San Diego
Reader

December 21, 2006

SANDIEGOREADER.COM

NEWS & FEATURES

It's Not a Race Thing...It's Style
Don't freak. By Geoff Bouvier **26**

City Lights
The Wall Street leash law; and City Lights shorts **6**
The Minutemen call it "draining the swamp" **7**

Letters **12**

Straight From the Hip
Buddhists and bugs **14**

The Sporting Box
Bowled over **16**

Sheep and Goats
The lights go on at Congregation Beth Israel **18**

Best Buys
What's Christmas without a camel? **20**

Crasher
Cheap date **22**

Diary of a Diva
CyberPanic! **24**

Two Divided by Two
A father struggles with the system. By John Corvus **44**

La Semana en Español
A week's worth of stories in Spanish **129**

Off the Cuff **144**

Name This Place **146**

Puzzle **149**

News of the Weird **167**

Blog World
Misery loves a vacation **169**

Blog Diego
America's Dumbest City **171**

Remote Control King
Santa gets the axe **173**

T.G.I.F.
Casual hipness was hard work **175**

CALENDAR

Local Events **63**

Roam-O-Rama
Bike and hike a coastal wilderness **70**

Reading
Carlene Cross: *Fleeing Fundamentalism* **71**

Classical Music Guide **74**

Art Museum and Gallery Guide **74**

Theater Review and Guide
Two takes on familiar themes **75**

Pop Music
Blurt **80**
Hot music from the freezer **84**

Restaurant Reviews and Guide
The Market Restaurant's a hit **107**
Artisan breads and bargain breakfasts **109**
Learn along with Natalie MacLean **110**

Movie Review and Guide
Duncan Shepherd digs out **121**

The Knitters

***Hee Haw* with brains, loud amps, and tattoos.**
See Page 86

ADVERTISING

Classified Ads
Antiques & Collectibles *172*
Appliances *172*
Automotive: Cars *174*
Automotive: Trucks/Vans/SUVs *174*
Automotive: Classic/Custom Cars *175*
Automotive: RVs *175*
Automotive: Parts *175*
Automotive: Services *175*
Bicycles *172*
Business Opportunities *146*
Career Training *142*
Classes/Lessons *146*
Computers *172*
Counseling/Support *150*
Electronics *172*
Employment Agencies *142*
Employment Services *142*
Furniture *172*
Garage Sales *172*
Health & Fitness *150*
Help Wanted *131*
Massage *148*
Matches *151*
Miscellaneous For Sale *172*
Motorcycles *174*
Music, Equipment/Instruments *153*
Music, Musicians Avail/Wanted *154*
Music, Services *154*
Notices *150*
Parent Resources *150*
Personals *151*
Pet Central *159*
Photo *170*
Real Estate, Condos *170*
Real Estate, Houses *168*
Real Estate, Miscellaneous *170*
Rentals, Commercial *155*
Rentals, Apartments/Condos *156*
Rentals, Houses *155*
Roommates *154*
Roommate Services *155*
Services Directory *156*
Sports *170*
Stage Notes *150*
Tickets *170*
Travel & Getaways *151*
Wanted/Trade *172*
Wedding/Party Guide *150*

Display Ads
Apartment Rentals *160*
Automotive *163*
Career Training *140*
Getaways *62*
Great Escapes *64*
Health and Beauty *42*
Help Wanted *131*
Home and Garden *32*
Instruction *149*
Music *154*
Research Studies *36*
Services *152*
Wedding Guide *66*

beaches. orca. pandas. unlimited minutes.

San Diego has it all.

$45/month

- unlimited anytime minutes
- unlimited US long distance
- unlimited text, picture and IM
- no signed contracts

mycricket.com/sandiego

cricket® wireless

Features are phone dependent. Rates exclude taxes and Cricket Fees (including USF charge, a regulatory recover fee of up to $0.45 and a surcharge for state/local fees that vary by market). Cricket Fees are not taxes or government-required charges. Unlimited refers to calls and messages made and/or received within your service area, U.S. long distance excludes Alaska. Terms, conditions and other restrictions apply. See store for details. The Cricket K™ is a trademark of Cricket Communications, Inc. ©2006 Cricket Communications, Inc.

get your Cricket phone today at one of these locations:

Cricket Stores

Plaza San Marcos
740 Nordahl Rd.
San Marcos

North County Plaza
1818 Marron Rd.
Carlsbad

City Heights
5399 El Cajon Blvd.
San Diego

Southcrest Park Plaza
1490 S. 43rd St.
San Diego

Banco Popular Center – coming soon!
645 H St.
Chula Vista

Palm Plaza – coming soon!
3410 Palm Ave.
San Diego

San Ysidro Village
4530 Camino de la Plaza
San Diego

Premier Locations

Carlsbad
Plaza Camino Real Mall

Chula Vista
1295 Broadway

263-5 E. Orange Ave.

206 Broadway St.

El Cajon
1112 Broadway

393 E. Chase Ave.

Parkway Plaza Mall

Encinitas
102 Encinitas Blvd.

Escondido
1511 E. Valley Parkway

655 E. Lincoln Ave.
(inside the Corner Market)

935 W. Misión
(inside Golden State)

Imperial Beach
1835 Palm Ave.

Lemon Grove
6902 Federal Blvd.

National City
1000 Highland

2401 Highland Ave.

3100 E. Plaza Blvd.

4 North Euclid

Plaza Bonita Mall

Oceanside
1950 Oceanside Blvd.

2031 Mission Ave.
(inside Viva Market)

610 N. Redondo

Ocean Beach
1861 Bacon St.

Otay Mesa
Otay Mesa Mall

Pacific Beach
1453 Garnet Ave

San Diego
4915 Convoy St.

941 Broadway

3793 National Ave.
(inside Sawaya Jr. Market)

Mission Valley Mall

2483 Imperial Ave.

9225 Mira Mesa Blvd.

4951 El Cajon Blvd.

4247 El Cajon Blvd.

3596 National Ave.

San Marcos
1284 W. San Marcos Blvd.

1660 Capalina Rd.
(inside Corner Market)

574 East Mission Rd.
(inside Market Shop)

San Ysidro
342 W. San Ysidro Blvd.

Santee
9625 Mission Gorge

Vista
935 E. Vista Way

1535 W. Vista Way
(inside Primo Foods)

440 N. Santa Fe Ave.
(inside La Mexicana Market)

holiday shopping.
closer than
you think.

A huge fashion outlet center offering huge savings for the holidays – what could be better than that?
The Shops at Las Americas is San Diego's largest fashion outlet center with over 125 designer brand stores offering savings of up to 70%. You can't turn that down. There are also plenty of places to sit, eat and marvel at all you saved. It's an easy drive from virtually everywhere in San Diego, just 20 minutes south of downtown off I-5 or I-805. Take the Camino de la Plaza exit, turn right, and we're on the left. Come see why we're San Diego's most popular international shopping destination. Call 619.934.8400 or visit us at: www.lasamericas.com

Neiman Marcus Last Call, bebe, Brooks Brothers, Coach Factory, Gymboree Outlet, BCBG Max Azria, Tommy Hilfiger Company Store, J.Crew and more.

THE SHOPS AT
Las Americas

EVERYTHING $5
CLOTHING STORES

60 - 90 % OFF
DEPARTMENT STORE PRICES

8 COUNTYWIDE LOCATIONS

ESCONDIDO
760.432.8515
1266 E Valley Pkwy
(next to 99 cents only)

EL CAJON
619.440.0253
350 N. 2nd St.
(next to Rite Aid)

NATIONAL CITY
619.474.8343
1220 E. PLaza Blvd.
(next to Smart & Final)

DOWNTOWN
619.239.1216
1065 5th Ave.
(corner of 5th & C)

COLLEGE AREA
619.229.9450
6091 University Ave
(College and University)

LEMON GROVE
619.463.5005
3215 Lemon Grove Av
(next to Henry's)

CHULA VISTA
619.827.7550
1218 Broadway
(next to Target)

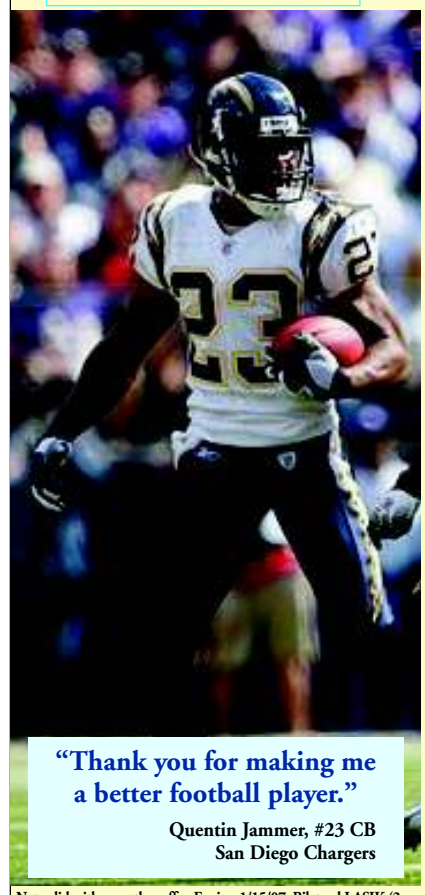
CHULA VISTA
619.575.4555
1141 Bay Blvd
(Exit Palomar off I-5)

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO
www.everything5dollars.com
(866) 5-DOLLAR

$1500 OFF LASIK
AT THE OFFICIAL CHARGERS LASIK CENTER
Wavefront LASIK • All-laser LASIK • Custom LASIK

Monthly payments as low as $39.00 Easy to qualify!

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS
Official Chargers LASIK Center
Official Team Ophthalmologist



"Thank you for making me a better football player."
Quentin Jammer, #23 CB
San Diego Chargers

✔ The Pro Athletes' Choice
✔ The Doctors' Choice
✔ Your Best LASIK Choice

MAX PARIKH, M.D.
- LASIK & Cornea Specialist
- S.D. Chargers Eye Doctor
- Top LASIK Results in USA
- "Top Doctor" – S.D. *Magazine, 2005*
- "America's Top Ophthalmologist" – *Consumer Research Council*

0+0+18
DOWN INTEREST MONTHS

ADVANCED OPHTHALMOLOGY INSTITUTE
A MEDICAL CORPORATION

Free LASIK Eye Exam
Toll-free: 1-877-484-2020
Local: 858-450-4213
www.neweyes.com

Not valid with any other offer. Expires 1/15/07. Bilateral LASIK (2 eyes).

Drunk Driving?

The penalties and repercussions of a guilty DUI charge will plague you for your entire life. We will fight for a NOT guilty charge, for you to keep your license, and for you to pay as little as possible. We want you to keep your job, your dignity, and your freedom.

Avoid court.
We handle DUI cases exclusively.

Examples
of our work*

Blood alcohol level:
- .12 NOT GUILTY
- .13 NOT GUILTY
- .15 NOT GUILTY
- .16 NOT GUILTY
- .16 OVERTURNED DMV SUSPENSION
- .17 OVERTURNED DMV SUSPENSION
- .21 OVERTURNED DMV SUSPENSION

Credit cards accepted. Payment plans available.

LAW OFFICES OF James V. Bickford
Free Initial Consultation: 1-800-597-6318
Para servicio en español: 1-888-297-0205

*Does not constitute a prediction, promise, or guarantee of outcome.

IS YOUR TAN CLEAN?
iTAN SANITIZES AND DISINFECTS THEIR TANNING BEDS *TWICE* BETWEEN EVERY USE

UNLIMITED DOUBLE DIPPING
$99.95 per Month
EFT. FULL ACCESS iCLUB. See salons for details. Any Bed and Mystic. SDR

MYSTIC TAN or ULTRA Level 4
5 tans $49.-
All clients with coupon apply! No transfers. 5 Level 4 tans or 5 Mystic tans. SDR

HIGH PRESSURE BRONZING BED
1 month $99.-
All clients with coupon apply! One month unlimited Level 5 tanning. SDR

- iTAN doesn't use carpets in the rooms
- iTAN cleans beds TWICE between uses
- International [illegible] TAN Network Member
- Floors are disinfected DAILY
- Antibacterial towel detergent
- Goggles disinfected with hospital-grade solution
- And much more....

COME SEE WHY iTAN is #1

VOTED #BEST STATE

www.iTanSanDiego.com

iTAN SOLARIUMS

POWAY	(858) 513-1444	ENCINITAS/Cardiff	(760) 942-9632
SDSU	(619) 286-1554	LA COSTA/Carlsbad	(760) 431-0044
LA MESA	(619) 644-5714	OCEANSIDE	(760) 941-8548
USD/Clairemont	(619) 276-7205	SAN MARCOS West	(760) 510-1997
PACIFIC BEACH	(858) 581-9060	SAN MARCOS East	(760) 489-0250
LA JOLLA	(858) 454-3873	ESCONDIDO	(760) 735-6199
UTC/La Jolla	(858) 455-8422	RAMONA	(760) 789-0020

MYSTIC TAN UV-Free Tanning

EXPERIENCE FIRST CLASS TANNING!

EDITOR
Jim Holman

SENIOR EDITOR
Matt Potter

ASSISTANT EDITORS
Heather Goodwillie;
Frank Glaser, art director

EDITORIAL ASSISTANTS
Scott Ellis, Hector Lam, Russ Lewis, Robert Mizrachi, Robert Nutting, Chris Woo

CONTRIBUTORS
Don Bauder, Ed Bedford, Geoff Bouvier, John Brizzolara, Josh Board, Patrick Daugherty, Joe Deegan, Jeannette De Wyze, W.S. Di Piero, Stephen Dobyns, Ernie Grimm, Mary Grimm, Lynne Houts, Juris Jurjevics, Rosa Jurjevics, Barbara Johnson, Ken Kuhlken, Thomas Larson, Deirdre Lickona, Matthew Lickona, Thomas Lux, Bill Manson, Linda Nevin, Anthony Olivieri, Jonathan Saville, Jerry Schad, Duncan Shepherd, Jeff Smith, Leslie Venolia, Naomi Wise

ADVERTISING MANAGER
Linda Flounders

SALES DEVELOPMENT
Sean Kelly (manager), Fred Hagen

SENIOR ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES
Bill Burton, Amy Grant, Amy McKibben, Randy Rice, Todd Westfall, Beth Wexler

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES
Kelly Bonelli, Mark Connelly, Tamara DeBernard, Patricia Esperanza, Brett Flynn, John Paul Franklin, Scott Fisk, Paula Ford, Stephen Hatch, Richard Maryn, Alvaro Mendez

ACCOUNT MANAGERS
Jesus Cruz, Jr., Erin Hayden, Nicole Nicolson, Maricar Quero, Graeme Storey

ADVERTISING ASSISTANTS
Gili Assa, Brian Carver, Mercia Daughn, Tisha Howell, George Wargo

ADVERTISING ART DIRECTORS
Kenneth Koll, Ronaldo Saluta, Jr.

CLASSIFIEDS MANAGERS
Gene Rochambeau
Sarah Iacono

CLASSIFIEDS STAFF
Wendy Berchek, Annalee Bradbury, Michelle Estrada, Deaine Goldey, Emily Guinaugh, Maribel Juarez, Steve Lieber, Jodi Linney, LeAnne Mellon, Holly Micelli, Sandi Miller, Ninoshcka A. Moreno Ortiz, Kathleen Nystrom, Carina Quintanar, Jeffery Reed, Helen Uchihara, Cristina Weedmark, Michelle Williamson

PRODUCTION MANAGERS
Sandy Matthews, Deborah Condit

PRODUCTION ARTISTS
James Anella, Cynthia Arnette, James Banerian, Patrick Brassell, Mike Brown, Jeremiah Dean, Paul Johnson, Leslie Manes, Jennifer Mikaeli, Douglas P. More, José Ramirez, Jr., Richard Vierling, Jessica Wentzel

ACCOUNTING STAFF
Kelly Ainsworth, Genevieve Floirendo, Regina Gaither, April Isaac, Evelyn Mones, Michelle Newby, Tarin Still, Maddeline Zvirzin

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
Provvidenza Babic-Sciortino, Linda Johnson, Margaret Stann

PERSONNEL MANAGER
Cathleen Walters

COMPUTER SYSTEMS
Scott Jones, systems manager
Mark Bays, Gavin Rattmann

PROJECT MANAGER
Barbara Christensen

OPERATIONS DIRECTOR
Howard Rosen

All advertising in the *Reader* is subject to current rate card. The *Reader* reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. The entire contents of the *San Diego Reader* are copyright 2006, Jim Holman. All rights reserved.

San Diego Reader may be distributed only by the *Reader*'s authorized independent contractor. No person may, without prior written permission of the *San Diego Reader*, take more than one copy of each weekly issue.

NATIONAL ADVERTISING
The Ruxton Group - 1-888-2Ruxton

MAILING ADDRESS
Reader, P.O. Box 85803
San Diego, CA 92186-5803

OFFICE
1703 India Street (at Date)

619-235-3000
General information

619-235-8200
Paid classifieds

$500 OFF PER EYE

FOR: ACC/FLAPLESS
INTRALASE/BLADE-FREE

must have surgery completed
by December 31

THINKING OF LASIK?

Using a blade to correct your vision is yesterday's news. Our state-of-the-art facilities feature the latest in blade-free technology. We offer Advanced Custom Cornea (ACC)... "Flapless" and Intralase...the safest, most precise laser vision correction available.

Schedule your free exam and consultation today with Dr. Kownacki and see what you've been missing!

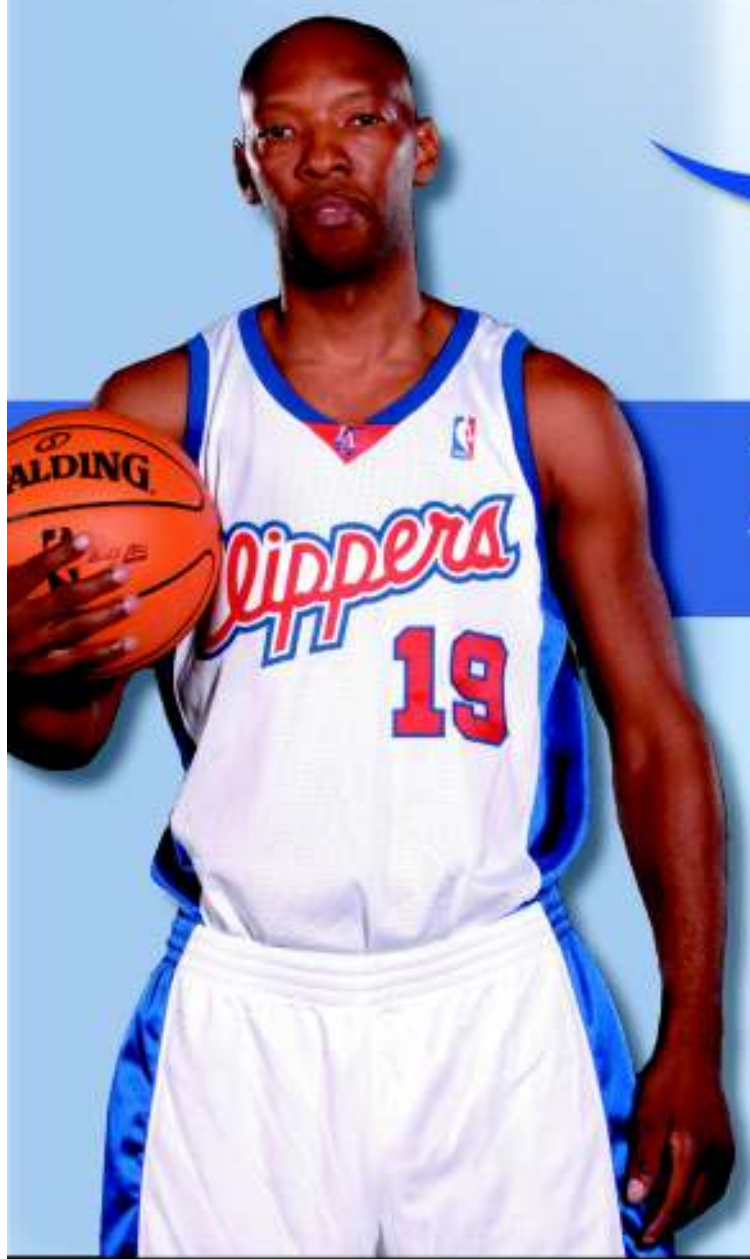
save up to
30%
using your flex
spending account

0 DOWN
0 INTEREST
18 MONTHS

John J. Kownacki, M.D.

AXIS
Eye Institute

877 294 7393



"I wouldn't trust my eyes to anyone other than Axis Eye Institute."
- Sam Cassell

Go Where The Pros Go!

goflapless.com

SAN DIEGO • IRVINE • ONTARIO • SCOTTSDALE

An archive of City Lights stories can be searched on the Internet at **SanDiegoReader.com**

X marks the money The Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego's new downtown headquarters, a metallic rust-red three-story cube roundly criticized by many historical preservationists for spoiling the architectural integrity of the adjacent Mission Revival–style Santa Fe Depot, built in 1915, is on the verge of its grand opening. And no one could be happier than museum director **Hugh Davies**, especially because as the museum (formerly known as the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art, and still called that by some) has grown, so has his already heady salary. According to the institution's federal tax return for the fiscal year ending June 2004, Davies was making $280,091 a year, along with a pension contribution of $33,340 and an expense account of $60,374. In 2005, his pay jumped to $344,186, with a pension benefit of $34,920 and an expense account of $37,633.

Hugh Davies

Those numbers compare more than favorably with the city's other museum directors, who made substantially less. The staid San Diego Museum of Art, for instance, paid its executive director, **Derrick Cartwright**, formerly of Dartmouth College's Hood Museum, $220,619 for the ten-month period ending June 2005, with an expense account of $42,000 and no retirement benefit. (He assumed his job September 1, 2004.) The Putnam Foundation, which oversees collections at the adjacent Timken Museum, paid its administrator **James Petersen** $62,054 with no benefits. And the Natural History Museum's **Michael Hager** got $166,556, plus $7593 in pension benefits and a $4800 expense account.

Derrick Cartwright

The contemporary art museum's Davies is a champion fund-raiser with close ties to some of the town's wealthiest and best-fed insiders. Last month, *Union-Tribune* society writer **Burl Stiff** reported that *U-T* owner **David Copley** threw a brunch at his La Jolla residential complex on Virginia Way in honor of an upcoming show featuring the collection of **Carolyn Farris**. "There were such temptations as baby cheese blintzes with homemade strawberry jam, and eggs with Canadian bacon and cheese on miniature English muffins," wrote Stiff. "There was a poolside buffet that offered fresh pineapple, cantaloupe, melon and such; cinnamon rolls, croissants and assorted muffins; and a selection of cheeses. There was a seafood station (jumbo shrimp), a carving station (beef tenderloin and honey-baked ham), an omelette station, and a waffle and pancake station. There was lots of orange juice, and there were mango/banana smoothies. And there was Bloody Mary sorbet — served in a shot glass with an oyster."

Paper trails Copley Press employees at the company's *Peoria (IL) Journal Star* are atwitter over reports that well-heeled locals are eyeing the paper, which is for sale as part of owner **David Copley**'s plan to liquidate all of the chain but its flagship *Union-Tribune.* "At least one prominent Peorian started making calls to other area citizens with deep pockets, which has morphed into a serious discussion among a few local businessmen about what it would take to buy the paper," wrote **Jennifer Davis** and **Molly Parker**. "And just to be clear, we are talking about rumblings of serious discussions, not like Councilman **Gary Sandberg**'s joke of an attempt, which basically consists of him telling people he's trying to buy the paper. Hmmm, he might be an interesting boss, though. Maybe he'd replace all the *Journal Star* cars with Harley-Davidsons." A more serious observer notes that if the company is entertaining local bids, it may mean that large, deep-pocketed newspaper chains and investment funds aren't much interested in the Copley properties. … In other Copley news, *LA Observed,* a blog about all things Los Angeles, reports hearing rumors that the sale of the *Torrance Daily Breeze* to **Dean Singleton**'s MediaNews Group will mean the end of the Copley News Service's venerable L.A. bureau. **Gordon Smith**, the bureau chief who once was a reporter for the *U-T,* and **Dan Laidman** work there. … Onetime San Diego city school board candidate **Johnnie Perkins**, who's had a variety of jobs carrying water for some of the city's biggest corporate and labor institutions, including San Diego Landfill Systems, owned by Allied Waste; the San Diego County Trash Association; and the San Diego City Firefighters union, has moved from his most recent employer, EDCO, another big trash hauler, back to Allied Waste Services, this time as director of municipal marketing and sales for Southern California.

David Copley

Can't hold their arsenic Toxicologist Dr. **F. Lee Cantrell**, director of the San Diego division of the California Poison Control System, has published a paper detailing 121 auctions on eBay over a ten-month period offering potentially murderous substances. "Sixty-three products contained extremely toxic ingredients including thallium, picrotoxin, soluble barium, antimony, mercury, arsenates, podophyllin, fluoride, zinc phosphide, atropine, scopolamine, and plant extracts of gelsemium, aconite, larkspur, and croton," according to the paper in the *Journal of Toxicology.* "While the viability of the labeled ingredients could not be verified, the transportation, handling, and potential utilization of these dangerous poisons by the general public could result in serious poisonings."

F. Lee Cantrell

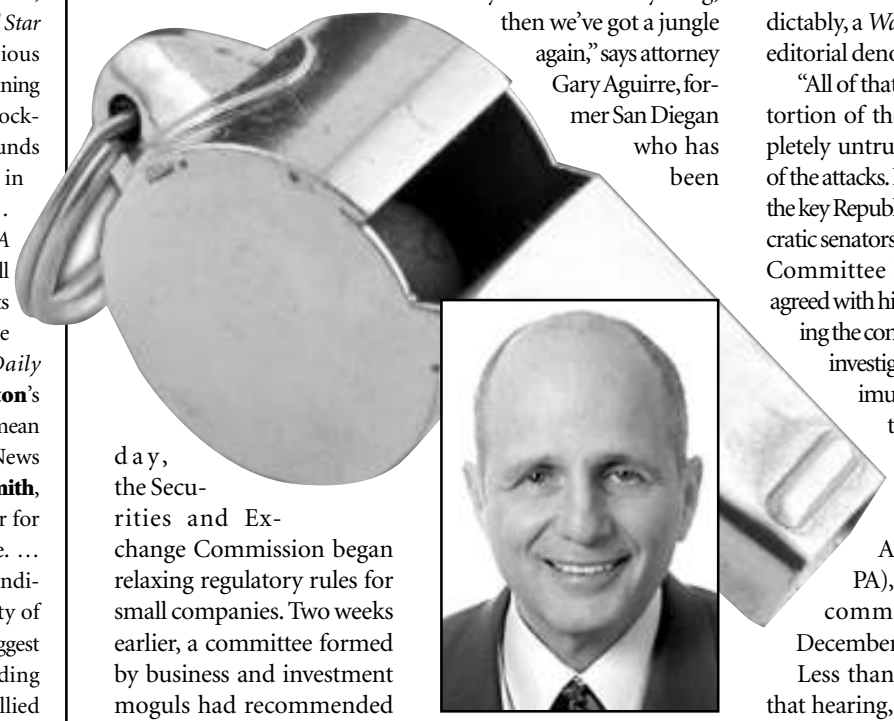
— Matt Potter

The *Reader* offers $25 for news tips published in this column. Call our voice mail at 619-235-3000, ext. 440, or fax your tip to 619-231-0489.

Wall Street Wants To Work in Dark

By Don Bauder

Some Wall Streeters want to put a leash on the law — except the law of the jungle. On December 12, the Justice Department announced it would ease up on its tactics for fighting corporate crime. The following day, the Securities and Exchange Commission began relaxing regulatory rules for small companies. Two weeks earlier, a committee formed by business and investment moguls had recommended that antifraud regulation, lawsuits, and criminal sanctions be reined in so that Wall Street can supposedly be more competitive internationally.



"The Securities and Exchange Commission has been captured by Wall Street. If you then take away the states' ability to regulate the securities industry, and the plaintiff lawyers can't do anything, then we've got a jungle again," says attorney Gary Aguirre, former San Diegan who has been making national headlines since last spring, when he began complaining that the SEC fired him after he pressed to take the testimony of a politically well-connected Wall Street honcho.

Gary Aguirre

On December 5, Aguirre, brother of City Attorney Mike Aguirre, told the Senate Judiciary Committee how the Securities and Exchange Commission allegedly protected the Wall Street nabob from an insider-trading probe. During the committee's hearing that day, SEC officials denounced Aguirre's character and judgment — the inevitable attack on any whistleblower by wounded bureaucrats. Three days later, predictably, a *Wall Street Journal* editorial denounced Aguirre.

"All of that was a gross distortion of the facts or completely untrue," says Aguirre of the attacks. Happily for him, the key Republican and Democratic senators on the Judiciary Committee have generally agreed with his complaint during the committee's lengthy investigation. "At a minimum, it is very, very troubling what the SEC has done here," said Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA), chairman of the committee, at the December 5 hearing.

Less than a week before that hearing, the antiregulation study came out of a group called the Committee on Cap-

continued on page 8

Contact Don Bauder at 619-546-8529 or don.bauder@mac.com

Neal Obermeyer

Day Labor And the Law

By Bruce Kauffman

Around 8:00 in the morning on August 22, Susan and Sheng Wei drove their white SUV to Escondido and South Santa Fe avenues in Vista, looking to hire help for the heavy lifting required to clear a dead tree from their yard. One man got into the SUV and sat down in the backseat. Then Jeff Stevens, a code compliance officer for the city of Vista, moved in.

After stopping the Weis in the parking lot, "I told Mr. Wei that I would be required to issue a cite," Stevens wrote in his report. "At this time, Mrs. Wei asked the day worker to leave their car, which he did. I finished the cite to Mr. Wei, and explained to him how to get a permit at City Hall." Mr. Wei then drove to city hall, on nearby Eucalyptus Avenue, applied for a permit, obtained it, attached it to the window on the rear passenger side of their vehicle, and returned to the same area to hire a worker.

And so, less than a month after Vista's day-labor ordinance took effect, the Weis became the 23rd entry on the list of people officially allowed to hire day laborers in Vista.

Santa Fe and Escondido Avenues, Vista

The Weis also became the first employers to appeal the citation and the $100 fine that came with it. By mid-November, 42 citations had been issued; there were a dozen appeals. In their appeal, the Weis wrote that having just moved to town, they were not aware of the law. On August 30, the City denied the appeal and ordered the Weis to pay the $100 fine. But Mrs. Wei dug in. She took her appeal a step further, as outlined in the ordinance, and asked a neutral hearing examiner to look at her case.

On October 19, at 3:15 p.m., the Weis met with Stevens, the code compliance officer, and an administrative hearing officer from San Diego named Christopher F. Milnes. The hearing was closed to the public. The written record was obtained through a Public Records Act request.

Mrs. Wei admitted that someone had gotten into the car, but she said she did not hire him. He hopped in only to direct her to where the day laborers were gathered and to pick out his uncle, who needed work. "If I had known about the law and the 'free' registration for day labor employer, I would no doubt get the permit before going to the site," Susan Wei noted.

Four days later, Milnes upheld the fine. "In evaluating the evidence," he wrote, "it is significant that Appellants admitted they were looking for day laborers, went to an area where day laborers gathered, and people got into their car. Although Appellants argue that no offer was made the evidence is sufficient to conclude that an offer of employment was made."

Susan Wei said she will not take her appeal to state superior court, for it would cost her another $25. Wei, who had moved to North County from New York City to be closer to her daughter, an Oceanside resident, said, "I'd lose $125, not just the $100. I feel it's not right. I feel it's not fair. I don't want any trouble. I already paid the $100."

She may have gotten off lucky. The ordinance, which was adopted on June 27 by a unanimous vote of the five-member Vista City Council and which took effect on July 28, states that violating "any provision" constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to $1000 and as much as six months' imprisonment, or both. It requires those who hire day laborers to register with the City, display a certificate on the passenger-side window of their vehicle when they go to hire a day laborer, and provide the worker with a "term sheet" once an offer of employment is accepted. Employers or subcontractors hiring at a job site are exempt. The registration lasts a year.

A sample term sheet, one of more than 50 pages that make up the City's "day labor information packet," asks employers to list the estimated number of hours the job will take, the rate of pay, the type of work (gardening, carpentry, masonry, manual labor, housecleaning, other), and whether transportation will be provided at the end of the job.

Missing from the information packet is a copy of the ordinance itself. The night the council passed the ordinance, four people spoke in its favor, three of whom lived outside Vista. One out-of-towner represented the Minuteman Project. Seven people spoke against the ordinance. Two more spoke about racism.

According to the minutes of the June 27 council meeting, "City Councilmembers acknowledged the passion on the part of all the people who came to speak on this issue, expressed support of the ordinance stating that it will protect the day laborers, and clearly affirmed that race has nothing to do with the proposed ordinance."

Sal Martinez, president of a nonprofit job-placement agency called Service Employment and Redevelopment, Inc., offered to help the city council set up a hiring hall

continued on page 10

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ALAN DECKER

Demonstrators talk to S.D. County sheriff's deputies, Vista

Employment center, Pacific Beach

Wall Street in dark

continued from page 6

ital Markets Regulation, formed with the unofficial blessing of Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson Jr. Until recently, he was chief of Wall Street's Goldman Sachs. Among many things, the report recommended that state securities regulation be restrained; the ability of defrauded investors to recover their losses be slashed even further; criminal fraud investigators be reined in; accountants and board-members be given even more protection against lawsuits; and Sarbanes-Oxley, the 2002 law that made it harder for companies to defraud the public, be watered down.

The timing of such recommendations would seem abominably inept. Enron and WorldCom malefactors are headed to the slammer. The options-backdating investigations (now involving more than 130 companies) are widening; studies suggest that some executives backdated options grants to low-price days not simply to maximize their profits but to cheat on their taxes too.

In the mid-1990s, after a Republican landslide, Congress restricted fraud suits against companies. But it was the Democrats who won big in this year's congressional balloting. Ah, but the recommendations of the Committee on Capital Markets Regulation are sneaky. Many could be put into effect without going through Congress. "If they can effectively accomplish these changes through regulatory actions, what's the difference?" asks Aguirre. "Congress could enact regulation to overcome these rules but then face a Bush veto."

Halfhearted regulation helps Wall Street but hurts the small investor. Federal regulation is wishy-washy and controlled by Wall Street. State regulation is weak, with some exceptions such as California and New York. Self-regulation has not worked well. No regulation would be nirvana for the *Wall Street Journal* but would be a disaster. Why? I will relate a story from my past: my father was a stock and bond broker on Chicago's LaSalle Street for more than 40 years. He was an archconservative who believed government should keep its nose out of everything — except his own industry. He explained to me several times that in the investment business, the overwhelming measure of success is money, and the main variable is greed. The business attracts sticky-fingered sons of bitches who often rise to the top of big firms. Much as he hated to say it, there had to be regulation. After more than 40 years practicing financial journalism, I agree.

Aguirre's ordeal demonstrates how the federal securities agency bends to Wall Street's Big Boys. In San Diego, the SEC has pursued former executives of fraud-riddled Peregrine Systems but thus far has let the board — which massively dumped stock when it knew of wrongdoing — off the hook. As New York attorney general, governor-elect Eliot Spitzer did what the Securities and Exchange Commission refused to do. Since the 1960s, California has had securities laws that have been tougher than the nation's. That's why the Committee on Capital Markets Regulation wants to see restraints on states. But it's good that the financial industry "has to comply with the toughest state," says San Diego attorney Mark Maz-

continued on page 10

FREE LEGAL GUIDE

CALL 619-233-9797 NIGHT OR DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK

AT THE PROMPT PRESS THE 4-DIGIT EXTENSION OF THE CATEGORY THAT INTERESTS YOU.

OR VISIT OUR WEB SITE: SANDIEGOREADER.COM/LEGAL

■ EXTENSION 1000 ■

PERSONAL INJURY

Sponsored by
Julia E. Haus Law Firm
550 West C Street
Suite 620, San Diego
619-234-1100

70 AUTO ACCIDENTS
71 MOTORCYCLE/TRUCK/PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS
72 WRONGFUL DEATH
75 SLIP AND FALL ACCIDENTS
76 PRODUCT DEFECT LIABILITY
77 PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE

■ EXTENSION 1019 ■

SOCIAL SECURITY AND DISABILITY

Sponsored by
Anthony J. DeLellis & Associates
1545 Hotel Circle South
Suite 130, San Diego
619-278-0900
www.delellis.com

20 OVERVIEW OF SOCIAL SECURITY
21 FILING A CLAIM
22 RETIREMENT BENEFITS
23 SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS
24 LUMP SUM DEATH BENEFITS
25 FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS
26 DISABILITY BENEFITS
27 HIV AS A DISABILITY

■ EXTENSION 1007 ■

TENANT/LANDLORD

80 EVICTING A TENANT
81 CAN I BEAT MY LEASE?
82 WARRANTY OF HABITABILITY
83 RENTAL AGREEMENTS
84 SECURITY DEPOSITS
85 ENFORCEMENT OF THE LEASE
86 30-DAY NOTICE

■ EXTENSION 1001 ■

CRIMINAL LAW

Sponsored by
The Law Office of Douglas Holbrook
850 25th Street
Suite 100, San Diego
619-232-2020

20 WHEN DO I NEED AN ATTORNEY?
21 WHAT IF I'M WRONGLY ACCUSED?
22 SHOULD I ANSWER QUESTIONS?
23 MUST I SUBMIT TO A SEARCH?
24 COULD I RESIST AN ARREST?
25 WHAT IF I FAIL TO APPEAR?
26 CAN MY RECORDS BE CLEARED?
27 ALCOHOL, DRUGS, HIGH CRIMES

■ EXTENSION 1002 ■

BANKRUPTCY/CREDIT LAW

"We are a debt relief agency. We help people file for bankruptcy relief under the Bankruptcy Code."

Sponsored by
Deborah L. Raymond
380 Stevens Avenue
Suite 205
Solana Beach
858-481-9559

30 NEW BANKRUPTCY LAWS
31 WHAT IS CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY?
32 WHAT IS CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY?
33 WRONGFUL CREDITOR FEES & ACTIONS
34 COLLECTION AGENCY HARASSMENT
35 VEHICLE REPOSSESSION
36 FORECLOSURE ON YOUR RESIDENCE
37 INACCURATE CREDIT REPORTING

■ EXTENSION 1018 ■

EMPLOYMENT/LABOR LAW

Sponsored by
Laturno & Graves
San Diego
619-234-3323
Escondido
760-741-7544
www.laturnograves.com

10 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
11 EMPLOYEE HANDBOOKS/POLICIES
12 EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS
13 HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT
14 NON-COMPETITION AGREEMENTS
15 SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS
16 WAGE AND HOUR

■ EXTENSION 1005 ■

FAMILY LAW

Sponsored by
William M. Henrich
Certified Specialist, Family Law, the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization
4849 Ronson Court
San Diego
858-576-4484

60 DIVORCE - AN OVERVIEW
61 WHAT WILL IT COST?
62 CHILD SUPPORT - HOW MUCH?
63 CHOOSING A PARALEGAL
64 MILITARY FAMILY ISSUES
65 PREPARING FOR DIVORCE
66 MEDIATION AND THERAPY
67 WILLS AND TRUSTS

■ EXTENSION 1003 ■

INSURANCE CLAIMS

Sponsored by
The Law Office of Robert Bruce Arnold
2529 India Street
San Diego
619-233-1096
www.arnoldlawoffice.com

40 INSURANCE BAD FAITH
41 DUTIES OF INSURANCE CO.
42 FIRST PARTY CLAIMS/HEALTH/UM/UIM/AUTO/PROPERTY
43 TIME LIMITS
44 DISPUTES WITH INSURANCE CO.
45 DEPT. OF INSURANCE HELP LINE
46 DO I NEED AN ATTORNEY?

■ EXTENSION 1010 ■

IMMIGRATION

Sponsored by
John A. Quinn
3444 Camino Del Rio N.
Suite 200, San Diego
619-284-8811
Fax: 619-284-8822

20 WAYS TO BE LEGAL
21 SPOUSES & CHILDREN
22 BUSINESS VISAS
23 EMPLOYMENT VISAS
24 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
25 CHANGING & EXTENDING VISAS
26 VISA DENIALS & DEPORTATION

■ EXTENSION 1004 ■

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Any person who makes or causes to be made any knowingly false or fraudulent material statement or material representation for the purpose of obtaining worker's compensation benefits or payments is guilty of a felony.

Sponsored by
The Law Office of Gerald D. Brody & Associates
5465 Camino del Rio S.
Suite 440, San Diego
619-528-9800

50 YOUR WORK-RELATED INJURY
51 WORKERS' COMP BENEFITS
54 THIRD-PARTY ACCIDENTS
55 UNSAFE WORKING CONDITIONS
56 WRONGFUL DISCHARGE
57 HARBOR & LONGSHOREMAN'S ACT

■ EXTENSION 1006 ■

CONSUMER FRAUD

Sponsored by
J. Michael Vallee
Offices in San Diego & Solana Beach
866-461-4936
www.valleelaw.com

10 WHAT IS CONSUMER FRAUD?
11 WHAT ABOUT ATTORNEY FEES?
12 IS MY CAR A LEMON?
13 VICTIM OF AUTO FRAUD?
14 MORTGAGE & REAL ESTATE FRAUD
15 WHAT ABOUT "SMALL" RIPOFFS?
16 NEW KINDS OF FRAUD? TELL US!

■ EXTENSION 1015 ■

SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ WRONGFUL TERMINATION

Sponsored by
The Law Offices of Joel C. Golden
Old Town Professional Bldg. 2356 Moore Street
Suite 201, San Diego
619-246-8449

70 SEXUAL HARASSMENT
71 DISCRIMINATION
72 WRONGFUL TERMINATION
73 EXECUTIVE TERMINATION
74 WHISTLEBLOWER-RETALIATION
75 FRAUD AGAINST THE U.S. GOVERNMENT (FALSE CLAIMS ACT)
76 LEGAL FEES

The attorneys and law firms who provide this information are solely responsible for its content. This information does not address all legal situations, nor is it intended to replace legal counsel. It is provided free, although if calling from outlying areas you may incur toll charges on your telephone bill.

Worry Too Much?
If you worry excessively, can't relax; have persistent anxiety, tension, nervousness; have difficulty sleeping, concentrating, worrying about how you'll deal with each day; or upset stomach and muscle tension, you may have Generalized Anxiety Disorder. You may qualify for no-charge medical research study to test an investigative medication for treatment of anxiety. All inquiries are confidential and no insurance is requested. Study-related evaluations, blood test, study-related pills and exams are at no cost and you will be compensated for visit, travel and expenses. For information or appointment, call the study coordinator James Goldberg, Ph.D., at 619-327-0155.

Bankruptcy-Ch. 7, 11 & 13.
Free consultation. Honest advice from an attorney. A debt relief agency. Avatarlegal.com, 858-793-9880.

Need a Phone Number? Voice Mail - $8.95 per Month!
800-309-8888 www.voicemaildepot.com.

Bankruptcy, Fast Divorce
We answer the phone - Talk to a lawyer - 8am-7pm. Low down payments - Same day filing - Free advice. FixedPriceLegalCenters.com (sm). 800-993-1998.

Amazing Electrician!
No job too small, no problem too big. Emergency/trouble calls: commercial/residential. Custom, remodel, new. Lic. #869373. 760-579-8060.

Experienced Tax Attorney
Master of Laws in Taxation. Solution to IRS, FTB, & EDD problems. Tax preparation. Consulting. Reasonable rates. Personal attention. Atty Ronson Shamoun, 619-595-1655, IRSsolution.com.

Aggressive Female Attorney
Criminal defense and family law. 619-232-2900.

Probate, Wills, And Trusts
Experienced attorney. Affordable rates. Visa/MC accepted. Free consultation. 858-699-3780.

Mr. DUI-Mr. Ticket www.mrdui.com
Attorneys at Law. We limit our practice to only DUI and DMV. Call now 619-563-1010. 3990 Ninth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103 (in Hillcrest near Highway 163).

Criminal Defense Attorney
Avoid court & deal directly with Ty Carss. DUI, drugs, felonies, misdemeanors. Visa/MC. 760-295-8420.

Bankruptcy-Ch7 $785 Complete
Includes court costs! stacylawfirm.net. 619-253-8141. Debt relief agency. Free consultation, 24/7. Payment plans available. Attorney Roger Stacy.

Swedish Sensations!
A full body massage with my own special touches you're going to love! Outcalls only. 10am-8pm. Julia, 619-253-5527.

Bankruptcy From $777*
Former creditor attorneys who now stop collections! A debt relief agency. *For qualified debtors. Call 760-944-0841, 619-515-1194, 858-232-4000.

Low-Cost Divorce $75+
#4 By mail/office/home anytime. 619-892-8306.

Drunk Driving Attorney
Felonies/misdemeanors/DMV/drugs. 619-338-9500. J. D'Ambrosio. Free consult. Visa/MC/Amex.

Living Wills, Living Trusts
FixedPriceLegalCenters.com (sm). 800-993-1998.

Divorce/Custody/Support
Low fees, ex-DA/child support attorney. Free consult. Espanol. Attorney E. Gonzalez-Exerjian, 858-456-5501.

Lose Weight- Free
For first session. There's nothing to lose but weight! Linda Stark, Certified Hypnotherapist, 619-889-1397.

Bankruptcy-Low Payment Starts
Experienced Attorney. Stop all collections. Debt Relief Agency. Raymond Schimmel, Esq., 619-275-1250.

Become an Insurance Coder/Biller
UEI offers courses approved for Veterans, Rehab, WIA. Job Placement Assistance, Financial Aid available (if qualified). Come visit our campuses: 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, San Diego 92123 or 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. Visit: www.uei4you.com.

Child Support/Divorce
Formerly with DA Child Support Bureau. Call Attorney Linda Cianciolo, 619-253-9312.

San Diego's Best DUI-DMV & Ticket Attorneys

Eugene Ellis
MR. DUI, "The Professor" of DUI Law. One of the first and most experienced DUI-only attorneys in San Diego. Exclusively DUI!

Stay out of jail.
Avoid court.
Clean your record.
Save your license.
Keep your job.

Learn about your rights at: www.MRDUI.com

Call now: **619-563-1010**
3990 Ninth Ave., San Diego, CA 92103
(in Hillcrest near 163 and Washington)

Even nice people get arrested for drunk driving.

Mitch Mehdy
One of San Diego's best and most experienced DMV-only attorneys.

IRS Problems Got You Down?
27 years IRS experience. Income tax and collection problems. Audit and appeals representation. Tax return preparation. Current/unfiled returns. Free consultation. Reasonable rates. BJ Tax Consulting, 858-530-1675.

Hypnosis–All Issues!
Smoking, weight, habits. Lori (CHT), 858-457-2100.

HIV Result-20 Minutes-$140
GYN, urology, STD tests, confidential. 619-260-0810.

Fathers Resource Center
#1 National Award Winners: Divorce, custody, support, move-aways, paternity, visitation, mediation. Same day filing possible. 760-634-DADS; 619-702-DADS.

Is The IRS After You? Help Is At www.mtax.com.
Or call Curtis McAllaster, CPA, 619-523-3098.

Host Your Holiday Party At Wine Cabana in Old Town!
Wine bar- bistro- retail shoppe. Gift Certificates. 7 days, 11am-11pm. Friday/ Saturday until midnight. 2539 Congress Street, San Diego 92110. Relax... cabana style! www.winecabana.com, 619-574-9463.

Accident? Injury?
Get the compensation you deserve. Law Offices of Robert T. Pope, 619-233-3893.

POPCO–Father's Rights
The original and still the best. 800-963-DADS(3237).

Negotiate Your Debt Today!
Avoid bankruptcy- free consultation! www.usfmgroup.com. 800-738-5351 or 619-819-0652.

Divorce Mediation
Control your own fate: Work out a settlement with your spouse or partner rather than spending a fortune fighting in court. See: reader.afairway.com. A Fair Way Mediation Center. 619-702-9174.

Learn To Play Craps!
Professional gaming instructors for private parties, nightclub, etc. Guarantee results. John, 619-729-7520.

Single?
www.LocalSDSingles.org.

Secure Your Future With an Office Career
UEI offers courses approved for Veterans, Rehab, WIA. Job Placement Assistance, Financial Aid available (if qualified). Come visit our campuses: 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, San Diego 92123 or 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. Visit:www.uei4you.com.

Credit Repair "Legitimate" Don't Frown–No Money Down!
Since 1988, local company. Call now! 800-700-0273.

Car Accident Victims!
25% fee. Why pay more? Demanski & Ellis, Attorneys at Law, 619-338-9880.

D.U.I.? / Drugs? Avoid Going To Court!
See our display ad on page 4. Attorney James Bickford, 800-597-6318. Para Espanol, 888-297-0205. Visa/MC 24/7.

Ex-IRS, Tax Attorney
All problems, returns, representation. 619-234-8471.

Got Collection Letters?
Collection agencies and attorneys routinely violate federal laws. Get money damages. They must pay your attorney fee. Free consultation. Law Office of Ivan Trahan, 858-292-1491.

Car Repo'd or about to be?
Call now to save it! 858-405-6766.

Auto Accident? Other Injury?
Free advice! Injury Law Center, 619-787-0120.

Credit Repair+
Raise your FICO score. Atty. Roger Stacy, 619-253-8141.

Bankruptcy Attorney Qualify Under New Laws?
Practice limited to bankruptcy. Call today to speak with attorney. Debt Relief Agency. 619-233-4415; 858-335-1162.

Simple Divorce
Divorce, Custody, Support, Visitation. www.Legal-Choices.com, #7. 619-593-6000.

Bankruptcy Attorney
Still qualify under new laws! Call today for free attorney consultation. We're a Debt Relief Agency. 619-233-4415; 858-335-1162.

Sexual Harassment Personal Injury Morris and Associates 619-239-1300
Aggressive, experienced attorneys. morris@sandiegolegal.com.

Don't Let IRS Ruin Your Life!
Peace of mind is within your reach! Call 1-877-FIXABLE (24 hours) for recorded message and free report. Attorney Dave Greenberg, 619-531-8800, www.fixabletax.com.

Immigration-Full Service
Work/marriage visas, green cards, US citizenship. 858-560-0776, www.immigrationdocumentservices.com.

Need Cash Today?
Title loan on your car or truck - you keep it to drive! Any credit OK. 619-593-6200.

Traffic Tickets?
Don't pay. Hire an attorney to fight for $100. No attorney fee if ticket not dismissed. Contact Law Offices of Elizabeth Aronson, 760-726-8400 or SanDiegoTrafficTickets.com.

Lawyer For Less-$99/Hour/Up
30 years experience, criminal and civil, DUI, juvenile. Free consultation. 858-472-4550.

Hands-On Success Massage Therapy Course
UEI offers courses approved for Veterans, Rehab, WIA. Job placement assistance, financial aid available (if qualified). Come visit our campuses: 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, San Diego 92123 or 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. Visit: www.uei4you.com or call 1-877-206-1915 today!

Holiday Lights Special!
Professional Painters will hang your holiday lights and put up your decorations. Save your back, time and money. Call the professionals at Peter's Painting, 619-504-4970.

I.R.S. Problems?
Owe back taxes? Haven't filed? Let an ex-IRS agent fight for you! Call me! Call Tech Tax, 858-410-5717.

Stop Repossession
Call now to save your car. 858-405-6766.

DUI and Criminal Defense
Affordable rates, Visa/MC, flexible payment plans. Free consult. Attorney David Boertje, 619-229-1870.

Help Those in Need And Become a Medical Assistant
UEI offers courses approved for Veterans, Rehab, WIA. Job Placement Assitance, Financial Aid available (if qualified). Come visit our campuses: 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, San Diego 92123 or 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. Visit: www.uei4you.com or call: 1-877-206-1915 today!

Bridal Bazaar Sunday, January 28
SD Convention Center, 10am-5pm. More than 300 exhibitors with everything for your wedding. Information, coupons, www.bridalbazaar.com.

Aggressive Family Lawyer
10+ years experience in family law with divorce, custody, support and property. 619-542-1100.

Living Trusts and Wills Protect Your Home & Assets
Professional, experienced, caring attorney. M. Curran. MichaelaCurran.com. 619-980-9006.

Attention Plaintiffs!
Need cash now? Get a cash advance before your lawsuit settles! San Diego Legal Funding. Wes, 858-964-0645.

Wrongful Termination?
Call attorney Michael Sousa for discrimination, harassment, and unpaid overtime cases. 858-453-6122.

Stop Smoking, One Session!
Hypnosis. All issues. Patty, CCH. 858-459-1291.

Relax and Enjoy!
Melt into my soft, gentle yet strong hands. An hour of bliss you don't want to miss! Outside calls only. 10am-8pm. Julia, 619-253-5527.

Aggressive Divorce Attorney
Estate and probate. Contact Kevin at 619-398-3466.

Family Law/Estate Plans
Divorce/custody/support/wills/trusts/tax plans. Free consultation, www.wf-lawyers.com, 619-284-4113.

Got A DUI? Need A Divorce?
Hale Law Group, call now 619-866-3535, Visa/MC, 24/7.

Stop IRS/State Cold!
Ex-IRS officer. Fee only $1050 with $500 deposit. 858-614-0223. www.taxsolutionservices.com.

Wall Street in dark

continued from page 8

zarella. Companies incorporate in fraud-friendly states like Delaware and Nevada to get impunity. "Maybe Delaware likes the income from wide-open rules, but the state of California is serious about frauds on the public," he says.

It would be a mistake to weaken possible sanctions against accountants and board-members, as well as lawyers, says Mazzarella. "They should be incentivized to tell the company what it needs to know, not what it wants to hear," he says.

It would be a disaster to put barriers in front of criminal fraud investigators. "For someone very wealthy, fear of criminal prosecution is the only thing that you can lord over them to make them behave. A rich person can pay to have people do all his duties, but he can't pay to have somebody go to jail for him." Although many believe tougher criminal sanctions would be the best deterrent to corporate fraud, on December 12 the Justice Department issued a memorandum making it harder for prosecutors to obtain privileged information from companies. I believe the department was caving in to the Committee on Capital Markets Regulation.

One reason the Securities and Exchange Commission is so weak is what's called "the rotating door." As Aguirre explains, "Lawyers go to work for the SEC for 4 or 5, maybe 10 or 15 years, and do nothing to upset Wall Street. Then they move on to a $1-million- or $2-million-a-year job" with a big Wall Street law firm, protecting the same kinds of rascals they were earlier pretending to chase.

Fraud suits filed by plaintiff lawyers are important to thwart mischief, says Aguirre. They are "a militia, a reserve force. Even if the SEC were not dysfunctional, trying to do its mission, even with the right leadership, it would still need plaintiff lawyers as part of the process to contain market abuse."

In trying to make its case for relaxed regulation, the Committee on Capital Markets Regulation complained that last year, 46 percent of securities trading was done in the United States. But we have been sending jobs abroad as we worship the so-called global economy. We are no longer the dominant power we were immediately after World War II. In fact, U.S. economic output is only about 25 percent of world output. So what's the complaint?

"Profits of investment bankers have never been higher," points out San Diego lawyer James Krause. Ditto for compensation. For example, Treasury Secretary Paulson raked in $38.8 million last year at Goldman Sachs. His counterpart at Merrill Lynch took in $35.5 million and the chief executive at Lehman Brothers, $34.5 million.

Strong regulation, by bolstering investor confidence, helps markets rather than hamstrings them, Krause says. "Increased transparency and confidence in the market, helped by such things as Sarbanes-Oxley, are promoting U.S. capital market growth," not hindering it, he says.

But Paulson and his buddies have been making only $35 million a year. They feel they deserve more. ■

Day labor law

continued from page 7

like ones his organization runs in Carlsbad and Pacific Beach. Though the notion had initial support from the mayor of Vista, Morris Vance, it has garnered little if any further backing from elected officials.

Vance came out of retirement 4 years ago to run for mayor, after 17 years as Vista's city manager. He said in an interview that the city council acted in response to complaints from businesses that occupy the shopping center at South Santa Fe and Escondido avenues. A Vons, a Goodwill thrift store, a now-closed Italian restaurant, and a Yum Yum Donut shop are among the businesses at the center; the parking lot is the primary place in Vista where day laborers congregate. Businesses complained that the laborers' presence was hurting commerce. Shoppers were reluctant to go there because they would be descended upon by men seeking work. Vance said that the ordinance also helps protect the laborers, some of whom have complained that employers do not pay as agreed.

At 8:00 a.m. on a Thursday in November, 14 laborers clustered in the shopping center parking lot. Alan Cabrera, another New York City transplant, stood among them. Cabrera runs a printing and graphic design business on Vista Way. His parents are Colombian immigrants, and he had spoken about racism at the council meeting the night the ordinance was adopted. "They passed the ordinance not for the community," he said. "They passed it for the Minutemen. These guys here [the day laborers] work. They're not selling dope; they're not selling crack.

"This is night and day from New York, man," he added. "People talk down to you here. Here the workers talk to you with their heads down. Nobody talks about their exploitation; they only talk about their status. These Minutemen, they got a grudge. They got hatred going, man."

Inside the Vons, in the men's restroom, "Beaners Go Home" is scrawled on a tissue dispenser. Under it, someone has scratched, "We are home."

A man coming out of Yum Yum Donuts, who identified himself as a landscaper, said he had hired day laborers in the past. "The thing is," he said, "here, you work one day and you eat one week. And over there [south of the border], you work one week and you eat one day."

"At this moment," said Robert Antonio, a 19-year-old laborer, "I feel a little bit troubled, you know, because there's not much work." Antonio said that the previous day he gave up waiting for a job offer after three or four hours and went home to do laundry and clean the house. "I borrow money from friends. Sometimes I borrow $100, $150. The Minutemen are pressuring people not to hire here."

Cabrera and others, including city officials, say hiring has been drying up at the shopping center since the ordinance passed. According to the city code compliance office, about 100 workers used to gather in the parking lot regularly. The average in mid-December had dropped to about 30. The Saturday before Thanksgiving, the workers were far outnumbered by demonstrators, many wearing bandannas to mask their faces.

Jeff Schwilk, an Oceanside resident who retired from the United States Marine Corps as a staff sergeant and became a leader of the San Diego Minutemen, said by phone that the ordinance "drove a lot of the guys away" but still contains a glaring loophole. "It does not forbid anybody from hiring illegal aliens," he said. "All it does is, basically, in a way, condone the behavior it was meant to deter."

Schwilk has an ally in Michael Spencer, a member of the Vista Citizens Brigade. The brigade formed last February to fight illegal immigration, launching its drive with a rally at the shopping center. People from the San Diego Minutemen joined the rally that day.

"I was a frustrated citizen at that point," Spencer said in a phone interview. Spencer, who worked as an electrical engineer for high-tech companies before going into business for himself doing custom finishing for new homes, subsequently became a Minuteman. "That site had become a center for chaos. We basically showed up at every city council meeting and told the government how bad the situation was.

"They would mob anyone who came in and looked sideways at them, and some would just jump in the cars," he said of the laborers. "There was public urination and defecation, and they were generally making it a hostile environment for people who wanted to shop at Vons and the other stores. This is a big problem, and you're never going to solve it with one fell swoop, so we're nipping away at the corners and, so to speak, we're draining the swamp."

Spencer said illegal immigrants tax the resources of social service agencies in Vista and commit a disproportionate amount of the crime. According to Captain Glenn Revell of the San Diego County Sheriff's office, which provides Vista's law enforcement, the sheriff does not routinely collect data on the immigration status of those arrested.

The Vista Citizens Brigade, Spencer said, wants federal authorities to come to the site and check the immigration status of the laborers. "I have a mantra: it's a federal problem, and they are passing the buck. I think we'd like to have most or all of the illegal aliens moved back to where they belong."

Spencer pointed out that there are like-minded groups made up of Hispanics opposed to illegal immigration. His wife, a Mexican woman, belongs to one called You Don't Speak for Me.

"Lately, I've counted 40 guys at the site," Spencer said toward the end of November. "It's a rebound of the infection. You stopped taking the antibiotics too soon, and now the infection is back.… We're going to have to do something. Like in musical chairs, when the music stops, I don't want to be the last one standing and having the illegal aliens all sitting down."

Now the American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego and Imperial Counties and California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., have brought suit in U.S. District Court on behalf of two legal, permanent residents of Vista. Dorothy Johnson, an attorney from Rural Legal Assistance, said one resident supplements his minimum-wage jobs with "occasional day labor," while the other relies heavily on it for his sole means of support. They argue that their rights to equal protection under the Fourteenth Amendment are being breached because the city council's motivation included discrimination by race or national origin. ■

BEST ELECTRONICS
CAR AUDIO SPECIALISTS

WE'LL BEAT OUR COMPETITORS' BEST PRICE — GUARANTEED!*

IN-STORE INSTANT FINANCING, 1 YEAR NO INTEREST OR NO PAYMENT OAC

FREE INSTALLATION

ON ANY STEREO • LABOR ONLY, PARTS ADDITIONAL (LABOR VALUE $40)

Kenwood/ Sony/Alpine/ Clarion/ Audiovox/ Pioneer

7" Flip-Up Motorized In-Dash DVD
- High power 45x4
- 2 aux inputs
- Navigation input
- iPod ready

DVD

FROM **$319**

Not an authorized Alpine, Sony, Kenwood or Clarion dealer. Installation charges not included.

Two 6" Headrest Screens or 8" Flip-Down & DVD
- Two 6" headrest monitors
- DVD/CD/MP3 player
- Two wireless headphones

$169

Installation charges not included.

10" Flip-Down Monitor & DVD
- 2 wireless digital headphones
- Wireless remote control
- DVD/CD/MP3 player
- Playstation hookup

DVD

$169

Other screen sizes available. Installation charges not included.

7" Flip-Down & DVD Package
- 7" flip-down screen
- Widescreen
- DVD/CD/MP3 player
- Playstation hookup

$99

Installation charges not included.

Sony CDX-GT110
- AM/FM/CD player
- High power 180 watts
- Detachable face

Not an authorized Sony dealer. Includes free labor only up to $40. Parts additional.

Free Install! **$69**

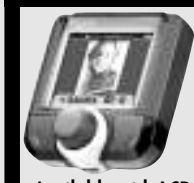
Kenwood KDC-132
- AM/FM/CD player
- High power 180 watts
- Detachable face

Not an authorized Kenwood dealer. Includes free labor only up to $40. Parts additional.

Free Install! **$69**

Add DVD or Back-up Camera to Your Navigation Screen!
From **$99**

SUPER DEAL!



Bluetooth® Your Car! From **$99**

Available with LCD screen!

Sony CDX-GT210
- AM/FM/CD/MP3
- High power 200 watts
- Detachable face

Not an authorized Sony dealer. Includes free labor only up to $40. Parts additional.

Free Install! **$79**

Kenwood KDC-MP232
- AM/FM/CD MP3
- High power 180 watts
- Detachable face

Not an authorized Kenwood dealer. Includes free labor only up to $40. Parts additional.

Free Install! **$99**

Sony Xplod Bass System
Compatible with any existing stereo!
- Sony power amplifier with built-in crossover
- Two 6.5" speakers
- Sony 10" speaker box

Add super bass to your vehicle!

Not an authorized Sony dealer. Installation charges not included.

$119

Pioneer
- 6x9 speakers
- 480 watts

480W MAX. POWER

Installation charges not included.

$39

Sony Xplod 12" Subwoofer
XSL1200B

$29

- 500 watts • Deep bass
- 4 ohms • 4-layer voice coil

Not an authorized Sony dealer. Installation charges not included.

Complete System Special
Compatible with any existing stereo!
- Sony power amplifier with built-in crossover
- Two 6.5" speakers • Sony 10" speaker box
- AM/FM/CD player

Not an authorized Sony dealer. Installation charges not included.

All for **$159**

Paging Alarm System Bicron 6000N
- 2-way LCD pager • 1-mile radius
- 4-button, 3-channel LCD transmitter
- Free power door locks

(Car must be equipped with factory locks.)

Installation charges not included.

$89

Sony 10-Disc Changer
- Works with any existing radio
- Random & scan
- 1 bit DA converter
- 8x over-sampling

CDX-454RF

Not an authorized Sony dealer. Installation charges not included.

$99

500W MAX. POWER

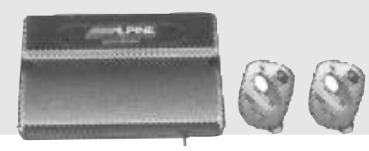
Sony Amp
- 4-Channel 125x4
- Built-in Crossover

Not an authorized Sony dealer. Installation charges not included.

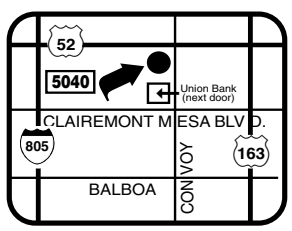
$69

Eagle Car Alarm
- 100-ft. range • Remote control panic
- Ignition lockout safety system • 60-second re-arm timer
- Parking light flasher • Multi-function LED status indicator
- Free LED light and flashing lights • Automatic arming
- Free power door locks (Car must be equipped with factory electric locks.)

Installation charges not included.



$59



(858) 715-3928

SIRIUS Satellite Radio

5040 CONVOY STREET

MON–THURS 10 AM–7 PM • FRI & SAT 9 AM–7 PM • SUN 9 AM–5 PM

VISA • DISCOVER • MasterCard • AMERICAN EXPRESS Card

In-house Financing (OAC)
Instant Approval
Military Specials Every Day

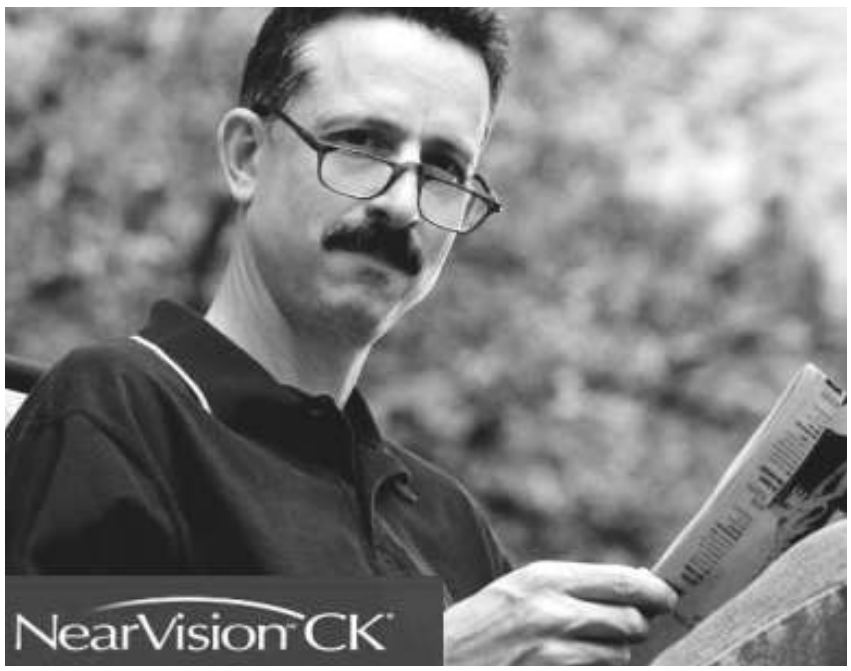
Not responsible for misprints. Prices shown include cash discounts. Ad pricing available December 21-27, 2006 only.

*Must present a written estimate.

Closed Dec. 25

End your frustration with reading glasses in 3 minutes!

NearVision CK is the safe, FDA approved, proven way to improve your near vision.



Taking your reading glasses on and off all day can be a hassle, but a fast, safe technique can end this frustration. It's called NearVision CK, and in just a few minutes – without any cutting – it can improve your near vision. Come in and let us show you how this simple treatment can make a big difference in your near vision.

Call Desiree for a free consultation.

West Coast Eyecare has helped San Diego see clearly for over 25 years.

Six Locations: College Area/La Mesa
Escondido/Vista/RB • Alpine • South Bay
El Cajon • Clairemont/Mira Mesa

1-800-631-4590

WEST COAST EYECARE ASSOCIATES
A MEDICAL PRACTICE

LETTERS

We welcome letters pertaining to the contents of the Reader. Phone them in at 619-235-3000, ext. 460; address them to Letters to the Editor, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803; fax them to 619-231-0489; or use our web page at SanDiegoReader.com/letters. Include your name, address, and telephone number. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

Nothing Beats Nostalgia

"90 Years of Curl" was the coolest story I've read in a long time (Cover Story, December 14). The pictures and descriptions of the developing San Diego surf culture made for an enjoyable reading experience. I am a 45-year-old San Diego native and caught the tail end of the old glory days of Mission Beach in the '70s. This was a great time to be a kid hanging out at the beach all day with my school friends. This, of course, being prior to the onslaught of gang-banging dirtbags who hang out there now. I still don't have any problem going there myself, but the days of allowing your 12-year-old kids to take the bus down to the beach to Boogie board are long gone. This story took me back to the days of bumming rides from anyone who could borrow a car, trying to figure out how to get three boards on a '71 Super Beetle, jumping off the Clam, and that 7-Eleven by La Jolla Shores. Back then, our biggest problem was trying to find a decent parking spot on Chelsea or Loring Street. Now you just hope your car is still there when you get back. Is it just me, or did the waves seem bigger at La Jolla back then? Thanks for a well-written blast to the past.

Joe Mackey
Tierrasanta

But That's What I Call My Dog

To Barbarella (" 'Wife' Alternative," "Diary of a Diva," December 14): Living as unmarrieds in the central Texas Bible Belt is a new ballgame. Be that as it may, the term "domestic companion" has worked for us.

Bob Wagner
via e-mail

I Knew Them Well

I like your paper, but I must respond to the article "The F in F Street Is Fashion" ("City Lights," December 14). First of all, I worked a solid five years for F Street and know something about what happened there when Alma began to run F Street. First of all, the article is bound to make people feel that the former Mrs. Vasic is some kind of mean or bad person. Nothing could be further from the truth. I am a person who knew her before and after the death of her first husband. I also knew his family members. She was and probably still is a very genteel and fine woman. If she has a business persona that is less than perfect, it just may be because of the way people approach her, much like Ernie Grimm (an apt name for him).

I was at the funeral, and I watched her sit at Gojko's casket for hours with her hand never moving from his heart and a look of such loss in her eyes that it was heartbreaking. She was at odds with Andja Stanojevic over the herbal treatment Gojko was taking for his immune-system problems brought on by AIDS. By the way, Gojko was quite robust in health otherwise when he died of a heart attack. I saw him two days prior, and he was fine. Andja, his sister, was quite distraught and upset when she confronted Mrs. Vasic and blamed her for her brother's death because of the herbal medications. She called them "poisons." She walked off the job that day never to return — she was not fired, as the writer says.

I knew Andja's son, Slobodan Colovic, and the cars and things that were his were offered, not demanded, by his family.

You see, Mr. Vasic was an unbelievably generous man. In fact, perhaps too generous indeed. He took care of his employees with total benefits and profit sharing that he totally paid for. He paid good wages and gave raises. He was always upgrading his stores at great expense, and the money kept going out, including to many charities, the police fund, and, of course, hundreds of thousands to AIDS foundations. This is a matter of record. Alma was just trying to stem the outflow a little. Was he rich? He was spending it as fast as it came in. Is that good business? His wife did what any future-thinking woman would do — worry about the future!

I acquired his film collection when he died, and many of those movies are Serbian films based on the absurdities of life and how important being good is over being rich. So there you perhaps have a little deeper insight into the mind of this gentle and generous man who died way too young.

You want a real story? Even his wife did not know about this: The real cash that was vanishing from the family vault was being funneled through the Serbian Church to finance the war on the Serbian side. The church itself is innocent but was victimized itself or blackmailed into being a front, and they were not happy about it. In fact, they were very scared they were being watched by agents of both sides *and* the MIB-government types. Gojko just wanted to have his hand in the skullduggery because his soul was still with his homeland in a big way. That is very Serbian and would be accepted as part of his nature by anyone who understands people from that part of Old Europe.

But that was long ago, and who cares about it anyway? Point is he cannot rest in peace as long as there is such mystery surrounding him. Neither can Elvis Presley. New stories will come up from time to time just as I have mine to tell you. His daughter was three years old when I met her, and believe me, she will not "go Hollywood," no matter who wants to make her a star. You can be sure of that for a reason. Her mother says she has morals, but more than that, she is raised in a (believe it or not) spiritualist environment. Her mom is a lifelong Spiritualist who attends metaphysical churches and has since she was a child herself. That is all very, very private to her and is never discussed. She keeps this so secret that she will deny it to maintain her privacy. I think she deserves that privacy like anyone

continued on page 62

WE'LL OPEN THE DOOR TO YOUR NEW HOME

BEST PRICES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

VILLA TOSCANA

Only 2 Units Left! Starting at $179,900

Villa Toscana is an elegant, 16 unit community with tremendous upgrades in the heart of the vibrant College Area. The neighborhood is full of diverse restaurants and shops, close to San Diego State University, and steps away from Colina Del Sol Park and recreation Center.

4346 52nd Street | 1.800.540.4250 x002

VILLAS AT LEXINGTON

Minimum Bid
$150,000

Auction Date 1/27/07
Market Value up to $250k
Pre-registration Required

855 E. Lexington Avenue, El Cajon
1.800.540.4250 x014

ADELAIDE GARDENS

1 Bdrms Starting At
$189,900
2 Bdrms From $289,900

With patios & balconies. Located in the College area.

5505 Adelaide Avenue
1.800.540.4250 x015

4335 CONDOMINIUMS

1 Bdrms Starting At
$189,900
2 Bdrms From $269,900

1 & 2 bdrm residences in the Normal Heights area.

4335 McClintock Street
1.800.540.4250 x020

DEL SOL CONDOMINIUMS

Lowest Priced 2 Bdrms in San Diego!
$199,900

2 bedroom residences in South San Diego.

4398 Delta Street
1.800.540.4250 x011

PICASSO VILLAS

Starting in the high
$200,000s

2 bedroom homes with jacuzzi tubs & extra storage! In the Normal Heights area.

4618-24 30th St., San Diego
1.800.540.4250 x012

COMING SOON!

SARANAC VILLAS

HURRY! ONLY 1 LEFT!

Prices Starting at
$259,900

2 bedroom residence located in the College area.

7003 Saranac Street
1.800.540.4250 x004

SOUTH SECOND GROVE

Prices Starting at
$269,900

Luxury Condos, Great Price! 3 bdrm/2 bath residences located in El Cajon.

255 S. Second Street
1.800.540.4250 x016

KING COURT

Prices Starting at
$289,900

Best priced 3 bdrm/2 bath residences in San Diego. Minutes from downtown!

5030 "A" Street, 92102
1.800.540.4250 x017

SEABREEZE

Prices Starting at
$309,900

1 & 2 bdrm homes, only 2 blocks from the beach! In the Imperial Beach area.

211 Elm Avenue
1.800.540.4250 x018

COMING SOON!

MONROE VILLAS

HURRY! ONLY 1 LEFT!

Prices Starting at
$309,900

2 bdrm, 2 bath residences in the Normal Hts area.

3909 Monroe Avenue
1.800.540.4250 x001

ADAMS AVENUE AT THE PARK

HURRY! ONLY 2 LEFT!

Prices Starting at
$319,900

2 bdrm homes w/garages & yards in the Normal Hts area.

3449 Adams Avenue
1.800.540.4250 x003

HARBOR VIEW

Prices Starting at
$369,900

Amazing city views! 1 & 2 bedroom residences in the Mission Hills area.

3005 Columbia Street
1.800.540.4250 x019

BRISAS DEL MAR

Prices Starting at
$369,900

3 bdrm/2 bath residences, averaging almost 1200 sq ft! In the Chula Vista area.

916 4th Avenue
1.800.540.4250 x013

COMING SOON!

MT. ABERNATHY

COMING SOON!
Watch our web site for more details.

Grand Opening Winter 2007

4290 Mt. Abernathy Avenue
1.800.540.4250 x022

COMING SOON!

LINDA PASAS HAD THE MOST TRANSACTIONS IN 3RD QUARTER FOR PRUDENTIAL IN CALIFORNIA!

the Allegiance Team of Prudential Dunn, REALTORS®

Contact Linda Pasas for more information:
Sold@LindaPasas.com
1.800.540.4250

Prudential Dunn, REALTORS®

www.AllegianceSanDiego.com

BOTTOM LINE PRICES

NO FREE BOATS
FREE CARS
GIMMICKS

ACT NOW! 75% SOLD

Why have over 380 homes sold in record time?
BECAUSE WE ARE THE BEST VALUE IN LA JOLLA COLONY!

ONE BEDROOMS FROM THE $270's

TWO BEDROOMS FROM THE $340's

VERANO
LA JOLLA

858.410.1300
VERANOCONDOS.COM

7503 CHARMANT DRIVE
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92122

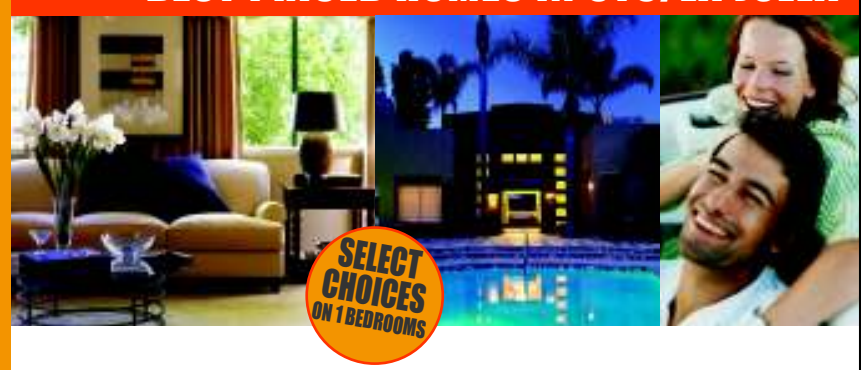
MON–THU 9–6; FRI 9–4; CLOSED SAT; SUN 10–5

3% BROKER CO-OP* · MILITARY WELCOME · VA APPROVED

Verano is owned and developed by La Cima Development, LLC. The developer reserves the right to change pricing, features, and amenities without notice. "Bottom line prices" based on current real estate market conditions.

FINAL CLOSEOUT!

BEST PRICED HOMES IN UTC/LA JOLLA



1 BEDROOMS FROM MID $200's

2 BEDROOMS FROM HIGH $300's

ZERO CLOSING COSTS*

ZERO MONEY DOWN PROGRAMS**

3% BROKER CO-OP
ON-SITE SALES & FINANCING AVAILABLE

ACT NOW!
BEFORE THEY'RE ALL GONE

VILLA VICENZA
LA JOLLA

8895 Caminito Plaza Centro
San Diego, California 92122
858.410.1100 · villavicenza.com
mon–thur 9–6; fri 9–4; closed sat; sun 10–5

CRESCENT HEIGHTS

Villa Vicenza is owned and developed by Nobel Court Development, LLC. The developer reserves the right to change pricing, offers, and amenities without notice. Models do not reflect racial preference. Promotional offers may not be combined. *"Zero closing costs" is an offer based on new contracts made between 10/1/06 to 12/31/06. Credit does not include interest payments, property taxes, points and Homeowners Association Dues. **To qualify for the "Zero Money Down Program", financing must be obtained through one of the pre-approved lenders of Nobel Court Development, LLC. A 700 or higher credit score is required to obtain 100% financing on a 7/1 ARM with no points. Loan requirements, criteria and qualification are determined by Lender. Contracted purchased homes must be owner-occupied. This loan program is subject to change without notice.

STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary

Dear Matthew:
A while ago I was trying to figure out what to do about a huge ant infestation in my house. I got to thinking that when most people have a house full of ants or cockroaches, they can go to the store and buy a spray or something or they can call an exterminator. But what do Buddhists do when they have a house full of bugs?

— Ant Buster, San Diego

Ah, grasshopper, you have come to the correct universal source for all obscure knowledge. No profound fountain of facts is complete without a direct connection to the wisdom of the Buddhadharma, though most of you seem to ask questions better answered by Caltrans or the DMV. No matter. The Buddhist priest on Team Matthew Alice is nothing if not patient. Finally, his moment has come, and he does not disappoint.

When placed in the situation you describe or any other in which human health or life is at stake, one must ask, which sentient being stands the greatest chance of reaching Enlightenment and leading others there? Our answer, of course, is not the cockroach or the ant but the human being. "But all creatures have been, countless times, our mother, protecting and loving us, and we naturally wish them not to suffer," says our priest. So "one respectfully makes this painful choice and prays that the creatures that are killed may quickly achieve conditions in which they can take on human form and respond to the Buddhadharma. There are prayers to advance these unfortunate creatures on their journey and by which we do not take on negative karma for the act.… It [is] best to pray before, during, and after the act of killing," and in fact pray this every day "as part of our intention to help all beings transcend suffering and reach Enlightenment."

So, grasshopper, your answer seems to be, they pray, they squish, they pray.

Hey, Matt:
We were all sitting around watching The Apprentice *and began wondering, why does Donald Trump say, "You're fired!" Is it like burning at the stake…really fired?*

— Pat N. Paul; U.C. library

The term comes from guns, not flames. And since it's a gun metaphor, we shouldn't be surprised that it originated in the U.S. We exported it to our partners in speech, the British, who tried it for a while then decided they still preferred their less confrontational "sacked" (a direct borrow from 17th-century France) or the more euphemistic and perplexing "made redundant." No one knows how long the word "fired" (in the Donald sense) existed in common speech before it appeared in print in the 1870s. At that time it was usually followed by the word "out." One of the first print examples was in a newspaper article from the North Dakota frontier, talking about misbehaving students who should be "fired out" of school if they didn't follow orders. So, the original meaning suggested some poor guy being physically ejected from someplace. The "out" bit was dropped fairly soon, leaving us with "fire," meaning the Donald would like to wad you up into a little ball, load you into his six-shooter, open the lobby doors, pull the trigger, and propel you far out over the parking lot. Or, as some word wizards suggest, he'd like to stand you up in the break room and shoot you.

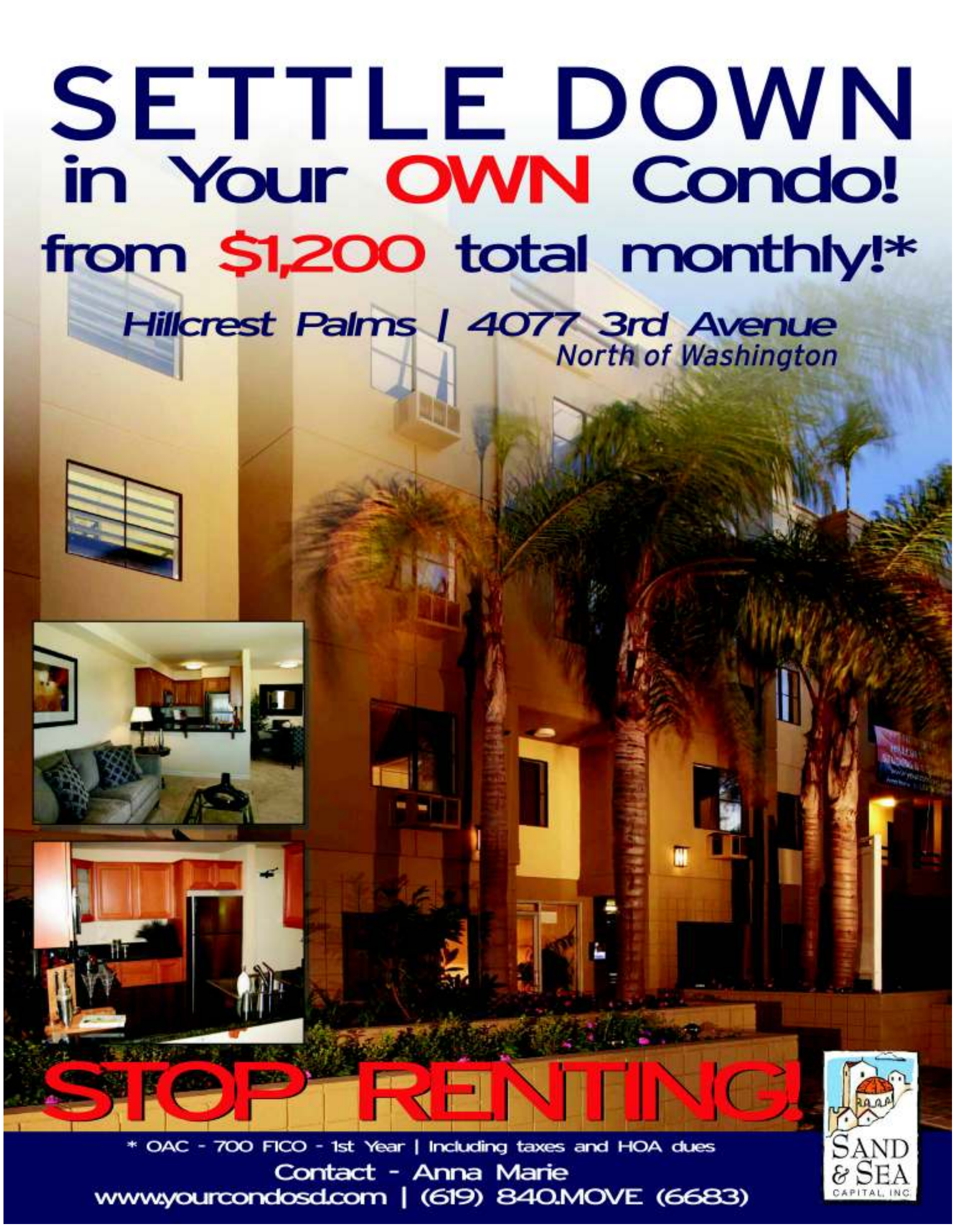
Hey, Matt:
Which is a tighter seal, "air tight" or "water tight"?

— Bay Park Jay

Even the elves — not always tuned to the usual human-being wavelength — were a little perplexed by this one. All they could figure was that you're building an alibi. So, let's say you make your alibi out of a bag full of the usual hot air sealed to keep water out and air in. The internal pressure of the thing is normal sea level, 14.7 pounds psi. Now take your alibi to Windansea and force it under water 33 feet and you've doubled the outside pressure (to 29.4 pounds psi) and your alibi is looking sucked-up and flimsy as the inside air is compressed. At 66 feet your incredible shrinking alibi is fighting three atmospheres. Too many variables to be able to predict if it will survive under that pressure, but our guess is you'll be whimpering like a baby and begging for forgiveness at that point.

If we hop in the car and take our alibi to Denver, a mile above sea level, the outside air pressure is about 93% of San Diego's and our alibi is looking a little puffier than it did at home. At an altitude of 10 miles, 90% of sea-level pressure, it's pooching out more; but we'd have to go, oh, maybe 18,000 miles up before the alibi's inner air pressure is twice the outer air pressure. At some point, our alibi will go high enough to literally blow up. But from the elves' incredibly precise scientific calculations here, it's obvious you'd better concentrate on water tightness if you expect to get away with anything.

A searchable archive of past columns is available at SanDiegoReader.com
Got a question you need answered? Send an *email* to heymatt@cts.com or *fax* to 619-231-0489 or *mail* to Matthew Alice, c/o the *Reader*, Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186.


SETTLE DOWN
in Your OWN Condo!
from $1,200 total monthly!*
Hillcrest Palms | 4077 3rd Avenue
North of Washington
STOP RENTING!
* OAC - 700 FICO - 1st Year | Including taxes and HOA dues
Contact - Anna Marie
www.yourcondosd.com | (619) 840.MOVE (6683)
SAND & SEA
CAPITAL, INC.

Need a Home?
Like the Country?
Visit Ramona's Best Kept Secret!

Oak Tree Ranch

The affordable alternative – buy your home & lease the land (up to 99 years)

No homeowners association – No fees – No Mello Roos.

Starting at just $272,000!

3 & 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 & 3 car garages – landscaped

Five new models to choose from or order your dream home!

Open 7 Days!

Crown Pacific Homes
(760) 789-4937
www.CPHRealty.com

Visit us on the web

Oak Tree Homes
(760) 789-1382
www.OakTreeRanch.com

2239 Black Canyon Road – Ramona
(Highway 78 to Magnolia- North to Black Canyon)

T··Mobile

Effortlessly connect to those who matter most.

Ameritel

Limited time offer. Requires minimum 1-year agreement and new activation of line of service for each phone. Taxes and fees not included.

999 Cellular Center Inc
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd
Ste K2
San Diego 92123
(858) 559-7979

Wireless One
3555 Rosecrans St Ste 103
San Diego 92110
(619) 692-4466

Get Wireless
116 W Washington St
San Diego 92103
(858) 337-8445

Mobile Dream Wireless
2010 E Valley Pkwy Ste 3
Escondido 92027
(760) 741-5945

Cell & Page Inc
2961 Beyer Blvd
San Diego 92154
(619) 827-7444

Cellular Zone
9017 Mira Mesa Blvd
San Diego 92126
(858) 271-8988

Connect Direct
2654 Jamacha Rd Ste 113
El Cajon 92019
(619) 660-3210

Expert Wireless
1727 Sweetwater Rd Ste B
National City 91950
(619) 477-3200

Wireless Communications Group
310 E 8th St
National City 91950
(619) 477-3200

Talksmart
8333 Clairemont Mesa Blvd
San Diego 92111
(858) 292-4800

5 Star Cellular
5201 Linda Vista Rd Ste 101
San Diego 92110
(619) 299-7466

SD Wireless One
3555 Rosecrans St Ste 103
San Diego 92110
(619) 692-4466

Additional restrictions apply; see printed materials and T-Mobile's Terms and Conditions, viewable at www.t-mobile.com, for details. Limited time offer and subject to change without notice. T-Mobile is a federally registered trademark, and the magenta color is a trademark, of Deutsche Telekom AG. © 2006 T-Mobile USA, Inc.

SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Minor Bowl Matchups

Christmas is upon us, which means two weeks — make that *three weeks* of postseason college football. Everyone is familiar with the Rose Bowl and the Sugar Bowl and other bowls of that ilk. But, put them all together and you're talking two or three days of televised football. This means *you're missing two and a half weeks of high quality, top-of-the-line gridiron action*!

Now then, I hope you've already begun participating in the collegiate postseason by watching Tuesday's San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl, TCU vs. Northern Illinois. By the way, this is why we'll never have a real playoff, ending with a real national championship in Davison I-A football. When a county credit union — taking nothing away from the immense resources and hard-charging personnel to be found at your neighborhood San Diego County Credit Union — when a county credit union can slap its name on a bowl, have said bowl nationally televised, and rake in enough bucks to pay each team $750,000, you know there's too much money to be had in made-up college bowls to ever switch over to a legitimate playoff tournament.

But that won't stop me from watching the Pioneer PureVision Las Vegas Bowl. It's BYU vs. Oregon, December 21, at 5 p.m. on ESPN. The Mountain West Conference champion goes against the number 5 team in the Pac-10, which is a pretty good measure of how one conference compares to the other. Each team rakes in $950,000.

I want to credit Las Vegas Bowl organizers for posting an honest history on their website. The Las Vegas Bowl was… "Organized by community leaders out of a need to fill hotel rooms during a traditionally slow period…"

The following day, at 5:00 p.m. on ESPN, comes the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl. The New Orleans Bowl matches the Sun Belt Conference Champion against somebody from Conference USA. Pay out per team is $325,000. This year Troy University (7-5), is the Sun Belt champion. (Quick, name one other team in the Sun Belt.) The Trojans play Rice University (7-5), which finished number 2 in the West Division of Conference USA. (Can you name one other team in the Conference USA West Division? I thought not.)

PapaJohns.com Bowl is new this year. And let me be the first to welcome them to the postseason party. PapaJohns.com Bowl, headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama, kicks off on December 23 at 10:00 o'clock. ESPN2 is your vendor. The bowl features the number 4 team in the Big East, the 8-4 South Florida Bulls, against the number 2 team in the East Division of…wait for it…Conference USA. That team is — I've got the envelope right here — the 7-5 East Carolina Pirates! And here's your bonus points opportunity: name the Big East champion. Name one other team in Conference USA East Division.

STAY WITH IT! Right after the PapaJohns game is the New Mexico Bowl, another new bowl this year. Tune to ESPN on December 23 at 1:30 p.m. Albuquerque will be jumping as home-town defenders, University of New Mexico Lobos (6-6 and number 5 in the Mountain West) go up against the 8-4, number 3 in the WAC, San Jose State Spartans. It doesn't get any better than this.

DON'T CHANGE THE CHANNEL! Right after the PapaJohns contest is the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl sent to you from Fort Worth, Texas. It's University of Utah (7-5 and number 4 in the Mountain West) versus Tulsa University, one of countless unknown football clubs who populate Conference USA. This is the game we've been waiting for.

But, no, just one day later we have the game we've been really waiting for, the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl from Aloha Stadium in Honolulu. This is offered as a special treat so you can spend Christmas Eve away from your family. Don't forget: 5:00 p.m. on ESPN, University of Hawaii (number 2 in the WAC) plays Arizona State (number 6 in the Pac-10).

One last thing. The Las Vegas Bowl, Fort Worth Bowl, PapaJohns.com Bowl, New Mexico Bowl, and Hawaii Bowl are owned by ESPN Regional Television, a subsidiary of ESPN. ESPN also owns ESPN2, ESPN Classic, ESPNEWS, ESPN Deportes, ESPNU, ESPN Today, ESPN HD and ESPN2 HD, ESPN Regional Television, ESPN International, ESPN Radio, ESPN.com, ESPN The Magazine, ESPN Enterprises, ESPN sports-themed restaurants, ESPN360, Mobile ESPN, ESPN On Demand, ESPN Interactive, and ESPN PPV.

ABC Network owns 80 percent of ESPN. ABC is a subsidiary of the Walt Disney Company. Disney owns the aforementioned ABC, six film studios, 10 television stations, 8 cable television networks, 65 radio stations, 4 record labels, 8 book publishing imprints, 15 magazines, 5 theme parks, plus the odd cruise line, Internet factory, and toy conglomerate for openers.

And five postseason college football bowls.

The Vegas Line

NFL – Week 16 (Home Team in CAPS)

Favorite	Spread		Over/Under	Underdog
		Thursday		
GREEN BAY	3		36 ½	Minnesota
		Saturday		
Kansas City	6 ½		36	OAKLAND
		Sunday		
BUFFALO	4 ½		36 ½	Tennessee
N. Y. GIANTS	3		47	New Orleans
ATLANTA	6		NL	Carolina
ST. LOUIS	2 ½		43 ½	Washington
Indianapolis	9		47	HOUSTON
PITTSBURGH	3		36	Baltimore
CLEVELAND	3		35	Tampa Bay
Chicago	4 ½		42	DETROIT
JACKSONVILLE	2 ½		37	New England
SAN FRANCISCO	4		45	Arizona
DENVER	3		44 ½	Cincinnati
San Diego	5		46 ½	SEATTLE
		Monday		
DALLAS	7		46 ½	Philadelphia
MIAMI	2		36 ½	N.Y. Jets

The Sporting Box solicits your comments via the Internet: sportbox@ix.netcom.com.

CAR AUDIO HEAVEN'S

hundred's of items in the store on SALE

Infinity. Pioneer SONY Rockford Fosgate

RED TAG SALE!

up to 50% off

These Clauses are thankful for these great audio deals

Infinity. & MBQUART Factory Authorized

SALE 20%OFF! !

KENWOOD 200 watt Am/Fm Detachable Face CD/MP3 Player
Wireless remote Control
Ipod ready/aux ready/ sat radio ready
2 sets rca outputs for 2 amps

$79
Installation charges not included

clarion 180watt Am/Fm Detachable Face CD/MP3 Player
plays cdr/cdrw, magna bass boost
RCA output to add amp

$69
Installation charges not included

These Reindeer won't get lost with these navigation Deals

SONY Touch Screen Navigation U.S. Map

$499
Installation charges not included

Pioneer Indash Double Din
Navigation touch screen with Am/Fm Cd/Mp3 and DVD
Top of the line unit with 30gb hard drive builtin for mp3 storage

CALL FOR SUPER DEAL !

These Scrooges are scared of these car alarms

Prestige PRESTIGE
Car Alarm with shock sensor alarm sounds when door opened
Flashing LED light

$99
includes all parts and labor

VIPER
Code Hopping State of the Art Car Alarm !
Starter Kill
Shock Sensor w/ warnaway
Flashing Parking lights
Panic feature

$199
includes all parts and labor

AUTOPAGE
New Technology Car Alarm Pages You When Your Car is Tampered With or when the Alarm is Triggered.
Bright LCD Display Shows you which Zone has been Violated

$199
includes all parts and labor installed

These Video Deals will make even these ghosts of christmas past grin!

TKO AUDIO super bright clear drop down screens
13 " $199
13 "w/tv $229
15" $299
15" w/tv $329
Installation charges not included

JENSEN Am/Fm Motorized 7" Touch Screen DVD I-pod Ready

$399
Installation charges not included

Panasonic 6.5" Touch Video Screen with Am/Fm/CD/DVD i-pod Satellite Radio Ready

$699
Installation charges not included

These Bass Deals are blowing away these ELFS

HIFONICS Hard Hitting Bass System
12" Woofer and 450w LIGHTNING amp

$99
Installation charges not included

Buy (1) Thundering Bass HiFonics 700w 12" Subwoofer and Get one more FREE!!

$99
Installation charges not included

Rockford Fosgate 600 watt amp 2 10" woofers thundering bass

now 2006 amp

$249
Installation charges not included

Expert Window Tinting

$99
rear 3 windows most cars

SPORTS ARENA-3713 ROSECRANS ST
619-574-0770

KEARNEY MESA-8199 CLAIREMONT MESA BLVD
858-505-9099

COLLEGE-4951 EL CAJON BLVD
619-287-4422

Apple iPod Solutions Add Sound Directly to your Radio
No Noisy Fm Modulator
jvc, kenwood, pioneer,alpine
gm, chrysler, nissan, ford, honda
mercury, vw, toyota, audi, acura

Affordable Health Insurance

NATIONWIDE HEALTH PLANS. FOR THE WAY YOU LIVE.

Simple and easy-to-understand health insurance for individuals and families.

Lifestyle 2500 Generic Rx - $2,500 Individual/$5,000 Family Deductible
Rates effective 9/1/06 - San Diego County

Age	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64
Single	$56	$64	$82	$105	$155	$172	$243	$300	$330
Couple	$96	$108	$141	$179	$258	$300	$436	$543	$623
Single+child	$131	$138	$157	$179	$230	$246	$318	$374	$404
Family+child	$170	$182	$216	$254	$333	$374	$511	$617	$698
Single+children	$227	$234	$252	$275	$325	$342	$414	$470	$500
Family+children	$266	$278	$312	$350	$429	$470	$607	$713	$794

■ 100% In-Network Coverage After Deductible ■ $25 Doctor Office Visits (4 per year)
■ Preventive Care Benefits ■ Choice of Generic or Three-Tier Prescription Drug Benefit

California Healthquote Insurance Services
800-788-4678
www.cahealthquoteins.com

Nationwide Health Plans®
On Your Side™

For a complete summary of plan benefits, limitations and exclusions refer to our plan booklet (MKTG 20060). *Rates reflect age group 18-24, Lifestyle 2500 ($2,500 individual deductible/$5,000 family deductible). The Couple and Family rates shown are based upon the younger spouse as the Primary Applicant. Farm Bureau membership required. Rates have been rounded up to the nearest dollar. Farm Bureau dues not included. Premium is subject to change. $3.00 has been added for required Life/AD&D Benefits underwritten by Nationwide Life Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio.

701 Palomar Airport Road, Ste. 300, Carlsbad, CA 92011
CA Insurance Lic #s 0712596, 0706675, 0C84228

FREE English Class*

Register for 1 month and get 2 weeks FREE! ($175 value)

Intensive English Language Program

ESL/TOEFL/TOEIC $350 a month

Morning and evening classes

*W/ this ad. New students only. Not valid w/ any other offer. Discount valid for Beginning and Advanced Level classes. Exp. 12/31/06.

Bachelor's, Master's, or Ph.D. degree in Psychology!
(Certificates also available)

- Sport Psychology • Marriage & Family Therapy (MFT)
- Tibetan Buddhist Psychology • Expressive Arts Therapy
- Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)

New online B.A. & Master's in Business Administration

SDUIS San Diego University for Integrative Studies

800.234.7041 or 619.297.1999
Now in Old Town • 3900 Harney St. #210
Come in today or call. www.sduis.edu

SEVIS approved

SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Reform Jewish
Address: 9001 Town Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-535-1111
Founded locally: 1861
Senior pastor: Paul Citrin
Congregation size: over 1300 families
Staff size: 9
Sunday school enrollment: over 90 in the nursery school, around 550 in religious school
Annual budget: n/a
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no
Dress: fairly dressy — lots of jackets, ties, and dresses
Diversity: 40 percent of congregation part of a mixed family (Jewish/non-Jewish)
Length of reviewed service: service, 45 minutes; concert, 45 minutes
Website: *www.cbisd.org*

"I'm not Jewish," I said to a man near the basket of skullcaps just outside the sanctuary. "Should I wear one anyway?"

"Either way. Don't worry about it," he shrugged, a little amused by my question. Inside, I saw why: about half the men's heads were bare. Apparently, the Jews at Beth Israel weren't terribly worried about it. Twelve exalted chairs filled the alcoves of the wall behind the stage, but only three or four were ever occupied during the service, a setup that lent a casual air to a space tending toward, well, if not solemnity, then perhaps a modern sort of majesty.

Congregation Beth Israel was hardly bereft of tradition — this was, after all, the first night of Chanukah. But there was a sense of fluidity about the observance of that tradition. Rabbi Paul Citrin and Congregation president Barbara Howard lit the Chanukiah before lighting the Sabbath candles, because, as Citrin noted, "you're not supposed to kindle light after you welcome Shabbat." (Tradition.) But the candles on the Chanukiah were mounted jars of oil, so that it was impossible to keep the tradition of lighting the side candles from the center candle. (Fluidity.)

Said Howard, "We light these lights on account of the miracles and wonders, the battles and victories that took place...over 21 centuries ago. Adonai, even as you gave strength to the Maccabees, bless us too with a portion of your strength. Help us be proud Jews who know the Torah.... May the lights we kindle remind us...to bring light to others."

Rabbi Glenn Ettman picked up the then/now theme in the lesson, reading a section from Rabbi Elazar: "Doing righteous deeds of charity is greater than offering all of the sacrifices." "Think about Chanukah not just being a commemoration of a great miracle," said Ettman, "but that miracles still do happen.... Perhaps what we can take away from the teaching is that we ourselves...can work together to partner with God to bring forth miracles in our day." The program included a handout: "Eight crazy sites for eight crazy nights," suggesting websites such as *www.savedarfur.org* that families might visit together over Chanukah. The reading from Rabbi Elazar was another nod to tradition; Ettman later offered a prayer with a more contemporary feel: "Teach me, my God, to bless and to praise, for the secret of a withered leaf, for the splendor of ripe fruit, for this freedom to see, to feel, to breathe, to know, to wait, to stumble.... Let not my day be routine."

But it was music that carried the service and the concert that followed. Song after song, almost always in Hebrew, led by cantor Arlene Bernstein's deep, feeling voice and backed by a sharp ensemble (piano, guitar, bass, flute, drums, violin, cello) that produced polished arrangements of traditional song structures. (The sound was artful, once removed, more like listening to Brahms's "Hungarian Dances" than to the Hungarian dances themselves.)

Songs blessed Adonai following the lighting of the Chanukah candles — "Blessed are you...who made miracles possible for our ancestors"; recounted the wonders of the Maccabees' victory — "At this time of year in days of yore/ Maccabees the Temple did restore"; praised the "Rock of Ages" — "Furious, they assailed us/ But Your arm availed us/ And Your word/ Broke their sword/ When our own strength failed us."

Songs welcomed Shabbat, "the bride of Israel": "Enter in peace, O crown of your husband.... Come to the people that keeps its faith. Enter, O Bride!" Songs welcomed the Torah reflection, prayed for teachers, asked for healing, and sent us on our way in the peace of Shabbat.

The concert following the *Oneg Shabbat* (refreshment session) gave tradition its due, but also wandered into the simply whimsical and flat-out entertaining. Sang Ettman during one song: "The Syrians said it could not be/ That old Mattathias/ Whose years were more than ninety-three/ Would dare to defy us/ They did not know his secret you see/ Mattathias dined on latkes and tea..."

Singer Heidi Gantwerk went sultry for "Ocho Kandelikas," and the show ended with an unabashedly '60s era pop anthem, albeit one based on Chanukah. Everybody joined in on the chorus: "Don't let the lights go out/ It's lasted for so many years/ Don't let the lights go out/ Let it shine through our love and our tears."

What happens when we die?

"Judaism doesn't know what happens," said Ettman. "It's a big mystery. We do, however, believe that souls are transcendent. The only thing that we learn from the rabbis to explain death is something called *Olam Habah* — the world to come. We believe that once the Messiah comes and the Messianic age is proclaimed, we will all be coming back together to live as a full community. It's a here and now religion.... The deeds that we do in this lifetime will affect us in this lifetime."

— *Matthew Lickona*

PAUL CITRIN

Congregation Beth Israel
La Jolla
★★½

Sermon	
content	★★½
delivery	★★
Liturgy	★★½
Music	
congregational	★★
band	★★★½
Snacks	★★★½
Architecture	★★★
Friendliness	★★★

Poor to satisfactory	(none)
Good	★
Very good	★★
Excellent	★★★
Extraordinary	★★★★

Columns archived at SanDiegoReader.com

Do it legally!

IT'S STILL LEGAL!

Protect Yourself Under California Law.

If you suffer from: AIDS, Chronic Pain, Depression, Migraines and many other medical disorders.

Qualified patients in need of a medical marijuana recommendation will receive a low-cost, expert evaluation by a licensed medical professional.

$75 Renewals

MEDI MAR

FAST, SIMPLE AND CONFIDENTIAL

ASA certified. Patient ID cards available.

Call: 619-297-3800
www.medimarclinic.com
Located in Mission Valley

Offering the least expensive clinic evaluations in San Diego.

Save $10 by mentioning this ad.

VISA MasterCard Debit

NEED CONTACTS?

COMPLETE CONTACT EXAM Only $66

INCLUDES: eyeglass prescription, fitting, follow-ups. Torics, gas-permeable & monovision extra.

Dr. Nick Selby, O.D.

$27.75 per box
4-box minimum.

Eyeglass Special $148
Complete pair.
GUESS *frame and CR-39 lenses.*
Single vision, some power restrictions.
In-stock frames only

Eyeglass Exam $49

9516 Miramar Road (Off I-15 at Miramar Road and Black Mountain Road)

Call Now! **1-800-298-3937**

Since 1976

Open Monday thru Saturday

FREE INSTALLATION

on any stereo. Up to $40 labor. Parts extra.

Manufacturer's Authorized Christmas Blowout!

JL AUDIO

JL 1000/1 mono	reg. $999	$599
JL 500/1 mono	reg. $599	$349
JL 300/4 ch.	reg. $499	$299
SOLD /1 mono	reg. $399	$249
JL E4300/4 ch.	reg. $339	$199
JL E2150/2 ch.	reg. $229	$129

Factory refurbished with factory warranty

Earth-Shattering Bass

JL AUDIO

JL top-of-the-line W7 sub and Targa 1000-watt amp with built-in Xover.

Starting at **$499**

Authorized JL Audio dealer
Installation charges not included in sales price.

JENSEN 7″ Fully Motorized Flip-Up Screen!

All-in-one & XM ready!

$369

Factory Warranty

iPod cable included!

Authorized Jensen dealer.
Installation charges not included in sales price.

All in One!

10.2″ flipdown, built-in DVD, wireless headphone included, dual AV input for games, etc.

Installation charges not included in sales price.

$299

Portable Navigation with Touch Screens!

Great Stocking Stuffer

Alpine – 6 million points of interest across U.S./MP3 **$499**
Sony – 2 million points of interest across U.S. **$499**
JVC – 20G HDD, over 13 million points of interest, **video**/audio playback **$699**

Authorized Alpine, Sony & JVC dealer.

ECLIPSE AM/FM, DVD, CD, MP3, NAV, Touchscreen

Navigation All-In-One

1-Year Theft Guarantee & 3-Year Warranty

(rear-view camera optional)

Was $~~1899~~
Now **$1,299**
Limited stock. First come, first served.

Factory Warranty. Authorized Eclipse dealer. Installation charges not included in sales price.

See Who's Breaking In!

VisionGuard 8000 Alarm with Built-in Camera & Remote Starter

Full-color camera with night vision. Automatic picture capture upon security violation and much more.

JVC 12-Disc CD/MP3 Changer

CD/MP3/CD-RW

Works with any existing stereo

Includes wireless remote.
Authorized JVC dealer.
Installation charges not included in sales price.

$129

Our installers are dedicated to providing you with the most custom look! (You get what you pay for.)

Your choice of fully motorized flip-up touch screen or double din touch screen!
Built-in DVD, Dolby, DTS, satellite ready and much more.

Panasonic $699

Authorized Panasonic dealer. Installation charges not included in sales price.

CLIFFORD

One two-way remote control with digital screen, built-in pager, remote start, starter kill, dual-stage shock, code hopping, flashing LED, Powersave mode, lifetime warranty.

2-way LCD Pager Included

Authorized Clifford dealer.

Factory Warranty

Add Automatic Door Locks

with switch or alarm interface.

2 doors $79 installed
4 doors $149 installed

Includes free labor. Parts extra. Most cars.

Add POWER windows at far below dealer price.
Factory Warranty

Top-of-the-Line

Fully motorized, touch screen, voice support, built-in SD memory card, create your own color and graphics, iPod ready.

JVC $299

Authorized JVC dealer. Installation included up to $40 labor; parts extra.

2-Way Paging Alarm

- Two remotes
- Starter kill
- Too many features to list!

$79

Installation charges not included in sales price.

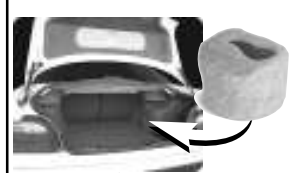
Factory Warranty

1.5 Farad Capacitors Sale!

With LCD display **$39**
Handles up to 1500 watts.

Hideaway Stealth Boxes

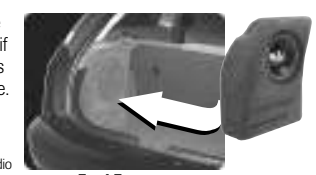
JL AUDIO MTX



BMW 3-Series

Hassle-free and perfect if your car has limited space. Call about your car.

Authorized JL Audio and MTX Audio dealer.

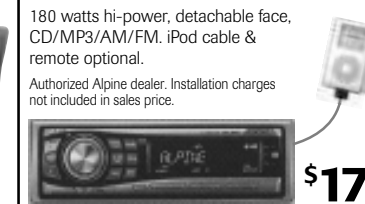


Ford Focus

ALPINE CDE-9852

180 watts hi-power, detachable face, CD/MP3/AM/FM. iPod cable & remote optional.

Authorized Alpine dealer. Installation charges not included in sales price.



$179

PYTHON

- Two 3-channel remotes
- Remote panic
- Dual-stage shock sensor
- Flashing LED • Anti-scan
- Lifetime warranty
- $2,500 anti-theft guarantee

$199 Installed.

Includes free labor. Parts extra

Code hopping

Authorized Python dealer.

Factory Warranty

MB QUART Factory Closeout Special

6x9 3-Way **$89**
6½″ Mids/Tweeter Component **$99**

Authorized MB Quart dealer. All sales final!
Installation charges not included in sales price.

Factory Warranty

JVC

All In One!

Detachable built-in 3.5″ wide screen, DVD/CD/MP3, 5.1 channel Dolby DTS, decoder built in, iPod and dual zone ready.

$499

Authorized JVC dealer.
Installation included up to $40 labor; parts extra.

JENSEN

Free Speakers!

AM/FM/CD, detachable face, XM-ready, 200 watts high power, aux-in for iPod.

$69

Authorized Jensen dealer.
Installation included up to $40 labor; parts extra.

JVC

Free Speakers!

AM/FM, CD, high power, built-in EQ, sub control.

$79

Authorized JVC dealer.
Installation included up to $40 labor; parts extra.

SOUNDIEGO
Serving San Diego since 1991

4925 El Cajon Blvd. (Corner of El Cajon Blvd. & 49th St.), San Diego
(619) 582-5580/5577 • Mon.-Sat. 9 am-7 pm

Military Financing
We Finance Anyone OAC

Sign up today and get free service until February 2007!*

FREE MODEM!

AFFORDABLE: Just **$24.99*/month** for wireless Internet access **with a FREE modem after rebate.*** Just **$27.99*/month** gets you Internet access plus e-mail accounts and nationwide dial-up access.

MOBILE: Ricochet provides wireless connectivity, so you can access the Internet throughout the San Diego area.

SIMPLE: No phone, DSL or cable connection required!

wireless internet

www.ricochet.com 1-888-742-6243

Bring Wireless Home for the Holidays

1-888-RICOCHET

or visit the Postal Place: 255 G St., San Diego, CA 92101

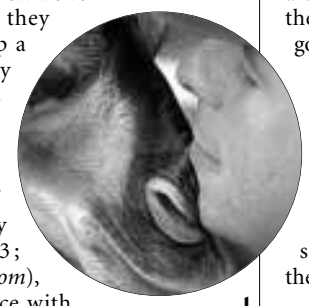
*Terms and conditions apply. For new activations only. Special holiday promotion ends 12/31/06. Please call 1-888-742-6243 for special promotion details. Service not available in all areas.

BestBuys

–EVE KELLY

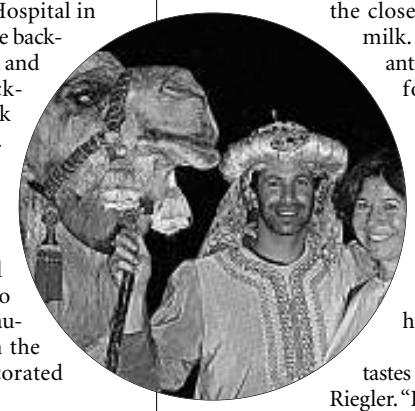
"We actually had a camel walk into the sanctuary."

All those bake sales and car washes must have paid off this year — maybe it was my blueberry-nectarine pie. When our youth group broke open its year-end piggy bank, they found a little something extra, and they asked me to help spend it (it must have been my pie). The group does a nativity play every year, but seeing as how we've got this windfall, they want to take it up a notch this time: they want live animals around the manger. "Eve," they said, "get us camels."



1

Riegler of Oasis Camel Dairy (760-787-0983; *www.cameldairy.com*), who runs the place with his wife Nancy Kobert, was there to help. Besides running the dairy end of things, he supplies camels and other animals for living nativities. "You make a nativity live by having live people and live animals in it," said Riegler. "We can supply everything. We did a living nativity at Paradise Hospital in Chula Vista, and we brought the backdrop, the music, the costumes, and the animals. I made the backdrop — it's Bethlehem, a dark row of houses under blue stars. The northern star is up at the top. We costumed the kings with original costumes from the Middle East — Israel and Jordan. We have a beautiful selection, from kings down to shepherds. The camels have beautiful blankets and pillows on the saddles. Their halters are decorated with beads and tassels."



2

Budget and space and what the people want dictate how much or how little Riegler sends to a nativity (call for prices and details). "The basic set that we send out is four sheep and a donkey, and maybe a baby camel. We have two in the herd right now. Last year, at Maranatha Chapel, we actually had a camel walk into the sanctuary. We used one of our shortest camels — Clyde. He's seven and a half feet tall, so he can walk through a doorway." (Riegler noted that his camels are one-hump dromedaries — "the original camel at the nativity.") "And this year, at another church, we'll have Mary riding a donkey through the sanctuary. I'll be Joseph, leading the donkey. We'll have three camels for the pageant at Skyline Church in National City; the kings will ride them in, and the camels will kneel down on the stage. The kings will get off, and the camels will walk off the stage. But mostly, we do outdoor nativities, where people can walk by and pet the animals." At Horizon Church this year, Riegler and Kobert will add a bird show to the festivities. Another church will get "some chickens, parrots, and turkeys on display, to give the feeling of an outdoor marketplace."

3

The animals get from place to place in a Clydesdale horse trailer. "It's extra tall and large. When the camels ride in it, they lay down." (Contrary to Rudyard Kipling's portrayal of the camel as a rude, antisocial beast, Riegler said that his camels "feel very calm in many situations. When we're getting the trailers ready, the camels are at the fence — 'We're going to get some grain and have some fun!'") The other animals "travel in separate compartments. We wash them before they go into the trailer. If we're bringing goats and sheep and we'll be out all evening, we'll bring food. We always have water. There's hardly any animal waste to clean up, but whenever you see a camel walking in a sanctuary, there's always somebody behind them with a poop scooper. We pick up everything, even the blades of straw. We're heavily insured, and we stay with the animals to make sure that the client is happy and everything is safe."

Riegler started working with camels ten years ago. "I learned how to train them for physically handicapped people. From there, it gradually turned into the dairy. I started it because camel milk is just so healthy. There is a lot of research that shows it cures severe food allergies in kids. It's the closest milk to human milk. It's antimicrobial, antibacterial, and good for people with Crohn's disease. The Bedouins say that it's an aphrodisiac. I talked to a sheik in Israel and asked him if that was true. He said, 'Look at me! I have ten kids!'"

The camel milk tastes like cow's milk, said Riegler. "It's because we have them on sweet feed. Whatever they eat influences the taste. If they're eating salty or bitter bushes, that will influence the milk. I feed them at the trough, but we also have ten acres of pasture. The biggest problem is that they can grow fat on weeds. Most animals can't even survive on weeds alone, but camels have such an efficient digestive system, I've had to pull some of the females off the pasture and put them on a diet, because they were getting too big."

Sadly, you can't buy camel milk yet at Oasis Camel Dairy. What you can buy is a bar of camel-milk soap (**$4**). "We sell it internationally — it's the only one in the world. Because camel milk is so high in protein, it's very moisturizing. And it has alpha-hydroxide, which is good for the skin. The baby camels stay with their mothers — in order to drop milk, the mother needs the baby to stimulate her. When we need to get milk, we share it with the baby."

Oasis Camel Dairy will be open on December 30 for a public tour (**$10** for adults, **$8** for seniors, **$7** for children under 12). "It's the most intimate tour of camels you'll find anywhere. You get to pet Clyde on his hump, and you'll learn amazing facts about camels. For instance, instead of sweating, they raise their blood temperature. And the hump is all fat."

Columns archived at SanDiegoReader.com

1. Riegler and camel
2. Riegler, Kobert, and camel at nativity
3. Camel at nativity

FOOT SOLUTIONS
Comfort, Fit & Style

FEET HURT, BACKACHE, KNEE PAIN?

Our experts have a solution to keep you going!

Don't let your 2006 Medical Benefits expire!

- Custom Arch Supports
- Shoes for Hard-To-Fit Feet
- Certified Pedorthists on staff
- Computerized Foot Analysis – call for appointment
- Medicare Diabetic Shoes, Worker's comp., HSA- Call for appt.

$10 OFF
On Purchases over $100
Exp.1/31/07
Cannot be applied to prior purchases.

$20 OFF
On Purchases over $300
Exp.1/31/07
Cannot be applied to prior purchases.

$30 OFF
On Purchases over $500
Exp.1/31/07
Cannot be applied to prior purchases.

Gift Certificates Available

858/ 272-FOOT (3668) 4941 Clairemont Drive

HOURS
M-F 10-6
Sat 10-5

Empowering Your Life™

The Empowering Your Life™ Seminar shows you specifically how to choose what is important to you and how to have those things that you desire. You can make changes in your life and yourself easily and effortlessly… Now and in the future!

- Enjoy better relationships
- Achieve outstanding business & career goals
- Improve your health and fitness
- Eliminate negative habits and emotions
- Improve the quality of your life & more!

Call Now and save 40% OFF your enrollment price! And bring a friend for only $95!

Join us for these important dates!
Newport Beach, CA: Feb 2-4
San Jose, CA: Feb 9-11
San Diego, CA: Mar 23-25

Enroll today.
Call Toll Free: 1.800.800.6463
or visit www.nlp.com

The Empowerment PARTNERSHIP

This Seminar comes with a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.

815 Pilikoi St., Honolulu, HI 96814 • tel:800.800.6463 • www.nlp.com • fax:808.596.7764

Learn to Fly Fish in the Surf

(It's easier than you think!)

- Great Gifts and Accessories (Authentic Models & Orvis)
- Men's & Women's Active Wear (Patagonia, Orvis & Simms)
- Premium Fly-Fishing Gear (Sage, Winston, Scott, Ross)
- Surf & Bay Trips with Andy Montana's Guides
- Nordic Walking (LEKI Poles and Lessons)
- Gift Certificates
- Licenses

ANDY MONTANA'S
Surfside Flyfishers
CORONADO, CA

Sunday-Friday 10 am-6 pm • Saturday 9 am-6 pm
957 Orange Avenue • 619-435-9992 • www.andymontanas.com

Contact Lens Problems?

We Have The Answer Or Your Money-Back!

Expires 1/21/07
① **Daily Wear Contacts** $89 Includes exam. With coupon.

Expires 1/21/07
② **Disposable Contacts** $139 6-Month Supply (2 6-pks) Includes exam. With coupon.

Expires 1/21/07
③ **Astigmatism (Toric) Disposable Lenses** $198 6-Month Supply (2 6-pks) Includes exam. With coupon.

Expires 1/21/07
④ **Is Laser Vision Correct for You?** Come in for a complimentary consultation.

Call for details and certain restrictions.

SPECIAL SERVICES

- Dry-Eye Contact Lens Materials
- Astigmatism Contact Lenses with Precision Control Technology
- World's Most Advanced Gas-Permeable Contact Lenses

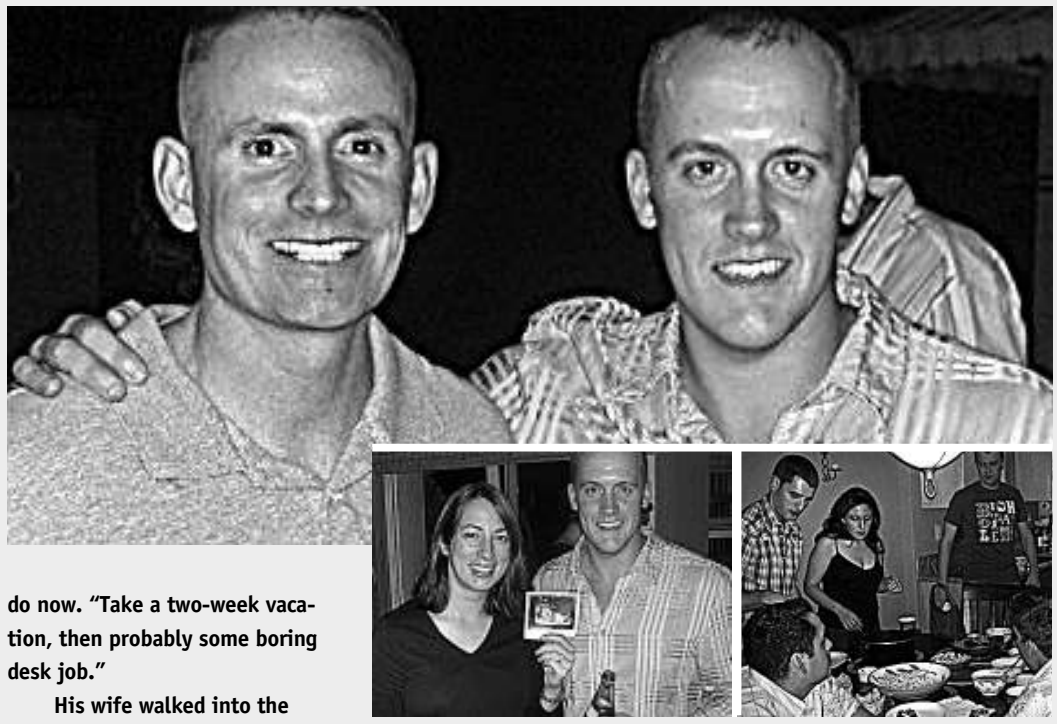
CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT

ARENA EYEWORKS OPTOMETRY
Visit us at: www.optom.com
(619) 224-2879
Michael Goldsmid, O.D., F.A.A.O. • Serena Cohen, O.D.
3750 Sports Arena Blvd. • Suite 9
(Between Red Lobster and Men's Fashion Depot)

Crasher

'CANES MUTINY

by Josh Board



Top: Joe Mitzen (right) with his best friend; *Bottom left:* Mitzen with his pregnant wife, who is holding the photo of the sonogram

I was going to see Ben Lee and Rooney at 'Canes. It was a weekend night without a party to crash. The girl I was going with was taking care of someone's dog, and I had to pick her up in PB. I told her we had to get to 'Canes before they stopped serving food, which is early, and I'm addicted to 'Canes' fajitas. When we took the dog outside, I saw a party going on. I said, "Hey, let's get some free food instead of the fajitas." We walked over with the dog, and a guy on the balcony said hello. My date blurted, "Do you wanna be in the *Reader*?" "What's that?" he asked. "It's a weekly," I explained. "I write about parties. I could write about yours." He said, "You're the crasher! I've read that. Come on in."

Nothing like saving a little money on a date.

We walked upstairs and met a group of military guys. Joe, who had invited us up, explained, "We're having a little celebration. It's my last day on the ship." He was on the *Stennis*. I asked him what he'd do now. "Take a two-week vacation, then probably some boring desk job."

His wife walked into the room. She was pregnant and getting hit with the usual questions. I asked the *Do you have names picked out?* question. They had a few good names chosen. If I hate a name future parents are considering, I tell them. I figure it's the one chance that unborn child will have for somebody to stick up for them before being branded with a lousy name.

> "I have two brothers who are in Iraq right now. My mom doesn't watch TV anymore."

