitchen, and chairs. From time to time, our attention is drawn to the peaceful grunts of hippos enjoying themselves in the river. After a light lunch and brief rest, we are ready for the afternoon game drive.

Our camp is in a mopane forest. Elephants like to eat mopane trees for food, and it is not long before we come upon two elephants feeding themselves as they make their way through the forest. Elephant spore or huge balls of dung are regular occurrences in this kind of habitat.

The river is starting to overflow its banks. We explore some of the plains areas that run off the river. Soon the plains will be closed off to vehicles by the increasing annual flood. The soft late-afternoon light offers a beautiful sighting of a small herd of impala. They are relaxed and graze quite close to the vehicle. Moving further around the edges of the plains, we meet five or six wildebeests — the clowns of the plains. They tend to be more animated than other large animals and often entertain with their characteristic canter and toss of their head and horns.

Getting back to camp at twilight, everyone is pleasantly surprised that Shaka has set up camp chairs around a bright fire and has some refreshments on the dining table. Allan, Trevor, and Kelly sit together by the fire and reminisce. They last met as a group 25 years ago in Australia. Our safari is part of celebrating their reunion.

Shaka has prepared a tasty curried chicken dish. The stories of these old friends flow around the table like the South African red wine that is washing down our meal. A bottle of whiskey appears after dinner, and the stories become more animated and comical. I feel honored to be sharing highlights from the lives of good friends. No doubt, our trip will become part of the stories of future reunions.

We are unsteady getting out of our tents the following morning. Over toast, coffee, jam, eggs, and hot beans we discuss the cause of the unsteadiness. Kelly decides it is because the cots are low and none of us have camped out in quite a while. Pulling on some extra clothes to ward off the morning chill, Trevor observes how low the whiskey bottle appears to be. We all mutter some level of surprise, with explanations verging toward the mysterious.

Today we do two game drives. The morning drive is about birds. Shylock knows the name and habit of all the birds, but I am also impressed with the knowledge of my fellow travelers. Shylock has been a professional guide for 20 years. When one of us makes a spotting or expresses an interest, he expands our understanding. According to

Shylock, "An interested guest is a guide's best friend."

The terrain we are covering is similar to yesterday's, although in the opposite direction and more inland from the river. Fortunately some water remains from the rains of three months ago. We come upon a small, picturesque, receding pond. Henry David Thoreau would have been



WILDEREA

happy to be with us. The collection and activity level of the birds is priceless viewing.

Qani is filling up her notebook with English names and descriptions of the birds. There is a balance, peacefulness, and interaction that is miraculous to watch. Coffee and cookies are served. Grey heron share the deeper water with Marabou storks. Kingfishers are flying around and make way for Egyptian geese coming in to land. Kelly's attention is captured by the pinkbacked pelican. Much to our amusement he starts to hum an old ditty, "A funny old bird is the pelican, his beak can hold more than his belican..."

The group is in high spirits heading back to camp

for lunch and a rest. The afternoon game drive takes us across the bridge over the River Khwai, an assortment of floating mopane logs. Trevor has been hoping for a lion sighting, and Shylock is out to give it his best shot.

After about an hour drive and only seeing one old male elephant, Shylock appears to stop for a rest. Trevor is more than a little

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[Editor's note: Jack Chick publishes tracts that promote Christianity while attacking its perceived enemies: Catholicism, Freemasonry, evolution, etc.]

For the past two years, I have been chomping at the bit in my desire to tell you this: I am the first person to do a recorded interview of Jack Chick in over 30 years. Those of you familiar with this blog know that I have a great interest in Jack Chick's work (which has attained icon status, at least in terms of popular culture). That interest will be manifested in a documentary film.

I first met Jack Chick at one of the premieres for his film The Light of the World in October 2003. When I arrived at the church in Orange County where the premiere was held, I eagerly anticipated watching the film and possibly seeing Chick (though I wasn't counting on seeing him, because of his reputation for avoiding the limelight).