Joe headed outside to pick mint leaves for the mojitos. He came back in and handed me the cocktail. It was strong. As I sipped the drink and chatted, I noticed my date devouring lettuce wraps. I smiled, happy knowing that, with each bite, I was saving money.

One guy proposed a toast to the *Nimitz*, the ship that he worked on. I said, "Hey, I just heard on the news that there was a fire on it yesterday." He explained what happened, but started by saying, "Off the record." Sorry.

I asked him what happens if someone joins the Navy and *then* finds out they get seasick. He said, "I get seasick." I asked what he does for it. "I just lay down and go to sleep. But, there was a woman who got seasick really bad. They put her in a part of the Navy that didn't have to go out to sea." I said, "She didn't know she got seasick before she signed up?" He laughed and said, "She claims she didn't, but who knows? People sometimes make claims on various things to get easier jobs."

I asked a woman walking by how difficult it is when her husband is out to sea for six months. "Oh, it's tough. I miss him terribly." I asked Joe's wife the same question. "He was gone for six months in Iraq, when the war first started," she told me. "Then he did an eight-month tour. When he stopped in Hong Kong, I flew out there." Joe interjected, "It was more humid there than it was in South Carolina." Someone handed me another drink. "Maybe having your husband gone for six months at a time can be refreshing," I offered. "The 'absence makes the heart grow fonder' thing." She smiled. Someone asked her about a pic-

Too much holiday spirit?

Santa knows who to call – do you?

"KING" STAHLMAN BAIL BONDS
1-888-799-7110

ture, and she left to get the sonogram of her baby. I looked at it and said, "Oh, your baby is so cute. He's got your eyes." One guy leaned in and asked me why I said that when you could hardly even tell it was a baby. I said, "That was the joke, but I guess it wasn't very funny. Even when I see photos of babies, I don't think they ever look like the parents."

I found that asking people what they did on the ship was useless. It made no sense to me. Someone told me they were a "reactor control officer." Someone else told me they rewrite logs.

I finished the second drink, having eaten only a few chips, and I was getting dizzy. I met a childhood friend of Joe's who's a lifer in the military. He looked like David Caruso with muscles. He said, "I have two brothers who are in Iraq right now. My mom doesn't watch TV anymore."

He never got married, and as he was explaining why — sounded like a mix of Dr. Laura and Tom Leykis — I told him I needed to grab something to eat. I stumbled into the kitchen, which was packed with people making drinks. My date looked for a bottle opener for her beer. One guy said, "I can use my ring." He put his finger over the bottle and popped off the top. He said, "This is my ring from the academy. It comes in handy for that."

The kitchen table was surrounded by people getting food, and I didn't bother. I grabbed a few chips and went over to the guy I had been talking with. He was from New Mexico and had been in the service for ten years. He told me his dad and brother are both stationed out here. It made me realize that, though we often think about how difficult it is for our military when we're involved in a war, even when we aren't, being stationed and going city to city must also be tough.

We talked a little about politics, and I was pleasantly surprised that he didn't get heated when we didn't agree. He said, "Hey, I have friends that are Republicans and others that are Democrats. I love hearing all sides of the issues."

I finished my third drink and was having a little trouble walking. I told my date she'd have to drive. I asked her if she got enough to eat. "Yeah. The lettuce wraps were great."

We got to 'Canes, where I thought I'd be able to get my fix of fajitas. The bouncer told me they had stopped serving food, and just as the alcohol was making me brave enough to get in his face and yell, my date said, "Let's just walk down the block. There're lots of restaurants over there."

That bouncer was lucky. ■

Crash your party? Call 619-235-3000 x421 and leave an invitation for Josh Board.

Columns archived at SanDiegoReader.com

Most bikes won't fit under the tree. Let us hold it for you!

Lay away now for the holidays.

San Diego's Largest GIANT Dealer

Cal Coast Bicycles
3020 Adams Ave.
619-281-7433
(North Park, next to the Antique Row Cafe)
www.CalCoastBicycles.com

Ellsworth · Look · Ridley · Intense Cycles

Sterling Silver at Wholesale Prices!

A great gift for you or someone on your list...

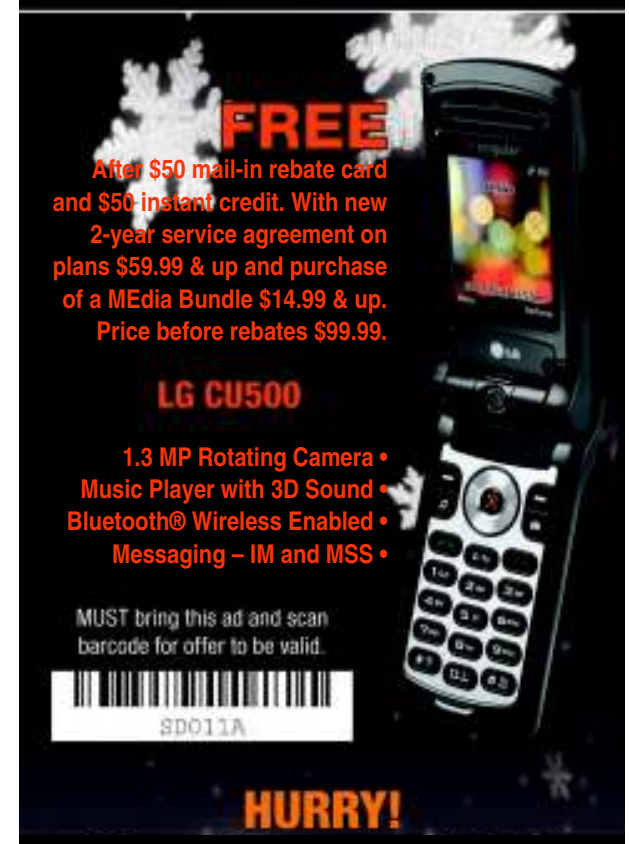
Free 14k Gold Earrings
with $25 purchase
(While supplies last.)
Coupon must be presented at purchase.
One coupon per customer.
Valid through January 5th, 2007.
coupon code: 168

$43
sterling silver bracelet with carnelian

South Sun
8601 Aero Dr.
Enter at Sandrock Rd.
San Diego, CA 92123
888-494-9039

Hours:
Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 7pm
Sat. - Sun. 10am - 5pm
www.AlottaJewelry.com

cingular WIRELESS
Authorized Retailer



FREE
After $50 mail-in rebate card and $50 instant credit. With new 2-year service agreement on plans $59.99 & up and purchase of a MEdia Bundle $14.99 & up. Price before rebates $99.99.

LG CU500

1.3 MP Rotating Camera •
Music Player with 3D Sound •
Bluetooth® Wireless Enabled •
Messaging – IM and MSS •

MUST bring this ad and scan barcode for offer to be valid.
SD011A

HURRY!
Offer ends December 27th, 2006

OFFER AVAILABLE ONLY AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

FASHION VALLEY MALL
7007 Friars Rd. #2005
San Diego, CA 92108
Phone: (619) 297-0683

OCEANSIDE
175 Old Grove Rd. #2
Oceanside, CA 92057
Phone: (760) 433-5717

NORTH COUNTY FAIR MALL
272 E Via Rancho Pkwy #9002
Escondido, CA 92025
Phone: (760) 738-9516

SPORTS ARENA
3681 Sports Arena Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92110
Phone: (619) 221-8111

PLAZA BONITA MALL
3030 Plaza Bonita Rd. #9030
National City, CA 91950
Phone: (619) 267-6662

TERRA NOVA
374 E H St. Ste. 1709
Chula Vista, CA 91910
Phone: (619) 420-2770

PLAZA CAMINO REAL MALL
2525 El Camino Real #9028
Carlsbad, CA 92008
Phone: (760) 730-3036

MISSION GORGE
6171 Mission Gorge Rd.#108
San Diego, CA 92120
Phone: (619) 521-8000

RANCHO BERNARDO
11924 Bernardo Plaza Dr.
San Diego, CA 92128
Phone: (858) 613-0452

*Cingular also imposes monthly a Regulatory Cost Recovery Charge of up to $1.25 to help defray costs incurred in complying with State and Federal telecom regulations; State and Federal Universal Service charges; and surcharges for customer-based and revenue-based state and local assessments on Cingular. These are not taxes or government-required charges.

Limited-time offer expires 12/27/2006. For more details on phone offers, visit or call stores listed above. Other conditions and restrictions apply. See contract and rate plan brochure for details. Up to $36 activation fee applies. $18 upgrade fee applies to current customers. Equipment price and availability may vary by market. Early Termination Fee: None if cancelled in the first 30 days; thereafter $175. Some agents impose additional fees. In addition to the $175 early termination fee, the Cingular Authorized Retailer running this ad also imposes an equipment charge of $200 if service is cancelled more than 30 but less than 180 days after activation. Cingular Nation: Cingular reserves the right to terminate your service if less than 50% of your usage over three consecutive billing cycles is on Cingular-owned systems. Customer must (1) use phone programmed with Cingular Wireless preferred roaming database; (2) have a mailing address and live in the area in which subscription is made. Rebate Card: Allow 10-12 weeks for rebate card. Rebate card not available at all locations. Must be customer for 30 consecutive days. Must be postmarked by 1/30/2007. Sales tax calculated based on price of unactivated equipment. MEdia Service is required to receive games, ringtones, video or graphics and usage may be charged, depending on your plan. Content provided by third parties; Cingular is not responsible for adverse effects of downloaded content. See www.cingular.com/media/medianet for terms and conditions. ©2006 Cingular Wireless. All rights reserved.

Connection Resurrection

by Barbarella

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light, but the Electricity Board said He would have to wait until Thursday to be connected.

— Spike Milligan

I was sitting in the coffee shop across the street from my building when my cell phone began to vibrate and skitter across the table. To avoid annoying my fellow caffeine junkies, I answered in a whisper: "*Hey beh beh. What's up?*" Only ten minutes had passed since I'd seen David, ten minutes since I had told him I was heading over to the Urban Grind with my laptop for a change of scenery and would be back in an hour. It wasn't like him to bug me with minute-by-minute updates (that's my department).

He had already visited denial, stopped by anger and bargaining, and was now rearranging the throw pillows in depression.

I detected a note of despair in his answer. "I can't believe this," he said. In the moment before his next words, several possibilities flashed through my mind — *someone's sick. No, worse,* dead. *No, don't think that. Maybe he just has to get back to someone regarding an appointment and needs me to check my calendar, or maybe someone's sick or dead. No, stop that. Maybe he just needs my car key.*

"The Internet is down." Like a cold autumn wind, his words blew through my thoughts, scattering them like leaves.

"That's it?" I whispered. "It's probably just a glitch. Why don't you go into my office and see if you can pick up one of our neighbor's connections?"

"Good idea, let me try that," said David, his voice flickering with hope. I stared at the other patrons, wondering nervously if they could hear my whispers over the acid jazz, while I waited on the line to see if David could pick up a signal. "Nope. Doesn't work. Maybe you'll have better luck with yours," he said.

"Did you call Cox?"

"Yeah, I did." The hope I'd heard in his voice a moment before had been usurped by desperation. "They said they can't see our modem, they can't do anything on their end, and they'll have to send someone out here, but that no one is available until Saturday. I can't *live*," David moaned.

"WHAT?!" I shrieked, ignoring the heads that suddenly jerked up to look at me like irritated prairie dogs. "SATURDAY? That's ridiculous, that's *two* days from now." When the initial shock wore off, I realized David was probably taking this much harder than me, and said, "I'll be right there, beh beh."

I figured once I showed David that my laptop's superior reception capability would allow us to piggyback on someone else's broadband for a few days, he would realize we had nothing to worry about. I walked through the door, flashed a confident smile to a dejected looking David, and marched into my office. When I opened my laptop, I smiled at the five small black lines that indicated a strong signal. David hovered over me. I launched my browser and held my breath. With each passing second, my hope faded. As though it had been reluctant to let me down, my trusted digital friend waited for what seemed like an eternity before, finally, like a doctor who lost a patient, delivered the tragic news: "I'm sorry. I did everything I could," although the way it actually read was, "Safari can't find the server."

"That can't be," I said. David nodded to confirm the sad truth. He had already visited denial, stopped by anger and bargaining, and was now rearranging the throw pillows in depression. It was clear he wouldn't be setting out for acceptance any time soon. "What will we do?" I wondered aloud. Then, slipping into anger, I snapped, "What about all the people who work from home? *Saturday*? How will waiting until the weekend help *them?* Or us?" David was patient until I offended his intelligence by saying, "Are you sure you talked to the right person? Maybe I should call."

When David (who had graduated from an Ivy League college with a degree in electrical engineering) had finished lecturing me on his superior comprehension of everything computer, we plopped down on the two chairs in the living room and stared at each other. When 20 minutes had passed, David suggested that we go get the mail.

"Great," I said, jumping to my feet with a newfound sense of purpose.

Someone had placed a notice in the elevator. We weren't alone. Under a typed paragraph asking if anyone else was having trouble connecting, a list of unit numbers and increasingly frazzled notes were scrawled from various pens: "#606 — Went

soft contacts

Includes exam, follow-up, and **2 pairs** of contacts. Daily or extended wear. Bausch & Lomb Optima FW. Select powers.

$106 complete

Eyeglass Special

$133 complete

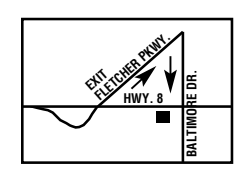
Includes exam. Spring-hinge metal frames, S.V. plastic lenses.

Eye Exam Plus

One pair of glasses, two pair of contact lenses.

$156 for all three!

Dr. Phillip Levy, O.D.
Family Optometrist
5020-B Baltimore Dr., La Mesa
(Next to Starbucks)
1-866-685-2463



Offers do not include previous purchases, other discounts, specials, or third-party plans. We accept most union and insurance plans. Single-vision plastic lenses. Restrictions apply.

down last night, called Cox, someone coming today"; "#108 — Can't connect, appointment tomorrow"; "#210 — Can't get on, been two hours, still calling"; "#611 — Down, way down. Coming Saturday." I was amazed at how quickly the community had gathered to solve the problem. I imagined it was no different 100 years ago when the well ran dry and the kinfolk would band together to find a solution, because otherwise, they would surely die.

People wandered the hallways like disaster victims. "You too?" they'd ask each other, bonding in their misery and loss. With mail in hand, David and I got back on the elevator, which was occupied by a short, stocky man with mahogany tinted skin and prominent Aztecan features. He sported a wiry black mustache, a heavy-looking tool belt, and a tag with the name "Jesus" embroidered in a florid script. I gestured at the notice and the man nodded. I opened my mouth to speak, but he had already read my mind and answered, "I'm not sure yet."

I directed Jesus to the control room that services the cable to our floor and the one below. David and I observed him closely, hoping to read (from the twitches in his cheeks, the lift of a brow, or a "Hm" versus a "Huh") just how dire the situation was. People followed our voices into the hallway and a crowd soon gathered. It was mid morning in the middle of the week, which meant all these people probably work from home and, like us, had nothing better to do than hang out in the hallway and hope for a miracle when the main line went down.

"They told me I'd have to buy a new modem," said our neighbor Bruce.

"That's funny, I was told there was an outage in this whole area," countered Ron.

"They told me it was our building and that the first person wouldn't be here until Saturday," said David, raising a quizzical brow in Jesus's direction.

The conversation paused as we all watched our neighbor Bob walk toward the elevator lobby. "I can't take this," Bob said in answer to our questioning looks. "And I don't have wireless, either, so it's not like I can just go to a coffee shop. I'm taking this baby," he raised his briefcase high, "to a friend's house. She'll be able to hook me up."

Jesus disconnected and connected. He sauntered away to make phone calls at the opposite end of the hallway, where he could be free from our nervous chattering. When he finally turned to face us, our silence was immediate. "I'm going to have to make a report," he said. "Once a report is made, it takes up to 48 hours for the issue to be resolved."

"But what does that mean? When will we be okay?" I asked.

"By Saturday," Jesus answered. "I'm sorry, really. I did all I could do. You should keep your appointments anyway, you know, squeaky wheel and all that." We nodded sadly, thanked the nice man for his time, and dispersed, each of us moping back to our own units in search of something else to do.

I decided to make the best of my time by carrying on with my Japanese language lessons. I stared at my laptop and repeated the phrases spoken by a female voice to describe the pictures that appeared on my screen. That's when I heard it — a soft, happy-sounding chime notifying me of a new e-mail message. "David! Come here! It's happened! It's working!"

When he was standing beside me, I launched the browser and my Yahoo! home page popped up, faster than ever. "It's a miracle," David said in awe. "Our Jesus has turned wire into WAN!" Then he vanished from my side and I could hear him skipping across the hardwood floor on his way to check his e-mail. ■

★★★ MULTIPLE AWARD WINNER ★★★
SPANISH
Italian
FRENCH
Ask for
Big Holiday Specials
Call for details.
Taught in an
ADVANCED SUPERLEARNING METHOD
619-692-3181
Language World
3741 INDIA STREET • HWY 5/WASHINGTON ST. EXIT

Call today.
Date tomorrow.
Six Months Free!
Talk to the professionals who specialize in first dates. We'll match you with other clients who have similiar interests, then make all the arrangements for lunch or drinks after work. Scheduling, reservations, everything. It's like hiring a personal assistant to handle your dating life for you.

Director Alana Beyer

Director Marilyn Growe

Director Lisa Purdum

Director Melissa Brown
IT'S just LUNCH!®
Dating for busy professionals®
DOWNTOWN • 619.232.8999 • NORTH COUNTY • 760.268.0004
100 locations worldwide

It's Not a Race Thing... It's Style

You've got to be taught
To hate and fear,
You've got to be taught
From year to year,
It's got to be drummed
In your dear little ear
You've got to be carefully taught.

You've got to be taught to be afraid
Of people whose eyes are oddly made,
And people whose skin is a different shade,
You've got to be carefully taught.

You've got to be taught before it's too late,
Before you are six or seven or eight,
To hate all the people your relatives hate,
You've got to be carefully taught!

— "You've Got to Be Carefully Taught," from the musical *South Pacific*, by Rodgers and Hammerstein

The following (somewhat fanciful) definitions were modified from the website urbandictionary.com.

A "wannabe" is a poser, a follower, a charlatan. Someone who "wants to be" something that they're not, usually to fit in with a specific crowd of "peepz."

"White wash" refers to black people who act white.

An "oreo" is someone who is "black on the outside and white on the inside." The word is used, much like "white wash," to refer to black people who act white.

A "coconut" is brown on the outside, white on the inside. Used to refer to Mexican people who act white.

A "twinkie" is yellow outside and white within. For Asians who act white.

A "wigger" is a white person who acts black. A portmanteau word formed from "white" and "nigger."

"Honky" is a derogatory term for a white person.

A "blackanese" is a cross between an African and an Asian.

"Mulatto" is the Spanish word for "mule." It's used to refer to folks who are half black and half white but due to its origins is now generally regarded as a derogatory term.

A "wapanese" is a white person who acts Asian. Another portmanteau word. These people are usually very much into anime and manga.

A "chigger" is a Chinese person who acts black (rapping, dressing "gangsta").

"Gangsta" is an alternate spelling of "gangster." According to urbandictionary: "It refers to one who promotes and participates in destructive and self-serving culture in an effort to project a particular image of toughness or to make oneself intimidating. Willingness to blatantly misuse English is also a necessity."

"Ebonics" is the language of black culture used by gangstas.

"Ghetto" means low-class, or no class.

* * *

John Burrell, 52, the black father of a mixed-race daughter, was on the beach with his wife, Marie, who was white.

Said Burrell, "Society isn't really like that anymore, is it? I mean, all racist? It's gotten pretty homogenized, I think. Even hip-hop's not really a black or white thing these days. It's both."

* * *

A youth group was having lunch near the roller-coaster in Mission Beach, a racially diverse bunch of youngsters between the ages of 8 and 11, all wearing blue shirts and chomping hot dogs and licking ice cream. I asked the group's supervisors whether there'd been any racially motivated trouble among the kids.

"Never," said one. "And I've been a counselor for four years."

"Not with kids this young," said another. "They don't know about that kind of stuff. That doesn't usually start until middle school."

* * *

Luke, 14, is light-skinned black. He was shirtless,

Jennifer

wearing long black shorts and sneakers, and carrying a skateboard.

"Folks see us acting white and they call us 'white wash.' You know, if we're surfing or skating, or if we go shopping in a surf shop or skate shop."

* * *

Jordan, 18, is black, and I saw him sporting swim trunks and sunglasses and hanging out on the beach with his white friend Alex, also 18.

"There's pressure on black kids to act white in San Diego. There were only about seven black guys at my high school [USDHS], so I think we acted *more* black. We made sure to listen to rap music loud and dress all gangster and stuff, like we were making up for the fact that there were only a few of us. There was pressure to be better at sports. But I never really heard many comments or racial stuff said, not to me, not to my face."

* * *

Is a white kid acting black when he sports a do-rag and has his boxers pulled higher than the waistband of his super-baggy shorts?

Is an Asian kid acting black when he beatboxes and break-dances and tries freestyling?

Is a white kid acting Asian when he dresses up as an anime character for Comic-Con?

Is a Mexican kid acting white when he wears preppy shirts and pleated slacks?

Is a black kid acting white when he uses full sentences and speaks clearly, with no "ebonics"?

Are all things at least somewhat racially coded? All fashion statements, entertainment activities, artistic movements, stores, businesses, foods, neighborhoods? Every single cultural foundation and every new trend?

Or have we finally reached a point in some aspects of our society — like the Internet, for instance — where race is no longer an issue?

* * *

Jennifer, 15, is "1/2 Vietnamese and 1/2 Mexican." She was wearing a Hollister shirt and looked very stylish as she shopped at the mall with her friends.

"I'll be walking, and people be, like, 'Aren't you Mexican? Why you wearing white people's clothes? And don't you have to be wearing, like, gangster?' And I'll be, like, 'No. I dress any type, as long as it looks good.'

"Sometimes I get mad, because they think that, like, I'm not good enough to wear their clothes, but what can I do, you know?

"Mexican girls usually wear the T-shirts and the pants and the Nike Cortezes.

"Vietnamese people dress decent, with normal pants and normal shirts.

"I dress anything that's in the fashion, like Hollister and Abercrombie.

"One day I could be dressed, like, people will say I look like a Mexican, and the next day I'll be dressed like a white girl, and the next day I'll be dressed like an Asian. Sometimes I think about that when I'm getting ready. Like, it depends. If I'm going to the mall, or if I'm just sitting in my house or whatever.

"But I'm not trying to be racist.

"I used to live in City Heights, where all the ghetto people live. So we had lots of racism all the time. Like the blacks and the whites. And the Mexicans and the Asians. There's lots of fights. They're, like, 'Aren't you Vietnamese and Mexican? Which side are you on? Who are you going to beat up?' And I'd be, like, 'Just do your thing. I'm not going to be in it. Just because my dad's Vietnamese, and my mom's Mexican.'"

Daniela

"Adolescents are caught between two worlds. One is the world of their teachers and parents, and the other is their world, the world of their peers. And they're trying to make sense of it."

Buy from San Diego's #1 Volume Scion Dealer...3 years in a row!

All models available now!

2006 xA
starting at $13,360
URBAN ECONOMIST
Up to 38 MPG!

2007 tC
starting at $16,980
TOURING COUPE | Up to 30 MPG!

2006 xB
starting at $14,610
URBAN UTILITARIAN
Up to 34 MPG!

SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO
FREE satellite radio plus 9 months' FREE SERVICE with a Kearny Mesa Scion vehicle purchase ($565 value)

Kearny Mesa Scion
4910 Kearny Mesa Road • 858-279-8151

We Finance Everyone

up to $2,000

Your checkbook is your credit • All military pre-approved up to $10,000

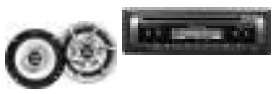
Gift Certificates Available

DVD/VCD/MP3/CD-R/RW Player with 2" Monitor
Installation charges not included. $229.95

VIPER Car Alarm

Installation charges not included. $199

Window Tinting & Car Alarm
With purchase of any Viper car alarm system.
$249 and up.

Pioneer CD Player plus 2 Speakers

Authorized Pioneer dealer. Installation charges not included. $99

MP3/MP4 Digital Player
FM radio/receiver
MTV playback
Voice recorder
Phone book
Stereo headphones
AC/DC adapter for charging

$59

Custom Paint & Upholstery
We accept all insurance claims. Rated #1 best custom work.
$499
Xmas Special! Reg. $899

Pioneer Navigation

AVIC-N2 or N1
7" flip-out, CD, AM/FM, DVD
Factory refurbished
Authorized Pioneer dealer. Installation charges not included. $649

KENWOOD 12" Subwoofer

1500 watts
Authorized Kenwood dealer. Installation charges not included. $49

Pair of Headrests, DVD Player & Pair of Headphones
Complete package.

Installation charges not included. $249

Wheels & Tires
17" $499
18" $699
20" $1,199
22" $1,499
24" $2,290

Includes wheel & tire set.

Heart-Pounding Bass System

1000-watt amp
Two 12" subs in custom box
Installation charges not included. $149

Exhaust System

Installation charges not included. $69.95

CD Player

Installation charges not included. $59.95

Xclusive Motorsports
Open 7 days: Mon-Sat 9-7, Sunday 10-5
Most Credit Cards Accepted

3 locations to serve you:
1717 National City Blvd. • 619-477-6969
1316 National City Blvd. • 619-477-7979
3280 Main St., San Diego • 619-237-9200

* * *

Daniela, 15, is Mexican.

"This is America. Everything is multicultural. Everything comes into style. Like, one day you'll go to the mall, like, and white girls'll be wearing the little kimono shirts. But it's not racial. Everything can become the style."

* * *

Jane, 15, white, was wearing a baseball cap turned sideways, sneakers with no socks, and lots of necklaces, and watching while her friend got a henna tattoo.

"My dad's a racist," Jane said. "I have black friends, Mexican friends. He hates when I bring them over. My dad says, 'If they're your friends, then I'm not your friend.' But I think he's immature. People are people. I don't see color. My friends are my friends because I like them.

"I'm not being rebellious. Not in my friends. Not in my clothes. Hats just look better sideways. That way I don't look stupid, or like a baseball player or something. And hip-hop is just the best music. It isn't a black thing."

Mark

* * *

Mark, 16, is Filipino. I found him shopping in a hip-hop clothing store in Mission Valley.

"People say I act white, but I just think I am who I am. I guess they mean I act proper. I don't know."

"I grew up around black people. I guess I got adapted to the lifestyle. I like rap music and hip-hop style. My parents think it's pretty weird. But most of the people at my school do the same thing. There's, like, different groups and stuff, and we all dress the same way. I think I dress pretty much like everyone else my age.

"Folks might call you a 'wannabe' or a 'poser.' But I grew up like this. I am who I am. I'm proud I'm Filipino, but how do Filipinos dress? I don't want to wear Gothic stuff, and if I dressed preppy then people might say I want to be white. So what am I supposed to wear?"

* * *

Carlos, 19, is dark-skinned Mexican.

"They used to call me 'coconut' sometimes, growing up. They were joking, but I'd take it personally. I'd be, like, 'Yeah, just because I don't play handball and slick my hair back and listen to that stupid

Gary Gilmore GOLDSMITH
Custom Design • Appraisals • Engraving • Repair
4857 Newport Ave., San Diego • 619-225-1137

VOICE MAIL
$8.95/MONTH
• 1ST MONTH FREE!
• IMMEDIATE HOOKUP - FREE!
• DESIGNED FOR BUSINESS OR PERSONAL
• YOUR OWN PRIVATE PHONE NUMBER
• PAGER / CELL NOTIFICATION AVAILABLE
• FAX TO E-MAIL SERVICE AVAILABLE
• SERVING ALL OF CALIFORNIA
VOICE MAIL DEPOT, INC.
1-800-309-8888
WWW.VOICEMAILDEPOT.COM

Wanted:

Disc Herniation Sufferers Who Want Pain Relief *WITHOUT* Surgery

San Diego, CA - A new free report has recently been released that reveals FDA-approved medical technology that has an 86% success rate for treating debilitating back pain without surgery - even with multiple herniated discs. Find out how an accidential NASA discovery has led to the most promising sciatica and herniated disc treatment today. For your free report entitled *"How Space Age Technology Is Solving Back Pain Without Drugs or Surgery!"* call **1-800-877-1890** and listen to the toll-free 24-hour recorded message for all the details, or go to: **www.BackInfoReport.com**

RING SIZING
1-DAY SERVICE
CUSTOM GOLDSMITH
(619) 291-4977
David of California
GOLDSMITH
2725 Congress St., Old Town

myFaves℠ 600

- 600 National Whenever Minutes®
- **UNLIMITED** Nights & Weekends
- **UNLIMITED** Any-Network Calling™ to your **FIVE FAVORITE PEOPLE**
- **INCLUDED** National Long Distance & Roaming
- **ONLY** $49.99 per month

Limited time offer. New activation and minimum 1-year agreement required. Taxes & fees not included.

Who's in your fave 5?

Check it out with an On-The-Go T-Mobile Authorized Dealer today, 1-866-ON-THE-GO

EL CAJON
Wireless Giant 619-593-6400

NATIONAL CITY
Pacific Wireless Communications 619-477-7888

VISTA
Wireless Toyz 760-806-9000

SAN DIEGO
Wireless Toyz 619-265-8000
La Jolla Satellite & Wireless 858-866-7500
Beyond Connection 858-536-9836
Grand Wireless Inc. 858-274-0001
Beyond Connection 619-282-0413
PB Wireless 858-272-9636
EZ Wireless Center 619-582-1836
Oh Yes Wireless 619-265-2204

T-Mobile® authorized dealer T-Mobile® my Faves™

QDI WIRELESS .COM NATIONAL WIRELESS DEALER NETWORK

06-1134 (12/06)

Limited time offer subject to change. **CREDIT APPROVAL/ADDITIONAL COSTS: Does not apply to pre-paid**. Credit approval and $35/line activation fee required; $200/line early cancellation fee applies. Regulatory Programs Fee (not a tax or government-mandated charge) of 86¢ per line/mo. applies; additional taxes and fees may add 6-28% to your monthly bill. Minutes over monthly allotment are **40¢** per additional minute. Partial minutes are rounded up for billing. **myFaves Elements:** myFaves plans available solely with myFaves-enabled handset. myFaves plans not available to Take Control customers. myFaves plans allow unlimited nationwide calling to any five U.S. phone numbers (excluding toll-free and 900 numbers), each of which may be changed a maximum of one time per calendar month. International calls incur separate additional charges. **SERVICE COVERAGE:** Service is not available everywhere. For full details, see Coverage Maps available at www.t-mobile.com or at a T-Mobile store.**ABNORMAL CALL PATTERNS:** Call duration and/or your continued eligibility for any rate plan may be limited or terminated for (a) consumer protection purposes or (b) abusive conduct or abnormal call pattern(s). **NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS:** Weekends are 12:00:01 a.m. Saturday to 11:59:59 p.m. Sunday, based upon start time of call. Nights are 12:00:01 a.m. to 6:59:59 a.m. and 9:00:00 p.m. to 11:59:59 p.m., Monday through Friday, based upon start time of call. See T-Mobile's Terms and Conditions (including mandatory arbitration), available at www.t-mobile.com, for cancellation policy, international long-distance, roaming and messaging rates, and additional details that may affect this offer and additional rate plans, and other information and/or contact T-Mobile Customer Care, at 1-800-937-8997, with questions concerning any T-Mobile offer or rate plan. T-Mobile is a federally registered trademark, and the magenta color is a trademark, of Deutsche Telekom AG. WHENEVER Minutes is a federally registered trademark, and myFaves, the myFaves design, Who's in Your Fave 5, Unlimited Any-Network Calling, and Stick Together are service marks, of T-Mobile USA, Inc. © 2006 T-Mobile USA, Inc.

Jennica

Kamellah

Maricella

Daniella

Andrea

Abi

Spanish music, you think I'm a 'coconut.' But I'm still Mexican.' "

* * *

I witnessed a fight between two girls — one white and one Mexican — in the warm summer evening, downtown in the Gaslamp.

The white girl had put on a street-tough accent, saying, "Yo, bitch," and, "*Puta,*" and "What up with that?"

The Mexican girl kept repeating one thing back at her, no matter what the white girl said, one provocative statement, in a low voice, over and over. "You're white," she kept saying. "You're white. You're white."

* * *

Tanesha, 16, is dark-skinned black, but she lives with, and was raised by, an all-white foster family.

"I see both sides," she said. "People say I act white, but I just think I am who I am. I guess they mean I act proper, I don't know.

"So I just always crack jokes. I make jokes about being black, about black things. I never let racial stuff get to me.

"Like just now, in the wave pool, I introduced my little brother [who is white] to this kid, and the kid was, like, 'How come your sister's brown?' And I overheard him and I made a joke. I said, 'Too much sun! I'm really tan!' "

* * *

Eric, 14, is light-skinned, with unusual features. He'd win a carnival bet to guess his racial makeup. Later, he tells me he's "1/4 Japanese, 1/4 white, and 1/2 black."

"I don't hear any of that racial stuff. I never do. Sorry to disappoint you. Other people might, but I don't hear any of it."

* * *

Dante, 19, white, grew up with many black friends.

"They call each other nigger, my black friends do, but I can't get away with that. Except with my best friend James. I call him nigger all the time, and he calls me honky, and we know we're friends, so it's okay."

* * *

At the beach, five young girls played together in the waves, laughing and yelling, riding Boogie boards. One was white, one black, and the other three were varying shades in between.

They'd all grown up together in Clairemont, and they'd come to the beach with their parents to enjoy the sunny weather.

Jennica, 12, is "1/2 black, 1/6 white, 1/6 Filipino, 1/6 Lithuanian." Andrea, 12, is "100 percent Filipino." Kamellah, 12, is "1/2 black, 1/4 white, and 1/4 Mexican." Maricella, 14, is "1/4 Mexican, 1/4 Filipino, and 1/2 Italian." Daniella, 13, is "light-skinned white."

Had any of these girls ever had racially motivated problems in school?

"There was this girl, Olivia, who is full black," said Jennica. "And she doesn't like me because she thinks I try to act white. Like, she thinks I'm all preppy and stuff. Like, I'm like, 'Omigod!' And because I have friends who aren't black."

And how does someone act black?

"Um," Jennica said, "I think acting black would be more like, 'Hey, homie, whassup?' Like, it's how you walk, how you dress, and how you talk. All ghetto."

And how do white people dress?

"White people shop at Abercrombie…Billabong…Hollister," the girls sang out, in chorus.

And black people?

"Echo Red…Baby Fat…House of Flava…"

So the second a black person walks into Abercrombie & Fitch, they're acting white?

"Not really," said Kamellah.

"I just like the clothes," added Jennica.

And what about music? What about rap, and rock?

Cargo Boxes
THULE YAKIMA
San Diego's largest supply in stock for your traveling needs. Many different sizes to choose from!

RACK·IT
7582 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
858-560-8877 • www.rack-it.com

If you don't LIKE your new haircut and color, LUNCH is on me!*
DIMension SALON
1578 Garnet Ave. • Pacific Beach
858-490-6272
*New clients only. Not to be combined with any other offer. Cut & color must be performed on same day. Excludes color correction.

Something Fun
for the Holidays!
Handcrafted & Unique Gifts
Great Prices
Chargers Memorabilia • Candles
Toys • Jewelry & more
Something fun for everyone!
Open 7 days 10 am-8 pm
3960 W. Pt. Loma Blvd. #J
Midway Towne Center (Midway & Sports Arena)
619.226.8556
www.shopsomethingfun.com
TOYS FOR TOTS

Imagine an endless selection of affordable jewelry.
20%-50% Off Storewide*
*With ad. Through 12/31/06. Excludes rings, headbands, sterling silver.
Find the perfect accent for everything in your wardrobe!
Welcome to wholesale.

S.Good jewelry
450 5th Ave.
(in the Gaslamp)
San Diego, CA 92101
619-238-3599
Sun.-Thurs. 10 am-10 pm
Fri./Sat. 10 am-11 pm

UGG australia

NOW AVAILABLE AT
CAL Stores
1019 GARNET AVE • SAN DIEGO, CA 92109 • (858) 483-8100

"I like rap, and R&B, and hip-hop," said Daniella, the white girl.

"And I like all kinds of music," Andrea chimed in.

"I don't think it really matters," Maricella said. "Music doesn't matter for race. You like what you like."

Any other racially motivated problems in school?

"My friends used to get mad at me because I used to hang out with the Asian kids," Maricella said. "But I've always hung out with Asians."

"There's nothing wrong with Asians," said Andrea.

"And people always think I'm full Mexican," said Maricella. "So they're, like, 'Why are you always hanging out with Asians?' "

"Asians are cool," said Andrea. "Asians don't care."

Did these girls know that saying things like, "Asians are cool," and "Asians don't care," even though they're good things to say, are statements that still fall under the heading of racism?

"Because we're setting them apart, right?" asked Jennica.

"Oh," said Maricella. "My bad."

Jennica spoke again.

"In fifth grade, this Mexican dude…I don't know what I said to him, but he was, like, 'Shut up, blackie!' "

"That's what my mom calls me," said light-white-skinned Daniella, and everyone laughed.

I wondered whether any of them would ever lie about their race, either to get a job, or to get into school, or to get a boyfriend.

"No."

"No."

"No."

"No."

"No."

A glee club of "no's."

"You should be proud of your race," said Maricella.

"That's stupid," said Jennica. "If people can't accept you for what you are then forget them."

* * *

Abi, 17, is Jewish.

"I'm Jewish, 100 percent Israeli. I lived four years in Israel, but I grew up in La Jolla and went to high school here. No one ever made fun of me growing up. Well, except maybe making fun of my nose. Like, they'd say, 'You're Jewish? Shouldn't your nose be bigger?' But they were kidding. Those were my friends. No one really ever made fun of me for real.

"I did have a boyfriend, in fifth grade, who gave me a cross for a present. I smiled, kind of, and thanked him, but I never wore it. He just didn't know. I think I put it in a drawer somewhere and ended up throwing it away.

"I have a close friend who's a practicing Muslim. And we joke how we're not supposed to like each other because of our religions. But actually, we feel more of a connection because we're both from the Middle East. She's Persian and I'm Israeli."

* * *

T-Mobile
authorized dealer

this season
pick up the
RAZR
not the bill.

The Motorola RAZR V3
FREE
with new activation of plan $39.99 or higher
FOR A LIMITED TIME!
After $150.00 in-store rebate and $50.00 mail-in rebate.
MSRP: $199.99. Offer requires 2-year agreement.
Available at participating locations only.

Limited time offer. Offer requires 2-year agreement. Taxes and fees not included.

extra thin
extra slim

Motorola
RAZR V3
Pearl Grey

Servicing over 1100 locations
CNCG

Visit our dealer location website at www.CNCGUSA.com
or call 1.866.922.4321 for the nearest dealer location.

Wireless Empire
415 Parkway Plz Ste 27
El Cajon
(619) 729-0960

Virtual Office Wireless Inc
7510 Clairemont Mesa Blvd
Ste 201
San Diego
(858) 874-2787

United Wireless
359 N 2nd St
El Cajon
(619) 590-0959

Thorosanto Wireless
10425 Thorosanto Blvd Ste 108
San Diego
(858) 277-1790

TK Wireless
9817 Mira Mesa Blvd
San Diego
(858) 566-0385

Smart Wireless
8730 Mira Mesa Blvd Ste 42
San Diego
(858) 549-1600

Sdcell.Com
4688 Convoy St Ste 111
San Diego
(858) 627-9900

Samson PCS
13517 Poway Rd
Poway
(619) 479-9999

Samson PCS
2220 E Plaza Blvd Ste L
National City
(619) 472-9999

PCS Superstore Inc
9932 Mercy Rd Ste 106
San Diego
(858) 549-1860

PC2 Telecom
4669 Convoy St Ste R
San Diego
(858) 277-1967

Pupi Wireless
545 S Santa Fe Ave Ste D
Vista
(760) 414-9723

NGCT Inc
8677 Villa La Jolla Dr
La Jolla
(858) 453-9798

Mobile Mania
5010 Cass St
San Diego
(858) 272-6440

Mobile Cell
7620 Baltic St
San Diego
(858) 205-3356

K & L Communications Llc
3909 Palomar Dr
Fallbrook
(760) 451-2198

Elite Mobile
4771 Tallus Gln
San Diego
(858) 414-0781

Dinamex Cellular
1202 S Coast Hwy
Oceanside
(760) 721-1199

Cellpage
8155 Mira Mesa Blvd Ste 2
San Diego
(858) 695-9933

Cellphone Smart
4433 Convoy St
San Diego
(858) 557-9540

American Hi-Tech Communications Wireless
1467 E Plaza Blvd
National City
(619) 477-7878

A To Z Wireless
5658 Mission Center Rd Ste 204
San Diego
(619) 692-3293

Limited time offer subject to change. **ABNORMAL CALL PATTERNS:** Call duration and/or your continued eligibility for any rate plan may be limited or terminated for (a) consumer protection purposes or (b) abusive conduct or abnormal call pattern(s). **MAIL-IN and IN-STORE REBATE OFFER: Motorola V3 Razr mail-in rebate offer expires 12/31/06, in-store rebate offer expires 12/31/06. Motorola Razr Gray mail-in rebate offer expires 12/31/06, in-store rebate offer expires 12/31/06.** Limited to phone shown; Supplies may be limited and offer may not be available at all dealer locations. T-Mobile reserves the right to substitute different phone models of equal or greater value. Customer must remain on a qualifying T-Mobile rate plan at the time mail-in rebate is actually processed.

Allow up to 8 weeks for mail-in rebate check. See mail-in rebate form for full details. See T-Mobile's Terms and Conditions (including mandatory arbitration), available at www.t-mobile.com, for cancellation policy, international long-distance, roaming and messaging rates, and additional details that may affect this offer and additional rate plans, and other information and/or contact T-Mobile Customer Care, at 1-800-937-8997, with questions concerning any T-Mobile offer or rate plan. T-Mobile is a federally registered trademark, and the magenta color is a trademark, of Deutsche Telekom AG. WHEREVER Minutes is a federally registered trademark, and myFaves, the myFaves design, Who's in Your Fave 5, Unlimited Any-Network Calling, and Stick Together are service marks, of T-Mobile USA, Inc. © 2006 T-Mobile USA, Inc.

Melody, 18, is "100 percent Persian."

"I used to bring Persian food to school, for lunch, but I was always embarrassed about it. Like, I'd have ghormeh sabzi, or zereshk polo, and everybody would be, like, *'Eugh,* what's that?' and they'd make fun of it, and they all thought it was weird. At first, I'd try to explain. I'd say, 'I know it doesn't look good, but it really is.' But then I just started throwing it away, so no one would give me any grief."

* * *

Dr. Phillip Gay is professor and chairman of the sociology department at San Diego State University.

Could Dr. Gay talk about racism in 2006?

"Different people experience race differently," he said. "Even in 2006. So it's really hard to generalize. In my classes, we get into arguments as to whether racism exists and to what extent it exists. Some would say everywhere, and some would say nowhere, and they're all right. It depends what circles you travel in. There are a lot of different views of racial harmony and racial conflict because we're a diverse society."

Could Dr. Gay address the subject of adolescence?

"Adolescents are caught between two worlds," Dr. Gay said. "One is the world of their teachers and parents, and the other is their world, the world of their peers. And they're trying to make sense of it. Their parents and teachers come from a world that experienced race a lot differently from the way that they experience it. Their parents grew up in a world where there were very few minorities on television, where discrimination was a lot more overt. And kids today are growing up in a world where people of different races are everywhere they look: on television, in ads, and everywhere they go. So it's understandable that adolescents would be a little confused about how to act appropriately and what's expected of them. They're more used to interacting with people of different races than their teachers and their parents."

It seems to me that almost all activities today, all styles, all music, almost everything, is in some way racially coded. Did Dr. Gay see it that way?

"Blacks play more basketball than golf and tennis because of the typical economic status of blacks; because they're discriminated against in country clubs. And then the activity itself becomes identified with members of a different race, when in fact the activities engaged in are determined to a large extent by socioeconomic situations. If you live in a crowded urban area, you're less likely to skateboard. You're less likely

HOME AND GARDEN

Wife Wanted

NEW 2006

baby lock

Baby Lock, one of the top-rated sewing machine companies, has just released for sale to the public a limited number of new "Denimpro" heavy-duty, 15-stitch function with 15 built-ins, free-arm zigzag sewing machines. Sews all fabric, Levi's, canvas, nylon, stretch to silk.

EVEN SEWS ON LEATHER!

No attachments needed for any size buttonhole. Monograms, hems, sews on buttons, satin overcast, darns and more. Just set the dials for most functions. We take trade-ins, terms or layaway now! Free lessons and 25-year warranty included. Incluye libro español de instrucción.

This is the machine your wife wanted.

$179*

*While supplies last. Sorry, no phone orders.

December 20-24

Central Sewing

NORTH PARK
3919 Illinois St.
619-282-8503

EL CAJON
1125 N. Second St.
619-447-3244

Monday-Friday 9-6
Saturday 10-4 • Closed Sundays

20% off all merchandise through December

Sale items not included.

Shop for all your Christmas accessories Southwest style

Southwest Furniture Source

8990 Miramar Road
#250
858-689-9933

Your Resource For Fish, Corals, Aquarium & Pond Products

THE POND & AQUARIUM SOURCE

- Hand-Selected Corals, Fresh & Saltwater Fish
- 1000's of Healthy, Colorful Koi
- Experts in Filtration Systems
- Everyday Discount Pricing
- 28,000 Gallons of Fish and Invertebrates
- Full Line of Aquarium & Pond Products

WHOLESALE · OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
2599 State Street, Carlsbad
760-729-4300 • www.thepondsource.net

Standard Wall Mounting of a 32" LCD TV or smaller only $250

Great Holiday Gift for Dad
Just in Time for the Big Game
(Expires 1/1/07.)

30 years' experience
Specializing in: • Installation of Plasma and LCD Televisions • Sound Systems • Remote Controls • Consulting

MANGUM HOME THEATRE INSTALLATIONS
858.752.3555
CL #88156

Quality Frames at Clearance Prices Online

- Hand-finished, solid wood open-back frames
- Over 150 different styles • Frames from $1.40

ClearanceFrames.com

Melody

Dr. Phillip Gay

to play baseball, because it takes a lot of space to do these things. You need a baseball diamond, for instance. So people from crowded urban areas, who are often black, play more basketball, perhaps, than other sports. And then basketball comes to be viewed as 'a black sport.' And baseball and skateboarding are seen as 'white sports.' "

But isn't all that changing?

"As time goes on," Gay said, "you have more black people moving into coastal or suburban neighborhoods, and they take up the same activities that their peers do, and their peers in these areas tend to be white. So you get more blacks skateboarding or surfing. I see a lot more blacks skateboarding than I've ever seen before. And I certainly see more whites adopting black clothing styles. That's partly because of the media. The media gives a picture of a more racially integrated society than actually exists. If a man from Mars came down and watched TV, he'd think America was pretty harmonious, racially."

FREE + $100 Cash Back!!

Offer expires 12/31/06!

Also available in black, mint and cherry.

LG Chocolate

LG VX8600

IMAGIX WIRELESS

www.imagixwireless.com

4545 La Jolla Village Drive #K2 • **858-558-8420**

Across from 24 Hour Fitness at the UTC Shopping Center

8935 Towne Centre Drive #101

San Diego 92122 • **858-638-7221**

verizon wireless

*New 2-year agreement with $59.99 plan and $10 MSG required. Activation fee per line: $35 ($25 for secondary Family Share Plan lines with 2-year agreements). IMPORTANT CONSUMER INFORMATION: Subject to customer agreement, calling plan and credit approval. Up to $175 early termination fee and other charges. Offers not available everywhere. While supplies last. Sales tax based on full retail price of phone. Limited time offer. ©2006 Verizon Wireless.

START LOSING WEIGHT TODAY!

You can lose 3-5 pounds per week on Medifast® and feel great!

MEDIFAST®

Weight Management Program

- *Clinically proven*
- *Promotes QUICK and HEALTHY weight loss*
- *Encourages long-term weight maintenance*
- *Not a liquid diet*
- *Enjoy 5 delicious Medifast products daily PLUS one meal*
- *Excellent price in San Diego*

TESTIMONIAL

Before

Now

Rodney G. of North County lost 110 pounds in 6 months!

1 free week of Medifast food

($75 value) With purchase of 1 month, good with initial consultation. Expires 12/31/06. Not to be combined with any other offer.

TRUST THE EXPERTS

UCP UNIVERSITY COMPOUNDING PHARMACY

1875 Third Avenue
(At Fir, just north of downtown San Diego)
Plenty of free parking

Call for a FREE brochure:
619.683.2005

Contacts

$149* DISPOSABLES
7 pairs Hydrogenic 60 or Biocurves. Myopes only.

$139* 3 PAIRS
Edge III Proactive. Myopes only.

$129* 2 PAIRS
B&L opt. 38. Myopes only.

$99* 1 PAIR
Daily wear Coopervision Silver 07. Myopes only.

$119* 1 PAIR
OCULAR SCIENCE Z4
Extended wear. Myopes only.

$99 EYE EXAM AND SINGLE-VISION GLASSES
With CR39 lenses. Most prescriptions. Some restrictions apply.

Eyecare Plus

DR. ROBERT M. HOWARD
Optometrist

7841 Balboa Avenue, Suite 201
[Between 163 and 805]
858-278-EYES (3937)

- Eyeglasses in one hour, most cases
- Open Monday through Saturday

VISA MasterCard Discover American Express Card

*Includes exam, all follow-ups for 6 weeks, soft lenses and care kit. Select lenses. Most prescriptions. Astigmatism and specialty lenses higher. Specials not valid with any other offers or insurance.

FREE* Samsung T629
1-year contract
After $50 mail-in rebate with $59.99 plan.

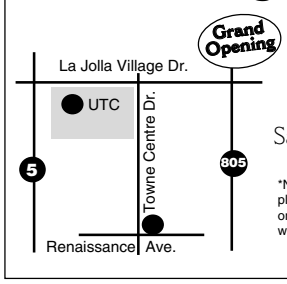
FREE T-Mobile Dash
After $100 mail-in rebate with Internet plan.

FREE* BlackBerry Pearl
After $50 mail-in rebate with BlackBerry plan.

Sidekick III $49*
After $50 mail-in rebate. With Sidekick plan.

IMAGIX WIRELESS

www.imagixwireless.com



T-Mobile® authorized dealer

8935 Towne Centre Drive #101
San Diego 92122 • **858-638-7221**

*New 1- or 2-year agreement with $39.99 or higher plan required. On credit approval. Sales tax applies on full value of phone. All plans are subject to change without notice. Other restrictions may apply.

So everything is, in fact, racially coded, even in these more enlightened times?

"There are very few things that aren't racially coded," Gay conceded. "Maybe entertainment and sports. Those are pretty well mixed. People accept different races in these industries without question and without raising an eyebrow. Anytime you have an activity where merit and ability are clearly identifiable, it tends not to be racially coded. In sports and entertainment, you can tell how good someone is quite easily, and it doesn't matter what color they are. If someone scores a certain number of points, or catches a certain number of passes, then people accept him in that role. Or if a certain entertainer is funny, it doesn't matter if he's black or white. But most other things are too subjective. It's harder to tell whether you're a better insurance salesman than I am, or whether or not I'm a better construction worker than you."

And getting back to race considerations among adolescents, what about name-calling? What about kids freely using words like "oreo," and "coconut," and "wigger"?

Adrian and Breanna

"The other day," Gay said, "I heard a group of black kids in Balboa Park, and one of them called to a white kid and said, 'Hey, that's my nigger. What's up, nigger?' And nobody even blinked. But he was taking back that word and divesting it of its negative connotations, to some extent. Which is one way we have of dealing with racism. But I don't think you'd ever hear a white kid saying that word to a black kid. Then you'd probably have some trouble."

* * *

Mark, 19, is "Caucasian." He and his friends had gone to an Asian restaurant for lunch "because we wanted Asian food."

"We were the only three white people there. And after we left, some ghetto Asian guy in an SUV drives by us and says 'white boy' out of the window. Just like that. 'White boy.' Kind of under his breath but so I could hear it. I ignored him. I thought it was kind of funny, actually."

* * *

Breanna, 17, is "1/2 Puerto Rican, 1/4 Panamanian, 1/4 Japanese," and her boyfriend, Adrian, 19, is "3/4 Mexican, 1/4 Italian." When I found them, they were hugging on the wall along the boardwalk in Mission Beach. Breanna's skin was noticeably darker, and her features

> "I've been called 'beaner' before. Or 'gangsta.' My mom calls me 'gangsta' more than anyone else, because of the way I dress. I like to dress hip-hop. But I'm not all into black culture or anything. I just like the style…."

RESEARCH STUDIES

BOTOX® $129

BOTOX is a fast, safe and effective way to smooth away facial lines and wrinkles from the following areas: crow's feet, frown furrows and forehead creases. BOTOX injections take as little as 15 minutes and last 3 to 9 months. Only $129 for first 25 units. As low as **$5.16 per unit**. Reg. price $8 per unit. Results may vary.

Call 619-543-1061

Medical Marijuana Evaluations

Legitimate and affordable.

For Recorded Information Call 24 Hours: 619-442-4215 or Office: 619-543-1061

Lose Weight as low as $10/day

We have new and innovative **medications** and regimens to help you lose weight without depleting your body of the nutrients it needs and help you feel satisfied: **bioidentical hormones**, lifestyle and nutrition training and **vitamin B-12 injections** are important contributors to your well-being and helpful in increasing your energy, heightening your metabolism and feeding your nervous system.

Let Dr. Sterner develop an individualized program just for you.

Call 619-543-1061

Central Location Near Airport

Anti-Aging Arts

www.antiagingarts.com

Medical Center & Weight Control Medical Clinic
1516 W. Redwood St., Ste. 204
San Diego 92101

Robert F. Sterner, Jr., MD
Harvard 1978/UCLA 1982
Serving San Diego Since 1984

Schizophrenia ?

eStudySite is currently conducting a research study for an investigational medication for the treatment of schizophrenia.

You may qualify if you are:
Between the ages of 18-65
Currently being treated with Risperidone (Risperdal)
And have not been hospitalized for any psychiatric reasons in the past three months.

Qualified participants will receive study drug and study related medical care at no cost as well as compensation for time and travel.

For more information or to see if you qualify,

Contact eStudySite at (619) 321-6604

Depressed? Sleeping Too Much? Not Enjoying Life?

If you are between the ages of 18 and 65 and have not responded to treatment for depression, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study of an investigational medication.

Qualified participants may receive study-related evaluations, medical care, research medication and laboratory work – at no cost.

All telephone calls and visits are confidential and safely conducted under the supervision of experienced physicians and research specialists.

To learn more, please call the Sharp Mesa Vista Clinical Research Center at **(858) 694-8350**.

Clinical Research Center
SHARP Mesa Vista Hospital

MV58A ©2006 SHC

We believe we can help.

Well-known pharmeceutical companies are conducting important research studies for a limited number of qualified participants.

Depression

steals more than your mood; it robs you of life's pleasures.

Are you between the ages of 18 and 65 and finding life hard to tolerate? Has your energy and motivation to enjoy your life decreased? Do you find even simple pleasures empty?

California Clinical Trials has been assisting the pharmaceutical industry with finding medications for depression over the past 20 years. Every study conducted by California Clinical Trials is staffed by a team of skilled and experienced, caring physicians and medical professionals trained to place your comfort and well-being first.

If you participate, there is no cost to you…instead:

- You receive up to $500 for your participation.
- You receive no-cost study-related medication and medical care.
- No reports are made to employers, schools, or insurance companies.

Schizophrenia

can tear families apart.

Do you or a loved one have schizophrenia? Have they tried Haldol®, Prolixin®, Zyprexa®, or Risperdal®? Do they still feel hopeless, have side effects or continue to suffer from troubling thoughts or voices?

This loved one's problem can break your heart. We are caring, experienced professionals funded by a well-known pharmaceutical company to conduct an inpatient and outpatient research study for qualified people with schizophrenia.

If your loved one participates, there is no cost…instead:

- They receive up to $2400 for participation.
- They receive no-cost research study-related medication and medical care.
- No reports are made to employers, schools, or insurance companies.

Anxiety

doesn't just stress your mind.

We know it can…

- Decrease your immune response • Decrease your physical and mental functioning
- Increase fats in the bloodstream • Be mistaken for medical conditions
- Interfere with sleep

If you are between the ages of 18 and 64, you may qualify to take part in a research study of an investigational medication for Generalized Anxiety Disorder.

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

Qualified participants:

- Will receive up to $450 for time and travel.
- Receive no-cost study-related medication and study-related medical care.
- No reports are made to employers, schools, or insurance companies.

Insomnia

can affect the quality of your life and your partner's.

Restless sleeper? Wake up tired? Chronic problems falling and/or staying asleep? If your sleep is not normal you may qualify for a research study in our state-of-the-art sleep clinic and receive an investigational medication for poor sleep.

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

If you participate, there is no cost to you…instead:

- You may receive up to $1050 for your time and travel.
- You receive no-cost study-related medication and medical care.
- No reports are made to employers, schools, or insurance companies.

California
CLINICAL TRIALS

Finding Answers Together – Since 1982

858-571-1188

Toll-free 800-571-1188

www.cctstudy.com

San Diego • Paramount • Glendale • Culver City

Post your own free coupon today.

700 local coupons at Backpage.com!

had a tinge of Asian-ness to them, something in the eyes and cheekbones. Adrian was very light skinned. They'd been dating one month.

Adrian: "I've been called 'beaner' before. Or 'gangsta.' My mom calls me 'gangsta' more than anyone else, because of the way I dress. I like to dress hip-hop. But I'm not all into black culture or anything. I just like the style: the baggy jeans, the boots, the jewelry, the hats."

Breanna: "I've never had any problems with name-calling or anything like that. I'm proud of all my races. I don't identify with any one of them over the others. When somebody asks me, I say everything that I am."

Breanna: "I've seen couples, like, black and white couples, where a lot of people talk crap about that, but it's never been directed towards us."

Adrian: "Like, the old people, like parents, they want their race to be kept. So if you're white and you're dating a black person they'll be, like, 'Are you going to marry her? If not, that's okay.' At least, that's what I hear. My parents are cool no matter who I date."

* * *

JoAnn, 19, is Chinese, and her boyfriend, Kip, 19, is Kenyan. They were hanging out near an Asian eatery late one Saturday night. They'd been dating three months.

Kip: "We've never had any problems from anyone except the traditional, older Chinese people. Like her parents. My parents don't care that my girlfriend's Chinese, they just don't want me to have a girlfriend. They want me to concentrate on my studies."

JoAnn: "I think all Chinese parents in general want their kids to stick within their race. Even if I were dating a Korean boy, or a Japanese one; they'd be really unhappy with that. But I've never dated anyone who's Chinese. My parents keep nagging at me and talking about it. And the words hurt. I want to listen to my parents. I want to respect my elders. But in this case, I can't really do what my parents want. You can't just go out and find a boyfriend!"

Kip: "I've lived in San Diego for about six years now. And I attract a lot of attention. Because my skin's a lot darker than anyone else's, I guess. Sometimes it's bad attention and sometimes it's good. People always talk about Africa around me, and they hint about things like hungry children and civil war, and they think my family's poor or whatever. But it doesn't bother me. I don't listen that much. Plus, I just figure those people are kind of ignorant."

* * *

B., 19, is Vietnamese. He wore a baseball cap on backwards, baggy jeans,

RESEARCH STUDIES

There is hope...

Pacific Sleep Medicine Research Centers offer hope, and help, for patients who suffer from a wide range of medical conditions. Transportation may be provided to qualified participants, and qualified participants may receive compensation for their time and travel.

Do you have trouble falling asleep?

A research study is being conducted to evaluate two approved medications in an investigational use in the treatment of insomnia.

If you have been diagnosed with chronic insomnia and experience difficulty falling asleep and staying asleep, you may qualify for participation in this study.

Qualified participants will receive study drug and study-related physician visits at no cost and could be compensated up to $2,750 for time and travel.

If you would like more information or think you may be eligible for this study, please contact the physician's office below.

Are You Still Experiencing Pain Even Though Your Shingles Have Healed?

Pacific Sleep Medicine Services is conducting a research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of pain following shingles (post herpetic neuralgia).

Qualified participants receive:
- **Study medication and examinations**
- **Reimbursement for time and travel**

Do you experience constipation caused by your pain medication?

Constipation is one of the most common effects of pain medication, and it can be very uncomfortable--even debilitating.

We are currently involved in a clinical research trial of an investigational drug to relieve constipation caused by pain medicine.

You may be eligible if you:
- **Are 18 years or older**
- **Have had non-cancer pain for at least 2 months**
- **Experience constipation caused by prescription opioid pain medication**

All study-related care is provided at no charge, including study -related physical exams, lab services, and study medication or placebo.

Participants may be reimbursed up to $650 for time and travel.

TYPE 2 DIABETES

The Power of Two

A combination medication may help lower blood sugar levels.

If you're making healthier choices but your blood sugar numbers aren't coming down, maybe it's time to consider combination therapy. A clinical research study is evaluating an investigational medication containing two previously approved medications combined into one tablet compared to an FDA-approved drug used to treat type 2 diabetes.

You may qualify if you are:
- ☐ At least 18 years of age
- ☐ Diagnosed with type 2 diabetes for at least three months
- ☐ Taking oral medication for at least two months

As a qualified participant, you will receive all studyrelated care, diabetes supplies and active study medication at no cost, and you may be compensated for time and travel. Insurance is not required.

Please call: 1-877-927-5337

Pacific Sleep Medicine Services

For more information on these and other clinical studies, call (toll-free):

877-927-5337

Pacific Sleep Medicine Services

Bridging the paths of medicine and science.™

a baggy shirt, necklaces, and big unlaced boots.

"My friends say I dress black. And I do. I like the style. I like the hip-hop trend. No one ever calls me any names, my parents don't care, and I've never had any racial trouble at all. I'm Vietnamese, and I'm proud of it. I like my race. But I don't really think about it any more deeply than that. I was born that way, and that's it. And I dress hip-hop, because I like to do that. There's really nothing more to it than that.

"I get along with pretty much everyone. I don't have any beef with anybody."

* * *

I'd been trolling the beaches, malls, and local hangouts, looking for teenagers wearing racially coded fashions, involved in racially coded situations, acting in certain ways, using the words, and by the time I reached my last interviews, I'd chatted with at least 30 San Diego youngsters over the course of a summer month.

"Hey. You're a teenager, right?" I'd start. If the answer was no, I'd introduce myself and my purpose and be on my way. I had my digital tape recorder, notebook and pen, digital camera, business cards, and a printed list of questions.

"Have you ever experienced racism?"

"Are you proud of your race?"

"Do you think, on some subconscious level, maybe, that you're being rebellious when you go against your parents' racial ideas?"

Not one of these kids blinked or raised an eyebrow at my potentially inflammatory line of questioning.

Darren

And I got bolder as the process went on.

The first few days, I'd approach and then start up conversations about something else, about basketball, perhaps. I'd mention that I was a journalist, and then I'd chat with the kids about what it's like to be a teenager today, gradually steering into racial matters.

I was walking up to white kids with black parental figures and vice versa, black kids on skateboards, white and black kids chilling together, interracial couples, any non-black kid dressed "gangster," any kid I heard saying something racial.

By the end, I was finding the teens and launching straight into provocative material.

I strolled up to one young boy and immediately said, "You're Asian, right? What are you doing shopping in a black clothing store?"

And to a black girl I said, "You dress kind of white, don't you?"

And one night I found the only white adolescent in a crowded Asian hangout and walked over to him said, "So how come you're the only white person here?"

But there was never any anger in their responses or demeanors. Never the least irritation. These kids were ready for anything. They were cool.

* * *

Darren, 19, looks Caucasian, but he's "not white." He's 1/4 Filipino, 1/4 Vietnamese, 1/4 Native American, and 1/4 Dutch.

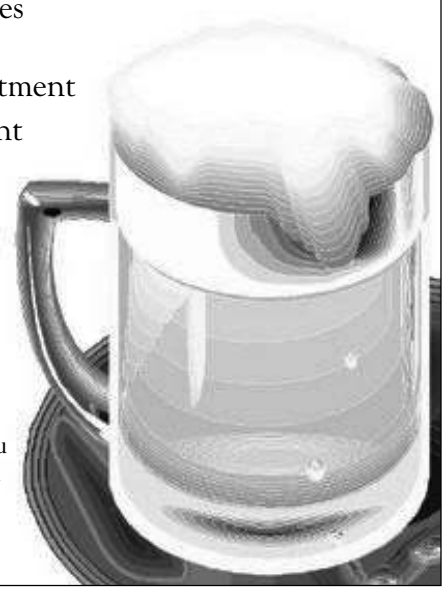
"I don't look at race or color. I look at who people are. I'm a person. And whether or not I'm in a place where the majority of people are Asian, whether or not people stare, I don't care. I work in an Asian area, and I grew up in a Filipino family, so I don't

RESEARCH STUDIES

Attn: Heavy Drinkers

The Scripps Research Institute is conducting 3 investigational studies associated with drinking:

- Heavy drinkers not seeking treatment
- Heavy drinkers seeking treatment
- Drinkers with depression seeking treatment



The Scripps Research Institute

For more information and to find out if you can earn compensation for participating in one of these studies, contact:

(858) 784-7867 (STOP)

Donating plasma and blood is rewarding!

Earn up to $190 a month in cash and save lives!

Requirements: 18+ years of age • Photo ID and proof of Social Security number • Proof of current address (ID, utility/household bill, rental agreement, third-party correspondence, etc.)

Bring this ad and receive a
$5 BONUS
on completion of your first successful plasma donation.

LifeSera
A Life Therapeutics Company
(Formerly known as Pyramid Biological Corporation)

2850 6th Ave. #111 • 619-298-4011 | 4402 Dayton St. • 619-265-0334

~ Specialty Antibody Programs also available ~

Do You Suffer from Excessive Shyness?

Have you experienced intense fear of being embarrassed or evaluated negatively by others in a variety of social and performance situations such as:

Meeting new people?
Talking in front of a group?
Going to parties?
Interacting with those you are attracted to?
Dealing with authority figures?
Eating or writing in front of others?

You may be eligible for a research study at UCSD Dept. of Psychiatry.

If you are 18 years of age or older and are interested in this research program, please call:

1-877-UCSD-SHY (1-877-827-3749)
or e-mail: veryshy@ucsd.edu

Smoking too much pot?

WE WANT TO HELP YOU STOP!

Researchers at the Scripps Research Institute are working to develop treatments to help you quit smoking marijuana. This 12-week program involves medication.

For more information and to see if you qualify, please call **858-784-7867** or visit **www.pearsoncenter.org** for more detailed information.

The Scripps Research Institute

know what it is to say 'I'm white' or 'I'm Asian.'

"I grew up Filipino, which basically means: family cookouts and family parties. We look for any pathetic reason to have a party. Whether it be Groundhog Day, or a birthday, or any occasion possible, just to have a bunch of aunties come together and cook.

"If someone throws race in my face, it's an issue. But no one usually does, so… But I experienced a lot of racism as a kid. I grew up looking like a Japanese baby with red hair. And then I grew older and my hair turned brown. So I've gone through changes all my life and always been asked, 'What kind of kid are you?' I've heard all sorts of derogatory things, like 'Chink,' and 'Brown kid,' and 'You're really light; you're just a white kid; what are you doing here, white boy?' Whether in anger, or whether it's a joke. Mostly, it's just my friends, like a form of camaraderie between us, because they know I'm, like, eight thousand million different things.

"I accept all my ethnicities. I don't carry a flag and wave it or anything. But I know my

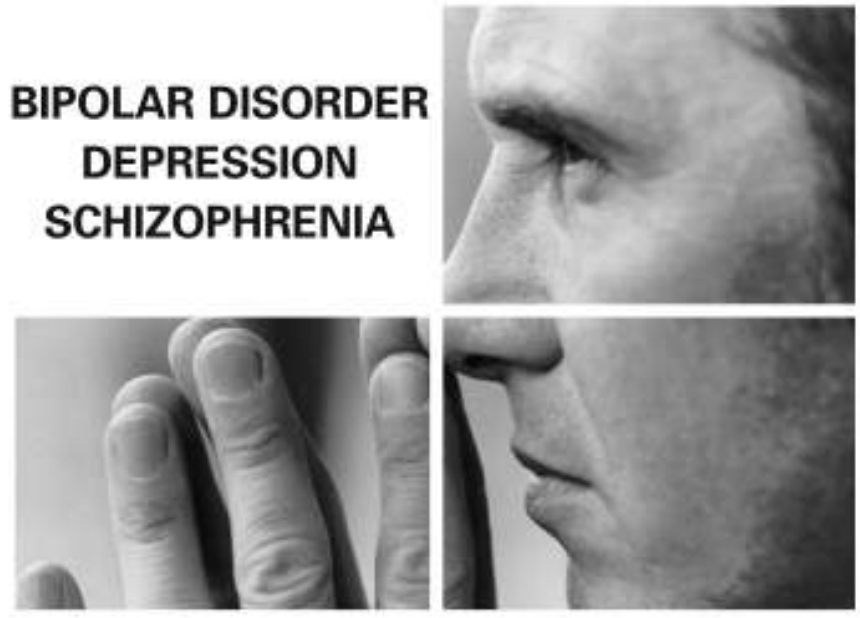
RESEARCH STUDIES

SCHIZOPHRENIA
SCHIZOAFFECTIVE
BIPOLAR DISORDER
MAJOR DEPRESSION

We may currently or in the future have inpatient and outpatient research studies involving investigational medications for the conditions listed above. Qualified candidates will be reimbursed for time and transportation ($50 for each inpatient hospital day and up to $100 for each outpatient visit).

For more information, call: **858-566-8222**
The California Neuropsychopharmacology Clinical Research Institute, LLC
"CNRI, LLC"

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 Department at (858) 694-8350.**

SHARP Mesa Vista Hospital

MV36A ©2006 SHC

HEALTHY VOLUNTEERS
WANTED for
CLINICAL
RESEARCH

To qualify you must:
- be a man or woman
- be 18 or older
- be able to participate in overnight stays

If you qualify to participate, you may be compensated up to $1,475 for your time and travel.

Call Mon-Fri for more information
1.866.818.3253 (English)
1.866.977.8322 (Spanish)
9665 Chesapeake Dr., Suite 200, San Diego, CA
www.testwiththebest.com

COVANCE
THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMPANY
formerly known as Radiant Research

Step on the scale lately?
Interested in participating in a weight loss study?

Consider a clinical trial at Profil. Profil Institute for Clinical Research is one of the world's leading centers for clinical research in metabolic disorders and is currently conducting a study for obesity.

This research trial may use investigational medications combined with counseling for weight loss. All participants will receive healthy lifestyle LEARN counseling.

You may qualify for this trial if you:

- Are age 18-65 and overweight or obese, but do not have other significant health problems
- Are not using other weight loss medications or weight loss programs
- Are willing to actively participate in the LEARN program with the guidance of lifestyle counselors and doctors

Qualified participants will receive all study medications as well as study-related medical care at no cost. You may be compensated for your time and no overnight stays are required.

Call today for more info:
866-308-PICR (7427)

Profil

Profil Institute for Clinical Research

Post free ads and coupons!

Backpage.com

Coupons – new!

- automotive
- clubs
- electronics
- everything else
- health & beauty
- restaurants
- retail
- services

Community

- actors/auditions
- classes/lessons
- counseling/support
- events
- notices
- parent resources
- volunteer

Services

- business
- computer
- financial
- health/wellness
- home
- legal
- therapeutic massage
- personal
- travel
- wedding

Automotive

- cars
- trucks/suvs/vans
- classic/custom cars
- rvs
- auto parts
- auto services
- motorcycles

Buy/Sell/Trade

- antiques/collectibles
- appliances
- boats
- clothing/accessories
- bicycles
- computer
- electronics
- free
- furniture
- garage sales
- miscellaneous
- pets/supplies
- photo
- sports
- tickets
- tools
- wanted/trade

Musician

- available/wanted
- equipment/ instruments
- instruction
- services
- plug the band

Rentals

- apartments/condos
- commercial
- houses
- rentals wanted
- roommates
- vacation

Real Estate

- commercial
- condos/townhomes
- financing
- houses
- land for sale
- miscellaneous
- open houses
- wanted

Employment

- accounting/finance
- call centers
- career training
- computer/ technical
- customer service
- domestics
- driver/delivery
- education
- health care
- jobs wanted/resumes
- management/ professional
- miscellaneous
- office/ administrative
- part-time jobs
- research studies
- restaurant/ hotel/club
- retail
- sales/marketing
- salons
- security
- trades/labor

heritage. I know where I came from. I try to pick up the languages a little bit, like Filipino, and Vietnamese. And I'd never lie about my race. Never. I have ethics, and I have morals. Why deny who I am?"

* * *

Denzell, 14, is 1/2 black, 1/2 white, though his skin is relatively dark. He was wearing board

Denzell

shorts and carrying a surfboard, spending a day on the beach with his mother, who is white, and his cousin, who is a darker-skinned black boy about the same age.

"My girlfriend's white, and her dad doesn't like me because I'm dark-skinned," Denzell said. "He thinks I'm what kids like to call 'gangster.' And her friends don't like me because I'm dark-skinned, and they think dark-skinned kids are always mean to everyone. But I'm not like that at all.

"It's really sad to me. It's like, 'Come on.' I wish people would get to know me instead of judging me by my skin color.

"My mom's white and my dad's black. And I always tell people I was raised white. I was raised around motorcycles and rock music.

"I think to be white is to use surfer terms and motorcycle terms and to be into rock music. And the black part is being in gangs and always going to jail, stealing stuff, and doing stuff that's not appropriate."

"Wait a minute!" Denzell's cousin interjected. And his mother said, "Your uncle's black, and he's a cardiologist."

"All right. All right," Denzell gave in. "I said that wrong. I mean 'gangster-black.' I was talking about being gangster-black."

Then he went on:

"I have lied about my race before. At summer school, I said I was Hawaiian and white. But people treated me the same. They still picked on me. They still called me names.

"They call me

Too Shy?

Trouble with dating? Parties? Public speaking?
Starting conversations? Speaking to authority figures?
Always worried about what other people think of you?

Confidential help is available. You may be eligible to

Receive Free Treatment

with computerized therapy as part of a research program.

Call: **619-229-3740** or e-mail: **SDSUCUTA@hotmail.com**
http://nas.psy.sdsu.edu

CENTER FOR UNDERSTANDING AND TREATING ANXIETY

6386 Alvarado Court, Suite 301, San Diego

Quitting smoking is one of the most important things you will ever do.

- You are likely to live longer and better.
- Quitting will lower your chance of having a heart attack, stroke, or cancer.
- The people you live with, especially your children, will be healthier.
- You will have extra money to spend on things other than cigarettes.

Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a 26-week clinical trial on an investigational medication that may help participants quit smoking and maintain smoking cessation. To qualify for this research study, you must be at least 18 years old and smoke, on average, 10 cigarettes per day for at least the last 2 months. If you qualify for this study, all research medication and study-related care will be provided at no cost to you. You will receive brief smoking cessation counseling to help you succeed in your efforts to stop smoking. In addition, compensation will be provided for travel reimbursement.

For more information about this smoking cessation research study, please call:
(619) 308-0441
or visit us online at: www.ari-inc.com

AFFILIATED RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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.

To learn more about this research study or to schedule an appointment with our staff, call us today:
(619) 688-6565
See our website: www.ari-inc.com

AFFILIATED RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Are you hiding out because of ACNE?

If you are 12 years of age or older and have acne, you may be able to participate in a clinical research study testing an investigational gel medication.

Qualified participants will receive at no cost:
- Skin evaluations
- An investigational gel medication for 12 weeks
- Reimbursement for time and travel

To qualify you should:
- Have acne on the face
- Be 12 years of age or older
- Be in good general health

Come out of your shell and stop hiding…

To learn more about this research study or to schedule an appointment with our staff, call us today:
(619) 688-6565
See our website: www.ari-inc.com

AFFILIATED RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Anxiety Study

Signs and symptoms:

- Experiencing persistent worry? • Feeling restless, irritable, or tense?
- Having difficulty sleeping? • Having difficulty concentrating?

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

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

If you would like additional information regarding this study and are between the ages of 18 and 65, please contact:
(619) 688-6565
See our website: www.ari-inc.com

AFFILIATED RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Currently taking ZYPREXA…

for the treatment of Schizophrenia Disorder and are overweight?

You may qualify to participate in an 11-week outpatient clinical study.

Qualified study participants will receive study drug and all study-related procedures at no cost. You will also receive up to $600 for your time and travel.

For more information about this study, please contact:
(619) 688-6565
or visit us online at: www.affiliatedresearch.com

AFFILIATED RESEARCH INSTITUTE

names from both races. They call me 'whitey,' because I'm into rock music and all that. And there's another name, but I don't think it's really appropriate. They call me 'white-ass nigger.' Sometimes I don't hear them, but other kids'll come and tell me what they said, and I'm just, like, 'Whatever.'

"Although I do get into fights. I do fight. I fight whenever someone makes me mad to a point where I can't take it. Like, once this one kid kept calling me 'white-ass nigger.' So I fought him. It wasn't the right thing to do. I should have just ignored him. But I couldn't take it anymore.

"I probably eventually will learn to be proud of both my races. I hope so. I don't know if it'll hurt or help my chances of getting a job or getting into college. I don't think I'd lie about my race to get ahead. Although I might. I don't know. If it's for something important, then I might. I haven't really thought about that.

"I wish I was full white. That's how I define myself. I don't think I'm supposed to be this color.

"If I had a wish, one wish, I'd wish I had white skin. Then people wouldn't judge me before they even know me." ■

— *Geoff Bouvier*

Eyelash Extension
For a more glamorous look.
Increases length and volume.

Refresh Body Package $150
Reg. $200. European facial, full-body massage, reflexology, spa pedicure and manicure and dermabrasion.
3-hour session.
Couples' Special **$290**

Waxing
Bikini & Brazilian available!
Starting at $25

Tinting:
Eyebrow $12
Eyelash $15

Spa Treatment Package $135
European facial, 1-hour body massage and detox hydro-pack wrap for slimming, plus a free travel kit!

Royal Treatment $80
1-hour body massage plus your choice of detox hydro pack wrap for slimming or detox herbal linen wrap.

Winter Sensation
Manicure and spa pedicure with one of the following: 1-hour full-body massage **$75**
1-hour European facial **$65**
1-hour figure wrap, lose 4˝-15˝ **$70**

Photo Facial $130 (1½ hours)
Microdermabrasion with light therapy treatment, non-surgical, no recovery time. Increases collagen and blood circulation, reduces wrinkles, sun damage, large pores, blemishes and rosacea.

Diamond Microdermabrasion $65
Includes facial, acupressure, and custom masque. Treats fine lines, wrinkles, brown spots, pigmentation, acne scars and enlarged pores.

The "New Dermosonic" Method
Advanced treatment for cellulite and spot reduction.
Abdominal or back 40 min. **$45**
Thighs or hips 60 min. **$65**
Add any section to figure wrap for only **$10**

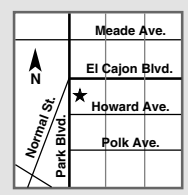
Deluxe Treatment $80
Microdermabrasion, European facial, spa pedicure and manicure.

Stress Relief $75
40-minute reflexology foot massage, 30-minute head/neck acupressure and back massage. Spa pedicure included.

Back Facial Treatment $50
Relaxing back facial beginning with deep cleansing and followed by exfoliation using hydroactive mineral salts to polish away dullness. Relax with a Swedish or acupressure massage with essential oils. Finish with sea mud.

We use and sell Dermalogica products • Gift Certificates Available

My Skincare & Day Spa
and Nail Salon
Open 7 days/week • www.mynailskincare.com
619.220.0565 | 4225 Park Blvd. | San Diego 92103
Parking is in back of the salon.



Cure Hair Loss... Permanently

- We offer both surgical and pharmaceutical treatments for hair loss
- Hair transplants using single follicles for the most natural results
- Unparalleled artistry and angular placement to maximize appearance
- Permanent growing hair is grafted to replace what has been lost
- Natural results are our #1 priority, as your image is extremely important
- **One Day in the Chair, a Lifetime of Hair!**

Call now for your complimentary consultation.

$3 per graft

No additional charges for anesthesia, O.R., medicines, follow-up, etc.

Ross Medical Hair Restoration, Inc.

Weekend Appointments Available

Brandon M. Ross, M.D., M.B.A., M.P.H.
Dr. Ross has successfully transplanted millions of hairs.
www.rosscmg.com
4150 Regents Park Row, Suite 245, La Jolla, CA 92037
858-546-0060

For Men Only

Tired of irritated skin and ingrown hairs?
Laser Hair Removal is the cure!

Holiday Special:
2 or more areas 10% Off!

Full Back & Shoulders
$399 per treatment

Don't want to take it all off?
Ask about laser hair removal thinning and sculpting!
We offer customized skin care for men – treat sun damage, redness, broken capillaries and lines.
Expires 12/31/06.

Laser Treatments

Leg Veins **$175** per treatment
Laser Hair Removal for Women
Brazilian and Underarms Combo **$189** per treatment*
*Not valid with any other offer.
Bikini **$99** per treatment
2 or more areas 10% Off
Expires 12/31/06.

$50 Off Any Service
Every new patient receives complimentary eyebrow shaping and skin analysis!
Some restrictions apply. Call for details. Expires 12/31/06.

Introducing George Weiss, M.D.
Now offering additional medical services: Natural Hormone Therapy, Anti Aging & Weight Loss

Skin Rejuvenation Specialists

Free Mini-Micropeel
with any IPL Photofacial treatment.

IPL Photofacial $199 first treatment only (reg. $350)
Customized to address individual needs of patient.

Botox Wednesday: $9 per unit all day
(reg. $12 per unit)

Restylane filler for wrinkles.
$25 off for Restylane Rewards.

Spa 858 Lip Enhancement $600
Full, soft and sexy!

Expires 12/31/06.

SPA 858
4130 La Jolla Village Drive
Suite 105, La Jolla
1.888.371.4638
www.spa858.com

ViP
About You Day Spa

DAY SPA

December Special
TIGHTEN & TONE FACIAL WITH REJUVENATING FACIAL
$55 (REG. $65)

Myotonology (Face-lift)
$85 (REG. $110)
Micro-current strengthens and lifts muscles to firm, contour, and smooth wrinkles to improve texture. DNA collagen and elastin are applied to rehydrate and improve elasticity and circulation.

Microdermabrasion With Rejuvenation Facial
Face & Neck **$75** (1 hr.)
Series of 3 **$210**
Buy series of 5 **$375** & Get 1 FREE

Mini Day Spa Package
$75 (REG. $85)
Includes: 1-hour facial with 15-minute head and neck acupressure and back massage, alpha hydroxy peel (smooths and softens skin texture and appearance), European facial, plus spa manicure and pedicure. A natural face-lift that helps cleanse the skin, removes fine lines, freckles and blemishes.

Escape–A Day Away
$149 (REG. $180)
Includes: microdermabrasion, 1-hour full-body massage, manicure, deluxe pedicure, and your choice of one spa body therapy below: hydroactive mineral salt scrub, enzymatic sea mud wrap, detox hydro pack wrap, detox herbal linen wrap, or aromatherapy steamer.

Pamper Yourself
$114 (REG. $135)
2 1/2 hours total. Includes: European facial, 1-hour full-body therapeutic massage, manicure and pedicure.

Multi-Vitamin Package
$99 (REG. $120)
2 1/2 hours. Includes: 20-minute head and neck acupressure and back massage, multi-vitamin facial, back facial treatment, spa manicure and pedicure. Skin's elasticity, tone, and texture are greatly improved.

Body Balance Energy
$130 (REG. $150)
Includes: 1/2-hour reflexology foot massage,1/2-hour stress release back massage and 1/2-hour head and neck acupressure. Aromatherapy steamer with spa pedicure.

Total Body Wellness
$135 (REG. $180)
3 hours total. Includes: European facial, 1-hour full-body therapeutic massage, manicure, deluxe spa pedicure, and your choice of one spa body therapy below: hydroactive mineral salt scrub, enzymatic sea mud wrap, detox hydro pack wrap for slimming, detox herbal linen wrap, or aromatherapy steamer.

COSMETIC PROCEDURES

Permanent Eyelash Extensions
$130 (REG. $200)
Newest Japanese technique. Lasts 4-8 weeks. All natural.

Permanent Makeup
Lipliner **$200** (REG. $300)
Eyeliner **$200** (REG. $300)
Eyebrow **$200** (REG. $300)
Full Lip **$400** (REG. $500)

Free gift with every gift card purchase.

We use and sell dermalogica® products

9484 Black Mountain Rd., Suite D
858-586-6626

vipdayspa.com • AboutUDaySpa.com
Open 7 days a week
Ask about our midweek special
Visa/MC Lic. #24737

When You Don't Know What To Give Her...

Free Laser Treatment!*

*When you purchase any Comet Laser Hair Removal, IPL Photofacial or Polaris Skin Tightening Package. Limited offer.

Fraxel™ Laser Skin Resurfacing
Improves acne scars, lines, wrinkles and skin texture. Eliminates age spots/sun spots and melasma. Even tightens skin. Safe for all skin colors and types. Call for prices and details.

Laser Hair Removal
The **Comet™** delivers fast, permanent hair removal ***without pain***. Effective on ***all*** hair colors and ***all*** skin types (even tan skin).
Prices are per treatment. Package discounts available.
Bikini (reg.) or Underarms **$75**
Bikini & Underarms Combo **$99**
Brazilian Bikini **$179** Extended Bikini **$129**
Full Back **$299**
Chest or Abdomen **$149**
Shoulders/Upper Back **$149**
Lip **$39** Chin **$49** Lip & Chin Combo **$79**
Legs–Full **$299**
Legs–Upper or lower **$149**
Toes Free with Any Leg Treatment

IPL Photofacial-Medical Strength
First treatment **$199** (reg. $249)
Photofacial & Microdermabrasion Combo
First treatment **$249** (reg. $314)
IPL Package: 5 Photofacials & 5 Microdermabrasions $1099 (reg. $1240)

Polaris™ Skin Tightening and Wrinkle Reduction
$199 per treatment. (Limited offer.)
Tightens and smooths face, brow, neck, breasts, etc. ***without pain***. Reduces pore size and acne scarring. No downtime.

Gift Certificates Available

Botox®
$119* per area. May be purchased by the area or by the unit.
*New patients only.

Restylane-Wrinkle Filler & Lip Plumper
from **$249** per syringe. Lasts 6-9 months.
Monday: **$25 off all 1cc syringes**
Tuesday-Saturday: **$25 off 2 or more 1cc syringes**
Additional $25 off with Restylane Rewards Rebate.

Restylane/Botox® combo special!
Receive **$25 off** 2 or more Botox® areas with the purchase of a Restylane treatment.
(All treatments must be performed on the same visit.)

IPL Photofacial and Polaris Skin Tightening Combo Special*
$299 per treatment
*May not be combined with other specials/discounts.

Microdermabrasion
$49 (reg. $65)
Includes oxygen facial.

Vitalize Peel
$99 The "lunchtime peel"

Microdermabrasion & Peel Combo
$325 (reg. $444)
3 Microdermabrasions and 3 Vitalize Peels.

Free Microdermabrasion or Ultrasonic Pore Cleansing with all package purchases

Institute for Aesthetic Medicine
9339 Genesee Avenue, Suite 260
(Near University Towne Centre Mall)
Call for your FREE consultation 858-678-0220

Free consultations | Saturday and evening appts. available | Interest-free financing options available
The California Institute for Aesthetic Medicine, a Medical Corporation. Specials may not be combined with other offers.

ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE *READER* ON JULY 30, 1981

TWO DIVIDED BY TWO

My wife and I had been living apart peacefully for three years before she decided to "make it legal." And thus the long war began. We'd been married 14 years, practically our entire adult lives, and although we were resigned to the marriage's failure, talk of divorce had been a frightening idea. Specific issues, such as who would have custody of the two boys — seven-year-old Sean and five-year-old Richard — were too unsettling for me even to think about. Of course, those aren't my sons' real names. Discussing in public the breakup of one's family is difficult enough without having to ruin whatever privacy your children have managed to keep for themselves. Back then, they'd been living with their mother in Clairemont, and I would see them every two or three days, taking them places like Bob's Big Boy or the Mission Beach Plunge, sometimes along with their mother, while maintaining my own life in a one-bedroom house in Ocean Beach. Perhaps I didn't ever think about the details of divorce because I knew — and feared — what my wife would do. But when I got word that she had decided to take action, I telephoned her one October night in 1977 to ask what she was planning. "My attorney told me not to discuss that end of it with you," was her hesitant answer. Three days later I got the news officially from the attorney's secretary. "Yes," she informed me, "the form you're to sign indicates she is asking for custody of both children."

"I know how you feel about that," my wife later explained. "But I believe this is what's best for the children. You obviously didn't care about them or you wouldn't have moved out on us," she said bitterly. I pleaded that she consider joint custody, but she was adamant. The next day, half blinded by anger and dread, I did the only thing I felt I could do. I went looking for an attorney.

Over the next five months, prior to the divorce trial (known as the "interlocutory hearing" by the legal industry), my life became a long, muffled scream. Every attorney I spoke with confirmed the worst: as the father, and espe-

"There's a matter about Mr. Corvus having female company at his house overnight on weekends during his children's visitation. We don't think it's good for them, Your Honor."

cially as a father who had moved out, I had absolutely no parental rights after divorce. My wife could legally take the children with her back East to live with her parents, as she had mentioned doing. My only recourse, the attorneys said, was to sue for child custody myself, which, they all agreed, was a waste of time. As for an injunction preventing my wife and children from leaving town, I was told no judge would order it if my wife did not agree.

It was true that during the last three years of my marriage I had been less than the model husband, having had affairs with other women, even as my wife was aware of them. While I feared her anger and felt guilty about the pain I caused her, I honestly believed my life was my own, and I wasn't happy turning down another woman who wanted a part of me my wife never knew and never really wanted. We attempted various arrangements, but nothing seemed to work. First, I asked her to have affairs of her own, but she wasn't interested. We went to group therapy for a year, but that only solidified my resolve to have more affairs. My guilt about the whole thing finally led me to move away to begin my own life. Naturally, she felt betrayed of all she had invested in building a family, and today, with my anger having been transformed into purpose and action, and with most of the fear having vanished, I can understand why she wanted to get even. She would say that vengeance had nothing to do with it, that she was only trying to protect the children. Beginning in the fall of 1977 and during the turbulent winter that followed, so was I.

We both cared enough about Sean and Richard that I believed any attorney would only naturally want to help us arrange for joint custody.

By March of 1978, our divorce hearing had been set, and I had been working with an attorney who thought he could help. My plan was to get an injunction from the judge, added onto the divorce, which would prevent my wife from taking our sons out of the county. We appeared before Judge Francis Gallagher. My attorney knew how hard I'd prepared for this appearance, and to my chagrin I quickly discovered it was good that I had, too. If I'd left matters solely to my attorney, nothing would have been done. Family-law attorneys, I've learned, generally are unprepared to fight hard for all their clients; they each have far too many cases (about 60 at any given moment, my attorney estimated for himself) to get deeply involved in any one. They can spare just enough time to line up the legal dominoes, tap the first one, and hope everything falls according to plan. In my debut court appearance, I learned a great deal about how that plan works.

My wife's attorney was the first to speak. I'd already formed an unfavorable opinion of this man, with his soft body and even softer voice. Six months earlier and weeks before that portentous phone call to my wife, she and I had driven out to his office in El Cajon to see if we couldn't resolve our differences peacefully. It was a cordial meeting, and the issue of child custody didn't come up, at least not to the point of serious discussion. We both cared enough about Sean and Richard that I believed any attorney would only naturally want to help us arrange for joint custody. As we walked into his office I felt proud of the fact that, unlike many angry couples we had heard of but had never known, we at least had the good sense not to run out and each get our own lawyer. The El Cajon attorney listened to our complaints, then said he'd try to work out something for us. Two weeks later he telephoned me to

Health & Beauty Guide

Free 24-hour hotline for frequently asked questions: 619-233-9797

Call anytime and enter a four-digit extension, or visit our website: SanDiegoReader.com/health

Extension 7010
Abdominoplasty/ Tummy Tuck
1 What is abdominoplasty?
2 Full v. mini v. liposuction
3 Surgery
4 Risks & side effects
5 Recovery

D. Glynn Bolitho, MD, PhD, FACS
9834 Genesee Ave., Suite 311, La Jolla
866-413-2917
bolitho.md

Extension 7070
Botox
1 What is Botox?
2 Botox & wrinkles
3 Effects of Botox
4 How much does it cost?

Venus Medical
3166 Midway Dr., Suite 105, Point Loma
619-758-9875
venusmedical.com

Extension 7040
Breast Surgery
1 Breast augmentation
2 Silicone v. saline implants
3 Breast lift
4 Breast reduction
5 Male breast reduction

D. Glynn Bolitho, MD, PhD, FACS
9834 Genesee Ave., Suite 311, La Jolla
866-413-2917
bolitho.md

Extension 7240
Contour ThreadLift™
1 What can be treated?
2 What are Contour Threads?
3 How do they work?
4 Recovery & results
5 How much does it cost?

Jerrold Polterock, MD, FACS
Bonita Med Spa
180 Otay Lakes Rd., Suite 207, Bonita
619-267-5900
bonitamedspa.com

Extension 7100
Cosmetic Dentistry
1 About our office
2 Implants, dentures & partials
3 Invisalign, the clear straightener
4 Veneers & teeth whitening
5 Crowns, bridges & surgeries

Dr. A. Shojania
Extreme Smile Makeover
5927 Balboa Avenue
Clairemont
858-751-5733

Extension 7190
Hair Transplantation/ Restoration
1 How it works
2 Who is a candidate?
3 What to expect
4 Resuming activities
5 About our center

International Laser Hair Transplant Surgery Center
8010 Frost St., Suite 600
Kearny Mesa
858-277-5600

Extension 7080
Laser Eye Surgery
1 About LASIK
2 Who is a candidate?
3 Your eye exam
4 Surgery
5 After surgery

Farzad Yaghouti, MD
Global Laser Vision Medical Center
6950 Friars Rd., Suite 100
Mission Valley
800-438-5274
globallaservision.com

Extension 7090
Laser Hair Removal
1 About our center
2 How it works
3 Which laser is best?
4 Treatment
5 Appointments & costs

San Diego Laser Medical Center
8880 Rio San Diego Dr. #1040, Mission Valley
888-735-2737
sandiegolasercenter.com

Extension 7030
LipoSculpture
1 What is it?
2 How it works
3 Initial steps
4 Future weight gain
5 Best candidates

Sadrian Cosmetic Surgery Center, Inc.
9850 Genesee Ave. #500
La Jolla
858-457-1111
sadriancosmeticsurgery.com

Extension 7000
Rhinoplasty
1 Procedures
2 Nose "design" options
3 Risks & side effects
4 After surgery
5 Resumption of activities

Mario S. Yco, MD, FACS
477 N. El Camino Real, Suite A-210, Encinitas
760-944-4211
facesurgery.com

Extension 7160
Tanning
1 About us
2 Benefits of tanning
3 UV-free instant tan
4 Vertical booths v. beds
5 Hollywood Tans membership

Hollywood Tans
7 locations in San Diego & N. County. Call toll-free for the one nearest you.
877-TANS 1-2-3
hollywoodtans.com

Extension 7050
Weight Loss
1 What should I eat?
2 How much can I lose?
3 Body Mass Index (BMI)
4 Is the Atkins Diet safe?
5 Exercise: How much?

Viva Wellness Medical Group
3166 Midway Drive, Suite 105, Point Loma
619-222-5433
vivawellness.com

Extension 7170
Electrolysis
1 What is electrolysis?
2 How much does it cost?
3 Is it painful?
4 How is skin affected?
5 How long does it last?

Other categories available for sponsorship include: Acupuncture, Cosmetic Fillers, Hormone Therapy, Permanent Makeup, Eyelid Surgery, and Face-Lift. Call 619.235.3000 to speak with a sales representative.

The professionals who provide this information are solely responsible for its content. This information does not address all medical situations, nor is it intended to replace a medical consultation. It is provided free, but if calling from outlying areas, you may incur toll charges on your telephone bill.

Facial Plastic Surgery

San Diego's highest-volume BOTOX®-providing medical facility in 2005,
awarded by Allergan Inc.,
the makers of BOTOX®.

- Rhinoplasty (nose surgery)
- Face-lifts
- Neck-lifts
- Eyelid surgery
- Endoscopic forehead lift
- Endoscopic midface-lift
- Otoplasty (ear reshaping)
- Botox®
- Fat transfer to the face
- Laser skin resurfacing
- Chemical peels
- Restylane
- Collagen
- Photofacial
- Fraxel
- Thermage

model

Dr. Amir Moradi
Duke University Trained
American Board of Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
For a complimentary consultation please call: 760-726-6451
2023 W. Vista Way #F, Vista
www.face-beautiful.com

announce that he could not represent two opposing clients and that he was now representing Mrs. Corvus exclusively. Furthermore, he advised, I should find myself an attorney.

Six months later, in court for our divorce, my wife's attorney was telling the judge that his client, the mother, should have full custody of the children, with "reasonable visitation" granted the father. Additionally, he declared that she should have the right to move back East with them to join her parents if she desired. My attorney seemed distracted, and I was getting panicky. I had prepared a list of hundreds of dated diary entries describing the activities I'd shared with my sons during our three and a half years of living apart. I intended the judge to hear every item if necessary, but my attorney seemed to have forgotten about the list. Finally I got his attention and reluctantly he asked the judge to let me testify, previewing him first about the list, the purpose of which was to show my full participation as a parent. Judge Gallagher looked pained. He obviously didn't want to sit through an hour or more of this. "This is St. Patrick's Day, so I'm going to give something to both parties," he said flippantly. First he ordered that I pay $300 per month child support, despite the fact that I had been unemployed for three months and had interviewed 25 oceanographic and other technical firms without luck. The judge was not impressed by the fact that while I *had* been employed, I'd given my wife and children $1000 per month support money for the three years I'd been working and she hadn't. That she was now employed and I wasn't made no difference to the judge. "I suppose you'll be working soon," he told me. Then, to fulfill his proclaimed fairness doctrine, he granted the injunction against her moving away. I think my attorney was more surprised than I. For an instant I thought I had won.

Judge Gallagher then ordered that I not be permitted to have "overnight female guests" in my house while my children were present.

"Just a minute," my wife's attorney said as he stood up. My wife had been whispering to him furiously. "There's a matter about Mr.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

I lost 240 lbs!

If you are overweight by 100 pounds or more, isn't it time to take control of your life and your health? At Alvarado Hospital Medical Center's Weight Loss Program your health and well-being is our biggest priority. Our experienced bariatric surgeons have performed thousands of weight loss surgeries. In fact, the first reported laproscopic gastric bypass surgery was performed here at Alvarado Hospital. At our free seminars you can personally meet one of our highly skilled bariatric surgeons, who will discuss the risks and benefits of laproscopic weight loss surgery. Our dedicated and compassionate staff understands your situation. Why wait? You only have your life to gain.

"When I was 240 pounds heavier I couldn't even walk up stairs without getting short of breath. Now I'm running, crewing, and playing golf. I just wish I could play as good as I look!"
— Kelly Valencia, RN (Nurse)

Free Seminars!

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6-8 pm
Saturday, Jan. 27, 10 am-Noon
Alvarado Hospital Medical Center / SDRI
SDRI Conference Center
6645 Alvarado Road, San Diego, CA

Reservations Required
1-866-243-0299

www.alvaradoweightloss.com

Alvarado
Hospital Medical Center/SDRI
Tenet California

Attention Denture Wearers!

(present & future)
Can't chew? Embarrassed? Feeling insecure?
Eat everything and feel confident again!

Modern technology has changed everything!
Dental Implants – they're quick, pain-free, no sutures!

THEY ELIMINATE:
- Loose-fitting upper/lower dentures • Messy denture adhesives
- Pain and soreness • Feeling insecure • Plastic palate

I can do this now!

Free Information Hour!
Every Wednesday 12 noon-1 pm • Every Thursday 7-8 pm
Live Presentation • Questions and Answers • Refreshments
Seating is limited – call now to reserve your seat.

Toll-free: 877-FIT-SNUG (877-348-7684)
www.mytvdentist.com

Howard B. Feffer, D.D.S.
8881 Fletcher Parkway, Suite 220
La Mesa/Grossmont Area (near Grossmont Center)
Easy freeway accessibility • Ample parking

Howard Feffer, D.D.S.
(as seen on TV)

Denture wearers: Enjoy a quality life every day for the rest of your life!

Save 50% or more on implant-supported dentures!

New Patient Dental Exam $39
Includes necessary x-rays and oral cancer screening.

1-Hour Teeth Whitening $159
Smile line.

Take-Home Whitening Kit $199
Full-mouth smile.

With coupon. Offers expire 1/4/07.

Other services available:
- Invisalign clear braces
- Lumineers • Veneers • Dentures
- Extractions • Tooth-colored restorations
- Crowns/Bridges

Dental Offices of RANA ISAQI, DDS
Most insurance accepted.
Military welcome.
Financing (OAC). Medi-Cal.

3659 India St. (Washington & India)
San Diego • 619-297-7722
1615 East Plaza Blvd. (corner of Plaza & Palm)
National City • 619-474-8888

Reverse the signs of aging!
Reduce wrinkles, acne scars, pore size, hyperpigmentation, and rosacea.

IPL Photofacial & Diamond Microdermabrasion
$139 (Reg. $210) First trial/package rate.

Free Glycolic Acid Facial
($60 value) With any package purchased.

Gift certificates available.

Dermal Rejuvenation & Day Spa
14034 Poway Road, Suite P • Poway • **858-513-0092**
Open Saturdays • Package & payment plans available
Dr. Nader Harerchan, BA.D.C., L.E. • dermalandwellnessspa.com

FREE DIAGNOSIS For gum disease.
Protect your heart – have your gums treated.

$1000 Off*
Invisalign® Treatment. Free consultation.

FREE Bleaching
upon completion of treatment.
Expires 1/11/07. *Full cases only. Regular price $4,900.

FAMILY AND REFERRAL OFFER
$35 Reg. $250
- Complete exam
- X-rays • Initial cleaning
- Doctor consultation
- Oral cancer screening

Does not apply to patients needing periodontal treatment.
Family referral and new patients only. Expires 1/11/07.

***ZOOM!* 1-hour WHITENING**
As seen on *Extreme Makeover.*
Special Offer **$199*** In just one visit. $750 value.
Does not apply to patients needing periodontal treatment.
*Exam and polishing $35 additional. Expires 1/11/07.

Porcelain Bonded Crowns $499
With this ad. Expires 1/11/07.

Invisalign® is the invisible way to straighten teeth using a system of custom-made aligners.

The Ultimate Package in Dentistry
General • Cosmetic • Invisalign® (oral sedation available)

Gift certificates available

N. Abhari, D.D.S, F.D.S., R.C.S.

Financing Available
(on approved credit).
Most insurance and Medi-Cal welcome.
Over 20 years' experience.
www.drabhari.com

3023 Bunker Hill St. #101
(Behind Pacific Nissan off Mission Bay Dr.)
858-270-1400

Baja Health & Beauty Directory

SAFE & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DON'T HAVE TO BE EXPENSIVE!

BOARD-CERTIFIED PLASTIC SURGEONS

BY MEXICO'S BOARD OF PLASTIC SURGERY

Francisco Bucio, M.D. Have an extreme makeover experience in a state-of-the-art clinic. With over 20 years of experience, specializing in Body Contouring, Power Liposculpture, Breast Augmentation and Reduction, Face-Lifts, Tummy Tucks and Botox. Visa and MasterCard accepted. Please call us: 619-946-2158; 619-946-2156; 011-52-664-686-4588; Toll-free: 1-866-831-6400
www.franciscobucio.com

New!
Nonsurgical Skin Tightening with Accent Radiofrequency Technology. First Effective Cellulite Treatment.

PLUS: • IPL Photo-Rejuvenation • IPL Hair Removal
• Vasculight Vein Treatment • Medi-Spa
• ND: YAG Q-Switched Laser Tattoo Removal

Call toll-free: 1-866-831-6400
Visit our page: www.franciscobucio.com

Ricardo Vega Montiel, M.D. Member of the International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. Providing the desired results in Body Contouring and Face Rejuvenation in a fully licensed surgical facility located at the Grand Hotel Tijuana Complex. Ultimate European facial filler **Kosmogel** and **Botox** certified surgeon. Visa and MasterCard are welcome. 619-946-1074; 1-888-4VEMONT
drvega@teleserviz.com

Juan Carlos Fuentes, M.D. Corresponding member of the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, Dr. Fuentes and his bilingual staff provide first-quality results in all fields of Plastic Surgery, performed in a state-of-the-art surgical facility. For more information please call us: 619-428-4803, or visit us online.
www.fuentesmd.com

DENTISTRY

Oscar Torres, D.D.S. Tijuana's PREMIER dental office. Affordable General and Cosmetic Dentistry, state-of-the-art equipment and materials, English-speaking staff. Specializing in Veneers, Bonding, Crowns, Implants and Dentures. Mercury-free dentistry. 1-hour *Zoom!* bleaching. USA-trained dentists. Own dental lab on premises. Strict OSHA sterilization control. All treatments guaranteed. All major credit cards welcome. 1-866-804-1877; 011-52-664-634-0835
www.sdro.com/pacdental

José Luís Martínez, D.D.S. 24 years' experience in dentistry using only the best dental materials. Specializing in Cosmetic Dentistry, Implants, Veneers, Metal free Crowns, *ZOOM!* Teeth Whitening in 45 minutes. Strict OSHA guidelines for sterilization and room disinfection, bottled water. USA insurance PPO accepted. All treatments guaranteed. All major credit cards welcome. Digital X-rays FREE. 1-866-390-0349; 011-52-664-684-1481
info@cosmeticdentalcentertj.com
www.cosmeticdentalcentertj.com

Cirenia Aparicio, D.D.S., Mariela Orihuela, M.S. Distinguished office. Reasonable prices, superior-quality Cosmetic and Orthodontics. 20 years' combined experience. Braces, Bonding, Whitening, Veneers, Crowns, Root Canals, Dentures, Implants, Oral Surgery. Strict OSHA sterilization. USA laboratory and materials. English spoken. Insurance, credit cards accepted. Free checkup and X-rays. Less than 1 minute from border. Next to Costco Rio Zone. Free secured parking. 619-446-6345; 011-52-664-685-7020
www.DENTISTatTIJUANA.com

Erico Carreño, D.D.S. Cosmetic Dentistry, Orthodontics and Laser. 17 years of experience. Quality and ethics are our priority. *ZOOM 2!*, Veneers, Braces, mercury-free dentistry. First consultation is FREE. American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, ADA, World Clinical Laser Institute Member. Most American insurances accepted. No HMOs. 619-308-7082; 011-52-664-684-8133
www.drerico.com • www.biolase.com
www.abc.go.com/primetime/extrememakeover/

PRODENT, Alfonso Gracia A., D.D.S. Located just across the border. Gentle, ethical, antiseptic and affordable dental care. Implants, Oral Surgery, Endodontics, mercury-free dentistry, Cosmetic Dentistry. Member of the American, California and Hispanic Dental Associations. Most U.S. dental insurance accepted. Visa and MasterCard are welcome. 619-308-7845; 1-888-ALFONZO (253-6696)
Prodent@telnor.net

Ricardo Alvarez, D.D.S. 20 years of experience in all Cosmetic Dental Procedures. Master studies in Implants and Prostodontics. Our office offers INEXPENSIVE and safe Biological Dental Treatments (no mercury). Special attention to ADULTS and SENIOR patients. FREE diagnosis, digital x-rays (not radiation), estimates and TAXI LIBRE on your first visit. Strict sterilization control. PPO insurance welcome. Visa and MasterCard accepted. 619-734-0222
www.bajadentist.com • appointments@bajadentist.com

Baja Dental Cosmetics, Endodontics and Implant Center Perla Acevedo, master's degree, DDS, Maria Fernanda De Soto, master's degree, DDS, Hector Santillana, master's degree, DDS. Guaranteed dental treatments, all with dentists with master's degrees in Endodontics, Cosmetic, Prosthetic and Implant Dentistry, strict sterilization control, newest materials, techniques and equipment including digital X-rays. Call for an appointment: 619-946-6444; 011-52-664-634-3998
www.bajadentalspa.com

Maité Moreno, D.D.S. M.S. University of Michigan. Member of the American College of Prosthodontics and the Academy of Osseointegration. Porcelain Crown and Bridge for natural teeth and Implants by Procera System™. Other cosmetic dentistry procedures. Teeth Whitening. Digital X-rays. OSHA guidelines. Close to the border. Welcome American Express cards.
619-554-4416; 619-225-8267; 011-52-664-900-7550
implantdentalcenter@axtel.net
www.implantdentalcenter.com

LASIK SURGERY

CLINICA DE OJOS DE TIJUANA, Juan Pablo Rodriguez Pérez, M.D., Ophthalmologist Member of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery and Member of Mexican Society of Ophthalmology. Specialist in Refractive Surgery including LASIK, Cataract Surgery, Glaucoma, Corneal Transplant, Keratoconus Surgery (Intrastromal Rings). Medical Doctor and specialist in Ophthalmology at the Barraquer Institute of America in Bogotá, Colombia. Clinical Research Fellow in Cornea and Uveitis at the Cole Eye Institute, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio. Glaucoma Fellow at the Ocular Microsurgery Institute (IMO) in Barcelona, Spain. Located just across the border: Ignacio Comonfort No. 15, Cond. Paseo II, Zona Rio, Tijuana, B.C. México. All major credit cards welcome. Call for appointment: 1-800-865-5606; 011-52-664-634-0080
info@clinicadeojosdetijuana.com • www.clinicadeojosdetijuana.com

CLINICA DE OJOS DE TIJUANA

Melt Away Fat Without Surgery!

Introducing

Lipo-Dissolve

by Changes Plastic Surgery, the leader in non-operative fat removal.
Complimentary consultation.

$367* per area

*When purchased as a package.

Actual patients

Changes Plastic Surgery

Gilbert Lee, M.D.

Carmel Valley: 11515 El Camino Real, Suite 150
858-720-1440 • www.ChangesPlasticSurgery.com
Certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery

Member
American Society of Plastic Surgeons

Corvus having female company at his house overnight on weekends during his children's visitation. We don't think it's good for them, Your Honor." I'd been seeing a woman for about a year and was considering living with her. My sons occasionally griped to their mother about the attention I gave my friend, knowing the manipulative effect such complaints might have and being jealous of my affections. What was she bringing this up for? I wondered. Amazingly, Judge Gallagher then ordered that I not be permitted to have "overnight female guests" in my house while my children were present. My attorney asked no questions and thanked him.

An hour later, walking through the downtown lunch crowds on the street, I began to fret about the consequences of Judge Gallagher's edict. I had to give up seeing either my friend or my children. "Relax," my attorney said as we crossed the street. "Wait six months or so, then go back to court. Another judge might rule differently. Just don't see her on weekends. Quit complaining. You got what you wanted, didn't you? Your wife can't take them back East." As to my child support, I still had several thousand dollars in my savings, so I could keep paying that for a while. My attorney thought it inconceivable that I should return to the courtroom that instant and personally ask the judge if he knew what he was doing, though that's exactly what I wanted to do.

Thirty minutes later I peered through the window in the courtroom door. It was locked and the room was nearly empty. At the clerk's desk a man sat eating a sandwich and looking over a stack of papers. I pounded on the door until he got up and let me in. "Yeah, I understand how you feel," the clerk said, "but you have to understand that it's standard practice in this county, especially with Judge Gallagher, to keep men from having women over when their kids are with them. It's okay for the mother [to have male guests] because she's considered to be the real parent. You can appeal the case, but that'll take a couple of years. Meanwhile, I'd advise you to regard the injunction seriously. If your kids complain, your wife

"Concentrate on the quality of time you spend with your children. The amount of time isn't that important."

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

Before and After Face-lift and Endoscopic Brow-lift
Actual patient. Results may vary.

Look as young as you feel...

Roy David Amir, M.D.

• Face-lift surgery • Rhinoplasty (nasal surgery)
• Revision rhinoplasty • Eyelid surgery • Chemical peel
• Laser resurfacing • Facial implants • Photo-rejuvenation
• Laser hair removal • Threadlift • Botox • Injectable fillers

LA JOLLA CENTER *for* FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY, PC

Contour ThreadLift

A Medical Corporation

3252 Holiday Court, Suite 206, La Jolla, CA 92037
tel: 858-658-0595 • www.SanDiegoFace.com

Board Certified:
American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery

Loose Dentures?

Now you can live carefree and confident!

With MDI, Mini Dental Implants, you can enjoy secure eating comfort again.

In one short office visit you can have a stable denture with this simple procedure. There is little to no healing time before you can eat your favorite foods with confidence.

Call now for your complimentary consultation.

866-853-0339

AAID American Association of Implant Dentistry • **ADA** American Dental Association

A Poway Dental Group
Poway/Scripps
13422 Pomerado Rd., Suite 202

Del Mar Professional Dental Group
13483 Mango Drive, Suite 104

Dr. Ed Farajzadeh

American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry

Spa Treatments

Retreat Package $155 (reg. $220)
A 3-hour indulgence that includes a European facial and microdermabrasion, a 1-hour therapeutic body massage, salt scrub plus sea mud wrap and a pedicure.

Massage Experience Package $74 (reg. $100)
An incredible 1½-hour experience including foot reflexology, head and neck acupressure, and back massage plus spa pedicure and paraffin wax.

Spa Diva Package $120 (reg. $150)
In this 2-hour and 30-minute treatment, treat your inner diva to a European facial with microdermabrasion, 1-hour body massage and pedicure.

Spa-tacular Package $125 (reg. $170)
This 3-hour package includes a European facial, a 1-hour therapeutic body massage, body wrap, plus spa pedicure and manicure.

Premier Package $99 (reg. $120)
This 2½-hour package includes a European facial as well as a 1-hour therapeutic body massage and a spa pedicure and manicure.

Weekday Specials!
Call for details.

Mon.-Sat. 9:00 am-7:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Visa, MasterCard accepted. (No checks, please)
We use and sell Dermalogica products.
No previous ads accepted. Expires 1/4/07.

Holiday Package Special $105 (reg. $140)
A great 2-hour package which includes a salt scrub, 1-hour body massage and 30-minute foot reflexology.

Skin Treatments

Ultimate Package $65 (reg. $85)
Our 2-hour ultimate package includes a 1-hour European facial plus deep cleansing with steaming, exfoliation and alpha hydroxy, extraction, a 20-minute face, shoulder, neck and back massage, all followed by a revitalizing masque and moisturizer to hydrate and protect your skin, plus a spa pedicure and manicure.

1-Hour European Facial $50

Acne Facial $50

Jennifer Special $65 (reg. $100)
Enjoy a 1-hour Rejuvenation facial with free microdermabrasion.

1½-Hour European Facial $69
with microdermabrasion plus pedicure.

4 Free Microdermabrasions $600
with purchase of 4 IPL (Photofacial) sessions

Brazilian Wax $25 (and up)

Hair Services

Perm $40 and up
Highlights $55 and up
Color $45 and up

$5 OFF GIFT CERTIFICATES For Any Package

Jennifer SALON AND SPA
8055 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Ste. 103-B
(next to Burger King between 805 & 163)
858.560.0325 • 858.560.5081

Thinning Hair?

You have a choice

SPECIALISTS AND DESIGNERS IN MEN'S, WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S HAIR LOSS from: genetic (male pattern baldness), hormonal, stress, alopecia, chemo, burn, surgery and trichotillomania

- LASER HAIR THERAPY FOR MEN AND WOMEN TO PROMOTE HAIR GROWTH
- NONSURGICAL AND STATE OF THE ART
- CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVATE ROOMS
- HAIR GRAFTS, HAIR SYSTEMS, HAIR EXTENSIONS, CUSTOM WIGS, SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS
- OVER 40 YEARS' COMBINED EXPERIENCE
- BOARD OF AMERICAN HAIR LOSS COUNCIL

Specialist Collette

LA JOLLA HAIR CLINIC

Ask for Collette
619-296-7744

6110 Friars Road, Suite 205 • www.lajollahairclinic.com
(1 mile west of 163 Freeway and Fashion Valley Mall. Next to NYPD Pizza)

PCA Chemical Peel
Purchase 6 PCA treatments and receive 7th treatment FREE!
Acne • Rosacea • Sun Damage
Hyperpigmentation • Anti-Aging
$85 Per Treatment

Jan Marini Skin Research
Age Intervention Eyelash

New eyelash technology to help develop fuller, thicker lashes naturally!

Magic Eyelash Extension

- **Lasts as long as you maintain them.**
- **Increase length and volume.**
- **Incredibly natural! For him too!**

Cosmetic Procedures

Eyeliner **$300** (reg. $400)
Lip Liner **$300** (reg. $400)
Eyebrows **$300** (reg. $400)
Full Lip **$600** (reg. $800)

Scar Removal
- Acne scars
- Skin graft scars
- Surgical scars
- Hypertrophics scars

Specializing in removal of freckles, age spots and sun spots

Microdermabrasion with Free Rejuvenation Facial 4 for $235

4 Free Microdermabrasions
with **purchase** of
4 Series IPL (Photofacial) $600
- Increases collagen & elasticity
- Rid yourself of wrinkles, lines and folds, age spots, pores, stretch marks, dilated capillaries and rosacea

Aesthetic Skin Care Treatments by Mason Dang, M.D.

Medical-Grade Skin Peel
Rejuvenate and renew skin, promote new collagen growth for younger and healthier skin. Treat the following:
- Wrinkles
- Sun spots/Sun damage
- Hyperpigmentation
- Discoloration
- Acne
- Low-grade scarring

$119 per peel or $499 for series of 5 (recommended).

Botox® Cosmetic
Smooth away wrinkles.
$11 per unit (no minimum).

Restylane®
Fill wrinkles, lines, and plump up lips. **$449** per 1cc syringe, **$249** per 0.4cc syringe.

Sclerotherapy
Erase unsightly spider veins.
$175-$300 per treatment.

3922 Park Blvd., Hillcrest
619-808-5434

Spa Treatments

Head to Toe Treatment $145
- **European facial**
- **Complete 1-hour therapeutic body massage**
- **Manicure & Pedi-spa**
- **Choice of any body spa treatment:**
  1) Hyrdroactive mineral salt scrub
  2) Enzymatic sea mud wrap
  3) Detox herbal linen wrap

Herbal Steam & Shower available
Microdermabrasion with **Rejuvenation Facial**
can be substituted for facial **$35**.

Summer Package $110
Begin with a European facial. After the facial we give you a relaxing back facial beginning with deep cleansing and followed by exfoliation using hydroactive mineral salts to polish away dullness. Relax with a Swedish or acupressure massage with essential oils. Finish with a sea mud pack, then detox hydro-pack wrap for slimming.

Deep Cleansing Facial $65
Begin with face mapping.
- Includes steam, prep scrub & extraction
- Face, head, neck & shoulder massage
- Customized masque to refine & repair skin

FREE 15-min. back massage or Hydroxy Acid Peel

Lymphatic Drainage Facial $85
Computerized treatment that rejuvenates and cleanses from the inside out. Excellent for face swelling and bags under the eyes. Regeneration for dry, aging, wrinkling skin, couperose and erythrosis (red spots). We can reshape any part of the body for slimming. Immediate results!

Special Acuface-Lift with 1-Hour Massage $130
Common conditions treated by acupuncture and/or Chinese herbs:
- Allergies/asthma
- Neck/back pain
- Constipation/diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Infertility/sexual dysfunction
- Pre-menstrual syndrome
- Stress/tension headaches

And much more.

Massage Therapy Services $60 and up
by expert masseuse
- Swedish, Relaxation
- Deep Tissue
- Tui Na (Chinese medical therapy)
- Shiatsu, Reflexology, Acupressure
- Lymphatic Drainage
- Hot Stone
- Sports Massage

Relaxation Package $75
- 1-hour body massage
- Manicure & Pedi-spa

Perfect Retreat $90
Begin with a 30-minute hydroactive mineral salt scrub. Relax with a 60-minute relaxation body massage. Steam shower available

Energy Balancing Plan $85
- 45-minute reflexology foot massage
- 30-minute head, neck, acupressure, and back massage
- Pedi-spa included

Hyperpigmentation or Acne Facial Treatment Series of 8 $400
See dramatic changes in skin with new tools and technology.

Sonya of London
DAY SPA & FULL-SERVICE SALON

Gift certificates available

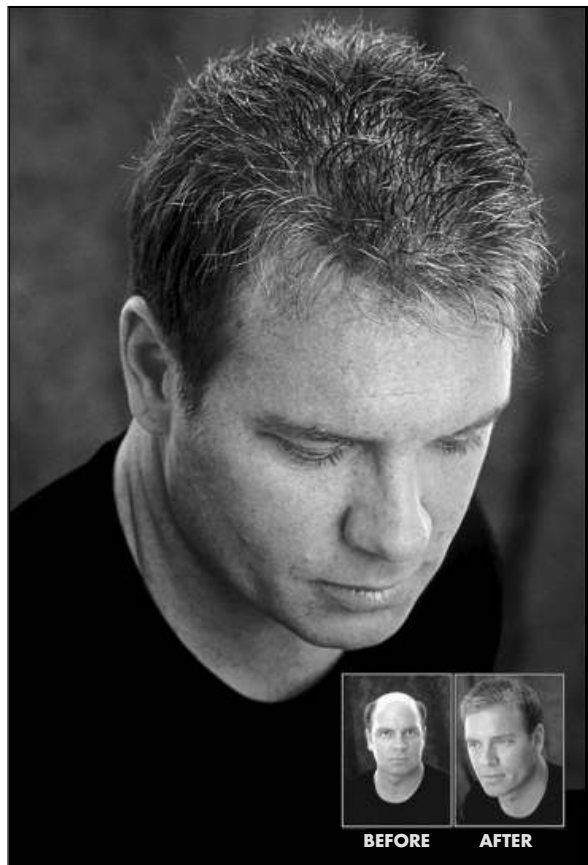
3924 Park Blvd., Hillcrest • **619-291-2728** • Open 7 days
www.sonyaoflondon.com
Offers good with this ad. Expires 1/3/07.

could hit you with a contempt citation. You could go to jail."

In that summer of 1978, several things began happening at once. Luckily, I was able to make a deal with my ex-wife. I agreed to drop the restriction on her moving with the kids out of state if she would allow me to have them over when I was seeing my friend. It was a safe trade, I calculated, because I knew I could probably take her back to court to stop such a move should she try it. Besides, she wasn't the type to vanish suddenly. Yet the deal didn't diminish my anger with the humiliating notion, institutionalized by the courts, that I was an inferior parent. Many of my friends I found to be unsympathetic. "You shouldn't be so angry," a particularly close friend enjoined. "Concentrate on the quality of time you spend with your children. The amount of time isn't that important." Everywhere else I turned I found only frustration. One friend suggested I read Warren Farrell's *The Liberated Man*, in which the author advised men like me to become more like women. The book even offered the reader an objective test of his androgyny. Points were awarded to men who cried in public and who spent time with their kids. By then I was crying almost every day, sometimes while waiting in line in stores. I was also seeing a psychologist, who told me "emotional retraining takes time" and urged that I not be so hard on myself.

I tried putting the legalities out of my mind in order to concentrate on being a father.

Meanwhile, my sons were spending most weekends with me, but their frequent presence as outsiders was difficult. They were growing up, and they needed more than the small living room they shared while visiting. What's more, they didn't get along with each other. Sean seemed happiest as the oldest male in his mother's house, and he resented Richard's intrusion. Richard, in turn, began coming to see me by himself, which made the space problem manageable. By the summer of 1978 I was working full time at a government-sponsored CETA job, writing outdoor survival programs for San Diego schoolchildren. My salary was less than one-half what I'd earned for eight years as an oceanographer, but it was the best I could do. Richard came to live with me for a



SURGICAL NON-SURGICAL FOR BOTH MEN & WOMEN

SINCE 1981 ULTIMATE HAIR DYNAMICS HAS BEEN A FULL-SERVICE HAIR RESTORATION CLINIC. WE PROVIDE OUR CLIENTS WITH THE LATEST IN SURGICAL AND NON-SURGICAL HAIR RESTORATION TECHNIQUES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE A FREE DEMONSTRATION WITH ONE OF OUR HAIR RESTORATION SPECIALISTS PLEASE CALL US AT:

888.446.2417

ultimate HAIR dynamics

Financing Available

VISA MasterCard DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS Card

http://www.ultimatehairdynamics.com

TWO LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU:

Ultimate Hair Dynamics of San Diego
4747 Morena Blvd., Suite 301
San Diego, CA 92117 • 888.446.2417

Ultimate Hair Dynamics of Las Vegas
2080 E. Flamingo Rd., Suite 317
Las Vegas, NV 89119 • 888.446.2417

Thermage

Non-surgical face-lift.
As seen on Oprah.

No downtime, safe, non-invasive. FDA approved.

$300 off

Face Thermage. New patients only. Valid through 2/28/07.

Botox $12/unit, $8/unit for 2nd area, $6/unit for 3rd area

Restylane/Juvederm $499 per syringe • Microdermabrasion $95

Lali Reddy, M.D.
Cosmetic Medicine Clinic
www.non-surgical-lift.com • 619-425-5200

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

San Diego Institute of Plastic Surgery

• Tummy Tuck • Arm Lift • Thigh Lift • Liposuction • Breast Lift
• Breast Reduction • Breast Augmentation • Eyelid Surgery • Face Lift
• Nose Reshaping • Brow Lift • Bariatric Plastic Surgery • Labioplasty
• Collagen • Hylaform • Botox® • CosmoDerm • Captique • Contour Thread Lift

Call today for your complimentary consultation:
858-592-9200

FINANCING AVAILABLE

ANTOINE A. HALLAK, M.D.
Certified, American Board of Plastic Surgery
16766 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 109, San Diego 92128

Fraxel II Laser Treatment

25% off

Improve skin tone, texture, and pore size, erase unwanted brown spots, smooth acne and surgical scars. Safe and effective for all skin types and all body parts.

Make your appointment today. This offer only valid through FEB 1st 2007.
(This offer can not be combined with any other offers or discounts.)

858.454.2700 www.LaJollaLaser.com

ActiveFX™ / CO_2 Laser
LATEST Technology in Skin Tightening for Fine Lines, Wrinkles, Sun Damage and Acne Scars. Single treatment. Minimal downtime. Immediate results.

Fraxel II Laser
"Fractional" skin resurfacing to improve skin tone, texture, pore size, erase brown spots, remove wrinkles, remove acne and surgical scars.

THERMAGE®
For Eyes ,Face ,Neck and Body Skin Tightening. No downtime. **As seen on Oprah!**

PHOTOFACIALS (IPL) with Lumenis One™
PHOTODYNAMIC THERAPY (PDT)
with Levulan™ For Rosacea, Sun Damage, Age Spots and Skin Rejuvenation

BOTOX®, RESTYLANE®, JUVÉDERM, COLLAGEN & OTHER FILLERS
For Wrinkle Reduction and Lip Enhancement

LIPO-DISSOLVE with MESOTHERAPY
Nonsurgical alternative to liposuction. Face and body sculpting and fat reduction.

LASER HAIR REMOVAL
LightSheer™ Diode Laser Proven Technology -- Never Shave or Wax Again

COSMELAN®
Skin Depigmentation for Melasma and Age Spots

LEG VEIN TREATMENT
New Non-invasive YAG Laser Technology for Spider Veins

ACNE BLU-U® TREATMENT
Special BLU-U® Blue Light Destroys Acne Bacteria

Microdermabrasion and Medical-Grade Peels

Medical-Grade Skincare Products & Mineral Makeup

LA JOLLA℠
COSMETIC LASER CLINIC

Nasrin Mani, M.D.
Founder & Medical Director

1111 Torrey Pines Road, Suite 102 La Jolla, CA 92037

Mon.- Fri. 9–7 p.m. Sat. 9–5 p.m. Free Parking
Gift Certificates & Major Credit Cards
CareCredit® payment plans
Se Habla Español

858.454.2700
www.LaJollaLaser.com

full month, and the money wasn't enough to pay our food, rent, and his child-care expenses. I was taking money out of my savings to meet the bills, and concluded that it was unfair that I should also have to give money to Richard's mother for his care. "Why should I be paying you while Richard is living with me this summer?" I asked my former wife one day during an impromptu meeting in an empty parking lot. "After all, I supported you during our three years of separation. Why can't you help me out now?" She was furious that I would question the monthly allotment, and as I drove off she screamed, "I'll never give you a dime!" Afterward, I kept paying her $150 a month until my money ran out.

The next school year (1978–1979) Richard insisted on coming down to stay with me regularly. After school he would ride the bus from his school in Clairemont to my Kearny Mesa office, and sometimes help us with the office chores or do his homework. In February 1979, I moved out of my little house and into a two-bedroom upstairs apartment not far away in Ocean Beach. Richard now had his own room. Sean was content in seeing me only on weekends and staying in his brother's room. The rent doubled, but so did time with my sons, so I felt prosperous in the move. My anger and fear seemed to have vanished, but I see now that they were only put aside.

In the mornings and afternoons, when I'd take Richard to summer school in Balboa Park, I'd usually be the only father present.

That summer I received a letter from my attorney. He had heard from my former wife's lawyer, who was complaining that I hadn't been paying my child support. By now I was spending far more on the children than she was, taking into account my rent versus her house payments, along with Richard's clothes and the added cost of driving him to school. Moreover, my savings were nearly gone. In hopes of avoiding more legal salvos, I located a psychologist who offered to work with me and my former wife to iron out our disagreements. In August of 1979, I wrote her suggesting this alternative, and though she refused to meet, at least I stopped receiving the threatening letters. Richard now had his room stocked with snakes and toads and stuffed toys. I tried putting the legalities out of my mind in order to concentrate on being a father.

After school started for Richard and he moved back with his mother, I was offered a temporary teaching job aboard a US Navy ship, a job that would pay my bills and give me some savings as well. The ship, an aircraft carrier, steamed toward Iran immediately after the takeover of the embassy. Many of my students wanted to "bomb the Iranians back into the Stone Age," as they were fond of putting it. Yet the ship kept its distance. Our country's restraint and judgment made me feel more connected with the established system of justice. I realized that it was time I came to terms with the courts on the issue of custody and child support.

What's Your Desire?

Want tighter, smoother, clearer skin?

Want to lose that sagging neck, tummy or cottage cheese thighs without surgery?

Want to improve your overall health and de-stress without drugs?

Make a complimentary consultation with Dr. Youngblood NOW!

Get started on 2007.

ColoreScience® Mineral Makeover

No-Interest Financing Available

Continuum Aesthetics
4510 Executive Drive, Suite 125
San Diego, California 92121 (Golden Triangle)
858-642-1838 • Fax: 858-642-1853
www.continuumcenter.com
Gift certificates available.

Valerie Youngblood, M.D.

December Holiday Specials

- Botox® (20 units) $199
- Restylane® (1cc syringe) $399
- Hair Removal (Any package) 15% OFF
- Thermage® Skin Tightening (Face/body) 20% OFF
- Micro Laser Peel 15% OFF
- Cellulite Treatment (Any package) 25% OFF
- Facial or Massage FREE With any package purchased day of consultation

Considering the Gift of Beauty this Holiday?

Free Cosmetic Surgery Information Pak™*

Includes our new booklet "Warnings & Red Caution Flags" about cosmetic and plastic surgery's hidden pitfalls

Find out what you *must* know about cosmetic surgery *before* your surgery.

- Before and after photos of procedures • Surgery pricing guides
- Doctor recommendations and FREE consultations
- Recovery process and back-to-work time
- Checking out doctors' board certification
- 25 questions to ask your doctor
- How to finance your surgery/low payments

Call 1-800-535-0380
for immediate shipment.

No cost or obligation.

Sponsored by: The Cosmetic Surgery Information Center™
…a non-profit public benefit organization providing information, education and assistance to the public since 1985.

*Certain restrictions may apply. Paid for by an association of participating Board-Certified Physicians referred by Cosmetic Surgery Information Center.
©2006 COSMETIC SURGERY INFORMATION CENTER, INC.™

For much of 1979, I'd thought about having Richard come live with me full time but I feared what reaction his mother would have if I even mentioned the thought. In December, when I returned from overseas, the woman I'd been seeing for several years moved into our house with her ten-year-old daughter, who was Richard's age. I returned to working at home as a freelance writer and father.

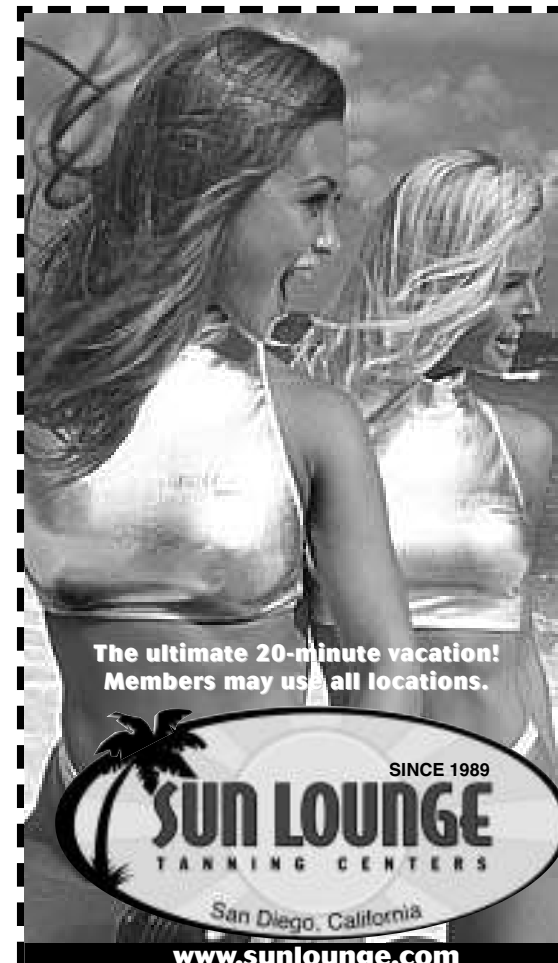
Richard was now living with me full time, but I was driving him to school and picking him up every day, a total of 40 miles. His mother's unwillingness to talk about some more permanent arrangement made the situation tense, and I found my resentment increasing. Christmas Eve, Sean and Richard were over and the five of us celebrated. It was a happy time, though it turned out to be the last day of innocence. I'd agreed that both boys would return to their mother's house later that night. The custom of my kids spending every Christmas with their mother was getting old, but to keep the ship sailing smoothly, I'd not objected. This night the ship finally capsized.

I called my former wife and asked if she couldn't drive down to Ocean Beach and pick up our sons. We were having friends drop by and couldn't she help out? She refused, and I blew up. Several weeks later, when the anger had peaked to an intolerable boil, I sat down and plotted the legal strategy that would occupy our lives for the next nine months.

None of the fathers ever stood up defiantly and said, "No, I won't pay what I can't afford. I'd rather be with my child."

In early 1980, I heard about a group of divorced fathers who met monthly to help each other in this situation. (The group has recently changed its name to Fathers' Aid of San Diego.) At the meeting I learned that a new state law had been passed, one which helped fathers get joint custody of their children. I met an attorney whose name is not Jack, but who had the reputation for using the new law successfully for fathers. At our first appointment, I told Jack what I wanted.

After divorce, anyone can file for a new hearing on the issues of child custody or monetary support. These court hearings occupy most divorce judges' and lawyers'



Tanning
$19.95 Per month EFT membership
SAVE $49!
NO INITIATION FEE!
With this ad. No term required.
Some restrictions apply.

FREE TAN
Buy One Tan, Get 2nd FREE!
Of equal value. Choose any level bed.
Includes SUNLESS TAN.
One-time use only.
Some restrictions apply.

TAN for only $1 a Day!
Choose 3 TANS $3
7 TANS $7 or 30 TANS $30
One-time use. Must be used within consecutive days. Not valid with any other offers.

www.sunlounge.com

FLETCHER HILLS
2812 Fletcher Pkwy. [next to Vons]
619-668-0282

HILLCREST
1040 University #B-209 [across from Ralphs]
619-683-2066

PACIFIC BEACH
1856 Garnet Ave. [across from Broken Yolk] 858-273-1672

SANTEE
9910 Mission Gorge Rd.
[inside the Trolley Square]
619-448-4688

CLAIREMONT
4340 Genesee #105
[next to Hollywood Video]
858-277-5979

CARMEL MOUNTAIN
10175 Rancho Carmel Dr.
[across from Oggi's Pizza]
858-618-4772

EL CAJON
1125 Avocado Ave.
[next to Rite Aid in Vons Ctr.]
619-447-1177

DEL MAR HEIGHTS
3545 Del Mar Heights Rd.
[next to Rite Aid]
858-792-9392

California Tan

OPEN EVERY DAY • EXTENDED HOURS • NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY AT SAN DIEGO'S LARGEST AND BEST-EQUIPPED TANNING SALONS. OFFERS EXPIRE 1/3/07.

Model

Dissolve Unwanted Fat
with
Smart lipo™

❖ **LaserBodySculpting**℠ dissolves fat and tightens skin for better results than traditional liposuction

❖ Minimally invasive, less discomfort, faster healing, and superior results

❖ Requires only local anesthesia, not general

As seen on *The Today Show, Access Hollywood, Good Morning America* and in *People* magazine

Available exclusively on the West Coast at:

NEW IMAGE COSMETIC SURGERY

230 Prospect Place, Ste. 350 • Coronado • 800-689-0545
www.sandiegolipo.com

Trust your body & face rejuvenation to a caring, *Board-Certified Plastic Surgeon*

DIANA BREISTER GHOSH, M.D.
Certified, American Board of Plastic Surgery

Alvarado Institute of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

6386 Alvarado Court, Suite 330
San Diego • 619-286-6446
Financing Available

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLASTIC SURGEONS

Specializing in

- *Breast Augmentation*
- *Breast-Lift*
- *Tummy Tuck*
- *Face-Lift/Neck-Lift*
- *Liposuction*
- *Eye Rejuvenation*
- *Endoscopic Brow-Lift*
- *Botox® Cosmetic*
- *Restylane*

time. In our new hearing, I wanted three items: First, I wanted joint custody of both children — the opportunity to live with Sean and Richard about half time. Second, I wanted the sale of our house. I was still half owner, and with my share I'd be better able to afford the cost of a rented apartment where my sons could live. Finally, should the judge not want to force sale of the house, I wanted at least to be paid child support by my former wife. My extra expenses for the kids, particularly Richard, were too much for my income of $600 per month. I needed help. Jack was skeptical. He thought "we" could get joint custody, and perhaps even sale of the house, but as to getting me child support, he was firm. "Look," Jack said, "I'm not even going to ask the judge to give you child support." He feared our case wouldn't be taken seriously, since "fathers simply don't get child support." Jack also thought I might get into trouble for the "arrearages," the unpaid amount of back child support, which by now was passing the $3500 mark. Jack urged that I spend a few hundred dollars making one or two monthly payments until the court date, just for show. I reluctantly agreed to make the $300-a-month payments because, after all, he was the expert. What was most important was that our motion for joint custody be granted. By March 1980, nearly everything was ready. One last vulnerable position needed fortification.

I feared my former wife, once she learned of the impending suit, would so threaten my younger son that he would change his mind about wanting to live with me. Jack said we should consult a psychologist to make a recommendation to the judge as to my son's present desires. The psychologist was well known locally. After a day's thorough testing, I talked with him for about 30 minutes. My two sons also talked with him. His fee was $400. "Don't worry," Jack

"But that's $600 gross monthly income," my attorney said. "Gross, then," the judge said, looking away. His decision was final. Two weeks later I received my attorney's bill for $4000.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

California Tan
TANNING CENTER

It doesn't have to be a white Christmas!

Holiday Special!
50% off any regularly priced package
Expires 12/31/06.

Ask about our great gift certificate specials.

O.B./P.B./W. Mission Valley • 619.523.2354 • Corner of W. Point Loma & Sports Arena Blvd. (Near Souplantation)
Point Loma/Sports Arena • 619.222.8777 • 3663 Midway Drive (Next to 24 Hour Fitness)
UTC Area/La Jolla • 858.622.1122 • 8895 Towne Centre Drive (One block east of UTC Mall)
Kearny Mesa/Clairemont/Tierrasanta • 858.569.6059 • 7420 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. (Between 163 and 805)
Mira Mesa • 858.678.0574 • 6755 Mira Mesa Blvd. (In Plaza Sorrento across from L.A. Fitness)

www.sandiegotan.net

Holiday Special

BOTOX® $10 per unit (reg. $12 per unit)

Restylane 1cc for $419
You will be qualified for $25 or more mail-in rebate.

Juvederm $419

Prevage MD $89
With 1/2 strength is sold for $155 in department stores.

IPL Photo Rejuvenation with Lumenis One $225

Laser Hair Removal
Lips or Chin $44 • Underarms $69
Lower Legs $149

Offers expire 12/31/06.

Microdermabrasion • Sclerotherapy • Photo Dynamic Therapy
Jessner Peel • BLU-U® Blue Light Acne Treatment
Labiaplasty • Cellulite Treatment

Call for a free consultation.
5555 Reservoir Drive, Suite 208 (by SDSU, off Alvarado Rd.)
619-583-7555 • www.sdcosmeticlaser.com
Facial products and gift certificates available.
Saturday appointments available on request. Payment plan available.

PARVIN PAM MANI, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.

said. "He's in our camp and he'll say whatever we want him to say." I was wary about such a confident arrangement and sure enough, the psychologist's report warned that joint custody might not be best because of my anger. Later, I confronted him in his office and said I didn't understand. "If I weren't angry about not being able to help raise my own children, I'd be crazy," I argued. The psychologist said I might be correct, but that anger was unhealthy for my sons. "Please, don't let what I say discourage you," the doctor said. "You should keep on fighting for your children. I tell you what. I'll recommend that you have joint custody, provided you seek psychological counseling." I carried the test results to my old psychologist to get his opinion. He was a man I'd trusted, but my attorney hadn't wanted to use him. My old therapist acknowledged the validity of the test scores, and in his letter, he too recommended joint custody only on the condition I continue therapy. In neither letter were questions raised as to the psychological fitness of the children's mother. Both reports assumed my anger made me conditionally unfit.

"Don't worry," my attorney said casually. "We can tear these up since it was our idea to make the report." So we never used them. I was praying that Richard wouldn't change his mind about wanting to live with me once his mother was informed of our plans for court action. When Jack telephoned my former wife and notified her what we were intending to do, she called me to ask what was going on. I offered to try working it out between ourselves, but she again refused and drove off to get new legal help. Apparently, her El Cajon lawyer wasn't good enough, so she found an attorney who had made a name for himself.

A new California law made it mandatory that we be seen together by a trained court counselor.

The new attorney had a downturned mouth and large, angular ears, the kind of face Walt Disney might use for the arch-villain in a children's comedy film. Hollywood probably would have named him Hugo. Every time I saw Hugo in the months to follow, I could imagine thousands of kids screaming in delight as he would poke his bushy eyebrows around some corner. The first time I saw him, he had just turned the corner on the third floor of the county courthouse. Oddly enough, I was nearly paralyzed with fear. A friend had driven Richard and me to the courthouse, otherwise I don't think I could have made it. Hugo came charging up to Jack and me like a hungry bulldog who had always been fed on time. He rattled off a list of items he had decided the judge should hear, not the least of which was my failure to pay child support. Now Hugo was threatening me with jail. Jack's calm voice seemed to do little good, but what was worse than his apparent ineffectiveness was that I couldn't overcome my insecurity. If what I was doing was really the right thing, why was I so afraid? I began doubting my true motives. Perhaps what my enemies were saying was true after all, that I was placing my selfish interests above any genuine concern for my children. For-

MELT AWAY UGLY FAT FROM YOUR STOMACH, HIPS AND THIGHS!

VASER LIPOSUCTION BODY SCULPTING

- Very affordably done without hospital or anesthesia fees
- Less bruising and virtually no blood loss
- No loss of work (back in 2-3 days)
- Applicable to all body areas with excellent results

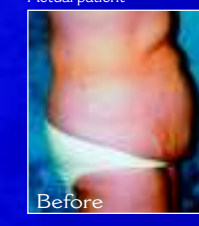
Ask about our other services, including:

- Breast enhancement and lifts
- Facials, peels, waxing • Lunch-hour mega peel
- Face & eyelid lifts • Tummy tuck
- Facial & spider vein treatment
- Botox, Collagen & Restylane
- Laser hair removal
- Fotofacial™ (improves sun-damaged skin and rosacea without downtime)
- Cellulite reduction treatments (Endermologie)

and a full line of skin care products

Actual patient

Actual patient



"In my liftetime I've had over nine surgeries and never had I felt like a family member until meeting Dr. Sarosy and his staff. Wonderful people!!"
-Patty S., El Cajon

"I found Dr. Sarosy and his team to be the most professional and warm, compassionate people. Thank you, everyone!"
-Carmen P., San Diego

Vein&Liposculpture CENTER

Certified by the American Board of Surgery

8881 Fletcher Parkway, Suite 241, La Mesa, CA 91942 ~ 619-697-1325

www.bestbody.cc ~ Financing Available

Actual Patient/Model

tunately, before the judge could hear our case, a new California law made it mandatory that we be seen together by a trained court counselor. Her job was to see if she could encourage us to come to some agreement on our own. Now this was more like it! The attorneys had to wait outside while we finally got to try settling this ourselves.

The meeting with the court counselor saved the day. She was able to draft a joint-custody agreement and obtain my former wife's signature as well as my own. At first my former wife resisted. "But he used to smoke marijuana in front of the children when he lived with us," she complained. "I imagine that he still does." The counselor rolled her eyes. "Who doesn't smoke marijuana nowadays?" she retorted. Minutes later we emerged from the small room, agreement in hand. Without so much as a courtroom fight I had won the main prize! Our children would live with us according to a mutually agreeable schedule. Sean later told the counselor he wanted to stay primarily with his mother; Richard said he enjoyed living with us both. The other issues would have to be heard later that summer. Jack and Hugo would remain actively employed.

Between March and August of 1980, my life was unraveling. The relationship with my friend was beginning to sour. But even more draining was the legal war Hugo was waging and Jack barely defending. First Hugo summarily took the last of my savings, about $1000. Jack wasn't concerned. "He used a false legal justification, and we can prove it in court." Did that mean I'd get my money back? "We may get it back after the court hearing, but we may not." Jack added that it was quite possible the judge would hold me in contempt. "If you have any money left, you might consider paying her a few dollars a month," Jack advised. I said no. I couldn't see giving way to such injustice. Already, I paid more for raising my sons, and moreover, their mother earned 50 percent more than I did. Still, the worst part of the summer was the guilt I felt that I was doing something wrong, and my fear of the ultimate punishment: jail. In the mornings and afternoons, when I'd take Richard to summer school in Balboa Park, I'd usually be the only father present. Maybe that really is how it should be, I often thought. If the law would jail me for wanting to be a full-time father, there must be a good reason. The mothers would hug their kids as they'd hop out of the cars while Richard would avoid such contact for fear of being seen hugging a man. Why, I wondered day and night, if I'm doing the right thing, why can't I feel good about it? Isn't caring its own reward?

I began to understand when I saw how vehemently the legal profession opposed the idea of joint custody. If both parents are presumed equally competent...what reason would parents have to go to court?

That summer, I began getting more active in the fathers' group. Some days I'd sit in court giving moral support to fellow fathers. Learning some of the courtroom shortcuts made things easier for me — places north of Date Street where you can park all day for free, the back entrance to the county courthouse at Front and C streets where you can catch an elevator straight to the third floor and the two courtrooms where such cases are heard, and how the cases are never called before 9:15 a.m. instead of the 8:45 time stamped on the notification papers. I saw dozens of cases involving men in situations similar to mine. Many were unemployed, some earned less than their former wives, and a few had joint custody of their children. All were ordered to pay child support. In many cases the men weren't allowed to see their children as often as they desired. Yet as unfairly as the fathers were inevitably treated by the judges, always older men, none of the fathers ever stood up defiantly and said, "No, I won't pay what I can't afford. I'd rather be with my child." They would stoop in the courtroom with that same look of guilt and fear that I felt. Their attorneys would describe their client's case as if they were talking about

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

This Year Give the Gift of Indulgence that will make them feel Special.

Whether they've been naughty or nice, indulge your loved ones with a **Bella Tosca Gift Card**. They will escape to a secluded spa hideaway, and enjoy the ultimate in luxurious spa treatments. Whether it's the Wrapped in Roses treatment for her or a soothing sports massage for him..**there is no better gift than the gift of relaxation.**

Gift Cards over $250 receive a special holiday gift basket.

Bella Tosca
Day Spa & Salon
Town and Country Resort

www.bellatosca.com • 866-91RELAX • 500 Hotel Circle North

Immediate Tooth Replacement

FREE CONSULTATION FOR IMPLANTS

With immediate-function dental implants, patients receive **immediate results never before available** with other implants. **The only implant approved by the FDA for immediate load.**

NO WAITING PERIOD – Tooth placed on the implant the same visit and you can eat immediately after the visit without any concerns.

Delayed Load Implant as low as $999
Immediate Load Implant $2200

COMPLETE DENTAL CARE
• Exams/Cleanings • Root Canals in one visit
• Crowns/Bridges • White & Silver Fillings

Dr. S.T. Sawa • 407 W. Madison Ave. • El Cajon • 619-401-0444
www.instantdentalcare.com or www.sargondentalimplants.com

COSMETIC LASER & SKIN REJUVENATION CLINIC
3252 Holiday Ct., Suite 229, La Jolla
858.587.7067 • www.skinclinic.us

Free $50 Gift Card!
For you or a loved one when you come to our Botox Days and purchase
Botox $9 per unit
December 27 & 28
Call for details

Also offering:
Restylane $449 1cc syringe
Save $25 with Restylane Rewards

IPL Photofacial $199
Free IPL hand treatment with purchase of series.

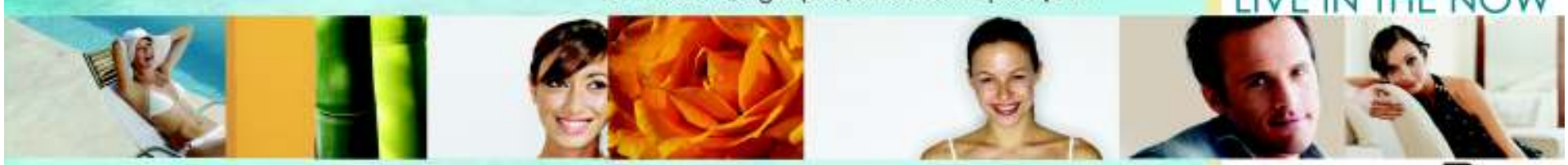
First-time clients only.
Offers expire 1/4/07.

Laser Hair Removal Packages
Light Sheer XC by Lumenis
Bikini **$99** Brazilian **$159** Upper lip or chin **$49**
Back & shoulder **$299** Lower leg **$179**
Full leg **$299** Underarm **$79**
*With purchase of package of five

Acne Treatments
New BLU-U Blue Light
from **$75** per treatment **$495** for 10 treatments
Photodynamic Therapy
for sundamage and acne **$399** (Includes 4 BLU-U)
Cosmelan Depigmentation Treatments
for Melasma, age spots, and brown spots **$699**

FREE
Microdermabrasion
with purchase of any procedure over $150

LIVE IN THE NOW



Premier Mesotherapy Center-BEST PRICES
Non-Invasive fat & cellulite reduction
Mesotherapy $195/area
For cellulite, love handles, body sculpting, fat reduction, non-surgical alternative to liposuction
*With purchase of six sessions package
Lumenis One™IPL **$250**
For treatment of Rosacea, broken capillaries, spider veins and collagen simulation

Plump up your lips and fill laugh lines
Botox $10/unit **Captique $375**
Restylane $450* **Cosmoplast $350**
*Obtain $25 Restylane rewards

Esthetician Services:
Extraction facials, European facials, Jessner's Peel, all-natural Green Peel, Microdermabrasion, La Bella Donna Mineral Makeovers, Neocutis Antiaging Cream, OBAGI skin care, dramatic eyelashes with Age Intervention Eyelash Cream

agelessandbeautiful
ANTI-AGING MEDICAL SPA
Sean S. Daneshmand, M.D.
3737 Fourth Avenue, San Diego
www.agelessandbeautiful.com
619.299.0264 858-740-6594
Open Saturdays and evenings
Appointments available
Also accept Care Credit

ActiveFX
for people with an active lifestyle who want noticeable results in a single treatment

LUMENIS.

NEW Active FX Skin Resurfacing
Reduces fine lines, wrinkles, pigmentation and acne scars

1-time procedure
Immediate results!
Minimal downtime

INTRODUCTORY OFFER
$500 discount
& obtain a VIP maintenance card

BEFORE AFTER

LIVE IN THE NOW

Eyes by Thermage

Body by Thermage

Thermage Skin Tightening
For eyes, face, neck, stomach and body
As featured in Oprah, Today's Show & Vogue

HOLIDAY OFFER
$500 discount for body
$200 discount for eyes

BEFORE AFTER BEFORE AFTER

Special Financing
through CareCredit
Up to 6 months Interest-Free!

Saturday and Sunday appointments available
Friendly, experienced staff & state of the art equipment

3737 Fourth Avenue, San Diego
www.agelessandbeautiful.com
619.299.0264 858.740.6594

AGELESS+BEAUTIFUL
ANTI-AGING MEDICAL SPA
Sean S. Daneshmand, M.D.

Holiday Special

Buy one certificate, get 2nd 15% off!

Eyelash Extension $99
Professional work–no sting, no irritation.
One lash at a time.

Temporary Eyelash Extensions $20
Choose from 15 different types of eyelashes.

Rejuvenation Facial $75
Microdermabrasion, glycolic peel, extraction, 20-minute massage and collagen mask.

Microdermabrasion & Facial $65
AHA peel, dermabrasion, extraction, 20-minute massage and mask.

Glycolic Facial $55
Best for acne, large pores and oily skin.

Collagen Facial $70
Best for dehydrated and wrinkled skin.

Painless Brazilian/ Bikini Waxing** from $20
We offer Blue hard wax for sensitive skin.

Eyelash Perm $35
It only takes 18 minutes. Natural curl for over 2 months. Results guaranteed.

Eyelash or brow tinting $15

Mole Removal
Free Trial & Consultation.
Dark freckles, sun and age spots, skin tags and warts.

Spa Treatments

Package #1 $125
European facial, 1-hour body massage, spa pedicure and body wrap or salt glow.

Package #2 $115
European facial, back treatment or 45-minute reflexology, or body wrap with salt glow, spa pedicure & manicure.

Poshé Skin & Spa

858-278-2786
4411 Mercury St. #109 • Kearny Mesa (up close to 163 Freeway)
Open Mon.-Sat. • Sunday by appointment only • Offers expire 1/3/07.

Our Gift to You For the Holidays!

Thank you San Diego for Making us Your Premier Medical Spa for Men and Women!

$185 *reg price $370*
Freckles & Spots Making you Look Old?
IPL™ Photorejuvenation using the newest generation Lumenis One™.
Lumenis, creators & world leaders in IPL™ Photorejuvenation since 1983.
Cosmelan* Malasma Treatment **$600** (reg.price $850)
(Dark blotches caused by hormones!)
In 99% of the cases, disappearance of blemishes improves by 95%.

$200 *reg price $400*
***NEW* Aluma™ Skin Tightening**
Newest FDA Approved Treatment for Wrinkle and Skin Tightening.
Say Bye Bye to that awful pain with Thermage™! In side by side clinical studies Aluma™ achieves higher client satisfaction.
Aluma™ and IPL™ Special $375

$60 *Lip & Chin*
Say Goodbye to Unwanted Hair for Good!
We use the biggest, best and most proven Lightsheer™ Diode XC.
Ask about our 3 year Guarantee.

Lower Legs $145	Full Back $275	Bikini $95
Brazilian $175	Chest or Abs $145	Underarms $70

40% off
We Kick Cellulite in the Butt!
We use the best medical and aesthetic technologies to achieve *Unsurpassed Results.*

Indulge with us in shortbread, hot eggnog and spiced apple cider all month long.

Take Care of Yourself while Giving the Gift of Renewal

For every $100 Gift Certificate You Buy for Your Loved Ones, receive a $25 Gift Certificate for Yourself.

Advanced Body Care Centers™

A Medical Spa for Men and Women

"Committed to Bringing You Five-Star Quality and Luxury at Affordable Prices."

Brian First, MD
Medical Director
Caring for San Diegans for over 25 years.

858.454.3338

3 Blocks from The Cove
Onsite Free Parking
7777 Fay Avenue, La Jolla

*Specials Valid entire month of December 06. Can't be combined with any other offers or discounts. Must bring in this Ad to receive discounts.

a criminal. "Your Honor, Mr. Jones hasn't been able to make payments, but I'm sure that he'll he successful in finding work soon…." The spectacle made me furious. I tried writing articles on the subject, but anxiety always stopped me short. Besides, who wanted to hear about these courtroom travesties?

Finally, in August, after Hugo had exhausted his attack on my savings and sanity, our case was heard. Judge Alpha Montgomery, a sad-faced black man, ruled that (1) the house not be sold until Richard reached 18; (2) my child support for each child be continued, albeit reduced to half the amount, for a new total of $150 per month; (3) the contempt charge be thrown out since I had been unable to pay. The judge took note of the fact that I was making a living as a temporary typist, earning a mere fraction of my wife's salary. While Jack hadn't dared ask that I be given child support, he met the judge's decision with adequate outrage. "Your Honor, I'll remind you that Mrs. Corvus has liquid assets of $13,000. Mr. Corvus has none. And they have joint custody of the children."

The judge scowled: "I consider his income of $606 per month net adequate to pay the ordered amount," he said.

"But that's $600 *gross* monthly income," my attorney said.

"Gross, then," the judge said, looking away. His decision was final. Two weeks later I received my attorney's bill for $4000.

"Unless you're willing to discuss the matter of unpaid child support, I have no choice but to file contempt charges against you."

To be fair to Jack, his initial paperwork may have encouraged my ex-wife to agree before the court counselor to joint custody, an agreement that had worked successfully for the past 14 months. Beyond that, nothing Jack did was for my betterment; I would have done as well representing myself.

By September of 1980, Richard had transferred to the school in my neighborhood and was living with me full time. My friend and her daughter had moved away (the relationship had deteriorated seriously, and we were both relieved to end it), and I began channeling my frustration into helping other fathers, many of whom were far worse off than I — they simply weren't allowed to see their children. Most important in helping my anger was the blossoming of the relationship with my son. Richard and I began seeing a counselor at the Child Guidance Clinic. Our counselor was a genius for helping two people resolve conflicts. To help me deal with the rage I occasionally dumped on Richard, she taught me a technique called the "30-second scold." She apparently taught my son other techniques for dealing with me. These, of course, I never learned of directly, but only in the suddenly improved manner Richard would react to my impatience — with understanding and humor, rather than with whining hurt. Sometime in the winter, he spontaneously began giving me hugs.

No affair of the heart ever developed so quickly as the bond between me and my son — and to some extent with both sons. I stopped feeling like an outsider. I watched Richard making progress in his emotional development, as I was also. For the first time ever, Richard was making good grades and good friends in school. I was beginning to earn more money writing technical documents. My savings were gone, but at least I had lost my fear of poverty. Still, the child support debts were increasing. I hadn't paid anything since the joint-custody agreement, thereby defying the court order. I tried to ignore it,

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

Lose pounds & inches
FAST! FAST! FAST!

Rodex Forte
Vital link for energy and metabolism!
Call for details!

Our doctors and nurses have changed thousands of lives for the better, which is why our program has been #1 in San Diego. We can help you take off those extra pounds and keep them off. Make that call now, and you will be on your way to a slimmer, trimmer you. We'll show you how.

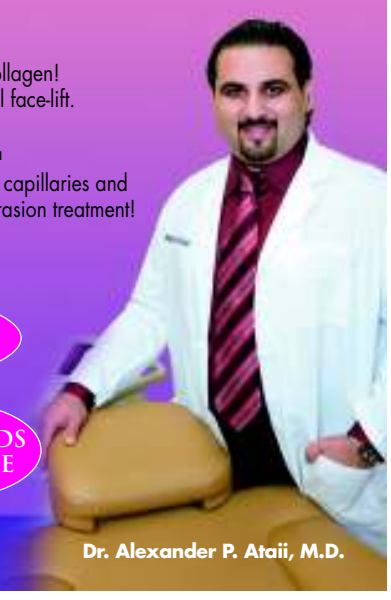
Free Consultation plus $50 Off Initial Fee
with this ad. Hurry! Good through 1-4-07. ®

A Doctor's Weight Loss Clinic
Clairemont (858) 279-7060 • East County (619) 440-8171
Carlsbad (760) 721-7088 • Chula Vista (619) 476-0060
*Individual weight loss may vary. 4weightclinics.com

EYELID BEAUTIFICATION
Make Your Holidays Sparkle
If your eyes look droopy, sad, or tired, then blepharoplasty surgery can dramatically give you a fresher, brighter and more youthful appearance.
$250 OFF Your Eyelid Surgery
(Blepharoplasty)
Call today: 888-401-3687
SHUMWAY INSTITUTE
Robert A. Shumway, M.D., F.A.C.S.
9834 Genesee Avenue, Suite 225
Scripps La Jolla Campus • www.shumwayinstitute.com

SUPERIOR SKIN CARE
All our services are administered by a PHYSICIAN using the most-advanced technology available.

BOTOX $11 per unit
Offered daily.
LASER HAIR REMOVAL
Bikini $99* • Brazilian $149*
Purchase 2 areas and receive 1 area of equal or lesser value at no charge.
MESO-SLIM™
Patented fat and cellulite reduction. From $360.*
NEW ACTIVE FX™
Only FDA-approved device to increase collagen!
Fractional skin tightening and non-surgical face-lift.
IPL PHOTO FACIAL
Eliminate sun damage, age spots, broken capillaries and rosacea. Plus receive a free vibradermabrasion treatment!



LASER CLINIQUE℠
Aesthetic Surgical, Medical and Dental Spa
VOTED BEST MEDICAL SPA IN CARMEL VALLEY, DEL MAR & RANCHO SANTA FE!
Carmel Valley News
4765 CARMEL MOUNTAIN RD., SUITE 207 · SAN DIEGO
(I-5 to Carmel Valley Rd. exit East, right on El Camino Real to Torrey Hills Ctr.)
Offers expire 12/27/06. Visit our website for a complete list of services. *With package of 6.
GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE
888.557.3630 · LASER-CLINIQUE.COM

ESTANCIA LA JOLLA
HOTEL & SPA

- Celebrate You -

THE SPA @ ESTANCIA. Our gift to you... Purchase a spa treatment and receive a $50 credit towards any second spa treatment of equal or lesser value. Isn't it time you celebrated?

estanciaspa.com

Request this promotion at the time of reservation. Offer valid Sunday - Thursday and may not be combined with other offers.

9700 N. Torrey Pines Road • La Jolla • 858.964.6590

A Condé Nast Gold List Winner 2006 "Best Hotels in the World"

DESTINATION HOTELS & RESORTS

A distinctive experience provided by Destination Hotels & Resorts

State of the Art Dermatology

Medical Therapy • Laser Resurfacing • Ultraviolet Light Therapy
Micro Laser Peel • Vein Therapy • Blu-U™ • Botox™ • Restylane™
Cosmoplast and Cosmoderm™ • Acne Scar Therapy
Laser Hair Removal • Intense Pulsed Light
Advanced Therapy for Psoriasis • Laser Skin Tightening
Skin Medica Vitalize Peel • Alyria and Skin Medica Product Lines

$100 Off Acne Laser Therapy

First-time clients only. Expires 12/31/06.

Got Acne? You may qualify to participate in an Acne Research Study.
Participants will be compensated for time and travel.
Please call us for more information or visit our website.

MedDerm

4065 Third Ave. · San Diego, CA 92103 · 619.542.0013 · www.medderm.net
Michelle T. Pelle, M.D., Medical Director
Diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology
Insurance accepted for non-cosmetic services.

actual patient

Look better in your sweater!

Breast Augmentation

Specializing in TUBA Transumbilical Implantation.
All approaches offered.

Silicone Breast Implants Now Available! Just FDA-Approved!

Holiday Offer
$500 Off
any surgical procedure

Refresh • Revive • Rejuvenate

- Liposculpture
- Botox®, Restylane®, Radiesse®
- Nose Reshaping
- Face-lift/Brow-lift
- Eyelid Beautification
- Laser Resurfacing

Robert A. Shumway, MD, FACS
9834 Genesee Ave., Suite 225 • Scripps La Jolla Campus
888.401.3685
Complimentary Consultation
www.shumwayinstitute.com • www.abetterbreastaug.com

SHUMWAY INSTITUTE

but I was bothered by the thought that, according to the law, I now owed my former wife more than $5000. If I could only figure out some means of showing the judges the truth, surely they would change their minds, I reasoned. I would later discover for myself the fallacy of believing that family-law courts are always fair.

While my family life with Richard was improving, I began to study the economics of the anti-father society. I talked with the director of the county's Department of Revenue and Recovery, the collection agency for many parents paying child support. Of some 33,000 such accounts, only about two dozen involved payments from mothers to single fathers, according to the agency head. Ten percent of all single parents in America are fathers, yet a recent federal report on child support and alimony mentions only single mothers as being possible recipients of child support. Why was the system so loaded against men? I wondered.

I began to understand when I saw how vehemently the legal profession opposed the idea of joint custody. If both parents are presumed equally competent, as one newly proposed bill would have it, what reason would parents have to go to court? More than likely, mothers not given the enormous benefits now awarded them by most judges would happily avoid the dehumanizing courtroom atmosphere, and use the newly available divorce mediation centers instead. Attorneys would lose millions in legal fees now spent fostering long courtroom wars. Once I began to understand the economics, I viewed the anti-father judgments less personally. Naturally, the courts had to favor the gender with less money, or else the system wouldn't work. And if such a system hurt me and other men, well, don't all businesses systemize in order to maximize their efficiency? I began to see that my personal choices for fighting lay in not accepting the system. I could even go to jail if I had to, and I would not feel guilty afterward.

Once I recognized that I could face jail, the remaining anger and fear lifted like morning fog. At a local meeting of the National Organization for Women I got goosebumps watching a film of Susan B. Anthony telling off a judge. She'd just been convicted without jury trial of the crime of voting, illegal for women in the mid-1800s. I copied down some of her denunciations and prepared for my own judgment day.

This time I decided I would not hire an attorney. "I'm representing myself," I told the clerks in the courthouse as I filed my papers to have the issue of child support reheard. By now I'd seen enough cases to know that in most divorce courts the law is rarely used. Standard rules of evidence go out the door, replaced by gossip and innuendo. I felt as competent as any attorney to argue my own rights, and besides, I couldn't afford one. Back on the third floor of the courthouse, I met my wife's latest attorney, a tall, thin woman I'll call Ms. Franklin. From a distance she looked kind, but up close there was no mistaking her true character. "Mr. Corvus," she said to me, "by filing for a hearing on child support, in effect you've opened up several new issues." I had anticipated this. Sure enough, my former wife and her new attorney were now asking the judge to reconsider the existing joint-custody order. I asked the judge to consider only my request that child support be reduced, since one child, Richard, lived with me. The judge refused to hear either matter until we could talk with a court counselor.

A few weeks later we were back in the counselor's office. I felt uneasy about our new counselor but wasn't sure why. I passed off my fears as unjustified when the counselor drew up another agreement that, in effect, maintained the joint-custody agreement. Again my former wife signed, which was surprising in light of her recent legal tactics. I was relieved but apprehensive as we left the counseling room and headed in to see the judge. The attorney, Ms. Franklin, took one look at the newly signed document and nearly grew hysterical. "What is this! You're keeping joint custody?" she questioned her client. In five seconds my former wife's mind was changed. "We're going to argue against this new agreement," Ms. Franklin announced. I was even more astounded at the court counselor's reaction. "You're right, I goofed," the counselor said, with no objection to their plans. "That agreement really has no teeth. I'm sorry, Mr. Corvus," she said. Minutes later we were facing the judge, but now the original subject of child support I'd come for was forgotten. I was once again fighting for joint custody of my sons.

I was happy that Richard loved his mother, but I feared the loneliness for myself. Joint custody was never a substitute for a happy marriage.

Before Judge Sheridan Reed I argued that this move was an obvious ploy to hide the real issue, that the nine-month-old order of Judge Montgomery to pay child support on a child who was living with me full time was unfair. My presentation was far stronger than that of most attorneys, and most important, it was accurate and sincere.

Ms. Franklin's was not. She countered by declaring that custody should revert to my former wife because Richard wanted to live with his mother the next school year. This was true; Richard and I had discussed it already. I was saddened and pleased at the same time. I was happy that Richard loved his mother, but I feared the loneliness for myself. Joint custody was never a substitute for a happy marriage. Ms. Franklin often made careless misstatements of fact, and then corrected herself. Finally, after once swearing in front of Judge Reed, fuming and locked in her greed, she had to let it out — the big threat. "Your honor, Mr. Corvus hasn't paid child support in over a year." The judge noted the absence of any formal charges to that effect and waved the threat aside. I explained patiently that the joint-custody agreement had been working for the past year while Richard had lived with me, and there was no reason why it couldn't keep working in the future. Judge Reed considered the matter a few moments and then decreed that the new agreement, the one our counselor had wanted to tear up, be honored.

At the same time, Judge Reed ordered that my request for a decrease in child support be denied. Considering that Richard was planning to move back to his mother's house in September, the $150 per month for both children would be maintained. If, however,

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

ZOOM!
1-hour Teeth Whitening
$299
Plus maintenance kit free (valued at $700).
$200 Off Veneers
Call Pacific Dental for info: 858-693-9070
9330-B Mira Mesa Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92126
Mon-Thurs 10-7, Fri & Sat 9-3
MC-Visa-Discover

25% Off All Spa Services
With this ad.
Offer good until 12/30/06.
D. Lovely Day Spa
Mt. Soledad's only Day Spa & Nail Salon
6435 Caminito Blythefield
La Jolla • 858.551.9945
Ample parking
dlovelydayspa.com

LASER HAIR REMOVAL SPECIAL
$95 per 1/2 hour.
On first session. One area.
25% off all follow-up treatments. One area.
With ad. New patients only.
Expires 12-31-06.

FACIAL PHOTO REJUVENATION
$199 per treatment of IPL
With ad. New patients only.
Removes sun aging, acne, pre-cancer, rosacea, red, and brown.

LA JOLLA DERMATOLOGY AND COSMETIC SURGERY CENTER
Howard Milstein, MD, A Medical Corp.
Deidre Buddin, MD
7334 Girard Ave., Suite 201, La Jolla
Call for free consultation: 858-454-8811

Richard were to move back with me full time, I'd then pay only $75 per month for Sean. My former wife, despite her higher income, had no obligation to pay me anything. This was the moment I had been waiting for, but I sensed it had already passed. For months I had been examining my fear of being sent to jail, and finally, after talking with one man who had done it in defiance of the courts, I resigned myself to the possibility. This day I was prepared to go. Had Judge Reed challenged my refusal to pay as long as I was earning less than my former wife, and yet paying more for the children, I would have resurrected the language of Susan B. Anthony and added a few choice words of my own. They all must have sensed something was different about me by the way I spoke. For the first time in my life, I felt genuine self-respect.

The actual catharsis had occurred shortly before my paper defeat, as we were waiting inside the courtroom for our case to be heard. Suddenly, my former wife's attorney was at my side, whispering that she had an important topic to discuss in the hallway. Earlier I'd already told her of my unwillingness to talk; only those matters of benefit to me or my children were worthwhile, I'd explained firmly. She'd sullenly stomped off. Now she was back, this time with something new and urgent. I followed her outside to the hallway. "Mr. Corvus," she began with the nervous smile of one who is about to make a bad bluff, "unless you're willing to discuss the matter of unpaid child support, I have no choice but to file contempt charges against you." It was a moment made to suit a dream. Suddenly all the fear and anger were gone.

"Ms. Franklin, please don't let anything I say or refuse to say keep you from doing whatever you feel you have to do."

She gave me an incredulous look, then spun toward the door. "You're sick," she muttered as she entered the courtroom. ■

— John Corvus

Hypnosis Works!

- Smoking
- Stress
- Confidence
- IBS
- Chronic Pain
- Cancer
- Weight
- Sleep
- Relationships
- Fear
- Motivation
- Fibromyalgia

Success Hypnotherapy, Inc.
Judy Callihan Warfield
Certified Hypnotherapist
Certified NLP Practitioner
Certified Therapeutic Imagery
619-303-8511
9029 Park Plaza Dr. #200
La Mesa
www.successhypnotherapy.com

Candy Cane
Body Scrub
will have you glowing for the holidays! Exfoliates and minimizes cellulite. $85

Hair removal through
sugaring
from $15 per area
- less painful
- fewer ingrown hairs
- more sanitary
- lasts longer than waxing

full-service medi-spa
open 7 days
I.C.E.
Int'l Center of Esthetics
4679 Vista Street
Kensington area
619-282-4772

Family Cosmetic Dentistry in the beach area
Call us now and we may be able to schedule you within 3 or 4 days!

Farnaz Haroon, D.D.S.
888-689-3675
1707 Grand Ave. (at Jewell St.)
Pacific Beach 92109
Gentle Dentistry • New Patients Welcome
Senior/Military Discounts • Flexible Payment Plans

ZOOM! Advanced
Most recent version and easiest on sensitive teeth.
$249
Your teeth up to 8 shades whiter in only 45 minutes!

invisalign®
$2995
3% discount if prepaid in full

Free consultation.
Payment plans available.

FREE Cleaning
With $55 exam and x-rays. New patients only.

FREE Whitening Trays
With cleaning, exam and x-rays. New patients only.

Crowns & Veneers $200 off

All offers expire 1/11/07.
Must present this ad.

BE 6-20 INCHES SLIMMER IN JUST ONE HOUR!
NOT A TEMPORARY WATER LOSS!
Lose those extra holiday inches!
- Melt inches from thighs, hips & waistline
- Detoxify
- Get rid of cellulite

$10 OFF FAT BURNER WRAP or DOUBLE MINERAL WRAP or AIRBRUSH TAN
New customers only.

Fat Reduction Treatment
The French Sudatonic
SUDDENLY SLIMMER
THE Body Wrap
www.suddenlyslimmer.net
858-551-5196

Has Viagra® Let You Down?
We can successfully restore your confidence and stamina with *Proven Results**

If Viagra® or similar drugs are not effective or cause side-effects, we can offer you a *personalized* treatment that is specifically formulated to treat all forms of Erectile Dysfunction. Our treatments work safely and effectively regardless of your age or medical conditions such as Heart Problems, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, High Cholesterol, and Prostate Problems. With private waiting rooms, your confidentiality and comfort are assured.

Premature Ejaculation?
We can also help increase your ability to last longer *and* create a more satisfying experience for you and your partner.

**Proven Results* is defined as the ability to achieve and maintain sexual performance for 30 minutes. Results may vary.

BOSTON™ MEDICAL GROUP
www.BostonMedicalGroup.com
Call
1-800-337-7555
For a Confidential Appointment

USA | LATIN AMERICA | EUROPE | MIDDLE EAST

Viagra® is a registered trademark of Pfizer.

Robert Kearney, MD, FACS
Board Certified Plastic Surgeon

Breasts • Breast Augmentation – 4 incision options
• Breast Lift • Breast Reduction
Body • Liposculpture • Tummy Tuck • Arm Lift
• Thigh & Buttock Lift
Face • Face, Neck and Forehead Lift
• Eyelid Lift • Nose Reshaping
• Botox • Restylane • Juvéderm™ • Chemical Peels

Free Consultations:
888-697-4828
www.kearneymd.com
View estimated fees, before & after photos and more!

Robert Kearney, MD
Financing Available
Certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery
9834 Genesee Avenue
Suite 129, La Jolla

MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR AESTHETIC PLASTIC SURGERY

Member
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLASTIC SURGEONS

LETTERS

continued from page 12

else as regards their beliefs. But her mind is on heaven, of that I can assure you. Yet she inherited this task in life that is so controversial. You go figure. But do not picture her as a vixen, because she is very focused on the higher planes of existence.

I know any infighting in that family would make interesting copy, but there was actually a little, and more misunderstanding than anything. It went to court and was settled to the satisfaction of both parties. Everybody got money. I know things about many people that could make other people *augh* and *augh.* But whatever I know about the former Mrs. Vasic, it is this: she was loved by anyone who knew her, including her employees, just because being around her made you want to hug her and tell her you adored her. Don't ask me why, but that is for real. I witnessed it at company meetings. As for the F Street future, there will always be someone who wants to see them ruined or scandalized, but that is life, and her family will just have to live with an occasional bad press. It is a free country.

I just wanted you to hear from someone who was actually there and knew both of them. They were both unusual but wonderful human beings. My life was the better for knowing them both.

Name Withheld
by Request

Twisted

Re "The F in F Street Is Fashion" ("City Lights," December 14). I would like to say that you have sunken to the low level of writing normally associated with publications like the *National Enquirer,* but I can't; your recent article about the Vasics makes those tabloids seem high-class.

It was bad enough that you found a way to take something as positive and exciting as a 14-year-old girl realizing her dreams of modeling and having a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to walk the high-profile, star-making catwalks in Europe and trying to turn it into something dirty and negative (by the way, there is drug activity and there are people with eating disorders in every profession, from prostitution to heads of churches; it's every unique individual who chooses to buy into these activities or not that makes the difference, not the profession he/she chooses), but with the condemning attitude that you conveyed in reporting that Mr. Vasic was suffering from and died of AIDS, you reconfirmed the fears of people everywhere who are afraid to get tested for HIV, afraid to seek life-saving treatments, and afraid to disclose their status to potential partners as well as family members who can be an invaluable support system during their illness; that fear being of the stigma that is attached to the disease brought on by fanatical, self-righteous, judgmental groups such as yourselves who hide behind some outdated religion to disguise the fact that they are spreading a hateful message laced with evil.

The next time you hear that HIV infections are rising and that people with AIDS are not seeking the treatments they need, you can congratulate yourselves for being part of the problem.

If Mr. Vasic was in fact suffering from the disease in those first terrifying years when there were no treatment options, and if he was searching for hope in unconventional clinics, then any clear-minded person with any sense of humanity could only see his actions as heroic and courageous and, as a result, feel compassion for him. Your take on the situation can only be described as "twisted," and stories presented from this angle can only be considered a detriment to the San Diego community.

Rick Valenzuela
via e-mail

Too Many Tip Jars

In regards to "A Disrespectful Dollar" (Letters, December 14). Correct me if I'm wrong, you get a paycheck for driving the "free" hotel shuttle bus; nothing comes out of your pocket for gas or maintaining the shuttle, correct? The only thing spent by you doing this job is your time at work or maybe during break times for meals, etc.? If all is correct, you get paid for this service regardless of "tip expectations." You must realize that most people using your shuttle take it as a courtesy provided by the hotel via their room charge. If you expect $5 to $20 per person, *good luck!* Most people will only tip this type of service a couple of dollars at best. You are not like a waitress at a restaurant or a hairstylist that gets paid minimum wage and/or has booth rental each month. Most of what you said was appalling, self-centered, very tacky, and disrespectful to all, including your employer and your customers. An attitude change wouldn't hurt either. You reap what you sow. If you are not happy with your pay, find another job, my friend. As for tipping in general, I will only tip people who really do me a service, like my waitress at a restaurant, my barber, etc. There are too many people looking for an extra buck. Can you believe that now doughnut shops have tip jars????? Amazing!!

Name Withheld
by Request

If You Love Us, Tip Us!

I'm calling in response to "A Disrespectful Dollar" (Letters, December 14), by the gentleman who drives for the airport-hotel shuttle bus. You are paid on an hourly basis. Your tips are the extra, and your tips are given when they can be. And as far as females being the worst tippers, you also have to understand that wives are allotted a certain amount of money.

But when you're providing a service and driving from a hotel to the airport, that's the job that you took on. The extra tips are extra, and that is what it is; it's a tip. If somebody's able to do that, then that's what they'll give them, and if they're not, then they can't. And it seems like if you're going to laugh at a dollar, then maybe you should get nothing at all. Here's a tip for you: don't laugh at a dollar. Even if someone left you 50 cents, "thank you" is the appropriate response. And that's why at times I don't tip, just based on attitude. That's my opinion, and I love the *Reader.*

Mary

Thar She Blows!

Annual Gray Whale Migration

Breaching blue whale

'We have been lucky enough to see mothers who have delivered their calves early swimming along the coastline," says Crystal De Soto, leader of the whale-watching program at Birch Aquarium. "The calves are born 15 feet long and weigh a ton, but that's very tiny compared to Mom, who's 45 feet long [and can weigh up to 70,000 pounds]. You can almost see the folds in their bodies. The fluke is still floppy, and they haven't gotten the breathing and swimming thing down, so they keep bobbing at the surface."

From December 26 to March 31, 2007, the Birch Aquarium at Scripps and the San Diego Harbor Excursion offer daily whale-watching tours, coinciding with the gray whale migratory season.

LOCAL EVENTS

"They only eat up in the Arctic," explains De Soto. "They eat as much as they can [around 660 pounds a day], build up their blubber, and use that to fuel their whole migration."

Gray whales are bottom feeders, unlike most other baleen whales that feed on organisms like phytoplankton that float in the water. "Their major prey is amphipods, or tube-dwelling crustaceans — they look like a little shrimp in a kind of sandy parchment tube," says Bruce Stewart, director of programs and exhibits for Birch Aquarium. "[The whales] go down to the bottom, lay on their sides, and suck. They take a big slurp of this sandy milkshake with these shrimp-like creatures in there and use their massive tongues to force out water and sand and keep the food."

The whales travel from the Arctic (from the Bering, Chukchi, or Beaufort Sea) to their breeding grounds near Baja California in "what is arguably the longest mammal migration," Stewart says of the near 10,000-mile-long trip. The breeding grounds — shallow lagoons known as "calving lagoons" — are located off the coast of Baja California. The shallow water of the lagoons protects the whales from predators and currents, and the warmth of the area is conducive for birthing.

Stewart remembers dolphins riding the bow, or front, of the boat on at least one excursion last season. "As the boat travels through the water, it builds up a crest of wave in front that pushes off to both sides. This is called the bow wake. Dolphins love riding right off the bow; they weave back and forth and zip past each other. What you'll sometimes see is, if a whale is moving, really heading somewhere and not meandering around, a whale creates a bow wake like a boat does, and dolphins will sometimes ride the bow wakes of whales. This suggests dolphins have been riding bow wakes longer than there have been boats."

Whale watchers are likely to see whales exhaling, or blowing. The National Park Service explains the phenomenon best: "When warm, moist air exhaled from the animal's lungs meets the cool air at the ocean surface, it creates the bushy column we call a blow, or spout." Blows can be up to 15 feet high and remain visible for up to 5 seconds. "If it happens to be foggy, sometimes the skipper will shut down the engines and listen, because you can sometimes hear the blow," says Stewart. "It sounds like an outward *whoosh,* then almost a whistling gasp, like a forceful sigh and quick breath in, but echoey, like the sound of wind coming through a tunnel." While traveling, the whales will blow several times while staying close to the surface. But, says Stewart, "when you see them arch their back and you see the bumps, or knuckles, which is the vertebrae beneath the skin, and they roll up out of the water and lift their flukes, you'll see the big whale tail come up out of the water to help drive the whale down on a deeper dive."

Last season, De Soto witnessed a rare breaching while out on the boat. "The whales are typically swimming and breathing. Anything beyond that regular behavior is fabulous. Breaching is one we don't see very often — that's when they leap out of the water and splash down."

On their return trip to the Arctic in the latter part of the season, some gray whales will hug the shore for safety. "Some pods of orcas will attack and kill — especially the baby gray whales," says Stewart. "When whales go near the kelp beds [about 100 yards from shore], the air and waves breaking on the beach help disguise their sonar echoes [from the orcas]. If you see whales very close to shore, chances are you're seeing a mother and a calf."

The most common misconception De Soto has encountered on whale-watching excursions is the belief that whales are fish. "A lot of people are kind of surprised that these animals are coming to the surface," she says. "They don't know that whales are mammals."

— *Barbarella*

Daily Whale-Watching Expeditions
Tuesday, December 26, through
Saturday, March 31
9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. or
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
San Diego Harbor Excursion
1050 North Harbor Drive
San Diego Bay
Info: 619-234-4111 or *sdhe.com/ san-diego-whale-watching.html*

Holiday Bowl
Cal vs. Texas A&M Dec. 28

Jamie Foxx Dec. 26
Incubus Jan. 12
Monster Jam Jan. 20
Lisa Lampanelli Jan. 26
"Disney on Ice" Jan. 30-Feb. 4
Maná Feb. 9, 10
The Roots Feb. 12
Supercross Feb. 17
WWE Smackdown Feb. 20
Lyle Lovett Feb. 28
Justin Timberlake January 8

Cheetah Girls January 13

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. 24
Boney James Mar. 28
Josh Groban Apr. 6
Gwen Stefani Apr. 22

Chargers Games & Playoffs!
vs. Cardinals Dec. 31

ATLAS TICKETS 619 222-7800 atlastickets.com
All L.A., Orange County & Las Vegas events 3320 Kemper St. (across from Sports Arena between Tower Records & Taco Bell)
Charge by phone. Delivery available.

SANDIEGOREADER.COM

Calendar
LOCAL EVENTS

Events that are underlined occur after December 28.

HOW TO SEND US YOUR LISTING: *Contributions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday the week prior to publication for consideration. Do not phone. Send a complete description of the event, including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a contact phone number, and a phone number (including area code) for public information to READER EVENTS, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at* SanDiegoReader.com *by clicking on the events section.*

BAJA

"The Nutcracker" is presented by Ballet del Noroeste de México, Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río). Tickets: $20–$25 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636.

The company also presents *The Nutcracker* on Wednesday, December 13, 7 p.m., Teatro del Estado. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA, MEXICALI)

Comedy Show by Adrián Uribe, Friday, December 22, 10 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Moviemaking and Lobster in Rosarito, excursion sponsored by San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, January 13, 8 a.m.–7 p.m., includes Foxploration, the theme park at Fox Studios where *Titanic, Master and Commander* were filmed; lobster lunch, shopping, more. $92. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (ROSARITO BEACH)

OUTDOORS

Cross-Country Skiers are in for a short-lived treat late this month through February if winter storms intense enough to drop several inches to two feet of snow hit San Diego County's higher mountains. As the clouds are clearing, you may be able to take advantage of good skiing conditions along Highway 79 through Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and along Sunrise Highway through the Laguna Mountain Recreation Area. More limited opportunities for cross-country skiing may briefly exist on Palomar Mountain. Farther north in Southern California and higher in elevation, the forested crests of the San Gabriel, San Bernardino, and San Jacinto Mountains offer more dependably good snow conditions.

Poinsettias, a favorite of backyard gardeners, are now exhibiting their scarlet, petal-like bracts, just in time for the holidays. The onset of 14-hour-long nights triggers their behavior: In San Diego this condition is met just before the date of winter solstice — December 21.

The Planet Venus has returned to the western sky as an easily visible "evening star." (Through most of 2006 Venus has been a "morning star," visible in the eastern sky at dawn). On Thursday, December 21, brilliant Venus stands near the waxing crescent moon. Both are visible low in the southwest at dusk (around 5:15 p.m.).

Highest and Lowest Tides this month occur on the same day: Thursday, December 21. From a high of +6.3 feet at 7:57 a.m., the tide level drops to -1.1 feet at 4:08 p.m. During the lunch hour the tide will be ebbing at the rate of nearly 2 vertical feet per hour. Visit a gently shelving beach, such as Coronado's, to watch the water recede with almost every breaker.

Winter Solstice, the moment when the sun reaches its southernmost point on the celestial sphere, occurs this year at 4:22 p.m., Thursday, December 21. This event signals the beginning of winter in the Northern Hemisphere and the beginning of summer in the Southern Hemisphere. With only about ten hours of daylight, San Diego must endure its darkest and gloomiest nights this week and next. During the day, the sun struggles to an altitude of only 34 degrees (as seen from San Diego), then quickly sinks toward the horizon.

Cowles Mountain Solstice Sunrise Hike, Thursday, December 21, 6–8 a.m. Hike to summit of San Diego's highest peak led by Mission Trails Regional Park trail guides starts at Cowles Mountain staging area, at Navajo Road and Golfcrest Drive. Free. 619-668-3281.

Canyoneers head up Cowles Mountain for solstice observance at Kumeyaay solstice observatory on Friday, December 22, starting at 6 a.m. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (SAN CARLOS)

Lights in the Heights, survey homes decorated for holidays during Walkabout adventure on Thursday, December 21. Casual walk over all-flat terrain starts at 7 p.m. at 2120

619-235-8200 TO PLACE AN AD

GREAT ESCAPES

SanDiegoReader.com/escapes

MOUNTAINS

Romantic Mountain Getaway! In-Room Jacuzzis!
San Diego 60 miles east!
2-story A-frame cabin with Jacuzzi and fireplace! $99!
Includes breakfast for 2! $179 Sweetheart Package
includes breakfast, dinner, therapeutic massage!
Sun-Thurs Weekday Special! Breakfast/Dinner package $129!
Fishing pond. www.liveoaksprings.com.
Live Oak Springs Resort. Pet Friendly! 619-766-4288.

Our Simple Solution To Reduce Your Stress!
For a relaxing getaway, we have cabins from $74 plus tax!
Look no further! Southern California's 2nd best kept secret!
If you really want to get away from it all,
come to where the action isn't! 6200' in the sky!
11 individual log cabins to choose! Fireplaces. Kitchens.
Edelweiss Lodge. 951-659-2787. Reservations required.
www.1cabin4u.com.

Big Bear Cool Cabins— Check Rates & Book Online Pet-Friendly Available
Cabin or luxury home on or near the lake. Fireplace,
BBQ, TV, VCR/DVD, stereo, kitchen, hot tub and pool table.
Professional housekeeping, towels, and linens are included.
www.bigbearcoolcabins.com or 800-550-8779.
Mention this ad for a free Starbucks card with your stay.

Romeo & Juliet: Cupid's Castle Awaits!
Quicky elopement wedding packages at budget prices available!
A fairytale castle B&B! The perfect romantic getaway secluded
in a fragrant lemon grove in Pauma Valley. 4 chambers to
choose from, all with Jacuzzis, balconies. Full breakfast included!
Gift certificates! Military discounts.
Near casinos, wineries, Palomar Mountain and
hiking! Voted "Most Romantic Bed & Breakfast Getaway"!
760-742-3306. www.adreamcastle.com.

SEA

Beach Haven Inn Pacific Beach 1/2 Block Suites With Kitchens
Pool and spa. Continental breakfast. Air conditioning.
Near restaurants, shops. Weekly studio-suite rates from $420.
4740 Mission Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92109.
800-831-6323 toll free.
www.beachhaveninn.com.

Rosarito Beach Hotel Baja, Mexico
Hotel and spa all inclusive $159 US. Welcome margarita,
oceanfront room, two 30-minute massages, getaway menu
dinner, continental breakfast, 2 children 12 and under stay
free. Per couple, per night plus tax, advance reservation
required. Valid Sunday-Thursday. Friday-Saturday higher.
Valid till 12/21/06 and from 1/02/07-3/29/07.
Limited availability. Room only $69 with 14-day advance.
www.Rosaritobeachhotel.com. 1-800-343-8582.

Encinitas Romantic Getaway!
$89-$175! 5 quality, private, ocean-view rooms. Feng shui!
Penthouse Shangri-La: A true hidden paradise with 8' hot tub!
Enjoy enchanted gardens. Fish pond with wedding grotto.
Perfect for intimate weddings or renewal of vows!
Seabreeze B&B. 760-944-0318 or www.seabreeze-inn.com.

Beautiful La Jolla Oceanfront Windansea Bed & Breakfast
Come stay at our bed & breakfast and spend a romantic night
in our master suite. Rooms start at $199 and up. Special
rates for longer stays. The whole house, 4600 square feet,
4 bedrooms, 4 baths, can be rented for any period of time—
1 day, 1 week, months. Book your wedding, reception,
graduation and special holiday events with us.
We also cater. Call us at 858-456-6655.

Pacific Coast Skydiving

$125* Tandem

* Scenic flights over the ocean and downtown San Diego
* Jump from altitudes over 2 miles above the ground
* Ask about RVT video technology

Call or go online for reservations.
(619) 661-0194
www.pcskydiving.com
Open 7 days a week • MC/Visa
Gift certificates available.
*Must purchase $70 video ($195 total cost). Weekdays only.
Add $20 for weekend jumps.

Christmas

at First United Methodist Church of San Diego

Christmas Sunday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
The Chancel Choir and Organ
The Water's Edge, 9:30 a.m., in The Cove

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
three distinct candlelight services:

Family Christmas Pageant, 5 p.m.
The Children's and Youth Choirs

Lessons and Carols, 7 and 9 p.m.
The Chancel Choir, Robert Plimpton, Organ and Nick Grant, Violin
Dr. Jim Standiford

Communion and Carols, 11 p.m.
Guitar, Flute, Cello and Conga
Rev. Molly Vetter

FIRST CHURCH
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Open Hearts · Open Minds · Open Doors

2111 Camino del Rio South, ¼ mile west of Texas St. in Mission Valley · 619-297-4366 · www.fumcsd.org

Dr. Jim Standiford, Senior Pastor
Dr. Stanley Wicks, Director of Church Music
Robert Plimpton, Organist

DANCE for $30

for 4 weeks*

Classes Still Open

MONDAY: Argentine Tango
TUESDAY: **Latin/Ballroom*** • Nightclub 2-step • Hustle
WEDNESDAY: **Jitterbug & Swing***
THURSDAY: **Lindy Hop*** • West Coast Swing
FRIDAY: **Salsa*** • West Coast Swing
Country-Western Two-Step*

Social Dance Specialists

DANCES – Every Thursday: West Coast Swing/Nightclub Mix
Every Saturday: Latin & Ballroom
Every Sunday: Jitterbug/Swing

PATTIE WELLS' DANCETIME CENTER
1255 West Morena Blvd. (619) 275-3533
dancetime@gmail.com www.dancetime.com

*(Classes in bold) with this ad, first-time student. Introductory classes. Expires 12/31/06. Sorry, no credit cards accepted.

New Year's Eve on the Bahia Belle

PRIME RIB BUFFET
(MISSION BALLROOM)
5:30 to 7:00PM

BAY CRUISE
9:00PM to 1:30AM

Live Music • Dancing • Party Favors
Three-Hour Package Bar
Buffet • Mission Bay Cruise
$90 PER PERSON
Call 858.688.8194 for more information

Tickets pre-sold at the Café Bahia.
Board at the Bahia Resort Hotel
998 W. Mission Bay Dr.

You must be at least 21 years of age with valid ID.

Big Night San Diego

New Year's Eve

America's Largest New Year's Gala

This Spectacular Event Features:

* A Multitude Of FULL OPEN VIP BARS - ALL NIGHT *
* TWELVE Different, Themed Party Areas *
* SIX Dance Floors *
* The Hottest PARTY Bands *
(Featuring:Lady Dottie & The Diamonds, Common Sense, Flock of 80's, Cover Me Bad, Tubby and Inner Voyage)
* The Area's Hottest DJs *
(Featuring: Scooter & Lavelle, Jon Bishop, Happee, & Pat Premier)
* Hors d'oeuvre Buffet
* Huge Midnight Celebration *
(w/HUGE balloon drop, toast, party favors, etc.)

Sunday, December 31, 9:00 pm - 2:00 am

All at the Sheraton Harbor Island and Marina
San Diego's Finest Party Location

www.BigNightSanDiego.com

Tikibali Events · 91X · Channel 933 · FOX ROX · San Diego CITYBEAT · FOX 6

Madison Avenue. Refreshments follow. Bring flashlight. Free. 619-231-7463. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Winter Solstice Bird Walk on Rose Creek offered by Friends of Rose Creek on Friday, December 22, starting at 3 p.m. at Mission Bay High School (2475 Grand Avenue). Explore lower creek, watch birds, learn history of creek during easy 1.5-mile hike. "Please bring a seashell for each person." Free. 858-405-7503. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Visit Historical Grinding Rocks Site, see native plants and shorebirds during guided nature walk, Saturday, December 23, 8:30 a.m., beginning in Kumeyaay Lake Campground of Mission Trails Regional Park (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

See Toyon's Showy Red Berries during guided nature walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, December 23, 24, and 27, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Second Annual Christmas Day Hike in Daley Ranch planned by naturalist Carol Stanford on Monday, December 25. Hike starts at 8:30 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

DANCE

Nuttiest Time of the Year! California Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* at San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue) through December 24. Cast of 160 includes children 4-14 years old dancing to Maxine Mahon's choreography, Tchaikovsky's score. Tickets: $22-$78 for adults, $22 for those 12 and younger. 858-560-6741.

San Diego Civic Youth Orchestra accompanies dancers of San Elijo Dance and Music Academy for *The Nutcracker* they present December 21–23 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. each night, with 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. Tickets: $17.50–$39. 800-988-4253. (DOWNTOWN, ESCONDIDO)

Bellydancing by Lucia, Melissa, Nadirah, and Zahra to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Thursday, December 21, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). $5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Easy Variations of Viennese Waltz taught during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, December 22, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Donation: $1. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Holiday Open House and Toy Drive benefiting Rady Children's Hospital and Health Center hosted by Culture Shock Dance Center on Saturday December 23, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. All dance classes free to students who bring an unwrapped toy. Event includes performance by Sabrina Fox's belly-dance company, Atash Maya. Ten classes offered including all levels of hip-hop, a break-dance class, youth classes in jazz and hip-hop, "cardio top rocking" (break-dance footwork) class. Find Culture Shock Dance Center at 2110 Hancock Street, suite 200. 619-299 2110. (OLD TOWN)

Free Day of Dance Classes offered by San Diego Ballet, Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater, and Malashock Dance on Tuesday, December 26, 9:30 a.m.–8 p.m., at Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade (2650 Truxton Road). Tour new facility, take a sample class. 619-260-1622. (POINT LOMA)

Sultry Salsa Moves! Salsa dancing to live band every Tuesday night at Portugalia (4839 Newport Avenue). Camille and Michael of Positive Energy Dance teach salsa moves at 9 p.m.; open dancing with music by Trece de la Suerte at 9:30 p.m. $7. 619-222-7678. (OCEAN BEACH)

Malashock Dance hosts series of intermediate/advanced-level modern-dance classes Wednesday–Sunday, December 27–31, noon–1:45 p.m., at Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade (2650 Truxton Road). Classes taught by artistic director John Malashock focus on dance technique, company repertory, "creation of new movement." $14 per class, or $65 for all five classes. 619-260-1622. (POINT LOMA)

FILM

"A Scanner Darkly," Richard Linklater's cast includes Keanu Reeves, Robert Downey Jr., Woody Harrelson, Winona Rider in this "jittery brain-twister" screening Wednesday, December 27, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Santa vs. the Snowman, Roving Mars,* and *Deep Sea.* Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Disaster Preparedness: Are Your Pets Prepared?" Learn to plan for emergencies, what supplies your pet will need, what to do with pets in case of evacuation, Thursday, December 21, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). $10. 619-243-3424. (LINDA VISTA)

"How We Know the Climate Is Changing" explained by Mark Thiemens of UCSD, Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 p.m., San Diego Natural History Museum. Attention paid to possible impacts on Southern California. Free. 619-255-0245. (BALBOA PARK)

Wedding Guide

To place your ad in the Wedding Guide, call 619-235-8200.

A free, 24-hour line for planning your wedding. *Call 619-233-9797 (on the Web at* SanDiegoReader.com/wedding*)*

Call 619-233-9797 and press the 4-digit extension (in bold type) of the topic or advertiser that interests you.

Planning Tips

Bakers **5105**
Bridal Attire **5102**
Bridal Shows **5120**
Caterers **5104**
Ceremony Sites **5106**
Clergy **5112**
Consultants **5118**
Dance Lessons **5117**
Decorations **5113**
Disc Jockeys **5110**
Florists **5101**
Formal Wear **5103**
Gift Registries **5116**
Health & Beauty **5119**
Honeymoon **5115**
Invitations **5114**
Jewelers **5100**
Limos & Valet **5111**
Musicians **5109**
Photographers **5108**
Reception Sites **5107**

Don't Let The "French" In French Gourmet Scare You! We Offer Delicious Values!
From simple hors d'oeuvres & cakes to elaborate buffets or sit-down receptions, our experienced staff will plan a menu that will please your guests and someone's wallet. Visit www.thefrenchgourmet.com or consult us at 800-929-1984 x125. Free cake tasting. 960 Turquoise, PB. Serving San Diego since 1979 ..... **5308**

Over 200 Wedding Dresses $100s Off Retail Prices!
Current style, quality consigned gowns. Veils, headpieces, petticoats and more! Garment Gourmet Resale, 760-630-6630, Garmentgourmet.com **5190**

Windansea Bed & Breakfast Beautiful Oceanfront Wedding & Reception Venue
Have your barefoot on-the-beach wedding, then your reception at Windansea Bed & Breakfast. Spend your honeymoon in our master suite-the entire third floor. There are 3 other bedrooms with full baths for your wedding party. Come stay with us. Rooms start at $199. We also cater. Call 858-456-6655 ..... **5177**

Say I Do! To St. Tropez Cakes & Authentic Flavors Catering
Let us customize catering for 100 or more people and elegant wedding cake is free. 858-404-0642 or www.sdauthenticflavors.com **5223**

Affordable Customized Wedding Ceremonies
Church services or barefoot on the beach. Call 858-350-1053. See www.personalizedweddings.zoomshare.com. E-mail, sjwallace1053@yahoo.com ... **5326**

At The Hilton San Diego Mission Valley, We Make It Worry-Free & Fun For All.
Creative, memorable & affordable. We offer a wedding coordinator, elegant dining & gourmet catering, exquisite ballrooms, leaving you free to enjoy your lifetime event. Hilton San Diego Mission Valley, 901 Camino del Rio South. 619-682-3947 x323. www.hiltonsdmvweddings.com.... **5256**

Bridal Bazaar Sunday, January 28
SD Convention Center, 10am-5pm. More than 300 exhibitors with everything for your wedding. Info, coupons, www.bridalbazaar.com **5208**

www.ReceptionsBG.com (Receptions Bilingual Guide)
The most complete guide for weddings and all kind of receptions. Offering carefully selected vendors from both sides of the border **5407**

Ladybug Art Calligraphy Since 1975. 619-563-0082
Hand addressing and invitations! See how affordable class can be! Happy to answer questions by phone. 4070 Adams. ladybugart.net **5358**

HORNBLOWER
CRUISES & EVENTS
Always a Pleasure

December 31, 2006
Three Packages to Choose From
Starting at $144.20 Per Person

619-686-8715
hornblowerholidays.com

Two Cruises Daily
at 9:30 am and 1:30 pm

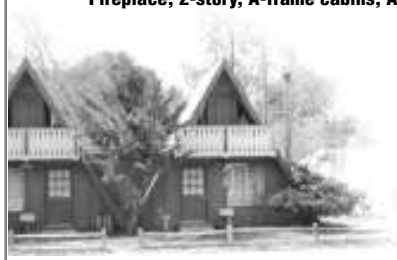
2-FOR-1 on a Whale & Dolphin Watching Weekday Ticket

Purchase one adult full fare whale watching ticket and get a second for free. Valid for up to 6 adults. Valid Monday through Friday only. Not valid on holidays, special events or in combination with any other offer. Must mention discount at time of purchase and present before boarding. Coupon code: RDW21. Expires 4/1/07.

Romantic Mountain Getaway

In-room Jacuzzis • Fine Dining • Cocktails • Lodge • Near Acorn Casino

Fireplace, 2-story, A-frame cabins, AC, HBO, microwave, refrigerator.



Overnight prices for two people:

Sunday–Thursday
1 night, breakfast for 2 ..... $99

Sweetheart Package
Sunday–Thursday
Breakfast for 2, dinner for 2, therapeutic massage $179

Weekend Specials
2 nights, breakfast for 2 ..... $258
2-night breakfast package with dinner & massage one night $338

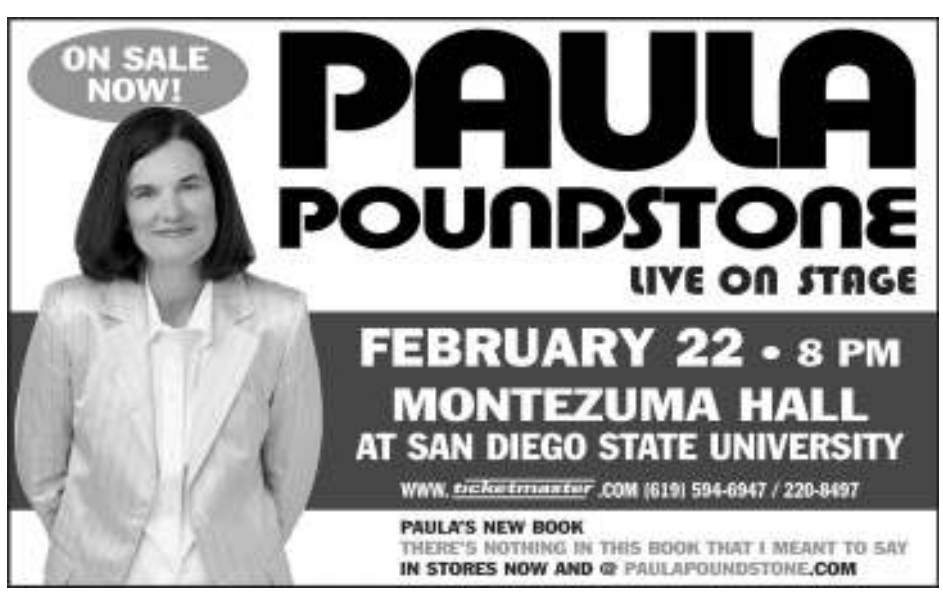
Need A Little Romance?

Gift Certificates Available!

Certain restrictions apply. Gratuity and tax not included.

For more information, including other special deals, call or visit our extensive website:
www.liveoaksprings.com

Live Oak Springs Resort (619) 766-4288
37820 Old Highway 80 (60 minutes east of downtown San Diego, 2 miles south of I-8)



Calendar
LOCAL EVENTS

IN PERSON

Ring in the Holidays! Community festival of music continues daily through Saturday, December 23, at Latter-Day Saints Temple (7474 Charmant Drive). Bell choirs, Hispanic choirs, deaf choir, operatic and instrumental performances, harps, youth choirs, much more! Free. Details: 619-994-9367. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Celebrate Winter Solstice with Puppet Insurgency shows and sing-along processions, December 22 and 23, 5:30 p.m. Brings masks, lanterns, and noisemakers to Ocean Beach Park (at Ebers and Saratoga Streets) on Friday. Festivities continue on Saturday at Trolley Barn Park (1900 Adams Avenue). Free. 619-546-6613. (OCEAN BEACH, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas" offered Friday–Sunday, December 22–24, 5 and 6 p.m., at Loews Coronado Bay Resort and Spa (4000 Coronado Bay Road). Grinch is played by Quentin Proulx, Chula Vista High School drama students play the Whos down in Whoville. Free. 619-424-4000. (CORONADO)

"Global Heart Christmas Eve Celebration" is planned Sunday, December 24, 7 p.m., at Pacific Church (11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Choirs and musicians from Pacific Church, Midtown Church, Shiloh Spiritual Center, and Light of Life Center unite to perform traditional and contemporary Christmas music. Soloists include Kristi Peterson, Rachel Drexler, SoulVoice, Christy Gilardi, Darryl Thompson. Free. 619-303-6609. (TIERRASANTA)

Button-Down-Style Comedy, television hall of famer Bob Newhart performs Saturday, January 13, 2 and 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Musical guest is Susan Egan. Tickets: $40–$55. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

"Long Time Traveling," Anonymous 4 has reunited for project with lyric folk songs, religious ballads, gospel hymns, joined by renowned musicians Darol Anger (fiddle) and Mike Marshall (mandolin). Concert begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 14, at St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (743 Prospect Street). $25 general. 858-459-3421 x109. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

Whale Watching by Kayak, adventure led by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Friday, December 22, at 9 a.m. and noon, off La Jolla Shores. Group gathers at 2246 Avenida de la Playa. $60 fee includes required equipment, snacks. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

Bicycle to Carlsbad via El Camino Real with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders on Saturday, December 23. The 50-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Free. 619-562-2882. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

See Olympic Mementos and Souvenirs when Knickerbiker bicyclists head out for ride to U.S. Olympic Training Center on Saturday, December 23. The 30-mile ride starts at 9:30 a.m. at boat launch near restroom at Chula Vista Marina. Participants will tour newer residential areas, lunch at Italy Express. 619-426-2043. (CHULA VISTA)

Ho, Ho, Ho! Bicycle to poinsettia fields with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders, Sunday, December 24. The 35-miler starts at 9 a.m. behind Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Del Mar Heights shopping center (at Del Mar Heights and El Camino Real). Free. 858-456-7849. (DEL MAR)

San Diego Chargers play football against Seahawks in Seattle on Sunday, December 24, 1:15 p.m. Game broadcast on CBS; listen on radio station KIOZ, Rock 105.3. Tickets for future games start at $54, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

Bumble Bee Seafoods Holiday Bowl 5K Run steps off at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 28, at corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street, proceeding along waterfront. Race-day registration: 8 a.m. 858-268-1250. (DOWNTOWN)

The 2006 Pacific Life Holiday Bowl between California Golden Bears and Texas A&M Aggies is Thursday, December 28, 5 p.m., in Qualcomm Stadium. Tickets: $55–$75, available through Ticketmaster. 619-283-5808. (MISSION VALLEY)

SPECIAL

Garden of Lights, 11th annual event boasts gardens decorated with 90,000-plus sparkling lights on plants and trees at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Holiday Garden of Lights can be enjoyed 5–9 p.m., December 21–23 and December 26–30. Holiday crafts, live entertainment, marshmallow roasting, children's activities, and food (for sale). Admission: $8 general, $3 for those 3–12, free for kids under 3. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"Economic Globalization — Is America Worse Off?" Discuss topic on Thursday, December 21, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

Jamaican Christmas celebrated Monday, December 25, 3 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Performances by Har-

ford Folk and Culture, Anasi stories told by Valerie Murray, screening of documentary *Blood and Fire* (chronicling the roots of reggae music), "feast of tasty Jamaican foods" (for sale). Free admission. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Kwanzaa Kujichagulia Holiday Celebration is Wednesday, December 27, starting at 7:30 p.m. at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). *Kujichagulia* is second principle of Kwanzaa, meaning self-determination in Swahili. Drumming, dancing, speakers on principles of Kwanzaa, festive lighting of candles, African-American cuisine. Free. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Big Bay Balloon Parade with floats, marching bands, drill teams, and enormous balloons is Thursday, December 28. Parade begins at 10 a.m. on North Harbor Drive (along Embarcadero), proceeds to Seaport Village. Free for spectators.

Big Bay Balloon Parade family festival takes place after the parade, 11:30 a.m., on Broadway Pier. Marching bands from two participating universities take part in "Battle of the University Bands"; rides for the kids, carnival games. Free admission. 619-283-5808. (DOWNTOWN)

"Are Science and Atheism Religions?" Present your opinion, Thursday, December 28, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

A "Paper Theatre Festival" by staff of Arts Libraries at UCSD is underway. In the Victorian era, families purchased theater posters, cut and paste together scale-model replicas; scripts were included, so families could mount their own productions. An exhibit of paper theaters, materials outlining history of the art form, paper optical toys continues through January in exhibit cases of UCSD's Geisel Library (lower level, west wing). Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

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 11 a.m., 2, and 6 p.m. daily ($20 general, $15 for kids). Skate rental: $5. 619-435-6611. (CORONADO)

Ring in 2007! Year-end bell-ringing Buddhist ritual purges 108 frailties and passions experienced during year, allowing for fresh new year. Program includes history of Friendship Bell, sutra chanting, incense offering; participants take turns swinging rope guiding big wooden log against huge *bonsho* bell during ceremony on Sunday, December 31, at 11:30 p.m. Shelter Island Friendship Bell is located at 1402 Shelter Island Drive; 619-239-0896. Dress warmly. Free. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Mission Hills Celebrates 99th Anniversary with events on Saturday, January 20, at Francis Parker Elementary School (4201 Randolph Street). "Preserving Bungalows — Green Homes for the 21st Century" presented by "bungalow expert," preservationist, designer, author Jane Powell at 12:30 p.m. She'll provide insights into appreciating, preserving older homes. $20.

"Good Housekeeping" is theme for 90-minute walking tour starting at 2:15 p.m. During tour, learn about historic paint colors, "sensitive additions and remodels," more. $15. Attend both events for $30. Reservations: 619-497-1193. (MISSION HILLS)

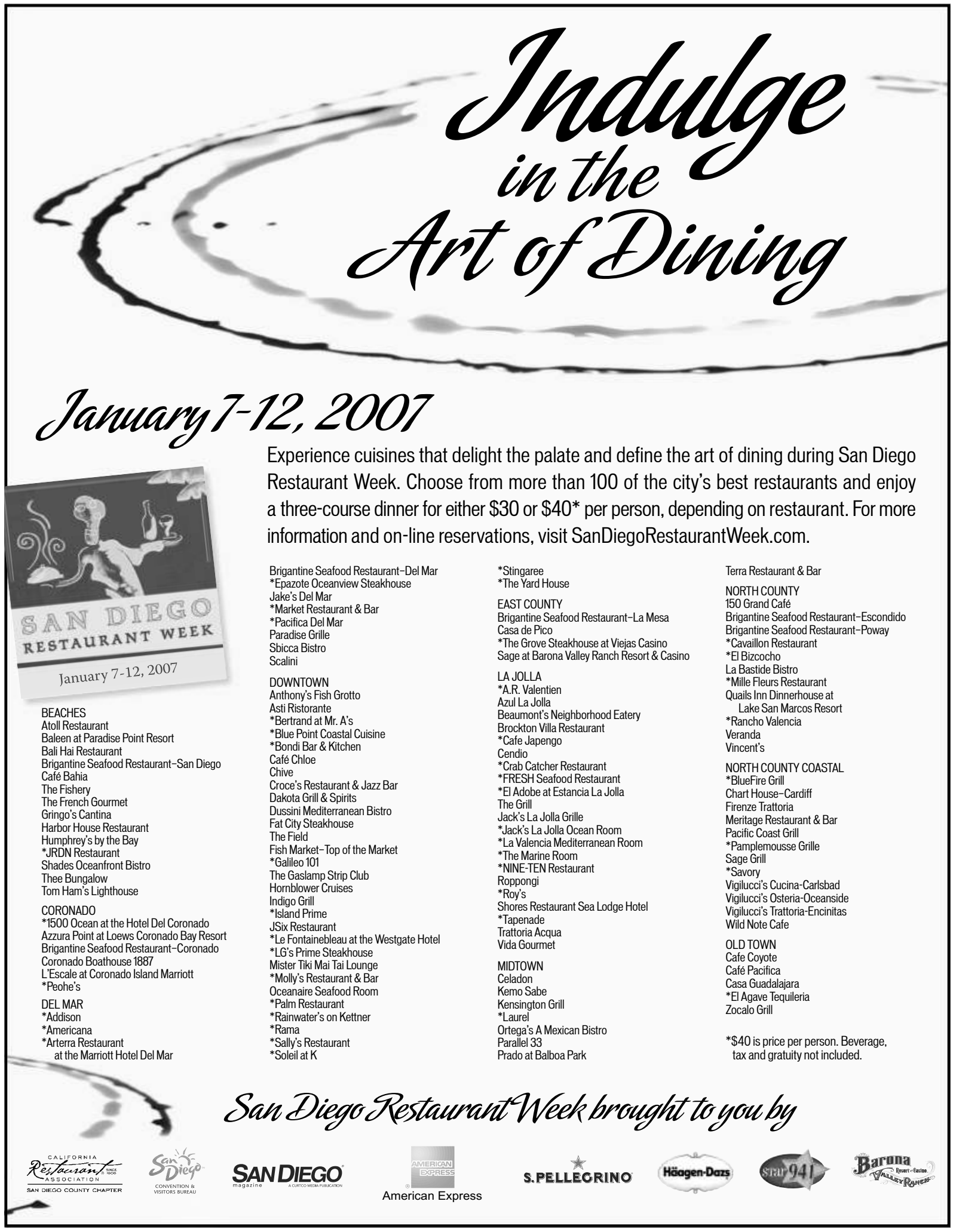
FOR KIDS

"The Merry Christmas Show" is presented by Puppet Express and Weaver's Tales through Saturday, December 23, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Jack and the Beanstalk* performed by Big Joe Productions, December 27–31. 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)

"Madeline's Christmas," based on the classic Ludwig Bemelmans story, continues through December 23, performed by South Bay San Diego Junior Theatre. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, at 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at Theatre on Third (250 3rd Avenue). Tickets: $10 adults, $5 youths. 619-239-8355. (CHULA VISTA)

Family Festival Pops Concert, with music by San Diego Symphony led by Matthew Garbutt, San Diego Master Chorale, San Diego Children's Choir, and Crusader Bells, Saturday, December 23, 2 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: $7–$22, or $30 for family of four. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"Dorothy the Dinosaur's Dance Party!" Dorothy the Dinosaur of the Wiggles hosts singing, dancing performances on Tuesday, December 26, 2 and 5 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Recom-



mended for families with children three and older. Tickets: $10-$22. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

MUSEUMS

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2006, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300–2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368–1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.–A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

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

Museum of Making Music, "Brother Musician, Listen to a Miracle," exhibit celebrating 75th birthday of electric guitar is collaboration between museum, organology expert Matthew Hill, and Rickenbacker International Corporation. Exhibit charts devel-

ROAM-O-RAMA

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

The Tenaja Falls hiking or backpacking traverse takes you one way through Cleveland National Forest's San Mateo Canyon Wilderness — Southern California's only large coastal wilderness area. You can see plenty of winter and early spring scenery (it may be too hot and dry there May through November) without repeating any footsteps.

You could have someone drop you off at the start and later pick you up (four or more hours later) at the finish. Or, with just one car, you might think of a way to use a bicycle (to be left at the start or end point) to turn this trek into a hybrid hike/bike loop. Bikes are not allowed on the hiking route itself, but they are well suited to traveling the 14 miles of mostly narrow, thinly paved Wildomar Road connecting the start and finish points of the hike. A wilderness permit is not required for day use of the Tenaja Fall Trail, but it is required for overnight backpacking. Cleveland National Forest's Corona ranger's office, 951-736-1811, has details.

Top of Tenaja Falls

You'll want to start hiking at the Morgan Trailhead on Killen Trail (a.k.a. South Main Divide Road, later becoming Wildomar Road), 2.7 miles south of Ortega Highway (Highway 74). You'll end the hike at the Tenaja Falls Trailhead, 14 miles south from the Morgan Trailhead via Wildomar Road. The Tenaja Falls Trailhead can also be reached by way of Clinton Keith and Tenaja roads, west of Temecula. Logistical planning is definitely helped by obtaining an Auto Club map of the area (Riverside County or Los Angeles/Orange Counties and Vicinity), and by obtaining a San Mateo Canyon Wilderness topographic map published by Cleveland National Forest. Also, be aware that cars parked at either trailhead must have a National Forest Adventure Pass posted.

From the Morgan Trailhead you begin with a descent through chaparral on the Morgan Trail. Soon, you enter the boundary of San Mateo Canyon Wilderness and plunge into the dark, upper reaches of Morrell Canyon. The canyon is loaded with magnificent live oaks, the hardy survivors of periodic wildfires. The trail crosses Morrell Canyon's small creek at 1.0 mile, then rises back into the sunny chaparral.

At 2.2 miles, Tenaja Falls Trail branches left. Heading east, you cross a wooded ravine and steadily and crookedly rise on rocky, chaparral-clad slopes. Later you turn south on those slopes, still climbing, and skirt the boundary of a parcel of private land lying within both the national forest and the wilderness area. Most of this private "inholding" covers the flat, grassy valley named Potero de la Cienega.

Climbing ends at a high point just above the 2800-foot elevation contour, some 400 feet above the flat floor of the valley. You then descend south into the southeastern corner of the valley. At 4.3 miles you join a disused dirt road, which continues going south around the valley's east edge.

The old road finally curls west around the inholding and then, starting at 5.5 miles, assumes a descending course south down the left side of V-shaped upper San Mateo Canyon. You can often hear water cascading down the canyon bottom, which is virtually impossible to reach due to dense chaparral growth.

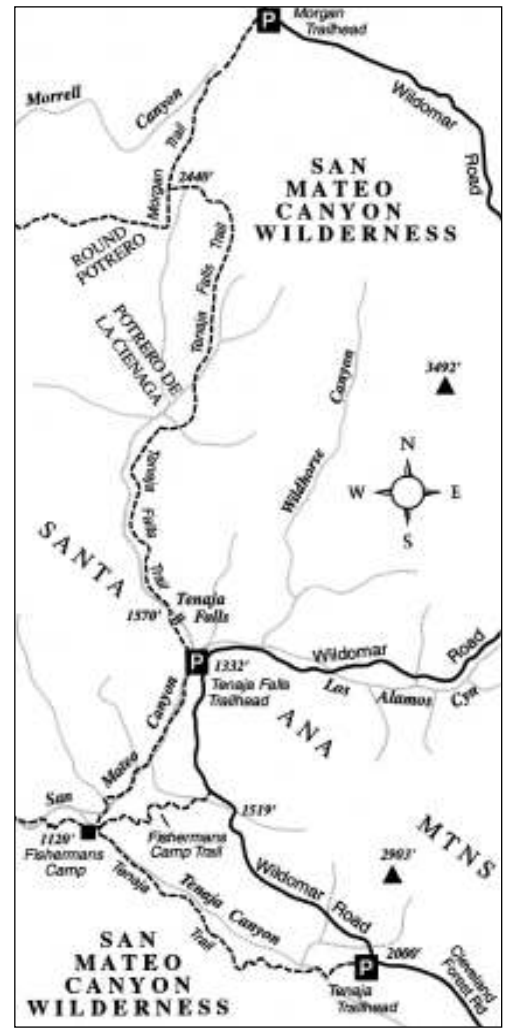
By 7.0 miles you're right alongside the canyon bottom, and you benefit from the soothing sound of rushing water and the sheltering shade of streamside oaks. At 7.5 miles you cross San Mateo Canyon's creek on an old concrete ford just above Tenaja Falls, switching over to the canyon's west side. After rapidly descending, there's only one more creek crossing to contend with at the very end, then you arrive at the Tenaja Falls Trailhead.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

TENAJA FALLS TRAVERSE

Practice navigational skills on a one-way, mostly downhill trek using the Tenaja Falls Trail near Temecula.

Distance from downtown San Diego: Approx. 80 miles
Length: 8.2 miles
Difficulty: Moderately strenous



GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT!
BIPLANE RIDES, AIR COMBAT & WARBIRD FLIGHTS
From $199
(Biplane ride for 1 or 2, all ages)
TRAVEL CHANNEL #1 PICK
Scenic 1920s-era biplane rides for up to 2 passengers per flight.
Fly an Air Combat mission in our special dogfight aircraft. You get to take control. You call the shots ... literally!
Relive the glory days of aviation in our 1941 North American SNJ-4, the advanced trainer for WWII pilots. You get to fly, and can even do loops and rolls!
1-800-Sky-Loop (800-759-5667)
www.barnstorming.com
Oldest, largest operation of its kind in the USA. Over 90,000 delighted passengers. FAA-certified aircraft and pilots.
Mention that you saw this ad in the *Reader* to get our lowest pricing.

Enjoy cool, starry nights in our newly renovated lodge.
Relax and rejuvenate in our soothing hot springs mineral pools and Jacuzzi.
Join us for New Year's Eve
Live music. No cover. Call for info.
JACUMBA Hot Springs
Lodge & Restaurant
For information & reservations call: 619-766-4525
44500 Old Highway 80, Jacumba

3-hour Holiday Special $189
(Monday-Thursday)
6-Hour Weekend Special Starting at $399
(gratuity included!)
UTC Transportation 800-882-6554
www.utclimo.com
TCP-017514

Reading

Fleeing Fundamentalism: A Minister's Wife Examines Faith

Carlene Cross

By Carlene Cross
Algonquin Books, 2006, 288 pages, $23.95

ABOUT THE BOOK:
In *Fleeing Fundamentalism*, Cross looks back at the life that led her to marry a charismatic young man, handsome and articulate, who appeared destined for greatness as a minister within the fundamentalist church. Their marriage, which began with great hope and promise, started to crumble when she realized that her husband had fallen victim to the same demons that had plagued his youth.

WHAT THE REVIEWERS SAY:
Publishers Weekly: The religion depicted in this absorbing memoir of falsehood and betrayal is fundamentalism gone berserk.

Kirkus Reviews: A brave memoir.... Eloquent without self-pity.... A long, fraught journey into the light, chronicled with compassion and spirit.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
Carlene Cross lives in Seattle, Washington, where she has worked as a college counselor and a producer for public television. She holds a degree in religious studies from Big Sky Bible College, as well as a BA in history and an MA in communications history from the University of Washington.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:
I phoned Carlene Cross at her office in Seattle during the tail end of a three-day wintry blast of snow and cold, more usual to her childhood home in Montana than to the rainy Northwest. "Could you tell me a little bit about the ranch where you grew up?"

"It was a 5000-acre cattle ranch in northwestern Montana, south of Kalispell. My mother kept a garden. We had some horses. We did hay and wheat and harvested all those things.

"I went to Hot Springs High School, with a graduating class of 25."

"Were the other ranchers fundamentalists?"

"No. The people we lived around weren't very religious then, and they aren't to this day. They are very pragmatic and pretty down to earth. All of this fundamentalist stuff just doesn't play with them."

"How did you come to join the fundamentalist movement?"

"My only experience with religion as a child was with Daily Vacation Bible School, and that was only one week out of the year, during the summer. When I got into high school, my mother began reading the end-times prophecy books of Hal Lindsey. She would talk to us about the Rapture and that Jesus was going to come back. I think I came to Christianity more out of fear of being left behind than anything else.

"My mother's desire was that my brother and I go off to Bible College."

"Where is Big Sky Bible College?"

"It doesn't exist anymore. It was an old army base up in the mountains near Lewistown, in the middle of Montana. The government built it in the '50s as a training center for the army.

"There were 250 students when I went there. It was about half male, half female. It's curious to me

(continued on page 72)

> "I think I came to Christianity more out of fear of being left behind than anything else."

opment of electric guitar by exploring innovations, includes prototypes and custom instruments. Through December.

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

The past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

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

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

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

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

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

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

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of

Reading

(continued from page 71)

that so many girls would go to Bible College, because they wouldn't teach women to be preachers or leaders of any kind. I hate to say it, but girls were there to find a husband and to become a minister's wife or a missionary's wife."

"What was the curriculum like?"

"There were a few English classes and a few music classes, but everything else was the study of the Bible, which was really disappointing later on, because the school was unaccredited and I had to start all over."

"What did students do for recreation?"

"They had parties on campus. We had a student union building. Kids would congregate there or play basketball in the gym. A lot of energy was spent being in choir and learning music, too."

"Was dancing frowned upon?"

"Oh, there was absolutely no dancing! We would go into town and go bowling, but that was it. I don't think anyone ever went to a movie, because that was off limits. Mainly we went bowling and ate pizza."

During her freshman year at Big Sky Bible College, Ms. Cross met her future husband, David.

"He was a legend on campus. He was very handsome, had a 4.0 GPA, and was student-body president. He was a great basketball player, and he was the person that everyone wanted to be like. I was in awe of him. He was starting his senior year at the time I was a freshman."

"Looking back on that time, were there any indications of the future problems he would have?"

"Even early on, he was very possessive. We started dating, and then he graduated and came to Seattle to work at Boeing while I finished up. If I mentioned that I had even had a conversation with a guy on campus, he would get angry.

"He was a big fish in a little pond in college, and then he came and worked at Boeing as a machinist's helper, and he was incredibly depressed."

After she graduated, Ms. Cross and David married, and he took a position as a minister in a small fundamentalist church near Seattle. "What was your daily life like as a minister's wife?"

"I attended all of the services, taught women's Bible study, taught children's church, homeschooled the children, and entertained. I was expected to teach the doctrines of the church and to toe the party line.

"At Bible College we were given classes on what it was like to be a good minister's wife. Then, after we were married, we would go to these pastors' and wives' conferences, and they would talk about how, exactly, to act."

"Did the church expect you to entertain and foot the bill for it, or did you get an allowance?"

"We were expected to entertain. Our salary was $1200 a month, in the 1980s, with three kids. We would meet new people on Sunday, and David would introduce himself and try to pull them into the church. Every Friday night we would have four or five couples to dinner. I had books and books of recipes where you could make a diner for five or six couples really cheaply. We had a lot of lasagna and Chicken Divine.

"We lived in the parsonage and didn't pay rent, so I suppose that's why they expected so many social events. The house was always open to everyone. Young kids would come through the house on Sunday mornings to go to the bathroom, and everyone felt like the parsonage was their property. As a farm kid growing up in Montana, we had lots of privacy. It was hard for me to move into a place where I had no solitude."

> "Women are not to speak in church. They are not to hold any roles of authority or leadership because they caused the downfall of mankind."

The Cross' marriage became increasingly strained, and David finally confessed to having an addiction to strip clubs.

"That evening, when he came home and confessed and I actually realized what was going on, it was so devastating. I was totally blindsided. I had no idea he had been living this double life.

"When guys like Tim Haggard and Jimmy Swaggart were found out, I know a lot of people thought, 'God, didn't their wives have any idea?' But these personality types are so used to pulling the wool over people's eyes and presenting a perfect image to the public, they

the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

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

HELICOPTERS
"16 Years of Excellence in San Diego"

• Scenic Tours Saturday and Sunday Specials from $59 per person
• Wine Country Lunch
• Group Flights
• Gift Certificates
• Flight Training • Executive Charter
800-345-6737
www.CorporateHelicopters.com

TALENT UPDATE
18-year-old *Armand Hammer* from Beverly Hills. In addition to modeling, he is also an actor, making his successful debut in the feature film *Flicka*.
– *Happy Holidays* –
★ "We maximize potential without compromising health or education."
Scott Copeland International
CONSERVATIVE MANAGEMENT
1255 Coast Blvd. La Jolla, CA 92037
Ph: (858)456-9189
www.scottcopelandtalent.com

ACTIVE SINGLES!
Get involved in the sports you love while meeting other active, healthy singles! Over 8 events each week covering every sport and social activity imaginable!
Upcoming Trips: Maui, Rio, Croatia, New Zealand, Cabo, Panama & ski trips!
Athletic Singles Association
Info: (800) 488-9246
Office: (760) 434-4700
www.athleticsingles.com

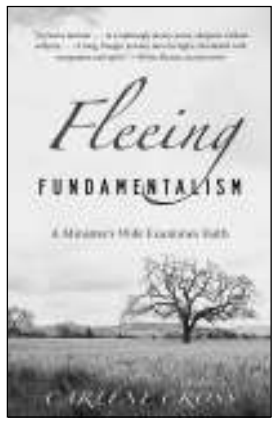
Holiday Lights Tour
Private Parties • New Year's Eve

Royal Limousine
(619) 251-1899
www.aroyallimo.com
Lic. TCP 18237 P

Naturalist-Guided Whale Watching
Daily December 26–April 1, 2007

• Journey with the ocean experts
• Save on weekday rates
Presented by:
BIRCH AQUARIUM
Scripps Institution of Oceanography UC San Diego
SAN DIEGO HARBOR EXCURSION
sdhe.com

$5 OFF (adult fare, up to 4)
Naturalist-Guided Whale Watching
San Diego Harbor Excursion
1050 N. Harbor Drive
619/234-4111 • sdhe.com
Coupon must be presented at gate. Not valid with other offers. Expires April 1, 2007
whale-reader
$2 OFF (up to 4)
Birch Aquarium at Scripps
2300 Expedition Way in La Jolla
858/534-FISH • aquarium.ucsd.edu
Coupon must be presented at gate. Not valid with other offers. Expires April 1, 2007
whale-reader



are able to pull it off."

With promises of reform and a renewed commitment to their marriage, David insisted that they begin socializing with select couples from the church. Evenings in Seattle drinking and dancing led to late night hot-tubbing and increasingly risqué behavior. Eventually, David resumed his visits to strip clubs, and the marriage dissolved.

"Where did he find the money for strip clubs and drinking?"

"That was one of the things I was furious about. We were living off fumes, and I was doing everything I could just to pay the light bill. The second time I found out, I did so because I started watching the bank, and money would be missing. That is expensive stuff."

"Do you think there is a personality type that is more easily compelled toward or drawn into fundamentalism?"

"I think that fundamentalism offers closed systems and pat answers to very complicated questions. As such, it tends to appeal to people who want those pat answers – to people who want a system that doesn't force them to struggle with those issues. The minister or the Bible tells them what to believe, and most of the time it's the minister's interpretation of the Bible that tells them exactly which path to take."

"What keeps so many people in the system once they start to see through the cracks?"

"It's fear, I think. You invest emotionally and socially in a system, and all of your friends and family are there. You can't say, 'You know, I don't really believe in that concept of hell anymore.' 'Well, you're out of here.'"

"How have fundamentalism and politics changed by having been married for 30 years?"

"Fundamentalism has had a distinct effect on politics. Back in the '80s when the Moral Majority first began, I was part of that movement. I think the success of what happened was beyond their wildest expectations. They helped put Ronald Reagan in office, but Reagan separated his religion from politics and policy. This last administration has not done that."

"Do you hold much hope that the role of women will change in fundamentalism?"

"I don't, because of their view of the Bible. If you approach the Bible as the literal word of God, it does say that. In I Corinthians 11 and 14, and II Timothy 2 and 9, it says that women are to be submissive. Women are not to speak in church. They are not to hold any roles of authority or leadership because they caused the downfall of mankind. Eve tempted Adam, and through Eve, sin came into the world. In Timothy, it actually says that women are easily deceived and that they are temptresses. It makes it out that women are not very bright and that when you are dealing with a woman, she's a temptress anyway."

"You seem to me to be the poster child for resilience."

"I think I always had a pretty solid idea of who I was as a person. I didn't have religion as a child, and I think for me that was my saving grace. I had a sense of the world apart from religious dogma as a child.

"Even though I did buy into it, there was always a part of myself I held back from this world view. As I matured and grew older, it seemed so angry and unloving to me. As I began to hear the condemnation of the gay community and the subjugation of women, it just didn't sound to me like the love of God."

"Do you still have contact with any of the people from your former life?"

"I gave the book to the woman named Susan, whom I write about. I was afraid that she would be furious, but she has been absolutely wonderful. She's been to several of my readings. She's still a Christian, but a much more liberal one. She left her abusive husband, Robert.

"There is one person that is very angry with me, I've heard through another friend. I knew there would be some who really couldn't take it. I understand that if you're reading about nude hot-tubbing in a book and if you were one of the participants, and maybe didn't want the whole world to know that you were nude hot-tubbing with the minister and his wife, you'd be upset."

–Jerry Miller

> "I knew there would be some who really couldn't take it."

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

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

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

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

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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

Harley Rentals
from $99/day
▪ Rentals
▪ Accessories
▪ Apparel
Riley's Motorcycles
461 El Cajon Blvd., El Cajon
619-442-9428

Joy Ride LIMOUSINE
Call for our
Midweek Specials!
Beverages always included!
619.750.2933
TCP-19029

BALLOON RIDES
$149/Person
Restrictions apply.
Smaller gondolas providing unobstructed views.
No mileage restrictions.
• Beautiful sunrise & sunset flights over Temecula wine country or Del Mar
• Prices good for cash or credit card
• FAA-certified pilots • Perfect safety record
• Member of S.D. Chamber of Commerce
Panorama Balloon Tours
(858) 688-7276 • www.gohotair.com

Wanted Cookbooks
Buy | Sell | Trade
Cook Book Store in Kensington
4108 Adams Avenue
619-284-8224
(near Clem's Liquor)
Open 11 am-5 pm | Closed Sundays
Free Parking
Over 5000 unique cookbooks in stock

Flamingo
EXQUISITE LIMOUSINE SERVICE
All-new limousines!
Shop and compare prices!
Serving CA and Baja.
It's shopping and lobster season!
Winery Packages from $199*
Holiday Price Specials! Call for details.
*Gratuity and fuel/ insurance not included.
Weddings
Quinceañeras
Nights Out
Anniversaries
619.462.8500
flamingolimo.com
TCP19125
For the Rolls or Pink Cadillac:
619.518.7655
RollsLivery.com
TCP016145P
Best deals for New Year's Eve!

Designer vintage clothing and accessories.
Specializing in evening wear circa 1930-1990.
Grand opening special
Receive 10% off with this ad.
I literally have hundreds of the most beautiful dresses you will ever see in San Diego!
I handpick each piece myself!
holly k. croft
Through the gates at
2731 Via Orange Way, Suite 105
Spring Valley • 619-660-8802
Open to the public on Saturdays 10 am-6 pm, Monday-Friday by appointment
For a sneak peek and to be on our mailing list for special events, go to: myspace.com/hollykcroft, or e-mail: hollykcroft@gmail.com

SANDIEGOREADER.COM

Calendar
CLASSICAL MUSIC

Events that are underlined occur after December 28.

HOW TO SEND US YOUR LISTING: *Contributions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday the week prior to publication for consideration. Do not phone. Send a complete description of the event, including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a contact phone number, and a phone number (including area code) for public information to READER CLASSICAL MUSIC, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at* SanDiegoReader.com *by clicking on the events section.*

CLASSICAL

Holiday Pops! Enjoy the season musically when San Diego Symphony led by Matthew Garbutt is joined by San Diego Master Chorale, San Diego Children's Choir, and Crusader Bells, December 21–23. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday ($20–$65). Family Festival Pops concerts (with abbreviated program from the evening shows), Saturday, December 23, 2 p.m. ($7–$22, or $30 for family of four). Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Organ Concert, civic organist Carol Williams presents concert on Sunday, December 24, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

The Grammy Award-Winning Chamber Ensemble Kronos Quartet plans ArtPower concert on Friday, January 19, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Program includes pieces by Thirlwell, Mansell, Charke, Branca, Narayan, and Santiago. Tickets: $32, $36, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Who's the Reigning King of the Violin? Classical violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman in concert, Thursday, January 25, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). $60–$75. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

ART LISTINGS

Events that are underlined occur after December 28.

HOW TO SEND US YOUR LISTING: *Contributions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday the week prior to publication for consideration. Do not phone. Send a complete description of the event, including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a contact phone number, and a phone number (including area code) for public information to READER EVENTS, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at* SanDiegoReader.com *by clicking on the events section.*

GALLERIES

"Within the Landscape," exhibit of fine art photographs by Lew Abulafia and Donna Cosentino opens with reception on Thursday, December 21, 6 p.m., at Ordover Project (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). 858-720-1121. Closes Sunday, January 14. (SOLANA BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

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

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

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

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

Mingei International Museum, "Eva Zeisel — Extraordinary Designer Craftsman at 100," draws on two large private California collections to chronicle the artist's 75-year career. By Zeisel's accounting, she's designed more than 100,000 objects for home and table. She was the first designer in this country to produce an all-white dinner service and first to teach ceramics as industrial design for mass production rather than as handcraft. Closes Sunday, June 10, 2007.

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

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

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

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

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Cerca Series: Amy Adler" and "Cerca Series: Glenn Kaino" continue through Sunday, February 4. Adler creates art fusing processes and outcomes of photography and drawing; she's exhibiting 12 large-format pastel drawings on canvas "based on a series of photographs Adler took of a young filmmaker directing Adler as the protagonist in her film." Kaino will create installations dealing with issues of individual versus group identity and aesthetic style as a form of social commentary.

See key sculptural works from permanent collection gathered in "Material Actions." All of the selected pieces "give the sentient body in action a central position in their artistic discourse." Closes Sunday, January 28.

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

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

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

"Brian Ulrich: Copia" features 14 large-scale photographs documenting shopping habits of Americans. Photographs were taken in "big-box" retail stores such as Target, Wal-Mart using medium-format film camera with waist-level viewfinder; covert vantage point allowed artist to capture "massive scale and halogen clarity of the hyper-real spaces." Closes Sunday, May 13.

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

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

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

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Quilt Visions 2006" offers 43 works of art from 725 entries submitted by 318 artists from 20 countries. Jurors Jane Dunnewold, Patricia Malarcher, Lloyd Herman selected pieces offering "surprises in design and nontraditional materials." Closes Sunday, January 21. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

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

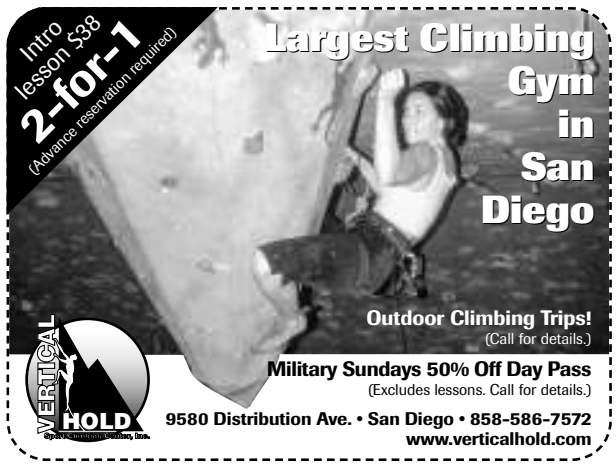
"Paper Traces: Latin American Prints and Drawings from the Collection at SDMA" continues through December, highlighting approximately 60 Latin American and U.S.-Latino works on paper. The prints, drawings, posters, portfolios in exhibit "confirm the vitality of paper as a medium with a particular historic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

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

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

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

Permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)



Christmas Double Twist

But where else in a Christmas show will you hear public officials get grilled?

REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

For a pair of minutes it looked as if Teatro Mascara Majica's ever-popular, always hot-plate topical *Pastorela*'d gone traditional. The shepherds came out and made everybody sing "Jingle Bells" — I mean, like, *"Jingle Bells"??* Then they divided the Cassius Carter into four sections for a singing competition. Well, just as my group began belting that "sleighing song" like an anthem, a shepherd cut us off. She waved a dismissing hand, held her nose with a P.U. sign, and said, "I'd rather listen to Brian Bilbray do attack ads!"

Here's the 411: *La Pastorela de la Estrella*'s as moving, current, and funny as ever. Max Branscomb, who updates the show each year, remains one of my favorite San Diego writers. In fact, given the quality of his script — all in verse — you wonder how he has time to teach journalism at Southwestern College.

Pastorelas tell the story of shepherds following a star to Bethlehem. Along the way, fearing a threat to his domain — a "regime change" — Lucifer tries to tempt them from going. Over the years, Teatro Mascara Majica has created a hybrid, San Diego-specific *pastorela,* combining old and new in always inventive ways.

Branscomb's Lucifer, for example, loves "the smell of sulfur in the morning." At one point he disguises himself as Howie Mandel doing *Deal or No Deal.* When a contestant opts for the box, it's empty. "Look," Ed Hollingsworth's Lucifer points inside, evil eyes bugging, "it says you're going to *hell.*"

Fortunately for the shepherds, Archangels Michael and Gabriel always have their back. Disguised as the Blues Brothers, when they did Sam and Dave's "Soul Man," Joseph Molina (Michael) and Sasky Sengapon (Gabriel) not only scared the devils away; they were so spot-on they showed the four-year-old kid, dancing all night in the front row, about ten new moves.

And hey, this time when Jake and Elwood claim they're "on a mission from God," they aren't kidding.

Other cameo appearances include Selena (Erica Parast singing "Bidi Bidi Bom Bom"), Superman, and Nacho Libre, the caped crusaders performed by Molina. The night I saw the show, when Nacho sang the Village People's "Y.M.C.A.," the audience went nuts, forming the letters with their arms and dancing in the aisles.

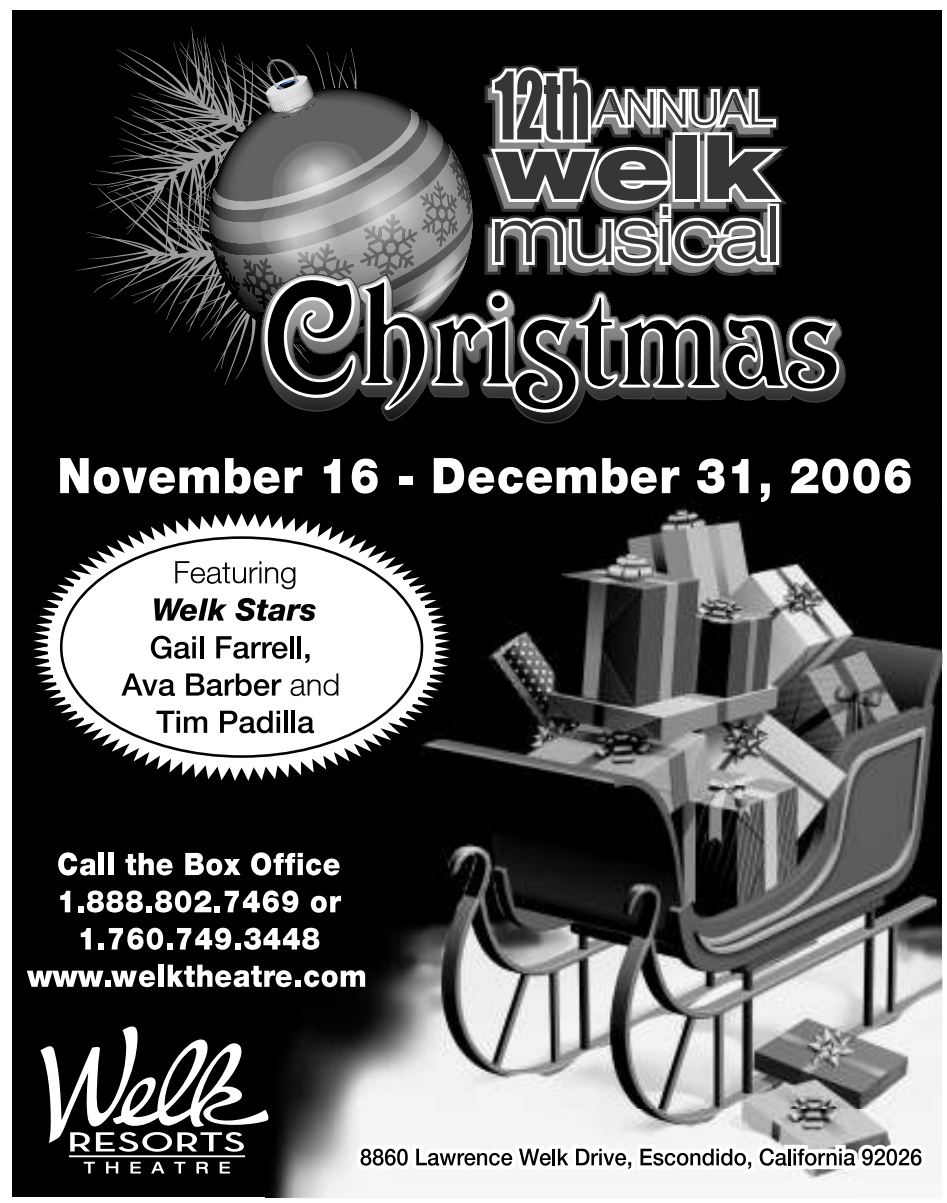
Director William Virchis, who calls *pastorelas* the "B-plot of the Nativity," still knows how to rouse spirits and honor the folk tradition. Another hybrid: most of the show's in English, but the songs, and some choice asides, are in Spanish — and when Jessica Lerner enters as the Star of Bethlehem singing *"Noche de Paz"* ("Silent Night"), all kidding disappears.

So the reverence is there. But where else in a Christmas show will you hear public officials get

Willie Green in La Pastorela de la Estrella

La Pastorela de la Estrella, *by Max Branscomb*
Cassius Carter Centre Stage, *Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park*
Directed by William Virchis; *cast: Willie Green, Sasky Sengapon, Ed Hollingsworth, Timothy Paul Evans, Joseph Molina, Erica Parast, Tony Calingay, Bryant Hernandez, Jessica Lerner, Anthony Rosa, Dulce Fernandez, Allyson Guatno, Abraham Guerrero, Donna Padilla, Anthony Hamm, Sylvia Enrique, Randy Herman, Harold Meadows, Chuck Hart, Ary Hernandez, Marine Iaserra, Sean Paredes; costumes, April Lowry-Leon; lighting, Eusevio Cordoba; sound, Robin Whitehouse; music director, Don Higgenbotham*
Playing through December 23; *Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-234-5623.*

Lamb's Players Festival of Christmas, *by Kerry Meads*
Lamb's Players Theatre, *1142 Orange Avenue, Coronado*
Directed by Deborah Gilmour Smyth; *cast: Meads, David Cochran Heath, Jim Chovick, Ian Brinnstool, Season Duffy, Doren Elias, K.B. Mercer, Jon Lorenz, Kelli Kelley, Kurt Norby; scenic design, Mike Buckley; costumes, Jeanne Reith; lighting, Nathan Peirson; sound, Patrick Duffy; choreography, Pamela Turner*
Playing through December 30; *Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday (and Thursday, December 21, and Friday, December 22) at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-437-0600.*



grilled ("If there's anything scarier than the vice president, it's the vice president with a *rifle*"). And where else will the Archangel Michael tell the devil, "Talk is cheap, Lucifer, unless it's on Verizon."

* * *

Earlier this year, Cris O'Bryon played ingenious piano interludes in the Old Globe's *Constant Wife* and almost stole the show. He's concluded 2006 not with thievery but above-the-board mastery. A hallmark of Lamb's Players annual *Festival of Christmas* is its music. The company gives standards inventive twists and rediscovers forgotten songs. This year, O'Bryon and Vanda Eggington's arrangements rank among the festival's best.

Kerry Meads set her script in San Diego's Little Italy — originally called "Little Venice" — in 1949. The radio era's nearing an end (and corporations like Woolworth are just beginning to "squash the little guy"). The period allows O'Bryon and Eggington to convert "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and others into soft, four-part bebop harmonies, the quartet stretching notes like pulled taffy (best of show: don't ask how four men sipping coffee at Gold's Fountain suddenly perform a choreographed routine that includes spinning on red stools; just enjoy their version of David Holt and Sammy Cahn's "Christmas Blues").

Jon Lorenz, Kelli Kelley, Kurt Norby in Lamb's Players Festival of Christmas

The story's a mite lengthy, and don't for one minute think that anyone, by evening's end, will have a dream left unfulfilled: the Bops will get their break; Bernice (K.B. Mercer as a tough-talking ex-Rosie-the-Riveter) will get to meet the mysterious "Voice of San Diego" on KBOP radio; patient Grace Gabbiano (Kerry Meads) will get her man and her son (Ian Brinnstool) a father. Along the way some of the transformations are almost as stark as Scrooge's. Doren Elias doubles as a nerd who repairs radios and the mellifluous radio "Voice" — and makes the connection believable. As does David Cochran Heath. He plays Joe, a middle-aged milkman who still lives with his mother (every time she calls — every time the fountain phone rings, for that matter — he's out the door). Love blooms, and Joe grows. Heath's singing of "You're All I Want for Christmas" marks Joe's transition and stops the show. ■

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 office.