Even though I disagreed with the theology of the film (clips are available on YouTube), I was very impressed with the quality of the paintings for the film (most of which were done by Chick Publications' artist Fred Carter).

After the screening, to my surprise, Chick and Carter were introduced to the crowd of several hundred (we gave them a standing ovation). After the introductions, people congratulated Chick and Carter. I shook hands with Chick and told him I was a big fan of his work; I also complimented Fred Carter on

**BLOG** 

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the painstaking process of doing most of the 360 paintings used in the film.

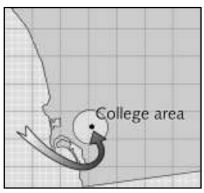
I had given thought to a documentary film on Chick for quite some time. One big hurdle was that he hadn't given an interview since 1975. However, there were two things on my side:

(1) I knew that Chick invested heavily in his film and would probably welcome any help with promoting it.

(2) I'm rather resourceful in terms of getting into places I shouldn't be, and being in the interviewer's chair with Jack Chick was just another challenge.

I started off by calling the head of the Light of the World Foundation, posing as a fundamentalist filmmaker, and offering to give advice on promoting the film. He agreed, so I cut my long hair and put on conservative clothes before I met with him at his office. I gave him some valuable advice based on my own experience in independent filmmaking (for instance, I told him to get the film listed on the Internet Movie

Database). One of the other ideas was a documentary film that could possibly be played on public access television. The head of the foundation contacted Chick; a few days later, the head of the foundation



told me that Chick prayed about whether to give me an interview for my documentary. Apparently, God gave Chick the green light because, to my surprise, he agreed to an interview (artist Fred Carter also agreed to an interview).

Before I go any further, let me discuss the ethical implications of my actions. There are no hard-andfast ethical guidelines for documentary filmmakers. At various film fes-

tivals and film seminars, I have spoken to documentary filmmakers who have told me that the most important thing is to get the interview.

That wasn't good enough for me. While journalists are not documentarians, the two groups have much in common. I looked at the Code of Ethics of the Society of Professional Journalists for guidance. The code states, "Journalists should avoid undercover or other surreptitious methods of gathering information except when traditional open methods will not yield information vital to the public. Use of such methods should be explained

as part of the story." I think going undercover was the only way for me to get the interview. Had I told Chick the truth about who I was, my chances of getting an interview would have been nil.

The Code also dictates, "Journalists should recognize that private people have a greater right to control information about themselves than do public officials and others who seek power, influence or attention. Only an overriding public need can justify intrusion into anyone's privacy." On the one hand, I respect Chick's desire for privacy, and I would do nothing to invade his privacy. However, Jack Chick is the world's most published living author. (Years ago, it was estimated that he has sold 500,000,000 tracts and books. Chick told me that he sells over 130,000 tracts a day so my guess is that the current total is closer to 750,000,000 books and tracts distributed.) Chick and his ideas deserve examination—not debunking, mind you, because Chick tracts generally deal with matters of faith. Nevertheless, the Chick tract phenomenon should be looked at from a sociohistorical and a cultural perspective.

One overarching principle of the Code is that "ethical journalists treat sources, subjects and colleagues as human beings deserving of respect." Although I disagree with Chick from a theological standpoint, I have no doubt in his sincerity and respect him for taking unpopular views-views that almost cost him his business. I also like Chick as a person and was pleased with his down-to-earth and unaffected manner (e.g., he insisted that I call him Jack). Although Chick has been accused of creating hate literature, I can attest that Jack Chick, in his heart, is not a hater.

I met Chick and Fred Carter for their interviews at Fred Carter's house. Both men had interesting insights. I won't go any further on this. Wait for the film!