An American Christmas

Lamb's Players presents an "interactive feast and celebration," set 100 years ago, at the Hotel del Coronado's Grand Ballroom.
HOTEL DEL CORONADO, 1500 ORANGE AVENUE, THROUGH DECEMBER 30; NIGHTLY AT 6:30 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Bacchae

King Pentheus has a problem. The women of his city, seven-gated Thebes, have fled to the mountains and worship a deity new to Greece, Dionysus. Are they god-inspired, or just brainwashed cult groupies? In the *Bacchae,* Euripides pits civic duty, taken to an extreme, against an immortal loose cannon. Don't bet on the young King of Thebes. For 6th@Penn, director Douglas Lay and designer Vincent Sneddom turned the small space into a jungle of palm fronds and dripping burlap. Sturdy tree trunks even support the *bacchantes,* who swing on their branches. The production overall's a mix. Lay has an affinity for Greek drama, especially keeping the stage alive. His cast, however, ranges from high caliber — Rhys Green's moving Cadmus shocked into exile; Bonnie Stone's instant of horrific recognition as Pentheus's mother, Agave, who tore him to shreds — to amateurish. Most speeches begin with a shout, which leaves them (and Marianne McDonald's crisp, modernized translation) little room to grow. As a result the energy often tapers. The play's a wonder, though, packed with contemporary parallels and questions. It cuts two ways at once: is it pro- or anti-ritual? Pro- or anti-civic authority? Where does religion end and the state begin?
Worth a try.
6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH DECEMBER 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Christmas Theater Festival

Premiere Productions stages its 11th annual holiday festival. Shows include *The Queen of Bingo, The Littlest Angel, Gifts of the Magi,* and *Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer.*
BROADWAY THEATRE, 340 EAST BROADWAY, VISTA, THROUGH DECEMBER 23; *THE QUEEN OF BINGO* THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M., *THE LITTLEST ANGEL,* MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.; AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, *RUDOLF THE RED-NOSED REINDEER,* FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.; *THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI,* THURSDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 760-806-7905.

A Holiday Full of Moxie

Moxie Theatre presents two world-premiere "holiday comedies": *A Claus for Alarm* by Amy Chini and Tom Zohar, and Jennifer Eve Thorn's *Mrs. Frank's Third Grade Class Presents.*
FLORA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 1690 WANDERING ROAD, ENCINITAS, THROUGH DECEMBER 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-634-3965.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Well, almost stole. The Green Meanie comes close but gets foiled in the end. The Old Globe's *Grinch,* adapted from the Dr. Seuss book by Timothy Mason and directed by Jack O'Brien, is as crisp and playful as ever. Scenic designer John Lee Beatty's mobile snowdrifts, Robert Morgan's costumes (waddling Who's shaped like bowling pins and pears in candy cane colors), Jay Goede's Grinch, a green Sasquatch who really needs to take his meds (and who wants to have a "heart to heartless" talk with irrepressible Cindy Lou) — all combine in a swirling theatricality. Now in its ninth year, *Grinch* has become a local holiday institution. The night I saw it, at least half the audience was under 12, and many seeing live theater, quite possibly, for the first time. And what has become another praiseworthy *Grinch* tradition: at least 75 percent of the cast comes from San Diego.
Worth a try.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH DECEMBER 29; 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 Wonderful Life

In Cygnet Theatre's holiday show, you not only watch the familiar story of George Bailey, you also watch how it's made in a 1947 radio studio: announcers, flashing applause signs, even a commercial for Lux soap. A change happens toward the end, however. The fiction trumps the fact. As George undergoes an existentialist identity crisis, the actors become their characters, the story steps forward, and how it's being made disappears. Along the way, the how's a kick, especially Scott Paulson's sounds — like a popped top hat for an opening parachute, or a flicked ice cream scoop for crickets. Directed by Sean Murray, wearing Jeanne Reith's wide-body, double-breasted suits and lighter-than-air dresses, the cast performs in the hyper-acting style of the period. As George, Tom Andrew has the antsy "shoot the works" style down pat. His performance recalls Jimmy Stewart's in the movie, true. But the bigger crime would be if it didn't. Amy Beidel, Melissa Fernandes, and Veronica Murphy sing (and flash those cinemascope post-WWII smiles) beautifully: their spunky commercial for "Lux Toilet Cake" isn't just a highlight of the show. It's one of the most memorable set pieces of 2006.
Worth a try.
CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH DECEMBER 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525, X3.

Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

Joey and Maria tie the knot in "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater."
HOLIDAY INN ON THE BAY, 1355 NORTH HARBOR DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 800-944-5639.

Lamb's Players Festival of Christmas

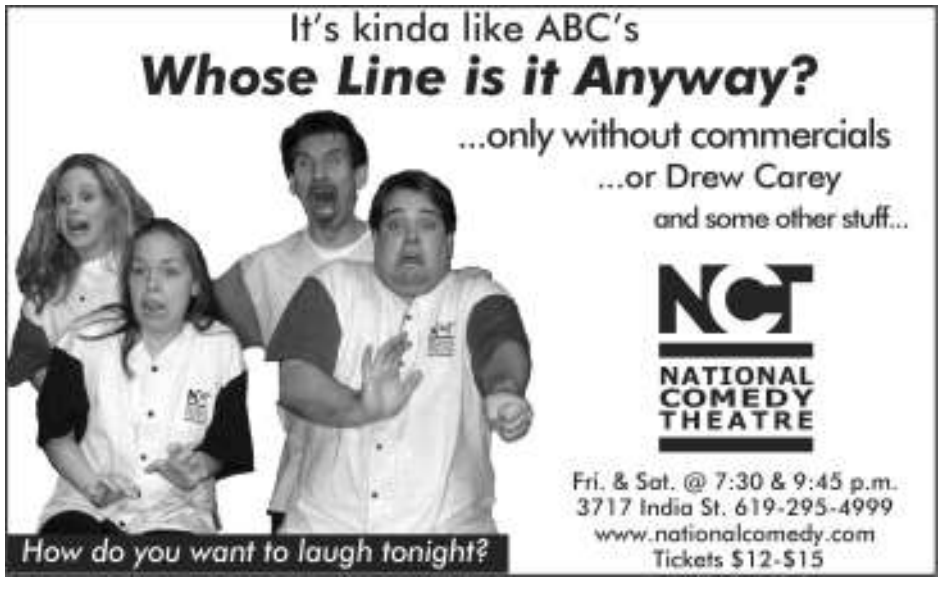
Reviewed this issue.
LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH DECEMBER 30; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

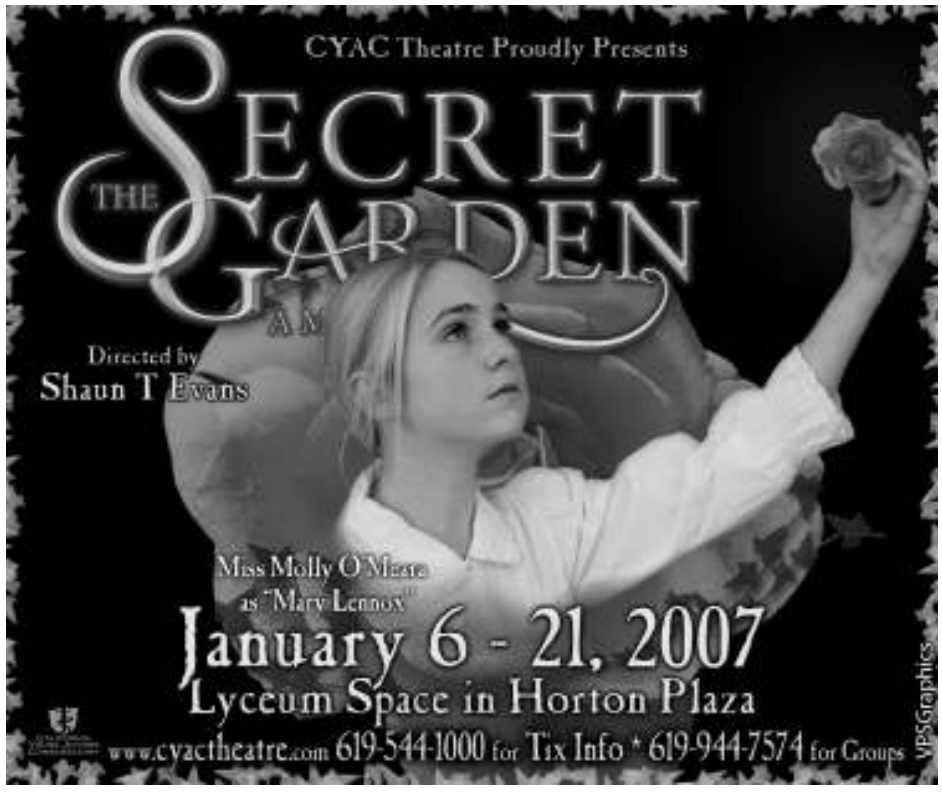
La Pastorela de la Estrella

Reviewed this issue.
CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH DECEMBER 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, how-





ever, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

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

Readings of August Wilson's Plays: Joe Turner's Come and Gone

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: Floyd Gaffney directs *Joe Turner's Come and Gone.*

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH MAY 8; *JOE TURNER'S COME AND GONE,* MONDAY AND TUESDAY, MARCH 5 AND 6, AT 7:30 P.M. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF READINGS AND LOCATIONS, CALL 619-337-1525, X3.

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 misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

Sister's Christmas Catechism

The Theatre in Old Town offers a holiday version of *Late Nite Catechism,* in which Sister solves the mystery of the Magi's gold.

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OPEN-ENDED RUN; SUNDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-688-2494.

The Sopranos' Last Supper

Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster fun."

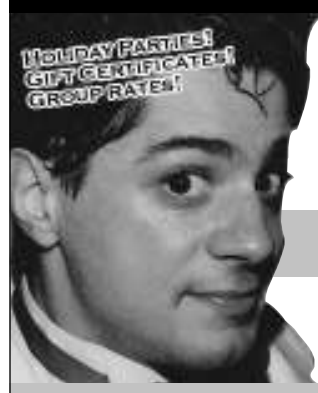
HOLIDAY INN ON THE BAY, 1355 NORTH HARBOR DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, OPEN-ENDED RUN; SELECTED SATURDAYS AT 7:30 P.M. 800-944-5639.

The Tin Soldier

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents the "tale of a toy come to life." Joe Powers directed.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SUITE D, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH DECEMBER 31; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Sing. Dance. Eat. Party.



The Original JOEY & MARIA'S Comedy Italian Wedding®

"BRILLIANT COMEDY!" – WRKO

Saturday Nights at 7:30 pm

HOLIDAY INN ON THE BAY | SAN DIEGO

1-800-944-5639 • www.comedywedding.com

"TWO THUMBS UP."® -EBERT & ROEPER

"IT'S BEAUTIFUL. I am delighted to give it an enthusiastic thumbs up.® Brilliantly played by Tim Guinee and Elizabeth Reaser." –*Peter Sagal,* EBERT & ROEPER

"A GIFT! A BEAUTIFULLY PHOTGRAPHED FILM (in 35mm no less) that benefits from superb work by stars Elizabeth Reaser and Tim Guinee." –*Kenneth Turan,* LOS ANGELES TIMES

"ELIZABETH REASER IS LUMINOUS." –*Raven Snook,* TIME OUT NEW YORK

"A NEARLY PERFECT GEM OF A MOVIE. DON'T MISS IT!" –*Chris Hewitt,* ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS

WINNER 2 SPIRIT AWARDS NOMINATIONS BEST FIRST FEATURE AND BEST ACTRESS ELIZABETH REASER

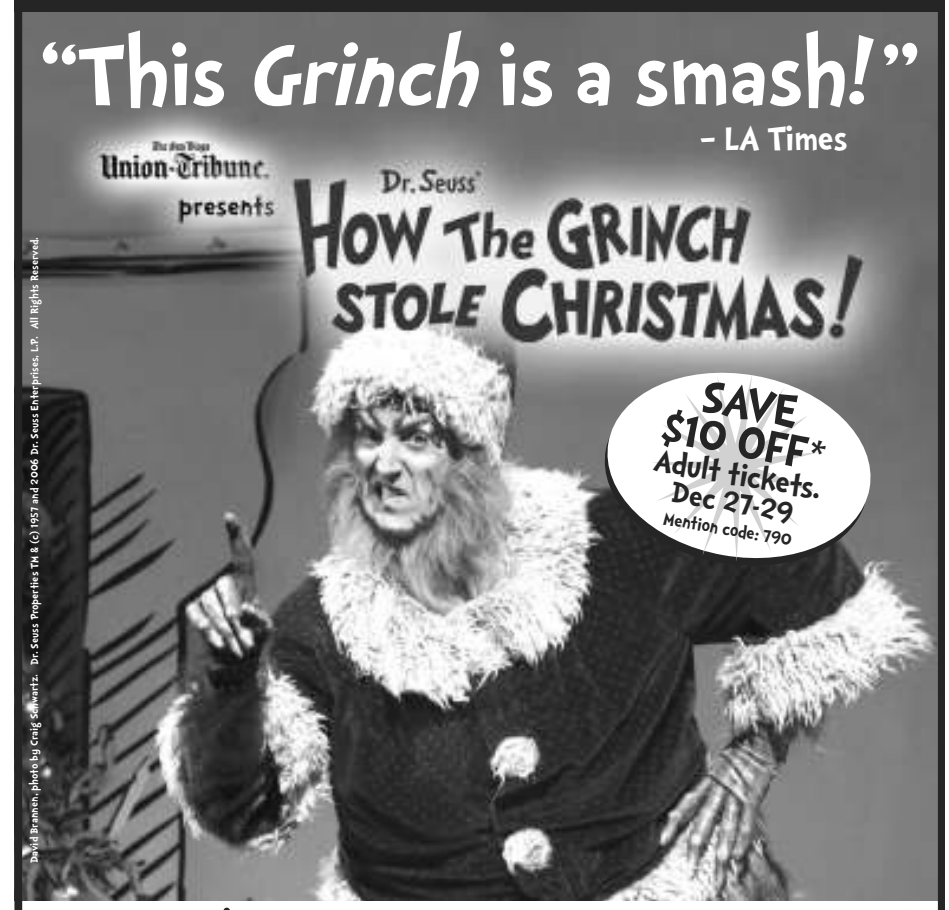
STARTS FRI., 12/22! LANDMARK KEN CINEMA 4061 ADAMS AVE. • (619) 819-0236

WWW.SWEETLANDMOVIE.COM

THE OLD GLOBE

BROADWAY'S BEST AND SAN DIEGO'S FINEST

"This *Grinch* is a smash!" – LA Times



DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS!

Book & Lyrics by Timothy Mason

Music by Mel Marvin | Directed by Jack O'Brien

Join the Whos in Whoville for San Diego's favorite holiday tradition. Don't be left out in the cold...order your tickets today!

*Not valid for previously purchased tickets or with any other offer. Children tickets are for ages 3-17. No children under 3 will be admitted. Everyone must have a ticket.

ACE - A New Musical

Book and Lyrics by ROBERT TAYLOR AND RICHARD OBERACKER

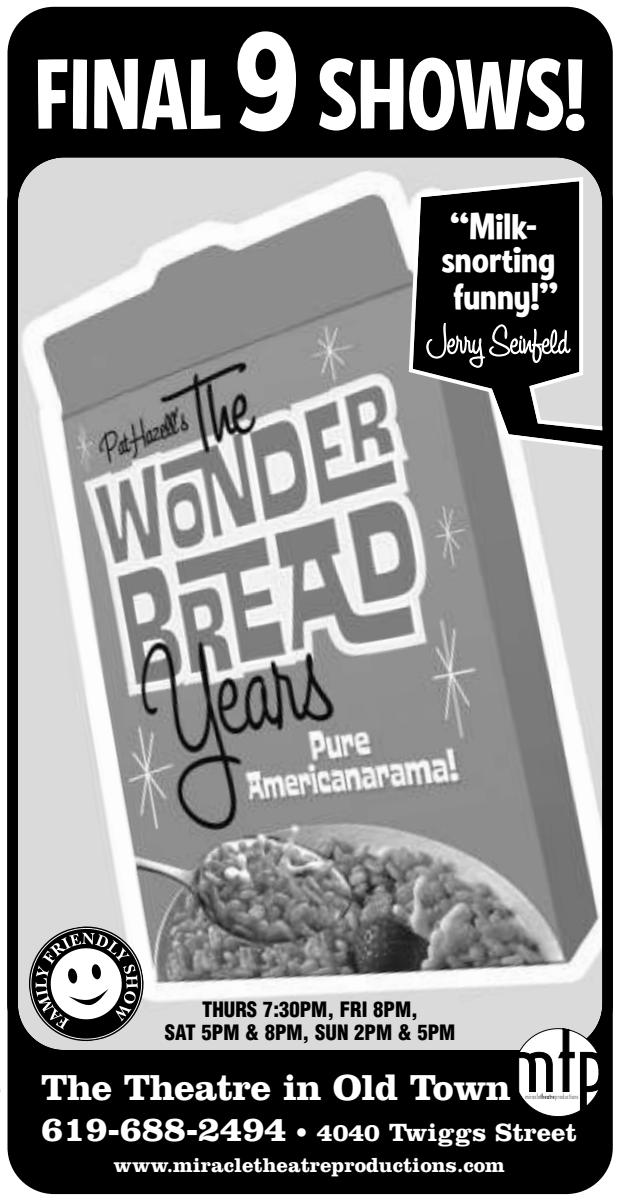
Music by RICHARD OBERACKER | Directed by STAFFORD ARIMA

Old Globe Theatre | JAN 13 - FEB 18

Heartwarming and charming, ACE tells the story of three generations of fathers and sons and pays tribute to the achievements and sacrifices made by aviation heroes of World War I and II.

(619) 23-GLOBE (234-5623)

www.TheOldGlobe.org | GROUP SALES: (619) 231-1941 x2408



SANDIEGOREADER.COM

Calendar

THEATER

Traditions of Christmas: A Musical Spectacular

Christian Community Theater's yuletide show includes a cast of 130, Rockette-style dancers, Christmas elves, and a live Nativity pageant.

EAST COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 210 EAST MAIN STREET, EL CAJON, THROUGH DECEMBER 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22 AND 23, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-588-0206.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

Win, Place, or Die...My Jockeys Are Killing Me!

Mystery Cafe Dinner Theatre presents James Pascarella and Patricia Harris-Smith's interactive "racetrack romp." It's opening weekend at Upson Downs, and the Thoroughbred Club'll never be the same. Pascarella directed.

IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

The Wonder Bread Years

Pat Hazell's solo "field trip back in time" sounds like yet another superficial romp through the '50s and '60s, glancing here and careening there off familiar icons with the nutritional content implied by its title. What sets the piece apart, along with Hazell's ability to interact with an audience (and with what it's thinking, rather than with what he wants it to think) is his knack for talking about the familiar in fresh ways ("Childhood was the time when you could fall asleep anywhere and wake up in your own bed"). He talks about traditional subjects — breakfast, going to school, Thanksgiving ("the day eggnog becomes street legal") — and creates a commonality with his listeners. He doesn't always achieve his aim — "to explore our sense of wonder: where we lost it and how to get it back" — but often coaxes memories of events and things long since forgotten, like "gyp" houses at Halloween, or Kool-Aid ice cubes, or the table for 12-year-olds at Thanksgiving, which had the same seating arrangement even when the 12-year-olds were 22. Hazell, who wrote for Jerry Seinfeld, dresses a bit like Howdy Doody's Buffalo Bob, minus the cowboy hat, and performs with a folksy ease. Occasionally he demonstrates more than just a gift for gab, as when he balances various items on his nose or a wooden chair on his chin. But he's at his best as a conjurer of the telling detail.

Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, THROUGH DECEMBER 31; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

THEATER DIRECTORY

Actors Alliance Of San Diego
3535 Adams Ave., North Park
(619) 640-3900 www.actorsalliance.com

Arts Tix
28 Horton Plaza, Downtown
(619) 497-5000
www.sandiegoperforms.com

Asian American Repertory Theatre
(888) 568-2278
www.asianamericanrep.org

Beacon Theatre
(760) 724-8218
www.beacontheatresd.com

Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center
590 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs
(760) 767-4275 www.bspac.us

The Broadway Theatre
340 East Brodway, Vista
(760) 806-7905
www.premiereforkids.com

California Center For The Arts
340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido
(760) 839-4100 www.artcenter.org

Carlsbad Village Theatre
2822 State St., Carlsbad
(760) 729-0089
www.carlsbadvillagetheatre.com

Centro Cultural De La Raza
2004 Park Blvd., Balboa Park
(619) 235-6135 www.centroraza.com

Christian Community Theater
1545 Pioneer Way, El Cajon
(619) 588-0206 www.expaclive.com

Civic Theatre
3rd & B, Downtown
(858) 570-1100 www.sdccc.org

Clairemont Community Players
Holmes Elementary
4902 Mt. Ararat, Clairemont
(858) 560-5114

Community Actors Theatre
2957 54th St., State College
(619) 264-3391
www.communityactorstheatre.com

Copley Symphony Hall
750 B St., Downtown
(619) 235-0804
www.sandiegosymphony.com

Coronado Playhouse
1835 Strand Way, Coronado
(619) 435-4856
www.coronadoplayhouse.com

Cygnet Theatre Company
6663 El Cajon Blvd., Ste. N, College Area
(619) 337-1525 www.cygnettheatre.com

Diversionary Theatre
4545 Park Blvd., Normal Heights
(619) 220-0097 www.diversionary.org

East County Performing Arts Center
210 E. Main St., El Cajon
(619) 440-2277 www.ecpac.com

Educational Cultural Complex Theater
4343 Ocean View Blvd., Southeast
(619) 527-5256

Eveoke Dance Theatre
644 7th Ave., Downtown
(619) 238-1153 www.eveoke.org

The Fallbrook Players
Mission Theatre
231 N. Main St., Fallbrook
(760) 728-0998

The Fault Line Theatre
3152 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest
(619) 692-3382 www.faultlineprod.com

Fern Street Circus
(619) 235-9756 www.fernstreetcircus.org

The Fritz Theatre
(619) 233-7505 www.fritztheatre.com

Full Circle Theatre Company
Parker Auditorium
750 Nautilus St., La Jolla
(858) 454-3081 x 150

Grossmont College
Stagehouse Theatre, El Cajon
(619) 644-7234
http://grossmont.gcccd.cc.ca.us/

The Hispanic Theatre Of San Diego
(858) 278-6139

H.I.T. Productions Dinner Theater
Shirley's Kitchen, 7868 El Cajon Blvd.
La Mesa (619) 561-8673
(619) 561-8673 www.dinnertheater.net

Horton Grand Theatre
444 Fourth Ave., Downtown
(619) 234-9583

Iris Theater
4580-B Alvarado Canyon Rd.
(619) 271-4144 www.iristheater.org

Laguna Playhouse
606 Laguna Canyon Rd., Laguna Beach
(949) 497-2787

La Jolla Playhouse
Mandell Weiss Center, UCSD
(858) 550-1010
www.lajollaplayhouse.com

La Jolla Stage Company
7887 Herschel Ave.
(858) 459-7773
www.thelajollastageco.org

Lamb's Players Theatre
Paul and Ione Harter Stage
1142 Orange Ave., Coronado
(619) 437-0600 www.lambsplayers.org

Lamplighters Community Theatre
8053 University Ave., La Mesa
(619) 464-4598
www.lamplighterstheatre.org

Lyric Opera San Diego Stephen & Mary Birch North Park Theatre
2891 University Ave.
(619) 239-8836
www.lyricoperasandiego.com

Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater
Balboa Park
(619) 685-5990

Mesa College Theatre Company
7250 Mesa College Dr., Clairemont
(858) 627-2621

Miracosta College Theatre
One Barnard Dr., Oceanside
(760) 795-6815 www.miracosta.cc.ca.us

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild
(858) 693-7328

Moonlight Stage Productions
651 E. Vista Way Vista
(760) 724-2110
www.moonlightstage.com

The Muse Theatre
(619) 239-2894
www.themusetheatre.com

Mystery Cafe
The Imperial House Restaurant
505 Kalmia St., Hillcrest
(619) 544-1664 www.mysterycafe.net

National Comedy Theatre
3717 India St., Mission Hills
(619) 295-4999
www.nationalcomedy.com

New Village Arts Theatre
Carlsbad
(760) 633-1130 www.NewVillageArts.org

New World Stage
917 9th Ave., Downtown
(619) 374-6894 www.iontheatre.com

North Coast Repertory Theatre
987-D Lomas Santa Fe Dr., Solana Beach
(858) 481-1055 www.northcoastrep.org

North Park Vaudeville
2031 El Cajon Blvd., North Park
(619) 647-4958

The Old Globe Theatre
Cassius Carter Centre Stage
Lowell Davies Festival Theatre, Balboa Park
(619) 23-GLOBE (234-5623)
www.oldglobe.org

Onstage Playhouse
291 Third Ave., Chula Vista
(619) 422-7787 www.onstage.itgo.com

Palomar College Theatre
1140 W. Mission Rd., San Marcos
(760) 744-1150 x2453 www.palomar.edu

Patio Playhouse
201 E. Grand Ave., Escondido
(760) 746-6669 www.patioplayhouse.com

Pine Hills Lodge
2960 La Posada Way, Julian
(760) 765-1100 www.pinehillslodge.com

Point Loma Nazarene University
Salomon Theatre
3900 Lomaland Dr., Point Loma
(619) 849-2433 www.ptloma.edu

Poway Center For The Performing Arts
15498 Espola Rd., Poway
(858) 748-0505 www.powayarts.org

PowPAC, Poway's Community Theater
13250 Poway Rd., Poway
(858) 679-8085 www.powpac.org

Ramona MainStage Theatre
626 Main St., Ramona
(760) 789-7008

The Rehearsal Room
1159 6th Ave., Downtown
(619) 589-9963

San Diego Actors Theatre
P O Box 880285 92168
(858) 268-4494 www.sdactorstheatre.net

San Diego City College Theater
15th and C Streets, Downtown
(619) 230-2676 www.sdcity.edu

San Diego Junior Theatre
Casa Del Prado Theatre, Balboa Park
(619) 239-8355
www.juniortheatre.com

San Diego Opera
1200 Third Ave., Downtown
(619) 232-7636 www.sdopera.com

San Diego Repertory Theatre
79 Horton Plaza, Downtown
(619) 544-1000 www.sandiegorep.com

S.D. School Of Creative & Performing Arts
2425 Dusk Dr., Paradise Hills
(619) 470-0555 www.scpa.sandi.net

San Diego State University
Don Powell Theatre
and Experimental Theater
(619) 594-6884
http://theatre.sdsu.edu/

San Diego Theatresports
1531 Tyler, Hillcrest
(619) 465-7469 www.improvise.net

Scripps Ranch Theatre
10455 Pomerado Rd., Scripps Ranch
(858) 578-7728
www.scrippsranchtheatre.org

The Show... Must Go On Theatre
3152 5th Ave., Uptown
(619) 719-3779 www.trainwreckent.com

6th @ Penn Theater
3704 6th Ave., Hillcrest
(619) 688-9210 www.sixthatpenn.com

San Diego Black Ensemble Theatre
(619) 280-5650

Sledgehammer Theatre
St. Cecilia's, 1620 Sixth Ave., Downtown
(619) 544-1484 www.sledgehammer.org

Southwestern College
900 Otay Lakes Rd., Chula Vista
(619) 482-6367 www.swc.cc.ca.us

The Spreckels Theatre
121 Broadway, Downtown
(619) 235-9500

Star Theatre
402 North Coast Highway, Oceanside
(760) 721-9983 www.startheater.org

Starlight Musical Theatre
Starlight Bowl, Balboa Park
(619) 544-7827
www.starlightheatre.org

Sullivan Players
15321 Tyler Ave., Hillcrest
(858) 274-1731

Sushi Performance & Visual Art
320 Eleventh Ave., Downtown
(619) 235-8466 www.sushiart.org

Teatro Mascara Magica
79 Horton Plaza, Downtown
(619) 231-3586
www.sandiegoreps.com

The Theatre In Old Town
4040 Twiggs St., Old Town
(619) 688-2494
www.theatreinoldtown.com

Theatrx
155 East Grand Ave., Escondido
(760) 735-2491 www.theatrx.8m.com

Tonic Productions
(619) 246-4853 www.tonicproductions.org

Torrey Pines High School Theatre
3710 Del Mar Heights Rd., Del Mar
(858) 755-0125 ext. 2142
www.tpplayers.com

Truax Performing Arts Center
400 Rancho Del Oro, Oceanside
(760) 967-7918

University Of California San Diego
UCSD Theater, Studio Theater
Mandell Weiss Center
(858) 534-4574
www-theatre.ucsd.edu

University Of San Diego
5998 Alcala Park, San Diego
(619) 260-7934 www.sandiego.edu

Vantage Theatre
(619) 262-6162
http://home.san.rr.com/vantagetheatre

Welk Resort Theatre
8860 Lawrence Welk Dr., Escondido
(760) 749-3448
www.welkresort.com/sandiego

The Wild Parrot Players Community Theatre
Point Loma United Methodist Church
1984 Sunset Cliffs, Ocean Beach
(619) 269-6946

Women's Repertory Theatre
(619) 282-3277
www.womensrep.org

TICKETS
858 481 8140

WWW.BELLYUP.COM

Belly Up

143 South Cedros Ave.
Solana Beach

Dine before the show — WILD NOTE CAFE

TONIGHT! YOVEE
THE JADE SHADER
THE EXFRIENDS
Thur 12/21 • 9:00 PM

BUCK-O-NINE & SKANIC
CHRIS MURRAY & DJ LE CHUD
Fri 12/22 • 9:00 PM

THE GREYBOY ALLSTARS
Sat 12/23 • 9:00 PM

THE KNITTERS
FEATURING JOHN DOE, EXENE CERVENKA, DAVE ALVIN, JONNY RAY BARTEL & DJ BONEBRAKE
THE FARMERS
Wed 12/27 • 9:00 PM

PARTICLE
CHICAGO AFROBEAT PROJECT
Thur 12/28 • 9:00 PM

B-SIDE PLAYERS
DELTA NOVE
DJ SLOEPOKE
Fri 12/29 • 9:00 PM

BLACKALICIOUS
PIGEON JOHN • JAHI
DJ DEMON
Sat 12/30 • 9:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE — PRIZE GIVEAWAYS
STEVE POLTZ & THE RUGBURNS
Sun 12/31 • 9:00 PM

KEEPING IT WEIRD & FRIENDS COMEDY SHOW
FEATURING
PATRICK DEGUIRE, DRIZZ, RICK GENE & WALLY WANG
Wed 1/3 • 8:00 PM

TWO NIGHTS!
BARRINGTON LEVY
1/4 DIEGO ROOTS
1/5 B-FOUNDATION
Thu 1/4 & Fri 1/5 • 9:00 PM

DENNIS QUAID & THE SHARKS
BILLY WATSON
Sat 1/6 • 9:00 PM

A SIN CITY REVUE
CELEBRATING THE MUSIC OF GRAM PARSONS
TIM FLANNERY, EVE SELIS, BERKLEY HART & THE SLIDEWINDERS
Tue 1/9 • 8:00 PM

BLUES HARP BLOWOUT
FEATURING MARK HUMMEL KIM WILSON
BILLY BOY ARNOLD
RICK ESTRIN • PAUL OSCHTER
RUSTY ZINN & MORE!
Wed 1/10 • 7:30 PM

GREG LASWELL
ANYA MARINA
RYAN CALHOUN
Thu 1/11 • 9:00 PM

LONG BEACH SHORTBUS
DUMBLUCK
GOOD INTENTIONS
Fri 1/12 • 9:00 PM

DEAD MAN'S PARTY
Z002
Sat 1/13 • 9:00 PM

RHETT MILLER
MATT CURRERI
Sun 1/14 • 8:00 PM

DIRTY DOZEN BRASS BAND — JUST ADDED!
THE K23 ORCHESTRA
Fri 1/19 • 9:00 PM

BOOGIE NIGHTS PRESENTS
MetaKnowSwake
Sat 1/20 • 9:00 PM

FM 94.9 PRESENTS
COLD WAR KIDS
PIERS FACCINI & GUEST
Mon 1/22 • 9:00 PM

HOT BUTTERED RUM
7th DAY BUSKERS
Wed 1/24 • 8:00 PM

CARBON LEAF
W/GUEST
Thu 1/25 • 9:00 PM

TWO NIGHTS!
SUPER DIAMOND
1/26 THE CURED
1/27 RANDY FONTAINE & THE SWINGERS
1/26 & 1/27 • 9:00 PM

TIM REYNOLDS
THE WHITE BUFFALO
Sun 1/28 • 8:00 PM

JAKE SHIMABUKURO
TODD HANNIGAN
Wed 1/31 • 8:00 PM

Ask about our gift certificates next time you are dining at the Wild Note Café or are rockin' at the Belly Up Tavern.

Belly Up & Wild Note Café Gift Certificates make the perfect gift for whoever is naughty or nice

JUST ADDED!

1/17	1/18	2/6	2/7	2/14	2/22	3/9 & 3/10
The Upstarts Featuring **Latanya Lockett**	**The Jade Shader & Emery Byrd**	**The Air Pushers** (Musicians of The Black Eyed Peas Band)	**Sparklehorse**	**Valentine's Day B&B Benefit Bash** (Feat. Bachelors & Bachelorettes for bid!)	**Dave Mason & John Mayall**	**Ozomatli** Two Nights!

2/1 **Sister Hazel**
2/2 **The English Beat**
2/3 **Cat Empire**
2/8 **Poncho Sanchez**
2/9 **Common Sense**
2/15 **Todd Snider**
2/16 **Bob Schneider Band**
2/17 **The Hacienda Brothers w/Bartender's Bible**
2/23 **The Aggrolites**
3/3 **New Monsoon**
3/8 **Leo Kottke & David Lindley**
4/5 **Dark Star Orchestra**
4/26 **Railroad Earth**
6/17 **Johnny Winter**
6/21 **Iris DeMent**

SWINGIN' HAPPY HOURS!
12/22 **BILLY WATSON** • 12/29 **ATOMIC GROOVE**
1/5 **BUICK WILSON BAND** • 1/12 **THE MAR DELS**
SALSA SUNDAY: 1/7 @ 7:30 pm

Voted San Diego's Best Live Music Venue for 2006!

FEATURED SHOW
Belly Up presents "Artists on the Edge."
Visit bellyup.com for details on how to win VIP passes to
Greg Laswell, Rhett Miller, Cold War Kids & **Carbon Leaf**

Free Parking! Low Service Charges! Free Coat Check! Great Bar Prices! Great Food!

blurt the inside track

The Reader offers $25 for news tips published in Blurt. Call us at 619-235-3000, ext. 456, or e-mail your tip to blurt@sdreader.com

Spittin' Writtens "The best way to get at somebody is by going after their looks, their name, their weight, size, shape, what they are wearing, their mama, or their girlfriend," says 24-year-old Bryan Mason, an organizer of freestyle B-boy battles. He has staged competitive rap shows at a couple of North County nightclubs and downtown at the Static Lounge on Broadway.

"Battle rappers have trouble getting into the music industry," says Mason, who performs as Jedy (pronounced Jedeye). "If you just spit writtens [repeat memorized lyrics], you're just a fake-ass gimmick.… Just the other night we had this guy walk in named AJ. He's, like, 'I'm the baddest rapper. Let me get on up on that mike, let me spit that fire.' "

So Mason called him out. "I said 'Your name is AJ/ You ain't no DJ/ You're so wack I wouldn't even sell your ass on eBay.' He choked after that. He was afraid to come up. He was shell-shocked."

Mason's aggressive nature behind the mike cost him his December 16 show at the Static Lounge.

Venue owner Lupe Matthews says, "The police came here and said [Mason] was disturbing them [the night of his December 8 show]. They said they were out front ticketing somebody and he started calling them names.… They threatened to take away my entertainment license."

Mason replies: "Two cop cars showed up right in front [of the Static Lounge] at about 9:30. They had their lights on. Nobody wants to come in with two cop cars out front. I asked them if there was any way they could go somewhere else — that I had a show to do. They said, 'I don't give a fuck about your show.'

PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO
JEDY BATTLE-RAPS THE FIVE-O

"I walked in, grabbed the microphone, and started freestyling about how fucked the corrupt cops were. They came in and started threatening an employee, saying they were going to go to the ABC and have their license revoked. The cop said to me, 'Say you're sorry.' I was shaking my head no. I told them to go ahead and go to the ABC, since I knew everything was legal. They took off."

Now Mason says he wants to go to court over the canceled December 16 show.

"We have a contract. I've never taken anyone to court, but I told her I will sue her."

"He doesn't have a contract," Matthews said by phone. When details of a contract Mason had were outlined to her, she said she had to look for it, and then she found the contract. "I guess I have to give him a show," she said.

Mason (*www.myspace.com/bryanmason*) says he's arranging a January 28 battle at the Honey Bee Hive.

— *Ken Leighton*

Takin' a Lickin' How could metal monster Glenn Danzig draw 2300 fans to Soma in March but bring in only 895 to the same venue in November? In March, opening band Lamb of God attracted fans; and Doyle, a former Misfit member with Danzig, wasn't playing guitar in November. Soma owner Len Paul says there were other reasons for the lower attendance.

"In my opinion [the loss of $15,000 in projected revenue] was because the market was flooded with concerts." According to Paul, agents route a disproportionate number of tours during the last three months of the year; promoters must buy the acts to remain competitive.

"Some of these tours could just as well come through in January or February, but the agents don't care."

Paul says well-attended radio station–sponsored shows "suck the air" out of the market, making it so concertgoers are less likely to spend money on other shows. Recent sold-out events include 91X's AFI/My Chemical Romance show at ipayOne Center and the 94/9-sponsored Modest Mouse concert at UCSD's RIMAC.

"In the old Soma days ['80s], you'd be lucky to get two or three big shows a month. Now you get two or three big shows a week."

Insiders say promoters lost money on the following concerts this year: the Brad Paisley and Cult/Dashboard Confessional shows at Coors Amphitheatre; Chris Cagle at ipayOne Center; and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, who were to appear at UCSD's RIMAC but were moved to Soma due to weak ticket sales.

DANZIG AND DOYLE AS MISFITS

— *Ken Leighton*

Unhappy Camper Roots rockers Tapwater, in the middle of a 72-gig, 12-state tour, recently had a three-day break. They decided to camp through the Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest, and Canyon de Chelly in an RV they call iRVin.

"We hit the store, bought all sorts of barbecue food, snacks, and, of course, beer and wine," wrote band manager Anne Tropeano in a recent e-mail. "We pulled into Canyon de Chelly at 10:30 pm. Steve [Moore, lead

The Jumping TURTLE
"North County's True Music House"

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 12•21
All ages until 10 pm
BGO Events Promotions presents
FALLBACK FAREWELL
THE CENTER
CASEY McSOCIAL
6th DAY

FRIDAY 12•22
Joe Troutman presents
MESSAGE IN BLOOD
THIEVES & LIARS
HALLOW POINT
KEEPING SECRETS

SATURDAY 12•23
All ages until 10 pm
BGO Events Promotions presents
BIRDS OF YORE
WELL ROSE
YOVEE
IF

TUESDAY 12•26
Joe Troutman presents
LIVE MUSIC TBA!!

WEDNESDAY 12•27
BGO Events Promotions presents
VANTAGE POINT
J DOWNS
CLOCKWORK

UPCOMING SHOWS (See our website for more info):

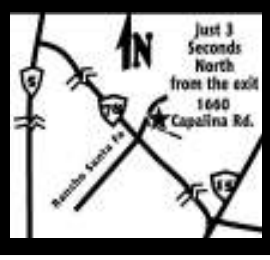
THURSDAY 12•28
All ages until 10 pm
BGO Events Promotions presents
TRIUMPH
PIECES OF TEETH
WAGES OF WAR

FRIDAY 12•29
Chain Gang Promotions presents
A GLOBAL THREAT
CAREER SOLDIERS
MOUTH SEWN SHUT

SATURDAY 12•30
SK and Joe Troutman present
PRE-NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH!!!
PUSHED (featuring Jon Dette, formerly of Slayer)
NIHILIST
STONE VENGEANCE
DAMCYAN

SUNDAY 12•31
Graverot Productions presents
NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH

WEDNESDAY 1•3
SK presents
A SWITCHBLADE AFFAIR
RIP-OFF JOHNNY
THE HAND OF ERIS



1660 Capalina Rd., San Marcos
760-471-7778
www.thejumpingturtle.com
Bring in your wireless computer and take advantage of The Turtle's wireless technology!! Check e-mail, surf the Web or research while you enjoy the atmosphere, FREE! www.thejumpingturtle.com

Aventuras East, Siempre Salsa & SalsaCA present
8TH Annual
New Year's Eve con SALSA
featuring the Cuban salsa sounds of Ritmo y Son
Breaks by New Yo Rican David Garcia & David Suave

Hotel Room & Party Package for 2
$175 (advance)
Pre-party brunch for 2, a hotel room and 2 entrances to our fabulous New Year's party. (Limited hotel rooms available.)
The schedule is: brunch from 12-3 pm, then check into your hotel room, relax and get ready for a wonderful night starting at 8 pm.

Party Only
$45 pp (advance) | $55 pp (day of)
Salsa Survival class and mixer with Valerie & David starting at 8:15 pm. General dancing starts at 9 pm.
Midnight celebration complete with hats, noisemakers, a complimentary champagne toast, MC Valerie and our New Year countdown including our big-screen TV ball drop. After a great night of celebrating, we complete our evening with a late-night Cuban buffet. No one goes home hungry!

Tickets available through:
Valerie & David: 619-516-4466 | salsasd@sbcglobal.net
www.SalsaCA.com | Habana Restaurant: 619-713-2011

Aventuras East
Located within Habana a Taste of Cuba Restaurant
7777 University Ave., La Mesa | 619-713-2011

North County's New Year's Eve Dinner Party

Sunday, Dec. 31
9 pm-1 am

Join us for an elegant 4-course dinner, bottle of champagne and dancing to a live band... all under one roof! $150/couple or $75/person

Your dinner package includes: *shrimp appetizer, salad, entrée choice of steak, chicken, fish or prime rib (vegetarian available) and New York cheesecake for dessert. 1 bottle of champagne or wine per couple.*

Dancing with
The M80's
Playing '80s dance hits.

Champagne toast at midnight, party favors & Fun, Fun, Fun!

Please call to reserve your table!

760-729-4131

Ocean House
at Carlsbad Village
300 Carlsbad Village Drive • Carlsbad
www.oceanhousecarlsbad.com

There's still time to reserve for Christmas Day brunch!

'CANES
music • food & spirits

San Diego s Only Rooftop Restaurant
& Premier Music Venue at the Beach!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
SHAKA BUKU • A CONSCIOUS FEW
HIGH TIDE • BURNT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
Jaegermeister & Dirtbag present a TOYS FOR TOTS Benefit
KICKING K8 • E(V)OLOCITY
REV • 3AGAINST1 • TEMPERNOI

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28
Inner Circle presents
MALCHERS & OSIRIS
SURF VIDEO PREMIERE
RED GUN RADAR • NIHILIST • BLINDSIDE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

STEPPING FEET
(Dave Matthews Tribute)
the BIG provider

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30
Rockin' Johnny White presents
JEN KNIGHT • HARGO
ATLAS OF ID

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE
The Pharcyde
Special Guests
THOSE DANG ROBINSONS
DJ DEMON

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4
AUDIBLE MAINFRAME • KAVENA
ONE THEORY • CROWLEY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5
BEAUTIFUL TROUBLE • FONO
KEMISTRY • CALL DOWN FIRE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Wild Child **(Doors Tribute)**
DAZED & CONFUSED
(Led Zeppelin Tribute)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12
The Expendables
BARGAIN MUSIC
FOUR MINUTES TILL MIDNIGHT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
SUBLIME TRIBUTE
40 OUNCES TO FREEDOM
THE WAGON • GADFLY • DIRTY HEADS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
The Reverend Horton Heat

Junior Brown

UPCOMING
1/13 **TAINTED LOVE** (80's Tribute) • 1/20 **B-SIDE PLAYERS**
1/27 **STRANGER** • 2/2 **DIEGO ROOTS**

Happy Hour M-F 5-7 pm
Discounted Appetizers & Drink Specials
Ask us about our $2, $3 & $4 Happy Hour Parties!

3105 Ocean Front Walk | Mission Beach Boardwalk | 858.488.1780
canesbarandgrill.com | www.myspace.com/canesmusic

Reservations Highly Suggested

Celebrate New Years Eve with The Pharcyde 2007

Special Guests -
Those Dang Robinsons & Del Demon

- Four Course Gourmet OceanFront Dinner Packages
- Champagne Toast
- Complimentary Party Favors
- 4 Full Bars
- Outdoor Rooftop Sky Lounge
- Free Parking

Call for Dinner Packages or Reserved Seating
858 488-9690 or
858 488-1780 ext. 4# (pound sign)

Tickets Available @ Ticketmaster or Canes Box Office

'CANES
music • food & spirits

vocals/guitar] got out of iRVin to talk privately to his dad on the phone. Within a minute or so, a camper came over and got in his face, telling Steve he didn't want to hear him talk on his phone all night. Steve was alarmed, moved away, hung up with his dad, and came back inside the RV to tell us what happened."

The band spent the next hour drinking beers in the RV and chatting. At about 11:30 p.m., Ravi and two of the other guys exited the RV to build a fire and cook some food.

"Within a few minutes, the same camper came back and started yelling," Tropeano said. "I rushed out of the RV just in time to see the guy sucker-punch Ravi in the face. Ravi pushed the guy off him, and the whole band started chasing him out of the campsite. I, as the manager, wanted them to calm down and leave the guy alone. I got in between them and started yelling — ordering — everyone to go back to the RV. *This guy could have a gun,* I thought. He was yelling all sorts of things at Ravi, telling him, 'Just the two of us,' and 'If there weren't six of you, I'd kick your ass.…' "

At that point the assailant rushed off into the dark, shouting, "I'll be back!"

"Ravi was very angry and wanted to press charges," Tropeano continued. "We found a number on the info board, which happened to be right next to iRVin. Ravi called the park ranger after-hours number, which was actually the Navajo Police. As Ravi hung up the phone, the guy returned yet again. He walked over to his truck [which was parked next to his tent]. Wes [Elliot, bass] shined a flashlight on him and shouted, 'Hey, man, what are you getting in there?' The camper pulled out an axe and started going toward Wes with it. The whole band gasped and backed up. He had the axe high in the air like he was going to start swinging it…and right then two Navajo police cruisers pulled up just in time to catch him in the headlights with the axe in the air.…

TAPWATER EVADES AXEMAN

"As soon as the camper saw them pull up, he swung the axe into a tree stump. The cops then spread out, two approaching him and two approaching us. After about two hours of questioning, the cops believed our story and arrested him. He was taken to jail in Flagstaff, and we found out the next day that the judge ruled to hold him for psychiatric evaluation. As it stands now, Ravi is waiting to hear if his appearance in court is necessary."

Tapwater plays O'Connell's on January 13.

— *Edwin Decker*

Crash In the early-morning hours of December 4, James Balmer and Pascal Dickinson of the local band Fing were involved in a single-car collision that left one passenger, Angela Ainslie, dead. A fourth passenger received minor injuries.

Balmer, who was driving, was seriously injured and remains in a coma at Sharp Memorial Hospital. Dickinson, who was in the passenger seat, was also hurt in the crash.

"I had a concussion, whiplash, hematoma of the kidneys, [and] internal bleeding," says Dickinson. "Nothing broke, but I was just really badly beaten up."

The accident occurred on the 163 north freeway shortly after the band played an Alibi show in Hillcrest. Dickinson would not elaborate on the cause of the accident but did say that the vehicle spun out and "hit a wall."

"Before I knew it we were losing control and starting to spin, and I just kind of blacked out," says Dickinson. "When I woke up there was somebody outside of the car that was trying to rip the door off. I look[ed] over at James and he was snoring. He was knocked unconscious."

Balmer's condition seems to be improving.

"[The other day], he clenched his fist, he shrugged his shoulder, [and] he shed some tears," Dickinson says. "The doctors are very hopeful that he'll come out of it."

Fing has canceled their upcoming shows. Dickinson advises fans to check their MySpace page (*myspace.com/fingband*) for updates.

PHOTOGRAPH FROM WWW.MYSPACE.COM/FINGBAND
HARD TIMES FOR FING

A gathering was recently held for Ainslie at the Roseary Room in San Diego.

— *Brian Carver*

Angels and Airplay The December 11 Soma show was the first local gig for (+44), which features former blink drummer Travis Barker and bassist/front man Mark Hoppus. Guitarist Tom DeLonge, the other one-third of blink, proceeds with Angels & Airwaves.

The (+44) concert drew about 2000 to Soma, which meant it was about 400 short of a sellout. Angels & Airwaves played their first local show last spring at the House of Blues (1100 capacity), which sold out immediately.

Angels & Airwaves' first single, "The Adventure," broke the top 5 on the *Radio & Records* alternative radio airplay chart; (+44)'s single, "While Your Heart Stops Beating," has only broken the top 20.

"Angels & Airwaves went off to do something completely different," says a music-biz insider. "(+44) did not stretch beyond blink-182. They sound like blink-182 without Tom. I think Angels & Airwaves has more staying power."

Another insider predicts that (+44) will flourish.

"It all comes down to star power, and Mark has it. There were 650 people lined up to meet Mark after the [Soma] show. He has huge charm.…

"The only thing that worked against (+44) is that Travis broke his arm, and that set everything back.… Their first show was supposed to be October 13 but it was postponed [until December 11], and that hurt them."

(+44), BLINK'S PUNK PART

"I think they are better than blink," said Robert Clark, 16, who was at the (+44) Soma show. "But blink-182 was the best thing that ever happened to planet earth."

Kyle, 17, said, "Angels & Airwaves are the emo part of blink-182, and (+44) is the punk part."

— *Ken Leighton*

CONTRIBUTORS
William Crain, Dave Good, Larry Harmon, Michael Hemmingson, Ken Leighton, Ryan Loyko, Derek Plank, Eric Rife, Jay Allen Sanford

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: MUSIC TRADER

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

OVERHEARD? EMAIL JAS2669@AOL.COM

WWW.MYSPACE.COM/JAYALLENSANFORD

HOUSE of BLUES® SAN DIEGO

1055 FIFTH AVE. HOB.COM/SANDIEGO 619.299.BLUE [2583]

01/29 EVERCLEAR
01/30+31 G. LOVE & SPECIAL SAUCE
MATT COSTA
02/14+15 PEPPER
02/16 SOUND TRIBE SECTOR 9
02/17 LOS AMIGOS INVISIBLES • SI*SE
02/18 CRADLE OF FILTH
02/19 PETE YORN
02/20 GOMEZ • BEN KWELLER
02/21 CARTEL

RESTAURANT OPEN MON-FRI 11:30AM - MIDNIGHT, SAT-SUN 4PM-MIDNIGHT • VALET & PUBLIC PARKING ON FIFTH AVE. • TROLLEY STOPS RIGHT AT HOB
ALL SHOWS ARE 21+ UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. *THOSE UNDER 18 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT IN THE MUSIC HALL.

Powered by MOTOROLA · SOE SONY ONLINE ENTERTAINMENT · ticketmaster 619.220.TIXS • TICKETMASTER.COM TOWER RECORDS • ROBINSONS-MAY RITMO LATINO • WHEREHOUSE MUSIC · Get Tickets at... hob.com

4th & B

345 B STREET AT FOURTH AVE
DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO
619.299.2583
GET INFO AT 4THANDB.COM

GET TICKETS AT ticketmaster 619.220.TIXS TICKETMASTER.COM ALL TICKETMASTER OUTLETS

VIP PACKAGES AVAILABLE
CALL 619.299.2583 OR 619.231.4343 FOR DETAILS!

PASS THE LINE ASK US HOW · WHY WAIT?

4th & B offers Pass The Line privileges to guests who present a receipt from House of Blues San Diego Restaurant or Company Store of the Pass The Line entrance at 4th & B.
CONTACT THE BOX OFFICE FOR DETAILS: 619.231.4343 | HOB.COM/SANDIEGO

A Scotsman at Sea

"I got dragged into a heckling match with some drunk woman who demanded we play ABBA."

How would singer/songwriter Colin Clyne describe his music? "Imagine the love child of Mike Myers's Fat Bastard and Neil Young."

Originally from Stonehaven, Scotland, and raised in the U.K., Clyne frequently takes jobs aboard fishing boats traveling to Europe, west Africa, and even the Arctic Circle. "My last album, *Songs from the Cold Store,* was inspired by the refrigerated-food store on one of the ships I work on. This was the only place I could play and sing loud without waking the night-shift workers on the ship. Imagine the cook's first impression when he came into the store to find me wrapped up in a big jacket, notepad and guitar in hand! Once I had played him some Beatles songs and helped him with the frozen steaks, I had the deal for my practice room all sewn up."

LISTS
JAY ALLEN SANFORD

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?
1. Oasis, *Definitely Maybe* ("I drank, partied, loved, cried, fought, played pool, and dreamt of a better life to this album.")
2. The Stone Roses, self-titled ("Spangled guitars and fantastic melodies which brought the '80s and '90s into a crash collision.")
3. R.E.M, *Out of Time* ("I was in high school, and I bought this from a guy who I think stole it from his older brother.")
4. The Beatles, *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* ("Almost 40 years later and people are still trying to re-create this.")
5. Wolfmother, self-titled ("Unashamedly brilliant stuff, showing all their influences.")

DESERT ISLAND DVDs?
1. *Highlander* ("Although I'm still scratching my head over why a Scotsman plays an Egyptian and a Frenchman plays a Scotsman.")
2. *The Godfather* ("Great book, great film.")
3. *Rocky III* ("Mr. T and Hulk Hogan in the same film clinches it for me.")
4. *The Matrix* ("Genius idea, with great leather jackets and cool shades.")
5. *Trainspotting* ("Whenever my lady and I get homesick, we watch a British film.")

HAD A SUPERNATURAL ENCOUNTER?
"We stayed at a hotel in New Orleans that was reputed to be the most haunted in the town. We were cynical at first, but then we were awoken by our toilet gurgling, and then it exploded with a jet of water shooting out of it! Perhaps trapped air…?"

FAVORITE TV SHOWS?
1. *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* ("I think he's funny, and I like the band.")
2. *My Name Is Earl* ("Great idea.")
3. *Friends* ("Witty and easy viewing.")
4. *Black Adder* ("Very funny British comedy.")
5. *Chewin' the Fat* ("Scottish comedy, with accents so thick that subtitles are a must.")

WORST GIG?
"I played in my hometown in Scotland a few years ago and got dragged into a heckling match with some drunk, middle-aged woman who demanded we play ABBA. I backed down, and we played the closest thing we had to that — AC/DC."

FAVORITE LOCAL EATERY?
"Pizza Port [Solana Beach, Carlsbad], where you make your own pizza, and they serve local beer."

BIGGEST POLITICAL CONCERN?
"California needs to sort out public transport and get people walking when they can. It astonishes me at times."

FINISH THIS SENTENCE: "IF THEY MADE A MOVIE OF MY LIFE…
"…I'd have some serious explaining to do."

PHOTOGRAPH BY KEN SERGI
Colin Clyne

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?
"When I was 19, and drunk, I got a Superman tattoo after seeing one on a poster of Bon Jovi." ■

RUBBER®
New Years Eve Ball
4th & B
San Diego
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
MICRO (djmicro.com / myspace.com/micro)
BEEJ (rubber resident / djbeej.com)
JASON BLAKEMORE
Where do you want to be when the ball drops?!
Bring on 2007 with the sexiest club on earth
Guaranteed entry presale at eventvibe.com * Mileage * House of Blues box office
All inclusive VIP tickets available (VIP includes express entry plus access to the VIP balcony with all night hosted bar)
VIP booth reservations (619)-955-6270
SPIRITWORLD.COM

Calendar
CONCERTS

Music videos for all concerts now on SanDiegoReader.com

THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

THURSDAY

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.

SATURDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

The Knitters: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, December 27, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

DECEMBER

Soul Asylum: House of Blues, Saturday, December 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Blackalicious: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, December 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Donavon Frankenreiter: House of Blues, Sunday, December 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Steve Poltz & the Rugburns: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, December 31, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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.

Barrington Levy: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, January 4, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

NOFX: Soma, Friday, January 5, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Barrington Levy: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, January 5, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Dennis Quaid & the Sharks: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, January 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks: The Casbah, Sunday, January 7, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Beres Hammond and **Marcia Griffiths:** 4th & B, Sunday, January 7, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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.

Incubus: Soma, Friday, January 12, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

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.

Jeffrey Osborne: Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, January 14, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

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.

Dionne Warwick: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, January 25, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

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.

Slayer: Soma, Friday, January 26, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

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.

Everclear: House of Blues, Monday, January 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

G Love & Special Sauce: House of Blues, Tuesday, January 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

G Love & Special Sauce: House of Blues, Wednesday, January 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

FEBRUARY

Air Supply: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, February 1, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

The English Beat: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Maná: ipayOne Center, Friday, February 9, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Maná: ipayOne Center, Saturday, February 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Roots: House of Blues, Monday, February 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Todd Snider: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Sound Tribe Sector Nine: House of Blues, Friday, February 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

From the bio on the **Knitters**' webpage: "When we played for Ralph Peer in Bristol, Tennessee, back in '27," Dave Alvin recalls with a nostalgic chuckle, "there wasn't what you'd call 'electric' music. It was just us, Jimmie Rodgers, and the Carter Family, with our acoustic guitars, singing into one microphone. Too bad the masters from that session fell off the back of a Model A. Our career might have gotten started sooner." The bio unfolds in similar fashion, with each member of the Knitters recounting similar tales from the heartland of American music, all of it fantastic, funny stuff, and with the exception of names and places, little of it is true.

It is all a joke, one that sets the tone of the band. The Knitters are a side project of **John Doe**, **Exene Cervenka**, **D.J. Bonebrake** of X, with **Dave Alvin** of Blasters fame on guitar and **Johnny Ray Bartel** on bass. They've recently recorded their second CD. Following *Poor Little Critter on the Road,* which was released back in the mid-'80s, *The Modern Sounds of the Knitters* violates all sorts of musical contracts by combining punk mentality with country, rockabilly, and folk. *Modern Sounds* otherwise defies categorization.

THE KNITTERS

The Knitters could have fit right into Christopher Guest's folk-music mockumentary *A Mighty Wind.* Or take it one step further. Picture *Hee Haw,* but with brains, loud amps, and tattoos. And John Doe — one of my favorite singer/songwriters, just for the sheer left turns his material takes, Doe has a knack for reworking the worst musical ideas into something resembling high art. Add Dave Alvin, a walking compendium of every cool sound a guitar can make (and Exene, who can take anything she sings to the next level), and you have the essence of the band. It is musical buffoonery for certain, but performed by influential musicians with pasts that are far more interesting than their biographical contrivances.

THE KNITTERS, Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, December 27, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. $22.

MATTY a PRODUCTIONS

TIM ORTIZ presents

dot

NYE 2007

NEW YEARS EXTRAVAGANZA
@ THE LA JOLLA HILTON TORREY PINES

DECEMBER 31ST, 2006

A JUICY NEW YEAR FEATURING
"WORLD FAMOUS DJ/PRODUCER"

ROBBIE RIVERA

DON'T MISS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIAS BIGGEST NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION!

OVER 1 MILLION SQ FEET OF CELEBRATING! THE ENTIRE HILTON PROPERTY, FROM MANY AREAS OF MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT, TO THE HOTEL ROOMS, TO THE LAVISH GARDEN AREAS, ARE DEDICATED TO THIS ULTIMATE NYE GALA!

- HUGE ROMANTIC OUTDOOR TERRACE OVERLOOKING THE WORLD FAMOUS TORREY PINES GOLF COURSE.
- MASSIVE BALLOON DROP AT MIDNIGHT!

- 5 MASSIVE ROOMS OF MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT!
- HOUSE MUSIC, HIP HOP, 80S, R&B, & MASH UPS
- GET YOUR TICKETS AND HOTEL ROOMS EARLY!TO INSURE YOUR RESERVATION CALL 619.342.1651 FOR DETAILS.

FOR VIP BOOTH RESERVATIONS IN OUR NEW AND IMPROVED VIP AREA, VIP BOTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE PLEASE CALL 619.316.2210
FOR GENERAL INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 619.342.1651
YOUR TICKET PRICE INCLUDES A FULLY STOCKED, HOSTED BAR, FROM 8PM-2AM! & A CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT!
THIS MEANS FULLY STOCKED BARS AT EVERY TURN, AND TONS OF BAR TENDERS, AVAILABLE TO YOU FOR 6 HOURS!
EARLY BIRD PRESALE ONLY $85!! (WHILE SUPPLY LASTS) NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AFTER 2AM
DRESS CODE STRICTLY ENFORCED! (BLACK TIE OPTIONAL • JACKET REQUIRED)
JOIN US FOR NYE DINNER AT THE TORREYANA GRILLE! CALL 858.558.1500
TICKET SALES: MILEAGE 951 GARNET AVE 858.581.1285
GUARANTEED ENTRY PRESALE @
eventvibe.com

ALSO FEATURING IN THE GRAND BALLLROOM
COWBOY MIKE
AUSTIN SCOTT
SUPERFOX
JONATHAN LEIGH
FUNKY * GROOVY * HOUSE * DANCE

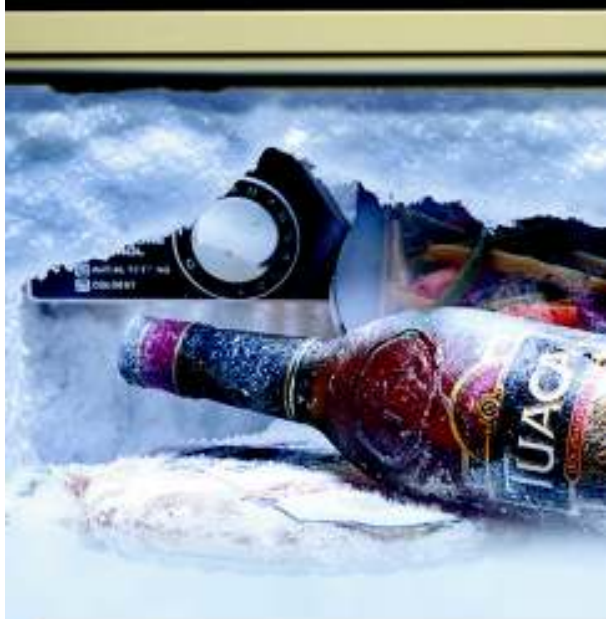
PAVILLION BALLROOM
DJ MATTY A
MC WORDBOND AKA WB
D-ROCK
KINGSLEY
DJ SIXX & RAMPAGE
HIP HOP * R&B * TOP 40

SCRIPPS BALLROOM
SAN DIEGO'S #1 COVER BAND PLAYING DISCO, HIP HOP, 80S AND ROCK
Disco Kimps

TORREYANA GRILLE
DJ SEM • DJ ROOSTER • DJ LUNITIK
SEXY DANCE REMIXES * HIP HOP * HOUSE

dot | MATTY a PRODUCTIONS | TIM ORTIZ presents | MINK PRODUCTIONS | aPRODUCTIONdotNET | Hot Productions | JAYAVERY | DJ Sem Events

What's in your bartender's freezer?



Rob McShea
Downtown San Diego

Contents of Rob's freezer:

Tuaca
vodka
ham hocks
freezer pops

Rob's Favorite Tuaca Drink:
Hot Tuaca Cider

- 1 part Tuaca
- 1 part hot water
- 1 part apple cider

Combine ingredients.
Heat and serve.

Please drink
Tuaca responsibly.
Tuaca Italian Liqueur, Livorno, Italy, 35% alcohol by volume. Imported by Brown-Forman, Louisville, Kentucky ©2006.
www.tuaca.com

Calendar
CONCERTS

Bob Schneider: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Cradle of Filth: House of Blues, Sunday, February 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Pete Yorn: House of Blues, Monday, February 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

"Taste of Chaos" with the **Used, 30 Seconds to Mars, Senses Fail,** and more: ipayOne Center, Wednesday, February 21, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

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

Michael Franti & Spearhead: 4th & B, Friday, February 23, 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.

Ozomatli: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 9, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Ozomatli: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Willy Porter: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, March 11, 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.

Byron Berline: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, March 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Badly Drawn Boy: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Rod Stewart: Cox Arena, Saturday, March 24, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Boney James: Spreckels Theatre, Wednesday, March 28, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

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

Switchfoot: Soma, Saturday, March 31, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

APRIL

Josh Groban: ipayOne Center, Friday, April 6, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Relient K: House of Blues, Wednesday, April 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

David Wilcox: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, April 27, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

MAY

Fairport Convention: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Tuesday, May 1, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Alison Brown: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, May 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Music videos for all local concerts!

SanDiegoReader.com

NEW 2007
CALIFORNIA EXPRESS
VIP CARD
CALIFORNIA EXPRESS VIP CARD
GREAT GIFT!
BUY 1 GET 1 FREE!
Regularly $150ea.
that's (2) 2007's or (1) 2007 and (1) 2008 or $50 OFF ONE!
No Tax • Free Delivery
All fees incl. • Coupon expires without notice • Not valid with other discounts.
GROUP RATES AVAILABLE
FRONT OF THE LINE PRIVILEGES FOR VIP & GUEST ANYTIME.*
THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN DRINK & COVER DISCOUNTS. HONORED AT ALL TOP NIGHTCLUBS.
SAMPLE CLUB LIST: On Broadway • Croce's • Club Rox • Olé Madrid • Moose's • Henry's • Faces Tremors • Bourbon St. • The Field • Crudo • Thrusters • Canes • Longshots • Waterfront The Blvd. • 710 Beach Club • Plum Crazy • Six Degrees • Comedy Store • SD Sports Club • Altitude Kadan • Dejá Vu • Sevilla • Galileo • Winston's • Jolt'n Joes • Flicks • The Local • Martini Ranch Brick By Brick Cheetahs • C Lounge • Heat • Kickers • Rookies • Brass Rail • Margarita Rocks Society Billiards Pure Platinum • Sandbar • Jose's • Tens • RT's Longboard Bar • Dream Street • Typhoon Saloon Morena Club • PB Bar & Grill • Belo • Deco's • Gaslamp Tavern • Maloneys • Onyx/Thin • Visions & Many More!
FREE RENTALS* Bicycles, Surfboards, Kayaks, Rollerblades & more! Over $150 Value!
FREE SERVICES* Massage, Dental, Nail, Hair, Tanning Salons! Over $500 Value!
FREE ENTERTAINENT* Sports: Kayak, Golf, Bowling, S.D. Roller Coaster Co., Paintball, Scuba! Over $2000 Value! *COMING SOON: VIP ELITE*
Save $500 Easy!
CALL NOW 619.226.1121 // 800.790.8890 DETAILS
3333 Midway Drive #206 (Sports Arena Area) • San Diego, CA 92110 • Open Mon.-Sat. 9 am-9 pm
WWW.VIPCLUBCARD.COM
Bonus: Also save big on restaurants, movies, theme parks, retail, limos, party buses & more! Also includes VIP News, personalized VIP card and full-color directory with over 200 offers. Total package worth $1000s!

LIMOBUSES.COM
WORLD'S 1st & Largest Selection
The Original Limo Bus Company
SINCE 1987
San Diego LIMO BUSES
HUGE 44 MAGNUM
SPECTRUM LIMOUSINES
Why Shop? Best Prices in Town!
Dance floor & pole ...WOW!
Passengers Limo Buses 1-44
TCP #6682-B
limobuses.com // 800.808.8466
*Or enjoy a FREE hour with minimum purchase anytime!
Offers not valid in conjunction with other discounts or specials. All vehicles vary in features, interior design and amenities. Restrictions may apply.
50% OFF Peak rates Sunday-Friday

DREAM STREET
DREAM STREET LIVE
2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach
619-222-8131 • www.dreamstreetlive.com
Now Accepting Résumés For Bartenders & Sound Engineers
NEW DAILY HAPPY HOUR 4-7 PM
Power Hour 4-5 pm – $2 U-Call-Its • $1 off drinks till 7 pm

THURSDAY 12/21
Band minus label.com presents
Broke On Friday
Vinyl 45
Simply Vintage
Brain Buckit

FRIDAY 12/22
Live Local Music
E-Dub Poet
Trophy Life
Autumn Leaves
The Professors
(S.D.'s favorite surf band)

SATURDAY 12/23
Live Music – Hard Rock
Rockola
The Thrill Killers
Mindstress
Flashbang
The Warden

WEDNESDAY 12/27
Live Music – Hip-Hop
Nativ Yit
Dendai Uno
Halon • B.R.I.S.
National T
Street Camp
Yung Fresh

THURSDAY 12/28
Live Music – Hip-Hop

FRIDAY 12/29
DBD presents
DBD
FOS with Opoetic
Guilla T
SP • Audrey Surface

SATURDAY 12/30
Military Appreciation Night
Universal Medicine
American Hitmen
Decompression
$2 Bud/Bud Lites 10 pm-midnight

ALWAYS BOOKING BANDS!
Call Billy or Drew: 619-222-8131
www.myspace.com/kidslam

ADD A LITTLE CHILL TO YOUR NIGHT.

Drink a Tuaca chilled and straight up. Or mix it with ginger ale, ice and a splash of lime.

Please drink Tuaca responsibly.

Tuaca Italian Liqueur, Livorno, Italy, 35% alcohol by volume.Imported by Brown-Forman Spirits Americas, Louisville, Kentucky ©2006

NEW YEAR'S EVE 2007

"Top Hats & Tiaras"

MARTINI San Diego RANCH

Times Square ball drop, champagne toast, party favors, and 2 rooms of dancing.
$40 cover before 10 pm.
For table reservations:
info@martiniranchsd.com

TUESDAYS • NO COVER
Modern Day Moonshine
acoustic/rock/reggae/soul/blues

WEDNESDAYS • NO COVER
Shannon Jones
classic rock from Bob Dylan to Violent Femmes

FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR 4-7 PM
Live acoustic performance by the Two Yutes and complimentary food from Alex's Brown Bag

528 F Street, Gaslamp
For guest list or bottle service, please call
619.235.6100 or email info@martiniranchsd.com

Calendar
CLUBS

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.*

Air Conditioned: Thursdays, *Orange Kiss* featuring DJ Dr. Sergio and Gage. Fridays, old-skool disco, funk, and '80s with DJ Junior. Saturdays, *Juicy,* classic booty-shakin' music with Mike Czech. Sundays, guest DJ night. Wednesdays, *RockBoxx,* '70s and '80s rock. 4673 30th Street, North Park. 619-501-9831.

Brass Rail: Fridays, New York and Chicago house-music journeys. 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

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.

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

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

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.

El Vez, December 23, The Casbah

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

The Flame: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *Sabbat,* gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

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.

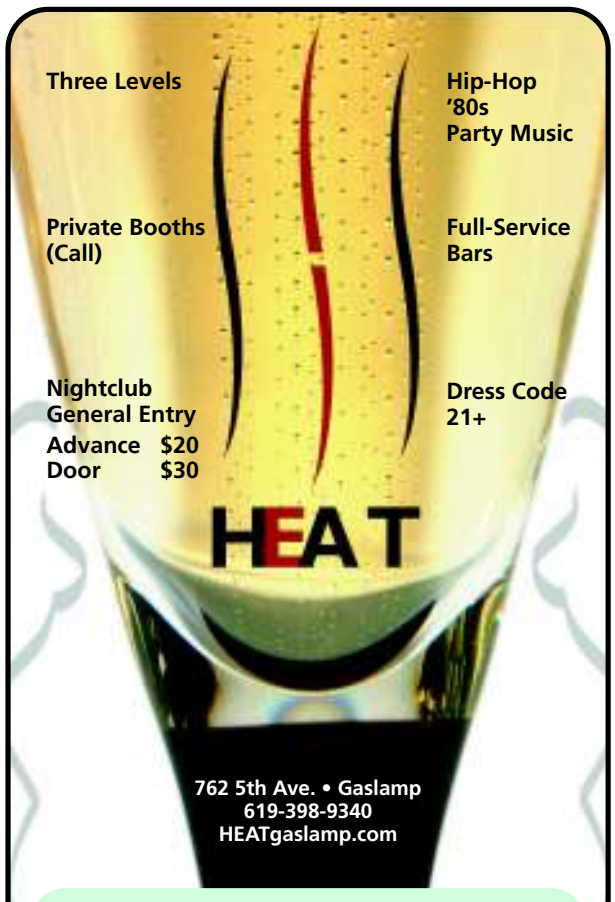
Habana Restaurant: Saturdays, *Adventuras East,* salsa, merengue, and cha-cha with David Garcia and David Suave. 10 p.m. 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-713-2011.

Honey Bee Hive: Wednesdays, *Mixtape Sessions,* underground hip-hop, downtempo, and breakbeat with DJ Ricky Wrecks and Mada; 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays, *Deep,* drum 'n' bass with DJs 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.



Three Levels
Hip-Hop '80s Party Music
Private Booths (Call)
Full-Service Bars
Nightclub General Entry
Advance $20
Door $30
Dress Code 21+

762 5th Ave. • Gaslamp
619-398-9340
HEATgaslamp.com

HEAT up the New Year
New Year's Eve 2007 Package:
$95 per person, includes:
Dinner, Party Favors and Choice of Champagne or Wine
Limited VIP tickets $50
Access to VIP area, no line, arrive anytime and unlimited in-out privileges.
Table reservations from 6-9 pm.
Call: 619-398-9340 for reservations or
e-mail: HEATgaslamp@gmail.com

Dining • Dancing • Cocktails • Live Music

TIO LEO'S Lounge & Restaurant

NAPA/MORENA

Thursdays • 6:30-11 pm
ZYDECO THURSDAYS
DANCE LESSONS, FREE DRAWINGS AND MORE
www.louisianadance.com

Friday • December 22
SUE PALMER & HER MOTEL SWING ORCHESTRA

Saturday • December 23
WORKING COWBOY BAND

Sundays • 10 am-9:30 pm
SPORTS LOUNGE
LOTS OF TVs, WIDE SCREEN, GREAT DRINK SPECIALS

Mondays • 7-10 pm
TANGO DANCING

Wednesday • December 27
7-10 pm
HIGH SOCIETY JAZZ BAND
DINNER SHOW

21 & Up • For Info:
619/542/1462
5302 Napa Street

MIRA MESA

Thursday • December 21
STARS ON WATER
OH! RIDGE

Fridays
KARAOKE

Saturday, December 23
DJ ROBERT

Sundays
KARAOKE

Thursday, December 28
MYRON & THE KYNIPTIONZ

Saturday, December 30
VISION

21 & Up • For Info:
858/695/1461
10787 Camino Ruiz

Wi-Fi Zone
www.TIOLEOS.com

BRICK BY BRICK
BrickbyBrick.com • (619)275-LIVE • 21 and up with ID

Thursday, December 21
OVERCAST
MAGNOLIA BLACK
CALABRIA

Friday, December 22
IDS
STARING AT STRANGE
IN EVERY BREATH
COLPORTER

Saturday, December 23
NEW YORK STATION
(A tribute to Lou Reed's *Rock & Roll Animal*)
FIFTY ON THEIR HEELS
RUSSELL HAYDEN

Wednesday, December 27
SECOND 2 LAST

Thursday, December 28
BAND OF GOOD MEN
MUZZLE

Friday, December 29
ADOPTED PROPHETS
DUMB CO.

Saturday, December 30
THE DIRTY ANGELS
BIG GAME HUNTERS
JUST LIKE JENNA

1/12 **Mommy's Little Monster** (Social Distortion Tribute) • **Dukes of Haggard**
1/19 **Johnny Cash's Legendary "Tennessee Three"**
1/20 **Acoustic Alliance** • 4/14 **Anti Nowhere League** • **Lower Class Brats**

LOT 81
Serving lunch & dinner
619-275-6881
etix.com
Bookings: 619-276-3993
1130 Buenos Ave. (off Morena Blvd.)

ON·BROADWAY
615 BROADWAY AVE. GASLAMP : WWW.OBEC.TV : 619.231.0011
VIP BOOTHS OR ROOM RESERVATIONS CALL 619.231.0011 OR MARCUS@OBEC.TV
FRIDAY DECEMBER 22ND
DJ GROY
www.djgroy.com - rusty
SATURDAY DECEMBER 23RD
JON BISHOP
www.djjonbishop.com
FRIDAY DECEMBER 29TH
EDDIE HALLIWELL
www.eddiehalliwell.com - MixMag's #1 DJ 2005
GUARANTEED ENTRY PRE-SALE
TIX AVAIL. • eventvibe.com
SATURDAY DECEMBER 30TH
TIMO
www.mixarchitekt.com
new year's eve
SUNDAY DECEMBER 31ST
ON·BROADWAY
TIMES SQUARE
LIVE
FEATURING
Dj Miss Lisa
PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

bēlo
restaurant+nightlife
www.belosandiego.com
Located on E street between 4th and 5th Ave. 21+ Dress Code: Chic
Vip Booths, Bottle Service, and Dinner Reservations call 619 231 9200
Friday December 22
giant
FRIDAYS
Junkie XL
+Yusef and Cullan
presale tickets and info:
giantclub.com | realivzetribe.com
Saturday December 23
foundation
Saturdays
Realivze Residents Night
Dj Ideal
Cullan
Anthony Ross
Alan B
Project 8
2007
Masquerade Ball
Inaugeral Black & White NYE
presale tickets available at: wantickets.com

HAPPY 2007 FROM JOHNNY V
Your New Year's Eve:
Tickets: $35 pre-sale, $40+ day of
Dinner Package:
$150/couple, includes admission + 4-course meal
[appetizer + choice of filet mignon, lamb, duck, seafood entrée + bottle of wine + dessert]

Calendar
CLUBS

DANCE
(continued)

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. 858-552-1234.

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, downtown. 619-702-5595.

Riley's Sports Bar: First Friday of the month, *Sin Factory,* fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs Darkman and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

San Diego Sports Club: Wednesdays, *Club Pussy Galore,* Robin Roth and other female DJs spin indie rock, electro pop, and '80s Second and fourth Saturday of the month, *Club Fashion Whore,* electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Saul Q, Barry Weaver, and more. Third Saturday of the month, *Club de Sade,* gothic, industrial, and fetish with DJs Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

710 Beach Club: Sundays, hip-hop, funk, and old skool with the Husky Boy Allstars. 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

Shooterz: Thursdays, *Club '80s,* new wave, new romantic, and punk synthpop with DJs Bryan Pollard, Sickboy, and Stern. Saturdays, *Underworld,* industrial, gothic, and dark electro with DJs Bryan Pollard, Cybian, and Harlot. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Static Lounge: Saturdays, house music to dark dance beats. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 18 and up. 634 Broadway

(between Sixth and Seventh Avenue), downtown. 619-544-1609.

Whiskey Girl: Fridays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes music videos. Saturdays, DJs Famous Dave and DJ Marc Thrasher mix music videos. Sundays, DJ Danimal. Mondays, *Manic Mondays,* DJ Marc Thrasher mixes '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616.

The Whistle Stop: Second Thursday of the month, *Programme:Zero,* indie, Brit pop, and soul. First and third Saturday of the month, *Transport,* Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *One Nation,* new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. Tuesdays, *Friends Chill,* downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, Lstr, and guests. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

CLUBS BY AREA

If you wish to submit a listing, call 619-235-3000, ext. 405, night or day by 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. To send weekly or monthly schedules, fax to 760-788-1309 or mail to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803,

SDSC
san diego sports club
NFL Sundays 9 am
Monday Night Football
WED., DEC. 20
Pussy Galore Presents:
Plastic Explosives with Archery
THURS., DEC. 21
Hostile Combover with Cabro'n and Batwings
FRI., DEC. 22
Switch-Electro
SAT., DEC. 23
Fashon Whored
1271 University Ave.
619-299-7372
myspace.com/sdsportsclub
BOOKINGS: 619-295-8086

epicentre
all ages! all the time!!!
Sun., January 21 • $11/$13
Daphne Loves Derby
Mia & Dia
Ronnie Day
House Of Fools
Long Live Logos
Thurs., January 25 • $12/$14
HOB presents
Moving Units
Sat., February 24 • $10/$12
HOB presents
Matt Wertz
Stephen Kellogg
Fri., March 2 • $12
The Casbah presents
Deerhoof
Macromantics
Epicentre offers a professional recording studio with Pro Tools at an affordable rate! Call us at 858-271-4000 ext.15 for more info!
8450 Mira Mesa Blvd.
858.271.4000
www.epicentre.org
THE EPICENTRE IS A PROGRAM OF HARMONIUM. VISIT HARMONIUMSD.ORG FOR MORE INFO.

JP'S PUB
COCKTAILS
16 BEERS ON TAP!
OPEN 7 DAYS
10 AM-2 AM
21 & UP
Monday Night Football
BBQ – 1-lb. Beef Rib
plus sides for $7
LIVE BANDS FRIDAYS
Friday, 12/22 • 9 pm
SCAVENGERS
Friday, 12/29 • 9 pm
HOODOO BLUES
KARAOKE
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday
Now Hiring Servers & Bartenders!
Kitchen Hours:
Mon-Fri: 11 am-9 pm
Sat & Sun: 10 am-4 pm
Open Saturday & Sunday
10 am for Breakfast
10436 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. at Santo Rd.
Tierrasanta
(858) 576-2509
SPORTS on LARGE-SCREEN TVs

DINO'S
Nite Club
3829 30TH St.
619-291-DINO
(3466)
Near University, opposite Union Bank
Sign up for VIP specials @ myspace.com/dinosclub
WEDNESDAY :: SHE'S HERE
BY SHE PRODUCTIONS
HIP-HOP/HOUSE BY DJ TOVA & DJ KISS 9 PM-2 AM
THURSDAY :: HOUSE DJs
WITH BRAD ADAMS
FRIDAY :: PLATINUM
DJ DIZZY D & DJ ISOH SPIN HIP-HOP
SATURDAY :: BRIT POP
DJ SAUL & CHRISTINA & PETE
LIVE COMEDY SAT. 12/23 8-10 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH
an evening with
THE FARMERS
real Rock 'n' Roll
$20 advance tickets — includes 3 drinks and a champagne toast
$30 at the door
CALL 619.291.DINO FOR TIX

San Diego CA 92186-5803. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com *by clicking on the music section.*

BEACHES

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain,* jazz/Latin/international/pop standards.

Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday and Saturday, live rock/reggae/blues.

Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mark Fisher,* classic rock. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Fish & the Seaweeds,* classic rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Crash Carter,* pop/soul/rock. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith,* blues. Saturday, *Cactus Twang,* roadhouse rock. Sunday, *Yovee.* Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin,* folk. Wednesday, *Uplift,* reggae.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, *Shaka Buku, a Conscious Few, High Tide,* and *Burnt,* reggae. Friday, *Kicking K8, Evolocity, REV, 3 Against 1,* and *Tempernoi,* hard rock/alternative.

Clay's, atop the Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Latin jazz. Saturday and Wednesday, live jazz/funk.

Cody's La Jolla, 8030 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-459-0040. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Roy Resnikoff,* light classical piano/show tunes. Friday and Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Dick Koenig,* jazz guitar. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Stefani Stevens,* jazz piano. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Joe Cardillo,* acoustic jazz-rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is rock/alternative/metal unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 4 p.m., *Broke on Friday, Vinyl 45, Simply Vintage,* and *Brain Buckit.* Friday, 4 p.m., *E-Dub Poet, Trophy Life,* and *the Professors.* Wednesday, 4 p.m., *Native Yit, Den Dai Uno, Halon, B.R.I.S., National T, Street Camp,* and *Yung Fresh,* hip-hop.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., jazz jam. Friday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Alex Esther,* 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Willie Ames.* Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Lauren Gordon,* flute/piano, 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Justin Froese* and *Ivar Rodriguez.*

Estancia Resort Hotel, 9700 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 858-550-1000. Mustang and Burros Bar and Grill: Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Los Reyes Del Ritmo,* Gipsy Kings tribute band.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *the Salt Lickers,* rock. Saturday, *the Blues Invaders,* blues. 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. Lobby: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila,* solo jazz guitar.

Grill: 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.*

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, *Gil Barron, Mark Fulton, James East,* and *PTrak Armenta,* acoustic pop/rock/Latin/soul. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jazz 101 Band* featuring *Nick Fiore, John Guilino, Dave Scott,* and *Cynthia Hammond.* Saturday, 8:30 p.m. *Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice,* Latin jazz.

Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Trece de la Suerte,* salsa/Latin.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Sugarglider* and *Justin James & the Sons of Beaches,* rock/reggae. Friday, *Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations,* reggae. Saturday, *2006 Battle of the Bands.* Sunday, old skool/hip-hop/funk/soul. Wednesday, *Sugarglider* and *Yesterday's Papers,* rock.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain,* jazz/pop/Latin/standards.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *the Pheromones,* rock. Saturday, live music. Sunday, *Jimmy Lewis,* acoustic. Wednesday, *Free Air,* rock.

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 music.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *the Grams, Podunk Nowhere,* and *Call Down Fire,* indie/alternative. Friday, *Psydecar,*

ADULT NIGHT SKATING
BLADE & ROLLERSKATING EXCITEMENT
NOW EVERY TUESDAY
ADULT NIGHT 7:30-10:30 PM
ADULT LEARN-TO-SKATE CLINIC $5
Conventional, Quad & Blade • Every Tuesday 6:30-7:15 pm
or Adult Skate Clinic & Session $9 *or* Adult Session ONLY $6
No coupons or discounts apply. Skate rental extra.
Family Fun Saturday & Sunday • $5 All Day 1:30-6 pm
Great Place to Host a Birthday Party! Call for details.
ADULTS-ONLY NIGHT
Come join the fun!
2 for 1* ADMISSION
ADULTS-ONLY NIGHT!
Valid Tuesday, December 26, 2006
*Buy 1 admission and receive second admission free.
SKATEWORLD
www.sandiegoskateworld.com
6907 Linda Vista Rd. • (858) 560-9349
or further info: (858) 560-9278
(3 blocks south of Genesee, 1 mile north of USD)

Calendar
CLUBS

BEACHES
(continued)

reggae/funk. Saturday, *Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels,* reggae. Wednesday, *Phix,* rock.

DOWNTOWN

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer,* 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,* straight-ahead jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Cynthia Hammond,* jazz.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Jeremy Enigk* and *Manuok.* Friday, Jivewire and One Nation Under a Groove. Saturday, *El Vez* and *the Blasphemous Guitars.* Sunday, *Exile on Kettner Blvd.*

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-294-9590.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday and Friday, *Yavez.* Saturday, *Agua Dulce.* Sunday, *the Archtones.* Monday, *Dave Scott.* Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet.* Wednesday, *the Jorge Camberos Quintet.*

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, *Ron's Garage,* acoustic. 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., *Irving Flores & the Danzon Jazz Trio,* Latin jazz. Friday, *David Negrete, Josh Nelson, Tim McMahon,* and *Danny Weller,* jazz. Saturday, *Ray Barbee, Jared Mattson, Carl Prescott, Jonathan Mattson,* and *Aakaash Israni,* jazz.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Traditional Irish music.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, *Special Ed, B-Boy Mafia,* and *the Armory Massive.* Wednesday, *the Spazmatics,* alternative rock.

Gaslamp Tavern, 868 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-239-3339. Tuesday, *Fishbait,* country. Wednesday, *Mark Fisher,* classic rock.

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.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, *Redman & Reakwon, Ghostface Killah,* and *Super Natural,* rap/experimental/electro.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece,* jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *the Reaganomics,* '80s dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Insight,* jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique,* jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue,* jazz/dance/Top 40.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. 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, *Blue Four.* Friday, *Cocobilli.* Saturday, *the Blues Brokers.* Monday, *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band.* Tuesday and Wednesday, *the Texas Twisters.*

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Ten years have passed since **Jeremy Enigk**, best known as the singer for emo pioneers Sunny Day Real Estate, issued his first solo album, and though no doubt that tested the patience of his fans, the anticipation was not great enough to justify the title for his second album, *World Waits.* The new album opens with "A New Beginning," which is a triumphant-sounding, major-key mini symphony, complete with victory bells.

Sunny Day Real Estate started up in Seattle during the early-'90s heyday of grunge. Compared to their neighbors, SDRE's music was a little more melodic, a bit more vague, and a lot more emotional (hence, "emo"). By the time they released their debut album *Diary* in 1994, grunge was on its way down, and suddenly this band was the one to watch. And then, halfway through the making of SDRE's second album, Enigk had a religious epiphany and quit. He later rejoined, but the incident became part of the legend of the band — to their cult audience, this was a symbol of their seriousness. When half the band joined the Foo Fighters, the SDRE legend was spread all over the world.

JEREMY ENIGK

If *World Waits* is any indication, the legend has gone to Enigk's head. The new album seems to be modeled on the works of U2 or Peter Gabriel — a little arty, a little commercial, and heavy with big ideas. It's not bad; parts of it are quite nice. But as a whole, it strikes me as demanding a level of respect it hasn't earned. That said, I'm not its target audience; Enigk's cult audience is. I imagine those people will love it.

JEREMY ENIGK, The Casbah, Thursday, December 21, 8 p.m. 619-232-4355. $15.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock/disco/dance.

Samba Grill, 514 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp. 619-236-1000. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Edo Brazil,* Brazilian jazz.

Seaport Village, 849 West Harbor Drive, downtown. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., *Jackstraw's Electric Dickens,* holiday hits.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Guarare,* salsa.

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.*

Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, *DaGroove,* rock hits, and *DJ Marc Thrasher.* Friday, *DJ Marc Thrasher.* Saturday, *DJ Marc Thrasher* and *DJ Famous Dave.* Sunday, *DJ Danimal.* Monday, *Manic Mondays* with *DJ Marc Thrasher.* Tuesday, *DJ Famous Dave.* Wednesday, *the Stepping Feet,* a Dave Matthews Band tribute, pop/rock, and *DJ Famous Dave.*

SAN DIEGO

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Piano bar, call club for information.

The Alibi, 1403 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-295-0881. Live rock/indie/alternative.

The Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-516-4746.

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. Music rock/alternative/metal unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Overcast, Magnolia Black,* and *Calabria.* Friday, *Staring at Strange* and *Colporter.* Saturday, *the New York Station.*

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Live rock/swing.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, live reggae/blues/rock.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-469-4113. Thursday, jazz. Friday and Saturday, live bands. Sunday, salsa. Wednesday, jazz.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Stellita's Groove,* disco/dance. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Corvelles,* Motown, 9:30 p.m., *Rising Star,* dance/disco. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Novamenco,* new flamenco, 9:30 p.m., *Makai,* dance/disco. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *John Phillips,* rock.

Entertainment 7 Nights a Week!

Navajo

Thursday, December 21
Mike Ruggirello presents
Huge Rooster & guests

Friday & Saturday, December 22 & 23 • 9 pm
Classic Rock

6 ONE 9

Sunday, December 24
NFL Sunday Ticket
4 satellites and big-screen TVs

Monday, December 25
Monday Night Football

Tuesday, December 26
Mike Ruggirello presents
Huge Rooster & guests

Wednesday, December 27
Happy Hour 6-8 pm

8515 Navajo Road • 619-465-1730
(Albertsons shopping plaza at Navajo & Lake Murray)

Santee

Thursday, December 21
Call club for details

Friday & Saturday, December 22 & 23 • 9 pm
Classic Rock

UPTOWN GROOVE

Sunday, December 24
NFL Sunday Ticket
4 satellites and big-screen TVs

Monday, December 25
Monday Night Football

Tuesday, December 26
Call club for details

Wednesday, December 27
Call club for details

8528 Magnolia Avenue • 619-596-8350
(Corner of Prospect & Magnolia)

SECOND WIND BARS
SINCE 1986

www.secondwindbars.com

ATM & credit cards welcome.

- Pool Tables
- Dart Boards
- Hot Spot & Lotto
- Free Parking
- Free WiFi Access

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club

www.humphreysbythebay.com

Thursday, Dec. 21
8 pm • Disco & Dance
Stellita's Groove

Friday, Dec. 22
6 pm • Motown **The Corvelles**
9:30 pm
Dance & Disco
Rising Star

Saturday, Dec. 23

7 pm • New Flamenco
Novamenco
9:30 pm • Dance & Disco
Makai

Sunday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve
8 pm • Dance & Jazz
DJ John Phillips

Monday, Dec. 25
Merry Christmas

Tuesday, Dec. 26
8 pm • Chicago Blues
145th Street Blues

Wednesday, Dec. 27
8 pm • Funk, Soul & Dance
The Soul Persuaders

New Year's Eve 2006
Three Great Parties
Make your reservations now!

"An Elegant Affair"
Aubrey Fay

"Dance the Night Away"
The Detroit Underground

"Razzle Dazzle"
Rising Star

2241 Shelter Island Dr. • 619.224.3577

Tickets for "Upcoming Shows" available at Ticketmaster and Humphrey's. Reserved seating for "Upcoming Shows" available with dinner. All shows are 21 years and up.

MOËT & CHANDON
CHAMPAGNE

an Intimate
NYE 2007 at RAMA
SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 31ST

AVOID LONG LINES & TRAFFIC!
HAVE AN INTIMATE NYE IN DOWNTOWN CLOSE TO HOTELS!
ENJOY DINNER, DECADENT COCKTAILS & LIVE DJ'S IN TWO DISTINCTIVE ROOMS.

DJ'S ANGLE, JEREMIAH & CRIS HERRERA
HIP HOP, R&B, 80'S & TOP 40
DJ ARMANDO
LATIN & ROCK EN ESPANOL

$40 PRE-SALE TIX AVAILABLE 'TIL DEC 27TH @
WWW.30-TWO.COM & WWW.AZUCAREVENTS.COM
ONLY 300 TIX AVAILABLE... BUY TODAY!!

RAMA RESTAURANT @ 327 4TH AVE. DOWNTOWN - 21+ - VIP PKG. INFO. 619.342.6129

MIKE SOUL ENTERTAINMENT · Azucar · Rama · 30 TWO BAR & LOUNGE

Leave the year behind...
Start New at The End
New Years Eve 2007

The Bitter End

Pre-sale tickets $100 includes: VIP access, no line, arrive any time, unlimited in & out privileges. limited VIP presale tickets

At the door: $30 general entry

Contact: Jessica Cline
(619)384-4845 jcline@thebitterend.com

thebitterend.com 770 Fifth Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 (619)338-9300

Calendar
CLUBS

SAN DIEGO
(continued)

Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band.* Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Soul Persuaders,* funk/soul/dance.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Lindsey Troy.* Friday, *Steve Poltz* and *Julie Mack.* Saturday, *Gregory Page* and *Samantha Murphy.* Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Annie Dru, Chris Clarke,* and *Ivan Cheong.*

Lucky Star Nightclub & Ballroom, 3893 54th Street, San Diego. 619-229-8228. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Victoria Rose Trio,* vintage jazz/swing/rock.

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., *Gimic,* rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Etched in Stone, the American Hitmen,* and *Disaster Magnet,* punk/metal/hard rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Rhythm & the Method,* rock/blues/folk rock.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gene Warren,* Irish folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Little Efert Band,* classic rock/blues.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Eddie Rossi* and *Joe Soprano,* piano.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *6one9,* classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (half block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Friday and Saturday, live bands.

Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tom Boyer,* solo jazz/Latin guitar.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Performances start at 7 p.m. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Thursday, *Casket Salesmen, Auditory Aphasia, Cosmonaut, Exit 21,* and *Four Kings.* Friday, *Elysia, Molotov Solution, the Knight of the Abyss, the Wages of War, Carnifex, Burning the Masses.* Saturday, *Daredevil Jane, Diego Roots,* and *the Absens.*

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Thursday, *Stars on Water.* Saturday, rock.

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.*

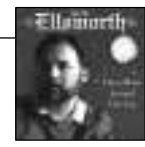
The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday, *the Deere Johns, Mario Escovedo,* and *Diablo Dimes,* rock/blues/country. Saturday, *Action Andy* and *the Rhythm Stompers,* rock.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jaime Valle,* and guests.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Austin Jennings, Delancey, Derek Evans,* and *Adonis Cross.* Friday, 8 p.m.,

>hometown CDs

BY OLLIE



Album: *Once More Around the Sun* (2006)
Artist: Ron Ellsworth
Label: self-released
Where available/price: *CDBaby.com* or *ellsworthmusic.com* for $14.99
Songs: 1) Rolling On 2) Can't Sing That Song Anymore 3) The Times of Your Life 4) You Will Always Have Me 5) As Long as You'll Have Me Here 6) If I Could 7) Looking Back 8) It's Okay 9) The Ones We Leave Behind 10) I Could Do Anything 11) Café by the Bay 12) Paint the Stars 13) Once More Around the Sun 14) The Ashgrove
Band: Ron Ellsworth (guitar, vocals), Brett Weisman (guitar), Hank Easton (guitar), Dan Diaz (guitar, vocals), Josquin des Pres (bass), Nick D' Virgilio (drums), Scott Gorham (piano, keyboard), Chris Klich (saxophone, flute), Tommy Aros (percussion), Mary Dolan (vocals), Anna Dowdell (vocals)
Website: *ellsworthmusic.com*

This is *very* easy-listening. Think beards, tan elbow patches, and flowered wallpaper. The music is expertly played, although it's not spectacular; nothing stands out as bad or genius. Nothing new here: acoustic guitars, bass, some horns, slow drums, and keyboard.

The lyrics and vocals define this album. As folksy soft rock, it has all the elements: saccharine lead vocals that may bring to mind your grandfather's candy dish, background voices raised in unison, and lyrics that one might read on an inspirational poster (falling short of "Hang in there, baby!" but only barely).

Oh, there are "morning skies," "summer winds," hills, and stars. We're instructed to "roll on" and keep "sailing on" "on a wing and a prayer." It's all so positive and upbeat, with childlike naïveté. It's as if Santa Claus wrote a summer album that had nothing to do with Christmas but everything to do with miracles, smiles, and love.

I can see the need for aging people to shrug off the raucous music of their youth and settle into something comfortable, but Ellsworth makes Fleetwood Mac sound like Kiss. This could do well as a young *young* child's pre–nap time album or as soothing sounds played through dentists' office speakers.

Ron Ellsworth

TO GET YOUR LOCAL CD REVIEWED, PLEASE MAIL IT TO: Music Editor, Hometown CDs, San Diego *Reader,* P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803

C lounge
Gaslamp's Original Underground Lounge
NO COVER
DRINK SPECIALS
21+
www.redclounge.com • www.myspace.com/redclounge

THU RHYME AND REASON - Selectors, @Large, Tesfa and DJ Hektik nice up the dance every week with the best reggae and hip-hop. Vote for weekly Dancehall King and Queen. More Fiyah! **www.rhymeandreasonculture.com**

FRI SOUL SAUCE - Ingredients by DJ Charlie Rock of Dojo Sessions/Rock Steady Crew, DJ Jaba One of Home Grown Blends and a special set by DJ Dope Shoes. Hip-hop, rare grooves, and neo soul vibes. **www.myspace.com/djcharlierockrsc**

SAT ROBODISCO presents WarKitten Christmas with DJs Rithma (Om Records), Erick Diaz, Jeff Carroll and a special guest performance by COCO of Payola Productions spinning sexy, soulful house music all night long, still goin' strong. **www.myspace.com/Siestarecords**

SUN LIQUID presented by Process & Vinyl Elements. Drum & Bass by resident DJs Calculon, Knottyboy, Frizz, Primate and special weekly guests. **www.myspace.com/liquiddnb**

TUES GROOVE with resident DJs Red Sonya & Knottyboy spinning down tempo, trip-hop, house & breaks. $4 Jägerblasters. **www.myspace.com/groovetuesdays**

WED SUBWAY SERIES featuring DJs Professor CC, Evan Marsh, Big Dave, Roc P. and special guest DJs, MCs, spoken word & freestyle sessions weekly spinning underground hip-hop, urban jazz, reggae and live P.A. **www.myspace.com/ProfessorCC** $3 cover charge

No dress code • $3 well drinks until 11 pm • DJs 6 Nights a Week
Open 9 pm • Closed on Monday • (619) 233-2830 • 756 5th Avenue

Alambres
Mexican Food until 3 am!
Burritos • Salads • Tacos • Soups • Fajitas • Desserts • Open for breakfast 8 am
756 5th Ave. • Gaslamp • 619-233-2838 • 619-233-2830
(between F Street & G Street on 5th) Restaurant upstairs, lounge downstairs.

SUNGLASS & OPTICAL WAREHOUSE

7000 Frames... 3 Convenient Stores

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Sunglass & Optical Warehouse is Southern California's #1 source for designer frames, sunglasses and prescription eyewear. Open 7 days a week.

50% Off
Save on prescription glasses
Purchase any pair of prescription glasses and get a second pair for half off. Discount taken on lower-priced pair and does not apply to Maui Jim, Oakley or Prada prescription glasses. With this ad. Offer expires 12/31/06.

SPY
Free Spy T-shirt or hat!
With purchase of any pair of Spy sunglasses. Our gift to you! Limited to stock on hand.

Use your Flex Plan!
Take 10% off
Choose from our extensive collection of designer optical frames. Avoid the end-of-the-year rush! Offer expires 12/27/06.

www.sunglassoptical.com

Sports Arena
3450 Kurtz St. (Not on the corner)
619-291-4810

Kearny Mesa
4488 Convoy St. (Convoy at Balboa)
858-492-0959

La Jolla Village Square
8657 Villa La Jolla Dr. (Next to Starbucks)
858-622-9190

Skyler Stonestreet, Aaron Bowen, the Northstar Session, Annie Bethancourt, Brian Benham, and *Ginger Jackson.* Saturday, *Rachel Kae, Tim Mudd, Dawn Mitschele, Arambu,* and *Jakes Mountain.*

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the B-3 Four* featuring vocalist *David Mosby,* jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Peggy Lloyd,* jazz.

NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers,* Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Yovee, the Jade Shader,* and *the Ex-Friends,* alternative. Friday, 9 p.m., *Buck-O-Nine, Skanic,* and *Chris Murray,* ska. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Greyboy Allstars,* funk/soul/jazz. Wednesday, *the Knitters* and *the Farmers,* alternative rock.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, hip-hop. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, *Primasi,* Eastern European folk.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the Ideas,* classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Rhythm Method,* classic rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Big Rig Deluxe,* country/rock. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players,* blues. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Red Lane,* blues/rock.

Del Dios Bar and Grill, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-489-4800. Friday, *Joe Rathburn* and *Art Fisher,* island sounds. Saturday, *the Clachan Boys,* Celtic music.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, *5 Miles High,* classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick,* jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Center, Casey McSocial,* and *Fallback Farewell.* Friday, *Message in Blood, Thieves and Liars, Hollow Point,* and *Keeping Secrets.* Saturday, *the Birds of Yore, Well Rose, Yovee,* and *If.* Wednesday, *Higher Minds* and *Clockwork,* hip-hop.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers,* country.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Band in Black,* rockabilly. Saturday, rock. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit Union,* ballroom swing. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., open mike.

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. Thursday, *Vortex Data,* rock. Friday, *Giant Peach* and *Hell Yeah,* rock. Saturday, *Ronnie Corbin.* Wednesday, 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.

SOUTH BAY/CORONADO

Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Saturday, *Stage 4,* jazz.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa,* standards/pop/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado,* jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian,* and *Scott Wallingford,* jazz.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley,* Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino,* jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stellita & Dave Lindgren.* Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson.*

Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Ray Briz.* Also, Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Joey West.*

Crown Room: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., *John Cain.*

Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Cool Fever,* rock. Saturday, *5 South,* classic rock.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Northstar,* classic rock. Friday, *Baywolf,* classic rock. Saturday, *the Offbeats.* Sunday, *Jim Moore.* Tuesday, *Gary Rich.* Wednesday, *Tommy Price.*

EAST COUNTY

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *TNT,* classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *the Taylor Harvey Band,* acoustic rock.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Wild Rumors,* rock. Saturday, *Altered Time,* rock.

Habana Restaurant, 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-713-2011. Saturday, salsa dancing.

Hooley's Irish Pub and Grill, 2955 Jamacha Road, Rancho San Diego. 619-670-7468. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Caribbean Cowboys,* rock/country.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Sundance,* country.

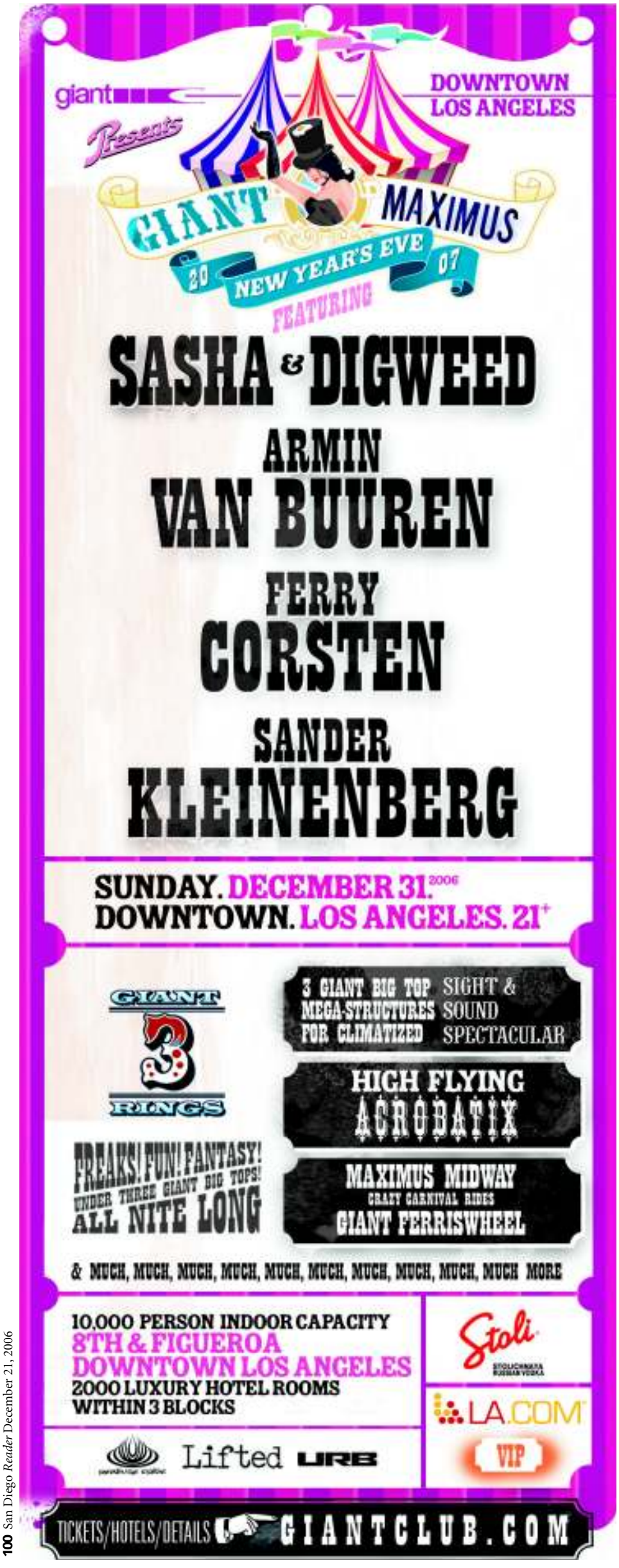
Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Uptown Groove,* classic rock.

Tommy's Italian Restaurant, 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Franco Z & Friends,* swing/standards.

Wagon Wheel, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Live country music.

*With manual transmission. †MSRP. Tax, title, license, dealer fees, and optional equipment extra. The Empire State Building design is a trademark of Empire State Building Company, LLC. ©2006 GM Corp. Buckle up, America!

NEW 2007 CHEVY AVEO With 37 EPA estimated highway MPG.* And room to seat five comfortably. The Chevy™ Aveo® LS Sedan is one surprisingly big car. Starting at just $12,515.† LT as shown $14,125.† Go big at chevyaveo.com



Calendar
BANDS

ALTERNATIVE

The Absens: Soma
Auditory Aphasia: Soma
The Birds of Yore: The Jumping Turtle
Broke on Friday: Dreamstreet
Burning the Masses: Soma
Calabria: Brick By Brick
Call Down Fire: Winstons
Carnifex: Soma
Casey McSocial: The Jumping Turtle
Casket Salesmen: Soma
The Center: The Jumping Turtle
Colporter: Brick By Brick
Cosmonaut: Soma
Daredevil Jane: Soma
Elysia: Soma
Evolocity: 'Canes
The Ex-Friends: Belly Up Tavern
Exit 21: Soma
The Farmers: Belly Up Tavern
The Four Kings: Soma
Gimic: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Grams: Winstons
Hollow Point: The Jumping Turtle
The Jade Shader: Belly Up Tavern
Keeping Secrets: The Jumping Turtle
The Knights of the Abyss: Soma
The Knitters: Belly Up Tavern
Magnolia Black: Brick By Brick

BEST SEATS
CHARGERS
TIC-KETS.COM

New Year's Party
Tickets available now...
$25 pre-sale
$30 at the door!
Xmas Day
Open 6:00pm...
$2.00 Drinks
Sunday, December 31st
Happy Hour 4pm-8pm
$1.50 Champagne / Party Favors
Special Guest Dj's / 2 Dance Floors
Champagne Toast &
5 Balloon Drops at Midnight!

1/2 Price Thursdays
91X
1/2 Price Drinks & Appetizers after 8pm
No Cover with valid College ID
PACIFIC BEACH
BAR & GRILL
860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. Info: (858)2PB.GRILL www.pbbarandgrill.com

HELLO
my name is
2007
ROCK BOTTOM
NEW YEAR'S EVE
Tickets to include:
VENUES OF ENTERTAINMENT
On main stage: "JUNGLE BOOGIE"
With special guests "80s ENOUGH"
Live bands playing your favorites
from the Disco and 80's
Downtown Lounge: "CLUB CRUSH"
Featuring DENNIS BLAZE
Hip-Hop DJ
PARTY FAVORS!
2 BALLOON DROPS AT MIDNIGHT
DINNER
Serving Dinner from 4-8pm
by RESERVATION ONLY!!!
No Happy Hour!
½ off ticket price with dinner reservations
Kitchen will be serving from late night menu until 11pm
Ticket prices:
MUST HAVE TICKETS IN ORDER TO GAIN ADMISSION
Pre-sale: $25 per person thru December 30th
(Limit 4 per order)
Pay by credit card or cash in person
Ticket must be picked up by 10pm on the 30th
Day of (Dec. 31st): $35 per person before 9pm
RESTAURANT
ROCK BOTTOM
BREWERY
SERIOUS ABOUT OUR FOOD. CRAZY ABOUT OUR BEER.
401 G STREET | GASLAMP | 619.231.7000

710 Beach Club
710BeachClub.com

THUR. 12/21 (Rock and Funk)
JUSTIN JAMES and the sons of beaches
with SUGARGLIDER

FRI. 12/22 (Roots Reggae)
ELIJAH EMANUEL and the REVELATIONS
myspace.com/elijahemanuel

SAT 12/23 (2006 B.O.B.)
TONIGHT! BATTLE OF THE BANDS
1 Ad 7
Eye For An Eye
Bedlam's Edge
You Die First
Moonridge
Prizes by Sam Ash!

SUN 12/24 FOOTBALL ALL DAY! HOME OF THE BEARS / BILLS / CHARGERS
WIN $1000
Stick around for.. (7-11PM) DRUNKEN SANTA BUS TRIP
double-decker bus and bar crawl

MON 12/25 Closed for Christmas.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

TUES 12/26 SERVICE INDUSTRY NIGHT
"GONG HITS"
KARAOKE 710 STYLE
HOSTED BY ED AND BRIAN, NO COVER
$3 u-Call-its

WED 12/27 (Rock)
SUGARGLIDER
YESTERDAYS PAPERS

NEW YEARS EVE..
FREE!
San Diego's own SUPER-UNLEDED
SUPERLOADED DOING LED ZEPPELIN FOR FREE!
12/31 NO COVER!

UPCOMING:
12/29-MIKEY DREAD
1/27- AFROMAN

WE SHOW ALL BUFFALO SABRES GAMES!!

710 GARNET AVENUIE
PB 858.483.7844

WINSTONS
winstonsob.com

THURS 12/21 Beach Music Mafia Christmas Party
TONIGHT! PODUNK NOWHERE
CALL DOWN FIRE
THE GRAMS

FRI 12/22 7-9- EVERY FRIDAY Winstons presents
OBC- OCEAN BEACH COMEDY
TONIGHT! CANNED FOOD DRIVE
PSYDECAR

SAT 12/23 (Roots Reggae) with exhibition by
TONIGHT! DJ COOL BREEZE
KUSH
and JAH BLOOD FIYAH ANGELS

SUN 12/24 football all day.. REDSKINS and CHARGERS HO
TONIGHT Free Cover $2 Drinks
OB-O-KE
with special guest
JOSÉ SINATRA

MON 12/25 Closed for Christmas.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS from all of us at WINSTONS

TUES 12/26 6-8 PM "Think and drink" Trivia w/ Jesse-San
TONIGHT! (PUNK)
MENSTRUAL C HUNKS
THE SCREAMIN' YEEHAWS
HILL STREET SRANGLERS
w/ Guests

WED 12/27 4-8 PM FREE ART SHOW
TONIGHT! (Phish Tribute)
PHIX
celebrating the music of phish
National Touring Sensation
(From Boulder Colorado)

NO COVER NYE
ALFRED HOWARD and
K23 ORCHESTRA
NO COVER 12/31

UPCOMING:
12/30- BURNT, HIGH TIDE
1/27 MIKE WATT

1921 BACON STREET
OCEAN BEACH
619.222.6822

Calendar
BANDS

ALTERNATIVE
(continued)

Manuok: The Casbah

Message in Blood: The Jumping Turtle

Molotov Solution: Soma

New York Station: Brick By Brick

Overcast: Brick By Brick

Podunk Nowhere: Winstons

Simply Vintage: Dreamstreet

The Spazmatics: 4th & B

Staring at Strange: Brick By Brick

Tempernoi: 'Canes

Thieves and Liars: The Jumping Turtle

Trophy Life: Dreamstreet

Vinyl 45: Dreamstreet

The Wages of War: Soma

Well Rose: The Jumping Turtle

Yovee: Belly Up Tavern, The Calypso Cafe, The Jumping Turtle

ROCK

Action Andy: Tower Bar

Altered Time: Fannie's Nightclub

The American Hitmen: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Baywolf: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Blasphemous Guitars: The Casbah

Brain Buckit: Dreamstreet

The Brat Pack: Henry's Pub

Cool Fever: Island Sports and Spirits

The Deere Johns: Tower Bar

Diablo Dimes: Tower Bar

Disaster Magnet: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

El Vez: The Casbah

Mario Escovedo: Tower Bar

Etched in Stone: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Exile on Kettner Blvd.: The Casbah

Fallback Farewell: The Jumping Turtle

Fish & the Seaweeds: Beaumont's

Mark Fisher: Beaumont's, Gaslamp Tavern

5 Miles High: Game Time Tavern

5 South: Island Sports and Spirits

Flock of 80's: Dick's Last Resort

Free Air: Tiki House

The Ghost of Sada: Dick's Last Resort

Giant Peach: Surf N'Saddle

The Taylor Harvey Band: Don's Cocktail Lounge

Hell Yeah: Surf N'Saddle

The Ideas: Carvers

Kicking K8: 'Canes

Red Lane: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Little Efert Band: Pal Joey's

Modern Day Moonshine: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Northstar: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Northstar Session: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

The Pheromones: Tiki House

John Phillips: Humphrey's

Phix: Winstons

Private Domain: Dick's Last Resort

The Professors: Dreamstreet

Rev: 'Canes

Rhythm & the Method: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Rhythm Method: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Rhythm Stompers: Tower Bar

Ron's Garage: Dick's Last Resort

The Salt Lickers: The Kraken

6one9: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Stars on Water: Tio Leo's (Mira Mesa)

The Stilettos: Henry's Pub

Sugarglider: 710 Beach Club

3 Against 1: 'Canes

TNT: Dirk's Niteclub

Uptown Groove: Second Wind (Santee)

Vortex Data: Surf N'Saddle

Wild Rumors: Fannie's Nightclub

Yesterday's Papers: 710 Beach Club

Ring in the New Year at the fabulous
AERO Club
"Where bartenders come for a cold beer"
FULL BAR
Open Christmas Day 4 pm
3365 India St. • Since 1947
Aeroclubbar.com • 619.297.7211
WiFi Internet access

Bartending Academy
1 to 2 week course
Weekend classes available
Job Placement Assistance
Call for information:
619-296-0600
www.bartendingacademysd.com

CSL
Your One-Stop DJ and Pro Audio Shop
Gear up for the Holidays!
90 Days Same As Cash
California Sound & Lighting
7634 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
(858) 277-8188
www.calsound.com

THE COMEDY STORE

Friday & Saturday, December 22 & 23
8 & 10:30 pm

Joey Diaz
From *The Longest Yard*

Steve Rannazzisi
From MTV's *Punk'd*

Charlie Hill
From *David Letterman*
Fri., Sat. & Sun., Dec. 29, 30 & 31 • 8 & 10:30 pm
Kirk Fox From Comedy Central
Argus Hamilton From *The Tonight Show*
Vicki Barbolak Voted Funniest Female in California
To purchase tickets, call (858) 454-9176
916 Pearl Street • La Jolla • www.thecomedystore.com
Must be 21 – All shows 2-drink minimum
San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau Member

Online Club Coupons!

The following nightclubs have valuable coupons in the Music Section of the *Reader's* website.
ⓝ indicates North County.

The Aero Club	Free WiFi
Brick By Brick	2 for 1 admission
CA Express VIP Card	Free card
Club Montage	2 for 1 cover
Comedy Co-op	Free tickets
In Cahoots	2 for 1 cover
Lucky 7 Match	$5 off speed dating
Martini Ranch	Free appetizers
Patricks II	2 for 1 cover
Second Wind Navajo	No cover
710 Beach Club	2 for 1 cover
Tio Leo's Lounge	$1 off club admission

SanDiegoReader.com

1930's Art Deco Theme Restaurant and Nightclub with a South Beach Flair!

DECO'S

FRIDAY : DECEMBER : 22ND

FRIDAYS @ DECOS

BIG DUDE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY!

DJ'S BIG DUDE & NICKY Z SPINNING

HIP HOP, R&B, HOUSE & 80'S

DJS BROUGHT TO YOU BY KAYELLA ENT.

SATURDAY : DECEMBER : 23RD

FOREPLAY ENTERTAINMENT | Z 90.3 #1 FOR HIP HOP AND R&B | limelight events

.:PRESENTS:.

LIVE @ DECO'S

290.3 WILL BROADCAST LIVE @ DECO'S EVERY SATURDAY FROM 9PM-MIDNIGHT

FOREPLAY ENTERTAINMENT'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

- FEATURING -

Billy Blast

DJ J Smoove

SUNDAY : DECEMBER : 31ST

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO JOIN US

New Years Eve

3 ROOMS OF MUSIC

HIP-HOP , OLD SKOOL & 80'S

NICKY Z, MR. SHAWBELL & DJ BUGZ

VIP TABLES | VIP BEDS | BOTTLE PACKAGES | PRE-SALE TICKETS

PLEASE CALL FOR MORE INFO. 619.696.3326

BOTTLE SERVICE & VIP RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE

FOR INFO & RESERVATIONS CALL 619-696-DECO (3326)

NEW RESTAURANT HOURS 8PM-MIDNIGHT FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS

731 FIFTH AVENUE DOWNTOWN'S GASLAMP - 619.696.DECO - WWW.DECOS.TV

- PLENTY OF FREE PARKING & VALET AVAILABLE -

1953 INDIA STREET, LITTLE ITALY

FOR VIP BOOTH RESERVATIONS CALL (619) 398-2974

CRUDO

hosted by:

MOËT & CHANDON CHAMPAGNE

WHITE STAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST . . .

NEW YEAR'S EVE

www.CrudoLittleItaly.com

4 Course Dinner & Champagne

Appetizers

Mini Sashimi Trio Platter
Served with Tuna on Whole Grain Mustard Soy Hamachi, Spicy Apple Yuzu Salmon with a Pesto Garlic Aioli

Marinated Kobe Roulades
Stuffed with Carmalized Shallots and Gorgonzola Cheese with Herbed Horseradish Cream

Pan Seared Edamame Potstickers
Dressed with a Roasted Garlic Balsamic Glaze served with Micros and Teardrop Tomatoes

Oysters on the Half Shell
With a Wasabi Cocktail Sauce, Lemons and Scallions

Soup or Salad

Fresh Mixed Greens
With an Asian Balsamic Vinaigrette

Caprice Salad
With Tomatoes, Mozzarella and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Miso Soup

Entrees

10oz. Filet
Served on Potato Cake with a Chanterelle Mushroom Shiraz Reduction

"Surf & Turf" Petite Filet
With a Chanterelle Mushroom Shiraz Reduction and Lobster Tail served with Drawn Herbed Butter

Chicken Katsu Bleu
Served with a Sauteed Medley of Vegetables and Sun-Dried Tomato Cream on Sticky Rice Risotto

Pan Sauteed Herb Crusted Salmon
With a Lemon Grass and Caper "Buerre Blanc" on a Bed of Poached Bak Choy

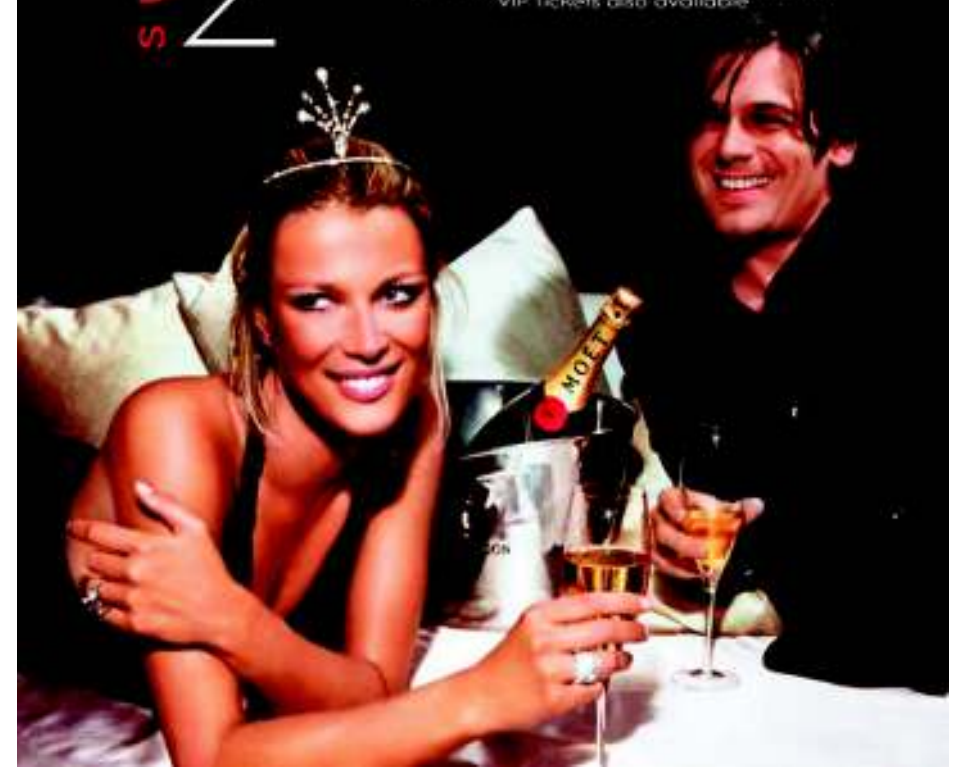
Dessert

Chocolate Lava Cake
With Green Tea Ice Cream

Creme Brulee Martini
With Amaretto Bananas

Ricotta Cheesecake
With Chocolate and Caramel Sauces

4 Course Dinner • $100 per person (Tix are pre-sale)
Club Tickets • $30 Pre-sale • $50 at the door
VIP Tickets also available



Calendar
BANDS

POP / TOP 40

PTrak Armenta: Pasquale on Prospect
Gil Barron: Pasquale on Prospect
The Disco Pimps: Dick's Last Resort
James East: Pasquale on Prospect
Mark Fulton: Pasquale on Prospect
The Good Times: Henry's Pub
Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and Spirits
The Love Rangers: The Alley
Makai: Humphrey's
Rising Star: Humphrey's
Stellita's Groove: Humphrey's
The Stepping Feet: Whiskey Girl

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce: Croce's Jazz Bar
Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze
The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar
The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant
Ray Barbee: Dizzy's
Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze
The Karin Carson Trio: The Westgate Hotel
Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze
Julio de la Huerta: The Westgate Hotel
Edo Brazil: Samba Grill
Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect
Irving Flores & the Danzon Jazz Trio: Dizzy's
Franco Z & Friends: Tommy's Italian Restaurant
Karen Giorgio: The Westgate Hotel
The Greyboy Allstars: Belly Up Tavern
Guarare: Sevilla
John Guilino: Pasquale on Prospect
Cynthia Hammond: Busalacchi's Ristorante, Pasquale on Prospect
The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge
Insight: Jimmy Love's
Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado
The Jazz 101 Band: Pasquale on Prospect
Dick Koenig: Cody's La Jolla
Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado
Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel
Stellita and Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado
Peggy Lloyd: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant
Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel
Tim McMahon: Dizzy's
The Joe Marillo Jazz Trio: Manhattan Restaurant
Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's
Jared Mattson: Dizzy's
Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn
The Shep Meyers Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar
David Mosby: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant
David Negrete: Dizzy's
Mike Nelson: Sogno Di Vino, The Lodge at Torrey Pines
Josh Nelson: Dizzy's
The New Standard Jazz Trio: Busalacchi's Ristorante
Novamenco: Humphrey's
Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice: Pasquale on Prospect
Faith Page: The Westgate Hotel
Dan Papaila: The Lodge at Torrey Pines
Carl Prescott: Dizzy's
The Victoria Rose Trio: Lucky Star Nightclub & Ballroom
Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel
Dave Scott: Pasquale on Prospect, Croce's Jazz Bar
Robert Sebastini: Cafe LaMaze
The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's
Stage 4: Buon Giorno Restaurant
Stefani Stevens: Cody's La Jolla
Trece de la Suerte: Portugalia
Jaime Valle: Tutto Mare
Vintage Vegas: Martini's Bar and Grill
Scott Wallingford: Cafe LaMaze
Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

REGGAE / SKA

Buck-O-Nine: Belly Up Tavern
Burnt: 'Canes
A Conscious Few: 'Canes
Diego Roots: Soma
Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations: 710 Beach Club
High Tide: 'Canes
Justin James & the Sons of Beaches: 710 Beach Club
Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angel: Winstons
Chris Murray: Belly Up Tavern
Psydecar: Winstons
Shaka Buku: 'Canes
Skanic: Belly Up Tavern

COUNTRY

The Band in Black: Ocean House
Big Rig Deluxe: Coyote Bar and Grill
Cactus Twang: The Calypso Cafe
The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club
The Caribbean Cowboys: Hooley's Irish Pub and Grill
Fishbait: Gaslamp Tavern
Sundance: Renegade Inn

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Adonis Cross: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Willie Ames: E Street Cafe
Arambu: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Brian Benham: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Annie Bethancourt: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Aaron Bowen: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub
Bushwalla: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Joe Cardillo: Cody's La Jolla
The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Ivan Cheong: Lestat's Coffee House
Chris & Harold: Blarney Stone Pub

as i hear it
BY BRIAN CARVER

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **Run Barbara Run**
Song: **"American Airlines Flight 862"** (from the CD *...And it's the End)*
Heard By: **Jack Fagundes, Point Loma**

Jack

I listen to a lot of old-school punk like Bad Religion, Dead Kennedys, but [Run Barbara Run's] sound is darker than that — more angry. I like the chorus and bass line; it goes well with the angry lyrics. If you break up with your girlfriend or get in a fight with someone close to you — you're just pissed off at them — turn this [song] on and vent out your anger.

Artist: **Masterguru**
Song: **"Livetrap"** (from their self-titled CD)
Heard By: **Robert King, North Park**

Robert

Slipknot would be the closest [comparison] I could think of offhand. Also, I have Sirius satellite radio, and there's a station called "Hard Attack" and they play all thrash metal, so [this song] kind of reminds me of the type of genre on that station. I like the guitar licks in it. I couldn't understand the words, but that's cool. It would be a good soundtrack to Mortal Kombat 3…that kind of showdown between good and evil.

Artist: **Fred Jones**
Song: **"Here and Now (Nothing Can Stop Us Now)"** (from the CD *Life & Wine)*
Heard By: **Kimberly Gies, Imperial Beach**

Kimberly

The beginning actually kind of sounded like the Dresden Dolls, but then when they started singing it sounded nothing like them. I dig that when rock bands use violins, classical guitar, piano — but specifically for that song they used piano. I like the flow of [the song], but sometimes you could kind of hear the transitions were a little bit off. But that's just me being nitpicky. Actually, I think that would be a really good song [on] a soundtrack [for] one of the TV shows like *One Tree Hill.*

TO GET YOUR LOCAL CD HEARD, PLEASE MAIL IT TO:
Music Editor, As I Hear It, San Diego *Reader*, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803

Gibson® Marshall® Weekend
December 21-24
Marshall® Amps from $69
Guitar Packages from $199
Includes guitar, Marshall amp, chord, bag & picks.
Free KORG Tuner
($25 value) With any Marshall amp purchase.
Free Guitar Cords
($5 value) Fri. & Sat. only.
10 Sets of Strings from $25
CENTRE CITY MUSIC
1033 6th Avenue
Downtown San Diego
(across from the House of Blues)
619-338-9033
www.ccitymusic.com

THE Casbah
COCKTAILS • LIVE MUSIC • 21 w/ID
2501 KETTNER BLVD. • 232-4355

THURSDAY • DECEMBER 21
JEREMY ENIGK
MANUOK • THE BEND

FRIDAY • DECEMBER 22
FOURTH PROJECT ENT.
HOLIDAY DANCE PARTY
JIVEWIRE
ONE NATION UNDER A GROOVE
ARTFAG
MC RICHARD GOESINYA

SATURDAY • DECEMBER 23
EL VEZ
HUMAN HANDS
BLASPHEMOUS GUITARS

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 24
EXILE ON KETTNER
DOORS OPEN 9 PM

TUESDAY • DECEMBER 26
THE LOCAL PYLE PRESENTS
MR. TUBE & THE FLYING OBJECTS
MC FLOW • BAD CREDIT
ADDIQUIT • UNITE
THIS IS A FREE SHOW!

WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 27
RICKSHA • FUUSA
SIR SPLENDID
KZO ROCK & THE BOOGIEMEN

THURSDAY • DECEMBER 28
GOLDEN HILL RAMBLERS
THE PALOMINOS

FRIDAY • DECEMBER 29
SWEET & TENDER HOOLIGANS

SATURDAY • DECEMBER 30
DYNAMITE WALLS
YOVEE • SWANDIVE

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE
CASH'D OUT
BARTENDER'S BIBLE
DUKES OF HAGGARD

CASBAH 18-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY • JANUARY 4
TRUCKEE BROTHERS
LOAM
DEAD ROCK WEST

FRIDAY • JANUARY 5
GRAND OLE PARTY
UV TIGERS • PRAYERS

SATURDAY • JANUARY 6
TRANSFER
SWIM PARTY
MODERN RIFLES

SUNDAY • JANUARY 7
STEPHEN MALKMUS & THE JICKS

casbahtickets.com
Charge by phone: 888-512-7469
thecasbah.com

INCAHOOTS
New Year's Eve Hoedown
SUN. DECEMBER 31, 2006
Advance Tickets Available Now
$20 for Cover & Prime Rib Dinner Combo Ticket
$15 COVER CHARGE ONLY
$2.25 YOU-CALL-IT DRINKS 6-8 PM
Call 291-1184
INCAHOOTS
5373 Mission Center Rd. San Diego,Ca. 619-291-1184 www.incahoots.com

Spain this Christmas? Join us at Cafe Sevilla!

3-course Christmas Eve or Christmas Night Dinner $27.50 pp

Starting at 4 pm. Full menu also available.

Spanish Stocking Stuffers!

Five $20 Gift Certificates for only $60!

($100 value) Offer valid until Dec. 25, 2006.

sevilla NIGHTCLUB

new year's eve 2007

Show and Dance Party. 5-course dinner, flamenco show, dance party, midnight celebration with champagne toast and party favors

$129* pp

call for reservations.
for more info, go to: cafesevilla.com

*Tax, beverage, and 17% gratuity not included. 21+

Sevilla
555 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp
619-233-5979
cafesevilla.com

NYC West Coast
Recording Studio

Incredible sound quality with *Pro Tools HD-3 Accel v7.0*

Sound Engineer at no additional cost.

Prices include use of our top-notch gear:
Neumann, Avalon, Neve, U/A, UREI, dbx, Teletronix, Focusrite, Apogee, etc.

nycStudioWest.com • 858-395-3012 • 858-674-4737

Calendar
BANDS

ACOUSTIC / FOLK
(continued)

The Clachan Boys: Del Dios Bar and Grill

Chris Clarke: Lestat's Coffee House

Ronnie Corbin: Surf N'Saddle

Delancey: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Annie Dru: Lestat's Coffee House

Jeremy Enigk: The Casbah

Alex Esther: E Street Cafe

Derek Evans: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Art Fisher: Del Dios Bar and Grill

Justin Froese: E Street Cafe

Allison Gill: Blarney Stone Pub

Ginger Jackson: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Jake's Mountain: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Austin Jennings: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Rachel Kae: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Shannon Long: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Julie Mack: Lestat's Coffee House

Dawn Mitschele: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Jim Moore: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Tim Mudd: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Samantha Murphy: Lestat's Coffee House

Adrienne Nims & Raggle Taggle: Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant

The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Gregory Page: Lestat's Coffee House

Pat & Joe: Blarney Stone Pub

Steve Poltz: Lestat's Coffee House

Tommy Price: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Primasi: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

Joe Rathburn: Del Dios Bar and Grill

Gary Rich: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Ivar Rodriguez: E Street Cafe

Skyler Stonestreet: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Cafe

Lindsey Troy: Lestat's Coffee House

Gene Warren: The Ould Sod

BLUES / SOUL

Blue Four: Patrick's II

The Blues Brokers: Patrick's II, The Kraken

The Blues Invaders: The Kraken

Crash Carter: The Calypso Cafe

Cocobilli: Patrick's II

The Corvelles: Humphrey's

Lady Dottie & the Diamonds: Henry's Pub

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

The 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band: Patrick's II, Humphrey's

Len Rainey & the Midnight Players: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Soul Persuaders: Humphrey's

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II

Billy Thompson: The Calypso Cafe

EVERYTHING ELSE

B.R.I.S.: Dreamstreet

John Cain: Shooters Bar and Grill, Bahia Resort Hotel, Hotel del Coronado

Clockwork: The Jumping Turtle

Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop

Den Dai Uno: Dreamstreet

E-Dub Poet: Dreamstreet

Ghostface Killah: House of Blues

Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

Lauren Gordon: E Street Cafe

Halon: Dreamstreet

Higher Minds: The Jumping Turtle

Jackstraw's Electric Dickens: Seaport Village East Plaza

Los Reyes Del Ritmo: Estancia Resort Hotel

National T: Dreamstreet

Native Yit: Dreamstreet

Redman & Raekwon: House of Blues

Roy Resnikoff: Cody's La Jolla

Eddie Rossi: Red Fox Steakhouse

Joe Soprano: Red Fox Steakhouse

Street Camp: Dreamstreet

Supernatural: House of Blues

Danny Weller: Dizzy's

Joey West: Hotel del Coronado

Yung Fresh: Dreamstreet

THURSDAY 12•21
Deep
San Diego's longest-running drum 'n' bass weekly

FRIDAY 12•22
Bee Hive Christmas Party
with
Buckfast Superbee

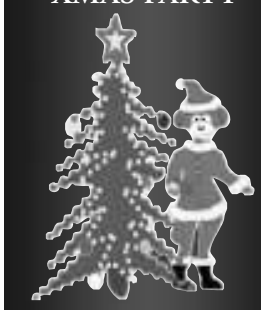
SATURDAY 12•23
CD Pre-Release Party
Diego Brown

WEDNESDAY 12•27
Mixtape Sessions & Salsa Sushi
Underground hip-hop & dinner all in one

1409 C Street
Downtown San Diego
619.702.6010
Lunch Daily • Happy Hour 4-7 pm

HOT MONKEY LOVE ★ALL AGES!★

SALSA WITH SANTA
XMAS PARTY



DEC 24TH
Michael & Camille
DJ Shawn

PARTY LIKE A MONKEY ON
NEW YEAR'S
DEC. 31ST
R.S.V.P. ONLY

6875 EL CAJON BLVD
(BEHIND SALVATION ARMY)
(619) 469-4113
WWW.HOTMONKEYLOVECAFE.COM

O'Connell's
21 and up with ID

THURSDAYS
KARAOKE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
GIMIC & FRIENDS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
ETCHED IN STONE
AMERICAN HITMEN
DISASTER MAGNET

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27
RHYTHM & THE METHOD
& GUESTS

UPCOMING:
12/29: BLIZZARD
CANTUA
ANNA TROY
12/30: *NEW YEAR'S BASH*
REASON TO REBEL
MEAN DINOSAUR
THE MIDAS TOUCH
12/31: *NEW YEAR'S EVE EXTRAVAGANZA*
NO COVER

POOL • FOOSBALL • DARTS
1310 MORENA BLVD. • 619-276-5637
WWW.OCONNELLSBAR-SD.COM

MJ's Bar & Grill
1445 Third Avenue, Suite F
Chula Vista ▪ 619.427.8191

Karaoke
▪ American/ Spanish/Tagalog
▪ Over 60,000songs and counting!

NFL – All games!

Breakfast Special $7
Saturday & Sunday
9 am-noon
Angus steak, eggs, toast & hash browns

Happy Hour till 7 pm
▪ $1 off pitchers
▪ 50¢ off bottles, pints, etc.

Late night food till 1 am

The Kensington Club

Friday, December 22
Ken Club Christmas Party
with
KEN CLUB KARAOKE

Saturday, December 23
UV TIGERS
MR. TUBE &
THE FLYING OBJECTS
EARTHLESS

Friday, December 29
SOCIETY
THE SESS

Saturday, December 30
A.M. VIBE
ROYAL CAMPAIGN
THE STEREOTYPES

Sunday, December 31
New Year's Eve!
THE CREEPY CREEPS
MONSTERS FROM MARS

4079 Adams Ave.
next to the Ken Theatre
619-284-2848

BLUE MEANNIE RECORDS

EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS!
Open till 9 pm through Dec. 23

GIFT CERTIFICATES
New & Used Stock delivered daily!

Coming in 2007
BLUE MEANNIE REHEARSAL STUDIOS!
Call for details.

BLUE MEANNIE RECORDS
1164 N. 2nd St.
El Cajon, CA
619-442-5034

SAN DIEGO'S GASLAMP QUARTER
PATRICK'S II
Blues, Soul & Rock N' Roll
Family Owned Since 1976

LIVE MUSIC IN THE GASLAMP
NO COVER SUN.-THURS.

Thursday, December 21
Chris James & Blue Four
"Back from Chicago"

Friday, December 22
Teresa Russell & Cocobilli
"Most Awesome Female Rock Guitarist…Ever!"

Saturday, December 23
Blues Brokers
"West Coast Swing"

New Year's Eve Bash
featuring
Danny Sanchez & The Kings of Pleasure
Hats, horns, food and free champagne at midnight. Make reservations now!

Christmas Eve
We're Open
No Band Tonight

Christmas Night
145th St. Deluxe Blues Band

Tuesday, Dec. 26
Ronnie Lane & The Twisters

Wednesday, Dec. 27
Ronnie Lane & The Twisters

428 F Street (between 4th & 5th Ave.) • **Downtown** • **(619) 233-3077** • **www.patricksii.com**

New Year's Eve Celebration Irish Style!
Countdown to 2007
All day on December 31, 2006
Celebrate the New Year twice!
Bring in the Irish New Year at 4 pm
Live music all day from 1 pm
Champagne Toast at 4 pm • Party favors • No cover!
Countdown to 2007
Dinner Package & Live Music
$40 pp (6:30 pm)
$60 pp (8:30 pm/Includes cover for Countdown to 2007)
Both sittings include party favors. Excludes tax. 18% gratuity will be added to entire check. Live music by Ireland's Carly Hennesey.
For reservations, call us at: (619) 232-9840

Happy Hour Daily • Live Entertainment
Lunch & Dinner Served Daily
Breakfast Weekends
(619) 232-9840
544 Fifth Ave. • Gaslamp
www.thefield.com
Visit our website for full events and details.

Voted Best Pub/Sports Bar – 2006
– CA Restaurant Association
THE FIELD
AUTHENTIC IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT SAN DIEGO
Céad Míle Fáilte

Farmer's Market

Market occupies an odd location way out in the boonies. If you're driving east on Via de la Valle and think you missed it somewhere around the last mall, keep going. Some of the signs out front still say Blackhorse Grill, the site's previous occupant, but you'll recognize that this is Market by the hot and cold running valets juggling incoming cars in the small parking lot.

Arriving early for dinner, we waited at the bar while our table was prepared. We eavesdropped on a guy next to us, who was talking about a mutual acquaintance who desperately wanted to buy into Market, "like a lot of people did. Carl said no. Which is good, because she'd have been a difficult partner. She likes to have her fingers in the pie — and Carl likes everything his own way."

The "Carl" he referred to is chef-owner Carl Schroeder, who, after a long stint at Arterra, bought Blackhorse and, even now, is still remaking it "his own way." With design input from partner Terryl Gavre (owner-chef of Cafe 222 downtown), it's become a comfortable, warm-feeling restaurant, its light wooden walls casting a sunny glow on the diners. A mantelpiece displays seasonal foods and flora, and "hatbox" lamps hang from the baffled shadow-box ceiling. Taking a negative lesson from raucous Arterra, Schroeder put up a glass wall between the bar and the dining room — always a good move. Not only are there carpets on the floors, but carpeting tacked on the upper walls also absorbs noise. And the glass dividers that section off the room let you see other diners without hearing every detail of their lives. White linen tablecloths help maintain the ideal sound level for a restaurant — convivial, lively, painless. People are having a good time; so will you. We were seated at a banquette with cushy chocolate leather padding, and our server was considerate and knowledgeable. Before the first bite, we knew we'd entered a restaurant designed for pleasure.

The restaurant's name is a hint that it specializes in "market-driven cuisine" — meaning that the menu, which changes daily, is inspired by whatever seasonal foodstuffs the chef finds at the local produce market and from the nearby seas. In this case, the nearest produce market happens to be the farm stand of fabled Chino Farm — America's most celebrated grower of exquisite, sustainably raised veggies — about a mile up the road.

First bite? An amuse-bouche, of course. A Chino beet slice, topped with a slab of shrimp cut to fit, was garnished with a ravishing yuzu aioli, the sharp citrus playing against the sweetness of the root. "This is an amuse that grabs your attention and awakens your appetite, like it should," said the Lynnester. "It's not just there to tame your hunger, like most of the amuses I've run into lately."

PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

We began in earnest with a celery-root soup from the starters — a thick purée encapsulating the odd, sophisticated flavor of celeriac, touched with lemon juice and topped with "porcini foam" — a cloud of mushroom and spices (including a soupçon of hot chili flakes) bound in a froth of milk. Lurking on the bottom of the bowl like a manta ray was a large, thin-skinned raviolo filled with sautéed wild mushrooms, spouting treasure with every spoon cut. "I love this so much that I'm ready to shoot it up intravenously," said Samurai Jim. "Oh, don't!" I hastened to say. "You couldn't taste it then!"

I ordered a Maine lobster salad with a touch of skepticism, because Atlantic lobster is so good, a chef only has to avoid ruining it. This one had a little pile of perfect lobster meat next to a horizontal lineup of organic citrus sections of great sweetness and intensity, plus avocado slices, all united by a light Meyer lemon sabayon. I found the combination enchanting, much better than I'd bargained for.

A blue cheese soufflé was a bit sour (but pleasantly so, to my taste), a characteristic of Maytag blue, and the texture was a tad heavy. With it came caramel-coated Empire apple slices from Julian, roasted in Calvados (apple brandy), topped with walnuts — hot, sticky, irresistible kid-food to contrast with the adult pleasures of consuming moldy cheese. A small salad of crisp julienned celery root dressed with aioli played backup.

A strudel of forest mushrooms and artichokes proved food for thought. It wasn't a true strudel by any means (i.e., layers of thin, crisp pastry between and surrounding tiers of filling). Instead, strata of thinly sliced, earthy mushrooms and lemony artichoke (plus picholine olives, for depth) were surrounded by a thin coating of potato purée (a substitute for flour dough), which crisped up like tempura in the oven. Fennel root and sweet pepper salad came too, as did a demitasse of porcini mushroom soup with a strong lacing of cumin — edgy, that, but enjoyable once your mouth grew attuned to the spice.

Somewhere in the midst of the appetizers, a basket of breads appeared, in which the stars were warm oval corncakes the size of sturdy thumbs. These are similar to the corncakes served at all Bradley Ogden restaurants (of which Arterra is one), but with a big difference. At every Ogden restaurant I've been to (four so far), you get only one per person (if that) and no refills — it seems to be some kind of sadistic corporate policy (as in, "If you want another corncake, you have to come back for another meal!"). Schroeder is much more generous: We received two each for openers and a refill during the entrée course.

Market Restaurant and Bar
★★★★ (Excellent)

3702 Via de la Valle (at El Camino Real), Del Mar, 858-523-0007, *www.marketdelmar.com.*

HOURS: Nightly, 5:00–10:00 p.m.
PRICES: Starters, $8.50–$13.25; entrées, $22–$47 (most mid-$20s); cheese course, $8–$14; desserts, $9.75.
CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Daily changing menu of California Modern cuisine featuring local produce, free-range and premium meats, poultry, and seafood. Smart wine list has bottles from many nations at a wide price range. Choices by the glass are limited and pricey. Full bar.
PICK HITS: Menu changes daily, and most dishes are hits. Save room for dessert.
NEED TO KNOW: Restaurant is east of I-5, at the southeast tip of Encinitas by postal code. Free valet parking. Sound level pleasingly lively, not loud. Fairly casual ambience (but it's still Del Mar, not Pacific Beach). One vegetarian entrée. Not all dishes precisely match their menu descriptions; the cuisine is driven by what local produce is available daily. Reservations essential any night.

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambience, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

Go to *SanDiegoReader.com* to find hundreds of past reviews.

"Best Thai"— *944* Magazine Editor's Choice, 2006

★★★ *(Very good)* — San Diego *Reader,* 2006

"Best Thai Restaurant"— *San Diego CityBeat,* 2004 & 2005

"If you like Thai food and haven't been to Lotus Thai lately, you may be missing out on a treat!"
— Naomi Wise, San Diego *Reader,* 2006

Lotus Thai

Free Entrée
Buy one entrée and 2 drinks, get second entrée of equal or lesser value free. Max value $10. Please present coupon when seated. Expires 1/4/07. Downtown location only.

20% Off 2nd Entrée
Hillcrest location only. Expires 1/4/07.

Offers not available for lunch specials or delivery. Dine-in only. One coupon per party. Not valid with any other offer.

Lunch Specials from $5.99
Served with soup, salad, spring roll & rice!
11 am-3 pm weekdays

NEW LOCATION! DOWNTOWN: 906 MARKET STREET • 619-595-0115
HILLCREST: 3761-63 SIXTH AVENUE • 619-299-8272
Catering available. Free delivery within a two-mile radius of either location.
WWW.LOTUSTHAICUISINE.COM

Would the main courses equal the starters, or were we in for the usual letdown? Our first entrée easily passed the test. There before us was a plate full of surprise Christmas presents: boneless beef shortribs, tender and meaty, enclosed in a dark-green wrapper of choy sum, and sitting in a crimson Cabernet *jus*. The meat was garnished with cipollini onions, also individually gift-wrapped in crisped potato purée (like the earlier strudel).

North Atlantic monkfish was a tall, thick-cut fillet, more like a steak than the usual skinny restaurant slice, and that made all the difference. Carl only buys it, he says, when the fishmonger offers an extra-large fish with fillets this substantial. "People always say that monkfish is the 'poor man's lobster,' but it's nearly always disappointed me," said my partner. "This time, with the thick slice and the freshness, it really does taste like lobster." The fish was set atop a forest mushroom ragout, next to an island of spicy artichoke heart chunks.

Blue-nose bass was perfectly cooked, too — and notice, we didn't even have to beg for our fish medium-rare. Flaky-moist and pearly is the default here. Although we enjoyed the bass immensely, what really caught our eye on the menu was its accompaniment — a soufflé of crab, cheddar, and broccoli. It fulfilled our hopes with large, juicy pieces of crab and not too much broccoli. A sweet-pepper ragout side was nice, nothing special (in fact it was the one garnish in the whole dinner that seemed ordinary), while a jalapeño hollandaise made a cameo appearance as a slick of sauce near the edge of the plate.

A venison chop of Australian-farmed red deer came rare to our order, albeit a bit tame-tasting, brightened by the zestiness of a mustard crust. A house-made sausage came, too. Coarse and lean, it was seasoned with cumin and a touch of hot pepper. I found the spicing heavy going, but the texture reminded my partner nostalgically of the German sausages his grandparents made back in Minnesota. A blast of hearty flavors accompanied the meats: sage pappardelle dressed with bacon, blue cheese, bitter wild arugula, and plenty of black pepper.

The verdict? "For once, the appetizers and entrées are equally good," said Lynne, "with no letdown." In the midst of our *ooh*ing and *aah*ing at each new taste, she observed that, though Market's prices were about the same as at Thee Bungalow, the food was not only more imaginative, but the ingredients were better. "That's partly because the portions here are smaller," my partner responded. "Oho, price point!" said Lynne. "I like it better this way. It's just the right amount of food to eat. You get one excellent meal, and that's all I want — instead of having to take home a whole second night of just-pretty-good."

We chose two of the least expensive wines of their type. For the appetizers and fish entrées, a Stag's Leap Viognier wasn't one of those California fruit-bombs, but a cool customer, balanced and serious. Much as I like huge French Burgundies with game, I can't afford them, least of all at restaurant markups. A good Côte de Rhône, Syrah, or even Zin does nearly as well at matching dark meat, so I found a reasonable French Rhone, Tardieu-Laurent. It was perfect with the venison and fine with the short ribs.

With some red wine left in our glasses, we had an excuse for a cheese course and enjoyed a rich, complex, truffled Brie served at peak ripeness. We had just enough appetite to handle one — just one — of the venturesome desserts by pastry chef Jim Foran (who came with Carl from Arterra). We chose a spiced toffee date cake with roasted autumn fruits, topped by velvety, non-sweet mascarpone mousse (in place of the expected whipped cream). Next to it, an amusing contrast, was a chunk of pecan-black pepper praline. The cake was moist and rich but light for a pastry with dates. "It tastes like the holidays," said Lynne. That taste was a hint of fresh ginger, a favorite flavor in Thanksgiving and Christmas pastries.

We were all delighted that the chef at Market has struck out on his own. Schroeder's cuisine has developed a wonderful playfulness, with ever-changing combinations that are harmonious, if occasionally startling. What goes on the plate enhances that plate. "Would you come back here?" Jim asked. "In a New York minute," I said. In fact, we're all planning on returning, and that's the best compliment a chef can get.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Carl Schroeder was born and raised in La Jolla. "I got my degree in business, but then I realized that cooking was my passion," he says. He went on to study at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. Upon graduating, he landed a gig at San Francisco's cutting-edge Aqua and then at the renowned Domaine Chandon in the Napa Valley. Then he became Bradley Ogden's sous-chef at Lark Creek Inn in Marin County for three years, followed by a year in Nantucket. Carl returned to his home town as executive chef at Bertrand at Mr. A's, and when Ogden contracted with the Marriott to open Arterra in its Sorrento Valley hotel, he chose Schroeder as its opening chef. "My style definitely evolved while I was there," Schroeder says. "I was experimenting all the time, going to New York and San Francisco to eat and bringing back new ideas." He remained there for over four years before setting off on his own to open Market, investing his last penny in his new venture.

"I wanted to make the decisions," he explains. "I like to be in charge. I'm a control freak. Sometimes, in the trenches, I see things that could be made better, and I wanted to have more control over what happens in my business. I've always taken ownership, even at the Marriott, but I was feeling sort of shackled. Opening my own place gives me a lot of say over how my business is run.

"I take more chances here — in a good way. I don't want to be a super-expensive restaurant. I want people to dine here Monday, Tuesday, the whole week long. I want to keep my entrée prices mid-twenties. I don't want to be another Blanca, Addison, Mille Fleurs — I want to do food of the same quality but in a somewhat casual atmosphere, where people can just drop by and eat.

"Another major difference here is that I'm changing my proteins a lot. At Arterra, I'd buy certain fish that I knew were very forgiving, that the cook couldn't overcook. There, I built in a margin for error, because when you get busy, something may sit in a pan for a minute too long. You can be the best cook in the world, but you want the window [of cooking time] to be a little bigger on your proteins. Here, we're just trying to group a smaller amount in each fire and trying to move them quicker. And in doing that, we can use a lot of local product, all the local fish — I've done blue-nose bass, white sea bass, local halibut. In the six months I've been here, I've used more different proteins than I did in my four and a half years at Arterra. It's not a matter of the size of the room. We actually do a higher volume here — we can fit more people into our dining room, because the tables are closely spaced. I like the fact that it's sort of bustling, and people know each other and get up to say hello. I like that feel.

"We're a work in progress. Every day I think we get a little better, as things are kind of settling in with the crew in the kitchen. Trying to pull all this together on a shoestring budget, it's been an interesting ride so far.… What I'm doing today is not necessarily what I'm doing tomorrow. A lot of chefs have a seasonal rotating menu. That's the safe way to do things, but I'd rather put a gun in my mouth, 'cause what drives me is creativity and improving every day. My style today probably won't be my style ten years from now. Every day we'll change something, tweak a little something. I put three new things on last night, and I saw room for improvement, so tonight I'm going to tweak things on two of those dishes. Or maybe I just like the way something comes out, and I'll leave it on for a few weeks. Even though the menu is printed every day around 5:00 p.m., it's not printed in stone — sometimes garnishes change a little even after the menu is printed. You've got to have fun with me.

"People ask me, why don't I go to New York or San Francisco or Las Vegas? But there's no place else on earth I'd rather be than here. Why can't people do great food in this town? Chefs used to come here and then leave within months, because their vision wasn't being executed — it was just too tough to train people on the job under the pressure of getting the food out. But the labor force has gotten a lot better here in the last ten years. There are culinary schools popping up in this town, or people are going to school in San Francisco or New York and then coming back home to work. These people aren't just earning a paycheck, they're cooking because they have a passion for it, and those are the sort of people I like to have in my kitchen. San Diego is getting there, and I love to be part of it, and I'm not going anywhere else." ■

2-for-1 Dinner
Buy one dinner entrée and two beverages and get a second dinner entrée of equal or lesser value FREE. Dine-in only. One coupon per table. Valid at either location. Maximum value not to exceed $8. Expires 1/3/07.
THAI TIME II & III RESTAURANT
San Diego 3545 Midway Drive 619-224-3245
Clairemont 4310 Genesee Avenue 858-278-4949
Closed daily 3:00-5:00 pm and on Sundays

"WE'VE GOT HUEVOS!"
THE ORIGINAL Broken Yolk Cafe
$2 OFF
OUTDOOR PATIO DINING
PRIVATE ROOM AVAILABLE
Save $2.00 on any menu BREAKFAST or LUNCH entrée
Minimum $6 purchase per entrée per person. Limit 4 per coupon. One coupon per table. No separate checks. Not valid on weekends, holidays, with private groups, other offers, coupons or specials. Expires 1/4/07.
1851 GARNET Ave. • PACIFIC BEACH • (858) 270-YOLK
Open Daily 6:00 am-3:00 pm • www.thebrokenyolkcafe.com

Grand opening special
1/2 Off Korean BBQ
Get 2nd entrée of equal or lesser value at 50% off. Dinner only. Expires 1/4/07.
Lunch Specials from $5.99
DAE JANG KEUM KOREAN B.B.Q
858-573-2585
7905 Engineer Rd., San Diego
www.daejangkeum.net

We'll Host, You Toast!
NEW YEAR'S EVE
1ST SEATING: 6-8 pm
4-COURSE PRIX FIXE MENU
$55 PER PERSON
2ND SEATING: 8:30 pm
5-COURSE PRIX FIXE MENU
INCLUDING CHAMPAGNE TOAST
AND MIDNIGHT SNACKS
$70 PER PERSON
beaumont's
A Neighborhood Eatery
5662 La Jolla Blvd. • Bird Rock • (858) 459-0474 • beaumontseatery.com

MEXICAN AND SEAFOOD SPECIALTIES
25% OFF YOUR ENTIRE CHECK
All beverages excluded. One coupon per check per table. Not valid during Happy Hour or with other offers or specials. No take-out orders, please. Expires 1/4/07.
2 FOR 1 SEAFOOD & MEXICAN COMBINATION PLATES
Purchase one combination plate at regular price, receive a 2nd of equal or lesser value free. One coupon per check per table. Offer good 11:30 am-3:00 pm daily. Not valid with other offers. No take-out orders, please. Expires 1/4/07.
MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 5-9 PM
FREE SPECIAL APPETIZER
(with the purchase of Bucket 6 Beers)
HAPPY HOUR MON-FRI 4-7 PM
1037 Broadway • Chula Vista • 619-691-9812
MARISCOS LA COSTA AZUL
Since 1981

Bread on the Table

"Uh, guys, I appreciate the business, but your scooter is scaring away customers."

TIN FORK
ED BEDFORD

I was walking up Tenth to Market when I spotted him. Skip. Standing on the corner with his cardboard sign out. Can't quite read it. Something like "Dollar Appreciated." White-bearded, cherry-cheeked guy. He had this spot nailed, because all the Tenth Avenue traffic had to stop at Market on the light.

Me, I'm foraging for food, as usual. I slip Skip a Washington and ask him if he knows where a man can get a bite. We get to talking. I like him. And now I remember a place two blocks west, toward the bay.

"Come on with me," I say. "I've got enough."

So — he gathers his electric scooter and starts pushing. He has to because his battery's dead, and anyway all his stuff is piled in green bags on the seat, with his purple sleeping mat on top.

Two blocks down, here's this little place with a tan awning and three or four slatted tables and chairs outside, New York–bistro style. The sign says "artisan breads." This is it.

Skip parks his scooter against the front railing and we amble in. It's one of those high-ceilinged, older downtown buildings, but they've stained the concrete floor brown, painted up the walls olive green, hung glass lights from the white ceiling, and, like, it wouldn't be cool without exposed air ducts, right? But the place is real. (Juli, the manager, says that the countertop dates back to the 1880s, when this was the Marston sisters' boarding house. It stayed a hotel till the 1990s.) You can see they bake at the back. And — this is good — they have bags of flour piled hip-high along the left wall. Sol Brillante High Gluten Flour. Mello Judith Bakers Flour. In a metal rack, their breads sit labeled with names like Bâtard, which, says Juli, describes the shape. Plus, according to French tradition, it's baked in a basket that has to be woven from German reeds. Huh. Today's is a roasted garlic bread. Then there's foccacia, their "big crumb, signature bread" with rosemary. Oh man.

But we're here for eats, and they're listed on the big board above the flour. Basically we're talking sandwiches. Like the Tuscany, with mozzarella, peppers, olives, onion, tomato, arugula ($7.25), a BLT for the same price, or a melted Brie cheese and tomato on a baguette for $6.25. They also have salads, like the Caesar for $6.00 ($8.00 with grilled chicken), and a half-and-half deal, half sandwich, half soup for $6.50, or a cup of soup on its own for $2.75. A bowl is $4.50.

But Skip's looking at breakfasts. Now we're talking deals. The Country Breakfast is ultra simple, a baguette, butter (or cream cheese) and jam, and a small coffee for $3.00. The Morning Sandwich has two eggs, provolone cheese, and butter on a roll for $2.75. You add 75 cents if you want ham or bacon with it. "I'll have both," Skip says. Fine. What's that, $4.25?

Gotta move, 'cause three smart office gals have come in. Katy, Kate, and — if you can believe — Caitlin. "We're always here," says Katy. "Their tomato basil soup is, like, awesome."

"And so is the Tuscany sandwich," says Kate.

"And so is the Californian," says Caitlin.

I look. The Californian's avocado, jack, tomato, and mayo for $7.00.

But I've got it down to that Caesar salad or a cheese plate I've just noticed. "Your choice of Brie, gorgonzola, walnut-crusted goat cheese, cheddar, or jack, served with seasonal fruit, kalamata olives, dried cranberries, and sliced baguette." With two cheeses it costs $5.95, three, $6.50.

D'ah…I go for the two-cheese, with Brie and walnut-crusted goat cheese. And a small coffee ($1.50). Skip gets a Snapple iced tea ($1.75), and then we go back outside. Man. You can see clear across vacant lots to the ballpark.

We yak. It turns out Skip used to be a musician with a band named Night People. They played all over the U.S. and Canada. Skip played lead guitar, piano, trumpet, harmonica, and flute. "Best moment was one night when Carlos Santana was on the bill," Skip says. "He heard me play a pretty extended flute solo. He said, 'That's good. That's really good.' I never forgot that."

Skip says something stupid happened. His girlfriend was mad at him for leaving a birthday party up in the Oregon woods. "We were driving down the mountain, and she got so mad she grabbed the car keys and threw them out the window. That jammed the steering wheel, and we slammed straight into a tree."

The result was a half-paralyzed arm, a broken head, and slurred speech that makes people — 'specially cops — think he's drunk.

Chris, the guy who took our orders, brings out the food. We both wolf it down. My cheeses are nice, olives are salty, cranberries are tangy. Don't see no fruit though. Still, it's surprising how it can all fill you up. We kind of kick back and let things settle.

Everybody walking by seems to know Skip. Even Jeff the mailman. "Got any mail for me?" says Skip. Jeff laughs.

"Uh, guys, I appreciate the business, but your scooter is scaring away customers," says Juli.

Skip gets up and moves the whole pile against a lamppost. As he does, and I know this is cliché, but with his rosy face and white beard and big shuffling body, I suddenly think Father Christmas, Santa Claus, and his sleigh bulging with toys. Except Skip's sleigh ain't packed with no toys. Just the things that keep him going between stints with his "Dollar Appreciated" sign at Tenth and Market.

Gotta go. I get up, shake his gnarled hand.

"Have a good one," he says. ■

The Place: *Bread on Market, 730 Market Street, downtown, 619-795-2730*
Type of Food: *American*
Prices: *The Tuscany Sandwich (mozzarella, peppers, olives, onion, tomato, arugula), $7.25; BLT, $7.25; the Californian (avocado, jack, tomato, mayo), $7.00; the Brie (melted Brie cheese and tomato on baguette), $6.25; Caesar salad, $6.00 ($8.00 with grilled chicken); "half and half," half a sandwich, half soup, $6.50; Morning Sandwich (two eggs, provolone cheese, butter in roll), $2.75; add ham or bacon, 75 cents; cheese plate with two cheeses, bread, olives, cranberries, $5.95 (three cheeses, $6.50)*
Hours: *7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Monday–Friday; 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Saturdays; closed Sundays*
Buses: *3, 11*
Nearest Bus Stop: *Eighth and Market*

Christmas Day Buffet
Monday, Dec. 25th
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Adults $41*
Children 12 & under $18.95
Regular menu will not be available.

New Year's Eve Dinner
Sunday, Dec. 31st
Restaurant: 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Bar Open until 1 a.m.
Four-course menu, includes live music, champagne toast and party favors.
$65 per person*

A Holiday Tradition.

This holiday season, join us along the sands of beautiful La Jolla Shores for spectacular oceanfront vistas and celebrated cuisine as you delight in The Shores Restaurant's exclusive Christmas Day Buffet and New Year's Eve Dinner.

The SHORES
La Jolla's Steak & Seafood Restaurant

Located at the Sea Lodge Hotel 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla
858.456.0600 TheShoresRestaurant.com
Restaurant patrons receive 3-hour validated parking
Prices do not include tax or gratuity.

A Grape's Progress

"You could do a liberal arts degree with wine as the organizing principle."

Crush

MATTHEW LICKONA

"Cheers" read the subject line in my e-mail inbox. The sender was Natalie MacLean. *Natalie MacLean, Natalie MacLean…ah. That's right.* From Eric Asimov's column in the December 6 *New York Times,* his holiday wine book roundup: "Ms. MacLean is the disarming Everywoman. She loves wine, loves drinking and loves getting a little buzzed. But as she follows wine's journey from vineyard to cellar to retail shop, restaurant, and dining room, she can't help feeling insecure." He was writing about MacLean as she presents herself in her book, *Red, White, and Drunk All Over: A Wine-Soaked Journey from Grape to Glass.*

Asimov opposed that insecurity — MacLean herself characterizes it as "the general uncertainty that runs through the book" — to the more expert tone adopted by Jay McInerney in the season's *other* popular wine book, *A Hedonist in the Cellar.* Both authors position themselves as passionate amateurs, hanging around with the real masters so that we, the readers, don't have to. But, admits McInerney, "I suppose that now, ten years later, it would be disingenuous to pretend I haven't learned what malolactic fermentation is, or that I can't usually distinguish a Burgundy from a Bordeaux."

MacLean takes it further than that; she thinks he's being modest. "Jay knows a heck of a lot more than I do; he's been studying and reading a whole lot longer." She ought to know — she interviewed him for her book's last chapter, which uses McInerney's story to take up the matter of wine collecting. This is MacLean's method throughout: find a story upon which to hang the investigation. A visit to Burgundy's Domaine Romanee-Conti gives her space to talk about soil and vines; the tale of a dinner party lets her ruminate on wine and food pairing, etc. She comes across as more of a student than McInerney, but interestingly enough, she does more teaching along the way. "When I go to a region, that's when I learn about it, and when I went to these places in the book, they were my first trips there. I hope that keeps the perspective fresh, keeps the feeling that you're learning along with me.

"I'm trying to use the approach my mother did when I was little," she explains, "bury the peas in the mashed potatoes, so that you still get the nutrition, but it tastes good. You need to know how wine is made before you buy it, how to buy it before you match it with food, how to match it with food before you tackle a restaurant list.…" (Collecting, the McInerney chapter, comes last of all.) "The chapters are structured around the most commonly asked wine questions." Again, she ought to know — through her website (*nataliemaclean.com*), she gets about 200 e-mails a day, many of them asking questions about wine. "The Internet has been bigger than I ever thought it could be," she says. "In terms of the connection with wine lovers, ideas for stories, editors finding me, and now marketing the book."

In at least two instances, those connections provided her with not only direction but material as well. MacLean wanted to find a fantastic wine shop — a place full of characters, quirky, iconic, somehow cutting edge. A place with a story compelling enough to cover a lesson on how to buy wine. "I really tried to find the most obsessed, colorful people I could, because I thought, 'They're going to ask the questions; they're going to make the provocative statements.' I want to challenge as many notions as I can, and they're going to help me do it." And her readers were going to help her find them.

"I have just over 60,000 people who subscribe to my wine newsletter," she says. Some subscribers provide an address along with the requisite e-mail, so "I looked at my database and selected everyone who lived in San Francisco" and asked them for suggestions. Again and again, the responses urged her to visit Chuck Hayward at the Jug Shop, and so she did. Ditto her other wine-shop stop, Discovery Wines in New York, where she made the mistake of wearing Manolo Blahniks while she worked the floor. By late afternoon, she writes, "I've developed a code-blue blister on my left heel and my hamstrings are on fire."

A framework of stories is one way MacLean keeps the book from becoming a primer. That sort of physical description is another. "I love the appeal of wine because it hits me on three levels," she says. "The intellectual — the geography, the history. You could do a liberal arts degree with wine as the organizing principle. The sensory — what's going on in the glass. The aromas, how it matches with food. And then the bodily — the buzz. I trained as a dancer for a lot of years, and dancing

Natalie Maclean

formed my life, the way I respond to the world. When I have a sensory experience, it doesn't just stay in my head. I descend into the body. My descriptions will often include how I'm feeling bodily. Some people like that; other people call it purple prose. But it's my voice, and it's my sensibility."

Early on, she writes that a particular red Burgundy "wants to play coy with me before filling my pleasure center. The wine's suppleness feels as though unseen hands pull a velvet dress over my head and down over my breasts and hips, until the hem brushes my thighs. By now, my tasting notes have become contented purring noises." She recalls that "Someone said, 'Did you know your thighs are in this book twice?' I said, 'Well, they're big thighs, so that's where the wine hits first.' " And while she points to this passage as a possible example of her feminine voice as a wine writer — a voice she believes resonates with other women — she distinguishes it from "the cutesy style. 'Chardon-

Relax...Cabana Style!
Hosts Julian Velovan & Keith Frantz

Holiday Wine Week

Christmas Day-New Year's Day

All wine and champagne up to 50% off!

Come on in for a flight, glass or bottle.

Open Christmas Day. Escape the relatives, come visit Julian Christmas Day. Discounts on all!

Ask us about hosting your holiday party or event!
Open 11 am-11 pm 7 days, 11 am-midnight Fri. & Sat.

winecabana©
inoldtown
wi ar • bistro • retail shoppe
2539 Congress St. • Old Town 92110
619.574.WINE (9463)
www.winecabana.com

Holidays at La Valencia Hotel
A tradition for 80 years.

Holiday Dining

Chef Canepari will prepare two four-course meals sure to please any discerning palate. The menus feature traditional items such as chicken liver paté, Diestel turkey and prime rib with innovative dishes including crab-stuffed lobster tail and Hawaiian ahi sashimi with sesame-infused soy sauce. Save room for a buche de Noel, Australian pavlova, or liquor torte.
December 24 and 25 • Seating times vary • $65 per person

Champagne Brunches

Enjoy an award-winning brunch featuring fresh shrimp, crab, oysters, made-to-order omelets, imported meats and cheeses, various salads, carving stations, and an assortment of decadent desserts – just to name a few! Make your reservations early, as these two are sure to fill up quickly.
December 24 and 31 • 10:30 am and 1:30 pm seating times • $50 per person

Holiday Entertainment

Keeping with tradition, sip on cocktails and munch on appetizers while enjoying Christmas carolers, local choirs and live music in our La Sala lounge and bar. Located in the main lobby of the hotel, the Ocean Terrace and La Sala offer a relaxed atmosphere and sweeping views of the Pacific.
Entertainment times vary • Reservations not required
Please call 858-454-0771 for more information and reservations.

La Valencia Hotel
1132 Prospect Street
La Jolla
www.lavalencia.com

nay is your little black dress' and that kind of stuff. I can't relate to that, because it doesn't tell me anything." The sensual effect is part of the critical assessment.

And MacLean is a critic. She evaluates wines for her newsletter readers, and thanks to popular demand, she even scores them. To her, it goes with the territory: she's given her working life to wine, and her busy readers want to share in the practical fruits of her labors. But her criticism is a long way from the magisterial assessments of some of her peers. "First and foremost, I'm inconsistent. You never know where I'm going to go, because I'm always writing these tasting notes late at night after drinking! As you can tell, I don't take wine criticism seriously.

"I will admit that I'm influenced by my personal preferences. I find Pinot Grigio completely boring. I have written in tasting notes, 'This is a good Pinot Grigio — if you like Pinot Grigio.' I didn't like it, but it's a good one of its type. I let my enthusiasm flow for wines I personally like. That would be Pinot Noir from just about any region…and then a crisp New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc or a German Riesling. I find a lot of Australian Shiraz and California Cabernet to be just too heavy. I find them overwhelming in terms of the oak, the alcohol, the flavor, the color, the extraction. They're just going to clobber your food. So I'm biased according to my personal palate. I'm not pretending to be a universal critic. I've told people, 'You've got to see if the kinds of wines I like line up with what you like. Otherwise, you're going to find my reviews very…I just don't cover a wide territory.' "

Not to say she isn't interested. "The book has been satisfying, even though it was a huge, huge commitment. That's why I want to do it again."

"Oh, there was some stuff you didn't get to?" I ask.

"Did you notice that Italy was missing?" she asks, laughing. "Bordeaux? I want to do something with a different concept, and with completely different regions. I'm curious. I want to get out and see places and bring my readers with me." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader*'s Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Barbara David, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of over 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at* **SanDiegoReader.com**.
Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. **Inexpensive:** *below $10;* **moderate:** *$10 to $19;* **expensive:** *$20 to $24;* **very expensive:** *more than $25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.*

NORTH COASTAL

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with

Spain this Christmas? Join us at Cafe Sevilla!

3-course Christmas Eve or Christmas Night Dinner $27.50 pp
Starting at 4 pm. Full menu also available.

Spanish Stocking Stuffers!
Five $20 Gift Certificates for only $60! ($100 value)
Offer valid until Dec. 25, 2006.

New Year's Eve Extravaganza

Tapas Bar
7:30 pm 5-course dinner with live guitarist $79* pp
9:30 pm Midnight celebration. 5-course dinner, live flamenco, champagne toast and party favors $129* pp

Main Dining Room Dinner Shows
5 pm 5-course dinner with live guitarist $69* pp
7 pm 5-course dinner and flamenco show $99* pp
9 pm Flamenco show and midnight celebration. 5-course dinner, show, party favors, champagne toast and access to Club Sevilla $129* pp

Club Sevilla Dinner Show
7 pm Show and Dance Party. 5-course dinner, flamenco show, dance party, midnight celebration with champagne toast and party favors $129* pp

Call for reservations.

* Tax, beverage, and 17% gratuity not included. 21+

Sevilla
555 Fourth Avenue
619-233-5979 - Gaslamp
cafesevilla.com

SPANISH CUISINE • TAPAS BAR • SALSA LESSONS • NIGHTCLUB

its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could be out of an Early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters: "The Billy" is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice). "The Cindy" is two French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is "The Pablo." It's standard but generous fare, a formula that's kept the place humming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/06)*

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles ("Cubano #2"), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself — crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don't leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy seafront patio, is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some "Continental" warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. $2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 11 p.m. in summer. "Early bird" cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it's light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively "Bayou Burger" with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday, brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Le Bambou Del Mar Village, 2634 Del Mar Heights Road (turn north on Mango), Del Mar Heights, 858-259-8138. No mere "pho joint," this lovely restaurant serves the sophisticated Vietnamese cuisine of pre-war Saigon — and the owners' daughters serve it in the flower-bedecked dining room with grace, intelligence, and evident pleasure in teaching westerners about the cuisine. Appetizers (most of them designed for rolling with fresh herbs in lettuce leaves and eating with your hands) are varied and of superb quality. Few restaurants here do the royal delicacy of "ground shrimp on sugar cane" so well. Most of the house specialty entrées are equally accomplished. Lacqué duck, sautéed shrimps or scallops in tamarind sauce, and "Star of the Sea" curry are outstanding. The gently priced wine list abounds in the fruity whites that go so well with this cuisine, while beer-quaffers can enjoy Vietnam's own "33" brand. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. — *N.W. (6/05)*

Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistible lobster-shrimp bisque is pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wide-ranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesday; Monday and Wednesday all bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101 (near Dahlia Drive), Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn't the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, LA, and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic non-fusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you're in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish paté and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It's all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Wednesday through Sunday nights. Lunch and dinner daily, with a break between the meals; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as "mom and pop" as they get. "Hi honey. You going to have the usual?" That's Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. "Dieter's Downfall," a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with their carrot cake or double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of their oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Samurai Japanese Restaurant Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Garden Section, 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (one block east of I-5), Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of "something extra" — e.g., not just free *edamame* to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseki* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of four to fourteen, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Though characterized as an "American Bistro," Chef Susan Sbicca ("speeka") also reveals Asian and Mexican influences in her creative menu. Set in a one-time private home a block from the Del Mar coast, this lively restaurant boasts five dining rooms, including one downstairs with a fireplace and a "wine room" upstairs for private parties. In fair weather, the outdoor rooftop patio is the best seat in the house. The menu changes seasonally, though a few perennial favorites remain. The rich, deeply flavored lob-

Japanese Steakhouse, Teppanyaki & Sushi Bar
• Experienced, entertaining chefs
• Big-screen TVs for sports fans
• Beautifully decorated • 14 Teppan tables
• Sushi bar and bar seatings
• VIP room for special events (min. 12 people)

10% Off
Minimum purchase of $20.
Not valid with other offers. Expires 1/4/07.

Fuji Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi
911 Camino Del Rio South
(at Hwy. 8 & Mission Center Rd.)
619.298.FUJI (3854)
Open daily 11 am-2:30 pm • 5-10 pm
Open Friday & Saturday until 11 pm

Experience romance and entertainment tonight

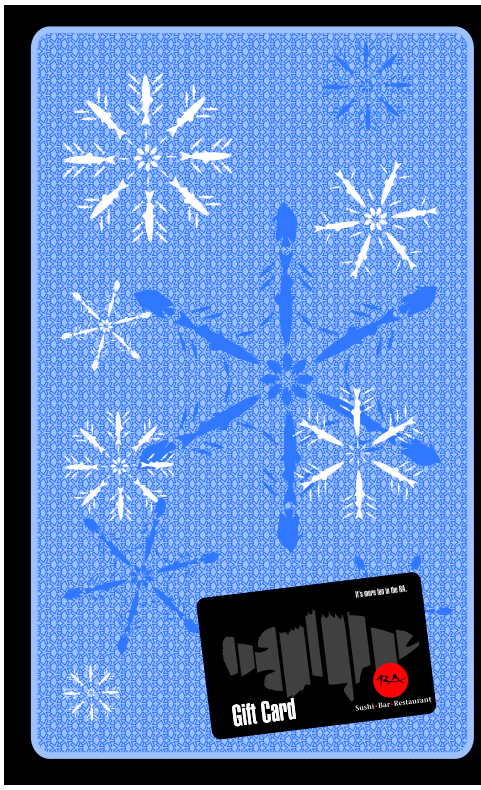
Happy Hour 5-6 pm Daily

2 For 1 Entrée
Buy one entrée and receive 2nd entrée free or deduct $15.95 off any all-inclusive when two are ordered. Monday-Thursday. With this coupon. Not valid with any other offers. Only one coupon per table. Excludes holidays. Expires 1/4/07.

Reserve now for New Year's Eve!

Forever Fondue

La Jolla (New Location)
909 Prospect Street, Suite 190
858-551-4509
Fashion Valley
6110 Friars Road • 619-295-7792
Dinner: 5 pm-close
Reservations recommended



GIVE 'EM SUSHI

RA
Sushi • Bar • Restaurant

TREAT YOURSELF OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW TO SUSHI THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WITH A RA GIFT CARD. GET YOURS ONLINE OR IN PERSON.

BROADWAY AT FIFTH AVENUE
619.321.0021 • RASUSHI.COM

NOW ACCEPTING HOLIDAY PARTY BOOKINGS.

NEW YEAR'S EVE!

Aurora
TRATTORIA

First Seating 5-7 pm
Surf & Turf $24.95 per person
Limited regular dinner menu available.

9 pm Seating
4-Course Meal $75 per person
Fried Calamari or Prosciutto Ham with Melon
Lobster Bisque Soup or Caesar Salad
Choice of Halibut, Lobster & Filet or Osso Buco
Chocolate Cake
Champagne Toast & Party Favors
DJ Music & Dancing by Daniel Victorson
Reservations Recommended

(858) 551-8554 • 1025 Prospect St. #250
Underground Parking Available
www.auroratrattoria.com
PRIVATE ROOM AVAILABLE FOR UP TO 30 GUESTS

ster-shrimp bisque with overtones of sweet butter pastry is worth a return visit. A thick maple-roasted pork prime rib with vanilla-scented sweet potatoes and bourbon chantilly sauce is a house favorite, although not quite as exquisite as the soup. Monday nights feature $4 martinis; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list are 50% off. No corkage fee on Wednesday. Crowded during racing season. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *B.D. (5/05)*

Swami's Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eyeful. Adding to the charm, a harpist plays show tunes on Sundays, and a guitarist performs on Thursdays. The cuisine mingles French classics (for example, mussels with *frites,*) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (6/04)*

Cabana Cove Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from "surfing spots around the world," includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Breakfast Monday through Friday; lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/05)*

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M. (11/03)*

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755 (also in Escondido and Carlsbad). Jimbo — and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it's high

Rudford's
Established 1949
Famous Homestyle Cooking
Serving Breakfast All Day
$2.00 OFF
Any menu entrée. Valid on any one entrée of $5 or more. Limit 4 persons per coupon. Dine-in only through 1/4/07.
Mon.-Fri. Specials
Twin Double $3.79
2 pancakes, 2 eggs, 2 bacon or sausage
The Big 3 $4.79
3 pancakes, 3 eggs, 3 bacon or sausage
Open 24/7.
2900 El Cajon Blvd.
619-282-8423
www.Rudfords.com

Prime Rib Friday-Sunday • Snow Crab Every Night
All-you-can-eat buffet
seafood | sushi bar | hawaiian barbecue | dim sum
(OYSTERS, DUNGENESS CRAB, RIBS & JUMBO SHRIMP SERVED AFTER 4 PM)
Open Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!
lunch buffet $7.79
AGE 3-6 $2.99, AGE 7-10 $4.99
MON.-SAT. 11 AM-4 PM
INCLUDES BEVERAGE.
dinner buffet $11.49
AGE 3-6 $3.99, AGE 7-10 $5.99
MON.-THURS. 4-9:30 PM
INCLUDES BEVERAGE.
snow crab legs, prime rib special with buffet $12.49
FRI. AND SAT. (DINNER) 4-10:30 PM, SUN. AND HOLIDAYS 11 AM-9:30 PM
INCLUDES BEVERAGE.
BUFFET TO-GO AVAILABLE: LUNCH $3.49/LB. • DINNER $4.49/LB.
GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE • PARTY TRAYS AVAILABLE
10% off total bill
1 FREE BUFFET
Party of 10 or more.
$2 off buffet
Lunch or dinner. Minimum $15 purchase.
$3 off buffet
Lunch or dinner. Minimum $30 purchase.
Free gift or birthday cake on your birthday!
Must have valid ID.
15% off total bill
Must have 30 or more persons.
Expires 1/4/07. With ad. Not valid with any other offer or on holidays.
Sunrise Super Buffet
3860 CONVOY STREET, SUITE #121 • 858-715-1608
Coming Soon
4556 CAMINO DE LA PLAZA, SAN YSIDRO • 619-662-2985

A quiet, cozy New Year's Eve at our place!
Enjoy a fabulous 5-course dinner from our exclusive New Year's menu.
Early Reservations:
5 to 6:30 pm
$61.95 per guest*
Later Reservations:
After 7 pm
$71.95 per guest*
Choice of entrées:
• Broiled Lobster
• Filet d'Agneau
• Roasted Duck with Raspberry Sauce
• Macadamia-crusted Halibut
• Filet Mignon
• Portabella Vegetarian Napoleon
To see the complete menu, visit:
www.thefrenchgourmet.com
THE FRENCH GOURMET
Catering • Restaurant • Bakery
960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach
www.thefrenchgourmet.com (858)488-1725
BBB WINNER
*Plus sales tax.

You're invited to enjoy
Holiday Dining

CHRISTMAS EVE
Festive Four-Course Meal
Serving 4-8 pm
$59.95 per guest
CHRISTMAS DAY
Brunch Buffet /10 am-3 pm
$28.95 per guest
Dinner Buffet /3-8 pm
$49.95 per guest
NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER PARTY
Serving 4-9 pm
$75 per guest
Includes festive 4-course meal featuring "Surf & Turf," DJ, dancing, party favors, exciting midnight countdown.
McCORMICK&SCHMICK'S
SEAFOOD RESTAURANT
in the Omni Hotel
675 L St.
Downtown San Diego
619-645-6545
www.McCormickandSchmicks.com

ceilings and lots of color — yellow, purple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheat grass and organic coffee. A "hot case" counter offers all kinds of ricey, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — *E.B. (10/04)*

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive. — *N.W. (5/01)*

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago,* tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *S.M. (8/04)*

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. The French-continental food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago,* which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi *(tamago),* a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — *B.D. (10/05)*

Cliff Hanger Cafe Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is it like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub's good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa) or the Mile High omelet (bacon, cheese, and bell peppers). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/06)*

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 people-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 dinner. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Some tapas and sushi rolls are inexpensive, but if you enjoy grazing the bill can mount quickly. Entrées are expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia* "Kahana," or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. (Closed for renovations, set to reopen December.) The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W. (10/99)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Bali Thai Café 407 South Camino del Rio South (dead end, west of Auto Circle and Mission Center Road), San Diego, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the *tom kha koong* (shrimp in coconut milk soup) is outstandingly authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the richly tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as "seafood delight roll," corn fritters, the soothing *soto ayam* (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy *sambal goring* (shrimp in chili sauce), among others. Short but smart wine list, beer, sake. Easy evening parking. Heated, roofed patio. Large portions. Reserve for weeknights, no reservations accepted for weekends. Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/06)*

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — *N.W. (9/02)*

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban,* or raw crab, and *yookhwe,* a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (9/98)*

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento,* that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (8/99)*

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau

Royal Indian Cuisine
$9.95 Dinner Buffet
Open For The Holidays!
Reg. $13.95
Sun. & Mon. – Vegetarian & Non-Vegetarian • Tues. – All Vegetarian
Wed. – Introducing Indian-Asian Fusion
5:30-9 pm • Hillcrest only • With coupon. Expires 1/4/07.
FREE DINNER
Buy 1 entrée and receive 1 entrée of equal or lesser value free. Excludes buffets and specials. Max. discount $14. With coupon. Expires 1/4/07.
$6.95 LUNCH BUFFET
Reg. $8.95. Mon.-Fri. only.
Sat. & Sun. Champagne Brunch
11 am-3 pm
India Princess
Hillcrest • 3925 4th Ave.
Between Washington & University
619-291-5011
San Marcos • On Restaurant Row
760-744-7599
Take-out • Catering • Banquet
Free parking (call for details)
For delivery call: 858-792-1000
www.indiaprincess.com

$10 off
Moroccan Cuisine
MARRAKESH
La Jolla 634 Pearl Street 858-454-2500
Costa Mesa 949-645-8384
Studio City 818-788-6354
Please call for reservations. Order one dinner and receive $10 off the second dinner. One coupon per couple, maximum three coupons per party. Dine-in only. No sharing. Not valid with any other offer or on holidays. Expires 1-4-07. With this ad.

Free Thai Entrée
Get second entrée of equal or lesser value free when you buy one entrée and two drinks. Must present coupon. Expires 1/4/07.
Lunch Specials from $5.95
Served with soup, salad, spring roll, wontons and rice!
Imperial Beach:
757 Seacoast Dr. • 619-429-6565
San Diego:
4660 El Cajon Blvd. • 619-564-6270
AROMA THAI II

Free Prime Rib
BIRTHDAY DINNER
Thursday, December 28
If you were born in December just show your ID and enjoy a free Prime Rib Dinner on us! Begins at 4:30 pm. (Reservations, purchase and photo ID required. Not valid with any other offers.)
Christmas Eve Champagne Brunch
Bottomless Champagne & Mimosas $5
9 am-3 pm
Christmas Eve Dinner
Alaskan King Crab Legs $9.95
5-10 pm (plus regular menu items)
Christmas Day
Complete Turkey Dinner $17.95
Prime Rib $21.95
12-8 pm (plus regular menu items)
New Year's Eve
Slow-roasted Prime Rib or Live Maine Lobster $19.95
(plus regular menu items)
New Year's Day
Our Famous Brunch with $5 Free-Flowing Champagne & Mimosas
9 am-3 pm
2040 Harbor Island Dr. • 619.291.8011
boathouserestaurant.com • FREE PARKING
BOAT HOUSE

New Year's Eve 2007!
Join us for an elaborate five-course buffet-style dinner that includes VIP entry into the nightclub featuring music by our in-house DJ. Enjoy a champagne toast along with our fabulous cuisine. Reservations required.
Two seatings available: 6:30 and 8:30 pm
$75 pp
VIP Suites $750
Watch the countdown and enjoy your champagne toast in one of our 7 VIP suites! Call for info and reservations.
Visions
restaurant & lounge
555 Market Street • Gaslamp
(Corner of Market & 6th) • 619.501.4772
Private parties available — Call for details.

Holiday Season

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

5:00-10:00 pm • Regular menu available

10:00 am-3:00 pm

$5 Free-flowing Champagne Brunch with entrée purchase

live maine Lobster $9.95

slow-roasted Prime Rib $9.95

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:00 am-3:00 pm

$5 Free-flowing Champagne Brunch with entrée purchase

Starting at Noon

traditional Turkey Dinner $9.95

Turkey with a sausage & sage stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, candied yams, corn, carrots and cranberry sauce.

Starting at 3 pm

live maine Lobster $9.95

Regular menu available

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve

Special holiday menu available from 5-11 pm.
Door charge: $50. $40 presale tickets now available.
A limited number of VIP bottle-service tables will be available from $300.

New Year's Eve & New Year's Day

10:00 am-3:00 pm

$5 Free-flowing Champagne Brunch with entrée purchase

Wednesday, December 27

Free Prime Rib Birthday Dinner

If you were born in December, show your ID and enjoy a free Prime Rib Dinner! Begins at 5 pm. Reservations, puchase and photo ID required. Not valid with any other offers of Happy Hour.

Olé Madrid

olemadrid.com

751 Fifth Ave. , Downtown San Diego
619-557-0146

"If you want to learn about a culture, spend a night in its Bars"
Ernest Hemingway

An Authentic Spanish Experience in San Diego

Full Bar & Live Entertainment Thurs - Sun!

Open daily from 11am

Full Catering Service
(Paellas to go or cooked on site)

Sunday 11am - 4pm
Paella Brunch

Tapas Bar Restaurante

Cocina Española

Costa Brava

1657 Garnet Ave, P.B. • Tel. (858)273.1218
www.costabravasd.com

Open Everyday!
10am-8pm

Pata Negra

Gourmet Deli & Market

Featuring fine imported foods from Spain!

1657 Garnet Ave, P.B.
Tel. (858)274.7282

contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhan-ite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room ($15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (1/03)*

THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oak-wood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 9:30 p.m. weeknights; 10:30 p.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. Deborah (Kemo Sabe) Scott is the chef and co-owner (with the Cohn Restaurant Group, owners of many San Diego restaurants) at this high-end steakhouse with a bay view. The steaks and roast beefs are delicious, as you'd expect, but also enjoy creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Salt runs freely, and the excellent international wine list runs high. Do reserve; free parking. Open daily, dinner only. Very expensive. — *N.W. (5/06)*

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or

Treat your loved ones this Holiday Season!
Enjoy our Christmas Day Menu at the Pacific Fish Co.

Christmas Day

1:00 pm 7:00 pm

Harvest Salad Bar
Mixed Field Greens with Assorted Vegetable Toppings
Artichoke and Mushroom Marinated Salad
Fruit Salad • Cheese Tray • Pasta Salad
Assorted Sushi • Peel and Eat Shrimp

Soup

Mom's Country Specialties
Prime Rib of Beef
Roasted Leg of Lamb
Baked Ham with Roasted Root Vegetables
Roasted Cornish Hens with an Apple Cider Demi
Baked Salmon with Wild Rice Pilaf

Vegetable Medley • Mashed Potatoes
Candied Yams

Desserts
Assorted Cakes • Pies • Mousse • Tortes

Kids Menu
Chicken Fingers • Mac & Cheese

Beverage
Coffee, Decaf, Tea and Soft Drink

$31.95 per person
$23.95 for seniors aged 62 and older
$16.95 for children aged 4 – 14
Kids 4 and under eat for free

For reservations please call award-winning
Pacific Fish Co. Restaurant
619-239-2400
Ext. 7009, 7132

Pacific Fish Company is located at
the Embassy Suites Hotel San Diego - Downtown
601 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101-5914

have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue sconce wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (6/04)*

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove.) Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Open daily, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Magnolias Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid (off Market), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. If you're looking for an authentic Louisiana-style feast, this is the best place in town. Bessie Johnson (of the once-famed Bessie's Garret) is back in business, and mouths are rejoicing. At her handsome, spacious restaurant, you'll find generous hospitality, huge portions, and a long, delicious menu of Cajun, Creole, and soul food specialties. The fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. No takeout (except leftovers). Full bar. Lunch and dinner six days; closed Mondays. Low moderate. — *N.W. (2/05)*

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *sajj*. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *sajj*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush ("sweet daddy" eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/05)*

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th Steet (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront and they're not lying. One of the owners is from Brooklyn and his origins are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery *galanga*, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-trys: BBQ beef, *som yum* (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called *larb* — closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Lunch and dinner six days; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Tioli's Crazy Burger 4201 30th Street (at Howard, across from Vons), North Park, 619-282-6044. Cheap eats can be great eats when made by people who care — like charming owner "Wolfie" and European-trained chef Lothar. The place looks like a dive, but inside you'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads and flavorful German-style bratwursts. Even the turkey burger is juicy here. Try the house-made "Texas" beans and the house-made mustard and chipotle ketchup. Specialty and regular beers; affordable wines. Parking lot behind restaurant on Howard. Restroom is not wheelchair accessible. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (5/06)*

Vagabond Kitchen 2310 30th Street (Fern at Juniper), South Park, 619-255-4373 or 619-255-1035. Seasonal "world food" filtered through a Gallic sensibility, plus worldwide wines and tropical cocktails. Menu changes often, but don't miss the classic *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *seco de carne* meat stew. The tiny, painfully noisy dining room, decorated with exotic souvenirs of the owners' global travels, is perpetually SRO, so dinner reservations are a must for any night. Evening crowd of hip South Park locals; lunch crowd dressed for success. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (7/06)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Brothers Family Restaurant 5150 Waring Road (at Orcutt Avenue), Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. Yes, it looks boring on the outside. Brick, reflective glass. But go in and you're surrounded by brothers: John and Bobby Kennedy, Hugh Grant and his brother Jamie, the Wright Brothers, the Blues Brothers, the Brothers Rico. They're there because this place used to be run by three brothers. Good old-fashioned cholesterol city rules here with no apologies, and the locals appreciate it. It's like a *Cheers* for eating. All the staples are served: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Open seven days for breakfast and lunch, with early dinner Wednesday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/04)*

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B. (12/01)*

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Fix Me a Plate Cafe 9168 Fletcher Parkway (next to Souplantation), La Mesa, 619-466-6084. Chef-owner Jimmy Pomier was executive chef at the great Juke Joint Cafe, and now he's got his own place to serve up whopping portions of authentic Cajun and Louisiana-style soul food. His oyster po' boy is (as France's Michelin Guide might say) "worth a detour," as good as it gets this far away. His gumbo is eccentric; his deep-fried chicken gizzards with aioli are fun. His delicious étouffés are among the highlights of the long menu (on which not all dishes are available all the time). Skimpy wine and beer selection, and BYOB is strictly forbidden, but the lemonade is okay. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday (with break between on weekends). Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (2/06)*

4.0 Deli Aztec Shopping Center, 5844 Montezuma Road, 619-281-4040. This low-ceilinged, dark, student sandwich hangout gets the frat house crowd, luring them in with draft beers and big Buds that go for a song. Pitchers too, if you buy sandwiches with them, and the sandwiches are no dull lunch-counter fare. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a "kick-butt southwestern dressing." Or Grilled Rivas, named after a much-loved Colombian who worked here: grilled turkey, Monterey Jack, grilled onions, and peppers. Check specials like the Buffalo Bleu, with grilled roast beef, bacon, red onions, bleu cheese, and Tabasco. The owners had a full-scale deli in New York, so this range is no surprise. Open daily, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

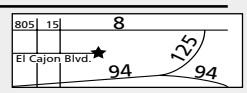
Jasmine Bistro Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convoy. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate finger-food) offered both by cart and by menu. At night, with a reservation, a fresh crew of multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for weekend dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m.). Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées). — *N.W. (5/04)*

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey)

TOWER TWO Beach Cafe
...across from the main lifeguard tower
"ON" OCEAN BEACH!
619-223-4059
Monday Night
1/2-Price Appetizers
During the game
and
$5 Domestic Pitchers
Monday-Friday 4-7 pm
$3 Breakfast
2 Bacon, 2 Eggs, 2 Pancakes
Monday-Friday 8-11 am
Live Music
On the Patio
Saturday & Sunday 1-4 pm

Ethiopian Cuisine
1/2-PRICE ENTRÉE
Buy one lunch or dinner entrée and receive a second entrée of equal or lesser value at 1/2 price.
With this ad. Expires 1/4/07.
አዋሽ ምግብ ቤት
AWASH ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT
4979 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego
619-583-9225
www.awashrestaurant.com


2 for 1
Lunch or Dinner
Buy one entrée and 2 drinks, get 2nd entrée of equal or lesser value FREE. Dine-in only. With this ad. One coupon per table. Not valid with other offers. Expires 1/31/07.
Pacific • ROTISSERIE
"The Healthy Alternative for Lunch and Dinner"
4535 Mission Boulevard (at Felspar), Pacific Beach • 858.272.7600
Mon.-Sat. Noon-10 pm • Closed Sundays • Take-Out Available

VOTED "BEST PIZZA IN AMERICA" – ABC TV

"A mecca for serious pizza and pasta afficionados"
– S.D. Union-Tribune
Family-Owned & Operated
ANY LARGE 15″ PIZZA 1/2 OFF
With the purchase of 2 beverages. Dine-in only.
Pizza Bella
Locally Owned, Internationally Renowned
Fine Italian Dining, Award-Wining Pizza
Great Lunch & Dinner Specials • We Deliver
Beer & Wine • Ample Parking
2707 Congress St. (Old Town) • 619-692-4333

- COUPON -
Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 4-7 pm
Su Casa
SINCE 1967
Monday Night Football New Big LCD TV in Bar
MEXICAN AND SEAFOOD SPECIALTIES
25% OFF YOUR ENTIRE CHECK
(Alcoholic beverages excluded)
Valid up to 6 people. 7 days a week. One check, one coupon per table. Not valid with any other offer or Happy Hour. No take-outs, please. Offer expires 1/3/07.
6738 LA JOLLA BLVD. • (858)454-0369 • AMPLE PARKING • PATIO DINING

- COUPON -
2 FOR 1
(Excludes seafood and alcoholic beverages)
Lunch Menu Only 11:30 am-4 pm Daily
Purchase one entrée at regular price and receive a 2nd entrée of equal or lesser value free. Solo diners enjoy 50% off one plate. Valid up to 6 people. One check, one coupon per table. Not valid with any other offer. No take-outs. Offer expires 1/3/07.
Su Casa
6738 LA JOLLA BLVD.
(858)454-0369

wine list. Reserve for weekend evenings. Open daily. Very expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece when in season is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Arrividerci Italian Restaurant 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrividerci is it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes), "straw and hay" (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce, or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine *mediterraneo,* with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you're that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (7/04)*

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

California Cuisine 1027 University (between Tenth Avenue and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for pastry chef Lauren Huffnagel's outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/04)*

Chilango's Mexico City Grill 142 University Avenue (near Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-8646. This bright, cheerful café offers authentic cooking from Central Mexico. You know it's real because there are no "combo plates" on the dinner menu. Instead, enjoy rarely found dishes cooked with creative twists — for instance, the delectable *chiles en nogada* features poblano chiles with an exuberantly fruity ground-sirloin stuffing topped with a walnut-cream gravy scattered with strawberries. The "Yucatan salad" with mole-sauced pork is refreshing, and pork with *chile pasilla* sauce is dark, deep, and delicious. Lunches include various tortilla wraps with a choice of six regional sauces. Mexican and European beers, tasty margaritas made from agave "wine." Short but carefully chosen, affordable international wine list includes bottlings from Baja. Patio seating. Lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate, entrées half-price on Monday. — *N.W. (9/05)*

Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Indian Princess 3925 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-5011. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it's all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken *tikki masala, navratan korma* (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or *keema muttar* (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an unprincely sum. Dinner is more expensive. Don't miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Seven days, lunch from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., dinner 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive (buffet); moderate to expensive (à la carte dinners). — *E.B. (1/06)*

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza,* assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (10/00)*

Kung Food Express Cafe 2949 Fifth Avenue (at Quince), uptown, 619-298-7302. These guys really try to be green. They have a "100-percent plant-based menu," use solar-heated water, give their food waste to farmers to compost, and even try to use biodegradable cutlery, plates, and bowls. They have a "live" food section (meaning raw, so enzymes survive), plus vegan and vegetarian items. One great-looking lunch offering is the collard wrap, a big green collard leaf wrapped around a mix of cashews, agave, agave nectar, alfalfa, cilantro, mango, red cabbage, and avocado. Also good are the dishes using steamed quinoa — the Incas' mother grain — plus curried veggies, and beans with Soyrizo. Nice courtyard with native grasses, climbing vines, white umbrellas. Open 11 a.m. till 11 p.m., daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/06)*

The Mission 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also in Mission Beach and East Village). "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the wait staff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a

Over 400 more restaurant listings at SanDiegoReader.com

HOME OF THE @**-KICKIN' FRIED RICE!
THAI ICED TEA & THAI ICED COFFEE
Chinese, Thai & American Cuisine
Fried Rice restaurant
3456 Adams Avenue, San Diego • 619.280.8137
www.bfriedrice.com
DINE-IN, TAKE-OUT & DELIVERY*
Open Mon.-Sat. 11 am-8 pm. Closed Sundays.
*Within 5 miles.

THE ONE AND ONLY TRUE
THAI BUFFET
IN SAN DIEGO
Thai Cafe
Weekday Lunch Buffet $6.99
Dinner Buffet $9.50
Thai Tea or Soda 75¢ Lunch only. With coupon.
$1.00 Off Dinner Buffet. With coupon.
Coupons may not be combined.
4722 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard • 858-270-8303

Exotic Indian Cuisine!
All-You-Can-Eat Indian & Chinese Buffet

Free Delivery within 5 miles. $50 or more.
Northern & Southern Indian • Vegetarian & Non-vegetarian • No beef or pork
Dinner Buffet $12.95 50% Off* Buy 1, get the 2nd 1/2 off. With this ad.
Dinner 50% Off* Buy 1 entrée at regular price, get the 2nd of lesser value at 50% off. With this ad.
Lunch Buffet $8.95 $1 Off* With this ad.
Indian Asian Buffet
Spicy & Non-Spicy Available! Bar Now Open! Indian Beer & Wine Available!
9494 Black Mtn. Rd., San Diego (off Miramar Rd.) • 858.536.7776
*Coupon expires 1/4/07. One coupon per person.

A Christmas Buffet To Make The Whole Family Jolly
The Tickled Trout Restaurant at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Mission Valley is the perfect location for your family's…
Free-Flowing Champagne Buffet
Delicious Carving Station
Prime Rib • Turkey • Ham
Spectacular Seafood Station
Shrimp • Salmon
Cooked-To-Order Omelet Station
$23.95 per person • $9.95 children 5-11 • Children under 5 free
11 am-6 pm
Reservations Recommended:
619-291-6500
THE TICKLED TROUT
Fine Food & Drink at the Ramada Plaza Hotel
RAMADA Plaza Hotel
2151 Hotel Circle So.

Dicono Che Si Mangia Bene - Eat Well, Live Well
4-COURSE DINNER FOR TWO

Includes a bottle of wine and homemade dessert.
$49.95 per couple.
Voted Top 10 Best Italian Restaurant signonsandiego.com
CAFE MILANO
Lunch: Mon.-Fri. 11:30 am-3:00 pm
Dinner: Mon.-Fri. 4:00-10:00 pm
Sat. 4:00-10:00 pm • Sun. 2:00-9:00 pm
711 Pearl Street, La Jolla • 858-454-3806
www.cafemilanolajolla.com
Private Parties Menu
From 10 to 100 people. Book your next celebration at Cafe Milano. Four-course dinner starts at $19.95. Includes: appetizer, pasta, salad and your choice of: veal, chicken, fish or filet mignon, plus coffee or tea and dessert.

NEW YEARS EVE SPECIAL
Saska's
New Years Celebration
Dinner Packages Include:
Choice of California Champagne, or select from Saska's House Special Wine list!
Appetizer choice of one:
• New England style Crab Cakes
• Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail
• Deep-Fried Zucchini & Mushrooms
Also Includes ...
Garlic Cheese Toast, Soup or Salad and your choice of sides with entree

Sunday, December 31st
Make Your Reservations Now!
858-488-7311
Dinner Specials For Two...
2-Dinners for: $79
Neptunes Platter - includes
• Australian Lobster Tail
• Alaskan King Crab Legs
full dinner portions
Crab Stuffed Filet Duets
• Two 7 oz Filet Mignons
Stuffed with Canadian Crab Meat & seasoned ingredients, wrapped in Bacon, and Grilled-to-Order topped with fresh Bernaise Sauce
2-Dinners for: $69
3768 Mission Boulevard • Mission Beach

Celebrate New Year's Eve with Us!
Call to make reservations!
Pampas ARGENTINE GRILL
25% Off All Wine Thursdays

Prime, free-range, 100% natural imported Angus beef. Free of hormones, steroids, pesticides & antibiotics. 15% less fat & cholesterol.
APPROVED Unknown Eater
Live Music
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
Tango Show
Friday, December 29
Two seatings: 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm
Call to make reservations!

20% Off Dinner Entrée
Valid up to 5 people. One check per table. Not valid with any other offer. Not valid holidays. Filet mignon (Bife de lomo), lomo con hongos and pimienta not included. Dinner only. No take-out, please. Expires 1/4/07.
8690 Aero Dr. • 858-278-5971
Open Tuesday through Sunday
pampasrestaurant.com
Catering available for any occasion

foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/05)*

Ortega's, A Mexican Bistro 141 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group's first north-of-the-border venture. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on local spiny lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean's best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not refried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — *N.W. (8/05)*

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas,* baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghourmeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. The selection of teas includes Caspian, decaffeinated peach, and a few others. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Whole Foods Market 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include the green chili and cheese polenta, the Emerald Mushrooms salad, and especially the *farofa* salad — it's like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 858-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (4/99)*

DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Lunch weekdays, dinner daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

Anthony's Fishette 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-2175. At the baby brother of Anthony's Grotto and Star of the Sea, the good news is you pay a fraction of the price, and you get to sit outside over the water. The chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. A meal. Their old fashioned fish-n-chips or Baja squid steak sandwich are great fillers too. Also good: "hand battered treasures," like catfish strips, swordfish, oysters, crab claws, and clam nuggets. In winter, breakfasts are served on weekends; in summer, all week. Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/06)*

Buon Appetito 1609 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-9880. At the chic, art-filled fourth branch of a chain that started with Hillcrest's Arrividerci, the bill of fare combines the pick hits of the mother-ship and of Encinitas cousin-restaurant I Trulli. The menu calls the cuisine "Nouvelle Italian," blending traditional and trendy Mediterranean ingredients. Seasonal specials change monthly. Most appetizers and pastas are fine (entrées often less so), but the kitchen can be hasty, turning out hard-centered risotto or burnt seafood. Winners include antipasto, quail with lentils, and wine-braised rabbit in the style of the Italian Alps. Desserts are mainly weighty. Wine list is an affordable treat, highlighting mysterious Italian grape varieties from small-scale bottlers; the adept staff can help you choose one to match your order. Euro-pop plays loudly inside; noise-sensitive may prefer patio tables. Lunch and dinner daily (with break between); open until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really was a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy "Short Board" pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy "paella" (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spaciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Avenue (near F Street), Gaslamp, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unmuddled. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, and well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don't miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/05)*

City Pizzeria 1125 Sixth Avenue (between B and C), downtown, 619-531-0955. There's a cultural war going on here. "City" has a New York attitude — just listen to the guys in the kitchen grabbing dough, flailing it around, yakking, joking. But the dough has been a West Coast family's secret for 75 years. Try the "Ranch Chicken" pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. (Of course, no self-respecting New York pizzeria would ever *consider* serving such moonbeamish left coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don't tempt you, there are eleven other "specialty pies" every day. Open daily till 10 p.m., 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. "Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée" at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked Brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote — are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranate-macadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great people-watching or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — *B.D. (10/05)*

Crudo Restaurant 1953 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-398-2974. *Crudo* refers to the Italian version of sushi, but that's not on the menu at this flashy eatery-cum-nightclub, a partnership between Italian restaurateur Joe Busalacchi and disco maven Mike Viscuso. Nope, the raw fish here is Japanese-fusion sushi and sashimi, with some excellent, creative "party rolls" (like the Green Hornet and the Crudo roll) and a delightful, shareable sashimi "plateau" — a mini-encyclopedia of fish and garnishes. Fusiony appetizers, noodle or rice bowls, and baroque, high-end entrées fill out the list. Having a bite before the disco opens buys free entry to the lounge. Short wine list at high markups; numerous sakes (mainly by-the-bottle only) at high-to-ridiculous markups; full bar. Want quiet? The dining patio in front is sheltered and serene. Disco Wednesday through Saturday night. Dinner nightly. "Bowls" and simple sushi inexpensive, otherwise very expensive. — *N.W. (4/06)*

LG's Prime Steakhouse 789 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), downtown, 619-239-7899. The atmosphere at this chain steakhouse is a little less "old boys' club" than most of its kind — it's quiet and luxurious, but not especially formal. All the beef is aged on the premises, and the star cut is the superb dry-aged "Jewel in the Crown" Porterhouse, with much beefier flavor than wet-aged meat. Meats are heavily salted unless you request otherwise; sauces taste a little pre-fab. The Caesar salad is made at the table to your tastes. "Escargots alfredo" is fun as an indulgent starter. Everything's à la carte, with good creamed spinach among the sides. Great, if pricey, wine list, but the top reds are barely over retail prices. Full bar. Valet parking at Fifth and F. Reservations recommended. Open for dinner 365 days a year. Very expensive. — *N.W. (8/05)*

McCormick & Schmick's Omni Hotel, 675 L Street (at Sixth Avenue), downtown, 619-645-6545. This ever-expanding chain from the Pacific Northwest may be the Starbucks of fish. Most of the dishes are still the corporate specialties, pleasing rather than exciting. The daily changing menu features about 30 varieties of fresh seafood, delivered daily in over 50 preparations, plus a handful of poultry and meat dishes. The long, interesting, mainly reasonable wine list is printed on back of the daily menu. Restaurant is often busy at lunch and packed for early dinners during Petco home-game nights, so reserve when the team's in town. A heated terrace is mainly used during lunch and game nights. Full bar. Open daily, three meals to 11 p.m. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to expensive — *N.W. (10/05)*

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. "Why can't we sell fruit drinks in America?" she wondered. Now they've opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They've expanded to non-fruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Monday to Fri-

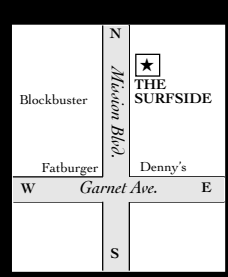
Best Thai 2005 & 2006!
Sign On San Diego
New Year's Eve Event!
$55 per person
Call for details/reservations.
Beautifully prepared dishes from
Thailand & Indonesia
407 Camino Del Rio So., San Diego
Ph: 619-297-0800 • Fax: 619-297-0299
Closed Monday
www.balithaicafe.com
bali THAI cafe
Catering from $7 per person!

2-for-1 Italian Dinner Entrée
First-time customers only. Entrée of equal or lesser value is free. Expires 1/4/07.
Lunch Special $7.95
Pasta, pizza or panini with salad & soda.
Trattoria Bella Vita
Specializing in Sicilian Cuisine
6435 Caminito Blythefield
(Mount Soledad) La Jolla 92037
858.551.1150 ▪ Delivery available after 5 pm

FREE Entrée
Buy one entrée, get the second of equal or lesser value free.
Maximum $10.95. One offer per table. Exp. 12/30/06.
$5 OFF
Lunch Buffet
Buy one lunch buffet and 2 drinks, get
$5 off 2nd lunch buffet. Exp. 12/30/06.
"A Distinctive Identity" ★★★ Very Good
– Naomi Wise, San Diego Reader
Gourmet India
810 4th Avenue - Gaslamp
619.702.7967 - Free Delivery

Vietnamese Beef Noodle Soup
$1 Off Spring Rolls or Egg Rolls*
Cannot be used with 10% off entire check offer.
10% Off Entire Check*
$10 minimum purchase.
*Dine-in only. Not valid with any other offers, discounts or specials.
Limit one per table. Valid at this location only. Expires 12/31/06.

• Special rice noodle soup with beef
• Steamed rice with BBQ chicken, pork, shrimp or beef
• Rice vermicelli with BBQ chicken, pork, shrimp, beef or vegetarian with tofu
• Excellent spring rolls and egg rolls
Pho Lucky
Vietnamese Beef Noodle Soup
770 Sycamore Ave., Ste. E & F, Vista, CA 92083
760-727-2738 • www.pholucky.com
Open 8 am-9 pm 7 days a week

Half-Price Sushi Rolls on Monday
(5:30-7:30 pm) 12 to choose from including:
rainbow roll, caterpillar roll, spicy roll and crunchy roll.
$1 Small Sake All Night Tues., Wed. & Thurs.!
With purchase of $6 pitcher of Kirin draft beer.
The Surfside
Sushi & Coastal Cuisine
4527 Mission Boulevard • Pacific Beach
Dinner Sun.-Thurs. 5:30-10:30 pm, Fri. & Sat. 5:30-11 pm
(Across from Blockbuster)
858.273.2979


day 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — *E.B. (12/01)*

RA Sushi 474 Broadway (at Fifth), downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder "Oriental" decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food's a mixture of the dire and the delicious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it's fun anyway. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read the menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Bar open to 2 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Red Pearl Kitchen 440 J Street (between Fourth and Fifth), Gaslamp, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes tend to be tastier, including a delicious Cambodian-influenced short rib and pumpkin hot pot — when it's in season. Great veggie side dishes. Sophisticated international wine list priced on the high side (few under $30); short on choices by the glass. Full bar. Surroundings are chic. Reservations advised. Sound level painfully loud most nights. Open daily, dinner. High moderate. — *N.W. (4/06)*

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

The Barbecue Pit 920 East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-477-2244. Outside, it reminds you of a barn; inside, a meeting hall. Rustic timber, knotty pine, a set of Texas longhorns on one wall and an eight-point buck head on the other. People have been coming here all their lives. Two cousins started this back in 1947 at 1413 Market, downtown. Now their grandkids run this and its sister restaurant in Fletcher Hills. They still burn oak, and sell lots of the (still-cheap) beef or pork ribs, with two sides and a bun. But maybe the best deal is the ham or link sandwich. Lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/06)*

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view, and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced happy hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: have a 1/2-pound hamburger with French fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo,* or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan,* pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus,* vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. A handsome dining room is the setting for classic fine Italian cooking of many regions, and with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are, for a change, more interesting than the appetizers. The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a frequent summertime special of white king salmon. Choose the simplest desserts, as the fancy ones are outsourced (and heavy). Three parking slots behind restaurant, or scuffle for street parking. Fine service. Romantic ambiance early and late in the evening but often raucous with loud parties at prime dinner time. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (7/01)*

Vahida's Healthy Choice Chula Vista Weekly Farmers Market, Center Street (between 3rd and Del Mar Street), 619-962-9925. Vahida calls her food Greek, but actually it's Bosnian, like her. Not that there's a huge difference. The great thing here is the market experience itself, munching away with people jostling, food smells wafting, maybe musicians plucking. Try the very Bosnian beef sausage plate. Light, flaky pastry curls around the meat but doesn't cover it. These *Burck* or *Chevapchichi* are made like the sausages of the city of Skopje, except for some potatoes and onion added. Also good: Vahida's eggplant sandwich, chicken sandwich, and gyro plate. Operates 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays (call for hours at other locations). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/06)*

Zorba's Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos,* where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes,* (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

El Rincón del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Río District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

El Taurino Steak House Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this old-line surf-n-turf eatery a (real) wall-mounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and *barcas* (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very forties. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature *cabrería* steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalepeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) *cabrería* should

Vegan Sushi
Now available
exclusively at San Diego's number one vegetarian restaurant.
The most extensive all-vegetarian menu, from Thai Soy Curry Chicken to Sicilian Summer Lasagna.
$5 off on all T-shirts!
Must present ad.
Expires 12-31-06.
SlpZ
VEGETARIAN fuzion cafe
5501 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
San Diego • 858-279-3747

CHATEAU ORLEANS
Cajun Creole Southern
LIVE Jazz and BLUES
926 Turquoise St.
Pacific Beach
858-488-6744
chateauorleans.com
Tues.-Sat. 6-10 pm
New Year's Eve
Cajun Feast $34.95
5-Course Dinner 4-10 pm
Live Music 6-10 pm
Reserve Now!
$10 Off Dinner
With purchase of two entrées. Not valid on Blue Plate Specials, to-go orders, holidays or with other specials. Limit one coupon per party. With this ad. Expires 1/4/07.
Blue Plate Specials
$12.99
No coupons/discounts with this special.
Every Wednesday Night
50% Off Bottled Wines
Not valid with other offers.

All-You-Can-Eat Lunch Buffet $4.95
With purchase of soft drink. Valid Mon.-Fri. 11 am-3 pm. Weekends $5.95. Expires 12/30/06.
Medium Pizza $5.95
One-topping medium pizza. Expires 12/30/06.
Reserve a party today for your fundraiser, birthday party, team party, scout group, etc.
Shakey's
COME FOR THE FOOD ... STAY FOR THE FUN
FAMILY PIZZA RESTAURANT · SINCE 1954
5500 Grossmont Center Drive, La Mesa • 619-463-0700
(In Grossmont Center between Sports Authority & Wal-Mart)

LIVE BELLY DANCING
FRI. SAT. 7 pm
East County's only
Greek Buffet
50% Off
Purchase one buffet and two drinks and receive the second buffet at 50% off.
Lunch $7.99 • Dinner $10.99
Mon.-Sun.
Offer not valid on holidays.
Greek Town Buffet
345 W. Main St., El Cajon • 619-441-9708
Catering Available!

We can make your entrée mild, medium or spicy
Tandoori • Exotic Curries
Indian Desserts
Large Vegetarian Selection
ASHOKA
The Great
CUISINE OF INDIA
Free Entrée
Buy two entrées at regular price, get a third entrée free. Limit one coupon per table. Valid for dinner only. Not valid for buffets. Not valid on holidays. Hurry! Coupon good thru 1-15-07.
All-You-Can-Eat Dinner Buffet $12.95
Monday and Tuesday nights. Full menu also available.
All-You-Can-Eat Lunch Buffet $8.95
7 days a week!
Lunch 11 am-3 pm • Dinner 5-10 pm
Saturday & Sunday 11 am-10 pm
9474 Black Mt. Rd. (Near Miramar Rd.)
(858) 695-9749 • www.AshokaSD.com

★★★ S.D. READER 2005
FIX ME A PLATE CAFÉ
Delicious Southern-Style Cooking
Where the Last Taste Is as Good as the First!
GUMBO • PO' BOYS • JAMBALAYA
SEAFOOD • BBQ • WINGS
15% Off Entrée
with purchase of a beverage.
Must present ad.
Expires 1/4/07.
Max two coupons per table.
Tuesday-Sunday:
Lunch 11:30-2
Dinner 5-9

www.fixmeaplate.com • 9168 Fletcher Pkwy, La Mesa • 619-466-6084

Lai Thai Restaurant

The first original Thai restaurant in the South Bay.
50% Off
Buy one entrée, get second of equal or lesser value at 50% off. Excludes holidays. One coupon per table. Not valid with any other offers. Exp. 1/4/07.
Happy Hour 4–6 pm • Thai Beer $2
Lunch Specials $5.95–$7.95
Served 11 am–3 pm Tuesday thru Sunday. Excludes holidays. Served with soup of the day, tossed salad, spring roll, fried wonton and steamed rice.
1430 E. Plaza Blvd. #E10 • National City
Just west of 805 near IHOP & South Bay Plaza
619-474-5546 • www.laithairestaurant.com

be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (9/04)*

La Petite Café Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim's), Tijuana, 688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course *carne asada,* but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Lonchería La Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice.* Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado,* ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach *Loncheria La Poca Lucha,* "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos, bistek ranchero,* or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around $3. *Pescado frito* (fried fish), *milanesa con papas* (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Mariscos el Locochón Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro Garcia Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salón Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with *gringo, gringo-Mex,* real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Super Antojitos 4th Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Heroes), Tijuana, 685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called *mole poblano,* includes two eggs, enchilada *de mole,* rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious *mole,* Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. *Super antojitos* means super snacks, so search out the *pastes* — pastries stuffed with *mole,* cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind *gorditas.* Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/20)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Chipotle 734 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-209-3688; 11 other locations in San Diego County. Hard to believe: This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves firmly to the original vision of the chef who founded it: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades made on-premises — it's quality all the way, and way better than most local "Berto's" (which often use cheap meat marinated by their meat-jobbers). The fresh-grilled *carne asada* is splendid, the *carnitas* outstanding. And it's "have it your way" with a wealth of choices as to what you get — burritos, tacos, bowls, fajitas — and what goes into it. You can eat indoors or outside (or take-out), drink margaritas, beer, or soft drinks, and park for free (if a slot's open). Open 10:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Rock-bottom prices. — *N.W. (10/05)*

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered bricky drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesday only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — *E.B. (11/03)*

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations (different management) in Hillcrest, Point Loma, and La Jolla. — *E.B. (10/00)*

P. F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive (near Executive Way, opposite UTC), 858-458-9007; 7077 Friars Road, Fashion Valley, 619-260-8484. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window. And there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the wait staff. But this busy-busy mall-Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. You have to grudgingly like it. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terra-cotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the "Sichuan from the Sea" shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, like the Shanghai Street Dumplings, whose gingery chicken and sweet sauce flavors matched beautifully. And — not that it's at all Chinese — the massive "Great Wall of Chocolate" dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/06)*

Star Of India 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1372; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala,* and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer.* At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Restaurant Coupons and Menus SanDiegoReader.com

Restaurants listed without coupon offers have only menus online. Restaurants with • have multiple locations. See online menu or coupon for all locations.

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**
Gringo's **$2 off Sunday Brunch**
Lahaina Beach House **Free breakfast**
Limónz Rostizados **20% off chicken or ribs**
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**

La Jolla

Aurora Trattoria **2 for 1 dinner**
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**•
Vida Gourmet

North County

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**
Wild Note Cafe

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 & salad $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**
La China
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
Rock Bottom
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**

Snowed Under

Steven Soderbergh knows where to place the low angles and inky shadows.

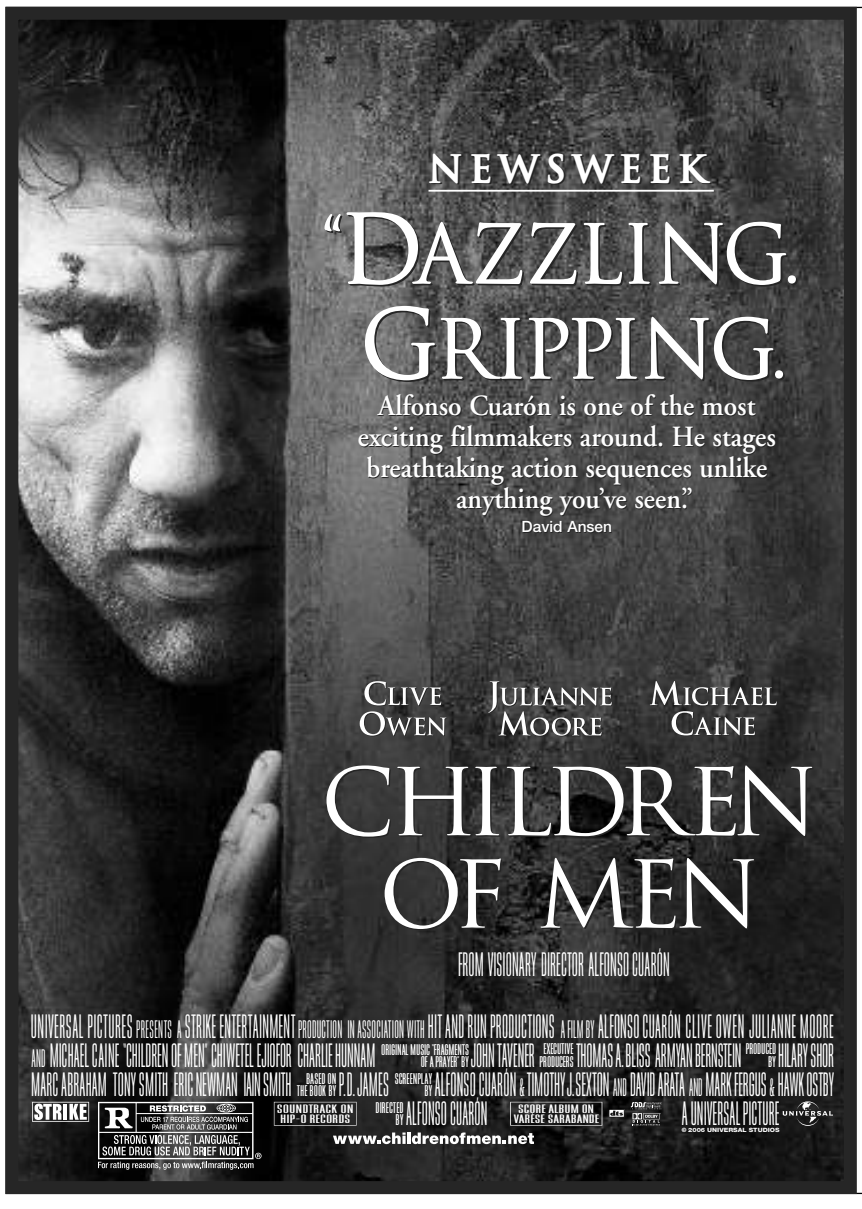
REVIEW
DUNCAN SHEPHERD

The Christmas blizzard at full force, and no sign of letup: *Dreamgirls*. Broadway backstage musical — not, that is to say, backstage on Broadway but backstage in Motown — charting the breakthrough of R&B into the pop mainstream in the Sixties, more specifically the rise of a girl group called the Dreams (rhymes with Supremes), and attendant heartbreaks, breakups, downfalls, and assorted other banalities. True, a musical can get away with a banal storyline if the music is good, but these Broadway-ized soul tunes are as insipid as they are incessant. It seems it's not easy to write another "Where Did Our Love Go?," another "Come See about Me," another "My World Is Empty without You," another "You Can't Hurry Love." And the one familiar number, the one unforgotten number, the big abandonment solo of former *American Idol* contestant Jennifer Hudson (big voice, big figure), screams out for earplugs if not a muzzle. Neither is it easy, evidently, to be another Aretha Franklin. Beyoncé Knowles looks glamorous enough as the Diana Ross diva who metamorphoses into disco queen Donna Summer (under the Svengalian guidance of the Berry Gordy stand-in, Jamie Foxx); and the period clothes and hairdos — something near a beehive on Eddie Murphy when we first meet him, higher and higher than Jackie Wilson — are enjoyable as expected. Writer and director Bill Condon, who adapted the screenplay for *Chicago* but whose own directing credits run to *Gods and Monsters* and *Kinsey*, shows it's not easy to be Stanley Donen.

The Good German. A nostalgist's *film noir*, one more black-and-white postwar thriller, over a half-century tardy in its arrival, for the buff who has run through *Crossfire, Cornered, Notorious, The Stranger, Berlin Express*, and *Captain Carey, U.S.A.*, among numerous others, and who still has a hunger. Reassuring archaisms, such as the 4:3 aspect ratio for the opening credits (afterwards widened only to 1.66:1, it looks like) or the blatant rear-screen projection behind a stationary moving car, coexist uneasily with latter-day liberties in matters of sex and profanity. Steven Soderbergh, who has dabbled in black-and-white before (most of *Kafka*, most of his sequence in *Eros*, but never till now whole hog), knows where to place the low angles and inky shadows, though he doesn't know so well how to maintain pace and flow. George Clooney, who has also had black-and-white experience in his self-directed *Good Night, and Good Luck*, fits right in, thanks to his "classical" movie-star good looks, scuffed up a bit in repeated beatings; and Cate Blanchett, as a Berlin prostitute with a presumed-dead but intensively sought husband, seems to be able to adapt herself to anything, including the German language with English subtitles.

The Good German

We Are Marshall. Triumph-over-tragedy true story about the resurrection from literal ashes — a 1970 plane crash — of the Marshall University football team, the Thundering Herd, in the small West Virginia steel town of Huntington. A golden opportunity, obviously, for filmmaker McG (*Charlie's Angels* and its sequel) to expand his heart if not his name. For the purpose, he adopts a closeup-happy style that seeks to squeeze every drop of emotion from his actors, like grapes in a winepress. Admittedly, the spreading of the bad news and the



WIN A MOVIE PASS FOR TWO!

UNIVERSAL

presents

CHILDREN OF MEN

To enter, visit the *Reader* website and click on "contests." SanDiegoReader.com

Deadline to enter is Thursday, December 21, at 1:00 pm.
Limit one entry per person. No purchase necessary.

Opens in theaters January 5.

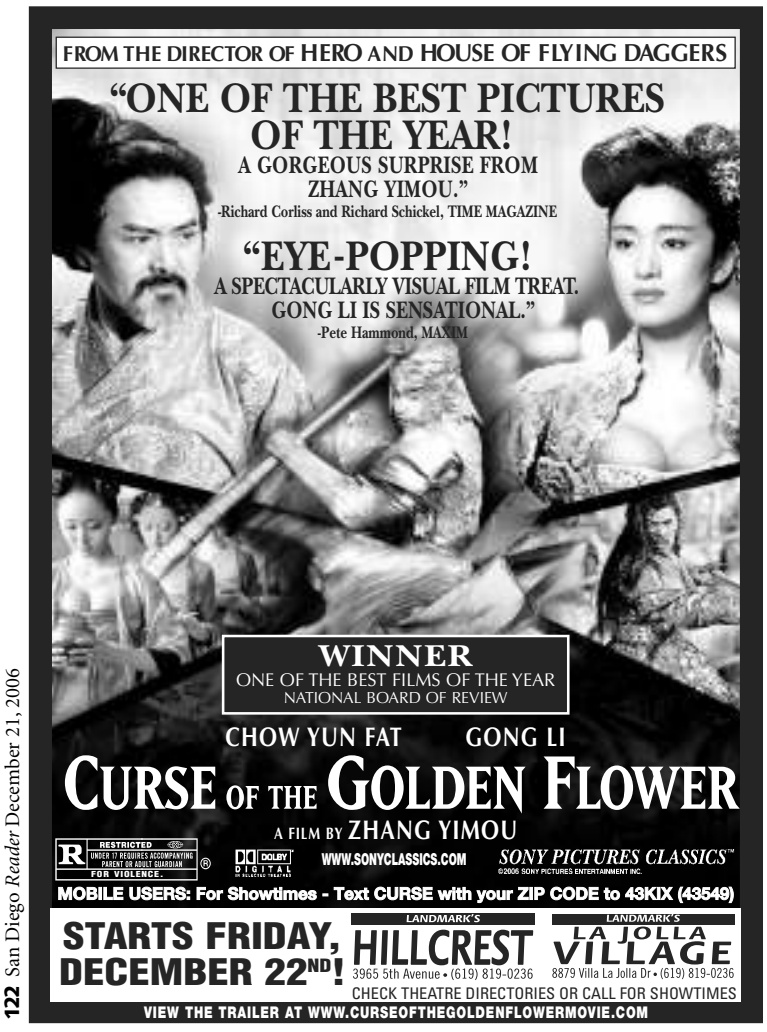
immediate responses to it deliver a can't-miss punch. Once past that, however, the movie turns tragedy not so much into triumph as into triteness: the underdog formula. (See, from earlier this football season, *Gridiron Gang* and *Invincible*.) A somewhat goofy Matthew McConaughey plays the foolhardy volunteer coach, the only man in town — an outsider, duly noted — who sports the gaudy plaid pants and jackets of the period; and David Strathairn is the saturnine straight man, the beleaguered college president who persuades the NCAA to relax its strict rule (ancient history, now) against the use of freshmen in varsity athletics. On that score, it's a seeming oversight that no mention is made of the standing class of freshmen (Class of '74) who wouldn't have been travelling with the team and would be an eligible class of sophomores the following year. Another oversight, or blind spot, in the game action, is the blissful unawareness that a fumble in college football at that time (more ancient history) could not be advanced by the recovering player unless plucked out of midair before it hit the ground.

The Painted Veil. Somerset Maugham's middlebrow brew of sin and redemption among colonial Brits in mid-Twenties China, where a brave bacteriologist but vindictive cuckold (Edward Norton) drags his faithless spouse (Naomi Watts) into the midst of a cholera outbreak in the backcountry. The spiritual growth of the flighty wife ("When love and duty are one," counsels the Mother Superior at the local orphanage, "then grace is within you") will restore sufficient happiness to the union, not long before its tragic end, that the husband can stop plastering down his hair and go fluffy. Directed by John Curran (*We Don't Live Here Anymore*, also featuring Watts), this follows after at least two other screen treatments of the novel — the better known of which is one of the lesser Garbo vehicles — and, for all its location shooting and its air of "independence," it's still stiff and stuffy. Much of that is intrinsic to the original author, and some of it's imported through the stagy British accents of the stars.

The History Boys. Alan Bennett's much-decorated theater piece comes to the screen with its original stage director and cast intact: Nicholas Hytner, that would be, and Richard Griffiths, Stephen Campbell Moore, Frances de la Tour, et al. A permanent record, as it were, further decorated, for the occasion, with extraneous bits of rockin' musical accompaniment and jumpy cutting. The blue-y, icy, ashy palette, meantime, rather curiously resembles Martin Scorsese's imitation in *The Aviator* of the antique two-color process. It seems safe to assume that the color in the stage version was more lifelike. As to the content: the foreignness of the British school system — an octet of Oxbridge candidates prepped by a trio of tutors — will be easy enough for American viewers to grasp, though the Yorkshire accents will present them with persistent difficulties. The two male teachers — the portly old quotation-dropping, education-made-fun one and the lean young results-oriented one — each have more than a teacherly interest in the lads, but that is thankfully not the main focus. It's just another element in the composition. To say what might actually be the main focus presents its own difficulties. (Both teaching methods have their pros and cons. The only viable antagonist is the stiff-necked and overacted Headmaster. And the lads, while physically well differentiated, are democratically indistinct as personalities.) It might be easier just to say the focus is diffuse.

The Pursuit of Happyness. The attainment of sappyness. A hand-to-mouth San Francisco salesman — of portable bone-density scanners, an unnecessary luxury item — lands an unsalaried competitive internship at Dean Witter, but not before his wife walks out on him and their five-year-old son ("Did Mom leave because of me?"). The star is the amiable Will Smith, but the director is Italian, Gabriele Muccino of *The Last Kiss*, which might inspire certain types of filmgoers to draw analogies to the Little Man humanism of De Sica and Company. The poignance, to be sure, is commensurately unrelenting (pushing through to schmaltziness), but the only real grit is in the graininess of the digital image. And the emotional payoff — this isn't postwar Italy, after all — comes in the form of a cash jackpot.

Eragon. A teenage boy, a telepathically talking dragon, a captive princess, an evil king, a sorcerer, an oppressed populace, a rebel band, and a first-time director schooled in CGI (Stefen Fangmeier, who surely ought to have cut his teeth on a vampire film). Altogether, a snigger when not a snore. ■



MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Apocalypto — Evidently Mel Gibson is in it only for the barbarity. Scouring the globe, roaming the pages of history, he has alighted here on the illuminating example of the Mayan people, past their civilized peak, where a happy, peaceable, practical-joking tribe of jungle dwellers (sample joke: the prescription of a red-hot herb as a *topical* fertility drug, so that the duped hubby must, in full view of the guffawing villagers, hop around buck naked and plunk down his burning loins in a water trough — wait, it gets even better — and his wife must pour a pitcher of water down her gullet) is cruelly set upon and rounded up by a storm troop of fearsome, bloodthirsty, bone-in-the-nose killjoys in search of sacrificial offerings to their god Kukulkan. A paradise, in other words, no less than turn-of-the-13th-century Scotland in *Braveheart* or 1st-century Palestine in *The Passion of the Christ*, where Gibson may indulge his appetite for mayhem, persecution, torture, martyrdom. (The nine-tenths-naked natives enable him, further, to indulge his lesser appetite for homoerotica.) The English subtitles and the no-name cast might almost lead you to believe, were it not for the telltale slickness and the Gibsonian slo-mo for dramatic stress, that you're watching a product of, say, the Guatemalan New Wave or the Undiscovered Belizean Cinema. At the very least, the film should do nothing to fan the flames of Gibson's suspected and substantiated anti-Semitism. And at the next least, the last-minute arrival on the scene of Christianity is not openly — and politically incorrectly — applauded. That might be the film's one and only instance of restraint. Rudy Youngblood, Dalia Hernandez, Jonathan Brewer, Morris Bird. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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. 2006.
★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Blood Diamond — Serviceable action-adventure despite frequent interruptions for sermonettes on human rights and capitalist wrongs. The ripped-from-the-headlines story (yesterday's headlines: civil war in Sierra Leone, 1999) features the stock figures of a self-interested soldier of fortune, in league with slaughterous rebels and unscrupulous jewellers, an engagé foreign correspondent, and a hapless native peasant enslaved in the diamond mines and separated from his family, all united on a treasure hunt for a priceless buried gem, "a pink," big as a walnut. Without the politics, the strong-arm manipulation of emotions would be inexcusable. Or rather, more clearly inexcusable. It's still inexcusable even now. (The on-screen standing ovation at the final curtain is an unsubtle elbow-in-the-ribs to the moviegoer.) Behind the op-ed posturing, the film roughly resembles a middle-period, middle-drawer Robert Mitchum vehicle, except that Leonardo DiCaprio, affecting an acceptable Afrikaner accent, is no Robert Mitchum. For all his recently acquired bulk, including the heftiness of his credits in Martin Scorsese's oeuvre, he remains too boyish to be a persuasive action hero: Robby Bensonitis, let's call it. Jennifer Connelly, meantime, is both capable and decorative as the journalist. And the only thing keeping Djimon Hounsou from total sympathy is the sanctimony in which his director, Edward Zwick, enwraps him. All three, along with their Dark Continent environs, are nicely, cleanly, warmly photographed by Eduardo Serra. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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. Macy as the hotel manager, a self-proclaimed "equal opportunity kind of guy," Anthony Hopkins as the retired doorman who still haunts the premises daily, Laurence Fishburne as the head chef, Freddy Rodriguez as a humble kitchen worker with tickets to the big game, and Martin Sheen, the filmmaker's famously Left-leaning father. Among others. All of the women "of a certain age" — Demi Moore, Sharon Stone, Helen Hunt — exhibit identical gaunt elongated faces, in the Mannerist manner, that appear to have come through the same plastic surgeon's office and spoil the illusion of a period piece. And Ashton Kutcher in a headband and a House-of-Stuart wig looks like a Halloween hippie. Liberal masochists who simply crave an occasion to relive the day, however, will get what they need, especially in the newsreel footage of Kennedy on the stump, and in the agonizingly drawn-out 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.
★★ (FLOWER HILL 4)

Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan — For anyone who heretofore hadn't encountered the character on HBO, Borat Sagdiyev will need an introduction. He is one of the personas of British comedian Sacha Baron Cohen on *Da Ali G Show*, a Kazakh TV reporter dapperly dressed in a dove-gray suit, bristlingly mustachioed, blissfully sexist, superstitiously anti-Semitic, and not yet toilet-trained (he splashes water on his face from the commode in his New York hotel room, takes a doggy-style dump in the bushes of a public park, jerks off in front of a Victoria's Secret display window, and so on), ostensibly dispatched to America to shoot a documentary for home consumption — a built-in excuse for bad camerawork. Scripted scenes, or at any rate pre-planned scenes, primarily involving Borat's obese and camera-shy producer, Azamat Bagatov (Ken Davitian), secondarily involving a slightly less obese African-American call girl (Luenell), and presumably also involving the proprietors of a Jewish B&B (how can we be sure?), alternate with unscripted performance-art pieces, so to call them, in which assorted innocents, dupes, patsies, and joke-butts are lured into the gag unawares. These unrehearsed bits, no doubt more compelling, more riveting, more nerve-racking than the planned-out parts, naturally give rise to thoughts of their comedic antecedents and analogues: *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 chauvinist-pig wrestling career, the Yes Men (and their eponymous film of a couple of years previous), etc. At the same time, they give rise to moral concerns — to say nothing of legal ones — that far overshadow artistic ones. Can, as an example, an Alabama minister's wife — bluntly insulted for her dearth of pulchritude — be safely assumed to be less of a human being than our fearless guerrilla artiste, or has the latter's sexism perhaps crossed over, there, from fiction into reality? Any diversion afforded by such thoughts is all to the good, because the general impression of the film, right down to the spottiness of its laughs, and regardless of whether staged or not, is amazingly similar to that of your average Will Ferrell comedy. In a word, over-the-top and high of the target. Directed by Larry Charles. 2006.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA, FROM 12/22; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Casino Royale — Taking the title from 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 black-and-white and sprinkled with flashbacks, shuns spectacle in favor of blunt brutality; and the action to follow seems to be under no compulsion to "top" all previous action. While Judi Dench reprises the role of "M," Bond himself has only just been promoted to double-0 status (a new beginning for sure) and has yet to earn his boss's trust. There is no equivalent of "Q" and his cute presentation of the gadgets *du jour*. There is no casual bedding of "Bond girls," and the one romantic relationship (with the enigmatic, darkly eyelined Eva Green) attains an emotional weight beyond even the all-the-way-to-the-altar affair of *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. The hero's lame quips and puns, meantime, have thoroughly been expunged from the script. And "I don't give a damn" is his response to the bartender's inquiry as to whether he'd like his vodka martini shaken or stirred. All these changes are definite improvements. And yet, and yet, and yet…. The action, even if somewhat scaled back under the one-time Bond director Martin Campbell (*Goldeneye*, the beginning of the Brosnan Bonds, but scarcely a *new* beginning), is still more than sufficiently cartoonish. The plotting is skimpy. The whole thing runs on far too long. And then there's the fundamental

LARRY KING
"THE BEST SPY MOVIE EVER.
A brilliant look at a CIA operative and the cloak-and-dagger life."

NEWSWEEK
"SPELLBINDING. MESMERIZING.
It demands you watch it like a spy: alert, paranoid, never knowing whom you can trust, or who will stab you in the back." David Ansen

TIME
"MATT DAMON IS TERRIFIC
and so is everyone else in this intricate, understated but ultimately devastating account of how secrets...can become an illness, dangerous to those who keep them." Richard Schickel

NEW YORK POST
"THE GODFATHER' OF CIA MOVIES.
A masterpiece. A tense epic of business and family." Kyle Smith

UNIVERSAL PICTURES AND JAMES G. ROBINSON PRESENT
A MORGAN CREEK PRODUCTION A TRIBECA/AMERICAN ZOETROPE PRODUCTION MATT DAMON ANGELINA JOLIE "THE GOOD SHEPHERD"
ALEC BALDWIN BILLY CRUDUP ROBERT DE NIRO JOHN TURTURRO MUSIC BY MARCELO ZARVOS BRUCE FOWLER CASTING BY AMANDA MACKEY CSA
CATHY SANDRICH GELFOND CSA COSTUME DESIGNER ANN ROTH EDITOR TARIO ANWAR PRODUCTION DESIGNER JEANNINE OPPEWALL DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY ROBERT RICHARDSON ASC
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA DAVID ROBINSON GUY McELWAINE HOWARD KAPLAN CHRIS BRIGHAM PRODUCED BY JAMES G. ROBINSON
SOUNDTRACK ON VARESE SARABANDE
JANE ROSENTHAL ROBERT DE NIRO WRITTEN BY ERIC ROTH DIRECTED BY ROBERT DE NIRO
RESTRICTED UNDER 17 REQUIRES ACCOMPANYING PARENT OR ADULT GUARDIAN
SOME VIOLENCE, SEXUALITY AND LANGUAGE
For rating reasons, go to www.filmratings.com
www.thegoodshepherdmovie.com
A UNIVERSAL RELEASE
© 2006 UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

MOBILE USERS: For Showtimes - Text SHEPHERD with your ZIP CODE to 43KIX (43549)!

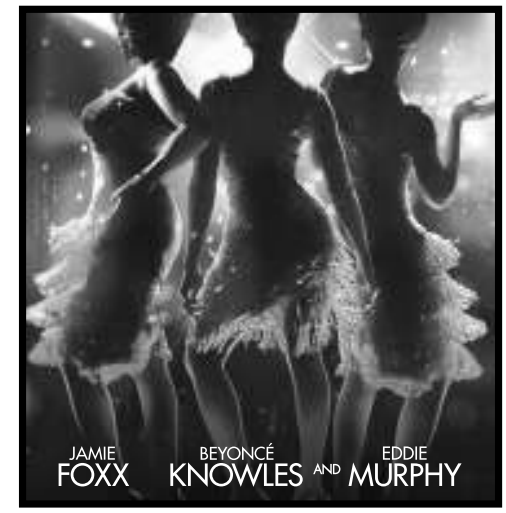
OPENS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

CHULA VISTA
Regal Cinemas Rancho del Rey Stadium 16
East H St. & Tiara del Rey
(800) FANDANGO #126
EL CAJON
Edwards Rancho San Diego Stadium 15
Hwy 94 at Campo
(800) FANDANGO #132
EL CAJON
Regal Cinemas Parkway Plaza Stadium 18
Johnson & Fletcher
(800) FANDANGO #131
ESCONDIDO
Regal Cinemas Escondido Stadium 16
350 W. Valley Parkway
(800) FANDANGO #697
LA JOLLA
AMC La Jolla 12
I-5 at Nobel Drive
(858) 558-2AMC
LA MESA
Pacific's Grossmont Center Stadium 10
Grossmont Shopping Center
(619) 465-7100 (#069)
MIRA MESA
Edwards Mira Mesa Stadium 18
Hwy. 15 & Mira Mesa Blvd.
(800) FANDANGO #160
MISSION VALLEY
AMC Mission Valley 20
I-8, Exit Mission Center Rd.
(858) 558-2AMC
CALL FOR SOUND INFORMATION AND SHOWTIMES
OCEANSIDE
Regal Cinemas Oceanside Stadium 16
Mission Ave. at P.C.H.
(800) FANDANGO #152
SAN DIEGO
AMC Fashion Valley 18
Hwy. 163 at Friars Road West
(858) 558-2AMC
SAN DIEGO
AMC Palm Promenade 24
I-805 & Palm Ave.
(858) 558-2AMC
SAN DIEGO
Pacific's Carmel Mountain 12
I-15 at Carmel Mountain Rd.
(858) 674-9770 (#085)
SPECIAL ENGAGEMENTS NO PASSES OR DISCOUNT COUPONS ACCEPTED
SAN DIEGO
Pacific's Town Square Stadium 14
Clairemont Dr. at Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
(858) 274-1234 (#064)
SAN DIEGO
United Artists Horton Plaza 14
475 Horton Plaza
(800) FANDANGO #519
SAN MARCOS
Edwards San Marcos Stadium 18
1180 W. San Marcos Blvd.
(800) FANDANGO #161
VISTA
Krikorian's Metroplex 15 @ Vista Village
25 Main Street
(760) 945-7469

MONK All New 2-Hour Event Friday 9/8c USA network

Rolling Stone – PETER TRAVERS
"THE PARTY OF THE YEAR!
'DREAMGIRLS' DAZZLES LIKE NOTHING ELSE ANYWHERE."

Ebert&Roeper – RICHARD ROEPER AND AISHA TYLER, GUEST CRITIC
"TWO HUGE THUMBS UP!
IT'S SURE TO HAVE AUDIENCES STANDING AND CHEERING."



DREAMGIRLS

DREAMWORKS PICTURES AND PARAMOUNT PICTURES PRESENT A LAURENCE MARK PRODUCTION A BILL CONDON FILM
"DREAMGIRLS" WITH DANNY GLOVER ANIKA NONI ROSE KEITH ROBINSON JENNIFER HUDSON SONGS PRODUCED BY THE UNDERDOGS
MUSIC SUPERVISORS RANDY SPENDLOVE & MATT SULLIVAN BASED ON THE ORIGINAL BROADWAY PRODUCTION BOOK AND LYRICS BY TOM EYEN MUSIC BY HENRY KRIEGER EXECUTIVE PRODUCER PATRICIA WHITCHER
READ THE NOVEL FROM HARPER ENTERTAINMENT AND PICTORIAL MOVIEBOOK FROM NEWMARKET PRESS
PRODUCED BY LAURENCE MARK WRITTEN FOR THE SCREEN AND DIRECTED BY BILL CONDON
DREAMWORKS PICTURES
© 2006 DreamWorks LLC and Paramount Pictures. All Rights Reserved.
PG-13 PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED
SOME MATERIAL MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 13
LANGUAGE, SOME SEXUALITY AND DRUG CONTENT
SOUNDTRACK AVAILABLE ON MUSIC WORLD MUSIC/SONY URBAN MUSIC/COLUMBIA
DreamgirlsMovie.com

Text DREAM to 33287 for free mobile phone content. Standard messaging rates apply. May not be compatible on all carriers.