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# It's CRIME

### OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING

Location: 100 North Highway 101, Solana Beach Time/Date: 2:21 a.m. on 11/16/06

Investigation: At about 1:25 a.m., officers from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) engaged in a vehicle pur-



suit of a suspected drunk driver in the area of westbound Highway 78 near Jefferson Street in Oceanside.

The vehicle being pursued failed to yield to officers and continued northbound on Interstate 5 to eastbound Highway 76, then onto surface streets in Oceanside. The pursuit continued to southbound I-5, exiting westbound on Poinsettia Lane in Carlsbad.

At 1:47 a.m., the Sheriff's Communications Center monitored, then broadcast the pursuit information to deputies. In response to that broadcast, deputies set up a spike strip near Leucadia Boulevard on North Coast Highway 101. The suspect driver was able to avoid the spike strip and continued southbound. A second spike strip was set up at South Coast Highway 101 and Chesterfield Drive. However, the suspect was able to avoid striking it as well.

The suspect continued into Solana Beach. In the vicinity of North Highway 101 and Estrella Street, a CHP officer initiated a Pursuit Intervention Technique (P.I.T.) maneuver in an attempt to end the pursuit. Even though the suspect vehicle spun out, as the maneuver was designed to do, the suspect drove over the median onto the northbound lanes of the highway. A second P.I.T. maneuver was used on the suspect vehicle. Deputies and CHP officers then attempted to block the vehicle in such a manner that the pursuit would end.

The suspect was given verbal commands by both the deputies and the CHP officers to shut off the vehicle and put his hands up. The suspect failed to comply. Instead, he rammed a deputy's car, then backed up, then rapidly accelerated directly at the deputies and a CHP officer, who were standing between their cars. It was at that time that CHP officers and deputies fired their handguns at the suspect.

The suspect's vehicle stopped a short distance away.

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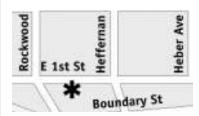
Location: 500 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, San Marcos

Time/Date: 6:35 p.m. on 11/15/06

Report: A Hispanic male juvenile was standing on the sidewalk...when an unknown number of suspects in a vehicle drove by and fired several shots at him. The victim received one aunshot wound to the torso. He was transported to Palomar Hospital by ambulance.

### **HUMAN SMUGGLING**

Location: 200 East First Street, Calexico Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. on 11/16/06



Investigation: U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers...at the downtown Calexico port of entry had to call for assistance from the local fire department to help remove an undocumented 17-year-old Chinese girl from a tight, customized compartment they discovered under a truck driven by a Mexican man.

Medically trained CBP first responders and city paramedics also were called due to concerns for the wellbeing of the girl, who was not moving or responding to questions from officers when she was first discovered.

CBP officers encountered the driver, a 36-year-old resident of Mexicali, as he entered the port...driving a 1988 Ford pickup truck. The driver presented his Mexican passport and visa to the officer and was referred to the secondary area for further inspection.

In the secondary lot, CBP officers discovered a specially constructed metal compartment fastened to the passenger side of the truck's undercarriage. Officers could see part of the girl's head exposed toward the tailgate of the pickup but could not readily remove an access plate in the passenger rear cargo area of the vehicle.

Following a call for assistance, fire department officials and paramedics arrived at the port...and successfully removed the girl from the five-foot long, horizontal compartment about 15 minutes later. The rectangular metal compartment measured one foot wide and one foot in height.

Paramedics transported the girl to a local medical center for a medical examination, accompanied by CBP officers. She was later discharged and returned to the port to be processed.

The girl, a citizen of the People's Republic of China, was held by CBP. The driver was charged with alien smuggling and transported to the Imperial County jail.

### **DRUG SMUGGLING**

Location: Calexico port of entry **Time/Date:** 11:00 a.m. on 11/06/06

**Report:** CBP officers encountered the 34-year-old U.S. citizen when she entered the port...driving a white Ford Taurus. They became suspicious when they noticed the driver exhibiting nervous behavior during routine ques-

tioning. They escorted the vehicle and its occupants into the secondary inspection area for an intensive examination.