STARTS MONDAY CHRISTMAS DAY
✓DEL MAR
UltraStar Flower Hill Cinemas
I-5 at Via de la Valle
(858) 646-9425
EL CAJON
Regal Cinemas Parkway Plaza Stadium 18
Johnson & Fletcher
(800) FANDANGO #131
LA JOLLA
AMC La Jolla 12
I-5 at Nobel Drive
(858) 558-2AMC
MIRA MESA
Edwards Mira Mesa Stadium 18
Hwy. 15 & Mira Mesa Blvd.
(800) FANDANGO #160
MISSION VALLEY
AMC Mission Valley 20
I-8, Exit Mission Center Rd.
(858) 558-2AMC
SAN DIEGO
AMC Fashion Valley 18
Hwy. 163 at Friars Road West
(858) 558-2AMC
SAN DIEGO
AMC Palm Promenade 24
I-805 & Palm Ave.
(858) 558-2AMC
SAN DIEGO
Pacific's Gaslamp 14
5th Ave. at G. St.
(619) 232-0400
SAN DIEGO
Pacific's Town Square Stadium 14
Clairemont Dr. at Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
(858) 274-1234
SAN MARCOS
Edwards San Marcos Stadium 18
1180 W. San Marcos Blvd.
(800) FANDANGO #161
✓DLP CINEMA
CALL THEATRE FOR SHOWTIMES
SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT - NO PASSES OR DISCOUNT TICKETS ACCEPTED
FOR GROUP TICKET SALES INFORMATION CALL: 1-877-PAR-GRP5

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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Charlotte's Web — Gary Winick's rendition of the children's book by E.B. White, starring Dakota Fanning, with Julia Roberts as the voice of the spider.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 12/15)

Curse of the Golden Flower — Martial-arts period piece by Zhang Yimou, starring Chow Yun-Fat and Gong Li.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 12/22)

Dreamgirls

Deck the Halls — The Christmas spirit turns competitive — keeping ahead of the Joneses, straight across the street — and the competition is laughlessly lopsided. With Danny DeVito, Matthew Broderick, Kristin Davis, and Kristin Chenoweth; directed by John Whitesell. 2006.
● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

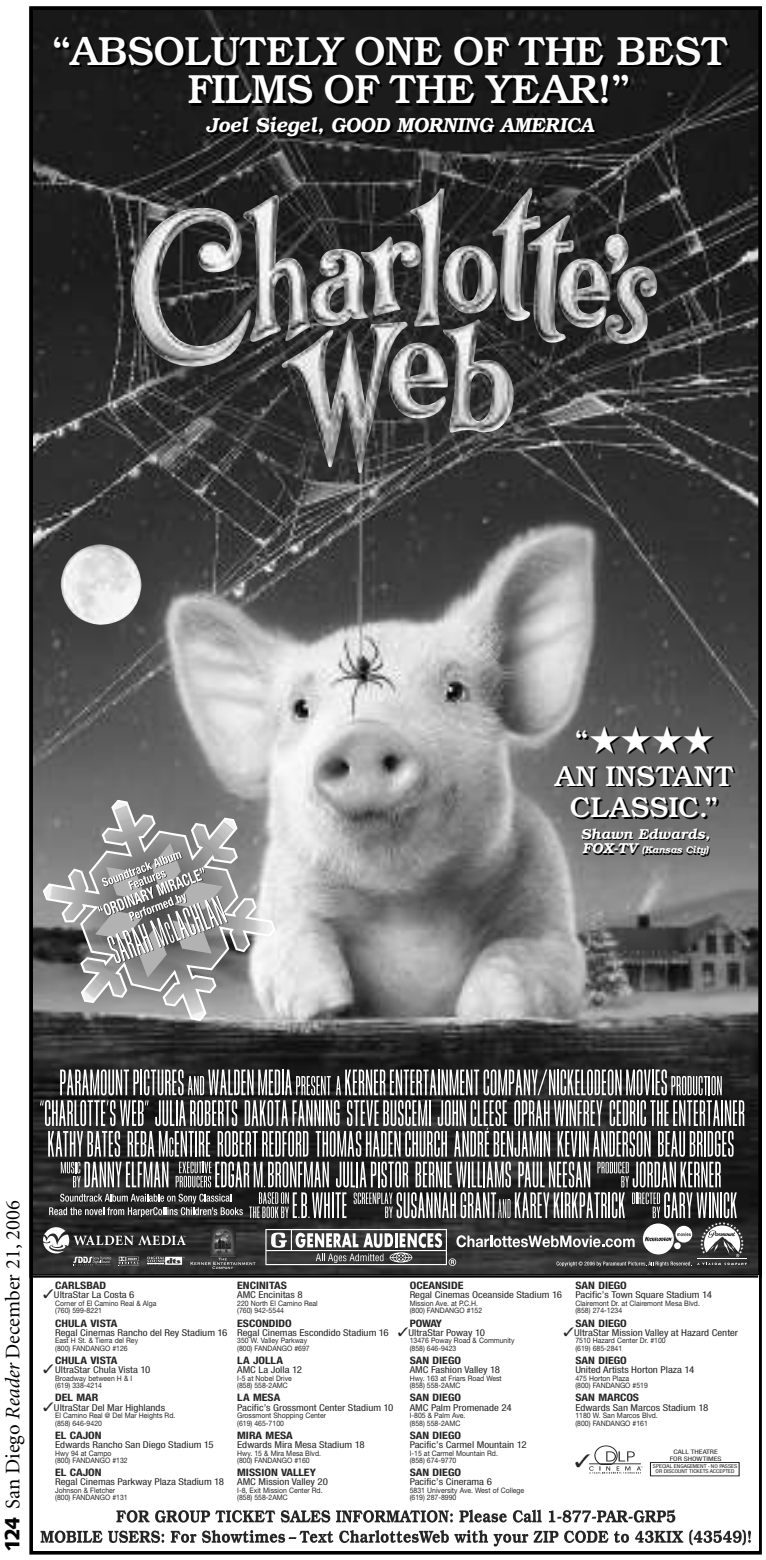
Déjà Vu — Requires you to park your reason, along with your car, outside the theater. A ferry boat blows up in post-Katrina New Orleans, killing 543, mainly returning Navy men and their welcoming families; and the uncounted body of a young woman bearing residue from the explosion has been fished out 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-ways ending); and the preposterousness in no way limits the level of engagement, or engagingness, of Denzel Washington. With Paula Patton, Val Kilmer, James Caviezel. 2006.
★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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)

Dreamgirls — Reviewed this issue. With Beyoncé Knowles, Jamie Foxx, Eddie Murphy, Jennifer Hudson, and Danny Glover; written and directed by Bill Condon.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 12/25)

Eragon — Reviewed this issue. With Ed Speleers, Jeremy Irons, Sienna Guillory, Robert Carlyle, John Malkovich, and the voice of Rachel Weisz; directed by Stefen Fangmeier.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

For Your Consideration — Filmmaker Christopher Guest goes 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, Jane Lynch, 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. 2006.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Good German — Reviewed this issue. With George Clooney, Cate Blanchett, Tobey Maguire, and Beau Bridges; directed by Steven Soderbergh.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 12/22)

The Good Shepherd — Espionage epic with Matt Damon, Angelina Jolie, Alec Baldwin, John Turturro, and Robert De Niro, directed by De Niro.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 12/22)

Happy Feet — Computer-animated message movie about the pressure of conformity and (separate message) the plunder of nature, more specifically about a species of pop-song-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 steps. Although the direction by live-action man George Miller has some nice touches and clever angles, the action, approximately 60mph faster than the action in his Mad Max movies, is approximately 65mph *too* fast. With the voices of Elijah Wood, Brittany Murphy, Robin Williams, Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman, Anthony LaPaglia. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The History Boys — Reviewed this issue. With Richard Griffiths, Stephen Campbell Moore, Frances de la Tour, Samuel Barnett, and Clive Merrison; directed by Nicholas Hytner.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

The Holiday — Writer and director Nancy Meyers arranges an Internet home exchange, for two weeks at Christmastime, between two wounded women desperate to get away: a London newspaper columnist (Kate Winslet) with a cozy cottage in Surrey, and a Hollywood trailer-cutter (Cameron Diaz) with a modernist mansion in Beverly Hills. The agreed-upon date of "tomorrow" initiates a pattern of time-compression that effectively removes the action from the realm of the real world. But then, Meyers does not seek to inhabit the real world. Underneath her superficial smooth talk, she's really just a seductive dope peddler, chumming up to her susceptible sisters on the subject of romantic disillusionment, and then hooking them on the same old delusions — the grooved path, greased wheels, and phantom obstacles en route to Mr. Right. The film, at best, is a testament to the dearness of the dream. The sample of the trailer-cutter's work — an imaginary action thriller starring Lindsay Lohan and James Franco — is dead funny: the two stars running straight at the camera and away from a mushrooming fireball, the male star diving sideways in slo-mo with two guns blazing. But the fantasies wherein she sees her own life in terms of a movie trailer never really take flight. Meyers's affection for Golden Age Hollywood — chiefly funnelled through the character of Eli Wallach as a widowed Oscar-winning screenwriter grumpily resisting a lifetime-achievement award from the WGA — is doubtless genuine, but our agreement with her must stop short of her persistent hints that she herself should be painted golden. With Jude Law, Jack Black, Rufus Sewell, Edward Burns. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Little Children — Todd Field's sophomore directing effort, following up his quietly sensationalized *In the Bedroom*, is less quietly sensationalized, in other words more blaringly sensationalized, and truly more sophomoric. The adaptation of a Tom Perrotta novel, complete with a snooty third-person-omniscient (i.e., know-it-all) narrator, undoubtedly tells us less about the malaise of our young middle-class suburban parents today than about the jaded palates of our moviegoers and/or moviemakers. An adulterous 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 book-discussion group — cannot be considered sufficiently spicy without the added tang of a neighborhood sex offender, a vigilante ex-cop with innocent blood on his hands, and a married Internet porn addict in secret correspondence with Slutty Kay. To have three separate male characters masturbate on screen on three separate occasions must set some sort of record. 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 flash-cut fusillade of innocuous bric-a-brac at the outset. Or see the overly choreographed scene at the public swimming pool when the sex offender's arrival in snorkel and flippers gets everyone out of the water faster than if he were a Great White accompanied by the theme from *Jaws*. Or see the treatment of the night-league amateur football players, through distorting wide-angle lenses, as sneering bruisers suitable for an Adam Sandler comedy. In short, see, all too ostentatiously, the director direct. With Jennifer Connelly, Jackie Earle Haley, and Noah Emmerich. 2006.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Nativity Story — A bearably dull Christmas worship service, fully supernatural in its vision (the voice of God, a luminous Messenger, an avian Holy Spirit), yet full of luxuriously tactile costumes, solid sets, atmospheric locales, and earthy Mediterranean faces. (The half-Maori Keisha Castle-Hughes, though harmoniously olive in complexion, seems a bit overwhelmed in the role of the Virgin. Understandably.) The treatment hits all the essential points of the story without pulverizing them into mush: the three Magi on camels, Mary on a donkey and Joseph on foot, the sheep in the stable, the spotlighting star, the swell of orchestra and chorus in the epic mode of Miklos Rozsa. After the adolescent drug problems of *Thirteen* and the pace-setting skateboards of *Lords of Dogtown*, this makes an odd project for director Catherine Hardwicke, who hereby renounces trendiness and embraces tradition. Although her focus quite reasonably is on the plight of a pregnant teen, the filmmaker has made no attempt to "reimagine" the character for a new age, simply to imagine her as she might have been, a treacherous assignment carried out with unforeseen taste and composure. Oscar Isaac, Ciarán Hinds, Shohreh Aghdashloo. 2006.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Painted Veil — Reviewed this issue. With Edward Norton, Naomi Watts, Liev Schreiber, Toby Jones, and Diana Rigg; directed by John Curran.
● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 12/29)

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

SEEN ON DVD

"BROOKLYN JIM" YOUNG
Writer, former editor, and *cinematreasures.org* contributor

A must-have DVD under my tree is *A Christmas Story*. Peter Billingsley's quest for a Daisy Red Ryder BB rifle has endeared itself to holiday audiences. The late Jean Shepherd's vignettes grace the screen as easily as they did in print or on radio. Trivia question: In what year is the film set? Lots of good clues...I triple-dog-dare you!

The colorful sci-fi classic *Forbidden Planet* inspired both Roddenberry and Lucas. This two-disc package is loaded with extras: *The Invisible Boy*, TCM's *Watch the Skies* special, a 1958 *Thin Man* episode featuring Robby the Robot, among many others. A must-have DVD stocking stuffer.

Loner dwarf inherits an abandoned railroad depot in New Jersey, moves in and acquires an assortment of oddball friends he doesn't want. *The Station Agent* provides gentle humor and human emotion, coupled with an insightful slice of East Coast life.

A CHRISTMAS STORY: 20TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION (USA) 1983, Warner Home Video
List price: $26.98 (two discs)

FORBIDDEN PLANET: 50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION (USA) 1956, Warner Home Video
List price: $26.98 (two discs)

THE STATION AGENT (USA) 2003, Miramax
List price: $19.99

AARON CRABTREE
San Diego filmmaker

Brazil: Santa as terrorist? Bureaucracy gone mad, literally! De Niro as renegade plumber, Jonathan Pryce battling giant Samurai. Wouldn't your mom like a Play-Doh facelift for Christmas just like Katherine Helmond? Criterion just re-released Terry Gilliam's three-disc set in anamorphic widescreen. What more could anyone want? Timely!

The Third Man: Cotten. Welles. Reed. Greene. Postwar Vienna kissed by German Expressionism, Dutch angles, and the ironic beauty of the zither. Peace on earth and goodwill toward — oops, can we all say "cuckoo clock"?

Andrei Rublev: Tarkovsky's medieval epic challenges yet woos believer and nonbeliever alike with equal measures of brutality and faith. Please endure until the breathless, color-stained climax. A lesson in silent surrender, this angel atop the Christmas tree of cinema is possibly the greatest film ever made. The lighting, shadows, and texture are inspired by Kurosawa, and the story is Russian, but the soul is universal.

BRAZIL (USA) 1985, Criterion Collection
List price: $59.98 (three discs)

THE THIRD MAN (England) 1949, Criterion Collection
List price: $39.95

ANDREI RUBLEV (Soviet Union) 1969, Criterion Collection
List price: $39.95

MADISON LEDGER
Six-year-old daughter of Kay Ledger, film critic for *ASIA: The Journal of Culture & Commerce*

For Christmas I want *Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown* because, well, I don't actually know. I haven't watched it. I think Charlie Brown will not get any Valentines, and he will learn about love from Linus. Some people don't know much about love and it's time for them to learn.

Mary Poppins: When Mary tricks Father into taking his children to the bank, the son wants to give a half-dollar for birdseed, but Father doesn't let him. I like this part because Father realizes you should let your children do what they want. If they want to give a half-dollar for birdseed, let 'em.

Barbie's a fairy in *Barbie Fairytopia,* and she doesn't have any wings. I like this movie because Barbie gets her wings at the end and she earns her necklace. The others' necklaces are just one single kind of color, but Barbie's is a rainbow.

BE MY VALENTINE, CHARLIE BROWN (USA) 1975, Paramount Home Video
List price: $14.98

MARY POPPINS (USA) 1964, Walt Disney
List price: $29.99

BARBIE FAIRYTOPIA (USA) 2005, Family Home Entertainment
List price: $19.98

air pressure in Jessica Biel's lips may have challenged Scarlett Johansson's) by that intervening magic film, *The Illusionist.* Between the two also-rans, it's pretty near a toss-up, two turn-of-the-century period pieces tangled up in their compulsive twists and turns. Christopher Nolan, the present director, is somewhat less adept at concealing his tricks, despite trying diligently to lose the viewer in a maze of flashbacks-within-flashbacks. Even had he succeeded, his reliance on the plot expedience of dead ringers is taken to lengths of absurdity surpassing even daytime soap operas. Lengths, to be more exact, of the flightiest science fiction. The plot premise of a professional and personal rivalry between a couple of London stage magicians (Christian Bale, Christopher Nolan's Batman, in addition to Jackman) is fractionally more involving than the hanky-panky of the separated lovers in *The Illusionist*, and Michael Caine adds a touch of class, David Bowie a touch of mustache. 2006.

● (GASLAMP 15)

The Pursuit of Happyness — Reviewed this issue. With Will Smith, Jaden Christopher Syre Smith, Thandie Newton, and James Karen; directed by Gabriele Muccino.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; 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 VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Queen — A spot of simulated Royals-watching, ably guided by the seasoned Stephen Frears: a satisfying, if unsurprising

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Call 444-FILM or the theater for missing information. Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
Call theater for program information

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Babel (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:35, 3:50) 7:05, 10:10 Sun. (12:35, 3:50) 7:05; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:40, 1:50, 3:55) 7:10, 8:10, 10:20 Sun. (12:40, 1:50, 3:55) 7:10, 8:10; **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:15) 4:20, 7:25, 10:25 Sun. (1:15) 4:20, 7:25; **For Your Consideration** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:25, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00 Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (2:00) 4:50, 7:45, 10:40 Sun. (2:00) 4:50, 7:45; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:05) 4:10, 5:05, 7:20, 10:25 Sun. (1:05) 4:10, 5:05, 7:20; **The Nativity Story** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:10, 2:45) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20 Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:25, 7:55; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 1:20, 2:40) 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:35 Sun. (12:00, 1:20, 2:40) 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15, 1:40, 2:55) 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. (12:15, 1:40, 2:55) 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15; **Running with Scissors** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:30) 4:40, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (1:30) 4:40, 7:30; **Stranger Than Fiction** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (2:10) 5:00, 7:50, 10:40 Sun. (2:10) 5:00, 7:50; **Turistas** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:05, 10:30 Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:05

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Call theater for program information

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Apocalypto (R); **Blood Diamond** (R); **Casino Royale** (PG-13); **Charlotte's Web** (G); **Eragon** (PG); **The Good Shepherd** (R); **Happy Feet** (PG); **The Holiday** (PG-13); **Night at the Museum** (PG); **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13); **Rocky Balboa** (PG); **We Are Marshall** (PG)

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Babel (R); **Curse of the Golden Flower** (R); **For Your Consideration** (PG-13); **Little Children** (Not Rated); **The Queen** (PG-13)

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Call theater for program information

Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
Apocalypto (R) Fri.,-Sat. (4:45) 10:45 Sun. (4:45p.m.); **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 7:45; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45; **Eragon** (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 Good Shepherd** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:45 Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Night at the Museum** (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; **Noddy Saves Christmas and Candyland: Great Lollipop Adventure** (G) Sat.,-Sun. (10:00a.m.); **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Apocalypto (R) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00) 12:15, 1:05, 3:25, 4:20, 6:40, 7:35, 10:00, 10:55 Sun. (10:00) 12:15, 1:05, 3:25, 4:20, 6:40, 7:35, 9:50; **Babel** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 9:40p.m.; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:05, 3:15, 6:30, 9:55; **Borat** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (10:25) 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 8:10, 10:40 Sun. (10:25) 12:45, 4:25, 7:20, 9:50; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:05, 3:20, 6:45, 10:30 Sun. 12:05, 3:20, 6:45, 10:10; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (10:30, 11:15) 1:15, 2:10, 4:00, 4:50, 6:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:20 Sun. (11:15) 1:20, 2:10, 4:00, 4:50, 6:45, 7:30, 9:30; **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 1:30, 4:35, 7:45, 10:40 Sun. 12:10, 3:10, 6:25, 9:25; **Eragon** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:15, 11:05) 12:55, 1:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:35, 7:20, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 11:05) 12:55, 1:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:35, 7:25, 10:05; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (10:45) 2:35, 6:20, 9:20, 10:10 Sun. 12:00, 3:35, 7:15, 9:20; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:40) 1:25, 4:15, 6:55, 9:35; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:25, 3:40, 7:00, 10:25 Sun. 12:25, 3:40, 7:00, 10:10; **The Nativity Story** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:25) 2:05, 4:40, 7:10; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:05, 10:55) 1:00, 1:50, 3:55, 4:45, 6:50, 7:40, 9:45, 10:35 Sun. (10:05) 1:00, 1:50, 3:55, 4:45, 6:50, 7:40, 9:45; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 1:10, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05 Fri.,-Sat. (11:00) 1:10, 1:55, 4:05, 4:55, 7:05, 8:00, 10:05, 11:00 Sun. 1:10, 4:05, 7:05, 10:00 Sun. (11:00) 1:10, 1:55, 4:05, 4:55, 7:05, 7:55, 10:00; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:35) 2:20, 5:15, 8:05, 10:45 Sun. (11:35) 2:20, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20; **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 12:35, 4:10, 7:25, 10:50 Sun. 12:35, 3:50, 7:10, 10:15

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Apocalypto (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:50, 3:50) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (12:50, 3:50) 7:00; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 7:05, 10:10 Sun. 7:05p.m.; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:25, 9:40 Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:25; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00, 3:55); **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05 Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:30; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:25 Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:10, 2:45) 5:15, 7:50, 10:20 Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:15, 7:50

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Sweet Land (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45 Sun. 2:00, 4:35, 7:10

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Curse of the Golden Flower (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00 Sat. 11:05, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. 11:05, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30; **The Good German** (R) Fri. 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05 Sat. 11:15, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05 Sun. 11:15, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20; **The History Boys** (R) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri. 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35 Sat. 10:35, 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35 Sun. 10:35, 1:20, 4:05, 6:50; **Volver** (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 Sat. 10:55, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 Sun. 10:55, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10

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 Sun. 1:00, 4:00; **Santa vs. the Snowman** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00, 11:00, 3:00, 7:00 Sun. 10:00, 11:00, 3:00

San Diego Natural History Museum
1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)
An Inconvenient Truth (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 1:00, 3:00; **Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00a.m. Fri.,-Sun. 11:00, 12:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Call theater for program information

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Apocalypto (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:40, 3:55) 7:20, 10:20 Sun. (12:40, 3:55) 7:20; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (11:25, 1:55) 4:25, 7:05, 9:30 Sun. (11:25, 1:55) 4:25, 7:05; **Eragon** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 3:05) 5:40, 8:15, 10:35 Sun. (12:30, 3:05) 5:40, 8:00; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:35, 3:20) 7:00, 10:30 Sun. (11:35, 3:20) 7:00; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:10, 2:50) 5:25, 8:10, 10:40 Sun. (12:10, 2:50) 5:25, 7:55; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00) 4:20, 7:30, 10:25 Sun. (1:00) 4:20, 7:30; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:45, 2:20) 4:55, 7:40, 10:10 Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 4:55, 7:40; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:15 Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:15, 7:35; **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 2:10) 5:05, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 2:10) 5:05, 7:50

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road
Call theater for program information

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Eragon (PG) Fri.,-Sun.; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.,-Sun.; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun.; **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri.,-Sun.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Apocalypto (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 7:30; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:15, 10:00; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (4:30) 10:45; **Eragon** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30); **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Noddy Saves Christmas and Candyland: Great Lollipop Adventure** (G) Sat.,-Sun. (10:00a.m.); **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00

"IRRESISTIBLE."
Christy Lemire, ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Heartwarming, FUNNY and totally charming. You will FALL IN LOVE with this movie."
Mark S. Allen, CBS/CW TELEVISION GROUP

Cameron Diaz · Kate Winslet · Jude Law · Jack Black
a film by Nancy Meyers
the Holiday
from the Writer/Director of SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE
COLUMBIA PICTURES AND UNIVERSAL PICTURES PRESENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH RELATIVITY MEDIA A WAVERLY FILMS PRODUCTION
"THE HOLIDAY" ELI WALLACH EDWARD BURNS RUFUS SEWELL MUSIC BY HANS ZIMMER EXECUTIVE PRODUCER SUZANNE FARWELL PRODUCED BY BRUCE A. BLOCK
WRITTEN, PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY NANCY MEYERS
sony.com/TheHoliday
Soundtrack On Varèse Sarabande
PG-13 PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED
SOME MATERIAL MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 13
SEXUAL CONTENT AND SOME STRONG LANGUAGE

NOW PLAYING

PACIFIC THEATRES
CARMEL MOUNTAIN 12
I-15 at Carmel Mountain Road
858/674-9770 #085

★ULTRASTAR
CHULA VISTA 10
Broadway Between H & I
619/338-4214

★ULTRASTAR
DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8
El Camino Real/
Del Mar Heights
858/646-9420

AMC
ENCINITAS 8
220 N. El Camino Real
760/942-5544

REGAL CINEMAS
ESCONDIDO STADIUM 16
350 W. Valley Parkway
800-FANDANGO #519

AMC
FASHION VALLEY 18
Hwy. 163 at Friars Rd. West
858/558-2AMC

★ULTRASTAR
GALAXY 6
Highway 76 at
Mission Road
760/945-8784

PACIFIC THEATRES
GASLAMP STADIUM 15
5th Avenue at G Street
619/232-0400 #097

PACIFIC THEATRES
GROSSMONT CENTER STADIUM TEN
Grossmont Shopping Center
619/465-7100 #069

AMC
LA JOLLA 12
I-5 at Nobel
858/558-2AMC

EDWARDS CINEMAS
MIRA MESA STADIUM 18
W. of I-15 on Mira Mesa Blvd.
800-FANDANGO #160

AMC
MISSION VALLEY 20
I-8 Exit Mission Center Road
858/558-2AMC

★ULTRASTAR
MISSION VALLEY CINEMAS @ HAZARD CENTER
Friars Road & Highway 163
619/685-2841

REGAL CINEMAS
OCEANSIDE CINEMA 16
Mission Ave @ Pacific Ave
800-FANDANGO #152

AMC
PALM PROMENADE 24
805 & Palm Ave.
858/558-2AMC

REGAL CINEMAS
PARKWAY PLAZA 18
Parkway Plaza Mall
800-FANDANGO #131

★ULTRASTAR
POWAY 10
Poway Road at Community
858/646-9423

REGAL CINEMAS
RANCHO DEL REY 16
East H Street & Tierra Del Rey
800-FANDANGO #126

EDWARDS CINEMAS
RANCHO SAN DIEGO STADIUM CINEMA 15
Hwy. 94 At Campo
800-FANDANGO #132

EDWARDS CINEMAS
SAN MARCOS STADIUM 18
1180 W. San Marcos Blvd.
800-FANDANGO #161

PACIFIC THEATRES
TOWN SQUARE STADIUM 14
Clairemont Dr. at
Clairmont Mesa Blvd
858/274-1234 #064

KRIKORIAN'S
VISTA VILLAGE METROPLEX 12
25 Main St.
760/945-7469

Sorry, No Passes Accepted For This Engagement.
For Additional Information, Call Theaters Or Check Directories.

★ Presented In Digital Projection

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)

Rocky Balboa — The fifth sequel, starring as well as written and directed by Sylvester Stallone.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Running with Scissors — Splashy feature debut for the man behind the cable-television series *Nip/Tuck*, writer-director Ryan Murphy, a hey-look-at-me cannonball, adapted from the "memoir" of Augusten Burroughs. Set in the Seventies, it spans his prepubescence ("I guess it doesn't matter where I begin," the narrator comments in voice-over, "because nobody's go-

---

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)
Call theater for program information

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
Apocalypto (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:20, 3:35) 7:30, 10:35 Sun. (12:20, 3:35) 7:30; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:20, 4:35) 7:45, 10:55 Sun. (1:20, 4:35) 7:45; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 6:55, 10:20 Sun. 6:55p.m.; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (10:40, 12:00, 1:10, 2:40, 3:55, 5:05) 6:40, 7:40, 9:15, 10:10 Sun. (10:40, 12:00, 1:10, 2:40, 3:55, 5:05) 6:40, 7:40; **Deck the Halls** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:35a.m.); **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 9:55p.m.; **Eragon** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:35, 11:20, 1:05, 2:00, 4:40) 6:50, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (10:35, 11:20, 1:05, 2:00, 4:40) 6:50, 7:30; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:50, 3:30) 7:05, 10:40 Sun. (11:50, 3:30) 7:05; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:55, 4:40) 7:20; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:50, 4:10) 7:20, 10:25 Sun. (12:50, 4:10) 7:20; **The Nativity Story** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:30, 1:00, 3:50); **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 1:15, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15) 7:15, 8:05, 10:05, 10:50 Sun. (11:15, 1:15, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15) 7:15, 8:00; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:25, 1:45, 3:45, 4:30) 7:35, 9:35, 10:30 Sun. (10:25, 1:45, 3:45, 4:30) 7:35; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:50, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 7:50, 9:50, 11:00 Sun. (10:50, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 7:50; **Unaccompanied Minors** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:55a.m.); **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:45, 1:40, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45 Sun. (10:45, 1:40, 4:45) 7:45

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)
Apocalypto (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15) 4:20, 7:20, 10:25; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:25, 10:30; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45) 4:05, 7:10, 10:10; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:40, 10:00; **Eragon** (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (1:05) 5:10, 7:45, 10:05; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 3:55) 7:05, 10:35; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:55; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05) 4:35, 7:35, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:35, 7:35, 10:30; **The Nativity Story** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:30, 7:50, 10:05; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:20) 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:40; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20; **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri. (1:00) 4:40, 7:30, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (1:15) 4:40, 7:30, 10:15

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Apocalypto (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 2:55) 6:35, 9:55 Sun. (11:15, 2:55) 6:35; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:30) 7:05, 10:20 Sun. (1:30) 7:05; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:40, 3:55) 7:10, 10:30 Sun. (12:40, 3:55) 7:10; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (10:35, 11:30, 1:20, 2:10, 3:50, 4:50) 6:30, 7:20, 9:10, 9:50 Sun. (10:35, 11:30, 1:20, 2:10, 3:50, 4:50) 6:30, 7:20; **Deck the Halls** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40a.m.); **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:05p.m.; **Eragon** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:25, 11:00, 1:00, 1:35, 3:35, 4:10) 6:45, 7:50, 9:40, 10:25 Sun. (10:25, 11:00, 1:00, 1:35, 3:35, 4:10) 6:45, 7:50; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:20, 3:00) 6:40, 10:20 Sun. (11:20, 3:00) 7:35; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:40, 1:40, 4:20) 7:25; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:35, 2:45) 6:50, 10:00 Sun. (11:35, 2:45) 6:50; **The Nativity Story** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10) 6:55; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:30, 1:15, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:35 Sun. (10:30, 1:15, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 7:45; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:20, 1:10, 2:05, 4:05) 7:15, 9:30, 10:15 Sun. (10:20, 1:10, 2:05, 4:05) 7:15; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:25, 2:20, 4:55) 8:00, 10:40 Sun. (11:25, 2:20, 4:55) 8:00; **Unaccompanied Minors** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 4:45); **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:15, 1:25, 4:30) 7:30, 10:40 Sun. (10:15, 1:25, 4:30) 7:30

FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Charlotte's Web (G) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Eragon** (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 Holiday** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sat. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Night at the Museum** (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; **Noddy Saves Christmas and Candyland: Great Lollipop Adventure** (G) Sat.,-Sun. (10:00a.m.); **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15; **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Apocalypto (R) Fri.,-Sat. (4:45) 7:45, 10:45 Sun. (4:45) 7:45; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (4:30) 7:30, 10:45 Sun. 4:30, 7:30; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Eragon** (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 Good Shepherd** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 2:00); **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Night at the Museum** (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 Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:30; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:30, 1:00, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:30, 1:00, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **Unaccompanied Minors** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30); **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
Night at the Museum (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:50, 1:40, 4:15) 7:05, 9:50; **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:35, 10:35

VISTA

Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Apocalypto (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:20, 4:20) 7:35, 10:40 Sun. (1:20, 4:20) 7:35; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:40, 3:15) 6:50, 10:00 Sun. (11:40, 3:15) 6:50; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 9:45p.m.; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (10:55, 12:15, 2:25, 2:45, 4:50, 5:10) 7:25, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:55, 12:15, 2:25, 2:45, 4:50, 5:10) 7:25, 7:45; **Eragon** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:10, 11:55, 1:45, 4:20, 5:10) 6:55, 9:30 Sun. (11:10, 11:55, 1:45, 4:20, 5:10) 6:55; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:25 Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:05, 1:50, 4:35) 7:15, 9:50 Sun. (11:05, 1:50, 4:35) 7:15; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 3:40) 7:20, 10:20 Sun. (12:30, 3:40) 7:20; **The Nativity Story** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 6:55, 9:20 Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 6:55; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:40, 11:20, 1:15, 2:05, 4:00, 4:45) 6:40, 7:30, 10:10 Sun. (10:40, 11:20, 1:15, 2:05, 4:00, 4:45) 6:40, 7:30; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:40, 1:25, 2:25, 4:15) 7:05, 7:50, 9:55, 10:40 Sun. (10:40, 1:25, 2:25, 4:15) 7:05, 7:50; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 12:15, 1:50, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15) 7:10, 7:50, 9:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 12:15, 1:50, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15) 7:10, 7:50; **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:50, 1:45, 4:45) 7:40, 10:40 Sun. (10:50, 1:45, 4:45) 7:40

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Eragon (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 1:45, 4:20) 7:00, 9:35 Sun. (11:15, 1:45, 4:20) 7:00; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55 Sun. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Call theater for program information

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Apocalypto (R); **Blood Diamond** (R); **Bobby** (R); **The Good Shepherd** (R); **The Queen** (PG-13)

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Casino Royale (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 7:50, 10:55 Sun. 7:50p.m.; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00) 12:30, 3:10, 5:35, 8:10, 10:40 Sun. (10:00) 12:30, 3:10, 5:35, 8:10; **Eragon** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:05) 12:45, 3:25, 5:55, 8:25, 10:45 Sun. (10:05) 12:45, 3:25, 5:55, 8:25; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (9:45) 12:15, 2:45, 5:20; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:10) 1:20, 4:25, 7:30, 10:35 Sun. (10:10) 1:20, 4:25, 7:30; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:20) 1:10, 4:00, 6:55, 9:45 Sun. (10:20) 1:10, 4:00, 6:55; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (10:40) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:05 Sun. (10:40) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55 Sun. (11:00) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20; **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (10:30) 1:40, 4:50, 7:55, 10:50 Sun. (10:30) 1:40, 4:50, 7:55

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
Borat (R) Fri. 7:00, 9:00 Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:00 Sun. 4:00, 7:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
Apocalypto (R) Fri.,-Sat. 4:30, 10:30 Sun. 4:30p.m.; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 7:30; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Eragon** (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

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
Apocalypto (R); **Blood Diamond** (R); **Charlotte's Web** (G); **Eragon** (PG); **The Good Shepherd** (R); **Happy Feet** (PG); **Night at the Museum** (PG); **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13); **Rocky Balboa** (PG); **We Are Marshall** (PG)

Oceanside 16
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
Call theater for program information

2 GOLDEN GLOBE® NOMINATIONS
BEST ACTOR (DRAMA) WILL SMITH
BEST ORIGINAL SONG

"★★★★! ONE OF THE BEST FILMS OF THE YEAR. WILL SMITH GIVES THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS CAREER."
Steve Oldfield, FOX-TV

"TWO THUMBS UP"®
Richard Roeper and Aisha Tyler, Guest Critic, EBERT & ROEPER

WINNER Will Smith Best Actor Critics' Choice Awards Nominee
WINNER Jaden Christopher Syre Smith Best Young Actor Critics' Choice Awards Nominee

WILL SMITH
the PURSUIT of HAPPYNESS
INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY.

COLUMBIA PICTURES PRESENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH RELATIVITY MEDIA
AN OVERBROOK ENTERTAINMENT ESCAPE ARTISTS PRODUCTION A FILM BY GABRIELE MUCCINO
"THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS" THANDIE NEWTON AND INTRODUCING JADEN CHRISTOPHER SYRE SMITH
MUSIC BY ANDREA GUERRA EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS LOUIS D'ESPOSITO MARK CLAYMAN DAVID ALPER TEDDY ZEE
WRITTEN BY STEVEN CONRAD PRODUCED BY TODD BLACK JASON BLUMENTHAL STEVE TISCH JAMES LASSITER WILL SMITH
DIRECTED BY GABRIELE MUCCINO
sony.com/Pursuit
Score Album On Varèse Sarabande
PG-13 PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED
SOME MATERIAL MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 13
SOME LANGUAGE
COLUMBIA PICTURES

NOW PLAYING

PACIFIC THEATRES
CARMEL MOUNTAIN 12
I-15 at Carmel Mountain Road
858/674-9770 #085

★ULTRASTAR
CHULA VISTA 10
Broadway Between H & I
619/338-4214

PACIFIC THEATRES
CINERAMA 6
University Avenue
West of College
619/287-8990 #065

★ULTRASTAR
DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8
El Camino Real/Del Mar Heights
858/646-9420

AMC
ENCINITAS 8
220 N. El Camino Real
760/942-5544

REGAL CINEMAS
ESCONDIDO STADIUM 16
350 W. Valley Parkway
800-FANDANGO #519

AMC
FASHION VALLEY 18
Hwy. 163 at Friars Rd. West
858/558-2AMC

PACIFIC THEATRES
GROSSMONT CENTER STADIUM TEN
Grossmont Shopping Center
619/465-7100 #069

UNITED ARTISTS
HORTON PLAZA 14
475 Horton Plaza
800-FANDANGO #519

AMC
LA JOLLA 12
I-5 at Nobel
858/558-2AMC

EDWARDS CINEMAS
MIRA MESA STADIUM 18
W. of I-15 on
Mira Mesa Blvd.
800-FANDANGO #160

AMC
MISSION VALLEY 20
I-8 Exit Mission Center Road
858/558-2AMC

REGAL CINEMAS
OCEANSIDE CINEMA 16
Mission Ave @ Pacific Ave
800-FANDANGO #152

AMC
PALM PROMENADE 24
805 & Palm Ave.
858/558-2AMC

REGAL CINEMAS
PARKWAY PLAZA 18
Parkway Plaza Mall
800-FANDANGO #131

★ULTRASTAR
POWAY 10
Poway Road at
Community
858/646-9423

REGAL CINEMAS
RANCHO DEL REY 16
East H Street &
Tierra Del Rey
800-FANDANGO #126

EDWARDS CINEMAS
RANCHO SAN DIEGO STADIUM CINEMA 15
Hwy. 94 At Campo
800-FANDANGO #132

EDWARDS CINEMAS
SAN MARCOS STADIUM 18
1180 W. San Marcos Blvd.
800-FANDANGO #161

SANTEE DRIVE-IN
10990 Woodside, Santee
619/448-7447

SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN
2170 Coronado Avenue
619/423-2727

PACIFIC THEATRES
TOWN SQUARE STADIUM 14
Clairemont Dr. at
Clairmont Mesa Blvd
858/274-1234 #064

KRIKORIAN'S
VISTA VILLAGE METROPLEX 12
25 Main St.
760/945-7469

★ Presented In Digital Projection

Sorry, No Passes Accepted For This Engagement. For Additional Information, Call Theaters Or Check Directories.

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 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.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

A Scanner Darkly — Druggie paranoia in the near future, when the drug du jour is Substance D (for Death) and the only cure is the torturous New-Path rehab center. Richard Linklater's adaptation of a Philip K. Dick novel avails itself of the rotoscope animation technique of his *Waking Life*, live-action photography covered over in a paint-by-numbers style. The undulating drawing doesn't disguise the bad performances (Keanu Reeves, Robert Downey, Jr., and Woody Harrelson, all perfectly recognizable under the paint), but it creates some noteworthy effects: the full-body "scramble suit" that conceals the wearer's identity behind a continuously shape-shifting mask; a couple of hallucinatory monsters; Winona Ryder's long-awaited first "nude" scene. 2006.
★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 12/27, 6:30 P.M.)

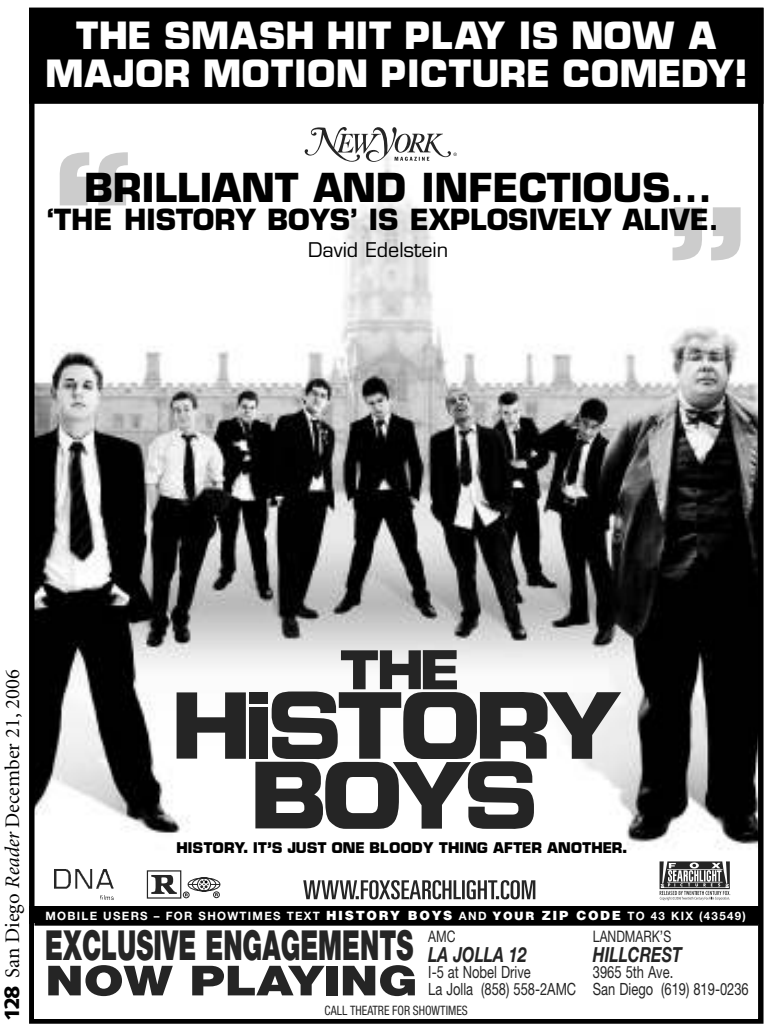
We Are Marshall

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 poetry and utter pornography: "Lemon chiffon cake with zesty peach icing," etc., etc. Directed by Marc Forster. 2006.
★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Sweet Land — Elizabeth Reaser as a Norwegian immigrant newly arrived in rural Minnesota, post-WWI, directed by Ali Selim.
(KEN, FROM 12/22)

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 seven-eighths of the way. Even the foot-draggers must concede that it's deftly staged and well acted, and that Penélope Cruz, beyond acting well, shines like a star. Or more descriptively, a heavenly body. Carmen Maura, Lola Dueñas, Yohana Cobo, Blanca Portillo. 2006.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

We Are Marshall — Reviewed this issue. With Matthew McConaughey, Matthew Fox, David Strathairn, Ian McShane, and Anthony Mackie; directed by McG.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 12/22)



VOZ DE NUESTRA COMUNIDAD

Diario San Diego

www.diariosandiego.com

Redacción y Publicidad (619) 409-1777

LA SEMANA EN ESPAÑOL

reportaje

Diario San Diego

Delata a 'polleros'

Denuncia a banda

América Barceló
Diario San Diego

Autobuses llenos de personas ilegales y niños con actas falsas de ciudadanos americanos llegan a territorio estadounidense ayudados por una banda de traficantes de humanos que opera desde estados centrales en México.

La vida de una de las bandas de traficantes humanos fue narrada por Celeste, una joven mujer que fue testigo de las acciones de una organización dedicada al tráfico de personas ilegales.

Entrevistada por Diario San Diego, la mujer dio a conocer detalles de algunas de las operaciones de la banda que el hombre con quien estuvo casada once años comanda junto con su familia y amigos.

Después de vivir trece años bajo la amenaza de su violento marido y su grupo de compadres armados, Celeste y sus dos hijos huyeron de las garras de la banda de polleros.

Celeste afirmó, que la banda de su ex esposo opera en Pachuca, Hidalgo, en la frontera de San Diego y Tijuana, en Phoenix Arizona y el estado de Georgia.

especial

Hay crimen perfecto en BC

No cede violencia

Omar Millán González
Diario San Diego

Principalmente por asesinatos y accidentes de tránsito, 11 mil personas han fallecido de forma violenta en los últimos siete años.

El estudio "Caracterización social de la violencia en la frontera Norte de México, caso Tijuana y Mexicali", realizado por el Doctor en Ciencias Sociales Aplicadas y catedrático de la Universidad Autónoma de Baja California (UABC) David Fuentes Romero, revela que 10 mil 635 personas perdieron su vida violentamente entre los años 1999 a 2005.

Este estudio no contempla los 322 homicidios sucedidos este año sólo en Tijuana, según estadísticas oficiales.

El concepto de muerte violenta es resumida en la investigación del sociólogo en el hecho de que se trata de muertes traumáticas, producidas por medios externos al organismo humano.

Sólo en Tijuana entre 1999 a 2005 hubo 6 mil 555 muertes violentas.

espectáculos

Se renueva Síntesis

Nueva imagen

Eleazar López
Diario San Diego

Con una nueva programación contemplada para el próximo año, Síntesis televisión busca atraer la atención de más audiencia desecosa de buenos programas con contenido y mensaje.

Con veintiún años de trabajo en las noticias y en el entretenimiento local, esta televisora ha marcado la pauta con otra propuesta televisiva en la región de Baja California.

"Síntesis es un medio que se renueva, pero ha sido una lucha contra la adversidad durante todo este tiempo, pero ahora se vienen nuevos programas, nuevos patrocinadores para lograr ser un medio sin desperdicios, con una buena alternativa televisiva", dijo la directora de la televisora, Carolina Aubanel.

Con una visión más clara de que debe existir en los medios electrónicos la realidad local, para Aubanel es importante la relación con la sociedad bajacaliforniana ya que se encuentran en la etapa de planear y apoyar proyectos de televisión regional con calidad.

¿Conoce la nueva ley del 2006?
¡No Se Arriesgue, llámenos Hoy!

ASEGURANZA
• Enganche Bajo
• Precios Bajos
• SR-22
• Aceptamos Licencia de México
• Tickets, Accidentes....

NO HAY PROBLEMA
Auto • Casa • Motocicleta • Barco • RV
Rentadores • Seguro para México

Cynthia Riley
Su Agente Local

¡Llámenos hoy mismo para un presupuesto gratis y sin compromiso!

BROOKE
Brooke Insurance & Financial Services, LLC
Lic. #0E11843

(619) 691-5952
645 H St., Ste D, Chula Vista, CA 91910
www.BrookeAgency.com/926

Comprar Vender Refinanciar
• Hipoteca revertida • Plan de retiro • Consolidación de Deuda • Segundos préstamos • Inversiones

1-800-573-7071
(619) 574-1989

Premier
Mortgage Funding, Inc.

1011 Camino del Rio S. Ste. 100, San Diego, CA. 92108
California Dep. of Real State * Broker license #1403213

deportes

Ya no es Chiva

Diario San Diego

El portero de la selección mexicana de futbol, Oswaldo Sánchez, anunció el lunes su separación de las Chivas Rayadas de Guadalajara.

El arquero informó que a partir del 2007, su nuevo club será el Santos-Laguna, que se dice, le ofreció 2 millones de dólares por tres años al guardameta de 33 años de edad.

Sánchez se convirtió en el máximo ídolo de las Chivas que recientemente ganaron su undécima corona del fútbol mexicano al superar al Toluca en la final del Torneo Apertura 2006.

"Mi corazón siempre será Chiva, pero en estos momentos de mi carrera el equipo de Santos me ofrece una oportunidad que no puedo dejar pasar", dijo Sánchez.

El portero aseguró que el factor económico no fue el tema clave que le hizo tomar la decisión de dejar al Club tapatío.

En Laguna me ofrecen un contrato de tres años, y esa estabilidad es importante para mí y para mi familia. Esos es el principal factor por el cual he decidido cambiar de equipo.

"Además, hay porteros jóvenes de muy buena calidad que merecen una oportunidad en Chivas y al dejar yo el puesto se abre la oportunidad para que gente como Talavera se convierta en arquero de un equipo tan importante como lo es el Guadalajara", declaró Sánchez.

san diego

Acosan al Tigrillo

Diario San Diego

Javier Arellano-Félix "El Tigrillo" podría enfrentar la pena de muerte con un nuevo proceso penal que el gobierno de Estados Unidos abrirá en su contra.

El expediente incluye a un cómplice del capo de las drogas que se encuentra recluido en la penitenciaría del Condado de San Diego.

El nuevo cargo se dará a conocer en pocos días y sumará evidencias delictivas perpetradas entre el 2003 y el 2006 por r Arellano-Félix.

Estos delitos pueden ser castigados con la pena capital.

"Queremos informar que abriremos nuevo proceso en contra de Javier Arellano-Félix y otro individuo de su organización", dijo Laura Duff, fiscal del caso.

Lo anterior fue informado durante la sesión de la corte del juez Larry Burns en la que 'El Tigrillo' compareció el lunes pasado y en donde la fiscalía y abogados defensores dieron a conocer el estatus del caso.

Ambas partes informaron que se ha retrazado el proceso por su complejidad, pues se han tenido que traducir miles de documentos que serán presentados como evidencia.

La fiscalía dijo que recibirá 12 nuevos expedientes que fueron solicitados al gobierno de México, además seis expedientes que están revisando y traduciendo.

Los abogados defensores se quejaron de la lentitud con la que reciben documentación, y solicitaron tiempo y ayuda para revisar el material para preparar la defensa del capo.

El juez dio un ultimátum a fiscal y defensores estableciendo iniciar el juicio el 15 de mayo del 2007.

región

Crecen arrestos

La nueva ola de estrategias de autoridades migratorias por detener a personas indocumentadas ha puesto en alerta a la comunidad hispana del país.

En San Diego las redadas de agentes de inmigración han causado temor entre la población migrante.

Los operativos del Buró de Seguridad Fronteriza se dieron pocos días después de que la comunidad hispana e logró ganar una batalla importante al haberse anulado la ley en Escondido que prohibiría la renta de vivienda a indocumentados.

Además las autoridades federales han comenzado a dar golpes contra empleadores de trabajadores indocumentados.

Esta semana ejecutivos de una empresa del Sur de California, fueron declarados culpables en corte federal de contratar mano de obra indocumentada y por ello deberán pagar una multa de cinco millones de dólares y pasar una temporada tras las rejas.

Las fuertes redadas en varios estados de la Unión Americana han puesto en alerta a uniones sindicales y grupos pro migrantes que buscarán defender los derechos civiles de trabajadores ante la amenaza de las autoridades migratorias de continuar la cacería de indocumentados.

Por ello, activistas locales han resaltado la importancia de observar las actividades de autoridades y dicen estar listos para combatir cualquier injusticia.

DON'T PAY RENT! START THE NEW YEAR WITH A NEW MOBILE HOME!

BUY-SELL * FREE MARKET ANALISIS * EASY FINANCING * HABLAMOS ESPAÑOL

LIVE IN PARADISE! NEW COZY AND CENTRIC HOME PALM HARBOR 2006

Corner lot, 3 bed. 2 baths, 24" x 52", well equipped, large porch, Swimming pool and Community Center. Low rent. Excellent locations on Iris Mobile Park in South San Diego, Near Trolley, buses, Shopping and Fwy-5. $15~~0,000~~- Reduced to **$145,000**

SOUTH BAY MOBILE HOME SALES

1223 3RD. Ave. Ste "H",
Chula Vista, CA 91911
Tel. (619) 424-7264

FIRST TIME BUYERS! New Mobile Home in Imperial Sands Family Park. #1804 Cypress Low Rent $420, 2 bed/2ba. **$79,900**

Free Classifieds: web or mail

EARLY DEADLINE by 6 pm **MONDAY**
Applies to private parties. Other rates for roommates, rentals and paid services. Info: 619 235 8200
WEB: SanDiegoReader.Com **MAIL:** P.O. Box 85803, San Diego 92186 (up to 25 words)

$8 Classifieds: phone or walk-in

LATE DEADLINE by 6 pm **TUESDAY**
Applies to private parties. Other rates for roommates, rentals and paid services.
PHONE: 619 235 8200 **WALK-IN:** 1703 India Street (at Date) Little Italy

Help Wanted

PLACE PRINTED ADS in Job Giant and the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

ACCOUNTING/FINANCE. Explore your new career! Volt Services Group has immediate Temporary, Temporary-to-Direct Hire and Direct Placement opportunities. Competitive wages, paid weekly, paid holidays and vacation. Medical and dental insurance plans, state of the art training, career management and more. www.jobs.volt.com. Call Volt Services Group for more information. EOE. San Diego: 858-576-3140; e-mail: clairemont@volt.com. Carlsbad: 760-729-8916; email carlsbad@volt.com. Chula Vista: 619-427-0200; email chulavista@volt.com. El Cajon: 619-401-1524; email elcajon@volt.com. San Marcos: 760-471-0800; email sanmarcos@volt.com. Scripps Ranch: 858-578-0920; email scrippsranch@volt.com.

ACNE? WHY ME! We are conducting a research study evaluating an investigational medication for the treatment of acne. We are looking for participants who are 12 years or older with acne, in good general health. Qualified participants will receive study-related skin examinations by a Board Certified Dermatologist, study-related visits and study medication at no cost, compensation provided and no insurance required. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 858-571-6800 or e-mail acne@therapeuticsresearch.com. Therapeutics Clinical Research.

ACTIVISM. Great jobs to save the environment. Work to fight global warming. Career positions available. Earn $325-$525 per week. Call Lee at 619-297-5512. www.jobsthatmatter.org.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MORE! Tops Staffing has immediate openings throughout the county! Office, Accounting, Customer Service, Sales, Data Entry. Call Tops Staffing today! 619-299-8770, 760-741-1622..

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Needed immediately in the Poway area. Ideal candidate will have working knowledge of Word and Excel and have answered multi-line phones. Call: 760-480-0454.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Required for lively fashion shoe company. Full time position, Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm, with benefits. Must have excellent written and verbal communication skills, be detail oriented, highly motivated and able to handle multiple tasks. $11/hour. Fax resume to: 858-527-0495.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL. Are you looking to change out of your industry? AppleOne is consistently marketing people like yourself to our clients. If you are an administrative professional looking to advance your career, please call the Mission Valley AppleOne office at: 619-542-0016 or email resume to: MissionValley@appleone.com.

ADMINISTRATIVE/CLERICAL. Volt Services Group. Temporary, Temporary-to-Direct Hire, Direct Placement. Competitive wages, paid weekly. Paid holidays, vacation. Medical, dental, training, career management. www.jobs.volt.com. EOE. San Diego: 858-576-3140; e-mail: clairemont@volt.com. Carlsbad: 760-729-8916; email carlsbad@volt.com. Chula Vista: 619-427-0200; email chulavista@volt.com. El Cajon: 619-401-1524; email elcajon@volt.com. San Marcos: 760-471-0800; email sanmarcos@volt.com. Scripps Ranch: 858-578-0920; email scrippsranch@volt.com.

ADMINISTRATIVE/MARKETING Assistant for San Diego moving company. Medium sized, fun and fast-paced company looking for full-time assistant. Great opportunity. Send resume to resume@prioritymoving.com or fax 858-689-2385.

ADMINISTRATIVE/OFFICE Securitas Security Services USA, a leader in the Security Industry, has an immediate opening for an entry level, full time assistant. Detail oriented, well organized, multitasker with excellent written and verbal communication skills required. MS Office and Excel required. Competitive wages/complete benefit package. 6160 Mission Gorge Road, #100, San Diego 92120; Call: 619-641-0049; Fax or e-mail resume: 619-285-8220; marie.picanza@securitasinc.com. EOE/M/F/V/D drug free.

AIR CONDITIONING/HEATING. People with passion. People with heart. Come grow with us! Our growing San Diego HVAC Company is looking for career-oriented Technicians/Lead Installers and Install Assistants. Fax resume: 858-549-2650 or call: 888-727-COOL x200.

AIRLINES CATERING. Account Manager (should have Airline or Airline Catering experience), Checkers, Cooks, Dish Room, Drivers (commercial driver's license required, but will train), Driver Helper, Equipment Setup, Food Prep (now starting $8.43/hour), Porters, Transportation Manager. Must pass 10-year criminal background check, drug screen required. Accepting applications and conducting interviews Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm: Gate Gourmet, 3870 Houston Street, 92110. 619-497-2425. EOE M/F/D/V.

ALARM INSTALLER. Full-time positions. Installing security, CCTV, and AV. 2-5 years experience required, and commercial experience a plus! Start immediately, benefits. Company vehicle provided. Call 858-571-7332. Fax resume: 858-571-7462.

AMBULANCE EMTs/DRIVERS. EMTs: Valid certifications and licenses. Medical Transport Drivers: Valid CPR card. Drivers must be 21 years old. Call for more information: 619-644-5321. Apply in person: AmbuMed, 9022 Jamacha Road, Spring Valley, 91977.

APARTMENT MAINTENANCE position for Ocean Beach. 3 years apartment maintenance experienced required. Plumbing, electrical, appliance repair, on-call duties. Need reliable truck and tools. Fax resume: 619-426-1973 or call 619-420-8321.

APARTMENT MANAGER. 8-units. Resident, on-site only. Collect rents, light yard care. Exchange for rent reduction, 1 bedroom, Golden Hill, no pets, $765 less $150. 619-435-0387.

APPOINTMENT SETTER. Up to $500-$1000+ weekly! Paid weekly. AM/PM shifts. Full, part time. Medical, dental. Near Grantville trolley. Call today, start today! Mission Valley: 619-516-4276.

Help Wanted

Home Care Aide • Childcare
CNA/CHHA • Drivers
Immediate Openings • Great Pay • New Hire Bonus

Beginner and Experienced
Training • Benefits • Flexible Schedules
Childcare Plan • Retirement Plan
New 12- and 24-hour shifts! • Dependent Care
Named one of the top 50 women-owned businesses in San Diego by *San Diego Business Journal.*
At Your Home Familycare
QUALITY HOMECARE THROUGHOUT LIFE
In home-care business 22 years.
1-877-903-JOBS (5627) • homecarejobs@atyourhomefamilycare.com

CITY OF CHULA VISTA
is currently recruiting for:
INTERN III
(CONSERVATION)
20-30 hours/week, flexible schedule. Currently seeking to fill 5 positions in our Watershed Stewardship and Energy Conservation programs. Must be a full-time college student or recent graduate.
For more information, please visit us at:
www.chulavistaca.gov
619-585-5743
EOE

Up to 90% Commission
Loan Officer
Mutual BanCorp, which loans nationally, has the perfect work situation!
Work at home!
Experienced Loan Officers.
Free Experian leads.
Call Dean: 619-507-4874
or e-mail: dean@cashout.com

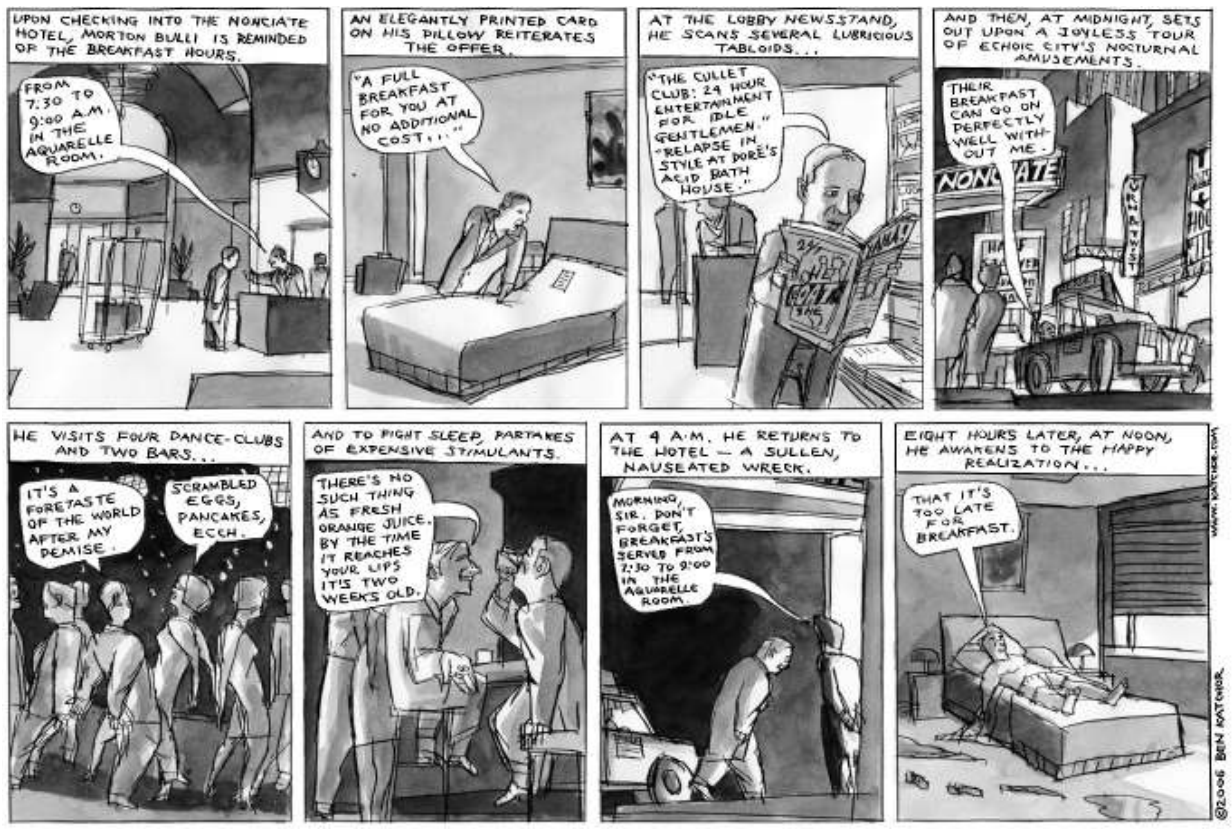
CAREERS IN PROBATION
CORRECTIONAL DEPUTY
PROBATION OFFICER I
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
• 21 years old • Good physical condition • No illicit drug usage
• U.S. citizen or in process of becoming a citizen
• No felony convictions • High school diploma or GED
SALARY: $34,028.80-$43,430.40 ANNUALLY
Safety Retirement - Sworn Officers 3% at age 50.
Bilingual men/women encouraged to apply
Test Date:
January 20, 2007, 8 am
Montgomery Middle School
2470 Ulric Street • San Diego, CA 92111
Maximum 85 applicants. Applications available at the test site.
For additional information, contact the department's
Jobline: 858-514-8558
www.sdcounty.ca.gov/probation

General Office Help

$12-$14/Hour
Data entry skills required.
Call today for interview:
858-926-8899
American Satellite Inc.
2667 Camino del Rio South #204
San Diego 92108

HOTEL & FARM

by Ben Katchor ©2006



APPOINTMENT SETTERS. Earn to $35/hour? AppStar Financial is a fast-paced, energetic company where success is baced upon teamwork. Top producers: $35/hour. Overall average: $16/hour which includes guaranteed base plus weekly bonuses and spiffs. Paid training/vacation, great benefits. Hours: 6:30am-3pm with possible flex start time. Immediate hire for qualified candidates. Apply now! www.appstar.net; 858-712-0150, x4033.

APPOINTMENT SETTERS. Experience preferred, will train. Bilingual a plus. $300 sign-on bonus, $150 referral bonus, daily spiffs. Up to $25/hour. Mission Valley. AmTrust Funding, 619-398-0216.

APPOINTMENT SETTERS. Home improvement company seeks appointment setters for free home inspections. $12/hour or commission. 9am-1pm, Monday-Saturday. For more info and to apply: www.thehartyhousedoctor.com. 1-866-DRHARTY(1-866-374-2789).

ART HANDLERS/SHIPPERS. New fine art storage/installation/shipping company opening in San Diego this January. Many positions available. Serious inquiries only. Email: employment@artworkssandiego.com.

ASSET PROTECTION OFFICERS. Guard Management, Inc. provides all training, Guard Card testing, Live Scan for GMI potential hires. Hiring full/part time countywide. Immediate placement with valid California Guard Card. Excellent compensation, growth potential to $20.00/hour for Field Officers. Recruitment bonus, 401(k), health, professional certification. Apply: 8001 Vickers Street, San Diego. Eligibility is conditional. 858-244-1896 or e-mail resume: FJohnson@GMIweb.com.

ASSISTANT MANAGER/TEAM LEADER for home improvement company. Home shows, special events. Full-time, must have transportation. Call Tina, 858-452-5804.

ATTORNEY. Must be California licensed. For private work. $40/hour. Call 619-793-9280.

BABYSITTER available. I'm experienced with references. Seeking full-time position in La Jolla, Del Mar, Mira Mesa. Speaking Russian (little English). Legal in USA. Natalya, 619-252-2540.

BEHAVIORAL SPECIALIST. Immediate opening in an elementary school-based program in East County. Must have BA in psychology or related field. Full time available. Fax resume to Alana, 619-668-5779.

BIKE CAB. Petco Park--fresh air, sunshine! Lease the cab, keep the money. Male, female. Full/part time. Driver's license. 641 17th Street. Student Jobs Coalition, Inc. 619-595-0211.

BUYER/PURCHASER for InstallerEDGE in Vista, a leading supplier of auto parts to the fast lube industry. No phone calls please. Send resume to: Andre@installeredge.com.

CAB DRIVERS. Will train. Day, night and part-time shifts available. Drive San Diego. North City Cab Company, 4896 Voltaire. Apply: 10am-2pm, Monday-Friday. 619-368-9620.

CABINET INSTALLATION APPRENTICE. Helper candidates must have a positive attitude, good people skills, and a willingness to learn. Must be able to lift at least 50 pounds. Good DMV record required. Specializing in custom closets, garages, and home office. We offer competitive salaries, medical benefits, paid vacation and holidays, and 401(k) plan. California Closets, 858-689-7100.

CANVASSER NEEDED. Make full time money part time, walking, talking, and setting appointments. Please call 619-851-7727.

CAREGIVER JOB WANTED, Long-term care preferred, 5 years experience. Good references. California driver's license. American citizen, 619-889-8859, or email spokaite@yahoo.com.

CAREGIVER NEEDED, For quadriplegic female, $10/hour will train. Call between 8am-5pm, leave message 619-255-1290.

CAREGIVER, Two rooms and board available for two females, salary varies depending on duties. 86 year old father is continent. No drugs/smoking. 619-222-7772.

HELP WANTED

Sports Minded

Wholesale distribution company is looking for 16-18 people all to grow with our company. Advancement opportunities in all areas.

Positions in:
- Customer Service
- Distribution
- Promotions
- Professional Advertising
- Rookie Management

Hard workers and a great attitude a must. Paid training from day one.

Call Heather: **619-427-8289**

Work for one of the Best Luxury Resorts in the U.S.

Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa is one of the premier luxury Southern California Resorts. Rancho Valencia was named #2 of the top 75 North American resorts by *Condé Nast Traveler* and one of the top 10 tennis resorts in the U.S. by *Tennis Magazine*.

Kitchen/Dining Room Food Runner
FT, PM. Must be able to handle carrying food plates in a fast-paced environment.

Cafeteria/Prep Cook
FT, AM. Hotel or "garde manger" experience required.

Rotisseur PM shift. **Dishwasher** PM shift.

E-mail resumé as an attachment to: **hr@ranchovalencia.com**
or fax to: **858-756-0165**
Apply in person at: **5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe 92067**

RANCHO VALENCIA RESORT & SPA
EOE/Drug-Free Workplace

Real Estate AGENTS!!!

Your Penthouse office is waiting for YOU!!!

90% Commission!!!
Company-Generated LEADS!!!
FREE One-on-One Training!!!
DO BOTH Loans & Real Estate and
Double, Triple your Earnings!!!

FIRST FINANCIAL
& Real Estate Services

Call for Interview Now: (619)327-2208

Excellent Pay!
Excellent Benefits!
Excellent Hours!

ups

Permanent Part-Time Jobs

WE PROMOTE FROM WITHIN

Great Opportunities in Chula Vista, San Diego and San Marcos
Permanent Part-Time Jobs

Part-Time Package Handlers

Starting pay $8.50/hr. — $9/hr. after 90 days
Medical, Dental, Vision, Paid Holidays/Vacation

Monday-Friday — WEEKENDS OFF!
Two shifts available: 3-9 am or 5-10 pm
3.5-5 hours average per day

Come to Our Information Session
every Tuesday at 6 am, Thursday at 2 pm, or Friday at 9 am:
7925 Ronson Road, San Diego, CA 92111
Apply online at: www.upsjobs.com

Looking For A Change? Stop Working. Start A Career!

Are you a bartender, server, leasing agent, fitness instructor, or anyone with the following characteristics?

* Confidence
* High Energy
* Enthusiasm
* Success Oriented
* Great Smile
* Like Different Types of People

Would you enjoy working with like-minded people? We are looking for people like ourselves. People who like to have FUN while making lots of money!

In November, 21 Sales Agents made over $10,000 9 made over $15,000 • 3 made over $20,000 and 1 made over $25,000!

These people did NO prospecting, NO advertising, NO traveling, NO customer service, NO billing. The clients came to the resort; and the agents had 4+ weeks of vacation.

Come join the professional vacation ownership sales team at the Welk Resort Group.

Call Tom Trobaugh at: **760-651-3231**
or fax resume to: **760-751-3843**

Appointment Setter

DO YOU WANT TO EARN $35/HR.? THEN WE WANT YOU!

AppStar Financial is a fast-paced, energetic company where success is based upon teamwork.

We offer one of the most generous compensation packages of any call center in San Diego.

Hours: 6:30 am-3 pm, with possible flex start time. Top-end producers are earning $35/hr.; overall average is $16/hr. including $9/hr. guaranteed base pay plus weekly bonuses and spiffs. **Paid training.** paid vacation and great benefits. Immediate hire for the right candidates.

AppStar Financial

Apply Now!
858.712.0150 ext. 4033
www.appstar.net
Equal Opportunity Employer

California Highway Patrol

Accepting applications for positions as:

OFFICERS

Application filing deadline: February 8, 2007
Test date: February 24, 2007
1-888-4A CHP JOB

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS

Applications must be postmarked by March 8, 2007
858-637-3863

For additional information and application, check online:
www.chp.ca.gov
or stop by your local CHP office.

CHP is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CAREGIVER needed. Experienced and reliable. Live-in position. Background check. Serious applicants only. 858-695-8512.

CAREGIVERS, LVNs AND Dishwashers: Caregivers-- weekend PM shift; Dishwashers-- full time/part time. No experience, will train. Work 20 hours or more weekly and receive full benefits! Apply in person at Sunrise Assisted Living At La Costa (license #374601134), 7020 Manzanita Street, Carlsbad, CA 92011. 760-930-0060.

CAREGIVERS. $11/hour live-out, $110/day live-in. All San Diego areas. Must have own car, experience and be able to pass criminal background check. Lifting required. Constant Companions Home Care, 858-722-9352.

CAREGIVERS. Aspire Home Healthcare is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions: Greater San Diego County: HHAs and Companions, Personal Care, Light Housekeeping, Errand Running, Meal Preparation. These positions offer flexibility to work the hours you need and receive competitive compensation. Previous experience in home care preferred. Valid driver's license required. U. S citizenship required. We offer a comprehensive benefits package which includes medical, dental, vision and life insurance, paid days off, annual performance bonuses, 401(k) plan and 100% company funded Retirement Plan. For consideration, please call at 760-634-7774; or fax: 760-634-7742; or apply online at www.homecareforyou.com, EOE. Aspire Home Healthcare, 1991 Village Parkway, Suite 205, Encinitas, CA 92024.

CAREGIVERS. Beautiful assisted living and dementia facility in Poway is seeking Caregivers. All shifts including 48 hours. Benefits, bonuses. Must be kind and caring! Call 858-674-1255 x205.

CAREGIVERS. Comfort Keepers make a difference! Immediate openings for Live-In--24-hour shifts and weekends in San Diego and North County. Top pay! Flexible shifts 24-7, health benefits available, 401(k), production bonus, prizes for good work. Requires valid California driver's license, vehicle/insurance and registration, one year paid elder caregiving experience, eligibility to work in the U.S. Comfort Keepers San Diego: 619-795-6036. North County: 760-598-3303.

CAREGIVERS. Full/part time. Weekly pay. Requires compassion, dependability, reliable transportation and clean DMV. No heavy lifting. Flexible hours, competitive pay, weekly payroll. Contact Right at Home today! E-mail: employment@rahlajolla.com; or call: 858-277-5900.

CAREGIVERS. Full/part time. 24-hour live-ins. Male/female. 1+ year experience, vehicle required. Caregivers, Companions, HHAs, CNAs--call ComForcare Senior Services! Leave contact info/brief experience: 619-944-3327.

CAREGIVERS. Get paid weekly. Immediate openings for Hourly and Liv-ins. Caring, compassionate, dependable with reliable vehicle/clean DMV. Flexible hours, competitive pay. Apply weekdays, 8:30am-4:30pm: Right at Home, 16486 Bernardo Center Drive, #124, San Diego 92128. E-mail: employment@rahencinitas.com; 858-451-7844.

CAREGIVERS. Home Instead Senior Care needs cheerful, dependable people to help seniors stay at home with our non-medical home care services. Competitive pay/training. Flexible hours. Great benefits. Central/East: 619-460-6222. South Bay/Coastal: 858-277-3722.

CAREGIVERS. Immediate openings: Hourly, Live-in, Nights. Cheerful, compassionate Companions/HHAs/CNAs to assist seniors in-home. Minimum 1-year experience. Premium pay/bonuses/benefits, 24-hour office support. Flexible assignments. Age Advantage, 619-660-8881.

CAREGIVERS/ESCONDIDO San Marcos, Vista! North County needs qualified, compassionate Caregivers. CNAs: Come work 1-on-1 with seniors in their homes. Competitive salary, benefits, flexible. Paid training. Apply 9am-4pm: In-Home Care, 135 West Mission Avenue, #109, Escondido (92025); 760-740-9932.

CAREGIVERS/COMPANIONS. Minimum 1 year experience non-medical home care for seniors. Valid California Driver's License. Serving Santee/La Mesa/Del Cerro/San Carlos. Maureen, 619-851-6902.

CAREGIVERS/COMPANIONS. Visiting Angels, America's Choice in Homecare. Now hiring compassionate, caring Caregivers/Companions. Requires minimum 1 year experience in non-medical home care for seniors and valid CA driver's license. Serving Poway, Rancho Penasquitos, Scripps Ranch and Mira Mesa areas. Call for an immediate interview: 760-703-2192.

CAREGIVERS needed immediately. 1 year experience. All shifts available. Hourly and live in. Call Assertive Homecare Services, 3774 Grove Street, Suite K-2, Lemon Grove. 619-466-6890.

CASHIER. San Ysidro. 8am-4pm Monday-Friday. Customer service skills required. $11-$13/hour DOE. Apply at www.sunsetparking.com or call 760-753-4004 x333.

CASHIER/BOOTH/TRAFFIC DIRECTOR. Fun and rewarding jobs at Viejas Casino! Flexible schedule and advancement opportunities! $8/hour. Apply at www.sunsetparking.com or call 760-753-4004 x333.

CASHIERS, Valets, Traffic Directors, Maintenance and Shuttle Drivers at Lindbergh Field. Full and part-time positions. Various Downtown, La Jolla and Carlsbad locations. EOE. Women and minorities encouraged to apply. Apply Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm: 2550 5th Avenue, Suite 105, San Diego 92103. Fax resume: 619-231-8011.

CHILDCARE. $12-$16/hour, part time/full time. 12 ECE/CD units required. Call 858-663-6269 or fax resume to 858-842-1332. www.childcarecompanions.com.

SOLEIL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

6150 Mission Gorge Rd.
Suite 140
San Diego, CA 92120

Are You A Marketing Professional Looking For An Exciting New Career?

Soleil Careers Offer:

* $500 sign on bonus
* Paid training
* Part-time evening shifts
* Great Mission Valley location close to trolley
* Full-time opportunities
* Hourly plus bonus+ weekly paychecks
* Medical/dental/vision/401K

Our top representatives earn over $30 an hour!!!

Call: **760-497-5291** or
Email: **rfonteneau@welkgroup.com** or
Apply in person Monday thru Friday, 12:00pm - 4:00pm

SAN DIEGO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Now Hiring!

©2006 Lindsey Foote

THE REFLECTION OF SUCCESS

Exam Dates:

December 28, 2006, 12:30 pm Arrival

January 3, 2007, 5:30 pm Arrival
recruit@sdsheriff.org
Sheriff's Administration Center ~ 9621 Ridgehaven Ct., San Diego, CA 92123
Registration by e-mail or phone is required prior to the Ridgehaven test only.

Bring valid photo ID.

JoinSDSheriff.net ~ 858-974-2000

FAMOUS FORMER NEIGHBORS

by Jay Allen Sanford ©2006

CHIROPRACTORS: Rent large chiropractic wellness office with ocean view in Cardiff By The Sea. Must see office! Photos available thru e-mail. Call 760-207-7223.

CHP OFFICERS. Apply now! California Highway Patrol is hiring. Application filing deadline: February 8, 2007. Test date: February 24, 2007. For additional information and application, check www.chp.ca.gov or stop by your local CHP office. CHP is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Call 1-888-4A CHP JOB.

CLASSROOM AIDES. Work with developmentally disabled children in nonpublic school. Experience preferred. Allied Gardens, Chula Vista, La Mesa. Monday-Friday, 7:30am-1pm. $8.75/hour to start. EOE. www.vistahill.org. E-mail: steinjobs@vistahill.org. Fax resume: 619-281-0453. EOE. Apply weekdays, 9am-4pm: Stein Education Center, Attention: HR, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego CA 92120.

CLOSERS NEEDED for home remodeling company. Proven closers. $200K in first year, no joke. Please call 619-851-7727.

CNA/CHHA. Beginners, experienced. Family Caregivers, Childcare, Home Care Aides, Drivers. Great pay! New-hire bonus! Nonmedical, in-home help for seniors, children, disabled. 12-and 24-hour shifts! Training. Flexible schedules, benefits, retirement, childcare. At Your Home Familycare. E-mail: homecarejobs@atyourhomefamilycare.com. Toll free: 1-877-903-JOBS.

CNA/HHA, Aides, CNA/Nursing students. Experienced Caregivers to assist Seniors in their homes. 4-12 hour shifts and Live-in positions. Paid medical, dental. Top pay, cash vacation bonus, overtime for holidays. EOE. AALL Care In-Home Services. North County, 760-471-7033. San Diego: 619-297-9601.

COLLECTORS. Fun, fast paced. No experience necessary. 2 weeks paid training/vacations/personal time. 401K, tuition reimbursement. Full/part time. Commission. Bonuses. 858-577-2301. E-mail: sandiegohr@gcserv.com.

CONSTRUCTION/REMODEL. Local home remodeling company is seeking experienced/skilled electricians, plumbers, drywallers and laborers. Interested applicants please fax resume to 619-946-4364 or call 619-271-5864.

CONSTRUCTION: Project Managers, Service Technicians, Installers. Seeking motivated, organized people experienced with design, blueprints, A/V systems installation. Benefits offered. Send resume: dplotkin@audioassociates.com; fax 619-461-9469. EOE.

CORPORATE TRAINER for growing security and janitorial San Diego company. Develop, conduct, implement training programs for employees, and some administrative duties. Requires outstanding organization, communication, computer skills. Bilingual required. Light travel to various facilities. Include salary history with resume: HR@gmiweb.com.

CORRECTIONAL DEPUTY PROBATION Officer I. County of San Diego Probation Department now hiring. Test Date: January 20, 2007, 8am, Montgomery Middle School, 2470 Ulric Street, San Diego 92111. Must be 21 years, good physical condition, no illicit drug usage. U.S. citizen or becoming a citizen. Pass criminal/personal background investigation. No felony convictions. High school diploma/GED. $34,028-$43,430/year. www.sdcounty.ca.gov/probation. Jobline: 858-514-8558.

COSMETOLOGY INSTRUCTORS. Creative? Inspiring? Join our team of career-focused professionals. Estheticians, Cosmetologist, HHP/Massage Therapist and Manicurist positions available. California licensed. Paid training, day and evening schedules. Salary plus benefits. 3 years combined school and work experience required. Call Patricia: 858-748-1490.

CRAFTSMAN, for national remodeling company. Up to $1200/week, average $28-$32/hour. Full time/part time hours. Experience with tools and transportation. South County 619-584-5555, North County 760-607-9977.

CUSTOMER SALES REP. 35 hours/week. Great training pay! $10-$17/hour after training! Experienced with high outbound calling and focus on customer service. Seeking energetic, enthusiastic, driven team members. Strong, growing company. Paid vacations. Benefits included. Media All-Stars, 3055 Rosecrans Place, #102. San Diego, CA. 92110. Call 619-326-0231.

CUSTOMER SERVICE, full time. Aveda salon and spa in La Jolla seeking highly motivated, outing individual to promote customer retention. Setting appointments and some retail involved. Multi-tasking a must. Call 858-457-3334 or fax 619-697-9571.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. 100+ openings. Call center experience, typing/basic computer skills. Background check required. All shifts/overtime possible. Call Tristaff Group: 858-597-4000; e-mail: Staffing@tristaff.com.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. Build your holiday cash now! Top pay $15-$22/hour! Immediate part-time openings. Bilingual a plus. Average $9-$14/hour. Flexible AM/PM hours. Base salary, weekly pay. Paid training. Management opportunities. DialAmerica Marketing, Inc. www.dialamerica.com/sandiego. 9332 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego 92123. 858-292-8822.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. Home shows and special events. Must have transportation. Part-time weekends and some weekdays. Call Tina 858-452-5804.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. Up to $500-$1000+ weekly setting appointments! Paid weekly. AM/PM shifts. Full, part time. Medical, dental. Near Grantville trolley. Call today, start today! Mission Valley: 619-516-4276.

CUSTOMER SERVICE/BLOCK CLERK for growing San Diego auto wholesale business. Part time, Thursday mornings and some Tuesday afternoons. Basic computer knowledge, data entry and good listening skills. Must have the ability to type 32 words per minute. Pre-employment drug screen and background check required. Apply online at www.adesainc.com and/or in person at 2175 Cactus Road, San Diego, CA 92154. 619-661-5565. EOE.

CUSTOMER SERVICE/SALES. $10-$12/plus bonuses! Canvassers and Customer Service. Experience is a plus but not required. Work 1-5pm Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm Saturday. No sales experience necessary. Full time available. Call immediately! 619-258-6970.

CUSTOMER SERVICE/SALES: Inbound Call Center, 2 years inbound call center experience required.; high Word, Excel and typing scores a must; $13-$25/hour. Receptionist, San Diego, 6 months-1 year experience required, $9-$12/hour. 3rd Party Collections, Kearny Mesa, $12-$16/hour. Retail, San Diego Airport, 3-6 months experience required, $8/hour. Inside Sales, South Bay moving to Sorrento Valley, electronics/technical experience required, $13.50/hour plus commission. Outbound Sales, Vista, $10/hour. Outbound Lead Generator, Downtown, $10/hour. Inside Sales, Hillcrest, 3 years experience, $14/hour. ABCOW Staffing, 2525 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 125, San Diego, CA 92108. 800-690-8367. recruiter@abcow.com.

CUSTOMER SERVICE Representative. Fast pace local office of international franchise. Full-time opening in Mission Valley. Requisites: Strong telephone and customer service skills. Outgoing personality; enjoys working with people. Able to manage small business details. Work independently. Computer skills, 40 wpm. Knowledge of home repair and light remodeling a plus. Competitive wages with benefits and incentive plan available. For immediate consideration call 619-584-5557.

DATABASE EDITOR. Work with manufacturer catalogs & price lists to maintain/update both product & price data for electrical/plumbing distributors. High-level detail orientation/strong computer skills required. Carmel Mountain Ranch area. Approximately $12.50/hour. Full-time temporary position. Reply with resume: Shirley_Vaughn@TradeService.com.

DELIVERY DRIVER/HELPERS. Full-time and part-time. Experienced, heavy lifting (75-150 lbs). Includes weekends. Great benefits. Apply in person: Raphael's Party Rentals. 8606 Miramar Road. E-mail: hr@raphaels.com; Fax: 858-689-8040. Drug-free workplace/EOE.

DEPUTY SHERIFF-LATERAL. Riverside County Sheriff's Department now hiring. $4056-$6041. 10 Patrol Stations, 5 Jails, 4 Court Facilities. Advanced salary steps. Retirement System 3% at age 50. POST Incentives: Intermediate 6%; Advanced, 11%. E-mail: Recruitment@RiversideSheriff.org. Information/background packet, please contact a Re-

HELP WANTED

Work for one of the Best Luxury Resorts in the U.S.

Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa is one of the premier luxury Southern California Resorts. Rancho Valencia was named #2 of the top 75 North American resorts by *Condé Nast Traveler* and one of the top 10 tennis resorts in the U.S. by *Tennis Magazine.*

Restaurant

Busser
FT, AM. Basic English required, some experience preferred.

Server
PT/FT, AM. Some experience required, fine dining experience preferred.

E-mail resumé as an attachment to:
hr@ranchovalencia.com
or fax to: **858-756-0165**
Apply in person at: **5921 Valencia Circle**
Rancho Santa Fe 92067

RANCHO VALENCIA RESORT & SPA

EOE/Drug-Free Workplace

Special Education, Prevention Services and Treatment Programs

Applications/résumés are accepted Monday-Friday 9 am-4 pm.

Stein Education Center
6145 Decena Drive
San Diego, CA 92120
Fax: 619-281-0453
E-mail: steinjobs@vistahill.org

All applications/résumés must include job title. www.vistahill.org

Community Training Specialist/Job Coach
$9/hr. to start, DOE
To assist developmentally disabled adults in the community. Behavioral and instructional programs. Implement schedules. 32.5 hours/week. Benefits.

Transition Specialist • $8.75/hr. to start, DOE
Assist teachers in group- and community-based instruction for developmentally disabled adults. Implement behavioral management programs. 30 hours/week.

Classroom Aides
$8.75/hr. to start, DOE
Work with developmentally disabled children in a nonpublic school. Experience preferred. Allied Gardens, Chula Vista, La Mesa. Monday-Friday 7:30 am-1 pm.

EOE

VISTA HILL
Stronger Families...Brighter Futures

John and Susan are thrilled with the tips they are making!!!

EARN FAST HOLIDAY CASH!

Ace Parking is seeking customer-oriented women and men to apply for our **seasonal** Hotel **Valet** positions!

Must have a valid driver's license for 2 years, ability to drive manual transmission, clean DMV record, and must be 18 years old.

Apply Today!
2550 Fifth Avenue, Suite 105
San Diego, CA 92103 • 619-231-9501
Hours: 9 am-4 pm Monday-Friday

ace parking

Ace Parking is an equal opportunity employer. Females and minorities encouraged to apply!

solana beach school district

Immediate Opening

After School Head Teacher

Part-time 4.75 hours per day.
12 ECE (Early Childhood Education) semester units required.
$14.32-$15.75 per hour.
12-month position with paid vacation, paid holidays and retirement benefits.
Contact Connie Salgado: (858) 794-7160

CUSTOMER SERVICE

APPOINTMENT SETTERS

Other positions available.
No sales!

- Hourly pay + bonuses
- Paid weekly
- AM/PM shifts
- Full- or part-time
- Up to $500-$1,000+ weekly!!
- Next to Grantville trolley station

Mission Valley: 619-516-4276
Call today, start today!

APPLY TODAY, WORK TOMORROW!

- **Inbound Call Center** – 2 years' inbound call center experience req'd, high Word, Excel & typing scores a must, $13-$15/hour
- **Inside Sales** – South Bay (moving to Sorrento Valley), electronics/technical experience req'd, $13[50]/hour + comm.
- **Receptionist** – San Diego, 6 months-1 year experience, $9-$12/hour
- **Retail** – San Diego Airport, 3-6 months' exp. req'd, $8/hour
- **3rd Party Collections** – Kearny Mesa, $12-$16/hour
- **Outbound Lead Generator** – Downtown, $10/hour
- **Inside Sales** – Hillcrest, 3 years' exp. req'd, $14/hour
- **Outbound Sales** – Vista, $10/hour

Walk-ins welcome 8 am-2 pm.
1-800-690-8367
E-mail: recruiter@abcow.com

ABCOW STAFFING
2525 Camino Del Rio South
Suite 125, San Diego, CA 92108

New Management

$12/Hour + Bonuses

Mission Valley
Now hiring for 8 new positions.

Part-time work equals full-time pay.
Telesales • Mortgage loans
Predictive dialer • Energetic atmosphere

Apply in person Wednesdays 11 am- 2 pm.
On-the-spot interviews and applications.

2815 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 300
San Diego, CA 92108

Jeff: 619-398-1680 x116

Mortgage Options Financial, Inc.

Loan Officers Wanted

"Work for the most professional, advanced, high-tech Real Estate company in Downtown San Diego."

More leads than we can handle.
Great commission splits.

Global Capital Group Inc.

Call today for an appointment:
619-232-8863
or fax résumé: 619-330-2226
www.gcapital.com

cruiter at 888-JoinRSD. www.RiversideSheriff.org.

DEPUTY SHERIFF and Deputy Sheriff Detentions/Courts. San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Hiring for two types of positions; take one exam, apply for either or both! Exam dates: Wednesday, January 3, 2007, 5:30pm arrival (you must register by e-mail Only to take this exam: Recruit@sdsheriff.org): Sheriff's Administration Center, 9621 Ridgehaven Court, San Diego CA 92123 or Saturday, January 6, 2007, 6:30am arrival: Southwestern College, 900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista CA 91910. Detention/Courts: $37,901-$58,675 annual salary, plus benefits. Must be 18 years old. Deputy Sheriff: $47,338-$67,714 current annual salary, plus benefits. U.S. citizen or applied for citizenship; 20-1/2 years old. High school graduate or G.E.D. required. Bring valid photo ID, #2 pencil and $3 parking at Southwestern. Valid California Driver's License prior to appointment. Effective oral and written communication in English. EOE. Additional test dates: www.joinsdsheriff.net. 858-974-2000.

DISHWASHER/Diet-Aide. Full time. Apply at: 553 F Street Chula Vista.

DISPATCHERS. California Highway Patrol is now hiring Public Safety Dispatchers II. Apply now! Applications must be postmarked by March 8, 2007. For additional information and application, check www.chp.ca.gov or stop by your local CHP office. CHP is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Call 858-637-3863.

DOG/CAT & OTHER PET CARE in your home. Paid "Host Families" needed for vacationing pets. Experience with animals necessary. www.pawsnplaypetcamp.com. Toll free, 888-320-PETS (7387).

DRIVER, DELIVERY/CASHIER. $8/hour to start, full time, bring clean DMV printout, no smoking. Company vehicle, benefits. Apply in person Monday-Friday, 8am-3pm: Floral Supply Syndicate, 7904 Ronson Road, 92111. 858-268-4611.

DRIVER. Bus tours of San Diego and Tijuana, charters and SPAB. Class B/P/A license required. To $14/hour plus medical, dental, and vision benefits. Call: 619-520-5200.

DRIVERS WANTED. Requires valid CA driver's license, current H-6 DMV printout and good, safe driving skills. Hourly/commission/tips. Call 619-591-0303 or fax resume to 619-591-0300. Xpress Shuttle, 1065 Bay Boulevard, Suite B, Chula Vista, CA 91911.

DRIVERS, COMPANY and Owner Operators. Fast-growing trucking company has positions in San Diego, Los Angeles, Calexico and Phoenix for class A and C Employee Drivers and Independent Owner Operators. Competitive pay, health benefits, 401(k). Must have 2 years driving experience, good driving record. Apply in person: Fastrucking, 6060 Nancy Ridge Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92121. Apply online: www.fastrucking.com.

DRIVERS, DELIVERY. Part-time, 10am-2pm, Monday-Friday (pick your days). Corporate catering/deliveries from nice restaurants in Mira Mesa area. Need car, insurance, decent DMV. 888-DDI-WORK(888-334-9675), www.d-d-i.com.

DRIVERS, DELIVERY. Sleep Train Mattress Centers. Over 21, clean DMV, background check. Good customer service. Days, nights, weekends. Mira Mesa. Full-time, $10-$13/hour, great benefits. 858-693-6354.

DRIVERS. $150,000 per year/teams! Earn more plus great benefits! Western regional. Solo and team runs. Werner Enterprises, 800-346-2818 x123.

DRIVERS. Attention owner operators, 99% drop and hook! Excellent home time! Company drivers. Paid family insurance! CDL-A. 2 years experience. 800-660-9252 x0.

DRIVERS. Christmas wish to be home more often? 5-0/0 positions available. New pay package starting 01/01/2007. Voyager Express. Shipvoyager.com. Glenda, 800-552-0950 x114.

DRIVERS. Christmas wish to be home more often? Company positions available! Voyager Express. shipvoyager.com. Glenda, 800-552-0950 x114.

DRIVERS. Delivery service seeking drivers class A or B for local deliveries, full time. Experience a plus. Also, drivers with own pickup and shell or van for full and part time delivery routes. Clean DMV. Excellent benefits. Apply in person: 5985 Pacific Center Boulevard #210, San Diego, 92121 or call 800-743-1139.

DRIVERS. Drive our trucks. Sorrento Valley, excellent benefits. Drug screen required. Bring a current DMV report and apply: 5915 Mira Mesa Boulevard Suite A. 619-297-8300.

DRIVERS. Must have Class B license with passenger endorsement and at least 6 months experience. Fixed route, Monday-Friday, 31-40 hours/week with benefits. Call 619-287-0628.

DRIVERS. Transportation services provider for seniors and disabled. Great pay! At Your Home Familycare. E-mail: homecarejobs@atyourhomefamilycare.com. Call toll free: 1-877-903-JOBS.

DRIVERS/DELIVERY. Employees wanted! Use your own mini-pickup. $440/week starting. Openings countywide. Gas bonus paid. Growth opportunity. 619-230-1532, 858-578-7812, 760-639-5400. www.databay.net/applicant/formsd.asp.

DRIVERS: READY MIX DRIVERS for our plant located in Otay Mesa. No experience necessary. Class B license with air brake and tank endorsements required. We offer excellent pay, 401(k), health/eye/dental insurance, paid vacation and training. Contact Associated Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc., 310-600-1238.

DRIVERS: SOUPLANTATION Central Kitchen, La Mesa. Must be at least 21 years of age. Valid California driver's license required. Benefits, mornings, full-time. Apply in person: 9158 Fletcher Parkway, La Mesa, 91942. EOE.

Rewarding Work

Child Care Counselors needed to work with SED children and adolescents in residential treatment facilities throughout San Diego County. BA/BS preferred. Various shifts and days available.

New Alternatives, Inc. is an EOE that offers a competitive salary and benefits package (with a minimum of 20 hours per week). Training provided.

Please fax résumé to:
East Region–Attn: Tabbie, 619-463-5242
Central Region–Attn: Hillary, 619-692-0582
South Region–Attn: Matt, 619-656-1429
North Region–Attn: San Pasqual, 760-233-6017

Or e-mail résumé to: hr@newalternatives.org

New Alternatives Inc.

IMMEDIATE ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

LIVE-IN CAREGIVERS

Drivers with insurance and non-drivers. 3 years' experience and CA ID or DL, SS required. Fingerprint and TB test a plus. Flexible schedules. Overtime for holidays. Employer-matched 401(k). Health benefits available.

Also offering opportunities for:
CNAs, HHAs and Hourly Caregivers
Part-time or full-time

Attentive Home Care
Licensed • Bonded • Insured

Call for an interview in North County or San Diego:
760-434-4393 or 619-231-0151

Or apply in person 10 am-3 pm Tuesday-Thursday:
2333 1st Ave., Ste. 205, San Diego, CA 92101

Collectors

- Fun, fast paced
- 2 weeks' paid training
- Paid vacations and personal time • 401(k)
- Tuition reimbursement
- Full-time
- Commission and bonuses

No experience necessary… we will train!

We serve numerous Fortune 100 companies and governmental entities. Due to our new clients, we are expanding in order to meet the increased demand. If you are energetic, dependable and looking for a career, apply at GC Services. We offer medical, dental and vision benefits, 401(k), tuition reimbursement, and corporate discounts. Hourly rate plus bonus. Call center environment.

Call: 858-577-2301
Fax: 858-577-2353
8400 Miramar Rd. #250
San Diego, CA 92126

GC Services

Visit: www.gcserv.com/career/resumeNext.asp?JobID=126

EOE/M/F/D/V

Free Classifieds!

Post free online ads with photos at SanDiegoReader.com

HELP WANTED

DRIVERS with own vehicle for messenger company. Pickup truck a plus. $100+/day potential. Weekdays, weekends, days, and nights available. Apply at 7050 Convoy Court Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm.

ELECTRICIANS/CONSTRUCTION. Home remodeling company seeks Electricians, Tile Setters, Rough and Finish Carpenters, Drywallers, Tapers, and Painters. Full/part time. 5 plus years experience. 619-277-1720.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS: Immediate openings! All positions: EMTs, Dispatchers, Wheelchair Van Drivers. Experienced, start $10. MedFleet Ambulance, 3479 Kurtz Street, San Diego, 92110. 619-222-2244. Apply: www.medfleetambulance.com.

EMT: Immediate full-and part-time openings for entry-level and experienced EMTs and Wheelchair Drivers. Must provide certifications at time of interview: ADL, MEC, CPR, EMT-1 card and current DMV report. Also seeking full-time Provider Relations Rep. Flexible schedules, competitive pay and benefits. Priority One Medical Transport, 800-600-4633. Fax 800-600-4596. E-mail ssuon@prioritylink.com. www.priorityonemedical.com.

ESTHETICIAN. Charming salon in Kensington has esthetician room for rent. $175/per week. Dermalogica training a plus. Clientele preferred, but not required. Call Deborah at 619-339-3140.

EVENT/GAME STAFF. Fun working environment! Interactive game rental company hiring staff for corporate parties and events. Will train. Very flexible schedule. Some heavy lifting. $9-$10/hour to start. Fill out application and for more information: www.partypals.com/job.html.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT. Progressive, high-tech company seeking long-term, dedicated person. Phones, mail, accounts payable, data entry. Basic bookkeeping, job maintenance. QuickBooks, Excel, Word a must. Full-time. $10-$14/hour. Benefits. E-mail resume: jessica@rayotek.com. Website: www.rayotek.com.

FITNESS CENTERS hiring Sales Consultants, Personal Trainers and Group Exercise Instructors. Part/full time. Being Fit Fitness Centers. Clairemont, 858-483-9294; Mira Mesa location, 858-549-3456. www.beingfit.net.

FITNESS INSTRUCTORS. Traditional and mind/body. All hours, all days, all areas. www.fitxsandiego.com. Fax: 858-715-8681 or call 858-715-8611.

FITNESS: PERSONAL TRAINER. Part time for private one-on-one training facility. Degree/certification preferred. Knowledge of weight training/nutrition and health issues. Many career opportunities available. No sales required. 858-454-7774.

FREE GUARD CARD TRAINING when you join the #1 Security Team, where people make the difference. Call Securitas, the largest, most respected security company in the world! Countywide positions available. Medical/dental/vision and 401(k), excellent working environment, free uniforms. San Diego: 619-641-0049; San Marcos (North County): 760-591-3733; Temecula: 951-676-3954. EOE/drug free.

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT. Earn extra money immediately! Part time/temporary, set your own hours! Anyone needing immediate cash, start immediately. Earn a paycheck by delivering telephone directories in the northern San Diego area. Must have a car and insurance, be 18+ years. Get paid within 48-72 hours of completion of route, plus mileage reimbursement. Call today, start today, reference Job #1260: 888-785-1388. www.deliverphonebooks.com. Directory Distributing Associates.

GENERAL LABOR: Event Production company seeking Set/Strike Personnel to set up, tear down, load and unload props. Flexible hours. Own transportation and valid driver's license required. Apply 10am-1pm Monday/Tuesday: 7140 Engineer Road, 92111.

GENERAL OFFICE. $12-$14/hour. Data Entry skills required. American Satellite, Inc, 2667 Camino del Rio South, #204, San Diego 92108. Call today for Interview: 858-926-8899.

GENERAL. Housekeepers, Laundry Aides and Janitors for Healthcare Services Group. Apply in person: Pleasant Care of San Diego, 2828 Meadow Lark Drive, 92123; Country Villa La Mesa, 5696 Lake Murray Boulevard, 91942; Telecare San Diego Choice, 3853 Rosecrans, 92110.

GENERAL. Immediate opening for energetic person for light office duties. Some driving required; must have reliable vehicle. $8.50/hour plus mileage reimbursement. Diana, 866-887-6225 or dianaf@dpsx.com.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) Analyst. Temporary through June 30, 2008 with benefits* $56,395-$70,494. The Otay Water District is looking for a proactive, innovative and dedicated GIS Analyst (Temporary) to perform a variety of Geographic Information System (GIS) duties including coordinating and implanting internet-based strategies and initiatives for GIS software, ensuring the development and maintenance of applications based upon spatially referenced data and digital mapping, and maintaining, updating, analyzing and supporting the District's Geographic Information System. *Please visit our website at www.otaywater.gov or call the job line at 619-670-2740 for requirement details. Send a District application by mail to: Otay Water District, Attention: HR, 2554 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard, Spring Valley, CA 91978; by fax: 619-660-7288: or e-mail to: hr14@otaywater.gov. Open until filled. EOE.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) Technician. Salary: $22.30-$27.88/hour. The Otay Water District is looking for a proactive, innovative and dedicated GIS Technician to perform a variety of Geographic Information System (GIS) duties including mapping, scanning data conversion, data entry, documentation, updating of Facility and Cadastral base maps and map service requests, and analyzing, implementing, and supporting the District's Geographic Information System. Please visit our website at www.otaywater.gov or call the job line at 619-670-2740 for requirement details. Send a District application by mail to: Otay Water District, Attention: HR, 2554 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard, Spring Valley, CA 91978; by fax: 619-660-7288: or e-mail to: hr04@otaywater.gov. Open until filled. EOE.

GROCERY. Maintenance and Customer Service Team Members. Whole Foods Market, La Jolla is now hiring. All shifts. Medical, dental, vision, 401(k). Apply online: www.wholefoods.com or at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, La Jolla 92037. 858-642-6700.

GROCERY/NATURAL FOODS. New 4S Ranch Store opening soon! Hiring for all positions in Produce, Grocery, Vitamins (Specialists), Bakery, Kitchen, Deli Counter (Clerks) and Front End (Cashier Supervisors). Also hiring for Del Mar and Carlsbad stores. $9-$16 per hour. Great environment, competitive pay, bonus and benefits! Jimbo's Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Del Mar. Fax: 858-793-7732. hr@jimbos.com. www.jimbos.com.

GUARDS/SECURITY. Join the #1 Security Team, where people make the difference. Call Securitas, the largest, most respected security company in the world! Countywide positions available. Free Guard Card training. Medical/dental/vision and 401(k), excellent working environment, free uniforms. San Diego: 619-641-0049; San Marcos (North County): 760-591-3733; Temecula: 951-676-3954. EOE/drug free.

HAIR SALON: HAIR DESIGNERS, Eyebrow Expert, Manicurist. Busy Gaslamp salon seeking booth renters. Walk-ins available! Great urban loft environment, convenient parking. Move-in incentives. 619-231-7588.

HAIRSTYLIST, MANICURIST and Esthetician: Hiring Assistant for full-service salon in Clairemont. Willing to train. Full time/part time. 5915 Balboa Avenue. Call 858-278-1128.

HAIRSTYLIST. Booth available in upscale, educational based salon in North Park. Team oriented environment. Call Cristina at 619-543-0022, Salon Cabana, 2200 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego, 92104.

HAIRSTYLIST. Full time. Largest hair replacement company on West Coast looking for talented stylists. Existing clientele. Great pay plus commission and benefits. San Diego area. Call Randy, 619-246-9005.

HAIRSTYLISTS/MANICURISTS. Large, private booths. Part/full time. Full-time rental-$140 weekly. $2000 moving allowance. Great place to move your clients. Free reception/phone/towels. 100% retail. Golden Touch, near Fashion Valley. 619-972-7744.

HANDYMAN. Experience preferred. Comfort Inn, Escondido. Call Luisa at 760-489-1010.

HEALTH CARE: Attentive Home Care has immediate assignments for Live-in Caregivers, CNAs, HHAs and hourly Caregivers--part time or full time. 3 years experience and CA ID or driver's license, Social Security card required. Fingerprint and TB test a plus. Flexible schedules. Overtime for holidays. Health insurance and employer-matched 401(k) benefits available. Call for an interview in North County or San Diego: 760-434-4393 or 619-231-0151. Or apply in person 10am-3pm, Tuesday-Thursday: 2333 1st Avenue, Suite 205, San Diego, CA 92101. *Please bring valid fingerprint card, TB test, Social Security card and California ID.

HEALTHCARE: RNs, LVNs, AIDES. Join La Jolla Nurses! Looking for Home Health Aides, ongoing assignments. Also per diem work--you pick the days, hours and shifts! Competitive pay rates, excellent work assignments. Employee-owned agency--you receive shares of company stock free! State-licensed home health agency. Medical, dental and vision benefits; 401(k) plan, referral bonus. La Jolla Nurses HomeCare, 858-454-9339.

HOTEL FRONT DESK. Full/part-time. Customer or guest service experience desired. Apply in person anytime: Days Inn & Suites, 3350 Rosecrans Street, San Diego 92110.

HOTEL POSITIONS. The Handlery Hotel and Resort is hiring for service oriented positions. We have competitive pay and excellent benefits. Please apply to: 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA, 92108 or fax resume to: 619-298-3948.

HOTEL VALET POSITIONS. Seasonal. Customer-oriented women and men. Valid driver's license for 2 years, ability to drive manual transmission, clean DMV, 18+ years. EOE. Females and minorities encouraged to apply. Apply Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm: Ace Parking, 2550 5th Avenue, #105, San Diego 92103. 619-231-9501.

HOTEL. Hyatt Regency La Jolla now hiring: Cafe Japengo Cook I and Cook III, Convention Services Floor Houseperson, Culinary Cooks III, Food & Beverage Servi-Bar Attendant, Housekeeping Room Attendants, Housekeeping Houseperson, Catering Administrative Assistant, Laundry Attendant, PBX/MIS Telephone Technician, Receiving Clerk, Front Desk Agents, Concierge, Engineering General Maintenance, Stewards, Food and Beverage Assistant Manager, Executive Chef and Sous Chef-Cafe Japengo. Excellent benefits. AA/EOE. M/F/D/V. Please apply online: www.lajolla.hyatt.com.

HOUSECLEANERS WANTED. Flexible hours. Must have car. Immediate work. English speaking. Maid in America Agency. 619-291-5000; 760-434-5150.

HOUSECLEANERS. Full/part time, flexible hours. Must have own car, speak English. Start immediately! Up to $30K/year. A World Class Cleaning Service, 858-566-4543. www.awccs.com.

HOUSECLEANERS. San Diego East County only. Part or full time. Experience preferred. Up to $300/week. Phone and car necessary. The Clean Giant, 619-463-5169.

HOUSECLEANERS. Weekdays, 8am-5pm. Family-friendly schedule. Great benefits: medical, company car on the job. Uniforms provided. Weekly pay. No experience required. Speak/understand English. Molly Maid East/South County: 619-660-7900; Del Mar and surrounding area: 858-535-9500.

HOUSECLEANING. No nights, weekends, holidays. Merry Maids offers flexible hours, weekly pay, paid mileage. Work in teams. Insured car required. Must speak English. South Coast/all south areas only, 619-336-1612; 619-226-2621.

HOUSEKEEPERS. Earn extra Holiday $$! Housekeepers needed now. Part/full time. Paid weekly. Work near home. Must have car and phone. Call today, start tomorrow! WorkWithDanas@aol.com. Dana's Housekeeping. San Diego: 619-298-6110. North County: 760-591-9740.

INTERIOR PLANT TECHNICIAN. If you enjoy working with plants, we're seeking a self-motivated, responsible, and energetic individual, full time, for San Diego County route. Will train. Excellent benefits. Drug test, clean DMV required. 858-689-9161.

INTERN III/CONSERVATION. City of Chula Vista. 20-30 hours/week. Flexible schedule. Currently seeking to fill 5 positions in our Watershed Stewardship and Energy Conservation Programs. Must be full-time (12 units) college student or recent graduate. EOE. Please visit us at www.chulavistaca.gov. 619-585-5743.

INVENTORY ASSISTANT. Pulltarps Manufacturing, a leader in the truck tarping industry, is seeking an efficient person to handle working on processing orders developed by running MRP. Requires data entry, spreadsheet and word processing. Maintain inventory balances by investigating negative balances. Some purchasing may be required. Excellent phone manner needed when backing up phone coverage. EOE. Fax resume to 619-449-1171.

JOB COACH/COMMUNITY Training Specialist. $9/hour to start, depending on experience. Assist developmentally disabled adults in the community. 32.5 hours/week. Benefits. EOE. Apply Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm: Stein Education Center, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego 92120. E-mail: steinjobs@vistahill.org. Fax: 619-281-0453. www.vistahill.org.

JOB COACH/COMMUNITY Training Specialist. $9/hour to start. Assist developmentally disabled adults in the community. 32.5 hours/week. Benefits. EOE. Apply Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm: Stein Education Center, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego 92120. E-mail: steinjobs@vistahill.org. Fax: 619-281-0453. www.vistahill.org.

JOB COACHES. Community-oriented, Center for Independent Achievement is seeking dependable individuals in East County. 1:4 group ratio maximum. $8.50-$9.50/hour. Annual raises. Bonuses for exceptional performance. Benefits with full-time. pficareer@yahoo.com. Call 619-440-6802, or fax 619-440-6864.

LABORER, SHOP. Santee manufacturer seeks qualified applicant for

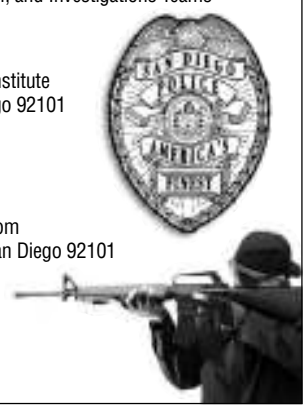
North County
Senior Program Manager Electronics
Machine Operators Entry-level
Warehouse With high school degree or equivalent
San Diego
Project Manager Commercial experience
Warehouse Shipping/Receiving
Warehouse Driver with clean DMV
Electronic Assembly with Soldering
1 year's experience, 1st shift
MDI offers paid holidays after 520 hours and vacation bonuses after 2000 hours.
Immediate openings • Experience required
Various shifts • Come in or call now!
MDI
CONTRACT STAFFING SINCE 1957
8316 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. #204, San Diego • 858-277-5680

Retail Grocery
WHOLE FOODS MARKET
Whole Foods Market, La Jolla, is looking for career-minded, enthusiastic, energetic
BAKERY, DELI & MAINTENANCE TEAM MEMBERS
All shifts: mornings, afternoons, evenings and overnight.
Medical, dental, vision, 401(k) and stock purchase.
Apply online at: **www.wholefoods.com**
or in person at:
8825 Villa La Jolla Drive • La Jolla
858-642-6700

Residential Care Specialist
...The stay is short, but the rewards are sweet!
Seeking optimistic adults to provide a supportive home to teens for a 9-12 month period with financial reimbursement.
Walden's MTFC program is:
• A nationally recognized, evidence-based model developed by the Oregon Social Learning Center (OSLC)
• A team approach to treatment
• Affirmative of positive behaviors
• Supportive through 24/7 availability of staff
WALDEN FAMILY SERVICES
619-584-5777
waldenfamily.org
Lic. #370602780

WORKSMART WSP PROMOTIONS
IMMEDIATE OPENINGS!
Telemarketing Trainees
• Positive Attitude a Must
• Rock 'n' Roll Atmosphere
• $8-$12 per Hour Guaranteed
• No Experience Required
• Great Daytime Hours, Off at Noon on Friday
Call Today...Start Tomorrow!
(858) 571-8652

Become One of America's Finest and Discover the Possibilities!
San Diego Police Department
Now Hiring Police Officers!
Nationally recognized SWAT, K-9, Helicopter & Motor Units, Beach, Bike, Mounted Horse, Harbor, and Investigations Teams
January 2007 Test Dates:
Jan. 6 • 8 am
San Diego Regional Public Safety Institute
4347 North Harbor Drive • San Diego 92101
Jan. 10 • 6 pm
San Diego Police Department
1401 Broadway • San Diego 92101
Jan. 12 • 8 am - Balboa Club Ballroom
2150 Pan American Road West • San Diego 92101
For more information, call: (619) 531-COPS or visit our website at: www.sandiego.gov/police



www.tonymccune.com www.tonymccune.com
Mc Cune Chrysler Jeep
Thanks for making us your Five Star Dealer!
NATIONAL CITY MILE OF CARS
Same location for 58 years
Career Opportunities Available Now:
• New & Used Sales Positions
• Telemarketing
• Phone Sales
• Internet Sales
No experience necessary. We will train!
Earn while you learn!
401(k) retirement plan!
Health & dental benefits! Great schedule!
Call Sales Manager at: 888-663-1122
www.tonymccune.com www.tonymccune.com

Security Officers

2007
Is Almost Here...
Join Us This Year

- Up To $12/Hr.
- Medical/Dental/Vision
- 401(k) w/Co. Match
- Paid Vacations
- Free Guard Card Training
- Career Advancement

To join the AlliedBarton team, you must be at least 18 years of age, and have a H.S. diploma/GED and reliable transportation. Criminal background check and drug screen required.

Apply: **7670 Opportunity Rd., Suite 210, San Diego.**

Call **858.874.8200**.

Apply Online:
www.greatsecurityjobs.com

ALLIEDBARTON SECURITY SERVICES

EOE M/F/D/V PPO # 15404

WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!
In Real Estate

LET US LICENSE YOU!

We have a 96% first-time pass ratio! Full program includes all you need to get licensed! CA Live Principle course, books and cram course. Tuition reimbursement program. ***Thinking about a career in real estate? Attend our Free Monthly Career Seminars.***

THE BEST TRAINING IN THE INDUSTRY!

AWARD UNIVERSITY. Learn everything you need to know to open 3 transactions in your first 90 days in the business. **Full-time or transitional programs available.**

Century 21 Award

800.480.5529
WWW.CENTURY21AWARD.COM
opportunities@century21award.com

---

grinding/weld prep work. Full-time, benefits. EOE. Apply: 8575 Roland Acres Drive, Santee. Or fax resume: 619-562-7965.

LANDSCAPER for San Diego County and East County apartment communities. Background/drug test required. Fax resume to 888-369-9229. E-mail wmapplicants@aol.com or call 858-252-7976.

LAW ENFORCEMENT. Deputy Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Detentions/Courts. San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Hiring for two types of positions; take one exam, apply for either or both! Exam dates: Wednesday, January 3, 2007, 5:30pm arrival (you must register by e-mail Only to take this exam: Recruit@sdsheriff.org): Sheriff's Administration Center, 9621 Ridgehaven Court, San Diego CA 92123 or Saturday, January 6, 2007, 6:30am arrival: Southwestern College, 900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista CA 91910. Detention/Courts: $37,901-$58,675 annual salary, plus benefits. Must be 18 years old. Deputy Sheriff: $47,338-$67,714 current annual salary, plus benefits. U.S. citizen or applied for citizenship; 20-1/2 years old. High school graduate or G.E.D. required. Bring valid photo ID, #2 pencil and $3 parking at Southwestern. Valid California Driver's License prior to appointment. Effective oral and written communication in English. EOE. Additional test dates: www.joinsdsheriff.net. 858-974-2000.

LEASING AGENT for luxury apartments. Sales experience a plus. North County. Fax resume to 888-369-9229 or e-mail wmapplicants@aol.com.

LIGHT INDUSTRIAL. Volt Services Group has immediate Temporary, Temporary-to-Direct Hire and Direct Placement opportunities. Competitive wages, paid weekly, paid holidays and vacation. Medical and dental insurance plans, state of the art training, career management and more. www.jobs.volt.com. Call Volt Services Group for more information. EOE. San Diego: 858-576-3140; e-mail: clairemont@volt.com. Carlsbad: 760-729-8916; email carlsbad@volt.com. Chula Vista: 619-427-0200; email chulavista@volt.com. El Cajon: 619-401-1524; email elcajon@volt.com. San Marcos: 760-471-0800; email sanmarcos@volt.com. Scripps Ranch: 858-578-0920; email scrippsranch@volt.com.

College Prep

- Motivated by money?
- Work hard/play hard attitude?
- Looking to start a career?
- Want high income potential?

If so, rapidly expanding local college prep software company is looking to grow its sales force.

- $225/week base + generous commission
- 1-8 pm
- Prior telesales required (but will train right person)

Oceanview office located in Pacific Beach. 858-272-1400

JOIN THE #1 SECURITY TEAM

Where People Make the Difference

SECURITAS

Full- & Part-Time Positions Available

- ✓ Will assist with Guard Card
- ✓ No experience required
- ✓ FREE uniforms
- ✓ FREE guard license training
- ✓ Direct deposit
- ✓ Med/dental/vision
- ✓ Free life insurance
- ✓ Paid vacation ✓ 401(k)
- ✓ Ongoing training
- ✓ Advancement opportunities

Positions throughout San Diego County, North County and Temecula.
Apply Mon.-Fri. 8 am-5 pm.
EEO/M/F/D/V • Drug-Free

SAN DIEGO (92120)
619-641-0049
6160 Mission Gorge Rd.
Suite 100

SAN MARCOS (92078)
760-591-3733
365 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd.
Suite 202

TEMECULA (92590)
951-676-3954
28991 Old Town Front St.
Suite 206

INSIDE SALES

Growing educational software publisher is seeking motivated inside sales professionals.

Earn $35,000-$85,000*

(*Realistic first-year earning potential.)

Sales Reps make an average of over $27.00/hour

$10/hour + generous commission plan to start

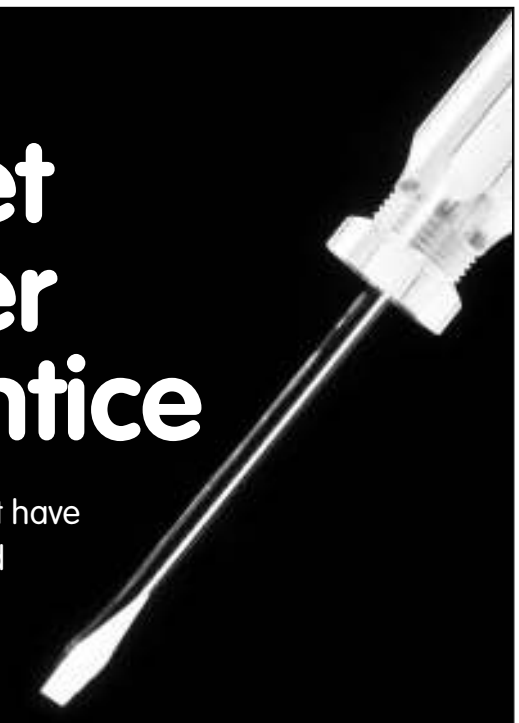
Our top Rep is on pace to make $115,000.00 this year

2 shifts available: 9 am-4 pm or 1:30-9 pm
State-of-the-art facility
We offer paid training, a relaxed atmosphere and great benefits!!!

WORDSMART® Corporation

Contact Becky Sergi:
(858) 565-8068 ext. 343
beckys@wordsmart.com
10025 Mesa Rim Road, San Diego, CA 92121

Cabinet Installer Apprentice



Helper candidates must have a positive attitude, good people skills and a willingness to learn.
Must be able to lift at least 50 pounds.
Good DMV record required.

Specializing in custom closets, garages, and home office. We offer competitive salaries, medical benefits, paid vacation and holidays, and 401(k) plan.

CALIFORNIA CLOSETS® • **858-689-7100**

Work NOW!

$10-$12 Per Hour + Bonuses!

Canvassers & Customer Service

Experience a plus but not required. Work 1-5 pm
Monday-Friday and 10 am-3 pm Saturday.
No sales required. Full-time available.

Call immediately! 619-258-6970

Best WINDOWS & DOORS® and more!

MYSTERY SHOPPERS

Get paid to shop!

Earn up to $200 per day.

Experience NOT required.

Call NOW:
(800) 775-9924

Explore Your New Career...

Volt Services Group has immediate Temporary, Temp-to-Direct hire, and Direct Placement opportunities in these disciplines:

- **Administrative & Clerical**
- **Accounting/Finance**
- **Light Industrial** & More

We offer the following advantages:

- competitive wages | paid weekly
- paid holidays and vacation
- medical and dental insurance plans
- state-of-the-art training
- career management
- referral bonus opportunities & more

Contact us today to explore your opportunities.

San Diego	**858.576.3140**	**e-mail: clairemont@volt.com**
Scripps Ranch	**858.578.0920**	**e-mail: scrippsranch@volt. com**
El Cajon	**619.401.1524**	**e-mail: elcajon@volt.com**
Chula Vista	**619.427.0200**	**e-mail: chulavista@volt.com**
Carlsbad	**760.729.8916**	**e-mail: carlsbad@volt.com**
San Marcos	**760.471.0800**	**e-mail: sanmarcos@volt.com**

VOLT workforcedesign℠

EOE / Volt Welcomes Diversity / ISO-9002 Certified / A Six Sigma Company / ©2004Volt Information Sciences, Inc. All rights reserved.

LIGHTING SUPERVISOR. Oversee equipment, prep/QC, check gear lists, supervise equipment maintenance program, create work schedules and delegate. Able to work weekends, clean DMV. Fax/e-mail resume: 858-348-0079, hr@msiprod.com. EOE.

LOAN AGENTS/SALES. No real estate license required. Leave message 24 hours a day for return call, 888-313-7226. Fax resume: 858-454-2437.

LOAN OFFICERS. #1 ranked Lending Tree local broker. America Funding is a nationally ranked Lending Tree Partner. Due to our continued, rapid growth, we have Loan Officer positions available for top producing Loan Officers, which average $150K plus per year. We support our team's success by providing: technology that shortens the sales cycle so you fund more loans; outstanding training; Unlimited qualified leads; total back office and front office support; an excellent commission structure. Our outstanding compensation plan also offers you complete health benefits and a 401(k). Send your resume to: fax, 858-526-6999 or hr@afunding.net, www.america-funding.com, www.afunding.com. EOE M/F/D/V.

LOAN OFFICERS. Come join our prestigious, fun environment! $200,000 earning potential. We are seeking highly motivated Loan Consultants to join our growing team. Licensed and unlicensed welcome! Experience preferred, but we will train the right person. We offer $200K+ earning potential, bonuses, aggressive commission splits, hot telemarketer leads. Call Kameron at 619-291-0041, e-mail kameron@libertyonelending.com, or fax resume to 619-291-0252.

LOAN OFFICERS. Too many leads to handle, fill your pipeline today. $150K a year, up to 90% split. No experience needed, but must be money motivated. Bilingual English/Spanish a plus. E-mail your resume to gstysis@gmail.com or call 619-665-8417.

MACHINE OPERATOR to run flatbed welder. Will train. Some welding experience required. Full-time, benefits. EOE. Apply: 8575 Roland Acres Drive, Santee. Or fax resume: 619-562-7965.

MACHINE OPERATORS, Warehouse Shipping/Receiving, Warehouse Driver and Electronic Assembly with Soldering experience. Various shifts. MDI offers paid holidays after 520 hours and vacation bonuses after 2000 hours. MDI Staffing. San Diego: 8316 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, #204; fax 858-277-5621. Call 858-277-5680.

MAID SERVICES. Relax. It's done. No nights, weekends, holidays. Merry Maids offers flexible hours, weekly pay, paid mileage. Work in teams. Insured car required. Must speak English. South Coast/all south areas only, 619-336-1612; 619-226-2621.

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN needed for apartments/hotel. 5 years experience required. Full-time with benefits. Call 296-6333 x304 or fax/mail resume 619-295-5286, 4440 Pacific Highway.

MAINTENANCE TECHS and/or HVAC. Must be experienced. East County, San Diego and North County. Background/drug test required. Benefits. Fax resume to 888-369-9229 or e-mail wmapplicants@aol.com. Call 888-252-7976.

MAINTENANCE. Entry-level maintenance technician. Mostly painting, light residential, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, paid training. $10-$13. Must have diploma/GED, CA drivers license, clean DMV. Excellent benefits. EOE. Apply at 1825 Gillespie Way, #200, El Cajon or fax with salary history to: 619-938-3056.

MANAGEMENT TRAINEE. Hippies with the flow. National art company. Several positions available. If you like music, beer, working with opposite sex. $500/week. 858-622-9575 x7.

MANICURIST. Manicurist to take over clients. Booth rental or commission. Great location downtown San Diego. Call Celina, 619-232-9228.

MARKET RESEARCH Telephone Interviewers. No selling. Friendly, outgoing. San Diego's fastest-growing Market Research company. Bilingual Spanish a plus. Hourly, bonuses, medical. Advancement opportunities. www.luthresearch.com. Apply: Luth Research, 1365 Fourth Avenue, Downtown. Job Hotline: 619-243-8045.

MARKETING PROFESSIONALS. Soleil Communications, Inc. is seeking Marketing professionals for exciting new positions! Benefits include: $500 sign on bonus, full-time opportunities, medical/dental/vision/401(k), paid training, part-time evening shifts, hourly bonus and weekly paychecks, great Mission Valley location close to trolly. Top reps earn over $30 an hour! Call 760-497-5291, e-mail rfonteneau@welkgroup.com, or apply in person 12pm-4pm Monday-Friday: Soleil Communications, Inc., A division of the Welk Resort Group, 6150 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120.

MENTAL HEALTH WORKER. Immediate opening in school-based program in East County. Must have BA in psychology or related field. Full time available. Fax resume to Jacqui: 619-588-3654.

METER MAINTENANCE WORKER I or II. I-$16.64-$20.80; II-$20.23-$25.29/hour. The Otay Water District is looking for a proactive, innovative and dedicated person to install, read, remove, repair, inspect, and test backflow/cross connection prevention devices and water meters, and test potable and recycled water meters. Visit our website at www.otaywater.gov or call the job line at 619-670-2740 for requirement details. Send a District application by mail to: Otay Water District, Attention: HR, 2554 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard, Spring Valley, CA 91978; by fax: 619-660-7288: or e-mail to: hr12@otaywater.gov. Open until filled. EOE.

MORTGAGE LOAN OFFICER. Up to 90% commission. Mutual BanCorp, loans nationwide, has the perfect work situation! Work at home. Experienced. Free Experian leads. Call Dean, 619-507-4874 or e-mail: dean@cashout.com.

MOVERS. Full time/part time. Local moving company. Great pay plus tips. Must be 21 with valid driver's license. Great customers and working environment! 858-689-2525.

MYSTERY SHOPPERS: Get paid to shop! Earn up to $200/day. Experience not required. Call now: 800-486-7204.

NURSING. CNA. AM and PM shifts available. Full and part time. Apply at: 553 "F" Street, Chula Vista, 91910.

NURSING. LVN. PM shift, full time. AM shift, part time. Apply at: 553 "F" Street, Chula Vista, 91910. 619-426-8611.

OFFICE ASSISTANT, full time, for property management. Scripps Ranch. Typing, phones, filing. E-mail wmapplicants@aol.com or fax resume to 888-369-9229.

OFFICERS. Apply now! California Highway Patrol is hiring. Application filing deadline: February 8, 2007. Test date: February 24, 2007. For additional information and application, check www.chp.ca.gov or stop by your local CHP office. CHP is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Call 1-888-4A CHP JOB.

PACKAGE HANDLERS. UPS is hiring for permanent, part-time positions in Chula Vista, San Diego and San Marcos. Great opportunities--we promote from within! Excellent pay starting at $8.50/hour, $9/hour after 90 days. Excellent benefits: Medical, dental, vision, paid holidays/vacation. Excellent hours: 3-9am or 5-10pm, 3.5-5 hours average per day. Come to our information session every Tuesday at 6am, Thursday at 2pm, or Friday at 9am: 7925 Ronson Road, San Diego, CA 92111. Apply online at www.upsjobs.com.

PART TIME. Need holiday cash? Top pay $15-$22/hour! Immediate openings. Bilingual a plus. Average $9-$14/hour. Flexible AM/PM hours. Base salary, weekly pay. Paid training. Management opportunities. DialAmerica Marketing, Inc. www.dialamerica.com/sandiego. 9332 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego 92123. 858-292-8822.

PART-TIME TELESALES. Sunterra. Best commissions in the area. 9am-1pm Monday-Saturday or 5pm-9pm Monday-Friday and Saturday, 9am-1pm. Hourly plus commission and bonuses. Call Dawn for interview, 760-966-4711. dralston@sunterra.com.

PAYROLL CLERK. For real estate developer in Del Mar. Process weekly payroll and maintain employee files. Requires at least 1-2 years of solid experience in a payroll processing role. Great benefits! 858-490-6470.

PEACE OFFICER. Learn how you could be earning $71,000 a year as a Peace Officer. Attend our two-hour workshop at Calipatria State Prison and learn more about becoming a Peace Officer. Correctional Officers will be on hand to answer your questions. Discover why more men and women are proud to wear our uniform than any other law enforcement agency in the nation. Call today, and you can join a guided tour of our institution after the workshop. Thursday, January 18, 10am, Calipatria State Prison, 7018 Blair Road, Calipatria, CA 92233. Must RSVP: 760-348-7000 x5252 or x5253. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. www.cdcr.ca.gov/jobs.

PLANT TECHNICIAN, OFFICE HELP. Established plantscaping company has immediate openings for experienced Plant Technician to service high-end homes. Full time/part time. CDL and reliable transportation required. Competitive pay, mileage paid, benefits available. Also seeking Office Help, 10-15 hours/week. Plants From Middle Earth, 619-284-2132. Fax 619-280-6143. pfme@sbcglobal.net.

PLUMBER/SERVICE TECH. Expanding local company seeking San Diego and North County applicants with experience. We provide: benefits, van plus equipment. Need good DMV. Drug test. Call 619-702-6067 or apply: 3485 Picwick San Diego, 92102.

PLUMBERS WITH EXPERIENCE needed immediately! Work for a national leader in the service industry, ARS (American Residential Services of California, Inc.). We offer great benefits. Must have clean, current California DMV. ARS is a drug-free work environment. CSL#791820. To apply, please call: 866-852-5404; or apply online: www.jobswithars.com.

PLUMBERS/SERVICE TECHNICIANS needed now! Experienced only. Rescue Rooter offers: Medical/dental, 401(k), vans/tools, paid vacations/overtime, high income, drug-free workplace. To apply, please e-mail: lmyking@ars.com or call: 858-457-6506. AA/EOE. License #765155.

PLUMBING APPRENTICE. Need a trade? No experience necessary. Work in plumbing, drain cleaning trade. We train. Earn up to $900/week with opportunity for advancement. Must have small truck or van. 858-530-3265. 619-440-4336. 760-741-7503.

POLICE OFFICERS. San Diego Police Department is hiring! Ready for a career change? See our upcoming test block dates on our website. Police Recruit earns $42,723 per year. Police Officer I earns $43,596 per year. Police Officer II earns $61,110 per year. For more information, Call 619-531-COPS or visit our website at: www.sandiego.gov/police.

POST OFFICE NOW HIRING. Average pay $20/hour or $57K annually including federal benefits and overtime. Paid training, vacations. Part time/full time. 1-800-584-1775. USWA. Ref#5830.

PROBATION CAREERS. Correctional Deputy Probation Officer I. County of San Diego Probation Department now hiring. Test Date: January 20, 2007, 8am, Montgomery Middle School, 2470 Ulric Street, San Diego 92111. Must be 21 years, good physical condition, no illicit drug usage. U.S. citizen or becoming a citizen. Pass criminal and personal background investigation. No felony convictions. High school diploma or GED. $34,028-$43,430/year. www.sdcounty.ca.gov/probation. Jobline: 858-514-8558.

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT. Leading Reprographer seeking large format Black and White Printer/Production Assistant. Benefits, 401(k), paid vacation and holidays. Experience a plus. Call Shannon, 619-297-8300.

PRODUCTION SPECIALIST. $12/hour, 1st and 3rd shifts. El Cajon. Grit blasting, cleaning, grinding. 2-3 years experience in aerospace environment preferred. Apply: atworkstaffing.com. Call: 619-234-9675.

PRODUCTION WORKERS. 8-and 12-hour shifts. Carlsbad/Oceanside areas. Also hiring Electromechanical Assemblers, Calibration Technicians, Precision Assemblers and Electronic Technicians. www.jobs.volt.com. EOE. Volt Services Group, 1850 Marron Road, Suite 114, Carlsbad 92008. Fax: 760-720-7341. 760-729-8916.

PRODUCTION: DIGITAL BOND Printing of Architectural Drawings. Computer skills required. Will train. Hourly wage. Full time with benefits. Apply at 1065 University Avenue.

PROGRAM MANAGER, SENIOR: Electronics industry, North County. Project Manager with commercial experience for San Diego position. MDI offers paid holidays after 520 hours and vacation bonuses after 2000 hours. MDI Staffing. San Diego: 8316 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, #204. Fax: 858-277-5621. Call 858-277-5680.

PSYCHICS needed! Pros only for Web and phone. Upscale company. Not PRN. Not #900. Must pass test. Apply online: www.absolutelypsychic.com.

PURCHASING AGENT needed for InstallerEDGE, in Vista, a leading supplier of auto parts to the fast lube industry. No phone calls. Send resume to: Andre@installeredge.com.

REAL ESTATE AGENT. Licensed required. Beginner or experienced to sell condo conversion project in Pacific Beach. Hourly/commission. E-mail or fax resume: ron@fletcherteam.com; 858-488-9119.

REAL ESTATE AGENTS WANTED! 2-1/2 week, quick-track program for licenses. $100K potential. Get started today! Call Susan: 858-245-7880 or 800-319-1031.

REAL ESTATE. Century 21 Award has a place for you in Real Estate sales. Let us

HELP WANTED

Earn Extra Holiday $$$!

HOUSEKEEPERS NEEDED NOW!

Part-time or full-time • Work near home
Paid weekly • Must have car and phone

Call today, start tomorrow!

San Diego County:
619-298-6110

North County:
760-591-9740

WorkWithDanas@aol.com

Dana's housekeeping PERSONNEL SERVICE
A Referral Agency

EARN EXTRA MONEY IMMEDIATELY

Part-Time/Temporary – Set Your Own Hours!

Anyone needing immediate money. Start immediately.

Earn a paycheck by delivering telephone directories in the northern San Diego area. Must have a car and insurance, be 18 yrs+. Get paid within 48-72 hours of completion of route. Plus a car allowance. Clerical and warehouse positions also available.

CALL TODAY – START TODAY.
888-785-1388 • www.deliverphonebooks.com
Directory Distributing Associates
Ref. Job #1260

ace parking

...a leader in parking services, has excellent opportunities in the following

Full- and Part-Time Positions:

- **Cashiers**
- **Valets**
- **Traffic Directors**
- **Maintenance**
- **Shuttle Drivers**
  at Lindbergh Field (San Diego Airport)
  (Class B license required
  + DMV H-6 printout)

Various downtown San Diego, La Jolla and Carlsbad locations!

Interested candidates apply in person Mon.-Fri. 8 am-4 pm at:
2550 Fifth Avenue, Suite 105
San Diego, CA 92103

Or fax résumé to: 619.231.8011

Ace Parking is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Women and minorities encouraged to apply.

HYATT REGENCY LA JOLLA AT AVENTINE ™

This is not your typical career opportunity.
This is the Hyatt Touch.

Now hiring for the following positions:

- **Cafe Japengo Cook I** (PT)
- **Cafe Japengo Cook III** (FT)
- **Convention Services Floor Houseperson** (FT)
- **Culinary Cooks III** (FT)
- **Food & Beverage Servi-Bar Attendant** (FT)
- **Housekeeping Room Attendants** (FT)
- **Housekeeping Houseperson** (FT)
- **Catering Administrative Assistant** (FT)
- **Laundry Attendant** (FT)
- **PBX/MIS Telephone Technician** (FT)
- **Receiving Clerk** (FT)
- **Front Desk Agents** (FT)
- **Concierge** (FT)
- **Engineering General Maintenance** (FT)
- **Stewards** (FT)
- **Executive Chef, Cafe Japengo**
- **Sous Chef**
- **Food & Beverage Assistant Manager**

Apply online at: www.lajolla.hyatt.com

Excellent benefits!

AA/EOE. M/F/D/V

license you; 96% first-time pass ratio. California Live Principles course, books and cram course. Tuition reimbursement program. Award University: learn everything you need to know to open 3 transactions in your first 90 days in the business. Full time or transitional programs available. Attend our free monthly Career Seminars! Century 21 Award. www.Century21Award.com. opportunities@century21award.com. 800-480-5529.

RECEPTIONIST. For insurance company in UTC. Answer multi-phone system, process mail and assist with various clerical duties. Basic computer skills and flexibility required. Great benefits! 858-490-6470.

RECEPTIONIST. Full-time, $10/hour, benefits after 90 days, paid vacation. Del Mar area. Excellent communication skills, Microsoft Office, organized, attention to detail. Resume/cover letter: angela@midpointfinancial.com.

RECEPTIONIST. Must have at least 1 year experience. Responsible for data entry, greeting clients, answering multi-line phones and general office duties. $12-$14/hour. 858-578-4437.

RECEPTIONIST. Part-time: Monday through Friday: 8:45-2pm; every other Saturday: 9am-5pm. Responsible, reliable, experienced. Multi-tasker. Basic computer skills. 619-203-7822.

RECEPTIONIST/COORDINATOR. Reliable, part time, for beautiful, spacious, salon in Solana Beach. Booth room rental for hairstylist, manicurist, masseuse. Near train station/beach. 619-787-9191, 858-342-1928.

RECEPTIONISTS, HAIRSTYLISTS, Massage Therapists. Hyde-Edwards Salon is expanding. Looking for reliable, professional, dynamic people. Please contact: hyde-edwards@sbcglobal.net; 619-232-0807. Photos: www.hyde-edwards.com/pic.html

RECORDS ASSISTANT. Salary: $17.47-$21.84/hour. The Otay Water District is looking for a proactive, innovative and dedicated Records Assistant to assist with the creation, storage, retrieval, maintenance, control, and destruction of central administrative records; prepare and inventory records for off-site storage and destruction, and files official certificates of destruction; and assists departments with filing, indexing, locating, and retrieving official electronic and physical records. Please visit our website at www.otaywater.gov or call the job line at 619-670-2740 for requirement details. Send a District application by mail to: Otay Water District, Attention: HR, 2554 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard, Spring Valley, CA 91978; by fax: 619-660-7288: or e-mail to: hr06@otaywater.gov. Open until filled. EOE.

RECRUITER/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL. First year $45K-$60K commission. Requires 3-5 years experience in admissions/recruitment for schools. Location: Camp Pendleton and Miramar bases. Programs in Fiber Optics, Telecommunications, Data Cabling. State approved. Great opportunity! Please fax resume: 760-471-0291.

RESERVATION AGENTS. Full or part time. AM/PM shifts. Hourly pay plus bonuses. Paid weekly. Medical, dental. Near Grantville trolley station. Call today, start today! Mission Valley: 619-687-0070.

RESIDENT PROPERTY MANAGER. South of Mt. Helix. Leasing and collection experience. 32k plus per year. Includes Large apartment, garage, salary, monthly bonus! Fax resume: 619-233-1700.

RESIDENTIAL CARE Specialist. Seeking qualified single or dual-parents to provide our children and teens a stable, supportive environment. Training and ongoing education. A committed and talented treatment team. 24/7 support from expert staff. Weekly home visits. Compensation for your time and commitment. License #370602780. www.waldenfamily.org. Call Walden Family Services today. 619-584-5777.

RESTAURANT BUSSER/SERVER. Busser (full-time, AM, basic English required, some experience preferred). Server (part-/full-time, AM, some experience required, fine dining experience preferred). E-mail resume as attachment: hr@ranchovalencia.com; or fax: 858-756-0165. Apply in person: 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe 92067.

RESTAURANT. New 4 S Ranch Store opening soon! Bakers, Cooks, Dishwashers, Deli Counter Supervisors and Deli Clerks needed. See ad under "Grocery/Natural Foods." Jimbo's Naturally!

RESTAURANT. Tired of the restaurant business? Get a real job! Must have good people skills, sharp appearance. $2200/month start plus great bonuses. Advancement opportunity. 619-238-0870.

RESTAURANT/KITCHEN. Kitchen/Dining Room Food Runner (full-time, PM, must be able to handle carrying food plates in fast-paced environment). Cafeteria/Prep Cook (full-time, AM, hotel or "garde manger" experience required). Rotisseur (PM shift). Dishwasher (PM shift). E-mail resume as attachment: hr@ranchovalencia.com; or fax: 858-756-0165. Apply in person: 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe 92067.

RESTAURANT/SANDWICH SHOP. Extremely busy. La Jolla Shores. People skills, multi-tasking, fast-paced environment. Starts $8/hour plus tips. Flexible hours. Call before 11am, Kim/Phil, 858-459-3921.

RESTAURANT: HOB NOB HILL. Short Order and Prep Cooks, Host/Hostesses, and Servers. Apply in person: 2271 First Avenue, 92101.

RETAIL SALES ASSOCIATE. Full-or part-time position. Mission Valley. Good opportunity. Flexible hours. Reliable. 4242 Camino Del Rio North, #14. Fax resume: 619-281-1304. Call 619-281-1717 or 619-549-4690.

RETAIL SALES, full time. Music store on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard seeks self-motivated, enthusiastic Salesperson with friendly customer service skills. No experience necessary, will train. Complete application at Guitar Trader, 7120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92111.

Need Holiday Cash?

Average $9.50-$14.00 an hour • Top pay $15.00-$22.00 an hour

Flexible AM/PM hours • Immediate part-time openings

• Paid training, base salary, weekly pay • Benefits/401(k) available

• Fun, friendly, professional environment • Bilingual a plus

DialAmerica Marketing Inc. is seeking professional individuals with great communication skills to contact customers of leading financial corporations and nonprofit organizations.

DM DialAmerica Marketing, Inc.

858.292.8822

www.dialamerica.com/sandiego

9332 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard

San Diego 92123

Equity Capital Group ECG

Earn $200K+

in the Mortgage Business as a Loan Officer!!

Loan Officers wanted for the fastest-growing Mortgage and Real Estate company in downtown San Diego. We supply **pre-qualified leads** for you to close. We also supply purchase leads directly from our own in-house realtors.

The **mortgage business** is the fastest-growing industry in the nation. Now be part of a fast-growing company! We are looking for individuals with sales experience who are goal-oriented and success-driven. Mortgage experience a plus, but will train qualified individuals. Call or fax résumé now if you want to make real money in the mortgage business!!

To schedule an appointment call:

Kieran at 619-955-8963

Charlie at 619-955-8964

or fax résumé to: 619-955-8984

WWW.ECAPMORTGAGE.COM

WWW.ECAPREALTY.COM

Free Classifieds!

Post free online ads with photos at SanDiegoReader.com

RETAIL SALES. Tanning salon. Full or part time. Must be organized, intelligent, clean, and extroverted. Hourly plus commission. 4 locations. Call 619-475-9243; submit info, contact@alwaystansd.com.

RETAIL/MANAGEMENT/SALES for fantastic, beautifully unique ladies' boutiques in La Jolla and Gaslamp/Downtown. Part-time and full-time. Excellent opportunity. Please call to apply: 619-234-2583 or 858-454-7987.

RETAIL: SALES ASSOCIATE, full time and part time. $9/hour plus monthly incentive. Apply in person at: Crazy Shirts, 853 West Harbor Drive, Suite C. resumes@crazyshirts.com.

RETAIL: SPORTS ARENA TARGET is hiring Team Members and Team Leaders (hourly Department Managers). Positions available in Overnight Logistics and Backroom (Stocking, overnight and 4am-11am), Sales Floor, Food Service, Garden Center, Guest Service. We offer competitive pay, flexible scheduling and Target merchandise discount. Great benefits for Team Leaders. Apply in person at the store kiosk: 3245 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92110. EOE/drug-free workplace.

SALES ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES. We cash large checks and make big money! Great commission split, train to be the best! Sales experience required. 619-508-0835, fax resume: 858-874-4333.

SALES ASSISTANT. Leading reprographer in Mission Valley is seeking a full time Sales Assistant. Excel/Word, experience a plus. Excellent benefits, 401(k), vacation. Submit resume to: Shannonj@ocbinc.com or call 619-297-8300.

SALES MANAGER. $75K (salary, bonus, commissions) first year expectation. One of North America's premier electronic payment processors. No evenings, weekends, holidays, traveling. Requires 2 years business-to-business sales experience, excellent communication skills, ability to multitask helping multiple outside reps close, high motivation to succeed. Kearny Mesa. Send your e-mail to: RecruitMGR@AppStar.net or call 858-712-0144.

SALES, INSIDE. Growing educational software publisher seeking motivated inside sales professionals. Earn $35,000-$85,000* (*realistic first-year earning potential). Sales Reps make an average of over $27/hour. $10/hour plus generous commission plan to start. Our top Rep is on pace to make $115,000 this year. 2 shifts available: 9am-4pm or 1:30pm-9:30pm. State-of-the-art facility. We offer paid training, a relaxed atmosphere and great benefits! Becky Sergi, 858-565-8068 x343, becky@wordsmart.com. WordSmart, 10025 Mesa Rim Road, San Diego CA 92121.

SALES– CAREER. Work hard, play hard! If you are motivated with a positive attitude, we have the career opportunity for you! Z57, one of San Diego's fastest growing companies, is expanding our sales force in our Carlsbad and Miramar offices. We provide extensive paid training, competitive compensation, benefits and tremendous growth potential! www.z57.com. 1-800-899-8148.

SALES. "Road Rules" atmosphere, travel, cash every day and a place to stay. 800-605-8646.

SALES. $300,000. Only 3 years in the industry our top sales consultant earned over $300,000 in commission bonus. He's already been promoted to branch manager in San Diego. We supply: 2 confirmed appointments daily, energy-efficient products, advancement opportunity. professional atmosphere, great training. We need "energetic, fresh, personality plus" individuals. No experience required. Call us today! Pacific Home Remodeling, 858-866-0183.

SALES. Business-to-business sales. Sell sales leads to companies nationwide. Join the lucrative and exciting world of data sales. Sales experience required. Computer and e-mail experience needed. Paid training. 50% commission on paid sales! Call today for more information. Sherry, 619-265-1858.

SALES. Century 21 Award has a place for you in Real Estate sales. Let us license you; 96% first-time pass ratio. Tuition reimbursement program. Learn everything you need to know to open 3 transactions in your first 90 days in the business. Full time, transitional programs. Free monthly Career Seminars! www.Century21Award.com. opportunities@century21award.com. 800-480-5529.

SALES. Easy part time evening hours. 10+ people needed for mortgage company. $9-$12 per hour plus commission. Mission Valley location. Call homeowners for refinancing. If you are well-spoken, dependable and fun, call us today. 619-584-4801 x101.

SALES. New career for the New Year! Excellent income potential. $10 starts you in a new career. Full-or part-time. Build your business working with top-selling Avon representatives. Perfect for self-starters. Kathleen: 619-429-1253; 888-429-1253.

SALES. Sports minded? Professional sports and entertainment company is under expansion and looking for the right people to train. All openings are entry-level including Sales, Public Relations, and Promotional Advertising. If you are available immediately and are looking for full time, call 619-427-8289.

SALES. Tanning salon, hourly plus commission. Must be outgoing and motivated. Apply at: Midway/Pt. Loma, 3663 Midway Drive, #F, upstairs in 24-hour Fitness Center.

SALES. We are seeking people who like to have fun while making lots of money. In November, 21 agents made over $10,000! 9 made over $15,000, 3 made over $20,000, and 1 made over $25,000! These people did no prospecting, no advertising, no traveling, no customer service, no billing. Clients came to the resort, and the agents had 4+ weeks of vacation. Join the professional vacation ownership sales team at the Welk Resort Group. Call 760-651-3231; fax resume, 760-751-3843.

SALES/CUSTOMER SERVICE. $10-$12/plus bonuses! Canvassers and Customer Service. Experience is a plus but not required. Work 1-5pm Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm Saturday. No sales experience necessary. Full time available. Call immediately! 619-258-6970.

SALES/FINANCE. Expanding financial services marketing company seeking representatives. Start part time, training provided. Call our office, 877-286-5339, leave message 24/7.

SAN DIEGO POLICE Department is hiring! Are you ready for a career change? See our upcoming test block dates on our website. Police Recruit earns $42,723 per year. Police Officer I earns $43,596 per year. Police Officer II earns $61,110 per year. For more information, Call 619-531-COPS or visit our website at: www.sandiego.gov/police.

SEAFOOD PROCESSORS. Offshore factory seafood processors needed. $2500-$6500 per month. Lodging and meals provided. No experience needed. Coast to Coast Catering Offshore. Job line: 423-735-0049 or Personnel: 865-380-0028.

SECURITY GUARD. Free Guard Card training class. Call 619-757-8043.

SECURITY GUARDS. $200 bonus. Full/part-time. Also Trailer Guard positions. Sites across San Diego County. Current CA guard card, pass drug test/background. 858-366-4358. Command Guard Services, 8380 Miramar Mall #233, 92121.

SECURITY GUARDS. $8-$12/hour depending in North County. Armed and unarmed positions. You need guard card. Call Andrew Allen for an interview: 760-433-9477.

SECURITY GUARDS. $8-$12/hour depending on the site. Armed and unarmed positions. You need guard card. Call Walter or Frank for an interview: 619-282-1933.

SECURITY GUARDS. Join the #1 Security Team, where people make the difference. Free Guard Card training! Call Securitas, the largest, most respected security company in the world! Countywide positions available. Medical/dental/vision and 401(k), excellent working environment, free uniforms. San Diego: 619-641-0049; San Marcos (North County): 760-591-3733; Temecula: 951-676-3954. EOE/drug free.

SECURITY GUARDS. Now Hiring. Summit Security is now hiring Security Guards. Join our team today! Immediate openings. Will train. Free Guard Card classes. Medical and competitive wages. Apply in person: 2515 Camino del Rio South #210, San Diego, CA, 92108 or call today, 619-294-3200.

SECURITY GUARDS. Shield Security has immediate openings, full and part time. Higher paid Rover positions are available. Assistance in guard card. Career advancement opportunities. Profit sharing. Employee-paid medical and dental. If you have no criminal convictions, and have a high school diploma or GED, a good work history, phone and transportation, apply in person: 2144 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. Equal Opportunity Employer. Call 619-497-5485.

SECURITY OFFICERS, Special Response Officers. Full or part time. High starting pay. Excellent benefits. Training available. Drug/background. EOE. M/F/D/V. Apply: Weekdays, 9am-4pm, ABM Security Services, 1620 Fifth Avenue, Suite 875, San Diego. 619-338-9360.

SECURITY OFFICERS. Immediate openings! Transit Officers, Cruise Ships, X-Ray Qualified Supervisors, Site Supervisors. Heritage Security Services, 1260 Morena Boulevard, #200, San Diego, 619-275-7000; North County: 760-930-9780; Rancho Bernardo: 858-942-4620. heritagesecurity.com.

SECURITY OFFICERS. Part and full time, 2nd and 3rd shifts. Genuine career opportunities at a competitive hourly wage - also includes: free health insurance, free life insurance, free uniforms, free guard card training, college tuition reimbursement, matching 401(k), cash incentives, paid vacation. Guardsmark, 5353 Mission Center Road, Suite 300, San Diego CA, 92108. Call 619-278-0734. Visit: www.guardsmark.com.

SECURITY. Bald Eagle Security hiring licensed Security Officers. Full/part time. Downtown San Diego locations only. No car or cell phone required. Guard Card required. Must be able to work flexible hours, mostly swing and graveyard plus every weekend. Background check. EEO/Drug free. 619-230-0022. baldeaglesec@sbcglobal.net.

SECURITY. International Services, Inc. offering a variety of job opportunities and good benefits for entry-level Unarmed Guards--$8.75/hour, Advanced Guards--$10/hour, Patrol Drivers--$11/hour, Senior Guards--$11.3/hour, Medical Guards--$11.52/hour, and On-call Floaters--$13/hour. Will train for certification and higher positions. Bonus for good attendance every 3 months. 5222 Balboa Avenue, Suite 23, San Diego, CA 92117. 858-278-4310.

SECURITY: Part-time, weekend, overnight officer positions. Need armed officers with BSIS cards. Any other certifications a plus. From $10/hour. Uniforms/dry cleaning provided. 619-482-1151; www.metropublicsafety.org.

SERVICE TECHS /PLUMBER. Experience required. Rescue Rooter offers: Medical/dental, 401(k), vans/tools, paid vacations/overtime, high income, drug-free workplace. To apply, e-mail: lmyking@ars.com or call: 858-457-6506. License #765155, AA/EOE.

SOCIAL SERVICE DESIGNEE for skilled nursing. Full time. Apply at: 553 "F" Street, Chula Vista, 91910. 619-426-8611.

SOCIAL SERVICES. Behavioral SED classroom aide. Full time, Monday-Friday. Takes initiative and has excellent communication skills. Experience with adolescents a must. BA/BS preferred. Call 619-615-0701 x14.

SOCIAL SERVICES. Case manager needed. Full time, Monday-Friday. Must have intern # or be licensed. Must have

CAREER TRAINING

Create a Better Life®

with a career in

- Massage Therapy
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Office Specialist (Coding & Billing)

Call today:
800-882-7126

Glendale Career College
OCEANSIDE CAMPUS
2204 El Camino Real, Suite 200
Oceanside, CA 92054
est. 1946

8-Month Programs

Morning and evening classes

Externship training

Job placement assistance

Financial aid available to those who qualify

fashion careers college

winter term now enrolling

fashion design & technology
costume design
fashion business & technology
visual merchandising

1923 morena boulevard
san diego, ca 92110
888.283.7417
www.fashioncareerscollege.com

In as few as 9 Months you can have a career as a...

Dental Assistant*

Train now for the best Healthcare careers!

NEW!
- A.S. in Respiratory Therapy
- Insurance Coding & Billing Specialist*
- Medical Assistant*
- Surgical Technology
- Vocational Nursing
- Massage Therapy*
- Dental Assistant*

*Get started without a high school diploma!

For the career of your dreams, call today!

888.283.6911
www.concorde4me.com

CONCORDE CAREER COLLEGE
Specializing in Healthcare Training

4393 Imperial Avenue, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92113
Financial Aid available to those who qualify. Accredited Member, ACCSCT. Program length varies.

We teach medicine that's good for the practitioner and the patient.

acupuncture & massage

If you're looking for a new career, follow an old path — Traditional Chinese Medicine. As an acupuncturist or massage therapist, you'll have a rewarding profession that is as good for you as it is for the patients you'll treat.

Pacific College offers:
- Accredited Masters degree programs in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
- Massage certificate programs
- Financial aid
- Flexible schedules

Integrate Body, Mind and Spirit on a higher level... study acupuncture or massage with one of the nation's leaders — Pacific College.

Pacific College of Oriental Medicine
(888) 729-4811 • www.PacificCollege.edu
7445 Mission Valley Road, Suite 105, San Diego, CA 92108

San Diego Campus Now Enrolling!

experience with child and adolescents. Excellent written and verbal communication skills, attention to detail and ability to work independently required. Local travel and reliable transportation needed. 619-615-0701 x17.

SOCIAL SERVICES. Instructors/Instructor Aides, Lakeside--day program for adults with developmental disabilities. Excellent benefits, no nights/weekends, start $9-$10.25/hour. Entry-level, $8.50/hour. Unyeway, Inc. 619-562-6330. Fax resume: 619-562-6547.

SOCIAL SERVICES. Promising Futures, Inc., is hiring reliable, caring individuals to work with the developmentally disabled in East County and Ramona. Part-and full-time positions. $8-$10/hour plus benefits. Overtime opportunities available. pficareer@yahoo.com. Fax resume: 619-440-6864. Call 619-440-6802.

SOCIAL SERVICES. Work with developmentally disabled children and adults. Experience preferred. Allied Gardens, Chula Vista or La Mesa. Monday-Friday, 27-32 hours/week. Start $8.75/hour. EOE. www.vistahill.org. E-mail: steinjobs@vistahill.org. Fax resume: 619-281-0453. Apply weekdays, 9am-4pm, Stein Education Center, Attention: HR, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego CA 92120.

STORE MANAGER. Buffalo Exchange, a resale clothing store, is looking for a responsible, energetic, hardworking individual for a full-time Store Manager position at our Pacific Beach location-1007 Garnet Avenue. Retail and/or management experience helpful. Competitive salary plus benefits and bonuses. Apply online at: www.buffaloexchange.com or fax resume attention Amy Stephens: 520-884-4719.

SWIMMING INSTRUCTORS. $11-$18/hour, North County: 760-744-7946 or Pacific Beach: 858-273-7946.

TEACHER ASSISTANT/with 12 ECE units, needed part time for accredited preschool in Clairemont. Benefits available. EOE. E-mail: stmarksschool@sbcglobal.net or call: 858-273-1489.

TEACHER: AFTER SCHOOL HEAD Teacher, Solana Beach School District. Part time, 4.75 hours per day. 12 ECE semester units required. $14.32-$15.75/hour. 12-month position with paid vacations, paid holidays and retirement benefits. Contact Connie Salgado at 858-794-7160.

TECHNICIAN, SATELLITE. Ironwood Communications, DirecTV home service provider, hiring for positions to cover San Diego and outlying areas. Interested candidates may fax or e-mail their resume: fax 888-657-2033. kfolwell@180connect.net. EOE.

TELEFUNDRAISING. 20-year old company. Police, Fire and Veteran charities. Raise money for charities statewide. Highest commission paid. No experience necessary. Paid training. Pay raises every two weeks. Do-Not-Call list exempt. Call today, start tonight! La Mesa: 619-229-1301.

TELEMARKETER. Nationwide business-to-business promotional advertising sales office with sundeck, ocean view. Paid training. $10/hour plus bonuses to start. 7:30am-2pm. USA Promotions, 858-272-7177. Reloaders always welcome.

TELEMARKETERS. $13/hour draw plus commission generating mortgage leads. Advancement opportunities. Full or part time. Experience preferred, not necessary. Mission Valley office. Call Brett, 800-707-9233 x153.

TELEMARKETERS. Earn to $35/hour? AppStar Financial is a fast-paced, energetic company where success is baced upon teamwork. Top producers: $35/hour. Overall average: $16/hour which includes guaranteed base plus weekly bonuses and spiffs. Paid training/vacation, great benefits. Hours: 6:30am-3pm with possible flex start time. Immediate hire for qualified candidates. Apply now! www.appstar.net; 858-712-0150, x4033.

TELEMARKETERS, part time. Work for the most professional advanced, high-tech Real Estate company in Downtown San Diego. $10/hour plus bonus. Direct lender with excellent products. Earning potential, $50,000-$100,000 plus. Call Global Capital Group, 619-232-8863 or fax resume to: 619-232-8854. www.gcapital.com.

TELEMARKETING TRAINEES. Immediate openings! Positive attitude! $8-$12/hour guaranteed. Rock 'n roll atmosphere. No experience necessary. Great daytime hours, off at noon on Friday. Call today, start tomorrow! 858-571-8652.

TELEMARKETING. Advertising specialty company in La Mesa 20 years. Hours Monday-Friday, 8:00am-2:30pm. Generous commissions-- $250 weekly guarantee, health insurance. Great group of people. Call Joe, 619-461-0365.

TELEMARKETING. Full-time, paid training. $60K+/year possible. Guaranteed $8/hour starting. Performance/attendance bonuses, cash contests, paid vacation, medical, dental. Only call businesses. Rob or Michelle, 858-244-0190.

TELEPHONE INTERVIEWERS. Bilingual Spanish/English a plus. No sales. Conduct phone surveys, Kearny Mesa area. Experience preferred. Afternoon, evening, weekend shifts, 24-40 hour per week, flexible schedules. Good communication skills, basic computer skills required. $8/hour, bilingual $8.50/hour. EOE. 858-637-4057.

TELEPHONE INTERVIEWERS. No sales! Friendly, outgoing. Bilingual Spanish a plus. Hourly plus bonuses. Paid training, parking, medical benefits. www.luthresearch.com. Apply: Luth Research, 1365 Fourth Avenue, downtown. Job Hotline: 619-243-8045.

TELESALES. Is Spanish your specialty? Now hiring Sales/Customer Service Reps. Top pay $14-$22/hour! Immediate openings, flexible shifts. Paid training. Weekly pay. DialAmerica Marketing, Inc. www.dialamerica.com/sandiego. 9332 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego 92123. Call 858-292-8822.

GIVE YOUR CAREER LIFE

DISCOVER HYPERBARIC MEDICINE

Earn your associate's degree in hyperbaric medical technology. Hyperbaric medicine has a variety of uses, from wound care to treating carbon monoxide poisoning. Join this cutting edge, fast-growing field with a degree from National Polytechnic College of Engineering and Oceaneering.

CALL 800-432-3483
OR VISIT WWW.NATPOLY.EDU

National Polytechnic College of Engineering and Oceaneering

Affiliate of the National University System

Accredited by ACCJC/WASC

YOUR PASSPORT TO A REWARDING CAREER IN COMMERCIAL DIVING STARTS HERE.

EARN AN ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN MARINE TECHNOLOGY.

OUR GRADUATES ARE IN GREAT DEMAND.

Become a specialist in emergency dive medicine, underwater welding, nondestructive testing and hyperbaric medicine.

COLLEGE OF OCEANEERING
A DIVISION OF NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND OCEANEERING
An affiliate of the National University System

Located in Kearny Mesa
3580 Aero Court
San Diego, CA 92123-1711

FOR MORE INFO
619-563-7430
WWW.NATPOLY.EDU

National Polytechnic College of Engineering and Oceaneering is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges

EVERY YEAR PEOPLE SPEND MILLIONS IN SALONS AND SPAS.

CAN YOU SAY CAREER CHANGE?

Call 800.396.9187 today to get more information on an exciting career in the beauty industry.

- Affordable Tuition
- Financial Aid Available For Those Who Qualify
- Accredited NACCAS
- Day & Evening Classes
- Job Placement Assistance

3 Convenient Locations:

Je Boutique College of Beauty – El Cajon, CA

Bay Vista College of Beauty – National City, CA

Poway Academy of Hair Design – Poway, CA

www.SANDIEGOBEAUTYACADEMY.COM
CAREERS HAVE NEVER LOOKED BETTER.

cosmetology • manicuring • esthetics*
massage** • holistic health practitioner**

* Courses offered at Poway and Je Boutique ** Courses offered at Poway

Inspiring the Path of Health

Join us for upcoming events and enrollment specials

Free Massage, Hypnotherapy and Holistic Health Classes

Learn Massage and Zen-Touch™
Thursdays 7-9 pm • December 21 & 28

Open House
Thursday, Jan. 4, 6 pm
Raffles and prizes including books, DVDs
and up to 1000 hours of free classes

School of HEALING ARTS

858.581.9460
1001 Garnet Avenue
Suite 200, Pacific Beach

"Join us in helping yourself and others on the Path of Vital Health for Body, Mind & Spirit"
- Seymour Koblin, Founder and director since 1989

TELESALES. Mission Valley. $12/hour plus bonuses. Part-time work, full-time pay. Predictive dialer. Apply Wednesdays 11am-2pm, on-the-spot interviews/applications: Mortgage Options Financial, 2815 Camino del Rio South #300. Jeff, 619-398-1680 x116.

TRANSITION SPECIALIST. Assist Teachers in group and community-based instruction for developmentally disabled adults. $8.75/hour to start. 30 hours/week. Benefits. EOE. www.vistahill.org. Fax resume: 619-281-0453. Apply Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm: Stein Education Center, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego 92120. E-mail: steinjobs@vistahill.org.

TRAVEL. Awesome job! Hiring 10 entry-level positions. Will train. 18-plus, free to travel. Represent sports/fashion publications. Call 1-877-896-4711.

TRAVEL/SALES. Publication Sales Company hiring 18 sharp, enthusiastic individuals to travel the entire U.S. 2-weeks all expense paid training with daily cash bonuses. Must be money motivated. Call today! 1-800-781-1344.

TRUCK DRIVERS. 4 weeks training: full commercial Class A and B, forklift certification. 30-year company. Starting wages up to $40,000 your first year. Possible Veteran's assistance. Flexible classes. Visa, MasterCard accepted. Western Truck School, San Diego. Call Dawn, 800-929-1319.

UPHOLSTER APPRENTICE helper. Immediate opening for this great opportunity! Work 4 days, Monday-Thursday, 10-hours per day. Quality interiors, 1181 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-5737.

VALET ATTENDANTS. Fun and rewarding jobs at Viejas Casino! Flexible schedule and great tips! Clean DMV, customer service skills required. Swing and graveyard shifts available. $7.25 plus tips. Apply at www.sunsetparking.com or call 760-753-4004 x333.

VALET, GRAVEYARD SHIFT. Upscale Downtown hotel. Full time available, must work weekends. $9/hour plus tips. Apply online at www.sunsetparking.com or call 760-753-4004 x333.

VALET. Part-time/Full-time, some days/nights. Luxury high-rise condos in La Jolla. Clean DMV and California driver's license required. Must be courteous and neat. Call Herrin, 858-454-0311.

VALETS. Full-and part-time opportunities at luxury Downtown residence. Various shifts between 6am and 10:30pm--we'll work around your schedule! Weekends required. Competitive pay, benefits for full time, advancement opportunities. Apply in person at 755 Union Street or fax resume: 619-696-0740.

VETERINARY ASSISTANT. Will train, no experience necessary. $8.60/hour. Apply in person, Tuesday-Friday, 8am-7pm, 12pm-3pm. Harmony Animal Hospital: 3994 Park Boulevard, 92103. No calls!

WAREHOUSE LEAD. Purchase equipment, parts material from suppliers. Support good customer relations, assists installation/service crews by maintaining adequate inventories. Research new products/make reccommedation to management. ARS offers great benefits and a drug-free work environment. CSL#791820. To apply, please call: 866-852-5404; or apply online: www.jobswithars.com.

WAREHOUSE. Full time. $8 and up (DOE) per hour. No experience, will train. Must be able to lift 75 pounds. Kearny Mesa Area. 858-694-1215.

WAREHOUSE/DELIVERY Driver needed immediately for Ewing Irrigation Products. Join our team in the Carlsbad and San Marcos locations. A Valid Class C license is required. Call Robert at: 760-438-1911 (Carlsbad) or Eddie at: 760-489-1247 (San Marcos).

WAREHOUSE/DELIVERY. Must lift heavy furniture. Valid California license, good driving record. Drug screen required. Full time, benefits. Valley Furniture, 906 East Main, El Cajon.

WAREHOUSING, DISPATCHING, Routing Supervisors, Data Entry, Customer Service, and Saturday only drivers. Clean DMV. Excellent benefits. Apply in person: 5985 Pacific Center Boulevard #210, San Diego, 92121 or call 800-743-1139.

WELDER, MIG/TIG. Santee manufacturer seeks qualified applicant. Layout/fitting experience required. Full-time, benefits. EOE. Apply: 8575 Roland Acres Drive, Santee. Or fax resume: 619-562-7965.

Employment Agencies

PLACE PRINTED ADS in Job Giant and the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

APPLEONE EMPLOYMENT Services. www.appleone.com. Administrative and Clerical positions. Full time, temporary-to-hire and temporary staffing. Chula Vista, 619-409-1401. Downtown, 619-238-7135. Escondido, 760-480-0454. Kearny Mesa, 858-490-6470. Mira Mesa, 858-578-4437. Mission Valley, 619-542-0016.

VOLT SERVICES GROUP. Accounting, Finance, Administrative, Clerical, Light Industrial and more. Temporary, Temporary-to-Direct Hire and Direct Placement opportunities. Competitive wages, paid weekly, paid holidays and vacation. Medical and dental insurance plans, state of the art training, career management and more. www.jobs.volt.com. EOE. Call for more information. San Diego: 858-576-3140; e-mail: clairemont@volt.com. Carlsbad: 760-729-8916; email carlsbad@volt.com. Chula Vista: 619-427-0200; email chulavista@volt.com. El Cajon: 619-401-1524; email elcajon@volt.com. San Marcos: 760-471-0800; email sanmarcos@volt.com. Scripps Ranch: 858-578-0920; email scrippsranch@volt.com.

Employment Services

PLACE PRINTED ADS in Job Giant and the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

Career Training

PLACE PRINTED ADS in Job Giant and the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

ACCOUNTING ACADEMY TRAINING Center. Earn more money in just four months! Learn small business bookkeeping and accounting fast! www.theaccountingacademy.com, 760-510-1990.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, Business, Computer, Dental Assistant, Medical Assistant. Available to non-high school graduates. Valley Career College, 878 Jackman Street, El Cajon, CA 92020. Accredited by ACCET. 619-593-5111.

ADVANCED TRAINING. Careers in Fiber Optics, Computers, Medical Assisting, Massage. Small classes, individualized attention. Financial Aid available. 1810 Gillespie way, Suite 104, El Cajon. 888-883-9714.

ANIMATION, 3D GRAPHIC DESIGN Game Art and Design, Multimedia, Video Production, Web Design. BS and AAS degrees. Placement assistance. Financial aid if qualified. 1-866-PLATTCOLLEGE. www.mediaartschool.com

AUTO BODY/HVAC/CAD. Diesel Technology, Upholstery. Tuition-free! Also Computer Technology and Computer Applications. Palomar College ROP. www.palomar.edu/rop. Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road, AA-136, San Marcos 92069. 760-744-1150 x2293.

BARTENDING SCHOOL. Hands-on training. Ask about our tuition special. Learn to bartend from San Diego's #1 bartending school. Affordable two-week course, job placement assistance, financing available. Make great money. San Diego Bartending School, 6690 Mission Gorge Road, Suite K, San Diego, CA 92120. Call today for a free tour! 619-281-2345. www.SanDiegoBartending.com.

BARTENDING. Learn behind a real bar. 1-2 week course. Fun! Money! Make new friends! Weekend classes available. Part- and full-time. Job placement assistance. www.bartendingacademysd.com; 619-296-0600.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. Coleman College offers Associate and Bachelor's degrees for courses in Computer Networks, Computer Graphic Design, Computer Information Systems. Master's degree programs available in Information Technology and Business & Technology Management. VA approved, career services available, financial aid available for those who qualify. Kearny Mesa/San Marcos campuses. Visit: www.coleman-now.com; 877-416-5413.

BUSINESS OFFICE ADMINISTRATION. Check out our Office Career Programs at UEI. Approved Veterans, Rehab, WIA. Job Placement Assistance, Financial Aid (if qualified). 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, 92123; 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. Call today! 1-877-206-1915. Visit our website: www.uei4you.com.

CASINO DEALING Certification. $50,000+/year potential! Casinos are hiring now. Lowest tuition, guaranteed! Only BPPVE state-licensed school for Casino Dealing and Bartending in San Diego County. Professional instruction. Job Placement Assistance. Member of Better Business Bureau. Academy of International Bartending and Casino Dealing. www.cardsandcocktails.com. Call now! 858-560-MIXX (6499) or 858-278-DEAL (3325).

CASINO DEALER. Earn huge money as a Casino Dealer. Get qualified now, casinos are expanding Poker and Blackjack in 2007! We have experienced instructors, certificate programs and excellent job placement history. 619-957-7250. www.FastAllStarTraining.com.

COLEMAN COLLEGE, voted #1 Business/Vocational School in San Diego 5 consecutive years, offers courses in Computer Networks, Computer Graphic Design, Computer Information Systems, and Business and Technology Management. VA approved, career services available, financial aid available for those who qualify. San Marcos/Kearny Mesa campuses. Visit: www.coleman-now.com; 877-416-5413.

COMMERCIAL DIVING. Learn from one of the most respected Diver Education Centers in the world. Earn your Associate of Science degree in Marine Technology. Specialize your talents: MedTech, WeldTech, SpecTech. Become qualified, not just certified. Experienced professionals teach skills that employers demand. Job placement assistance/financial aid

Career Training

Life's good working as a

Medical Assistant*

We also offer training for:
- A.S. in Respiratory Therapy—***NEW!***
- Insurance Coding & Billing Specialist*
- Massage Therapy*
- Vocational Nursing
- Surgical Technology
- Dental Assistant*

*Get started without a high school diploma!

Now Enrolling—Call Today!
1-888-809-0919
Visit us online at www.concorde4me.com

CONCORDE CAREER COLLEGE
Specializing in Healthcare Training

4393 Imperial Ave., Ste. 100
San Diego, CA 92113
Financial Aid available to those who qualify.
Accredited Member, ACCSCT

Training San Diego Healthcare Professionals for 39 years!

Our Grads Get Careers!

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

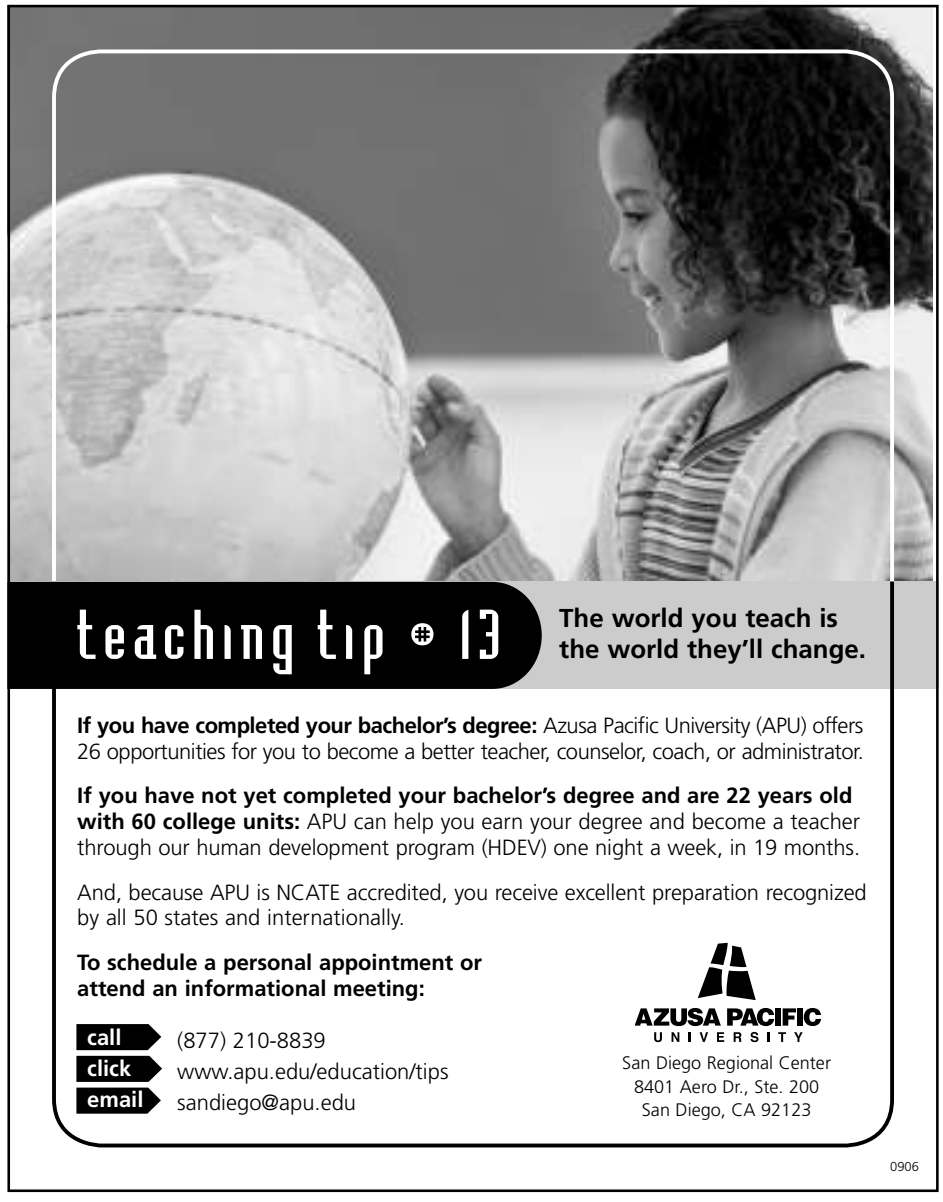
Train for a career in:
- Medical Assistant
- Dental Assistant
- Medical Insurance Billing
- Pharmacy Technician
- Computerized Office/Accounting
- Computer Technician/Networking

Scholarships Available If Qualified

Valley Career College
878 Jackman Street, El Cajon • Located 1 block west of Parkway Plaza
Call (619) **593-5111**
www.valleycareercollege.com

VALLEY CAREER COLLEGE

8-Month Programs • Day & Evening Classes • Financial Aid (If Qualified)
Available to Non-High School Graduates! • Job Placement Assistance • Approved for WIA, VA benefits



for those qualified. College of Oceaneering: 619-563-7430, www.natpoly.edu.

COMPUTER OFFICE training. Be job-ready in just 8 weeks! Valley Career College, 878 Jackman Street, El Cajon, CA 92020. We are located 1 block west of Parkway Plaza. Accredited by ACCET. Day and evening classes. Small class size. Externships available. Job placement assistance. Financial aid if qualified. Available to non-high school graduates. 619-593-5111.

COMPUTER SYSTEMS TECH Program available at UEI. Help those in need. Programs are approved for Veterans, Rehab, WIA. We offer Job Placement Assistance and Financial Aid (if qualified). 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, 92123; 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. Call today! 1-877-206-1915. Visit: www.uei4you.com.

COMPUTER TRAINING. Tuition-free! Palomar College ROP. Computer Security/Forensics, Hardware/Software Technology, Microsoft Office Applications, Networking (LAN), Operating Systems (Linux, XP), Website Development. Auto Body, CAD, Diesel Technology, Electronic Publishing, HVAC, Upholstery. www.palomar.edu/rop. Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road, AA-136, San Marcos 92069. 760-744-1150 x2293.

COMPUTER TRAINING. Coleman College, voted #1 Business/Vocational School in San Diego 5 consecutive years, offers courses in Computer Networks, Computer Graphic Design, Computer Information Systems, and Business Administration. VA approved, career services available, financial aid available for those who qualify. San Marcos Kearny Mesa campuses. Visit: www.coleman-now.com; 877-416-5413.

COSMETOLOGY PROGRAM. Make money and have fun! Top Hairstylists love their careers and many own their own businesses. One-year full or part-time training. Night classes available. Paul Mitchell The School, 410 A Street, San Diego 92101. www.PaulMitchellTheSchool.com. 619-398-1590.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLASSES start soon. We offer Bachelor of Science Degrees in Criminal Justice. Financial aid if qualified. Day, afternoon, evening classes. Remington College, 123 Camino de la Reina, North Building, Suite 100, San Diego 92108. www.4classes.org. Call today! 877-538-7125.

CULINARY ARTS/CULINARY Management. Associate of Science in Culinary Arts. Bachelor of Science in Culinary Management. Financial aid if qualified. Job search assistance. www.aicasd.artinstitutes.edu. Art Institute of California, 7650 Mission Valley Road, San Diego 92108. 858-598-1399; 800-591-2422.

DEGREE PROGRAMS. Grossmont College. New lower fees-just $20 a unit! Classes begin January 22. More than 1,900 class sections including: Art, Business, Culinary Arts, Economics, Geology, Hospitality & Tourism Management, Marketing, Multimedia, Nursing, Retail Management, Spanish and many more! Financial aid and scholarships available. Check out online courses: www.grossmont.edu. 619-644-7000.

DENTAL ASSISTANT TRAINING. Be job-ready in just months! Valley Career College, 878 Jackman Street, El Cajon, CA 92020. We are located 1 block west of Parkway Plaza. Accredited by ACCET. Day and evening classes. Small class size. Externships available. Job placement assistance. Financial aid if qualified. Available to non-high school graduates. 619-593-5111.

Which of the 50 states have you been to?

Lyz Gonzalez
Hairstylist
North Park

I've been to Georgia, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Virginia, and that's it. Oh, and Washington, D.C. That's not a state, is it? That was my eighth-grade trip. My brother got married in Georgia; Arizona was vacation; Nevada because of Vegas.

Sophia Pearlson
Aesthetician
Point Loma

New York, Washington, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Arizona, Montana. I've been to some because of family vacations. Others because of business or relocating.

Molly Wilmot
Opera singer
La Mesa

Oh, my gosh; from Minnesota down to Florida, however many you go through that way. California to Arizona. I drove here from Minnesota. Oh, and I flew out to New York. I took a train all the way up the coast and across. I have been to Boston and some of the East Coast. I think I've been everywhere but the South.

Kevin Six
Trapeze artist
Clairemont

All except…it's easier to do it backwards. I haven't done Alaska. I haven't been to Georgia or the Carolinas. When we were kids, we were driving across country in the VW van. My brother and I had long hair, and we had just seen *Easy Rider*. My parents didn't want us to get killed down there. And I have no reasons to go there now.

Mathew Lucero
Graphic designer
Mission Valley

I've been to New York, New Jersey, Washington, Washington, D.C. I don't know what state that's in. I was born in Hawaii. New Mexico, Oregon, California, Arizona, Colorado, Texas, Florida, Tennessee, and Puerto Rico. I've been to some of those states for vacations, death of loved ones, and visiting significant others.

Kirby Stenger
Student
La Jolla

Alabama, Tennessee, New York, Hawaii, Minnesota, Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, California, Oregon, Nebraska, Kansas, Mississippi, Florida. I was in gymnastic competitions from 4 to 14. I did trampoline. Those competitions took us everywhere. We went all over the world.

DENTAL ASSISTANT. Get started without a high school diploma. Now enrolling, call today! Concorde Career Institute, 4393 Imperial Avenue, Suite 100, San Diego 92113. 888-254-6904; www.concorde4me.com.

DENTAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM at UEI. Approved Veterans, Rehab, WIA. Job Placement Assistance, Financial Aid (if qualified). 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, 92123; 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. Call today! 1-877-206-1915. Visit: www.uei4you.com.

DIVING/COMMERCIAL. Learn from one of the most respected Diver Education Centers in the world. Earn your Associate of Science degree in Marine Technology. Specialize your talents: MedTech, WeldTech, SpecTech. Become qualified, not just certified. Experienced professionals teach skills that employers demand. Job placement assistance/financial aid for those qualified. Visit: www.natpoly.edu, or call College of Oceaneering: 619-563-7430.

ESTHETICIAN. Skin care training using the highest quality products with the most effective tools and techniques. Learn facials, waxing, make-up application and licensing requirements within 6 months. www.sandiegobeautyacademy.com

FASHION CAREERS. Indulge your imagination! Fashion Design and Technology or Costume Design, Fashion Business Technology. Day and evening classes. Career counseling and placement assistance. Financial aid to those who qualify. 888-283-7417. Fashion Careers College, 1923 Morena Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92110 (off Highway 5 on Mission Bay). www.fashioncareerscollege.com.

FASHION DESIGN. Fashion Marketing and Fashion Management degree programs. The Art Institute of California, 7650 Mission Valley Road, San Diego 92108. Also Design, Media, Culinary. 858-598-1399; 800-591-2422. www.aicasd.artinstitutes.edu.

GEMOLOGY/JEWELRY. Prepare for a rich and rewarding career in the fine jewelry industry. Gemological Institute of America offers the most comprehensive, respected gem and jewelry education available anywhere. On Campus, Distance Education, Web enhanced courses, traveling Lab classes, seminars. Year-round admission. Financial assistance programs/scholarships for qualifying students. Free catalog: 800-421-7250 x4001. www.gia.edu.

GMAT PREPARATION. USD Test Preparation Courses. Learn secrets of good test taking, proven test-taking strategies. Timed practice tests. Build test-taking confidence and competence. www.sandiego.edu/testprep. 619-260-4579.

GRAPHIC DESIGN. Coleman College, voted #1 Business/Vocational School in San Diego 5 consecutive years, offers courses in Logo Design, Advertising, Illustration, Web Design. Associates and Bachelor degrees available. VA approved, career services available, financial aid available for those who qualify. San Marcos/Kearny Mesa campuses. Visit: www.coleman-now.com and call today! 877-416-5413.

GRAPHIC DESIGN. 3D Animation, Game Art and Design, Multimedia, Video Production, Web Design. BS and AAS degrees. Placement assistance. Financial aid if qualified. 1-866-PLATTCOLLEGE. www.mediaartschool.com.

GRE PREPARATION. USD Test Preparation Courses. Proven test-taking strategies. Learn how to study for standardized exam, secrets of good test taking. Counselors to assist you with Admissions process. www.sandiego.edu/testprep. 619-260-4579.

HAIR DESIGN TRAINING. Make money and have fun! Top Hairstylists love their careers; many own their own businesses. One year full-or part-time training. Night classes available. Paul Mitchell The School, 410 A Street, San Diego 92101. www.PaulMitchellTheSchool.com. 619-398-1590.

HEALTHCARE CAREER in 6 weeks! Become a Phlebotomy Technician. Classroom instruction and clinical externship at affiliated hospitals and clinics. No experience necessary. Requires high school diploma/equivalent. BPPVE Register #3708721. Family Health Services, 619-955-1007.

HOLISTIC HEALTH Massage Therapy. Become a qualified and highly skilled Massage Therapist. Continual course completion within 10 months. Put your skills to work in chiropractic, sports, rehabilitation centers, spas and resorts. Poway Academy, 858-748-1490.

HUNDREDS OF CLASSES AVAILABLE! Now only $20 per unit. College graduation just got closer. San Diego Community College District. 2007 Intersession January 2-February 3. Online, On-campus, Day, Evening. Apply now! See our websites: San Diego City College: www.sdcity.edu (619-388-3475); Mesa College: www.sdmesa.edu (858-627-2682); Miramar College: www.sdmiramar.edu (858-536-7844). Apply today!

CAREER TRAINING

TRAIN AT MARIC COLLEGE IN
MEDICAL ASSISTING

Also train in:
- Vocational Nursing
- Nursing Assistant
- Medical Administrative and Insurance Specialist
- Medical Insurance Coder
- And more...

- Day And Evening Classes
- Career Placement Assistance
- Financial Aid Available For Those Who Qualify
- Programs Available For Non-High School Graduates
- Approved For WIA Benefits

Not all programs offered at all locations

Maric College
San Diego Campus
North County Campus

CALL NOW FOR A BROCHURE!
888-356-4000 Dept. 210
www.CareerTraining-Maric.com

HYPERBARIC MEDICINE. Earn your associate's degree in Hyperbaric Medical Technology. From wound care to treating carbon monoxide poisoning. Join this cutting edge, fast-growing field with a degree from National Polytechnic College of Engineering and Oceaneering. Classes two days a weeks, job placement assistance/financial aid for those qualified. Visit: www.natpoly.edu, or call College of Oceaneering: 800-432-3483.

INSURANCE BILLING/CODING at UEI. Approved Veterans, Rehab, WIA. Job Placement Assistance, Financial Aid (if qualified). 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, 92123; 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. Call today! 1-877-206-1915. Visit: www.uei4you.com.

INTERIOR DESIGN. Bachelor of Science in Interior Design. Financial aid if qualified. Job search assistance. www.aicasd.artinstitutes.edu. Art Institute of California, 7650 Mission Valley Road, San Diego 92108. 858-598-1399; 800-591-2422.

JEWELRY/GEMOLOGY. Fine Jewelry. Gemological Institute of America offers the most comprehensive, respected gem and jewelry education available. On Campus, Distance Education, Web enhanced courses, traveling Lab classes, seminars. Year-round admission. Financial assistance programs/scholarships for qualifying students. Free catalog: 800-421-7250 x4001. www.gia.edu.

JOBS WAITING! The Fiber Optics industry is so hot, it's on fire!. We have more job openings than we have people to fill them. A career opportunity that will last at least 20 years. 3-week intensive hands-on course. Become certified in: Fiber Optics, Telecommunications, Data Cabling, FOA Certified. Day/evening classes. WIA/Workers' Comp/EDD. State approved. 100% private financing for those qualified. 1324 East Mission Road, San Marcos. Visit: www.nctc.nu; e-mail: nctc2@hotmail.com; call 760-471-9561.

JOIN THE DESIGN REVOLUTION. Find out how to enter for chance to win a tuition scholarship. The Art Institute of California-San Diego, Text "JOIN" to 64636. Degree programs offered. www.aicasd.artinstitutes.edu. 7650 Mission Valley Road, San Diego 92108. 800-591-2422. 858-598-1200.

JOIN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION as a Medical Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Administrative Assistant or Radiographer. Pima Medical Institute offers morning, afternoon, evening classes; financial aid if qualified; lifetime job placement assistance. 888-239-9445. 780 Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista.

LEARNING ACADEMY. Home Care Aides, Childcare, Family Caregivers. Entry-level and advanced training for home care providers. At Your Home Familycare, Inc. E-mail: homecarejobs@atyourhomefamilycare.com. Toll free: 877-91LEARN.

LSAT PREPARATION. USD Test Preparation Courses. Your test score may count 50% toward your admission. Maximize performance in each exam area. Proven test-taking strategies. www.sandiego.edu/testprep. 619-260-4579.

MAKEUP WORKSHOPS: 4-Day Workshops–$1200 January 11-14, March 8-11, May 17-20, July 5-8. Limited class size, prices going up in 2007. www.SanDiegoMakeupSchool.com. 619-428-4044. For eyelashes, glue, extensions, and other professional makeup supplies: www.pmas-inc.com.

MASSAGE CLASSES. Learn Tui-Na, Shiatsu, Deep Tissue Massage and other techniques. Meridian International School, 1465 Morena Boulevard, San Diego (92110). Visit: www.MeridianWay.com. Call for for more information and a free catalog today! 619-275-2345.

MASSAGE THERAPY. Swedish/American Massage, Geriatric Massage, Acupressure, Reflexology, Lymphatic Drainage, Aromatherapy and more. Concorde Career College, 4393 Imperial Avenue, Suite 100, San Diego. 888-254-6904; www.concorde4me.com.

MASSAGE THERAPY COURSE. Prepare to work in administrative/clinical settings. 8 months training. Morning/evening classes, externship training. Financial aid, if qualified. Job placement assistance. Glendale Career College, 2204 El Camino Real #200, Oceanside (92054). Call today! 800-882-7126.

MASSAGE THERAPY PROGRAM new at San Diego campus! Maric College offers on-the-job training, career placement, financial aid available for those who qualify. Call today! 888-356-4000, Department 208, or visit www.CareerTraining-Maric.com.

MASSAGE THERAPY/HHP/Naturopathy. Classes: Massage Therapist (MT), Nutrition, Herbology, Holistic Health Practitioner (HHP), Naturopathic Practitioner (NP), Aromatherapy, Spa Therapist, Thai Medical Massage, Lomi-Lomi/Hawaiian Healing Arts, Yoga Instructor, Counseling Skills, Sports Therapist & Performance Enhancement, Oriental Therapies, Energetic/Vibrational Healing, and much more! Natural Healing Institute, Encinitas. 760-943-8485. www.naturalhealinginst.com.

MASSAGE THERAPY Classes start soon. Financial aid if qualified. Day and evening classes. Remington College, 123 Camino de la Reina, North Building, Suite 100, San Diego 92108. www.4classes.org. Call today! 877-681-2536.

MASSAGE THERAPY COURSE at UEI. Approved Veterans, Rehab, WIA. Job Placement Assistance, Financial Aid (if qualified). 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, 92123; 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. Call today! 1-877-206-1915. Visit our website: www.uei4you.com.

MASSAGE, HHP, MASSAGE Technician. Hands-on certified training using the highest quality products with the most effective tools and techniques. Continual course study to complete within 10 months! Poway Academy, 858-748-1490.

MEDIA ARTS. Innovation is the imaginative results of creative vision. Bachelor of Science Degree program. Financial aid if qualified. Job search assistance. www.aicasd.artinstitutes.edu. The Art Institute of California, 7650 Mission Valley Road, San Diego 92108. 800-591-2422; 858-598-1399.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS. 4 month accelerated course, begins January 2007. Nighttime lectures, 6pm-10pm. Hands-on training 2 days per week. NCCT certification. 858-454-2327, 619-459-5868.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT Program available at UEI. Help those in need. Programs are approved for Veterans, Rehab, WIA. We offer Job Placement Assistance and Financial Aid (if qualified). 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, 92123; 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. Call today! 1-877-206-1915. Visit: www.uei4you.com.

MEDICAL BILLING TRAINING. Be job-ready in just months! Valley Career College, 878 Jackman Street, El Cajon, CA 92020. We are located 1 block west of Parkway Plaza. Accredited by ACCET. Day and evening classes. Small class size. Externships available. Job placement assistance. Financial aid if qualified. Available to non-high school graduates. 619-593-5111.

MEDICAL BILLING/INSURANCE. Approved for Veterans, Rehab, WIA. Job Placement Assistance, Financial Aid for those who qualify. Morning, afternoon and evening classes. UEI, 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, 92123; 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. 1-877-206-1915. Visit; www.uei4you.com.

MEDICAL CAREERS. Train to become a: Medical Assistant, Medical Insurance Coder, X-Ray Technician, Massage Therapist, Nursing Assistant. Not all programs offered at all locations. Maric College offers on-the-job training, career placement, financial aid available for those who qualify. Campuses in San Diego, North County and East County. Call today! 888-356-4000, Dept. 208, or visit www.CareerTraining-Maric.com.

MEDICAL OFFICE SPECIALIST. (Coding & Billing). Prepare to work in administrative/clinical settings in 8 months. Externship training. Financial aid, if qualified. Job placement assistance. Glendale Career College, 2204 El Camino Real #200, Oceanside (92054). Call today! 800-882-7126.

NOW ONLY $20 PER UNIT! College graduation just got closer. San Diego Community College District. 2007 Intersession January 2-February 3. Online, On-campus, Day, Evening. Apply now! See our websites: San Diego City College: www.sdcity.edu (619-388-3475); Mesa College: www.sdmesa.edu (858-627-2682); Miramar College: www.sdmiramar.edu (858-536-7844). Apply today!

NURSING/VOCATIONAL. Get started without a High School Diploma! Concorde also offers: A.S. in Respiratory Therapy, Massage Therapy, Surgical Technology, Medical Assistant, Dental Assistant, Insurance Coding/Billing courses. Now enrolling, call today! Concorde Career Institute, 4393 Imperial Avenue, Suite 100, San Diego 92113. 888-254-6904; www.concorde4me.com.

NURSING: AZUSA PACIFIC University's Early Entry into Nursing and Advanced Practice (EENAP) Program provides graduate-level nursing education for those with degrees in other disciplines. EENAP students complete pre-licensure theory and clinical work leading to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and may continue with courses leading to advanced practice in nursing, specifically the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). A generous enrollment fund donation from Kaiser Permanente allows students to participate in a forgivable loan program where they will perform clinical rotations and receive mentoring from Kaiser Permanente staff in addition to coursework. Upon graduation and licensure, students will work at Kaiser Permanente San Diego facility, receiving two years of real-world experience. Call 877-210-8839, visit www.apu.edu/nursing, e-mail sandiego@apu.edu. Or apply online today at www/apu.edu/apply/. Azusa Pacific University, 2820 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108.

Tuition-Free
Computer Training

Enroll now!

- A+ Certification Preparation
- Computer Security/Forensics
- Hardware/Software Technology
- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Networking (LAN)
- Operating Systems (Linux, XP)
- Website Development

PALOMAR COLLEGE

Palomar College ROP
1140 W. Mission Rd., AA-136
San Marcos, CA 92069
760-744-1150 ext. 2293
www.palomar.edu/rop

Also available: Auto Body, CAD, Diesel Technology, Electronic Publishing, HVAC, Upholstery

NAME **This Place**

Clue: Pals play the *pallino*

Describe this location, name the nearest cross-streets, and win a *Reader* T-shirt. E-mail to NameThisPlace@SanDiegoReader.com; fax to 619-231-0489; or mail to *Reader,* Name This Place, Box 85803, San Diego 92186 — include your name and address. (Deadline, Tuesday, 9 a.m. In case of ties, lottery will determine top five winners.)

Last week's place: (clue: ¿Como se llama, Iris?) Bandit the llama checks out visitors at what has become a virtual kids' petting zoo on the corner of Iris and Howard Avenues (1507 Howard), next to the Iris Avenue trolley stop and bus terminal, in the South Bay/Otay Mesa area. Two llamas, countless rabbits, and a dozen ducks help create the barnyard atmosphere. The main house can be rented out for kids' parties (619-392-1777). (Last week's winners: Charlene Ranger, José G. Diaz, George Cuevas, Laura Arana, Olivea Norman)

Career Training

OFFICE CAREERS at UEI. Approved Veterans, Rehab, WIA. Job Placement Assistance, Financial Aid (if qualified). 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, 92123; 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. Call today! 1-877-206-1915. Visit our website: www.uei4you.com.

PARALEGAL CERTIFICATE. University of San Diego. American Bar Association approved since 1977. 3-month day or 10-month evening program. Internship/loans available. Employment assistance. www.sandiego.edu/paralegal. 619-260-4579.

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINING: Assist licensed Pharmacists in providing medication and healthcare products to patients. Graduate in 8 months! Morning, afternoon, evening classes; lifetime job placement assistance and financial aid if qualified. Pima Medical Institute, 888-239-9445. 780 Bay Boulevard in Chula Vista (I-5 at J Street). www.pmi.edu.

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN Course at UEI. Approved Veterans, Rehab, WIA. Job Placement Assistance, Financial Aid (if qualified). 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, 92123; 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. Call today! 1-877-206-1915. Visit our website: www.uei4you.com.

PROFESSIONAL CODER, Certified (CPC). 80-hour program in San Diego. AAPC approved curriculum and preparation for CPC exam. Contact: celsa@thecodingsource.com, or call toll free: 866-235-7553. www.thecodingsource.com.

RADIOGRAPHY (Associate of Occupational Science)--this career is in demand! Take X-rays and administer contrast media for diagnostic purposes. Train in less than two years for this degree. Pima Medical Institute offers morning, afternoon, evening classes; financial aid if qualified; lifetime job placement assistance. 888-239-9445. 780 Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista.

REAL ESTATE. Prepare now for a rewarding career in the new year! Free monthly career seminars. Century 21 Award offers the best training in the industry. Let us license you. www.century21award.com. opportunities@century21award.com. 800-480-5529.

RECRUITER/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL. First year $45K-$60K commission. Requires 3-5 years experience in admissions/recruitment for schools. Location: Camp Pendleton and Miramar bases. Programs in Fiber Optics, Telecommunications, Data Cabling. State approved. Great opportunity! Please fax resume: 760-471-0291.

REMINGTON COLLEGE. Business Information Systems, Computer Networking, Criminal Justice, Massage Therapy, Medical Assisting. Classes start soon! Financial aid available if qualified. Day, afternoon, evening classes. Remington College, 123 Camino de la Reina, North Building, Suite 100, San Diego 92108. www.4classes.org. Call today! 877-538-7125.

RESPIRATORY THERAPY. Breathe easy with a new career as a Respiratory Therapist! Often fast-paced, requiring both technical and medical responsibilities, this career choice is in demand. This is a new program and seats are limited, so call before classes fill. Respiratory Therapists in California earned an average wage of $54,150 in 2004. For more information, go to www.stats.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_ca.htm#b29-0000 (U.S. Department of Labor). It's quick and affordable. Call today. Pima Medical Institute, 888-239-9445. 780 Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista.

RESPIRATORY THERAPY COURSE. Get started without a High School Diploma! Concorde offers: A.S. in Respiratory Therapy, Massage Therapy, Surgical Technology, Medical Assistant, Dental Assistant, Vocational Nursing courses. Now enrolling, call today! Concorde Career Institute, 4393 Imperial Avenue, Suite 100, San Diego 92113. 888-254-6904; www.concorde4me.com.

SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGES. Now only $20 per unit. Hundreds of classes available! 2007 Intersession January 2-February 3. Online, On-campus, Day, Evening. Apply now! See our websites: San Diego City College: www.sdcity.edu (619-388-3475); Mesa College: www.sdmesa.edu (858-627-2682); Miramar College: www.sdmiramar.edu (858-536-7844). Apply today!

SPEC TECH. Become a specialist in underwater inspections, testing and quality assurance. Earn your Associate of Science degree in Marine Technology. Become qualified, not just certified. Experienced professionals teach skills that employers demand. Job placement assistance/financial aid for those qualified. Visit: www.natpoly.edu, or call College of Oceaneering: 619-563-7430.

START YOUR LEGAL CAREER. University of San Diego Paralegal Certificate. Challenging positions in law firms, banks, corporations, government agencies. Day and evening programs. Internship/loans available. Employment assistance. American Bar Association approved since 1977. www.sandiego.edu/paralegal. 619-260-4579.

STARTING, CHANGING OR moving ahead in your career? Start your New Year off right! UCSD Extension provides a wealth of professional development opportunities to help you grow: 6 areas of study, 54 certificates, 300 courses. Create the career of your future today! Winter courses begin January 8th and throughout the quarter. Visit extension.ucsd.edu or call 858-882-8000.

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY. Start this year with a new career. We also offer courses in Massage Therapy, Medical Assisting, Respiratory Therapy. Insurance Coding and Billing, Dental Assisting, and Vocational Nursing. Call today for more information! Concorde Career College, 4393 Imperial Avenue, Suite 100, San Diego. 888-254-6904; www.concorde4me.com.

TEACHER EDUCATION. Teaching Tip #13: The world you teach is the world they'll change. If you have completed your bachelor's degree, APU offers 26 opportunities for you to become a better teacher, counselor, coach or administrator. If you have not yet completed your bachelor's degree and are 22 years old with 60 college units, APU can help you earn your degree and become a teacher through our Human Development program one night a week, 19 months. And because APU is NCATE accredited, you receive excellent preparation recognized by all 50 states and internationally. To schedule an appointment or attend an information meeting, call 877-210-8839, visit www.apu.edu/education/tips, or e-mail sandiego@apu.edu. Azusa Pacific University, 2820 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108.

TRUCK DRIVING. Class A/Class B training, licensed instructors, full/part-time classes, placement assistance. San Diego Campus Accredited Member ACCSCT, BPPVE Approved, CVTA Member, CTA Member. United Truck Driving School, 800-764-2020.

TRUCK DRIVER. 4 weeks training: full commercial Class A and B, forklift certification. 30-year company. Possible Veteran's assistance. Flexible classes. Visa, MasterCard accepted. Western Truck School, San Diego. Call Dawn, 800-929-1319.

TUITION-FREE TRAINING: Personal Trainer, Medical Office, Orthopedic Tech, Group Home Training, Telemetry Tech, Insurance, InDesign (or QuarkXPress), Culinary Arts, Web Graphics, Emergency Dispatch, Security & CPR/First Aid. ROP Grossmont College. www.grossmont.edu/rop. 619-644-7550.

VETERINARY ASSISTANT PROGRAM: Just 30 weeks to a career filled with fur and fun! Love your patients and your job as you nurture the health and well-being of animals. Pima Medical Institute offers morning, afternoon and evening classes; financial aid if qualified; lifetime job placement assistance. 888-239-9445. 780 Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista.

WELD TECH DIVERS. Become a specialist in the technology of underwater welding. Earn your Associate of Science degree in Marine Technology. Become qualified, not just certified. Experienced professionals teach skills that employers demand. Job placement assistance/financial aid for those qualified. Visit: www.natpoly.edu, or call College of Oceaneering: 1-619-563-7430.

Business Opportunities

PLACE PRINTED ADS in Job Giant and the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

ABSOLUTELY DOMINATING San Diego! You: want to get rich. OK, here's the deal. You must be the following: motivated, fearless, outgoing, great people skills, disciplined, positive, teachable, unstoppable. If this is you, I will take you to millionaire. One shot: call 760-487-1170.

AVON. Excellent income potential! Perfect for self-starters with a commitment to helping others succeed. $10 gets you started. Call Kathleen, independent sales representative: 619-429-1253; 888-429-1253.

EARN $350 EVERY DAY! Data entry workers needed online immediately. Work from home. Guaranteed income. No experience necessary. Register online today. www.Dataformoney.com.

EARN EXECUTIVE PAY FROM HOME! How to Create Wealth and Live the Lifestyle of Your Dreams. Simple, proven business system. Serious only: 800-263-2495. www.thewealththeory.com/greglane.

GO TO THE NEXT LEVEL! Work from home and double your current income. Internet marketing opportunity. Free training.Serious only. Free message: 800-867-7255.

JANITORIAL. Own your own business. No money paid until you start. Commercial Maintenance Association. San Diego and North County: 619-294-4832. For Orange County and Inland Empire: 800-704-5018, x315. www.commercialmaintenance.com.

LOOKING FOR FINANCIAL FREEDOM? Discover Arbonne! Health and wellness company. I am looking for people I can train to do this business. You won't be alone with Arbonne, you'll be part of a team. Swiss anti-aging skin care, cosmetics, aromatherapy, nutrition/weight management. Pure. Safe. Beneficial. Contact Diana: 619-405-7533, dianatompkins@myarbonne.com.

Classes / Lessons

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

ACCLAIMED INTERNATIONAL singer/pianist/songwriter/recording artist/producer offering voice/piano lessons. Fully-equipped studio. Launch your music career! $50/hour. Celeste, 858-467-0776. www.celestecenter.com.

ART CLASSES! San Diego's newest art school! Pottery, stained glass, painting, and more! All ages. Beginning to advanced. Visit: sandiegoartdepartment.com or call 619-299-4ART (4278).

CERAMICS (POTTERY). Balboa Park classes. Pottery, sculpture and more! 8 sessions for $200. Visit us between 12-8pm. Spanish Village Art Center, Suite #15. www.dsniderceramics.com. 619-232-3305.

DANCE LESSONS. Salsa, swing, ballroom, weddings and more! Pacific Beach and North County locations. Contact Amanda, 619-206-1101; amanda@dancehealthy.com; www.dancehealthy.com. Get happy, get healthy, get dancing!

DANCE salsa! Start the New Year off with rhythm! Call for Holiday Specials! A great gift idea! Beginners/couples/styling. www.SerenaCuevas.com. 760-224-7474.

DRUM INSTRUCTION. I teach what you want and need to know. Get more playing enjoyment. Be musical! All levels accepted. Hoffman Drum Studio, Kirk, 619-287-6518.

DRUMS, CONGAS, BONGOS and timbales. Study rock, fusion, Latin, jazz, and classical. Hour and half-hour lessons offered. Beginners and advanced. Academy of Music. 619-295-7062.

ENGLISH TUTORING. Master's degree instructor. English as a second language, TOEFL, grammar, writing, pronunciation. Native speaker grammar refinement. Reasonable rates. jaymart@cox.net, 619-528-8663 or 619-410-2002.

FIDDLE GROUP LESSONS. The Performance Academy. All ages. Meets Wednesdays, 6pm-8pm, Sorrento Valley. Bluegrass, Celtic, old-time music. New semester starts January. Details: www.fiddlegirl.com/perfacademy.html. 760-782-9202.

University of San Diego
(619) 260-4579

TEST PREPARATION
SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS!
LSAT ▪GMAT ▪ GRE ▪ SAT
• Experienced Faculty • Practice Exams
• Small Classes • Convenient Schedules
• Free Refresher Classes (within 1 year of paid course completion)
www.sandiego.edu/testprep

PARALEGAL CERTIFICATE
A CAREER IN LAW
• Challenging Positions in Law Firms, Banks, Corporations, Government Agencies
• Internship, Loans Available
• Employment Assistance
• 3-Month Day/10-Month Evening
• Approved by the American Bar Association
www.sandiego.edu/paralegal

Life's good working as an
Insurance Coding & Billing Specialist*

We also offer training for:
NEW! • A.S. in Respiratory Therapy • Medical Assistant*
• Massage Therapy* • Dental Assistant*
• Surgical Technology • Vocational Nursing
*Get started without a high school diploma!
Now Enrolling—Call Today!
1-800-870-3542
Visit us online at www.concorde4me.com
CONCORDE CAREER COLLEGE
Specializing in Healthcare Training
4393 Imperial Ave., Ste. 100
San Diego, CA 92113
Financial Aid available to those who qualify.
Accredited Member, ACCSCT
Training San Diego Healthcare Professionals for 39 years!

These are what dreams – and dream careers – are made of.

Find out how the Gemological Institute of America can prepare you for a rich and rewarding career in the fine jewelry industry. For 75 years, nonprofit GIA has educated the world's leading jewelers, gemologists and jewelry designers, offering the most comprehensive and respected gem and jewelry education available anywhere.

- On Campus, Distance Education, Web enhanced courses, traveling Lab classes and seminars.
- Year-round admission.
- Financial assistance programs and scholarships for qualifying students.
- Ongoing career support.
- Ocean-view campus in Carlsbad.

To learn more, call for a free course catalog: **800-421-7250 ext. 4001** or visit **www.gia.edu**

GIA
Gemological Institute of America®

75 Since 1931

World Headquarters
The Robert Mouawad Campus
5345 Armada Drive | Carlsbad, CA 92008
T: 760-603-4000 | F: 760-603-4003

Learn from the World's Foremost Authority in Gemology™

Mueller College
of Holistic Studies™

Excellence In Massage Therapy Training!

30 years' experience teaching holistic health

The ***only*** COMTA-accredited college in California

Accepting applications for our January 1000-hour Holistic Health Practitioner class. Call now for your free catalog and tour.
Financial Aid available for those who qualify.

www.Mueller.edu **4607 Park Boulevard San Diego, CA 92116** **(888) 223-9418**

NEW! Clinical Hypnotherapist Program!

The Mueller Community Wellness Center has ***the best*** at our Banker's Hill location:

$30 supervised student massages

$50 professional massages -
several styles and modalities available

Come see what the buzz is about! **Gift Certificates make great presents !**

The Clinical Hypnotherapist Program does not involve bodywork, and therefore is not accredited by COMTA.

(619) 794-2444 **2150 Fourth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101**

Experience Healing.

Free Classifieds!

Post free online ads with photos at SanDiegoReader.com

FRENCH AND FRENCH COOKING Lessons. The best French lessons in San Diego, from $9.99/hour. Learn French and French cooking with a teacher from Paris! Materials included. www.fromenglishtofrench.com. Sophie, 619-339-7993.

GUITAR & BASS INSTRUCTION, San Diego County's in-home instruction specialist. 7 days/week. Beginners welcome. Receive 50% off your first private lesson. Call 858-560-8739. www.CoastGuitar.com.

GUITAR INSTRUCTION. Learn to play with ease: Rock, Jazz, Latin-Jazz, Blues, Country, and Popular music. 30 years of professional experience. Steve Nichols, 619-606-1115. windcross2@cox.net; www.crosswindsmusic.net.

GUITAR INSTRUCTION. San Diego's finest lessons! I offer the most professional, comprehensive, insightful guitar instruction available in Southern California. State-of-the-art learning from a true master player/teacher. Get dramatic results quickly! Tim Quinn, 858-569-6088. www.QuinnGuitar.com.

GUITAR INSTRUCTION. Concert professional from Spain, with 23 years touring experience, now offering private classes in authentic flamenco and classical guitar. 619-282-0369.

GUITAR LESSONS. Learn from a working pro. Electric, slide and acoustic lessons. Singing lessons also available. NorwoodMusicStudios.com. 619-262-7464.

GUITAR LESSONS/RECORDING. Learn to play, sing your favorite songs. Experienced instruction tailored to your goals. Record a demo; session work. Craig Blaine, 619-417-4080, www.jcbmusic.com.

GUITAR. BLUE GUITAR. Lessons with San Diego's best teaching staff. Blues, rock, classical, flamenco, banjo, ukulele and mandolin. 619-283-2700. 5959 Mission Gorge Road. www.theblueguitar.com.

GUITAR/BASS LESSONS. Expert instruction from cool, caring professional. Rock, classical, jazz, reading, theory, technique, songwriting. Berklee graduate. Personalized lessons, my home or yours. Unparalleled punctuality, reliability. Ian Kaplan, 619-743-9594. ian292@yahoo.com.

KING MUSIC LESSONS! $60/month for 8 lessons: 4 private 1/2 hour, 4 1-hour group lessons! Open until: 8pm weekdays, 5pm Saturdays, 8pm Sundays. 3592 Main Street. www.kingmusicoflemongrove.com. 619-465-9022.

PIANO ACHIEVEMENT proven with free lesson. Ages 5 to 95. Classical, popular, jazz. Very patient teacher/performer offers top quality, individualized instruction, beginning through advanced. 25 years' experience. Lee Galloway, 619-281-8118.

PIANO LESSONS by graduate of Julliard, Oberlin, University of Michigan. Over 30 years of experience. All levels. Very patient. Reasonable rates. 858-457-4067.

PIANO LESSONS. All ages, levels. Affordable rates. 35 years teaching experience. Cleveland Music School Settlement. Cleveland Orchestra Master Class, Yo Yo Ma. Anthony Mitri, 619-543-0712.

PIANO LESSONS. Master's degree Music Education. Member of Music Teachers Association of California. Any age, any style. Flexible hours. Individual programs for each student. 858-625-0053.

PIANO, VOICE, GUITAR, strings, brass, percussion lessons, etc. Ages 4-94. In your home or studio! For details, visit our website: www.CaliforniaMusicStudios.com or call Jennifer, 800-227-6222.

RIDING LESSONS. Learn to ride a horse. Children welcome. Introductory rate $15 for first lesson. Lessons $25/ride. Packages available. Chula Vista location. Call 619-519-2109.

SAT TEST PREPARATION. USD Test Preparation Courses. Proven test-taking strategies maximize performance. Algebra, Geometry, Vocabulary, Reading Skills, Math. Assess verbal and math skills. www.sandiego.edu/testprep. 619-260-4579.

SINGING ALL STYLES/VOICE. Singing and speaking lessons. Accent modifications, feminization, damaged voices, guaranteed results! Build confidence now with voice specialist Tricia Moorea. 619-224-7464. www.mooreamusicpele.com.

SINGING LESSONS. Learn the technique of the stars! Speech-level singing works. Seth Riggs, certified instructor. Guitar lessons also available. NorwoodMusicStudios.com. 619-262-7464.

SPANISH LESSONS. Private tutoring. Master's degree and credentialed instructor. Conversation, writing, and grammar. Bilingual. Competitive rates. References. E-mail: jaymart@cox.net. Jay 619-528-8663 or 619-410-2002.

SPANISH LESSONS, Private and small groups. Native speaker teacher. Adult all levels, high school. Conversation, pronunciation, writing, grammar. Affordable rates. Flexible schedules. Janet, mylittlebuss@yahoo.com, 858-750-0026.

SUBJECT TUTORING/SAT PREP: Math, English, Science, Languages, SAT, GRE, TOEFL, LSAT, MCAT, more. Company founded by Harvard graduate. College consulting also available. 858-273-TUTOR(8886). www.mcelroytutoring.com.

VOICE LESSONS. All levels. Most styles. Singer and former Musicians Institute and Los Angeles Music Academy teacher. Oceanside location. www.carolfullerjazz.com. Carol Fuller, 760-519-5895.

Massage

FEEL, SENSE, EXPERIENCE Complete relaxation, skilled touch, balanced blend of techniques both pleasurable and therapeutic. Swedish-based full body massage. Daytime/Evening. Lic#22248. John, 619-248-1865.

YVONNE'S MAGIC HANDS! Enjoy a nurturing light touch for deep relaxation. These are hands you will never forget. Lic-93004782. For appointment, call 619-260-1950.

HEAVENLY HOLIDAY MASSAGE. Escape! Why wait? Give yourself a gift that's great, or to someone you appreciate! Open 7 days. Lic-25377. Call 619-226-0378.

OCEANSIDE MASSAGE THERAPY. New location! Enjoy deep tissue, light touch, body scrub, table shower, or combination! Licensed. 2110 South Coast Highway, Suite G, 92054. 760-721-3330.

DEEP TISSUE/MYOFASCIAL Release, Trigger Point Therapy. Pain: headache/migraine/shoulder/back/leg? Difficulty turning neck? Sports/auto injury? Massage Therapist. Lic-02046. $75/60 minutes. 619-977-4294.

HILLCREST LOCATION. 12 years' experience. Swedish, Shiatsu, deep tissue, Thai, Reflexology and Temple Lomi Lomi. ATM, credit cards accepted. Lic-96009525. Frank, 619-294-8559. www.frankarce.com.

BODYPLAY BY SHEANA. For the ultimate touch. Lic-20701. Call 619-529-9500.

IZABELA'S POWERFUL MASSAGE. Find out perfect way to relax yourself before Christmas. Ask for special, lower prices and set up an hour massage with free body scrub. Lic-003419. 619-281-8851.

YOUR COMPLETE RETREAT is A Better Body. Offering you the best in massage, skin care, body treatments, hair and nail care. Open daily. Lic-96001191. 858-560-6740. www.abetterbodyspa.com.

LOVELY HANDS BY DESTINY. Best light touch, deep and sweet massage with warm oil. Incall and outcall. MTP-0969. Call 760-415-8155.

COUPLES MASSAGE. Beautifully decorated room with tables side by side. Relaxation Plus, Old Town, 20% off all services. Gift certificates. 7 days/week. HHP-92009389. 619-295-5595.

A BEAUTIFUL MASSAGE! Feel incredible! Swedish, deep tissue, and light touch. Incall/outcall. MTP-6352. Nicole, 760-828-2618.

ASIAN GIRL MASSAGE. Indulge yourself with full body massage. Swedish, deep tissue, therapeutic, soothing and soft touch full body work. Aromatherapy. 10am-10pm. MTP-30059. 619-301-6797.

SWEDISH SENSATIONS! A full body massage with my own special touches you're going to love! Outcalls only. 10am-8pm. Julia, 619-253-5527.

EUROPEAN SILKY HANDS. Soft and tender for the ultimate in relaxation. Silent Touch, 619-708-2660.

GODDESS TOUCH. Journey deep within. Experience deep harmony of body, mind, spirit. Skilled touch to pamper, melt away stress/tension! Incalls/outcalls. Araya, MT-0064, 760-473-6972.

ABSOLUTELY WORLD CLASS massage by Gigi. Exquisite and memorable. Soft hands, soothing music, a sweet touch. Outcalls. Visa/MasterCard/Amex welcome. Lic-95001894. 7 days. 858-259-6677.

MASSAGE IN THE COMFORT of your own home or hotel room by European-trained massage therapists. Available 7 days/week. HHP-92009389. Call: 619-295-5594.

PUERTO RICAN MASSEUR. Swedish and deep-tissue bodywork by certified fitness-trainer athlete. Military discounts. Lic-96009528. Daytime and evening appointments available. Revitalizing effect! puertoricanCMT@sbcglobal.net. 619-688-0668.

ANNABEL'S AMAZING ANSWER to alleviate aching anatomy, anxiety and aging. Adjustment of attitude, attunement to aura. Above average, Anglo accent, always attentive, accessible address. Incalls or an outcall to you. 858-847-9774.

ESCAPE HOLIDAY STRESS. Pain? Stress? Tension? Indulge in relaxing, nurturing massage by caring and highly skilled European Therapist. Swedish--deep to light touch, shiatsu, reflexology, Magical 4-Hand Massage. In/outcalls. Celeste, 619-298-3309.

TWO GIRLS, FOUR HANDS. Full body massage. Pure bliss. Experience the ultimate 4-hand hot oil massage. Take an hour and relax! Mission Valley, 619-261-0465.

ISLAND GIRL will customize a massage to suit you. Intuitive, nurturing hands. Ultra-relaxing feminine touch. Incalls & outcalls. MT-416. Nathalie, 619-302-7537.

MASSAGE SPECIAL! Free body shampoo with 1 or 1-1/2 hour. Bodywraps, facials, waxing available. La Jolla. Lic-99013121. Heather, 619-794-5774.

RV DELUXE MOTORHOME A unique, relaxed setting. Combining light to deep touch, creating a blissful massage. HHP-91007999. North of Garnet, Pacific Beach. 619-980-7846.

ASIAN ANGELS HEAVENLY MASSAGE. $5 off with ad! Lic#29398. 319 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, San Marcos. 760-752-8618, 760-504-9269.

SOOTHING SWEDISH MASSAGE! Let me put you to sleep. Relaxation at its best! Awaking Health Institute. 8 years experience. MC/Visa/Amex. 760-644-0404. www.dayoasis.com.

NURTURING, PROFESSIONAL RN. Stress-free this year! Relaxing, healing full-body massage. Light touch to deep tissue, sports injuries, combination. Elder care. RN-125108. Call Liz, 760-942-0977.

STRUCTURAL INTEGRATION feels like a permanent massage that puts you in the Zone. It's what you've been looking for. Nationally certified. HHP-0505. www.rolfdelmar.com. 858-232-3708.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL MASSAGE. Light Touch Massage. Incall/outcalls/hotel service. 7 days. Unique experience. Balance body and mind. International techniques.

Career Training

Our Grads Get Careers

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Scholarships Available If Qualified

Train for a career in:

- Pharmacy Technician
- Medical Assistant
- Dental Assistant
- Medical Insurance Billing
- Computerized Office/ Accounting
- Computer Technician/ Networking

Valley Career College
878 Jackman Street, El Cajon
Located 1 block west of Parkway Plaza
(619) 593-5111
www.valleycareercollege.com

8-Month Programs • Day & Evening Classes • Financial Aid (If Qualified)
Job Placement Assistance • Approved for WIA, VA benefits

NATURAL HEALING
INSTITUTE OF NATUROPATHY (NHI)
License • Certification • Comprehensive College • Best Instructors

- Clinical Nutrition (CN)
- Clinical Herbology (CMH)
- Thai Massage
- Aromatherapy
- Holistic Health Practitioner (HHP)
- Massage Therapist
- Yoga Instructor
- Naturopathy (NP)
- Shiatsu-Acupressure
- Somatics
- Spa Techniques
- Lomi-Hawaiian Healing
- Progressive Deep Tissue
- Sports Therapist
- Counseling

Discounted Massage Tech, More classes, CEUs & More!

New: Distance Learning Options Available in CN, CMH, HHP
Free Open House & Presentation Jan. 9, 7 pm
www.naturalhealinginst.com • 760-943-8485

THE PATH TO SUCCESS STARTS HERE
Offering Career Training in:
Business Office Administration
Make the Call Today! 1-877-286-5451
www.uei4you.com
UEI UNITED EDUCATION INSTITUTE
Additional Training in: • Computer Systems Technician • Dental Assistant • Massage Therapy • Medical Assistant • Medical Billing & Insurance Coding • Pharmacy Technician
3666 Kearny Villa Road, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123
310 3rd Avenue, Suite C6
Chula Vista, CA 91910
Approved for Veterans, Rehab, WIA • Financial Aid Available for Those Who Qualify
Job Placement Assistance • Not All Programs Available at All Campuses

Gift certificates. Lic-93007588. 619-708-1261.

LOOKING FOR THE BEST Swedish massage? Get a peaceful, easy feeling for the holidays. Convenient Mission Valley location. HHP-2001004829. Call for appointment, 619-400-7744.

RELAX IN MY HANDS. Satisfying full-body stress-release massage by professional, experienced HHP. You'll like it! Lic-22746. Ken, 619-417-1350.

MASSAGE BY SASHA PEARL. Centrally located in a beautiful, peaceful environment. Revive yourself with a divine, restorative, caring session. Experienced. 619-788-9753.

SATISFYING MASSAGE, body/mind/bliss. Del Mar/Carmel Valley, professional, therapeutic, healing, deep-tissue, gentle, Reiki, lymphatic. Spa/pool/gym. Monday-Sunday, 8am-8pm. Adrianna, 858-353-2008.

NORTH COUNTY MASSAGE. Certified Massage Therapist. 20 years experience. Swedish, circulatory and deep tissue. Out calls. 9am-8pm. Insured and licensed. MT-1185. Call Mark, 760-742-0267.

MASSAGE/SLIMMING/toning in Old Town. Treat yourself to royal treatment at Relaxation Plus. 20% off all services. Gift certificates. Open daily. HHP-92009389. 619-295-5595.

HEAVENLY HANDS MASSAGE. Exceptional. Professional. Experienced. Private. Deep tissue or light touch. Men and women. MTP-28415. North County. 760-634-3706.

MASSAGE OF FIRE. Effleurage by Kim. Beautiful, clean, private. Conveniently located in North County. By appointment. Lic#107395. Effleuragebykim.com. Kim, 760-809-4581.

TOUCH, COMFORT, STYLE, privacy. A few expectations of your massage. I'm reasonable, very experienced and enjoy massageing. Flexible availability. Lic-13375. Laura, 619-886-3333.

A LASTING IMPRESSION. The moment you have waited for! Rose petal soft fingertips offering tender touch and a caring beautiful massage. Instant healings, just sensational! Last minute scheduling available. Incalls/outcalls. Hotels welcomed. Credit cards. MTP-6352. Mercedes, 760-726-1100.

TIS THE SEASON with reason! Pamper yourself with my delightful, caring, gentle, exquisite massage. Don't delay, call today! Heaven can't wait! Credit cards accepted. Incall/outcall. Angel, 760-724-3793.

IMAGINE: DREAMS COME TRUE! Heal body, mind, spirit. Relaxing, nurturing, magical. Deep to light touch full body massage. Serene setting. Incall/outcalls. Lic-93005071. Brigitte, 619-757-7097.

MASSAGE BY OLIVIA. Wonderfully relaxing and unique. HHP-28039. Call 619-212-3992.

PROFESSIONAL MASSAGE bodywork by Mary Ann. Therapeutic, pain/stress relief, calming, energy balancing, deep muscle therapy, structural alignment. Aromatherapy/essential oils. Advanced techniques. MT-0089. 760-942-9375.

LATIN GIRLS! Escape your daily routine! Join us for a fabulous 50 minute getaway you won't want to come back from! Lunchtime specials. 619-246-7784.

KRIZIA'S SECRET. Be dazzled with private matters! Flash of stars as our light. Dreams begin! Lucid dreams! Ephemeral passage! Mystic realms! A journey beyond time. A massage that will leave you with a feeling of complete renewal. Call for details! In/out calls 7 days till midnight. HHP-0088. Krizia, 858-454-6664.

AFFORDABLE MASSAGE! Treat yourself or significant other to a wonderful full-body massage! Make your Christmas shopping easy, our $35 gift certificate special is the perfect gift. Women, men, couples. Incall, outcall. www.affordablemassage.biz. MTP-15532. Ken, 619-449-6689.

FEELING A LITTLE ROUGH around the edges? It may be time for a massage. Call Vivi for your appointment. Lic-21708. 619-379-5992.

ROSE'S BEST MASSAGE for your body and mind. Call today for an appointment with special, lower holiday prices and free body scrub with 1 hour massage. Lic-003419. 619-281-8851.

TAKE A ONE-HOUR VACATION that lasts for days. In-calls only. Lic-000359. Feel relaxed like a cat! Call Nicole, 619-944-3950.

PERFECT EUROPEAN TOUCH Blissful, nurturing, relaxing, Experienced, caring, licensed female therapist. Circulatory, Shiatsu, Reflexology. Peaceful sanctuary. In/outcalls. 3 times/hour gift certificates-$175. Serene, 619-251-1558.

DIVINE HEALING TOUCH. Place yourself in the divine. Swedish, reflexology, hot stone, acupressure, many other therapies. Holiday specials, gift certificates. Incall/outcall. Lic-15363. 858-794-1885, 760-753-1205.

BE TOUCHED with compassionate, loving kindness from head to toe. Extraordinary massage for the extraordinary you. North County. HHP-0317. 760-966-1672.

PROFESSIONAL MASSAGE. 1-1/2 hours, $75. Absolutely first-rate, healing, deep-muscle Swedish massage. Awesome shoulder, footwork. Legitimate, experienced, references. Lic-97005459. Jim, 619-523-1982; cell, 619-459-6872.

MASSAGE BY STEVE. Masseur/ex-football player travels to your home or hotel for total relaxation. Incall also. Credit cards accepted. Lic-22614. 619-838-3637. www.mblmassage.com.

A PAMPERING, full-body massage. From deeply relaxing Swedish to lightly euphoric. Beautiful, cozy atmosphere. Conveniently located. Warm oils, body shampoo. MTP-22537. Gina, 619-507-3411.

GENTLE, LIGHT, SWEET. Deep tissue body-mind connection. Very relaxing and rejuvenating by my hot, healing hands. 619-339-2897.

THE READER PUZZLE

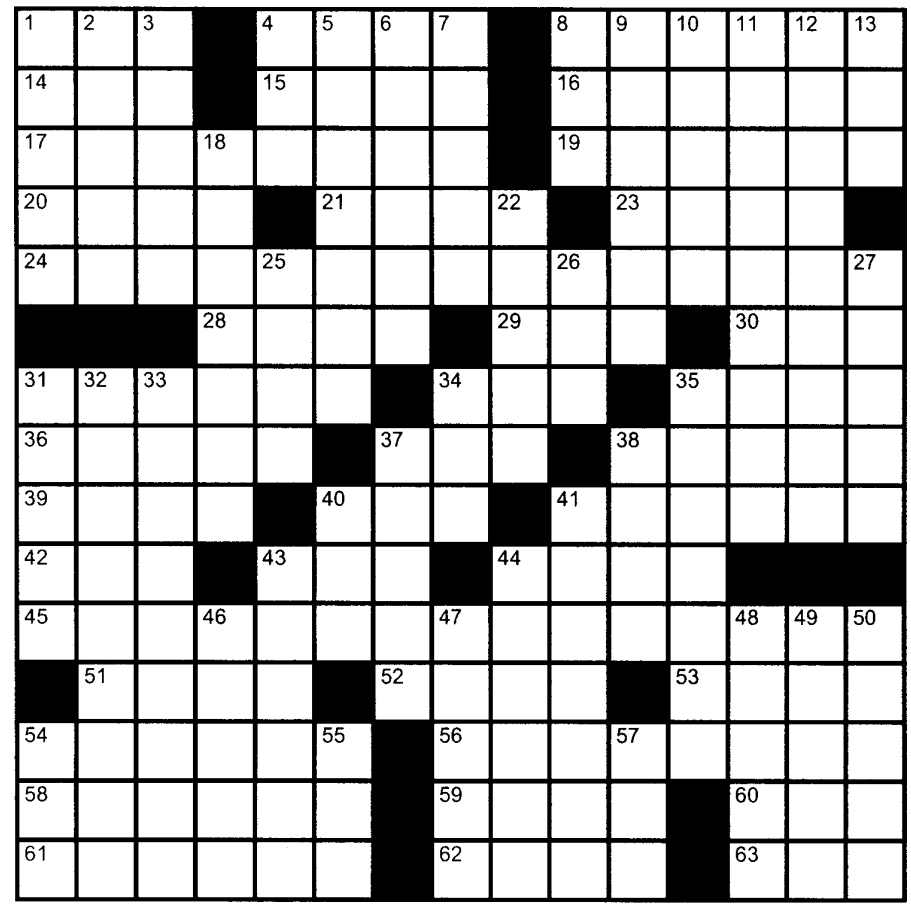
by David Levinson Wilk

Across

1. It might receive feedback, briefly
4. "It seems to me," in chat room shorthand
8. ____ corpus
14. "Or so" suffix
15. Christmas air
16. Supreme Egyptian god
17. With 24-, 37- and 45-Across, a wry observation from 56-Across
19. "Banzai!," e.g.
20. Actress Suvari
21. Like Death Valley
23. Classic grape soda
24. See 17-Across
28. Make a sweater
29. Guitar great Paul
30. Celtic sea god
31. Brunch fare
34. Uncle Sam's take
35. "Que ____?"
36. Challenger
37. See 17-Across
38. King with a golden touch
39. ____-deucy
40. "So there you ____!"
41. Track down
42. To be, in Barcelona
43. Change the locks?
44. Silents star Theda
45. See 17-Across
51. Bravo and Grande
52. Athens portico
53. Shipmate of Uhura and Chekov
54. Clyde's partner
56. Writer of this puzzle's quote
58. Theme of "Oedipus Rex"
59. "____ you not"
60. Take a load off
61. Wasn't straight with
62. 2.0 grades
63. "I'll take that as ____"

Down

1. City where the first Burger King opened in 1954
2. Cruise stopovers
3. Where Campbell's Watercress and Duck-Gizzard Soup is sold
4. Follower of Benedict?
5. Rick of flicks
6. Newspaperman William Randolph ____
7. Stan's comedy partner
8. Partner of hem
9. Some kitchen appliances
10. French topper
11. "The whole ____"
12. Reaches
13. Declare
18. It's always outstanding
22. 1964 Tony Randall role
25. Law school newcomer
26. Irk
27. Delete
31. Kind of course
32. "The San Francisco Treat"
33. From that point on
34. Everyday article
35. He said "I paint objects as I think them, not as I see them"
37. Small songbirds
38. "Utopia" author Thomas
40. Word of support
41. University of Wyoming city
43. Call it quits
44. Actress Shields
46. Brushed (up)
47. Web site?
48. Oklahoma city
49. Like Santa's helpers
50. Because of
54. "The Family Circus" cartoonist Keane
55. Ike's WWII command
57. Dict. entries



© 2006 DAVID LEVINSON WILK

RULES OF THE GAME

1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.

A	L	P	O		A	S	F	A	T		N	I	T	E
T	I	L	T		G	E	E	N	A		I	T	R	Y
A	N	A	T		O	R	I	N	G		N	E	A	R
R	E	S	A	Y		I	G	O	T	A	N	A	M	E
I	A	M	W	O	M	A	N		E	L	I			
			A	S	P				A	L	E	N	E	
I	C	A	N	T	H	E	L	P	M	Y	S	E	L	F
D	O	G				N	E	O				R	A	E
I	B	E	L	I	E	V	E	I	C	A	N	F	L	Y
	B	R	O	D	Y				H	A	I			
			V	Y	E		I	W	A	N	T	Y	O	U
I	F	E	E	L	F	I	N	E		D	R	E	S	S
R	A	V	I		U	N	D	I	D		O	A	H	U
I	C	A	N		L	O	I	R	E		U	S	E	R
S	E	N	S		S	W	E	D	E		S	T	A	Y

Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 12/14/06.

There were 105 entrants.
The winners are:

1. Nathaniel Eldredge, *San Diego*
2. Laura Spingler, *Carlsbad*
3. George Jackson, *Oceanside*
4. Thomas Sweet, *San Diego*
5. Barb Erickson, *San Diego*

HOLIDAY MASSAGE SPECIAL $99. Come enjoy a full body massage by Diana and leave in a tranquil, relaxed state. Call 619-876-7988.

NORTH COUNTY COASTAL MALE. Athlete. Freeway close. Experienced, skilled, caring. Eclectic techniques from sports to subtle. Safe, private. Appointments 7am-9pm. ASA. HHP-0046. 760-390-4772.

ASIAN BODY CARE. Rancho Bernardo location: 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, #K-28, next to the Post Office. Lic#2006010764. 858-675-0048, 858-472-9449.

INCREDIBLE LIGHTNESS of touch! Reinvigorate yourself with my nurturing deep tissue/light touch massage. 100% satisfaction guaranteed! Melt away tension, relieve stress. Morena Boulevard and I-5. HHP-98000184. Courtney, 970-201-4671.

PRISCILLA'S BODY RUB Healing from head to toe! Acupoint, Lomi Lomi and Swedish. $30/hour. Lic-3285. Call 760-432-9664.

ALOHA! A HAWAIIAN LOMILOMI massage in a serene, tranquil Del Mar oasis for stressed-out executives. Lic-00529. Victoria, 858-775-5999.

MASSAGE BY BODYBUILDER, for your health and pleasure. Consistently told, "The best massage I've ever had!" Friendly. Professional. IPSB graduate. gr8massagepro@aol.com or call Robert, 619-232-2142.

GET 15 MINUTES FREE with 1-hour purchase! The best woman's touch is here for you! Leave in a relaxed, blissful state. 7 days/week. 619-583-1777.

DEEP TISSUE/HOT STONE massage. 4 massages for $240. I combine skillful, soothing massage, advanced therapeutic techniques and thorough stretching for dramatic relaxation that lasts. Pain/injury/stress. Betsy, HHP-99007729. Call 858-442-3210. www.betsymassage.com.

WE CAN SURPASS even your greatest expectations. We know the way a quality massage is supposed to be. Call Far East Spa. Lic-98011375. 619-283-6122.

MASSAGE SO WONDERFUL, it's guaranteed to be the best part of your day. Come explore the magic of my touch. Heidi, 619-280-7784.

RELAXING MASSAGE THERAPY by Brooke. Achy muscles, sore neck or back? Stressed out to the max? Try a massage. Lic-Z-12494. Call 760-415-2786.

STRONG HANDS. Relax, recharge, release tension. Swedish, deep tissue/light touch. Satisfaction guaranteed. 10 years' experience. In/outcalls. Lic-00005923. No appointment necessary. Rocco, 619-246-9625.

GRAND OPENING. All types of massage. Hot baths/body scrubs. Open 7 days, 10am-11:30pm. Walk in OK. Lic-98005569. Oriental #1 Massage, 3134 El Cajon Boulevard. 619-563-7949.

RELAX AND ENJOY! Melt into my soft, gentle yet strong hands. An hour of bliss you don't want to miss! Outcalls only. 10am-8pm. Julia, 619-253-5527.

APHRODITE'S. Goddess awakening! Induces euphoria and provides pure relaxation. Escape with Aphrodite into the divine. Call for a meeting of the body and mind. Underground secret of the elite. Wellness through beauty. Keeping the world beautiful! In/out calls! Serving all areas 7 days at a moment's notice. HHP-0088. Credit cards welcome. www.aphroditesmassage.com. Aphrodite, 858-454-6664.

COME LET ME PAMPER you. Firm or light touch, full body massage, custom tailored. Soothing tension release/tranquil relaxation. Incall/outcall. 619-501-5582.

BALANCING TOUCH. Cranial-sacral massage. Joyful wellness from head to toe! 20 years experience! Georgiana, HHP-0317, 760-966-1672.

RELEASE, RELAX, REVIVE. Let's get together for your ulitmate massage. Deep tissue, Swedish, sports, cross fiber, whatever you want. Call Kim. Located in Encinitas. HHP. Lic-96001467. 619-417-9226.

CHRIS BLISS TOUCH MASSAGE. Experience soothing, reassuring, exquisite care. Surround yourself in a beautiful, relaxing environment. Lic-HHP91007806. Appointments Monday-Friday and Sunday, 11am-5pm. 619-206-0992.

SCANDIA TOUCH. Let your troubles go. Within minutes pain and worries fade away. Travel to state where inner peace is norm. Lic-2001004829. Veronica, 619-400-7744, 619-269-3366.

DEEP TISSUE/REAL RESULTS. 4 massages for $240. Neck/shoulder expert. Back pain/injury/stress. Experience amazing results and more energy. Lic-28020. Anne, 619-992-7318. sandiegopalms@aol.com.

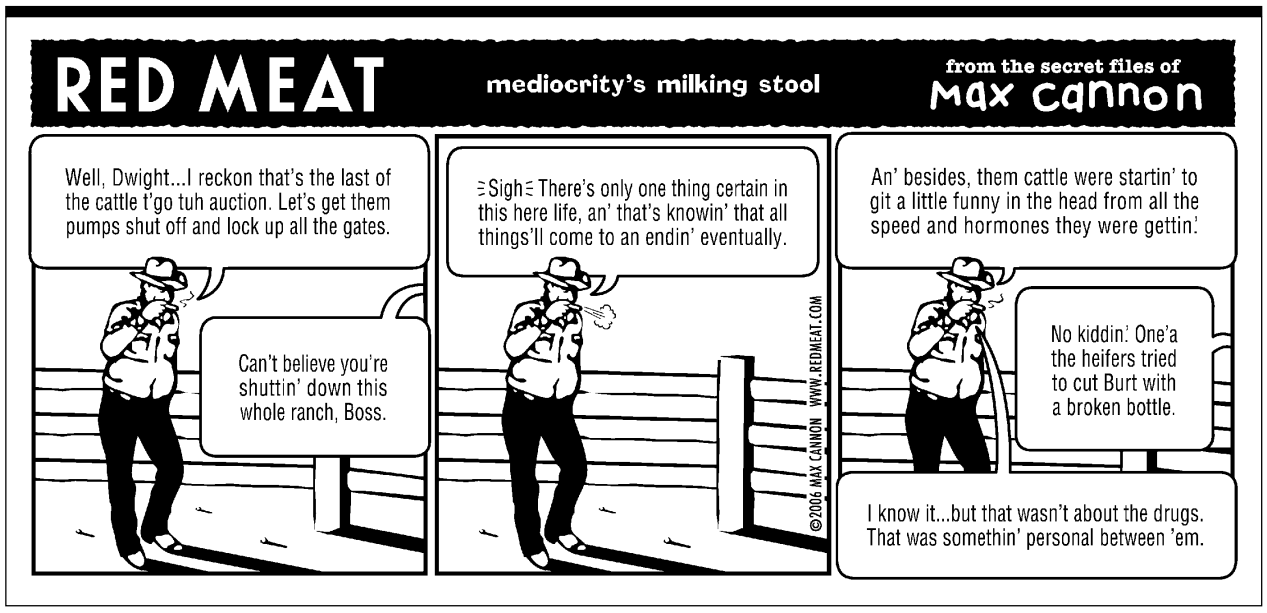
INSTRUCTION

Spanish
"Learn everyday Spanish conversation through dialogues."
• Private or small groups
• Day or evening classes
Spanish Language Center
619-284-8636
spanishlanguagecenter.com
Mission Valley

Where The Winners Train!

FABIO SANTOS
BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU
ACADEMY
Free Trial
619-229-0022
4780-F Mission Gorge Place

The most unique gift you can give!
Fencing Lessons
at San Diego's Finest Facility
The Cabrillo Academy of The Sword
Our Special Holiday Gift Package Includes
• 8 weeks of fencing classes
• All necessary equipment provided
• Internationally accredited coaching
• A personalized gift certificate for under the tree
On Antique Row in Normal Heights • 619-584-2478



Health & Fitness

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

AUTHENTIC NINJUTSU. Come learn the art of Dr. Masaaki Hatsumi's Bujinkan Dojo. Classes taught in a relaxed, non-competitive atmosphere and available to anyone interested. Mike, 858-382-4221.

CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER, Spring Valley. Free consultation. 2 free workouts. Individual/partner workout. I have helped hundreds reach exercise/nutritional goals. grussrowe@cox.net. 619-347-5440. www.russellrowe.com.

CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINERS. Aerobics, body composition testing, injury rehabilitation, youth programs, nutrition analysis. Gift certificates. Visa/MasterCard. www.wendyshealthandfitness.com. Wendy's Health & Fitness, 619-466-4386.

COLON/LYMPHATIC DETOX SPA. Are you feeling stressed, fatigued, overweight or just plain toxic? We can help! Call now for details on our proprietary 4-step detoxification process. 20 years professional experience. www.lajollalymphatic.com. Let us be your personal fountain of youth! Cove Wellness Inner Beauty, 858-551-9228.

GENTLE TAI CHI in Balboa Park. Free! Join us every Saturday morning at 9am. 6th and Upas down in the Eucalyptus Grove. All levels and ages welcome! For more information call Susan, 619-441-1165 or ajoyfulmovement.com.

TAI CHI AND QI GONG CLASSES. New classes begin January 8, 2007. First class is free! Visitors welcome. Taoist Sanctuary, 4229 Park Boulevard, San Diego 92103. 619-692-1155 or www.taoistsancturary.org.

Parent Resources

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

CHILD LANGUAGE and Emotion Lab at SDSU seeks infants and children for child language studies in English and Spanish. To participate, please call 619-594-0498.

CHILDREN'S Disney books, 10 for $10. Children's "I Spy" books, 6 for $20. Board games, 6 for $10. Scooters, $7 each. 760-685-8291.

FOSTER PARENTING. Give a youth the gift of a home this season. Become a foster parent and change a life forever! New alternatives offers monthly compensation, free trainings, and around the clock support. Call today to learn how you can make a difference. 888-599-HOME. License #370602760.

HELP OUR CHILDREN. You've considered it. Is it time to become a Foster Parent? Seeking qualified single or dual-parents to provide our children a stable, supportive environment. Training and ongoing education. A committed and talented treatment team. 24/7 support from expert staff. Weekly home visits. Compensation for your time and commitment. License #370602780. www.waldenfamily.org. Call Walden Family Services today. 619-584-5777.

INTERIM FOSTER PARENTS. The stay is short, but the rewards are sweet! Seeking optimistic adults to provide a supportive home to youth for a 9-12 month period. Walden's MTFC program is a nationally recognized, evidence-based model developed by the Oregon Social Learning Center. A team approach to treatment. 24/7 support from expert staff. Compensation for a high level of commitment. License #370602780. www.waldenfamily.org. Call Walden Family Services today. 619-584-5777.

Wedding & Party Guide

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

A NEW THING! You and your guests be the stars with live band! Sharky's Staroke Show! Quality sound, lyrics displayed, take-home pictures, costumes, prizes. 619-302-9197.

AFFAIRS OF THE HEART? Weddings from $350. Free consultations. Also anniversaries, birthdays, bar mitzvahs and portraits. Free 8x10 with this ad. Mind's Eye Photographies, 619-602-8253.

AFFORDABLE PHOTOGRAPHY and Ministerial. Married couple with over 30 years experience in wedding business teams up to cover your event. www.brianhowarthphotography.com. Call Brian or Valerie: 619-583-0411.

AMAZING DJs AND BANDS! San Diego Parties & Entertainment--private, corporate, weddings! Excellent DJs, fabulous bands, specialty entertainment. 20 years of experience. Call 619-444-2389. Book your holiday party today!

AWARD-WINNING PHOTOGRAPHER. See your wedding day unfold in DVD. On a budget? Digital photography. $650 (5 hours). Kidnapper of Images, Beverly, 858-736-4472; 858-274-4472.

BAND, "HOT PURSUIT." Weddings; corporate, private parties. High-energy dance band featuring sax player, female vocalist. Swing, jazz, rock, R&B, country, dance hits. 760-751-1876. www.HotPursuitMusic.com.

DISC JOCKEYS/LIVE BANDS/novelty acts. Weddings, corporate, parties. 400 bands, 10 DJs to choose from. All types of music. Affordable! Since 1973. 619-223-5732. www.musicasyoulikeit.com.

DJ FOR ALL OCCASIONS. $100 off when you book your party or wedding before January 1st! Professional quality, affordable price. Bringing events to life for over 20 years! www.rbmentertainment.com, 858-602-2844.

ENGAGEMENT RING, 3/8 carat diamond solitaire, size 5, white gold band, G color, S.I. 2 clarity, worn for 1 year, cleaned, $500/best. Cash only. 949-690-0856.

ENTERTAINMENT AND PRODUCTIONS. We put the wow in your corporate events, weddings, holiday parties! Best music, sound, lighting, video services. Call-free DVD demo: 619-216-4770. www.boogienightsinc.com.

HYPNOSIS SHOWS. Comedy hypnosis shows by Vegas stage hypnotist. Book your holiday party now! 619-588-9816 or 1-800-9TRANCE. Mystifyn@cox.net. Website: www.Hypnomagic.com.

LARGE PARTY SPACE AVAILABLE. Full service: anniversaries, holidays, wedding, birthdays. Accommodates 150+. Buffet, full service: meals/sushi/bar. Great rates! Call Kaito Restaurant (Encinitas): 760-634-2746.

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY SPECIAL! Limited time offer, $800, up to 4-6/hours (regular $1200). High-resolution images, proof album, engagement photo, make-up artist available. Engel Photography, 619-819-8640. www.engelphotography.com.

Stage Notes

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

ABANDON YOUR ACTING FEARS! Actors' Workshop Studios. San Diego's number 1 film/TV studio! Professional 3-camera set. Weekly in-house auditions with Hollywood/local casting directors, producers, agents. www.actorsworkshopstudios.com; 858-587-6666.

ABILITY THROUGH TRAINING. The Robert Wald Actor's Studio focuses on moment-to-moment reality training. These classes unlock the actor's ability to work spontaneously and with the realism and intensity advocated by the industry's creative legends. Beginners welcome. Thursday evening class available, 6:30pm-10:30pm or Saturday morning. Call for information. 619-542-1216.

AUDITIONS for "School House Rock," director Joey Minnich, date: 1/12, 4:30-8:30pm, at Green Valley Church, 11501 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo. Please prepare a one-minute song with tape accompaniment or sheet music. Information: www.cyt.org, 800-696-1929.

HEADSHOTS WITH MAKEUP, $99. Three outfit changes. 36 or more photos all on CD. Zed cards available. 25 years experience. Member, BBB. 8"x10"/name, $5 each. Call Kosmicki Photography, www.mgk-shooter.com; 619-583-2229.

HEADSHOTS BY PAUL SAVAGE: Award-winning photographer. Our mission is to provide you with affordable high-end photos. Visit our galleries. www.savages4hire.com or call 858-496-9629.

MODELS, In-shape males, 18-30, valid ID required, for various photo and video shoots. Cash paid daily. San Diego Models, 11am-9pm daily. Near trolley, www.sandiegomodels.org, 619-395-6889.

MODELS. Amateur models needed for photo, video, web work. Ages 18-60. All types. No experience necessary. Cash paid. Professional setting. Call Jenn, 619-379-4964.

VOICEOVER WORKSHOP. Break into voiceover! Taught by voice actor/author James Alburger. Learn interpretation, character voices, microphone technique, more for radio/TV. www.voiceacting.com; 858-484-0220.

Counseling & Support Groups

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

ARE YOU MAD? Learn how to manage your anger constructively. Gain power, control, reduce conflict and improve your relationships. Classes begin soon. Mission Valley. Jay Schneider, LCSW. Lic-9573. www.manageangerdaily.com. 858-538-5587.

CLINICAL HYPNOTHERAPY. "What the mind can conceive, the body can achieve." All issues addressed. Free consultation. Patricia R. Parlin, Ed.D. CHT403-250. Call 619-442-3661 or 619-504-1935.

COUNSELING/DREAM STUDY. Curious, unsettled by your dreams? Jungian dream study helps with life issues, transitions, relationships. $40/session. Paul Hartsuyker, MFT-15896. www.sandiegotherapist.com/hartsuyker.html. 619-269-8939.

COUPLES WORKSHOP. Participants will learn how to sustain a committed relationship. Topics will include: Communication, Conflict Resolution, Intimacy. Friday 1/26 6-9pm, Saturday 1/27 9am-5pm. Sally LeBoy, MFT#14768. 619-685-5975.

EMOTIONAL ISSUES? PTSD, abuse, co-dependence, birth trauma, relationships, professional spiritual counselor, M.A. Human Behavior, 4 decades experience. Teaching Credential #020171282. www.idaretoheal.com. 619-701-4621.

FEELING STUCK? STRESSED? Experiencing crisis? Relationship issues? Career problems? Family conflicts? Grief? Sexual issues? Take back your power. Free consultation: 619-723-9244. Trish Deignan, LCSW21861.

FIND THE ULTIMATE Relationship. Are you tired of going from relationship to relationship and not finding happiness? Free consultations, individual coaching and seminars. www.sheilahenry.com. Sheila Henry, MFT-8408. 858-450-1965.

GAY/BISEXUAL MEN. Supportive individual therapy. Depression, anxiety, confusion, addictions, spiritual/religious issues. Married, closeted welcome. Discretion, confidentiality assured. Mel Karmen, PhD, MFC-12709. 619-296-9442.

HEALTHY ADULTS COURSE begins mid-January. Learn to heal childhood traumas from wounds of dysfunctional family. Includes Thought Field Therapy for eliminating anxieties and traumas. Free introductory session. Counseling for individuals, couples enrichment and family bonding sessions. Sharon Goodlove, TFT Diagnostician, and Glenn Goodlove, LCSW-1450. Goodlove Counseling Center, 858-569-8975, www.goodloveonline.com.

HOLIDAY BLUES? Depression, gay and lesbian issues, child and adolescent therapy are my specialties. Individuals, couples, families. Sliding fee. MFC-43174. Phaedra Scoortis, MFT. Call 619-972-0209.

MALE GROUP MEMBER NEEDED for mixed process/support group. Relationship difficulties, intimacy, self-esteem, childhood issues. Tuesday evenings, UTC area, fee. Susan Jorgensen, MFT-22281, 858-622-0632.

TIME FOR CHANGE? Affordable, effective solution-focused counseling services. Marriage, transitions, grief/loss, addictions, anger, confidence, stress, fear, spirituality, health, wellness. Brian Oltman, Psychotherapist, Lic-#41932. 619-804-2914, www.NDcounseling.net.

Notices

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

A PROSPERITY MINDSET can be yours. Discover and apply spiritual principles that activate prosperity and success in your life. Call Michael or Michele. 858-627-9509.

ADDICTION PROBLEMS? Women for Sobriety is a non-12 step self-help program meeting Monday, Wednesday, Saturday. www.womenforsobriety.org or 858-549-3533.

AL-ANON, Grupo paz mental. Sufre por el alcoholismo en su familia? Juntas sesionan 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 5:00-6:30pm, 3450 Bonita Road, #207, Bonita 91902.

ALCOHOLICOS ANONIMOS. Tiene problemas con la bebida? Llamenos 24 horas. Oficina Central Hispana, 3628 University Avenue, San Diego, 92105. 619-280-7224.

ALCOHOLICOS ANONIMOS, Problemas con el alcohol? Nosotros le ayudamos a vivir mejor. Sesiones diarias lunes a sabado. 7-8:30pm. Groupo Bonita Hispano 3450 Bonita Road #207. 619-520-4505.

ALL SAINTS' WELCOMES YOU! Celebrate Jesus birth with us Christmas eve. Family Service, 6pm; Carols, 10:30pm; Solemn High Mass, 11pm. 625 Pennsylvania Avenue. 619-298-7729 or www.allsaintschurch.org.