During that inspection, officers used a narcotic detector dog to screen the vehicle. It alerted them to the rear seat, where they uncovered a non-factory compartment from which they extracted 20 vacuum-sealed packages that tested positive for cocaine.

### **DRIVE-BY SHOOTING**

Location: Easthound Highway 54 at 4th Avenue/Highland exit

Time/Date: 4:00 p.m. on 10/12/06



**Incident:** The victim was 17-yearold Jose A. According to witnesses, the incident happened...when a group of males in a silver or gray Hyundai Accent...tried to provoke the driver and passengers inside an older model Honda Civic into racing.

Witnesses say as the cars drove side by side, words and derogatory gestures were exchanged. A few moments later, gunfire rang out from the suspect vehicle, fired toward the victim vehicle. That's when the victim was shot.

The driver of the victim vehicle pulled to the center emergency lane, just before the Reo Drive exit, where passersby assisted with lifesaving efforts. Emergency workers called an air ambulance to the scene and the victim was transported to Mercy Hospital where he later died.

— Michael Hemmingson

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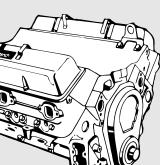
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"That's it. That's going to help," she says. Her voice has lowered.

The bottle goes back to the top of the fridge.

"What do you want?" I ask. I'm pushing the confrontation instead of letting it lie.

"I want you," her voice is normal, "to do the things I want because they make me happy. I do things you want because they make you happy, even crap I can't stand."

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"Who does he think he's fooling?" I yell and point at the screen.

"I know," she says. "With that accent and those hands that go all over the place."

"What did you want me to do?" I ask again.

"Ugh!" Her fingers curl back toward her face in rage. "Do things that make me happy even though you're miserable."

"You want me to be miserable to make you happy?" I ask and chuckle. I didn't mean to laugh.

"YES! I do all these cockamamie things you like! Why can't you do something / like?" The bottle comes back off the fridge, unscrew, tip, gulp. I suck at my teeth — seeetk.

"Never mind," she says and hops down from the stool. "Just get drunk. That's what you want anyway." Her head is shaking and she watches her feet as she walks out of the front room to the bedroom. "Why do we even do this? Why do I even bother?" she shouts from the dark.

The gay kid on TV is crying into the phone.

She's on the phone, crying to her mom.

I suck at my teeth — seeetk — one last time, and the bottle makes its way back up to its spot.

An hour later, the gay kid's TV show is over, and we're in bed. My arm is around her waist, and her head is back near mine. I can smell her hair and feel her body shake. We're laughing. Hysterically. We're out of breath and nearly crying. My side hurts.

"YES, I SAID, 'COCKAMAMIE'!" she yells.

"Why do I even bother!?" I scream in laughter.

### WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

The week's shows, as they relate to articles of clothing I found in a bag behind my apartment:

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

JAG

### USA 8:00 A.M.

First item from the bag: a hat. It's round and drab green — a military hat. Not a beret or officer's cap, but enlisted...maybe Army, with a baseball bill. It doesn't seem worn out; it's still good-looking and crisp, but the olive color has faded. It's done its duty and is now discarded. No one cares. Also: *JAG* is still on TV?

### LAW AND ORDER: SVU

### USA 8:00 P.M.

One glove? What the hell happened to the other glove? This one is a hideous purple Isotoner with tan faux-leather pads on the palm and fingers and holes spaced along the back. I couldn't, for the life of me, figure out why

someone would wear this thing or discard it as half of a pair. Nor would I ever think about putting my hand in it. There's something inside, but I'm icked out. I drop it and my hands fly back toward my body and I go, "yeeeiieggiy!"

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

# TRADING SPOUSES: MEET YOUR NEW MOMMY FOX 9:00 P.M.

Item the third: a baby bib. It's white with blue piping, and it has a berry juice or jam stain. But the beauty of this article is the block print across the front that reads "My Mommy Puts Out." Only one word can describe this: tacky. It's goddamn tacky is what it is.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

### V-TWIN MOTORCYCLE TV

SPEED 5:00 A.M.

Next up: a T-shirt. An ordinary T-shirt? No,

my friend. I'm digging through a bag in an alley in North Park near the City Heights border. This is a very special T-shirt. On the front is a picturesque land-scape of white-capped mountains. Hovering above the snowy peaks is the vignette of a wolf howling. The wolf's head is the same size as the mountain range, which opens up several other questions in my mind that I'll spare the reader. Along the bottom, near where the bellybutton resides, is a miniature biker and

motorcycle, no bigger than half a pine tree or the wolf spirit's snout. The shirt is soaked in red oil that's now on my hands and collecting grit from everything I attempt to wipe them on.

### KISS OF THE DRAGON

### TELEMUNDO 7:00 P.M.

OW! Something bit me! A creature crawled from the Naugahyde sleeve of a felt jacket; like a letterman's jacket, only it's all black and there's no insignia sewn to it. I didn't get a good look at the animal, but there's a little red dot of blood on my nose-pickin' finger. It could've been a spider or a koala for all I know...my head was turned. It nabbed my finger and escaped beneath a truck parked behind me. Son of a bitch!

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

### AMERICAN DAD

### FOX 7:30 P.M.

A rag of an old shirt. The shirt is nothing special, an almost imperceptible logo to a radio station adorns the front, and on the back a banner reads, "The World's Most Dangerous Morning Show." The pits are so stained that it appears someone has used them as a filter at the outlet of a fish hatchery — two big, yellow, moons from the shoulder to the love-handle area. I'm guessing this was a yardwork shirt. There's oil and grass mixed in around the belly.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

### MARTHA

### NBC 11:00 A.M.

Something in this bag smells like fish. I must be revisiting someone's lunch on a piece of clothing heated in the sun. I'd like to get my head further in to find the source, but I fear gagging or possible unconsciousness. Woof! Oh, my god. I'll have to dump the rest out. My neighbors are going to love me.



American Dad

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

### GIFTS OF FOOD

### OVC 10:00 A.M.

I've dumped the rest out. There's a tin can in here. The bag must not have been bound for a thrift store and, instead, left out here for the trash man to pick up. Still, it seems weird that there's only one can, with the label ripped off, leaking grease into a bag of clothes. I think it's the source of the smell. And maybe the reason my animal attacker had clawed its way through the black plastic and taken up residence inside. Until the damned thing bit me. That's not funny.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

### THE BIGGEST LOSER

### NBC 8:00 P.M.

Whoa! Ho ho! What is this, a moo moo? What a horrid pattern: yellow background with orange palm leaves splayed across it. There's some sort of permanent belt sewn into what I assume is the waistline, or what could be the cinching strap on the nastiest car cover in America. This thing is huge; I can hold it almost at full wingspan. No, it's pants. Double-knit, heavy fabric, and stretchy. Whoever wore this, honey, I applaud you for throwing it out.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

### SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN

### ABC 7:00 P.M.

I had to cut the experiment short because my crackhead neighbor came out. She's 450 years old if she's a day. I've never seen her in anything except a tattered baby-blue robe. She's missing all but one of her teeth, and the three gray hairs on her head sit straight up. She has a Southern accent that she spits out of her wet mouth. She came out of her house and yelled, "What the hell are you doing?" I had to sweep everything back in the bag, afraid of being bit by something else, and run into my apartment.







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Reader November 30, 2006 San Diego Writing about writing is like rock and roll about rock and roll.

By John Brizzolara

Halloween, Day of the Dead, and Thanksgiving have passed. Because you are reading this, you have survived. I am writing this between All Souls and Thanksgiving, so I cannot speak for Thanksgiving and myself, but it has never taken me out vet. Still (and here I will employ a favorite phrase followed by a digression as to why it is my favorite and then resume, hopefully - I'm using the word in an acceptable way, I believe — this column along the lines of thanking God or goodness that it is Friday, as if it were not really Thursday morning) a far greater horror looms.

Yes, that's the phrase, "A far greater horror looms." Originally it was past tense, "loomed." Those five words were the title of an essay on writing by Ursula K. LeGuin and concerned a short story submitted by a student in the Clarion Workshop group, now legendary in the field of fantasy and science fiction. The story was a short short, as I recall (maybe wrongly), written from the point of view of a piece of fruit bobbing in a bowl of milk, sugar, and breakfast cereal. The far greater horror that loomed, the reader was left to understand after that final line, was a giant child wielding a

The upcoming horror for me is, naturally, Christmas.

But this column is not about Christmas (not vet, anyway) but writing. Writing about writing is like rock and roll about rock and roll. ("Another

day on the road, baby/ Being a rocker is such a drag"), and that is often selfindulgent tedium. Luckily, self-indulgent tedium, some would say, is right up

It has been more than 26 years since the first professional sale of my work as a writer. In all that time, a certain horror for me has loomed and that is the famous "writer's block." It has never really happened, and I wonder now if it isn't something else that has taken its place, something I'm experiencing now that, as far as I know, has no name. It is a kind of typing equivalent of aphasia. Instead of hearing language that is disjointed and nonsensical, periodically (usually after long periods of productivity) I compose sentences with tortured syntax, long parenthetical asides that may or may not return to an originating point, mix metaphors like nuts and bolts in a fruit salad, and in general come up with tortured, circuitous nonsense that has, at best, the illusion about it of comprehensibility.

'It is an indication that you write too much," my friend Owen has said to me. "You should go on Maury Povich or something: All this week! Men Who Write Too Much.

That may well be true, and I attribute it, not blame it, mind you (that would imply a wrongness, and I see it as a valid departure from what one might call Euclidean prose) to the fact that there is no such thing as a Friday night (much less weekend) for writers; if you manage to get to a point where you are routinely paid for the task, you are always doing it; there is no turning it off. I will leave the above sentence as is to demonstrate the other above thing, if you see what I mean. And I can now hear the internal editor, the cigar-smoking Lou Grant/Max Perkins combo who presides over the editorial committee of my literary super-ego (what Stephen King calls the "Boys in the Boiler Room" though he may be talking about a kind of panel of muses, now that I think about it, and not an editorial parliament or "Murder of Editors" in the collective noun sense used for crows, yes, a Murder of Crows, really, a Murder of Editors, heh, heh) - and where was I? Yes, I can hear Lou Perkins or Max Grant saying, for example, "No one is going to know what you mean by non-Euclidean prose." To which I will respond with nothing.

Yes, no time off, and I'm not complaining. (The grammar and spelling subprogram on my computer indicates to me that the previous sentence should read, "I are not complaining." See what I mean?) It is not by accident that I chose a profession where I can stare out the window, ostensibly doing nothing, and in fact doing nothing, and tell myself, the Boys in the Boiler Room, or any-



one else who asks, that I am working. The end result or byproduct is stretches of writing not unlike this one (though it will undoubtedly be patched up, cleaned up, decoded, whatever, by a competent, professional editor) and might be considered a form of industrial waste, the gritty and murky residue after running on fumes, the dregs of the week's work where I have dreamed as much word count as I have actually written and they have blurred together at the edge of

An acquaintance once said to me, "I read your column yesterday," leaving it at that. (What is one supposed to do with that? Say "Thank you"? Apologize? Ask "What did you think?" — because really, who cares?) Eventually my silence prompted him to ask, "What was that all about?" To which I could not help but answer, "About \$300." Cynical, maybe, but no better an answer than the question deserved.

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