ALMOST HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS, an inspiring story in barbershop harmony. Saturday, 12/16, 3pm and 7pm, The Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. 760-723-2294.

CANNABIS PATIENTS ACT. (Association Cannabis Therapeutics.) Nonprofit. Seeking patients in need of free assistance with personal cannabis garden, in accordance with 215. Local guidelines. 619-528-0907. edzepp@yahoo.com.

CREATIVE WRITING CLASS. Free. Every Monday, 10am-1pm, Joyce Beers community center, Hillcrest, Vermont Street, near University Avenue, 858-457-8477.

DIVORCECARE meets Sunday at 9am weekly. A special free seminar and support group for those broken hearted in or our divorce or live in relationship. 4926 La Cuenta, Tierrasanta, Suite 203. Bruce, 619-461-4480 or Bruce@coastline-realestate.com.

DIVORCED AND PROBLEMS with child visitation, support payments, non-custodial rights, lawyers, and family law court? Change the system, join Coalition of Parent Support. Call 619-465-2677.

DIVORCING/SEPARATING? Get guidance/support during your emotional adjustment. Group meets Friday, 6:30-8pm, in Allied Gardens off Waring Road. Divorce Anonymous, 619-442-1550.

EARN $100 BEFORE YOU MOVE! If you are moving soon. Call us to schedule a home interview and environmental sampling. For just 2 hours you will earn $100. SDSU Healthy Homes Study, 619-594-0501.

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION. Relationship therapy: infidelity, sexual impulsivity, betrayal, guilt, resentment, anger, spousal conflict, relationship building, men's issues. Matt Burgan, M.F.T. 858-735-4069.

FELLOWSHIP OF OLDER GAYS, (FOG) social club, full calendar of activities. Free strictly confidential information. PO Box 4271. San Diego 92164-4271. Call 619-291-4480.

FREE PSYCHIC HEALING. Lecture Clinic. Free readings for new visitors. Mondays, 7:30pm, 1/1/07, 2/5/07, by Vessa's Clairvoyant Program students. 4455 Morena Boulevard, Suite #108. 858-509-7582.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE, stop crime and violence. Be a role model. Be a guardian angel! Free martial arts training, ftwx619@yahoo.com, www.guardianangels.org. 619-964-8099.

MOVIE BUFFS, Interested in watching movies then discussing it afterwards, like a book club? Ages 25 to mature welcome. Please call 619-850-6075 or 858-272-8727.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS WOMEN'S Support group, meeting every third Wednesday of the month, 6-7:30pm, beginning January 17. Cardiff by the Sea library. 2081 Newcastle Avenue, Cardiff. Contact MS society at 760-448-8400, press 1.

NATIVE COUNCIL PROGRESS, Incorporated, non-profit, supports the repatriation of Mexican Indian immigrants.

HOT & HAPPY
NEW YEAR'S 2007
Party for people over 30 by Singles in San Diego
December 31, 2006 • 8 pm-1 am
Four Points Sheraton • 8110 Aero Drive
$30 includes: hors d'oeuvres, champagne toast and dance party
Hotline: 858.259.6166
Join us: Dec. 23 & 30 • 8 pm-1 am at Four Points Sheraton
Dec. 26 • 7-11 pm at 94th Aero Squadron

Are you single and over 40?
The Social Place - We introduce you to hundreds of singles over 40 at our weekly events and online for only $19.99
- You will meet 100s of singles - possibly the next love of your life - in a fun and safe environment
- Thousands of new people are joining every month
- "The best singles parties I have ever seen" - Annie Ory, Relationship Expert
- Come to this week's event and find the one you are looking for

Don't miss our next event!
Single's Holiday Social
Thursday, December 21, 6:30 PM at
Parioli's Italian Bistro
647 S. Highway 101, Solana Beach
RSVP for the event and check out our online dating website at:
www.thesocialplace.com
1-866-635-7241 (Toll Free)
the SocialPlace.com

Lucky 7 Match
SPEED DATING
Wednesday, January 10
Ages 28-38, 37-49 & 48-62
Thursday, January 25
Ages 24-34, 33-45 & 45-57
both at 30-Two
(inside Rama, Downtown)
Check-in 7 pm, event 7:30 pm
Advance registration required.
UPCOMING EVENTS
Singles & Sushi: Wed. 1/17
Rock 'n' Bowl: Sat. 1/20
Fondue Party: Tues. 1/23 & Tues. 1/30
See website for details.
www.lucky7match.com
(619) 890-7117

4000+ dead. Derechas para los migrantes sin papeles! Amnesty, yes! Wall? No! sancho69ya@yahoo.com.

OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE Anonymous 12-step meeting for people with OCD. Mondays, 6-7pm, Free, Department of Health Services Complex, 3851 Rosecrans Street, Mission Room, San Diego. 619-757-6603.

OPEN MIC NIGHT. Every Sunday, 9pm-12am. Tom Giblin's Irish Pub, 640-A Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Meetings daily. 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.

PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "Following Through on Decisions," January 30, 7-9pm. 3180 University Avenue, Suite 200. San Diego CA 92104. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. 619-296-9046.

PATHWORK DISCUSSION: "Relationships." January 18, 7-9pm, 1228-1/2 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar 92014. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. For information call 858-259-1880.

PRIVATE COUNSELING. Your journey can be clearer, more peaceful; relationship issues, body image, self-esteem, anger. I can help. Work toward acceptance of yourself. Fee. 619-838-6817.

SEX and/or relationship problems? Out of control? You are not alone. Call Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step fellowship. PO Box 3791, San Diego 92163 or 619-685-7211 or www.slaa-san-diego.org.

SURVIVORS OF INCEST Anonymous. Free 12-step support groups for men and women molested as children. Call Tim, 619-282-4798; www.siawso.org.

TWELVE STEPS NOT working for you? Try a self-empowering, skill-building approach with S.M.A.R.T. Recovery, free support groups. 858-546-1100.

3 Ways to Respond to READER MATCHES ADS!

Call 1-900-844-6282

The cost is $1.99 per minute. You must be at least 18 years old to call. Call and enter the number at the end of an ad to hear the advertiser's introduction and leave a message. The date in the ad is the last day to reply. The charge will appear on your phone bill as "Dating." Questions? 619-235-8200.

Use your credit card

No 900# access? Call anytime day or night to purchase a block of calling time and charge it to your Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express... for as little as $1.25 per minute.

Call 1-800-360-9496 24 hours

No refunds. You may also purchase time at our office with cash or check only.

Send an e-mail

Matches ads are now on the Web. You may search them by specifying criteria such as age, ethnicity and nonsmoking. Respond to most ads by sending an anonymous e-mail for a nominal charge. You may also listen to intros online.

SanDiegoReader.com

From this page, click on "Matches."

VOLUNTEER CHILDBIRTH, assistants needed. UCSD Medical Center Doula Program needs women to help mothers during labor. Big commitment, lots of gratification! 619-543-6269.

VOLUNTEERS. San Diego's abused/neglected children desperately need your voice. Make a difference. Serve as a child advocate. Information sessions: Wednesday, 2/7 and 3/7. Call Voices for Children, 858-569-2019 or visit www.speakupnow.org.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN a weekly gin rummy game? Amiable people. 619-224-2575.

YOU'RE WELCOME HERE! Join in for the Christmas season at Spring Valley Community Church. Sunday Worship: 9:30am-English, 11:30am-Spanish. AWANA for kids, Wednesdays! 730 Concepcion. www.svchurch.org.

Travel & Getaways

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

DISCOVER COSTA RICA Paradise! 40 lovely hotel/apartments. Great area to explore Costa Rica! From $175 weekly, $295 monthly. www.hotels.co.cr/scotland.html. Call 310-425-7333, 760-651-1101.

LUXURIOUS VACATION CONDO. Heart of the Village. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with ocean view. Fully furnished, Koa floors, limestone counters. Steps from La Jolla's finest shopping, restaurants, beach. 858-926-8123.

Personals

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

DAVIEBABE'S IN BOSTON, 14 years ago, your work Christmas Party, UTC. You in that cute dress with suspenders and strawberries all over it! Adorable!

DAVIEBABE'S in Boston. Our first date, McDonalds! Christmas tree with the crooked stump you had to saw. Candy canes at the neighbors. I remember it all!

HELLO CRUEL WORLD. Sorry you got ripped off the docks when you fed the blogs. Whispers, ah Mr. Hooks, fish bigots, lemon node, cliff hangers.

SAINT JUDE TADEO, I'm ever mindful of your great favors and always honor you as my special and powerful patron. Thank you for your love.

WANTED: Any third party candidate who will create a bill that nationalizes the oil companies in the US.

WE REPRESENT A GREAT ALLIANCE For peace through the Intergalactic Council, whose authority comes from spiritual Hierarchy of the Solar System. Sananda is the highest commander of the Alliance. Ashtar.

MATCHES

Shared Interests

SEEKING GOING-OUT Friends. Must be female 35 to 50, interested in singles activities for meeting men. Return all responses. I am 43, female. (12/27) ☎70691

MATCHES

Women Seeking Men

BRILLIANT APHRODITE-LIKE woman, desires vibrant man of kind heart and generous soul, to travel worlds together, laugh frequently, touch life, and love well. (12/27) ☎70144

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, Gorgeous, petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no baggage man, friendship, sportive, no previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 35-53, 5'9"+. (1/3) ☎70152

ATTRACTIVE LATINA. Seeking good Latino/White honest man that knows how to treat a woman. No games/drugs, I'm honest, love to laugh, enjoys life. (12/27) ☎70142

DEAR SANTA, Please help me find a friend, companion, lover 55-65, likes walking, good conversation, music, dancing, romantic, affectionate. (12/27) ☎70145

BEEN A GOOD BOY? Unencumbered, humorous, man of substance? Worthy of a unique black beauty? Tall, beautiful smile, childless. Sassy yet classy, diverse interests salute. (1/3) ☎70160

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). (1/3) ☎70164

IMPEACH BUSH! Peacenik, 52, 5'9", son (18), natural, blues dancing-opera, hiking, camping, Dog Beach. Seek leftist, 50ish, easy-going, renaissance man to complicate/complement life. (1/3) ☎70162

DOWN TO EARTH, Asian, attractive, 60, widowed, intelligent, young, energetic, secure, healthy, sensuous, happy. Seeking nonsmoker, Christian gentleman to share life with. No games, please. (12/27) ☎70150

Try online placement for your Reader Matches Ad!

Meet Your Match. Get a free ad in the *Reader* and on the Web at SanDiegoReader.com, and a free voice mailbox for recording and receiving messages. Questions? Call 619-235-8200, 8:30-5:00, Mon.-Fri.

Free Online Placement: Ads submitted online receive e-mail responses and voicemail responses. Tell more about yourself and upload a photo, too! These features are free. Online placement deadline: 7 am, Saturday.

More Free Placement Options: Can't get online? Fill the form below and mail or fax it to us. If faxing, please photocopy first. Fax/mail deadline: 7 am, Saturday.

Meet your match! Use the form below to place your free, 2-week Reader Matches Ad and get your free Voice Mailbox.

OPTIONAL HEADLINE: 20 characters per line including spaces; the first initial of each word is capitalized; abbreviations and unusual punctuation will not be accepted; the cost of each line is $12. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____

PRINT CLEARLY: First 25 words are FREE. $1.20/additional word. Do not abbreviate words. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25/FREE	26	27	28	29	30

FREE AD DEADLINE: *7 am Saturday*
Mail: Reader Matches, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186 **Fax:** (619) 233-7907
Online: SanDiegoReader.com

LATE AD DEADLINE: *5 pm Tuesday*
Fax: (619) 233-7907 **Phone:** (619) 235-8200
Walk-in: 1703 India St. (at Date St.) downtown

Matches ads are available for any 18+ single person who is seeking a sincere relationship with a member of the opposite sex. Ads containing explicit or implicit sexual/anatomical language will not be accepted. Ads in the "Shared Interests" category must list the primary interest as the first words; these ads will be sorted alphabetically. Either gender may be sought in "Shared Interests" ads; however, physical descriptions are not allowed. No last names, addresses or personal phone numbers will be permitted. No dating services, singles clubs or commercial businesses may advertise in this section. The San Diego *Reader* does not assume any liability for the content or reply to any Reader Matches advertisement. Advertiser assumes complete liability for content of, and all replies to, any advertisement or recorded message and for any claims made against the San Diego *Reader* as a result thereof. The advertiser agrees to indemnify and hold the San Diego *Reader* and its employees harmless from all costs, expenses (including all attorney fees), liabilities and damages resulting from or caused by the publication or recording placed by the advertiser or any reply to any such advertisement. By using Reader Matches, the advertiser agrees not to leave his/her telephone number, last name or address in his/her voice greeting message.

We must have the following information. Please print.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone (day) ( ) _____
Phone (evening) ( ) _____
Signature _____

To receive e-mail responses, simply provide your address below. (Don't worry, your e-mail address will not be revealed.)

E-mail: _____

Choose One:
☐ Shared interests ☐ Woman seeking a man
☐ Man seeking a woman

Reader Matches Voice Mailbox .....$ **FREE**
Headlines ____x $12 each line .....$ _____
First 25 words of printed ad.....$ **FREE**
Additional words ____x $1.20 each.....$ _____
Late fee/walk-in fee: $20.....$ _____
TOTAL .....$ _____

No cancellations. No refunds. Make check or money order payable to San Diego *Reader*. To order using Visa, MasterCard or Discover, please fill out the following:

Card number _____
Expiration date _____
Signature _____

P.S. MUELLER

by Pete Mueller ©2006

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, Affectionate, energetic, 50s, green-blonde, homeowner, nonsmoker, Caucasian, no games just fun, travel. Seeks Caucasian male, sweet, kind homeowner, secure. Merry Xmas. (12/27) ☎70147

BRITISH GENTLEMAN 43-55, Desired by pretty, green-eyed white lady, 48, humorous, world traveler, healthy lifestyle, nature lover. Please have similar interests/lifestyle. (1/3) ☎70161

HAPPY, PHYSICALLY and socially active, tall, slim, blonde, attractive, positive attitude, financially and emotionally secure, 40s. Looking for someone to share positive experiences. Coastal area. (12/27) ☎70704

LAUGH AND LOVE, 2007 will be great! 62 years young, adventurous, warm, outgoing, photography lover. Seeks romance and companionship. Outdoors, indoors, friends, family, pets, travel. (12/27) ☎70705

ASIAN BEAUTY, Educated, wealthy, 42, 5'3", 110lbs, no children. Enjoy nature, music, athletic. Seeking professional, educated gentleman, no children, to share quality time. Nonsmoker. (12/27) ☎70136

ACTIVE, CARING, Attractive single mom, 49, enjoy movies, music, the beach, long walks, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking optimistic, caring, active, gentleman. (12/27) ☎70149

PRINCESS AT HEART, 33, outgoing, loving, down to earth and loyal. Seeks white male 24-46, serious minded, play no games, wants serious relationship a must. (12/27) ☎70135

WHITE, 34, brown eyes, long brown hair. Brave, fun! Open-minded. Sexy, exciting bad habit. Seeking realistic, generous guy to drive crazy. You'll love hating me. (1/3) ☎70154

HOT, HELPLESS, 38, Aquarian female, red hair. Seeks tall gentleman, 38-48, good-looking, stable, confident. For walks, talks, movies, dinner. Permanent relationship possible. (12/27) ☎70141

LATIN LADY, 54, attractive, professional, 5'5", 135lbs, honest, dark-haired, light skin, nonsmoker, nondrinker; likes sports, traveling and more. Wishes, man with good feelings. (1/3) ☎70157

NICE LOOKING EUROPEAN LADY, 50, 5'5" educated with huge travel experience in Europe. Seeking soul mate, good looking degreed white to travel together North. (1/3) ☎70155

SEXY, WARM PERSONALITY. Trustworthy, I like movies, eating out; fun to be with. If you like smiles, answer this ad. (12/27) ☎70137

LAST CHANCE THIS YEAR To find your lovable, sexy, pretty lady. If you are 58+ with a playful personality and adventurous soul, excitement awaits. (1/3) ☎70153

SEEKING FUN-LOVING GUY Who would like to meet fun, exciting gal, North County, 46, 162lbs, brown hair, blue eyes. Enjoys art, Starbucks. Call. (12/27) ☎70134

SWEET, HUMOROUS, Lively Japanese. Seeks to meet a stable man with more than average quality. (12/27) ☎70140

IF YOU THRIVE To be the king of your castle, then I'm the queen of your world. (1/3) ☎70158

MEXICAN WOMAN. I'm 37, 5'5", 108lbs, brown hair/eyes, single, no children, never married, like outdoors, good woman/heart, romantic, nice. Looking for white man. (12/27) ☎70143

POLISH-LITHUANIAN Girl next door, 50s. I like twelve-step drug, alcohol programs. People call me well-organized, cooperative, a good listener. Disabilities are okay. (12/27) ☎70138

I'M 48, TALL, Compassionate, good-hearted, truthful, fun, fair and considerate, I'm interested in meeting a single, happy, honest, positive, kind, patient guy between 45-53. (1/3) ☎70165

DOCTOR, BEAUTIFUL, affectionate. Loves dancing, yoga, traveling. Looking for successful, passionate, intelligent, spontaneous, caring, loving, sincere man, 40s, for long-term relationship. (12/27) ☎70146

LET'S BE HAPPY TOGETHER. Attractive, tall, slim, blonde, college-educated, fun-loving, playful, good conversation, 40s. Seeking someone for fun, adventuresome, sincere relationship. Coastal area. (1/3) ☎70163

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 gentleman. (12/27) ☎70148

FULL-FIGURED LADY of color, passionate, exotic, full of life. Need white male, who needs love, passion; age 50-69, financially secure a must. Call me. (12/27) ☎70139

SINCERE, HEALTHY, Adventuresome, loving lady, French, young-looking 50s; love outdoors, camping, hiking, movies, dining out, quiet time; likes to cuddle; walks on the beach, healthy living. Seeking a fun-filled friendship with a fun-loving, fit, honest, loving, adventuresome, secure man with same interests, 45-55. (1/3) ☎70159

MATCHES

Men Seeking Women

WHITE MALE, 50s, divorced, romantic man. Likes cuddling, walks on beach, spontaneous, easygoing, honest, dining out, movies, very nice, affectionate, laughter, sense of humor. (12/27) ☎70694

RETIRED PROFESSIONAL, 69, English background, world traveler, slim build, easygoing, humorous. Seeks classy lady, 60-73, San Diego area. Don't be alone these holidays. (1/3) ☎70717

ALL GOOD MEN AREN'T TAKEN, 50, handsome black male. Seeks romantic affectionate female who enjoys life, laughter, sports, dancing, outdoors/indoors (beach, walks), 35-50, morals. (12/27) ☎70685

IF YOU'RE ATTRACTIVE And look good in tight jeans in high heels; with happy, down-to-earth personality, 21-40, I'm for you. Asian a plus. (12/27) ☎70697

LOOKING FOR THAT Holiday special gift? Not overly glitzy, just a beautiful wrap present! Clues! Personable, healthy, attentive, creative, knowledgeable, etc. Have you been good? (12/27) ☎70706

LONG-HAIRED, HANDSOME, blond, 5'10", 175lbs, light eyes, young 50, likes eating out. Seeks smart and pretty lady for late lunch or sunset dinner dates. (1/3) ☎70726

Single, Handsome, White Dad

Of 2, 5 and 6, blond-blue, 5'10", 170lbs, healthy, low 40s. Seeks slim lady, 25-40, kids OK, fun, electric, romance possible, no drugs. (1/3) ☎70699

SINGLE MALE, 31, 5'7", warm, never been married, educated, handsome, loyal, positive. Like to meet female, any race, for a serious relationship. (12/27) ☎70695

HANDSOME, 6'2" TALL, Blue eyes, 200lbs, loving, passionate, open-minded, ex-Air Force pilot. Seeking wacky, slim, 55-65, at least 5'5", good-looking, passionate, healthy, no baggage. (12/27) ☎70690

BEST TWO THINGS Can happen. Me running this ad, you answering it. Me handsome, Caucasian, 5'9", 180lbs, clean-shaven, romantic, fun, healthy with hair. Long-term relationship. (1/3) ☎70712

CLASSY, HANDSOME, BLUE/EYES, Looks 30s/40s, fit, white, rich, college, affectionate, loves women 20s/70s, race/size open; for loving, fun, relationship, mutual happiness. (12/27) ☎70693

JEWISH MAN SEEKING WOMAN, 35 - 50 with similar interests, such as lectures, walks, tennis, concerts, music, theatre, long term relationship could be in the future. (12/27) ☎70689

LET'S WALK! Beaches, canyons, parks -- 55 year old Clairemonster (I look better than I sound) ex-college teacher and engineer. Like nearby afternoon walks. (1/3) ☎70722

QUALITY WHITE MALE, 47, tall, dark, nice-looking, hardworking, honest, ambitious, grounded, caring, talkative, witty. Seeking nonsmoking, accomplished, curvy, family-oriented, grounded woman for relationship. (1/3) ☎70719

ASIAN LADY WANTED. I'm 5'11", 220lbs, 53 years old, mixed American Indian and black, never married, no children, nonsmoker, nondrinker. Looking for nice lady. (1/3) ☎70156

IF YOU ARE SINGLE, Female, attractive in mind/body, 35-55 and want to enjoy life as you deserve to, make risk-free call to Scott. (1/3) ☎70730

Attention, Experienced, Open-Minded Ladies

Good looking, educated white male, 42, desires mature ladies who enjoy being accompanied by younger male. Dining, movies, walks. Get spoiled! (1/3) ☎70709

SINCERELY SEEKING A quality relationship. I'm 55, 5'3", 145lbs, good-looking, in good shape. I love music, exercise, nature, fun at home! La Mesa. (1/3) ☎70721

SENIOR GENTLEMAN, Enjoys short trips, dancing, stereo, Bridge, theatre. You up-to-date, fun-loving, 70-plus, have similar interests. Phone number, please. (12/27) ☎70707

FRIEND ALL TRUE, Kind-hearted, honest gentleman you ladies will ever have the pleasure of meeting, searching for true soul mate. No heartbreakers of head-cases. (1/3) ☎70708

NICE-APPEARING BACHELOR, Early 50s, trim, successful, childless, blue, brown, North County coastal homeowner without encumbrances. You: 40-something, well groomed, not overweight, serious-minded. (12/20) ☎70678

ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY, 25-40, fit, sense of humor, sought for friendship, romance, with successful white male, blue eyes, affectionate, muscular. Let me spoil you. (12/27) ☎70684

AMERICAN MAN, Want to marry. Nice man, very rich. Live down on the beach, like La Jolla, other places, like Palm Springs, Corona. Do Beverly Hills, Hollywood '50s. Talk to Andy. (12/27) ☎70696

CLASSY, TALL, WHITE MALE, Young 60ish, divorced father, sexy. Seeks stylish, clean, sexy, romantic lady. Enjoy kissing, touching; very intimate, sexy evenings; cocktails/me. (1/3) ☎70713

LATINO MAN, Fit, slim, 5'8", 50, college-educated. Seeks woman's companionship. (1/3) ☎70718

50, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, gentleman's standards/morals, Fashion Valley. Seeking motivated lady, 44-53, to enjoy life's adventures and experiences. Possible commitment. (1/3) ☎70720

RETIRED MECHANIC, 71, tall, slim, excellent health. Seeks lady for travel, USA Baja, I pay 90%, please call. You won't be sorry! (12/27) ☎70698

TAKE ME HOME FOR THE Holidays! Tall, handsome, fun-loving, outgoing, friendly warm man. Seeking good-kissing, sexy,

Services

Jaehee Spa
• Favorite Massage in San Diego
• Table Shower & Jacuzzi
$10 Off 1-hour Jacuzzi & massage. Offer expires 1/4/07. First-time clients only.
$5 Off 1/2-hour massage. Offer expires 1/4/07. First-time clients only.
9357 Mira Mesa Boulevard, San Diego
(off I-15, Black Mtn. Rd. & Mira Mesa Blvd., next to Burger King in Oak Tree Plaza)
858.831.0653
License #24099

California Hair Additions
www.addhairtoday.com

• Hair extensions - 8 different methods of attachment
• Wigs - large selection of human & synthetic wigs
• Private fitting room
• Men's & women's hair replacement
• Clip-in hair extensions
• Full-service hair salon
619.589.0210
6062 Lake Murray Blvd.
10% Off Hair Extensions

Dental Insurance
As low as $15 a month
No deductible!
No waiting period!
No yearly maximum!
No-charge cleanings!
White fillings $25
Crowns from $150
Call Norm: 619-988-5186
CA Lic. #OC84037
Expires 12/31/06.

Best Oriental Massage In Town!!!
Jacuzzi shower
Walk-Ins Welcome
ASIA SPA
-New Management-
We invite you to experience one of the best massages by professional staff!!
License #152498
760-738-9553
Open 7 Days • 9am-9pm
15 FWY. Escondido Blvd. 8th St. 9th St.
829 S. Escondido Blvd. Corner of 9th + Escondido

FAMILY LAW
COMPASSIONATE, AGGRESSIVE, EXPERIENCED

GarwoodFamilyLaw.com
Our firm specializes in all aspects of family law including:
• Divorce
• Mediation
• Child Custody and Visitation
• Child and Spousal Support
• Pre-Nuptial and Post-Nuptial Agreements
Serving San Diego for 25 years.
The Law Offices of Julia M. Garwood, APLC
1450 Frazee Rd., Ste. 602
San Diego, CA 92108
619-692-8100

For Men & Women
Holiday Specials!
Body Contour Wraps
Non-fluid Inch Loss. Tones & Tightens. Improves Skin Texture.
$52/One Wrap (Reg. $65)
$130/Three Wraps (Reg. $180)
▲ Micro-Dermabrasion (Cleanse & Moisturize) – $40
▲ Waxing
▲ Facials – $52 (reg. $65)
▲ Back Waxing for men
FANIÉ Greatest unique botanical products that work for people of all ages. No synthetics, animal fats, waxes, glycolic acids or perfumes. Heals the skin, not seals it.
Gift Certificates
KARIE HAYDEN
975 Hornblend #D • Pacific Beach
858-581-3321
www.kariehayden.com
*First-time clients only.

affectionate woman, to have good times with. Call ASAP. (1/3) ☎70727

SENIOR GENTLEMAN, 79, very active, to meet lady to do all the fun things with, let this really nice guy spoil you at every opportunity. (12/27) ☎70688

LET'S GO SKIING! Mammoth? 55, white male, RN, nonsmoker, fit, financially/emotionally secure, outgoing, well-grounded homeowner. Seeks lady, ski companion, with similar profile. (1/3) ☎70725

WHITE MALE, 60s, to meet lady who likes gardening, dogs, a glass of wine. Honey, I'm home type. Casual dress is perfect. Race open. (12/27) ☎70686

CARING, FUN, FIT, Romantic, stable, white male, 6', 56, 175lbs. Seeks special gal for quality time together, walks, dining, travel. Bye for now. (1/3) ☎70728

CLASSICAL MUSIC, ART, Film, theater. Conversations over coffee, ethnic foods, wine. Seeking bright, articulate, "can do" woman. I'm 50, 5'10", athletic, spiritual, young-at-heart. (1/3) ☎70716

JAMUL SANTA, White, 64, 6', 260lbs. Seeks Latina, white, humorous, shapely, hot, cool, kissing grandma. When you party with Santa you get your present early. (1/3) ☎70729

YOUNG 70s, CAUCASIAN male. Looking for that special woman. Be caring, sensitive, optimistic, have a sense of humor, and seek the same. (12/27) ☎70703

WIDOWER, TALL, Strikingly handsome, educated, healthy, active, well-groomed, successful, retired businessowner, homeowner, financially secure. Seeks attractive, affectionate, shapely lady friend, 55-66. Little extra padding OK. (12/27) ☎70692

SEEKING TO SERVE A beautiful woman, who is strong, assertive, demanding, sensuous. This attractive, accomplished, white male professional, athletic, intellectual, pleads for your attention! (1/3) ☎70711

Caucasian, 34, 5'10", Wants Asian Goddess

Good-looking, wealthy, adventurous, spontaneous, beachside homeowner, with a zeal for life, is ready for girl/woman of my dreams. You can be Asian, classy, petite, athletic, curvaceous, affectionate. (1/3) ☎70702

6'2" SIXTIES GEMINI, With master's, looking to score points at the Bridge table with tall, trim, bright-eyed and like-minded partner. (1/3) ☎70724

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, Loving, caring, sincere, honest, white male, 55, easygoing, secure, warm, sensitive, intelligent, financially secure. Seeks female for love, romance, intimacy, sharing life together. (12/27) ☎70687

YOUNG, 60-YEAR-OLD MAN In North County, nonsmoker, good sense of humor who wants good professional man and who likes her life and herself. (1/3) ☎70710

LAMONT CRANSTON, Wealthy young man about town seeks his Margo Lane, she is Caucasian 50-70, he is same 68. Let use enjoy the holidays together. (12/27) ☎70700

MUSIC

Equipment / Instruments

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

ABANDON ALL GEAR! Top dollar paid! Guitar Trader buys, sells and trades everything: Electric, acoustic, bass guitars, guitar amps, bass amps, PA amps-- anything to everything! Guitar Trader, 7120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Call toll free: 888-4-A-GUITAR (888-424-8482). www.GuitarTrader.com.

AMP, Hartke GT60C guitar combo with 2 channels, tube preamp, reverb, effects loop, headphone out with footswitch and Celestion G12T-100 speaker, mint, $100. 619-461-2986.

APEX MUSIC SINCE 1952! Get the gear you need, at affordable prices. Sales, repairs and rentals. No one compares! 6210 El Cajon Boulevard. 619-583-1431, www.apex4me.com.

BASS AND CABINET, Fender Geddy Lee with DiMarzio pickups and J-Retro Preamp $700 with case. Genz Benz 410T-XB2 $500. Shure SM12A headphone microphone $100. 858-457-4074.

BASS GEAR, Yamaha BX1 headless 4-string $300. Marshall JCM 800 super bass head, $625. Fender 9 volt guitar amp $20. Mark 760-738-8059.

BASS GEAR. Eden 410XLT cab, Peavey 18" sub cab, EV 18" sub cab, Peavey T-max bass amp, Peavey Kilomax bass amp, ESP 6-string bass. 858-484-0490.

COMBO, Hughes and Kettner Edition Blue 30 DFX, reverb, digital effects, effects loop, headphone out and Jensen 10" speaker, near mint, $100. 619-461-2986.

DJ EQUIPMENT, 1 Vestax PMC-05 Pro 5L VCA $295, 760-842-8635.

DJ GEAR. Sales, installation, rentals and production services. Cerwin Vega speakers-only $300/each, Technics 1200-$350/each. 619-216-4770. www.boogienightsinc.com. Check out our Ebay store-boogienightsinc.

DJ SYSTEM, Incredible sound. JBL speakers, SRX series. Peavey double 18" subs. Amps CA-9, CA-12. Roland double equalizer. Tenon mixer DNX800. Aphex sound processor. Studio master crossover. Truss, stands, lights, $6000/all. 760-715-3208.

DRUMMERS, We've been serving San Diego since 1989. For the absolute best deals on drum equipment, check out SanDiegoDrum.com or call 760-945-3935.

DW5000 DBL PEDAL LEFTY, $250/DR202 rhythm machine $175. Pedal mint condition. DR202 perfect fully functional. 186 drum kits, 256 drum and bass sounds 619-293-0245.

EFFECTS PEDALS-100s of different kinds in stock! Fulltone, Menatone, T-Rex, Maxon, Visual Sound, Barber, Xotic, Durham. Choose from many brands. www.SuperSoundMusic.com or call 760-739-9099.

ELRAYO GUITARWORKS. Joe Barden pickups are now on the wall. Demo these amazing pickups exclusively at el-Rayo. We stock Seymour Duncan, EMG, Lindy Fralin, DiMarzio, Rio Grande, TV Jones, Fender, Lace Sensor, Bartolini, Tom Anderson, Lawrence, Nordstrand, LR Baggs, Fishman, B Band, Shatten and more on the way. 3043 Adams Avenue. 619-280-1937, www.elrayoguitarworks.com.

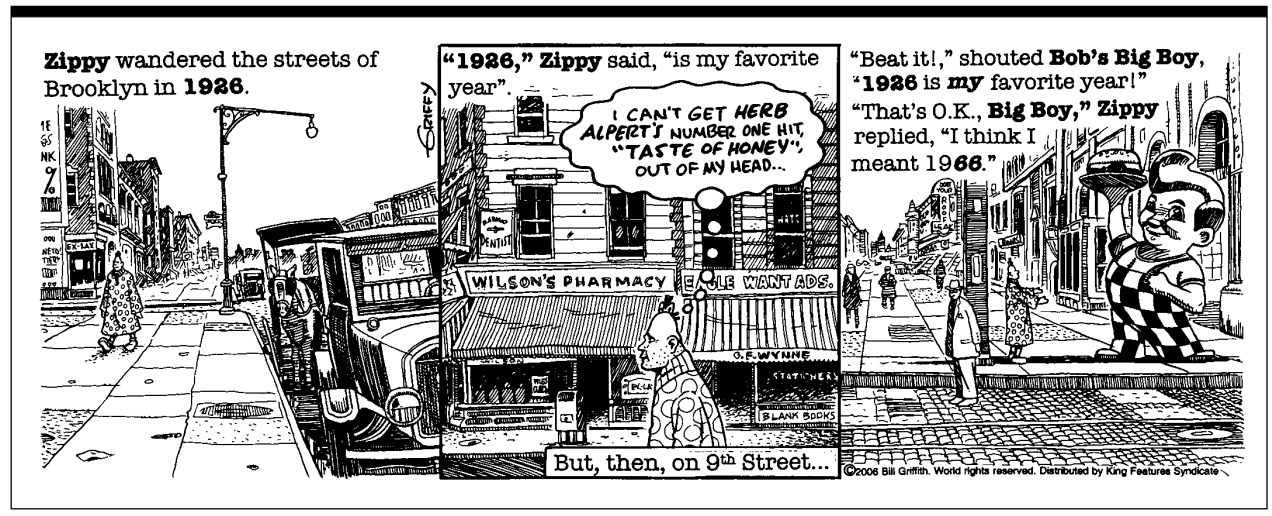
EXTENDED HOURS FOR "TARDY" Elves. Fender Strat Pack, red with amp and more (also in white, blue or black), $249. Fender DGA-1 acoustic guitar pack (also in pink), $199. Extended hours for the holidays to add to your shopping convenience: Monday-Friday 10am to 9pm, Saturday 10am to 7pm, and Sunday 12 noon to 6pm. Guitar Trader, 7120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. Call toll free: 888-4-A-GUITAR (888-424-8482). www.GuitarTrader.com.

GIBSON GUITAR SOURCE. Over 300 Gibson guitars in stock. Come and see why everyone's talking about Centre City Music, the only exclusive Gibson store in the USA. We guarantee better-than-big-store prices with small-store attention to service. We are now a proud dealer of Paul Reed Smith guitars. 1033 Sixth Avenue. 619-338-9033. www.ccitymusic.com.

GUITAR COMBO, Ampeg SS-70, solid state, 2 channels with separate equalizer, effects loop, Celestion speaker, reverb not working, otherwise great shape, $100. 619-461-2986.

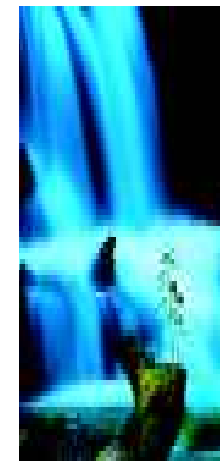
ZIPPY

"Slippery Slope" by Bill Griffith ©2006



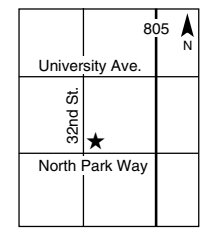
Services

Holiday Gift Certificates Available
Brazilian Wax $25*
Go bare this winter!
Body Wrap & 1-hour Facial $85*
Lose 2-6 inches in 1 hour! Your choice of European or Anti-wrinkle Facial. ($35 value)
Free Haircut
With any chemical service. ($45 value)
*New clients only. Expires 12/31/06.
Karo's Salon | 619.670.7575
3665 Avocado Blvd., La Mesa
(Inside Vons Shopping Center)


$20 Off 1-Hour Oriental Massage
Choose from Deep Tissue, Shiatsu or Swedish massage.
1-hour massage includes your choice of hot tub, body shampoo, sauna or steam room.
Naomi
MASSAGE CENTER
3960 4th Avenue, Hillcrest
619.299.9519
Open 7 days a week 10 am-10 pm
With this ad. New clients only. Lic. #Z006014054

Deep Tissue & Swedish Massage
Private Shower Rooms Available
BELLA'S ACUPRESSURE
6320 Mission Gorge Rd. (2nd floor)
619-516-2338
Now Open Sundays! 7 days 10 am-10 pm
License #HHP23125

miramar – mira mesa
pamper yourself today
SAKURA ACUPRESSURE
8280 miramar rd. (between cabot & camino ruiz)
858-566-4229
7 days
New hours! 10 am-10 pm
license #HHP23125

WON'S ACUPRESSURE
MASSAGE & STRESS RELIEF


Jacuzzi
Body Shampoo
3817 32nd St.
(Across from Sav-on)
619-563-5777
Open daily 9-9
Lic. #13328

Affordable Medical & Dental Services
at Hospital Mexico Tijuana
1 block from San Ysidro border
619-308-7953 or
011-52-664-683-6363
Open 7 days a week
We speak English & Spanish

Experience the best!
SPA SWAN
Oriental Massage • Swedish Massage
Massage • Deep Tissue • Sauna
Aromatherapy • Body Scrub

Open 7 days a week
10 am- 9 pm
31712 Casino Dr.
Suite 7-A
Lake Elsinore
951-245-2298
Visa • MC
Lic. #11794

Stress Relief
ACUPRESSURE
JACUZZI
HOT BATHS
BODY SHAMPOO
New Staff!
ORIENTAL THERAPY

1645 E. Valley Pkwy
Escondido
760.233.7877
7 days 9 am-10 pm
License No. 145302

Great Stocking Stuffers
Brazilian Wax $30 (reg. $45)
First-time clients only.
Pregnancy Massage $80*
Hot Stone Massage $99*
*Buy 1, get 2nd for 50% off
The Confident Strut $145
Full leg wax, bikini wax, spa pedicure and eyebrow wax
Urban Retreat $130
1-hour facial, urban manicure, 1-hour aromatherapy massage
Urban Skin Care
2326 india street • little italy
619.233.0306 • urbanskincare.com

GUITAR, Fender Telecaster, made in USA, Highway One model, maple neck and fingerboard, almost new, under 1 year old, excellent condition, case included, $450. 619-920-6988.

GUITARS AND GEAR. PRS Custom 22 10-top, $1799. 1997 California Series Stratocaster, $499. 1994 Custom Shop Fender Stratocaster, $1099. 1974 Gibson Custom Les Paul 20th Anniversary, $1595. Crate Vintage Club 212 all tube, $399. Marshall 1936, 2x12, cabinet, $399. Marshall DSL-100 head, $899. Orange 412 cabinet, $549. At Mozeguitars.com, 619-698-1185.

KEYBOARD, Yamaha S08 synthesizer, 88 weighted keys, 64-note polyphony, over 700 quality AMW2 voices. Exceptional features. Like new. Includes soft case, $595/best. 760-942-7447.

P.A. GEAR, 1000w subwoofer system-15" speakers in new design cabinets with Carvin 1000. Covers/cables, all for $900/best. Many more items. 760-789-2456.

PIANO, 1929 Klebur, fully refurbished by Japanese craftsmen in Japan, must sell due to moving, original ivory keys, new wood interior, bold sound, $2000/best. 619-410-3662.

PIANOS WANTED! All pianos! Cash paid. Also, quality furniture and antiques. 1 piece or houseful. Bonded. Licensed. Since 1965. Same day pickup. 1-800-840-4447. www.southcoastauction.net.

REGGAE HIP HOP, Jazz/rock guitarist available. CD/tour credits. Pato Banton, Fully Fullwood, Majek Fashek, Myka Nyne, Scientist, Skunk, Tippa Irie, Dale 858-401-2973. www.myspace.com/dalehauskins.

ROADCASES. San Diego's oldest roadcase company. Pleasing musicians for 20 years. Bring us your best deal; we will beat all. Call Left Coast, 858-278-7888.

SELMER TENOR SAXOPHONE, With case. Excellent condition. Paid $1600. Sacrifice $1000. 858-586-0487.

SPEAKERS, Quad 989 Electrostatics, beautiful sound, some of the best available, new $8400, sell for $4000. Leave message, 619-265-2516.

TAYLOR LIMITED EDITION guitars are at La Jolla Music. 7442 Girard Ave, La Jolla. 858-459-3375.

Free Classifieds!

Post free online ads with photos at SanDiegoReader.com

MUSIC
Musicians Available / Wanted

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

BASS PLAYER NEEDED for newly formed rock/hard rock/alternative rock band. Be serious, dedicated, top notch. Have talent, melody, creativity. Age 24-32. 619-243-4356.

BASS PLAYER sought by guitarist and singer looking to complete working band. Alternative rock with major ska/reggae flavor. Poway. 619-743-3399.

BASSIST NEEDED, For working cover/original band. Fun band with practice studio/pro equipment, with attractive/talented female singer. Must be quick learner. Dan 858-204-3658.

CHURCH MUSICIAN Looking for a worshipping church. I play electric bass, trumpet, French horn and sing harmonies. Lisa, 619-985-6686.

CHURCH WORSHIP drummer needed. Lighthouse Christian Church in Oceanside seeking drummer for our contemporary worship band. Rehearsals Thursday evenings. 2 services Sunday mornings. john@lightcc.org.

COMPOSITOR/guitarrista con mas de 100 canciones busca baterista, bajista y pianista para formar grupo de rock en espanol. Muy profesionales de 30 o mas. Ricardo 619-284-1625.

DRUMMER WANTED for North County based hard rock/metal band. Commitment, professional attitude, and willingness to practice at least twice per week. Tim, 760-738-0173.

DRUMMER WANTED, for emerging band performing blues influenced originals and covers. Must be reliable, committed, versatile and must love to play for fun. Call 619-518-8488.

DRUMMER WANTED for all-original hard edge rock band. Need a heavy hitter. Have material for 2 albums. Have a tight set. Rhett, 619-284-2831.

ENTERTAINER/SOLOIST with gear seeks bar or restaurant for weekly gig. 150 Beatles songs. I sing and look like John Lennon. Richard, 619-284-1625.

EXPERIENCED TENOR SAX Player, age 64, wishes auld lang syne, New Year's Eve gig. Pros only. Hoot, 619-447-5441.

FRONTMAN, SINGER, vocalist wanted by established band. New album on hold. Under 30. Check music before you call. Have demo. www.ocularband.com. John, 760445-5181; Jason, 760-703-9524.

GUITARIST NEEDED FOR Masterguru. All original grindcore/death. Drop A tunning or 7-string. Must have stage-worthy gear. Someone in their 20s, myspace.com/masterguru, 858-531-3228.

HANDBELL RINGERS wanted, beginning to experienced, to ring in volunteer choirs in Escondido. Rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. Play monthly for Sunday morning services. 760-745-5100 x19.

KEYBOARDIST NEEDED by established classic rock cover band. Vocal harmonies a plus. Gig couple Saturdays a month. Practice in Clairemont. Springsteen, Tom Petty. Bruce, 858-735-5828.

LEAD GUITAR SOUGHT by established country dance band, vocals a plus. Bimonthly gigs, absolutely no drugs or alcoholics. 619-504-2398.

LEAD GUITARIST sought for pop/rock cover band. Think AC/DC, Aerosmith, Van Halen, Def Leppard, No Doubt. Clubs waiting our gigs. justintime8@gmail.com; www.myspace.com/oxygenmofia.

MUSIC TEACHERS WANTED. Guitar, piano, band instruments, voice. Rent studio space n Poway. Accepting new students interested in private lessons. Introductory rates. Jeff, 858-780-1812, jbertran@san.rr.com.

PRODUCER, seeks Ska, World Beat, Latin/Jazz bands/musicians. Composer needs copyists, violinists, pianist, winds. Contemporary "Ivesy" works. www.myspace.com/mindcontrolsalsa. 619-528-0907.

RHYTHM GUITARIST, singer, songwriter seeking drummer, bass player, lead guitarist to form rock and roll band. Original material. Rehearsal space needed. Hal, 619-223-1639.

SINGERS WANTED, Masterwork chorale Bach B minor concert on 5/20/07. Rehearsals Tuesdays, 7:30pm at First Methodist Church beginning January 9. No auditions. 619-297-4366 x135, swicks@funcsd.org.

VOCALIST SEEKING BAND, Sound like Bowie meets Johnny Cash. Looking for something like Echo and the Bunnymen or ? Call Pheonix at 858-692-9329.

Bands · Rappers · Solo Artists

Recording Studio

$20/hour

Minumum 3 hours.

ProTools HD-3 and everything else you need.

858-405-4932

In-house graphic design, websites, CD duplication, and music videos.

ECMrecording.com

MUSIC
Services

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

A TIME TO RECORD. Make tracks with your original songs. Fulfill the dream. We have musicianship and technology to make your music a reality. 619-523-6296.

ATTENTION ARTISTS, singers and songwriters. Artist development, producing, songwriting and arranging for your CD or demo. Call Ravenflight Music at 619-258-0911.

BASS PLAYERS: The art of bass playing. Stop procrastinating and take on the challenge to study. Need the inspiration, contact Danny, 619-813-7653.

CD & DVD DUPLICATION and Replication. Guaranteed lowest prices, best service and quality. Complete packages (1,000) starting at $925. Serving San Diego musicians since 1992. Call 760-747-2734.

CD COPIES and mastering. Near SDSU. Print art directly to CD. We will beat any price. No minimums for CD duplication. 619-540-5827.

CD DUPLICATION. Call Bob at Swallowtail Productions, 619-813-6852.

CD DUPLICATION at Audioquest Recording Studio. CDs as low as $.60/each, on-disc printing and full packaging available. Cassette duplication also available. 858-576-7070.

CREATE SONGS AT WORLDWIDE. Full production available for your music/lyrics. Programming/engineering. Original songs available for purchase. 5-locations throughout San Diego County. 858-856-0001.

DIFFERENT DRUMMER STUDIOS takes your sound to the next level with professional mixing and mastering. Get the most out of your music now. 858-866-3320. www.differentdrummerstudios.com.

INDIE LABEL MY3 Records wants you! Increase visibility, fan base, get the professional edge, grow your business! Mail to address found on www.my3records.net. Email: us@my3records.net.

RECORD A DEMO at HobarTrax, efficient experienced engineer, Pro Tools, Mackie, Avalon, etc. Session musicians available, all styles. CD design, duplication packages, $30/hour. www.hobartrax.com, 858-243-7728.

RECORD AND MASTER AT EXUM Studio! Comfortable, relaxed atmosphere. Protools HD3. Great drum sounds! Baldwin Grand Piano! Fast. Efficient. 20-years experience. 2" analog. www.exumrecording.com. 760-739-9700.

RECORD AND MASTER AT BLITZ Studios. 64-track ProTools, 24-track ADAT, Sonar, Acid. Creative environment, total CD packages. $40/hour. 10-hour block, $350. Weekend specials available! 619-260-0837.

RECORD AT POWERHOUSE. Grand reopening! Comfortable, spacious new rooms, ProTools HD3, Yamaha Grand, Hammond B3, samplers, synthesizers, mic/preamp selection. Low rates. Visa/Mastercard. 760-789-7420. www.powerhouserecording.com.

RECORD AT KING'S RANSOM Studio. Top vintage and contemporary gear for fat, warm sound. I care about your project as much as you do! $30/hour. 619-278-8752.

RECORD AT EARTHLING Studios. Analog and digital multitrack recording and mastering services. Call Mike for rates at 619-441-8341.

RECORD AT CV STUDIOS. San Diego's best value! ProTools, professional gear. Rates from $25/hour. Get the sound you want without pressures of expensive studios. Jon, 858-414-2143.

RECORD AT DOUBLETIME. 2", ProTools HD. Spacious tracking room. Great rates. Clients include Larger Than Life, Before Today, Deadline Friday, The Locust, Parker Theory. Call for block rates. 619-448-1717.

RECORD AT EMPIRE STUDIOS. $30/hour, engineer included. Specializing in Electronic, Rap, and Urban music. High-end equipment, radio quality guaranteed. Visit our facility at www.empirerecordings.com. 619-249-8355.

REHEARSAL STUDIOS! Two locations-Sports Arena & Miramar. Monthly and hourly available. Universal Sound, 619-306-2222, 858-401-2973.

REHEARSAL STUDIOS. $18/hour with PA. Equipment rentals, overnight PA rentals. Open 24 hours by appointment. Monthly studios now available starting $350/month. Goblin Studios, 760-599-4627. www.goblinrecords.net.

REHEARSAL IN OCEAN BEACH at Spotless. 1922 Bacon Street across from Winston's. 3 air conditioned rooms with P.A., available for hourly rentals. Parking, loading. 619-523-3073.

REHEARSAL STUDIOS, Escondido. Hourly, monthly (from $250), easy access, plenty of parking, air conditioned, high ceilings, soundproof, drum room also available. Near Guitar Center. 619-459-2255.

REHEARSAL STUDIOS for musicians, artists. Handy College Area location. Monthly rentals only. Your appointment is appreciated. We will get back to you promptly. 858-335-8455.

REHEARSE AT HINDSIGHT- Miramar. Hourly rooms, fully equipped (drum kit, two half stacks, bass rig, PA), starting $18/hour. PA only, $16/hour. 858-635-9611, www.hindsightrehearsal.com.

REHEARSE AT SUPERIOR SOUND in Kearny Mesa or El Cajon. State-of-the-art rehearsal studios that offer 24-hour surveillance, soundproofing, air conditioning, and high ceilings. Ask about our move-in special! Limited rooms available. Call now to reserve your space. Kearny Mesa, 858-268-4600; El Cajon, 619-447-4977.

REHEARSE AT ADDER. Upscale Kearny Mesa facility. All rooms have individual air conditioning, high ceilings and 24-hour access. Monthly rooms available. 858-505-8644. www.adderstudios.com.

Roommates

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

ALLIED GARDENS, Room within 3 bedroom house. Great neighborhood. Large kitchen, backyard. Near SDSU. Shared bath. $550/month includes DirecTV, Internet, plus utilities. No deposit. 619-572-4896.

BALBOA PARK/HILLCREST. House to share. Large living space, includes fireplace, private patio, private entrance. Walk to park and zoo. Available January. $750. 619-692-0407.

CARDIFF. $525. Female, nonsmoker. Share 3 bedroom with female and male. Warm, cozy, fireplace, laundry, more! Includes Internet/DSL, SDGE, TV, telephone. Vegetarian. Message, 760-519-6789.

CARDIFF. Small furnished $625. Large room $775 plus utilities and deposits. Community living, privacy. Vegetarian/seafood kitchen, organic garden, jacuzzi, laundry. Nonsmokers. No pets 760-753-0321.

CARLSBAD. Luxury townhome, end unit, close to beach. $1000/month. No drinking/drugs. Female preferred. Small dog/bird negotiable. Beautifully landscaped. Parking. 760-390-4605.

CARLSBAD. On the beach share 2 bedroom 1 bath apartment. Patio, barbecue, shopping, transportation, laundry. $625 plus utilties. Available immediately. Niles, 619-277-6443.

CARMEL VALLEY. $675 plus deposit. Room with private bath in quiet house. Female preferred. Rent includes utilities, kitchen, and laundry. Cat considered, no dogs. 858-755-7693.

CHULA VISTA, unfurnished new 3 bedroom 2 bath home. New stainless appliances, carpet, maple cabinets, granite, designer paint. Laundry, backyard, garage. Centrally located. No drugs/pets/smoking. Deposit. Habla espanol. $575-$775. 619-347-2115.

CHULA VISTA, $550. New spacious quiet private home. Near Southwestern. Kitchen, washer/dryer privileges. Wireless connection. No smoking/drugs/pets. Female only. Hablo espanol 619-347-2115.

CHULA VISTA. $480. Room for rent. No smoking/drugs. Move now and pay rent until January 1. Just $150 deposit. Utilities with Cox included. 619-941-2027.

CLAIREMONT. Room for rent in 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Good, quiet neighborhood. Centrally located. Washer/dryer, garage. $900 covers all utilities. Deposit negotiable. 619-865-2223.

CLAIREMONT. Clean, quiet, nicely furnished home. Washer/dryer, all amenities. Bedroom has cable, large closet. $500/month, deposit, 1/3 utilities. No pets. Available 12/30/06. 858-277-8775.

CLAIREMONT. $550, 1/2 utilities, $275 deposit. Peaceful house, convenient location. Woman and 2 good dogs. Washer/dryer, parking, yard. Shared bath. Available 1/01/07. Sue, 858-699-7854.

CLAIREMONT, $700 includes utilities, $400/deposit in beautiful remodeled 2 bedroom 2 bath duplex, washer/dryer, dishwasher, big kitchen, backyard. Near Clairemont Square or minutes to beach. 858-581-6629.

COLLEGE AREA. $550. Bedroom own bath in 2 bedroom large condo. Female preferred. 1/2 utilities. 6-month minimum lease, 1 month deposit. No pets. 858-405-9050.

COLLEGE AREA. $795. Room with private bath in beautifully upgraded home. All amenities included. $700 security. Available 1/1/07. 619-865-6699.

COLLEGE AREA. Share 3 bedroom, 2 bedrooms available, 1 room $700, 1 room $600. Jacuzzi, washer/dryer, fireplace, huge yard. No pets. Available now. 858-337-7417.

COLLEGE AREA/ROLANDO. $600. Large master bedroom second story, private bath, deck, yard, storage, cable TV/Internet, hardwood. Quiet, nice neighborhood, mountain views. Tavis, 619-583-5330.

COLLEGE AREA/SAN CARLOS. $550. Room with view. Quiet area. All appliances. Very clean. No smoking, pets or drugs. 619-286-7133, 760-505-0449.

COLLEGE AREA, $500/month $300/deposit. Room in nice townhouse, bathroom/kitchen shared. Utilities included. Parking spot in front. Minutes from SDSU. 619-813-7094.

DEL MAR, $725. Unfurnished room in private home, panoramic ocean views. No smoking/pets. Respectful environment. 1/2 utilities. Close to beach. Female only. 858-793-7903.

DEL MAR, WEST. Quiet furnished room with view in clean, sunny, nonsmoking, remodeled home. Cable, laundry, kitchen, fireplace, housekeeper, wireless Internet. Own phone line. $645+. 858-481-5312; 619-235-2415, x24923.

DEL MAR. $900, includes utilities. Beautiful, spacious home. Great location. Pool, jacuzzi, parking. Large room, full bath, separate entrance. Quiet, private. Call Brad 909-730-4600, bradcgrant@aol.com.

DEL MAR. Ocean view, walk to stores. Near UCSD. Nonsmoker. Share 2 bedroom condo. Indoor parking, Laundry. $795, plus utilities. 2222 Carmel Valley Road. 858-722-9050.

DEL MAR. Share beautiful house. Unfurnished room, share bath. Quiet, clean. Close to UCSD/beaches. Male preferred. Available 1/01/07. $650, $325 deposit, 1/3 utilities. 858-245-7188.

EAST COUNTY, $395. Pet OK. Private entrance, fishing and hot springs, quiet. 40 miles east on 8. 619-387-6647.

EL CAJON, Roommate wanted, in large house. Private room with bath. Nice area, close to shopping. Large kitchen. Furnished or unfurnished. $550/month. 619-277-9447.

EL CAJON. $550, 1/3 utilities, cable service. Quiet 1 big room, 1/2 acre country house, own entrance, 1/2 bath. Easy access to freeway, buses, mall. Washer/dryer. Available now. Prefer female. Call Linda, leave message, 619-749-1116.

EL CAJON. $430. Share 2 bedroom apartment with male. No smoking, no drugs, or excessive alcohol. Bedroom with walk-in closet. Male preferred. 619-440-4011.

EL CAJON. $550, 1/3 utilities, deposit. Master bedroom with private bath available in 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. No drugs, smoking, pets. Female only. 619-250-7144.

EL CAJON. $450. Room in clean house. Washer/dryer. High-speed Internet. Parking. Close to freeway and shopping. 619-654-0146.

EL CAJON. $450. Room for rent. All utilities included. Close to bus line. Shared kitchen, laundry and bathroom. Female only. Available now. 619-449-4916.

ENCINITAS. $700, plus utilities. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Great location. Washer/dryer, Internet, cable, garage, yard, cats, fish. Available now. Randi, 760-458-5808; 760-632-2236; randihhp@yahoo.com.

ENCINITAS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Large patio, view, garage, pool/spa/golf, cable, washer/dryer. $650 plus 1/2 utilities. Male nonsmoker, no dogs. 619-335-3535.

ENCINITAS. Roommate $599+ wanted. Guest unit, private 1 bedroom, 1 bath $895+. Nice home. No smoking, drugs, pets. Split utilities, maid, gardener, 1/3. 760-436-2796; 760-445-6369.

ENCINITAS. $550/month, 1/4 utilities. Room in clean, quiet modern house. Washer/dryer, cable, kitchen privileges, phone line available. Deposit. Won't last long. 760-753-1686; 619-235-2415, x30194.

ESCONDIDO, $500/month. 1 bedroom, private bath in 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Clean and nice, quiet community. Close to shopping, freeway. No pets/smoking. 858-568-0167.

GOLDEN HILLS. $450/month, includes utilities. Room in 2 bedroom house. Quiet neighborhood. On-site laundry, 5 minutes from downtown. Hardwood floors, fireplace. $450 deposit. Erin, 619-232-2841.

KEARNY MESA. 3-story townhome. Private bath. No pets. Female only. Laundry, cable, Internet. Close to 163, SDSU. Available 1/1 or after 12/15. $675. 858-842-1944.

NYC West Coast

Recording Studio

Incredible sound quality with *Pro Tools HD-3 Accel v7.0*

Sound Engineer at no additional cost.

Prices include use of our top-notch gear:
Neumann, Avalon, Neve, U/A, UREI, dbx, Teletronix, Focusrite, Apogee, etc.

nycStudioWest.com • 858-395-3012 • 858-674-4737

MUSIC

'Tis the Season to Buy Taylor

Acoustic Starter Kits $99
Electric Starter Kits $149

New Taylor Fall Limiteds now in stock!

- Concert Classicals
- Renaissance & Turner
- Taylor and Santa Cruz
- Fluke, Flea & Hawaiian Ukuleles
- Repair & Lessons

The Blue Guitar
The Blue Guitar
Established 1961

5959 Mission Gorge Rd., Ste. 101, Mission Valley • 619.283.2700
(across from S.D. Toyota) • www.thebluegitar.com
New Hours: Mon.-Fri. 11-7 • Sat. 11-5 • Closed Sun.

Offering the finest new, used and vintage instruments

Buffalo Bros. Guitars

buffalobrosguitars.com

Home of the 100% Upgrade Policy©

4901 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, CA 92008
(760) 434-4567 Mon-Fri 9-6, Sat 10-5, Sun 12-4

KENSINGTON. $875. Canyon view, 2 story Tudor, privacy+, pool. Bedroom/private bath, hardwoods, 3 fireplaces, gourmet kitchen, owner travels. Extra space available to same tenant, not dorm style. Nonsmoking. 619-283-9600.

LA COSTA, $895, plus half utilties. Share 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath furnished condo. Own bedroom/bath, garage, 180 degree golf course view. Amenities. 760-633-0038.

LA JOLLA, VILLAGE, $925. Own room, private bath, includes utilities plus Internet, housekeeping. Laundry on-site. $150/deposit. No smoking/pets. Close to all shopping, beaches. Available 1/1/07. 619-804-5093 or nacho.garcia@agedwards.com.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath own bath. Fireplace, washer/dryer, cable. Clubhouse, barbecue, jacuzzi, tennis, pool. $750, $100 utilities, $450 deposit. 858-410-5517.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Master, $675 or $775 plus utilities, deposit. 2000-square-foot home. In-ground pool, fireplace, gazebo, fountains, wireless Internet, off-street parking. No pets. 858-455-9914.

LA MESA, $600, half of 4 bedroom house, giant backyard, pets OK. Great neighborhood. 619-312-7470.

LA MESA, Room for rent, $450 plus deposit. Between SDSU and Grossmont, 619-466-6755.

LA MESA. $475. Available 12/18. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Nonsmoking, dog OK. Room: vaulted ceilings, ceiling fan, bookcase, sliding door to patio. carrie54@cox.net, 619-251-2344.

LEMON GROVE. $450 plus $100 deposit, utilities included. Furnished/cable TV. House. Shared bathroom/kitchen. Male only, nonsmoker. No drugs/pets. 619-602-1824.

LINDA VISTA. Nonsmoking female. No pets. Shared bathroom. 4 bedroom, 3 bath. $500, plus 1/4 or light housekeeping in lieu of rent plus 1/4. 858-382-7600.

LINDA VISTA. Nonsmoking male wanted to share clean, spacious, fully furnished apartment with patio. Free laundry. Convenient to military bases. $500 plus 1/2. Richard, 858-505-0262.

MIRA MESA. $550 and $695. 2 rooms for rent in large 5 bedroom house. First/last month's rent upon move-in. Utilities about $50/month. jmelvin65@hotmail.com, 858-566-5826.

MIRA MESA. $375-$650. Share house, pool, jacuzzi, deck, cable, wireless Internet, washer/dryer. Female only. No pets. Master with private bath, and entrance. 858-549-3197.

MIRA MESA. $450 plus deposit and 1/4 utilities. Own room in large 3-bedroom house with yard. Share bathroom. Laundry facilities. Community pool. Female preferred. 858-444-5922.

MISSION BAY. Room available 1/1/07 in brand new 3 bedroom house. Near USD. Hardwood floors, granite kitchen, patio, plasma TV, furnished, storage, parking. Jeremy, 858-344-8770.

MISSION VALLEY, $600/month. No deposit. Room furnished, 3 months maximum. Own bathroom. No smoking/pets. Male preferred. Available now, 619-948-3868.

MISSION VALLEY, $495. Share large quiet townhome with 2 nonsmoking guys. Washer/dryer on premises, bus/trolley nearby. Pool/spa. Available 1/01/07. Rich, 619-501-5044.

MISSION VALLEY/FASHION Valley. $700. Available 1/1/07. Female roommate wanted. Own room, own bath. Condo shared with 2 others. Close to all. 619-840-7713.

MURRIETA. $695. Roommate to share condo with female. Own room/bathroom. Patio, fireplace, washer/dryer. Gym, Racquetball, pool, spa. Male preferred. Crystal, 951-834-4382; Heather, 951-704-2628.

NATIONAL CITY. Reo Drive. Room available, ready to move in. Male only. Hardwood floors in nice house. $430 including utilities. 619-788-2162.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $475/room. Female only. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath apartment to share. Internet, cable, laundry. No smoking/drugs/pets. Available now. Email: oh_happy_days@yahoo.com. Call 619-997-7691.

NORMAL HEIGHTS, 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome, garage, washer/dryer, large yard and balcony. $725 plus deposit. Pet? 619-246-2237.

NORTH PARK. $350. Share 4 bedroom house. Shared utilities. $75 deposit. Nonsmoking, no drugs or pets. Close to freeways, bus stops. Male preferred. Charles, 619-584-1790.

NORTH PARK. $575. Third person to join sharing nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo/duplex. Presently 2 tenants, male/female. Near SDSU, 805, downtown. 619-916-7531.

OCEAN BEACH. Room with 1 bath in condo. $650. Female, nonsmoking, drinking, drugs. Quiet, near beach. Pool, washer/dryer, security, cable. Utilities included. d.abrams@cox.net; 619-224-2958.

OCEAN BEACH, Room available 1/1/07, in 3 bedroom condo, ocean view, 3 blocks beach. Laundry. No smoking/pets/drugs/excessive drinking. Male preferred. $625. 619-246-8560.

OCEAN BEACH. $675. Room for rent in a 3 bedroom house, new carpets, quiet neighborhood, refrigerator, stove. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. $450, includes utilities. Female, own room, quiet. 2-bedroom apartment. Share bath/female. Views, street parking. No drugs, smoking, pets. Have birds. 619-206-3298.

PACIFIC BEACH. $795. One bedroom with bath in bright 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. Female preferred. Move in 1/10. Amy, 202-285-9777; aj7171@hotmail.com. Erika, 760-815-6836; ejosephson@hotmail.com.

PARADISE HILLS/Pacific Beach. 1 room available in each location. Washer/dryer. Nonsmoker, nondrinker, no drugs, no pets. $500/$600. 619-470-4824.

POINT LOMA. Partially furnished bedroom, panoramic view, private 1/2 bath, laundry, cable, TV, privileges in 3 bedroom house. Pet OK, $675/month, 1/3 utilities, 619-222-2371, 619-884-2594.

POINT LOMA/OCEAN BEACH. $700 luxury furnished room with panoramic ocean view in contemporary home. Microwave/fridge/TV/laundry. 4 blocks to beach. Very private. Available 1/1/07. 619-226-4010.

POINT LOMA. 3 bedroom 3 bath, fully furnished condo. Unfurnished room with own bath, direct balcony access. 2 story, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, washer/dryer, parking. $750/month utilities included. 619-226-1166.

POINT LOMA, 3 bedroom 3 bath, fully furnished condo. Unfurnished large room, private bath, walk-in closet. 2 story, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, washer/dryer, parking. No pets please. $850/month utilities included, 619-226-1166.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS. Female only to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Room has ceiling fan, closet, private bath. Pool, spa, laundry. $650/month, 1/2 utilities. 408-313-7627.

ROLANDO, COLLEGE AREA, Share my 3 bedroom bungalow and garden. $500 includes utilties, Internet, cable. No smoking. 619-382-2471.

SAN CARLOS, GROSSMONT. 2 bedroom condo. Nice, large sunny room, mirrored closets. Parking. No smoking/drugs, female only. Quiet. $600 includes utilities. Has cat. 619-698-7350.

SAN MARCOS. $800. Room for rent in home loaded with amenities. January 1 move-in. Security deposit required, rent includes all utilities. Please inquire, 760-271-6941; delmarfit@aol.com.

SANTEE, Large bedroom in clean, quiet nicely furnished home. Washer/dryer, all amenities, $625/month, $200/month utilities, $400/deposit. Have 2 cats. No smoking. Available 1/01/07, 619-448-1007.

SCRIPPS RANCH. $525. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house, expansive view, garage, housekeeper, cable Internet. Full privileges, laundry, patio, yard. Month free after year. 858-549-9822; 619-235-2415, x29277.

SDSU, Very large room available in very nice house. Washer/dryer, cable, air conditioning, parking, $575 includes utilties. Near SDSU and supermarket. Female preferred, 619-549-0566.

SERRA MESA/MISSION VALLEY. $500 plus utilities. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, 2 living rooms, garage, 2 patios, laundry, fireplace. No pets. Available 1/01/07. 858-277-4555.

SOLANA BEACH. $1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath home, private enclosed backyard. Quiet neighborhood. Split utilities/services, $1200 deposit required upon move-in. Available now. Nonsmoking. 858-722-5824.

SOUTH PARK. $525, $525 deposit. Bedroom available in 2 bedroom apartment. Available 12/21. High-speed Internet, cable. Utilities are about $55/month. Female only. 858-205-3748.

SOUTH PARK, Old house, small rooms, credit unnecessary, $375, $550 negotiable, computer room. 12 minutes beaches, Downtown, laundry, parking, quiet. Cul-de-sac deposits. Owner Todd 858-357-6337.

SPRING VALLEY. $550. 2 rooms for rent in brand new house, panoramic views. One with private bath. No pets/smoking. Female preferred. Blanca Ortega, 619-517-1404.

TIERRASANTA. $580, plus $350/deposit. Shared utilities/cable/Internet. Washer/dryer. Comfortable room, furnished/unfurnished. Near all. No smoking, drugs, pets. Male preferred, 858-292-0145.

UNIVERSITY CITY, SOUTH: Quiet, downstairs room, private bath/entry, quiet street, parking, Jacuzzi, yard, patio, garden, deck, appliances, HBO/utilities included, nonsmoking female; $725. 858-546-8214.

UTC. $500/month. $400/deposit. Quarter utilities, share bath, unfurnished room. Extended digital cable, pool, fireplace. Great location. Nonsmoking. Have dogs. No more pets. Available 1/1/07. 858-452-2644.

UTC/LA JOLLA. $890. Furnished new condo, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Own bedroom, bathroom, walk-in closet. $920 including water/trash, 1/2 utilities. 858-405-2597, 858-320-3351, 760-752-7796.

SLOW WAVE

by Jesse Reklaw ©2006

Roommate Services

LOOKING FOR A PLACE. We have 100s available. Personalized service. Call now and save 40% off your registration fee. 619-574-6876. www.roommatesandiego.com.

RENTALS

Commercial

HAIR SALON, University Heights. Busy street, successful history. 700 square-feet, 2 sinks, 4 stations, A/C, tile floors. $1850/month +Tri-Net. 3-room studio, same building, $975/month. 619-368-5270.

OFFICE SUITES. 380/335.5 square feet at $1.20. Next to I-5. Easy access. Free parking. Near shopping center. 2445 Morena Boulevard #207 and #209. Juno, 619-275-3455.

NORTH PARK OFFICE SPACE available from 315-1130 square feet at only $1 per square foot. 3930 Oregon Street. www.utopiamanagement.com, 619-291-5555.

SHERMAN HEIGHTS/DOWNTOWN. Storage shed/unit, 10x12. $45/month. New, clean, secure. Dry storage only. Year lease. 2450 K Street. www.innoreventerprises.com. 619-233-5663.

OCEAN BEACH. $175/month. $175 deposit. 1-car garage. Dry storage only. No electric. 4651 Lotus Street. Agent, 619-226-7368. www.bkbinc.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, professional office space in class A building. 2 suites in Garnet Pacific Plaza. Each has 771 square feet, combinable. Mile from I-5. 951-375-8975.

PACIFIC BEACH. 929-C Turquoise Street. Commercial property, ideal for professional office. 410 square feet. Lease: 1 year minimum/7 year maximum. Rent, $625. Triple net 6%. Available now! Call 858-490-1600.

GOLDEN HILL COMMERCIAL SPACE. Upstairs Victorian private office space. 12 month lease. $495/month. $495 deposit. 2496 E Street, #2A. www.goldenhillpm.com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GASLAMP ART SPACE! $150 and up. High ceilings, tall windows. Gallery venue for shows. Uniquely affordable. 100-600 square feet. 402 Market. Hughes Management, 619-239-1639 x102.

RENTALS

Houses

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

ALLIED GARDENS. $1900. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. Call for details, Top Notch Realty Inc. 619-807-0327.

ALLIED GARDENS. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Family room, fireplace. Newly redone throughout. Refinished hardwood floors. New paint inside/out. Very nice. Garage. Backyard. Cat OK. $2000. 4811 Loukelton Way. 858-866-5636.

BONSALL. $2495. Lovely 2+ levels, fenced/gated acres. Great for horses/pets, etc. 2 master bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, fireplace, 2-car garage, fruit trees, etc. 4147 Kari Lane. 760-651-1101 or 760-586-1308.

CARLSBAD, $2375. Stunning waterfront townhome with boat dock. 3 plus bedrooms, 2 baths, 2-car garage, carport, storage. Granite kitchen, wood/tile floors, 2-sided fireplace. Pets?. 760-612-3887.

CARLSBAD, EAST. Calavera Hills. $2795. 5 bedroom, 4 bath house with full bed and bath downstairs, fireplace, view, balcony, large yard, 2800 square feet. No pets. Available now. 4674 Meadow Drive. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

CARLSBAD. From $1395. 1 bedroom bungalow. Call for specials! Close to beach. Carport, fenced backyard. Washer/dryer hook-ups. $200 security deposit. Available now. 760-729-5668.

CARLSBAD/SOUTH. Beautiful beach home, gated community. 3 bedrooms +loft, 2-1/2 baths, family room, garage. 2261 square-feet. All appliances, fireplace, tropical yard. $2900/month. 760-815-3696.

CARLSBAD/LA COSTA. $2050, includes water/trash/gardener. Spacious 3 bedroom, 3 bath, all appliances, washer/dryer, fireplace, yard, garage. Available 1/5/07. Preston, 619-742-7776, 760-778-4244.

CARLSBAD/LA COSTA. Rancho Ponderosa 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1800 square foot, single story home, cul-de-sac, beautiful landscaped. Pet on approval. Recently upgraded. $2100/month. 760-519-7912.

CARMEL VALLEY. 5 bedoom, 4-1/2 bath, 2-story house, cul-de-sac, private, covered balcony, canyon/ocean view. Many upgrades. Courtyard, barbecue area. Security system. $6600. 858-699-6000.

CASA DE ORO. $1600. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex, lower level. Attractive landscaping. Washer/dryer, refrigerator. Extra parking. Walk to all. No pets. 619-981-4100.

CHULA VISTA/Otay Ranch, $3700. Lovely 5 bedroom, 4-1/2 bath view home. Cul-de-sac, 3850 square-feet, upgraded. Family room, loft, 3-car garage, private yard. 619-993-1758.

CHULA VISTA/Eastlake, $1790. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. 2-car garage, fireplace, gated. Walk to Eastlake High School, Olympic View Elementary. Available February 1. 619-254-1021.

CHULA VISTA. Otay Ranch. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhome. Close to parks, new mall. Washer/dryer. 2-car garage. $1800. Pets OK. Justin, 601-301-5160.

CHULA VISTA, $2300. Veranda Community, Lomas Verdes. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. 2138 square-feet, 2-car garage. Large backyard, covered patio, fountain, landscaping. Available January. 619-997-5178.

CHULA VISTA. 4 bedroom, 3 bath home, $2300. Cul-de-dac, 2-car garage, fireplace, stainless appliances, washer/dryer. Backyard, deck. Pets OK. Section 8 OK. 619-518-3211.

CHULA VISTA. Eastlake. Available now. 5 bedroom 2-1/2 bath, 2300 square feet, built 2003. Patio, community pool. Section 8 OK. $2500/month. Move-in special. 619-733-6224.

CHULA VISTA. $2650. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home in Sunbow! Features many upgrades including granite, stainless steel appliances and upgraded carpeting. Refrigerator, washer/dryer included. Tropical themed swimming pool with barbecue island. Great location in cul-de-sac, close to freeway 805, hospital and shopping! Available now. 1 month deposit and credit check required. No pets. 619-985-7717 or 619-992-3824.

CHULA VISTA, NORTH. $1400. House, classic Spanish 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Living room, dining room. Hookups. New appliances. Fenced yard. Off-street parking. 85 Monte Vista Avenue. 858-457-0397.

CHULA VISTA. $900 includes utilities. 1 bedroom attached cottage. Walk to shops/restaurants, private. No smoking, small pet OK. Deposit. Near Southwestern College. 619-933-7007.

CITY HEIGHTS, $1495. Totally remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors, new kitchen and bath, washer/dryer, garage, huge covered patio with fenced yard. 3345 Euclid Avenue. 619-683-9274.

CLAIREMONT, 3 bedroom 2 bath, 1400 square feet. Recently remodeled. Fireplace, new carpet/appliances. RV parking possible. 2 car garage. No smoking. $2000/month. 858-484-2770.

CLAIREMONT. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with fireplace, beautiful view of a mini lake; up and downstairs; 1548 square feet. 5 minutes to Mission Bay; 7 minutes to La Jolla. Gardener paid; 2-car garage; like living in a park. Two large duck ponds; swimming pool in community; tennis courts. $2200/month. 858-270-7711, cell 619-726-2733.

COLLEGE AREA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Fenced back yard, 2-car garage, washer/dryer, remodeled. Walk to all. Pets OK. $1950/month. 5902 Baja Drive. Available 1/1/07. 760-603-0057.

COLLEGE AREA. $1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, huge bonus room, 1-car garage, fenced yard, washer/dryer, barbecue. Pets negotiable. Close to freeways, shopping, SDSU. 619-889-8387.

COLLEGE AREA House. 3 bedroom, 2 bath remodeled Spanish-style. Walk to SDSU. Patio, hardwoods, laundry, fireplace, garage, free street parking. 6/12 month leases. Water paid. Won't last! $1900/month (only $633/each). Jeff, 858-342-3792.

COLLEGE AREA/ROLANDO. $2200. 4 bedroom, 3 bath house. 1800 square feet with pool, fireplace, 2-car garage and private backyard. Pets considered. Available 12/20. 4753 Valencia Drive. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

Music

Gibson Marshall Weekend
December 21-24
Marshall Amps from $69
Guitar Packages from $199
Includes guitar, Marshall amp, chord, bag & picks.
Free KORG Tuner
($25 value) With any Marshall amp purchase.
Free Guitar Cords
($5 value) Fri. & Sat. only.
10 Sets of Strings from $25
CENTRE CITY MUSIC
1033 6th Avenue
Downtown San Diego
(across from the House of Blues)
619-338-9033
www.ccitymusic.com

Old Time Music
2852 University Ave. North Park
(Corner of University & Utah)
(619) 280-9035
email: oldtimemusic@mac.com

Just in Time for the Holidays – Make Some Joyful Noise!!
Extra-special pre-Christmas deals on all floor-model Roland® Fantom and KORG Triton Extreme work stations.
All YAMAHA®, Clavia, KORG, and KURZWEIL digital pianos priced too low to quote!
Digidesign MBoxII Mini $299
Call Mike to help build your customized Macintosh computer for music!
TRITON Extreme
KORG
digidesign
Still San Diego's premier Digidesign ProTools dealer. From Apple computers to Z-systems Digital Routers, when you think about Pro Audio, think Pro Sound & Music.
Professional Sound & Music
MUSICIANS REPAIR SERVICE
4593 Mission Gorge Place
For sales and service, call:
619-583-7851
www.prosound.com
Mon.-Fri. 10 am-6 pm
Sat. 10 am-5 pm
Closed Sun.

COLLEGE, $1695. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Beautiful Spanish style house. Dining room, yard, landscape. No pets. 4778 Aragon Drive, 92115. 619-698-6911.

COLLEGE/ROLANDO, $1650. Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Move-in ready. Cul-de-sac, 2-car attached garage, ceiling fans, new interior/exterior paint, new carpet/appliances/window coverings. Large park-like fenced yard. 619-448-5592, 619-855-0377.

DEL MAR. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, washer/dryer hookups. On cul-de-sac. Large kitchen, new appliances. Yard. Pets OK. $2850. Gardener included. 858-361-0594.

DEL MAR: Spectacular ocean view, new custom, 4 bedrooms, 4-1/2 baths, media room, decks, granite, marble, loggia, yard, walk to village/ocean, $7000, Mike, 619-236-1836.

DOWNTOWN, NEAR PETCO. $1595. Rent to own! 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 1200 square feet. New paint. Moving out of state. Call agent for details, 619-459-8678.

DOWNTOWN. $900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, house in Little Italy, unfurnished, street parking, small deck. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

EL CAJON. $3500. 5 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath hilltop retreat, pool, spa, Koi pond. 2-1/2 car garage. Views, views, views! 1063 Vista Madera Lane. Call 619-507-4172.

EL CAJON/FLINN SPRINGS. $1950/month. Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Nice, quiet neighborhood. Fresh paint, tile, berber carpet, ceiling fans, fireplace, stove, dishwasher, microwave. New landscaping, fenced rear yard, covered patio, 2-car garage. gardener included. 14157 Kelli Lane. 619-699-2749, 619-444-7677.

EL CAJON/JAMUL. $1200. Live under the oaks! Beautiful custom upgrades. Newly renovated 2 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home. Very private location on property. 619-468-3988.

ESCONDIDO. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on private road. 2-car garage. Gorgeous master with enormous closet/garden tub. Refrigerator. Dishwasher. Pets OK. $2200. 619-977-7292.

ESCONDIDO. $825-$1750. Tired of apartment living? Half off first month's rent, OAC. Beautiful manufactured homes offer spectacular hilltop views. Attached private 2-car covered carports. Small yards, full-size washer/dryer most homes. Sorry, no pets. 1924 Sheridan Avenue. 760-745-1677.

FLETCHER HILLS. $2200. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Large family room, gardener, garage, large yard, RV parking, pets welcome. 2628 Littleton Road, El Cajon, 92020. Available now. 619-203-5064.

GOLDEN HILL/SHERMAN HEIGHTS. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath near Downtown/Gaslamp. $1600 plus deposit. New carpet, remodeled baths, additional kitchen cabinets. Carpeted storage area. Off-street parking. Terry, 619-778-2830.

HILLCREST. $1975. Renovated 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house in the heart of Hillcrest on a cul-de-sac. Parking, water paid, quiet property, nicely landscaped, small storage space included. 3659 7th Avenue. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400. www.peoplehelpingothers.com.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. $2395. 3 bedroom, 2 bath Craftsman home near hospitals, restaurants, stores, freeways. All new appliances, washer/dryer, hardwood floors. Cats OK. 222 Lewis Street. 619-574-0558.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. $1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, fireplace, hardwood floors, patios, view. Excellent location. Close to freeways. Walk to restaurants, shops, Balboa Park. 619-298-7301.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 bath house on private street in great IB neighborhood! Huge rooms, vaulted ceilings, granite kitchen. Large family room with fireplace. Master has 2 walk-in closets. Sundeck with ocean views! 2-car garage plus storage. Pets OK! $2800/month. Call Robert at 619-309-7865.

KENSINGTON, 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. New paint, hardwood floors, formal dining room with built-ins, large kitchen with breakfast nook, off-street parking. Gardener, water included. Walk to Village. 4774 Edgeware Road. $1895/month. 619-683-9274.

KENSINGTON, $2895. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with hardwood floors, custom paint, crown molding and baseboards. Newly renovated kitchen and upgraded bathrooms. Large patio, gazebo and koi pond. Detached 2-car garage with laundry room, work bench and great storage. Walking distance to Village. Available January 1. 4848 Kensington Drive. 619-683-9274.

KENSINGTON. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bathroom historical Craftsman with covered front porch, gourmet kitchen with vintage porcelain stove, island breakfast bar, custom cabinetry, granite, new hardwood floors. Formal dining room with built-ins, French doors open to fenced bricked courtyard garden. Washer/dryer, one car garage with great storage. Gardener and water included. Walk to village, close to all. 4533 Edgeware Road. $2095/month. 619-683-9274.

LA JOLLA. $4150. 4 bedroom, 3 bath house. Split-level, on cul-de-sac. Bright with skylights and lots of windows. 2 fireplaces, 2 masters. Formal dining room. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Available now. Pets negotiable. 7770 Roseland Place. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

LA JOLLA. $2350. 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, house, pool, quiet, community spa, extra large brick patio. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

LA JOLLA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, laundry, tile floors. Patio/yard/barbecue, 1-car garage. Appointment only. No smoke/pets. $2675. 858-454-3140.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Three-quarters house for rent. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2000 square-foot home. Fireplace, pool, gazebo, fountain, pond, covered patio. All appliances. Off-street parking. Nice neighborhood. $2200? 858-455-9914.

LA MESA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Open floor plan, shared laundry. 600 square feet. No pets. Available 12/28. 6170 West Manor Drive. $850. 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

LA MESA. 4 bedroom, 3 bath new home, $2850. 1/2 off first month! Ocean views. 2700 square feet. Available now. 7612 Seattle Drive. By agent, 619-260-8121. View at http://www.sevillemgmt.com.

LEMON GROVE. $1950. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, 2 levels, 2-car garage, fireplace, yard, balcony, storage room, washer/dryer, ceiling fan. No pets. 7671 Viewcrest Drive. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

LEMON GROVE. Remodeled 2 bedroom house. $1500/month. Hardwood floors throughout, all appliances plus washer/dryer, covered patio, finished garage with lots of storage, extra large fenced yard. Includes gardener/trash. 2656 Grange Street. 619-461-3546.

LINDA VISTA. $1825, rent. $1200 deposit, OAC. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. 1438-square-foot house. 2-car garage. Yard. No pets. At 7036 Osler Street (at Genesee). 619-299-8515.

LINDA VISTA. $1375. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath house minutes from USD, Sharp, Old Town, Fashion Valley, Downtown, Balboa Park, beaches. 7440 Hyatt Street. 619-670-5742.

MIRA MESA, NORTH. Quiet neighborhood. Cute 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, den, newer refrigerator, large kitchen, patio. Small pet OK. 9065 Danube Lane. $1800. 760-739-5451.

MIRA MESA. $1795/month, $1500/security deposit. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 7734 Parkdale Court. Stove, refrigerator, large fenced yard, 2-car garage, air conditioning. Gardener included. 10-12 month lease. Available now. Call Ed, 858-597-6100.

MISSION HILLS. Hillside, private decks/views. Two-in-one. Upper-level: Upgraded, new kitchen/bathrooms, spacious bedrooms, family room. Lower-level: bedroom, bath, kitchen, recreation room. $2750. 808-457-0645, 619-540-4830.

MISSION VALLEY. Charming 8 years new, 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home. 2-car garage. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Pool, gym, tennis. Available now. $2295. 619-665-8269.

MT. HELIX. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath. 2400 square feet. 2-car garage. Pool. $2250 includes gardener/pool maintenance. Deposit required. No pets. Available 12/9. 619-443-9192.

NATIONAL CITY. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Beautiful hardwood floors, large eat-in kitchen, completely fenced, storage, off-street parking. No pets/smoking. 209 G Avenue. $1235, all utilities paid. Call Val, 619-507-2613.

NORMAL HEIGHTS, $1500/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, Spanish-style house with garage. All appliances, hardwood floors, private yard, washer/dryer. Non-smoker. Call 619-299-7348.

NORMAL HEIGHTS/UNIVERSITY Heights. $775-$820. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage on Adams Avenue. Hardwood floors. Close to all. Can be used as office space. 619-291-5555. utopiamgmt.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS, $1595. Quaint 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet, private, fenced yard, washer/dryer, refrigerator, hardwoods, parking. Pets OK. 4860 Hawley, north of Adams. 619-521-0050.

NORTH PARK. $2200. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath Spanish-style, quiet residential area, 2-story, hardwood floors, fireplace, private yard, deck, washer/dryer, garage. 3327 Thorn. 760-754-3143.

NORTH PARK. $1145. 2 bedroom, 1 bath Craftsman house, hardwood floors, appliances, fresh paint. Laundry on-site. Garage, $100. No pets. Deposit $1000. 4125 Wabash. 858-483-7011.

NORTH PARK. $1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, parking, washer/dryer, small yard, pets OK. 4149 Utah Street. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

NORTH PARK, $1695. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with hardwood floors, large kitchen with breakfast nook, tiled bathroom, 1-car garage with lots of storage, washer/dryer, fenced yard, gardener. Available mid-January. 4120 34th Street. 619-683-9274.

NORTH PARK/SOUTH PARK. $1475. Pet considered. Classic Victorian. 2 bedrooms plus bonus room. Quiet. Fireplace. Spiral staircase. Completely renovated. Immaculately clean. Private fenced yard. Absolutely no smoking! Behind 3031 Ivy Street. Available now. 619-241-2307.

NORTH PARK, $1050. Small 1 bedroom, 1 bath home. Hardwood floors, off-street parking for 2 cars, full size washer/dryer, fenced yard. Available mid-January. 4118 34th Street. 619-683-9274.

OCEAN BEACH. $1800. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, house, pet OK, blocks to beach and shops. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

PACIFIC BEACH. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 1500-square-foot, split-level house at 911 Diamond Street. 2 blocks from beach. Large patio. Parking. Laundry on site. $2395. Available 1/11. Call 858-583-0182 or 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. $2450. 3 bedroom, 2 bath cottage. Close to beach and bay. Fenced yard. Dishwasher, microwave, gardener, washer/dryer hookups, ceiling fans. 858-273-3233.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1200. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, cottage, carpet floors, parking included, refrigerator, patio, walk to bay. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1400. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, house, hardwood floors, street parking, laundry on site. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

PACIFIC BEACH. $2700. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, laundry hookups, fenced backyard with the biggest avocado tree you have every seen. Garage plus driveway parking. Gardener paid. Ask about pet with additional deposit. Available now. 1035 Reed. DSPM, Broker, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. $1375. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Stove, refrigerator, 1-car garage. Gardener/water paid. Cat OK with additional $300 deposit. Available 1/1/07. 2145 Thomas. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. $2395. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath hillside house with views, 2-car garage, fireplace, large kitchen/bedrooms. 2546 San Anselmo. 619-574-0558.

PACIFIC BEACH. Mobile home on the Bay! Cute and cozy 2 bedroom, 2 bath, furnished, washer/dryer. On De Anza Cove. $1800/month. Mike, 858-456-0407; 858-344-1033.

PARADISE HILLS. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house with new Pergo flooring throughout. 2-car garage. Washer/dryer hookups. Fireplace. Extra storage. No pets. 1625 Gilmartin Drive. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

POINT LOMA. 2 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath, family room, living/dining rooms, hardwood floors, garage, fenced yard. $1900. No smoking, no pets. 619-697-3379.

POINT LOMA, $2800. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Panoramic ocean views, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, hot tub, large deck for entertaining. Pets OK. Marc, agent, 619-917-8413.

POINT LOMA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Patio. Yard. Washer/dryer. RV Parking. Gardener. Pet OK on approval with additional deposit. Rent $2100. Available now. 3505 Poe Street. 858-490-1600.

POINT LOMA. Upgraded 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Available February. Granite, stainless steel, hardwood floors, jacuzzi tub. Garage. Landscaped, gardener paid. $2600. Pet considered. Melissa, 619-920-5484.

POWAY/Olive Hills/Olive Meadows Drive, $2580. 5 bedroom, 3 bath upgraded home. Pool and gardener included. 2 car garage, large family room, fireplace, dining room. Pet on approval. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

RANCHO BERNARDO. $1400. Newly remodeled 2 bedroom. Incredible view. Backyard/garden terrace. Carport. Laundry hookups. Nonsmoking. No pets. Available January 1. 760-781-4136.

RANCHO BERNARDO/Brezza Reata Way, $3200. 4 bedroom plus den, 4 baths. Tile and berber. Large back yard, cul-de-sac, gardener, all appliances, granite counters, large kitchen island, 3-car garage, 3158 estimated square-feet, built 2002. No pets. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

RANCHO BERNARDO. $1775 includes water/cable. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath Mira La Paz condo. 2-car garage. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. 2-balconies. Pool. 858-395-5213.

SAN CARLOS. $2095. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath house. 2000 square feet, fireplace, 2-car garage, yard. Pets on approval. 8081 Hillandale Drive. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

SAN CARLOS. $2150. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath house, 2200 square feet, yard, fireplace, air conditioning, pets on approval. 7643 Stevenson Way. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

SAN MARCOS. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with tile flooring. Fireplace. Huge family room. Air conditioning. Fenced yard. 3-car garage. Pets OK. Available 1/10. 1045 Cypress Circle. $1725. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

SAN MARCOS/Santa Fe Hills, Avenida Abeja. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath plus den, $2595. Custom upgrades, granite floors/counters, 2600 estimated square-feet, large back yard. Small pet OK. Gardener, extra storage, 2-car garage, high tech hook-ups, top of the line appliances. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

SANTEE, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 story home, over 1500 square feet, vaulted ceilings, fireplace in living room, simulating wood/tile flooring, $1750/month. 619-401-3097.

SANTEE. $1600. Recently remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 2-car garage. 10x10 storage shed. Covered patio with view. Jacuzzi bathtub. No pets. Nonsmoking. 11102 Shadowhill Way. Available 1/1/07. 619-667-4256.

SCRIPPS RANCH. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. $2100/month. 11045 Caminito Arcada (92131). Remodeled. 2-car garage. All appliances. Fenced yard. Available 12/15. Van, 858-549-4938.

SOUTH PARK. $1650. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1940s classic bungalow. Hardwood floors. Views. Tiled kitchen. Built-in microwave. Extremely large yard. Gardener. Attached garage. www.goldenhillpm.com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

SPRING VALLEY/Paradise Hills, $1600. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with office space, 2-car garage, large back yard/covered patio. A must see! 1156 square-feet. Available now. Move in special: 1/2 off 1st month's rent on approved credit. 876 Carlsbad Street. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

SPRING VALLEY. 5 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-story house. Remodeled, fantastic views, ceiling fans, all new appliances. A must see! Pets OK. $2450. Paul, 619-504-8999.

SUNSET CLIFFS. All new 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Hardwood floors, washer/dryer, ocean views, 1-car garage. Yard with barbecue. Nonsmoking/pets. $2100. 619-518-2755.

TIERRASANTA. 2900 square feet. 2-stories. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath. 2-car garage. Golf course views. Yard. Laundry hookups. 6-month lease. $2650. 3923 Catamarca. Agent, 619-471-1755.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. December free! Fabulous location! 3 bedroom Craftsman. High ceilings. Laundry. Den, living/dining room. Hardwood. Large yard. Huge driveway. $2300 includes landscaping. 619-787-4643.

VALLEY CENTER. Woods Valley. $4800. Over 4500 square feet. 4-car garage. On cul-de-sac. Brand new, move in anytime. Nonsmoking. No pets. Call for details, Top Notch Realty, Inc., 858-715-0688.

RENTALS

Apartments / Condos

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

ALLIED GARDENS. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with washer and dryer. No pets. Near freeway, SDSU and grocery store. Trash and water included. $1500/month. $1500 deposit. Call 619-697-6469.

ALPINE. $900-$950. 2 bedrooms. Air conditioning, dishwasher. Laundry. Pool. Parking. No pets. 1319 Marshall Road. Agent, 619-298-7724.

ALPINE. 2 bedrooms, $1240. Private garages, fireplaces, vaulted ceilings. Resort-size pool and spa. Cats welcome. Alpine Woods, 1829 Arnold Way. 619-445-1341.

SERVICES DIRECTORY 619-235-8200

HOME

AIR CONDITIONING

Amsco Services

Air conditioning & heating. Commercial & residential. Sales, service, repair since 1988. Lic#527141. For prompt service, call 858-488-8667. Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover accepted!

BATHROOMS

Tubs Refinished

Refinish your old, worn-out bathtubs/sinks to look like new! Fiberglass and porcelain. All work guaranteed. Lic-560438. Bathtubs & Sinks Refinishing Company. 619-464-5141.

Bath and Kitchen Design and Remodel

Visit our new showroom at 3191 Sports Arena Boulevard, Suite E, San Diego, CA 92110. Sunco Construction Inc. License #837955. 619-523-2100. www.suncoconstructioninc.com.

BEE REMOVAL

Bee Best Bee Removal

Swarm removal from trees, bushes, etc. Hive removal from structures, roofs, walls, etc. Over 26 years experience. Bee Best Bee Removal, 800-481-2337.

CARPETS

Carpet Cleaning. One Room Free!

Includes pre-treatment and spot/stain removal at no extra charge. Family owned and operated. Experienced and reliable. Visit us online at AdmiralCarpetCare.com, 858-560-0988. Satisfaction guaranteed!

Special! 1 Room $13

$35 Sofas! Superior Carpet/Upholstery Cleaning. Steam clean, spot treatment and spin-dry. 25 years experience. 100% satisfaction guarantee. JPC Cleaning, 619-322-3673.

JB's Clean Carpet

Quality work. 4 rooms, $55. Whole house, 7 areas, $90. Includes pre-treating, spots, and some stain removal. Reasonable upholstery prices. Experienced. 619-302-8970.

CHILD CARE

Preschool

Clairemont Academy Kids enrolling now. Infant center opening soon. Preschool focusing on phonics, math, science, art, music. School age holiday/vacation care with activities available. 619-665-7878.

CLEANING

Hate to Clean?

Let us help! Weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly rates. References. Honest. Immediate request responses. marurq@msn.com. Call Maria, 619-405-0447.

Dust Bunnies?

Personalized service by experienced professionals. Move-outs, spring cleans, vacation homes, remodeling cleanup, small offices, residential.Phone quotes! Art of Clean Agency, 858-270-5558; 619-276-5558.

Liza's Cleaning

We clean until it shines! Residential. Moving: in/out. Weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly rates. We do windows! Free estimates! 619-482-2254, 619-587-6604.

Celestial Cleaning

Residential, move-outs, business. Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly services. Dependable, efficient team. Environmentally friendly, nonhazardous, biodegradable products. Safe for children, elderly, pets. Free estimates! 619-429-5014.

Professional Cleaning

We are ready to clean your vacant or occupied house. Starting at $45, Monday-Saturday. Call now for appointment, 619-757-5871 or fax 619-425-8243.

CONSTRUCTION

Need Remodel?

Call Anderson Construction Enterprises, specializing in concrete, remodels, additions, landscaping. Bonded/insured. Free estimates! 12 years experience! Lic#877818. eanderson19@cox.net, 760-802-6798.

Remodeling, Additions and Restoration

Licensed contractor with 25 years experience. Creative solutions for your home improvement goals. Certified Interior Designer Associate available for you. High quality work at a reasonable cost. References provided. BBB member. www.gdgarwoodconstruction.com. 619-405-1907. Lic-#784119.

Contractor

Termite, fungus, dry-rot repair specialists. Decks, patio covers, home improvements. 15 years experience. Lic#614165. Prompt response. BBB member. Call Michael Hardy now! Cell 619-787-7082.

CONTRACTORS

General Contractor

Quality remodeling, room additions, new construction. 30 years experience. We show up on time, and we perform! Scott Jennings Construction, Inc.Lic-491906. 858-676-1987.

CROWN MOLDING

Moldings for Less

Professional crown molding installation. Materials can be provided. Baseboards, wainscot, painting. 10 years experience. Mention Reader ad-10% off! Free estimate! 619-606-7623.

DECKS

Deck Construction

Top quality deck construction and repair. Fully licensed, bonded and insured. CSLB# 872767, BBB Member. Call Chris for free estimate 858-775-4107. References available.

DOORS

Got Doors?

We specialize in doors! Interior, exterior, new construction or replacement. Allied Contracting, local contractor with 20+ years experience. Please call 619-795-2930. No job too small.

ELECTRICAL

Free Estimates!

All your electrical needs. Fast and friendly service. Commercial/residential. Service upgrades, remodels, troubleshooting, ceiling fans, can lights. Satisfaction guaranteed. Lic#100809. 619-818-9726.

Priced Right

Commercial/residential/lofts. Recessed lighting, garage door openers, dimmers, plugs, more! 20 years of electrical design experience. Lic#C-10-835934. 619-846-2600.

Amazing Electrician!

No job too small, no problem too big. 30 years experience. Emergency/trouble calls: commercial/residential. Custom, remodel or new construction. LIC#869373. 760-579-8060.

Electrician!

Custom Electrical. Commercial/residential. Remodel, new construction, repairs and maintenance. Insured. Lic#806804. Work guaranteed! Senior discounts. Member of the BBB. Free estimates. 619-561-0579.

FENCES

California Fence

Wood, chain link, iron, guard rail, trash enclosures, barricades, welding. New, repair, installing. Lic#804726. California Fence Company, 619-422-2642; californiafence@hotmail.com.

FLOORING

Hardwood

flooring. Refinishing, sanding, stain. Hardwood, laminate installation, linoleum, repairs. Also: carpet sales/installation. Hablamos espanol. Lic#837208. LLamas Hardwood Flooring. Accepting credit cards. 619-946-0011; 619-971-7369.

Concrete Floors

Concrete polishing, decorative staining, texturing, epoxy coatings, moisture sealing. Flooring/coating removal, leveling, overlays, shotblasters and concrete grinders available. Credit cards accepted. 619-997-8556.

Tile-Hardwood Stone and More

Visit our new showroom at 3191 Sports Arena Boulevard, Suite E, San Diego, CA 92110. Sunco Construction Inc. License #837955. 619-523-2100. www.suncoconstructioninc.com.

GARDENING

Las Nubes

Design, landscaping, plantscaping (exterior/interior). Expert restoration, rejuvenation, and new installation. Consulting/maintenance. Enjoy your landscape like a walk in the clouds. Licensed/insured. 619-994-7819.

GLASS AND MIRROR

Tub and Shower

doors. Mirror doors. Patio doors. Windows and screens. Textured glass. Heavy glass to 3/4" thick. Install/repair/sales. Lic-471954. Jeff, 858-576-4321.

HANDYMAN

Handyman Connection

Work you can trust! Done right, on time! Guaranteed. We are not a referral service. BBB. Contractor's license #742985. Visa, Mastercard. Handyman Connection. 619-584-5555.

Contractor

Contractor quality/handyman prices! Carpentry, plumbing, electrical, drywall, concrete, roofing, repairs, remodels, more. Licensed, insured, workers' compensation. All work guaranteed. Lic-827834. Visa/MasterCard accepted. ADM, 619-469-2341; 888-ADM-2-FIX.

Free Estimates

Local handyman. Fences and decks, tile, kitchens, baths, carpentry. 15 years experience. Quality work. No job too small or too big. 619-665-7116.

Carpentry

Remodeling, Crown Molding, Baseboard, Framing, Drywall. Low rates. Residential. No job too small or big. Call Adan, 619-284-8142 or cell 619-666-6087.

Preferred Handyman

20 years experience! Residential/commercial. Carpentry, drywall, paint, doors, fences, patios, decks. Interior/exterior repairs. Dependable and honest. Call Garrett at 619-647-5937, 619-401-0454.

M.A.R. Handyman

Electric and plumbing. Carpentry. Tile and flooring. Home repair. Free estimates. Quality work done the first time! Mark, business: 1-866-461-2315; cell, 619-654-3119.

ALPINE. 55 and up. Spacious luxury living. 1 bedrooms, $815 with 12 month lease. 2 bedrooms, $1125. Up to one month free! Creekside Meadows, 1750 Arnold Way, 619-445-2480.

BANKER'S HILL. Furnished studios, starting at $710; 1 bedrooms, $775 and up. Close to park and downtown. Some utilities paid. Laundry facilities. No pets. 619-234-7572.

BANKER'S HILL. 1 bedroom, $1325. Historic building, Sunroom. No pets. 536 Maple. www.palomarapts.com. Leo, 619-232-1665.

BANKER'S HILL. Studio $750/month. 1920s building, built-ins, hide-a-bed, hardwood floors, laundry onsite. Available now. 2230 Albatross Street. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

BANKER'S HILL. $725. Studio apartment, large, laundry, close to all. 2027 Front Street #6. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

BANKER'S HILL. Studio, $750. Classic Spanish building, old world charm. Walk Downtown. Laundry, parking. Available December. 2003 Second Avenue. Agent, 619-260-1368. View at http://www.sevillemgmt.com.

BANKER'S HILL. Spacious studio with full size kitchen and bath. All utilities included. $725. $500 security deposit. Available now. 619-325-7332.

BANKER'S HILL/HILLCREST. $850, bay view studio. Charming gated building with an Artisan's touch! Laundry, barbecue, community deck. No pets. 128 West Maple Street. 619-234-1994.

BANKER'S HILL. $775 rent, $600 deposit. Studio. 1/2 off first month's rent! Hardwood floors, upper unit, refrigerator, stove, on-site laundry, on-street parking. No pets. 2263 4th Avenue. 619-300-9487.

BANKER'S HILL. $1125/month, $900 deposit. 1/2 off first month's rent! Upper unit, wood floors, new paint. View of Point Loma and San Diego bay. Appliances, on-site laundry. 2241 4th Avenue #201. 619-300-9487.

BANKER'S HILL. $975 rent, $900 deposit. 1/2 off first month's rent! Cottage style lower unit. Wood floors, patio, stove, refrigerator, on-site laundry, on-street parking. 1926 3rd Street. 619-300-9487.

BAY PARK. $925. 1 bedroom. Bay Park's best maintained property with beautiful courtyard and sparkling pool. No pets. 2520 Chicago Street. TPPM, 619-405-7200, www.debonairapts.com.

BAY PARK/USD. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo. New carpet/tile/paint. Small complex. Laundry, parking. Cats OK. Available immediately. $1390. Miller Management, 619-813-3113.

BONITA, $1295. Nice remodeled 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo. A/C, private parking, stackable washer/dryer hookups, fireplace. Freeway close. Pool/Jacuzzi. Available 12/15. 619-425-4295 Agent; 619-894-1455.

CARDIFF. $1850-$1950. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 1 and 2 bath apartments. Available 1/1. Coin laundry. Near beach. View. No pets. 1 year lease. 2142 Montgomery. 949-212-3275. Perry, 858-442-9940.

CARDIFF. 2 bedroom, 1 bath beach apartments. Popular complex. Spacious, newly renovated, tranquil landscape, minutes away from beach. $1595/up. 760-753-4101.

CARLSBAD, VILLAGE. $1295. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint, carpet, appliances. Near beach, Coaster. Gated community. Microwave. Laundry on-site. Covered parking. 760-720-0849, 619-302-2156.

CARLSBAD. Fantastic ocean and lagoon views! Fresh ocean air, just steps from the beach, beautifully remodeled 1 and 2 bedroom apartment homes starting at $1250. 2303 Ocean Street. Judy, 760-434-7721.

CARLSBAD. $925, 1 bedroom downstairs unit on a quiet street. Onsite laundry facilities and an assigned parking place. 3366 Roosevelt. Call Judy for more information at 760-434-7721.

CARLSBAD. Live at the beach! Ask about the holiday special. Newly remodeled inside and out. Charming 2x2, gas fireplace, fully equipped kitchen with dishwashers, bike rack, parking, laundry. Pool, spa. 760-729-2155, Sandcastleshores.rasnyder.com.

CARLSBAD/LA COSTA. $1700. 2 bedroom, 2 bath corner townhome. Dishwasher, microwave. Fireplace. Carport. Patio. Water/trash/cable paid. Pool. Pet considered with deposit. 760-613-9975.

CARLSBAD/LA COSTA. $1395. Large, luxury 2 bedroom 2 bath in beautiful garden complex with views over La Costa golf course. Fireplace, washer/dryer, air conditioning, pool, spa, sauna. 2391 Caringa Way. Alicante views. TPPM, 760-431-7575.

CARLSBAD/OCEANSIDE South of Highway 78. Walk to beach. $1200. Quiet, bright. 1000 square foot 2 bedroom apartment. No dogs/smoking. 699 Eaton Street. 760-967-8121.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH, Spacious, remodeled 2 bed 2 bath condo. Two master suites, walk-in closets. Quiet, upper unit, washer/dryer. Pool, tennis, parking. $1,595, 619-249-0707.

CARMEL VALLEY. $1699. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, recently remodeled. Pool, spa, gym, tennis, covered parking. No pets/smoking. Call 858-344-2591.

CARMEL VALLEY. $1550. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 944 square feet. Travertine marble/laminate flooring. Washer/dryer. Pool/spa, tennis, exercise. No pets. Agent, 858-405-5270.

CARMEL VALLEY. Looking for affordable luxury living? 1 bedrooms from $1260! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths from $1575! Near beaches, shopping, easy freeway access, great school district! Free tennis, swimming lessons! Washer/dryer. Parking. Fitness center. Pool. No pets. Club Torrey Pines, 12646 Torrey Bluff Drive. 1-866-354-2096. www.sdreader.com/rent/2106.

CASA DE ORO. Move-in special! $1050. 2 bedroom. $1299. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Spacious. Central location. Laundry, balconies, pool. Military accepted. Espanol. 619-857-0365.

CHULA VISTA. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. $950. Nice, quiet, gated. Laundry. Parking. Near trolley. No pets. Lease. Available now! 552 D Street. 619-271-4890.

CHULA VISTA, SAN MIGUEL RANCH. Gorgeous, new 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. Fireplace, washer/dryer, air, balcony. 1-car garage. Amenities. $1650. 619-656-5321.

CHULA VISTA. $1050. Half off first month! Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Parking. Laundry. Pool. Gated. Great location. Near I-5/Costco. Pets/Section 8 considered. 615 Moss Street. 619-405-7411.

CHULA VISTA. Move-in special: Half off first month's rent! 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse in Otay Ranch. $1595. Garage. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Balcony. 1892 Minor Creek Lane. Pets OK! Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

CHULA VISTA. $795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet/paint. Downstairs, pool, laundry facility, off-street parking. No pets. 581 Arizona Street. Call 619-691-9415. www.melroyproperties.com.

CHULA VISTA. San Miguel Ranch 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome, glasstop stove, granite counters. Garage, huge private backyard. Gardener included. Dogs OK. $1895. 619-993-6870.

CHULA VISTA. $1025. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo with parking. Bright unit with fenced in backyard! New carpet, paint and vinyl. No pets! Ask about our move-in special! 620 J Street #A. Call 619-222-4836 x14, www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

CHULA VISTA. $800. Extra large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Air conditioning. Secure parking. Laundry. Close to all. No pets. Available now. 619-422-4519.

CHULA VISTA. $900. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry. Secure parking. No pets. Available now. 619-476-0409.

CHULA VISTA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Assigned parking, laundry facility, barbecue area. No air conditioning/heat. No pets. $800/month, $25O off first month's rent! 619-422-1733.

CHULA VISTA. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Gated, central air/heat, dishwasher, balcony, laundry, off-street parking. Available now. No pets. $1095. Deposit $800. 619-425-6511.

CHULA VISTA. $750. 1 bedroom. Utilities included! Fresh paint. Very clean and updated. Parking and laundry onsite. 318 G Street. Agent, 619-283-2144.

CHULA VISTA. $750/month. $150 deposit. 1 bedroom, fully furnished. 2 blocks from Chula Vista Center. Off-street parking. Laundry room. Lots of trees. 521 Park Way. Office open daily (near Fifth and G). 619-420-5084.

CHULA VISTA. $1690. 2+ bedroom, 2 bath condo. 2-car garage. New with upgrades. Fireplace. Outdoor patio. Washer/dryer, refrigerator. Available now. Call Rick, 619-254-5378.

CHULA VISTA. $1275. 3 bedroom, 2 full bath apartment home. Large downstairs unit with washer/dryer hookups, formal dining room, parking. Close to shopping. Move-in special! 1029 4th Avenue. Call 858-751-6336. sunriseliving.com.

CHULA VISTA. $825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Utilities included. Pool. Laundry. New carpet. 540 Flower Street. sunriseliving.com. Call 858-967-7330.

CITY HEIGHTS, $799. Charming, bright 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly renovated inside/out. Carpet/tile, washer/dryer. Gated, parking. Cats OK. Year lease. www.innoreventerprises.com. 619-368-9410.

CITY HEIGHTS. $750, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. $875, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Located at 34th and Adams. Laundry on site, parking. Available December. 4669 34th Street #1, #8. 619-295-1100, www.cethron.com.

CITY HEIGHTS, $1050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony, washer/dryer hookups, dishwasher, off-street parking, new carpet/paint. No Pets. 4314 Van Dyke Avenue. Call 619-838-5888.

CITY HEIGHTS. $695, includes utilities. Cozy studio with storage. No pets. 4314-A Van Dyke Avenue. Call 619-838-5888.

CITY HEIGHTS. $1025 rent, $600 deposit, OAC. Large 2 bedroom 2-1/2 bath townhouse style apartment. Parking, laundry, patio. No pets. 4245 47th Street #A or 4243 47th Street #A. 619-299-8515.

CITY HEIGHTS, Large 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom. Garage, hookups, patio, 2-balconies, hardwood, large closets. Secured apartments with intercom. Nonsmoking. No pets. $1500/month. $1000/deposit. 619-281-5879.

CITY HEIGHTS. $995 rent. $600 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking spot. Dining area. Dishwasher. Balcony. No pets. At 4377 Marlborough Street #5. Agent, 619-299-8515.

CITY HEIGHTS. $675 rent. $600 deposit. Lower 1 bedroom duplex. Garage available for $75. No pets. At 4331-1/2 41st Street. Agent, 619-299-8515.

CITY HEIGHTS. $775 rent. $600 deposit. OAC. Upper 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet. Parking. Laundry. No pets. At 4377 Marlborough Avenue #6. Agent, 619-299-8515.

CITY HEIGHTS. Move-in special! $695. 1 bedroom. Downstairs. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, carpet. Assigned parking. Laundry on site. No pets. 4336 Estrella Avenue. Agent, 619-298-7724.

CITY HEIGHTS. $750. 1 bedroom. Brand new paint and carpet! Laundry on site. 4468 Winona. Agent, 619-279-2183.

CITY HEIGHTS. Senior citizen building, 62+, 41st Street and El Cajon Boulevard. Small 1 bedroom with private patio, $600. Gate and laundry. 619-280-3083, 619-584-5900.

CITY HEIGHTS. $975/$700 deposit. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. New carpet/paint. Parking available, laundry hookups. 5450 University Avenue (across from Sears). 619-584-5900.

CITY HEIGHTS. Cute 1 bedroom cottage. $825. Hardwood floors throughout. Yard. 3816 Wightman Street. Call Donya, 619-231-2727.

CITY HEIGHTS. $725. 1 bedroom. New paint. Recently upgraded! Very clean. Parking and laundry onsite. 3686 Marlborough. Manager, 619-813-7531.

CITY HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, $700/$400 deposit. Laundry, 1/2 block from University-- close to all! 1/2 off 1st month! 4044 Euclid Avenue. 619-584-5900.

CITY HEIGHTS. $750 rent. $600 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, gated, lower with new carpet and paint, stove, refrigerator. Onsite laundry, close to shops. 1/2 off first month's rent! 4275 35th Street #6. 619-384-9219.

CITY HEIGHTS. $850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs corner unit. Clean, quiet, gated. Parking and laundry on site. Available now. No pets. 4082-88 48th Street. Agent, 619-279-2183.

CITY HEIGHTS. $600. Spacious studio. Separate ktichen and bath. Very clean. Single story complex! Laundry and parking onsite. 4209-23 Winona. Manager, 619-528-9335.

CITY HEIGHTS. $825. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No pets. Security gated. Laundry. New paint/carpet. Appliances. Clean. 4370 51st Street #1. Juno, 619-275-3455.

CLAIREMONT/KEARNY MESA. Wexford Manor. Large 1 and 2 bedrooms in beautiful complex with pool, spa, laundry, air conditioning, dishwasher. Sorry, no pets. $950-$1225. www.WexfordLiving.com. 7870 Stalmer Street. 858-277-4843.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. Designer 1 bedrooms from $1050, 2 bedrooms from $1230. Call for our Fabulous $$$ Specials! Dishwasher, microwave. Tennis, basketball. Theatre, pool, gym. Garage $75. Pets welcome, $300 pet deposit. Monday-Saturday, 9am-6pm, Sunday, 10am-5pm. Coral Bay Park, 3309 Cowley Way. www.CoralBayCanyonAndParkApartments.com. Toll free: 1-877-585-1146. www.sdreader.com/rent/ 1070.

CLAIREMONT. From $845. 1 bedroom, senior complex. Courtyard. Clean and quiet. On bus line. Laundry. No pets. By appointment only. Call 858-735-5587.

CLAIREMONT. 1 bedrooms, $950 and up. 2 bedrooms, from $1200 and up. Looking for clean, quiet and peaceful? All bedrooms big enough for king size beds. Walk to all your needs. Patios and garages available. 619-276-3222. For photo, floor plans, directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1028.

CLAIREMONT. $1365 plus deposit. Huge, over 1200 square feet, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, wood burning fireplace, 5 closets, balcony, carport, laundry room, limited access. Indoor kitty OK. 858-569-8607 or 858-699-4033.

CLAIREMONT. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Ceiling fan. Gated property, assigned parking. Laundry facilities. Pool. Call 619-296-2787.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. Call for our Fabulous $$$ Specials! Designer 1 bedroom starting $1050, 2 bedrooms starting $1230. Pets welcome (deposit required). Microwave, dishwashers. Fitness center. Cool breezes, Olympic size pool, tennis, basketball, movie theatre. Garages, $75. Coral Bay Canyon, 3309 Cowley Way. Toll free: 1-877-585-1146. www.CoralBayCanyonAndParkApartments.com. www.sdreader.com/rent/1031.

CLAIREMONT. $1095/month, $900 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Upper unit. New vinyl, washer/dry in unit, fireplace, appliances, off-street parking. 4910 Longford #9. 619-804-3325.

CLAIREMONT, $2195. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, bonus room, 2000 estimated square-feet. 2-car garage, pool table included, wood and carpet floors, large kitchen, brick fireplace, canyon and ocean views. Fontana Avenue. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

COLLEGE AREA. From $1195-$1295. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony/porch. Gas stove, refrigerator. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Gated. Near all/golf course. 619-285-3822.

COLLEGE AREA. $1350/month. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1200 square-feet. Appliances. Excellent area. 6811 Alvarado Road, near SDSU. Call 619-402-6685 for information/showing. Immediate occupancy.

COLLEGE AREA. $750/up, large 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms. 1 off-street parking, laundry. No pets. Section 8 OK. 4205 49th. 619-584-0931. 619-465-6588.

COLLEGE AREA. $1350. Move in special, 1/2 off a month's rent. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, security, underground parking, year lease, 4742 Seminole Drive. Call 619-469-0031.

COLLEGE AREA. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, gated, laundry, pool. Quiet. New tile baths/kitchen. New stove/built-in microwave, carpet/paint. $1250 plus security. 714-647-0370; 714-227-0911.

COLLEGE AREA. Gigantic 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 900 square feet. Fireplace. Massive fenced patio. Laundry. Garage available. No pets. Nonsmoker. 5940 Streamview. $1295. 619-251-0030.

COLLEGE AREA. $825 rent. $600 deposit. Upper 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Laundry. Parking lot. No pets. At 6735 El Cajon Boulevard #B-7. Agent, 619-299-8515.

COLLEGE AREA. 1 bedrooms from $905! Great floorplans! Walking distance to campus! Gated entry. Pool. Barbecue picnic areas. Laundry. Parking. Near busline. On-site management/maintenance. Cat friendly. 6, 9, 12-month leases available. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. Aztec Pacific Apartments, 6663 Montezuma Road. Toll free: 1-800-433-6120. aztecpacific_pacificliving@crossfiremail.com. www.pacificliving.com, www.sdreader.com/rent/1042.

COLLEGE AREA. Move-in special! $900-$1200. 1 bedrooms/2 bedrooms. Fireplace. Central heat/air. Microwave, dishwasher. Balcony. Gated. Intercom entry. 4828 Art Street. Agent, 619-298-7724.

COLLEGE AREA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, $1250. Hardwood floors. Fenced yard. Close to SDSU. Available now. 4760 College Avenue. Agent, 619-260-1368. View at http://www.sevillemgmt.com.

COLLEGE AREA. 2 bedroom, 1.25 bath upstairs end-unit condo, balcony, storage, fireplace, in-unit washer/dryer. New carpet, tile. $1250/month, $1000/security, small pet/deposit. 520-904-4699, 520-818-3360.

COLLEGE AREA. $750, plus $750 deposit. Nice, quiet, clean 1 bedroom, downstairs. On-site laundry, parking. 4546 54th Street, #3. No pets. Please call 619-698-1400.

COLLEGE AREA. From $825. Remodeled 1 and 2 bedrooms. Near shopping. Pool. Air conditioning. Parking available. Laundry. Barbecue area. Pets considered. 3635 College Avenue. 619-582-3993.

COLLEGE, $750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Small complex, all utilities included, laundry, no pets, 1 car garage. 7232 El Cajon Boulevard #10 92115. 619-698-6911.

COLLEGE, AREA. $1150. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse in gated complex. Pool, air conditioning, laundry, parking. Move-in special! 4601 63rd Street. 619-229-9248.

SERVICES DIRECTORY 619-235-8200

24/7 Handyman!
Property repairs & maintenance. Interior & exterior. Carpentry, drywall, windows, painting, cleaning, etc. 15 years experience. Free estimates! Call Leonard, 1-888-426-3936 or 619-665-2728.

HAULING

Save Time And Cash
Yard, building, vacant lot cleanup and hauling. Dependable. Small jobs OK. Free estimates! Please call George, 858-663-1991 or 858-513-9242.

3 Men Will Haul
24' enclosed truck with lift gate/dollies. Fully equipped. Furniture, recyclables. Residential/commercial haul-aways. Reliable, experienced. All areas. Low rates. 619-528-1877.

A & R Hauling
Will haul anything 7 days a week! Dirt and cement included. Lowest prices and immediate service! For free estimates, call 619-962-6014.

Lowest Rates!
Haul almost anything. Why pay more? We've got the lowest rates, guaranteed! 10% off with ad! Open 7 days. Junk, demo, concrete, brush, yard/vacancy cleanups. Visa/Mastercard. 619-234-5530. 858-551-9376. AmericanHaulAway.com.

"B" Gone
Hauling and removal. All demo and cleanup. Garage, yard, appliance and tree. Almost anything! We recycle! San Diego countywide. Free estimates. 858-602-7567.

J.S.L., Inc.
Two men, fully equipped, ready to haul/deliver just about anything. Pads, dollies, truck, trailer, tools. 7 days. Free estimates! John, 858-577-0517, 619-215-4132.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Unique Concepts
Home improvement services including blinds, shutters, shades. General construction available: concrete, drywall, roofing, painting, flooring, tile, carpet, landscaping. Free estimate! 619-631-2218, 125*323578*28.

KITCHENS

Artstone Design
www.Artstone-HomeDesign.com. The best quality for the lowest price! Countertops, kitchens, baths, fireplaces, Travertine tile. Fabrication/installation included. Free estimates! Licensed. References. 619-414-2131, 619-917-4615.

Kitchen and Bath Design and Remodel
Visit our new showroom at 3191 Sports Arena Boulevard, Suite E, San Diego, CA 92110. Sunco Construction Inc. License #837955. 619-523-2100. www.suncoconstructioninc.com.

LANDSCAPING

H & H Landscaping
Tree service. Planting sod. Irrigation systems. Paver, block-wall, sidewalk, fencing installation. Deck/stump removal. Lic# 611610. Free estimates. Call: 619-565-8830/858-278-4926.

MOVING

Stern Moving
We will be proud to move you. Individually owned. Terrific references. Experienced. The most reasonable rates. Insured/licensed. Cal-T-145775. Please call 619-697-1694.

Gold Coast Moving
We will beat any quote! Experts in moving. Local and long distance. Licensed and insured. Cal-T190250. Call anytime: 858-869-5913, 858-220-1694.

Fast Action Moving
Professional movers. Friendly, low rates. Local/long distance. Licensed/insured. Free estimates. CALT189608. Call Fast Action Moving & Storage Inc., 858-693-0844; www.fastactionmoving.com.

All About Moving
First class, full service moves at reasonable rates. Exactly what you expect and deserve. Locally owned. Licensed/insured, CAL-T-189508. Tom Floodberg, 619-247-8018.

A&E Moving
Full service moving and storage company. Can relocate anywhere in US. Senior/military discounts. Packing/unpacking service. Short/long term storage. CAL-T-189828. 619-438-9344. www.anemoving.com.

Careful Movers
Lowest rates guaranteed. Free wardrobe boxes. Fully equipped, experienced. Local/long distance. Load/unload your truck. Fully insured. All major credit cards accepted. (CAL-T-188922.) Call 619-742-0945.

Birditt Moving
Residential, office, or piano. Low rates. Serving all of Southern California. Free estimates and wardrobes. No hidden costs. Quick, friendly, professional. Fully insured. (CAL-T-176377.) Birditt Moving, 619-258-8155.

ORGANIZING

Get Organized!
Take back your life, clean it up. Resolve to get organized today for a more productive tomorrow. At Ease Organizing Service, 619-733-8139.

PAINTING

Pro Quality
Exterior specialist. Huge discounts! 25 years experience! Interior/exterior. Commercial/residential. Complete painting and lifetime exterior coatings. Free estimates! Lic#470815. Top quality! 619-659-9688.

Nu-AgePainting.com
Faux finishing, drywall repair, acoustic ceiling removal. All phases of painting. BBB member, licensed/insured, free phone estimates! Visa/Mastercard/Discover/American Express. 760-271-2925.

DC Custom Painting
High quality, affordable interior and exterior painting service. Prompt and reliable. Small jobs OK. County wide. Call now for free estimate, 858-366-2240.

PLASTERING

AC Plastering
Interior/exterior repairs and re-stucco. Custom quality work, clean, reliable. 20 plus years experience. Reasonable. All work guaranteed. Lic-694956. Arlex, 619-265-9294; pager, 619-418-5693.

PLUMBING

Liberty Plumbing
and drain cleaning. Great prices. All star service. Lic#863184. Insured. MC/Visa accepted. 24 hour service. Mention ad receive $10 off. 619-672-0590.

J L Plumbing
and Drain Cleaning-Repairs, service, installations, remodels. Reliable, dependable and affordable. No travel fee. Call Jim, 619-913-2339; 619-407-7298.

Bill Harper
Plumbing. BBB member since 1986. $68/hour or $58/hour with cash. (All plumbing, drain cleaning, wall heaters, water heaters.) Insured. Lic-#504044. 619-224-0586.

ROOFING

Honest, Reliable
Best Professional Roofing. Reroofing specialists, repairs, new construction, all types of roofs, skylights, gutters. Residential and commercial. BBB member. Lic-854939. www.bestprofessionalroofing.com. 760-471-1921.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

Telephone Expert
Business/residential. Replaces Pac Bell. 21 years. Phone jacks, roommates, fax, modems, computer networking, cable TV. Honest, dependable, responsible. Lic-807261. Mark, 858-452-7413; 619-992-7413.

TREE SERVICE

Arbor West
Providing total tree care, trimming and removals. I.S.A. Certified Arborist, Lic-C61-627801. Fully insured, 20 years experience. Free quotes. 619-295-2457.

COMPUTER

WEB DESIGN

Website Design
Illustration, graphic design, digital images, logos, cards, ads. Individual tutoring available for graphic software, Photoshop, Corel and web development. Reasonable rates. paul@hartworks.net. 619-269-8939.

BUSINESS

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Document Shredding
Secure, confidential document destruction. Is office paper shredder adequate for business/personal needs? On-premises or pick-up. Business/Residential. No job too small. BBB member. Safeguard Shredding Service, 619-656-3660.

MARKETING

Advertising Needs?
We can help! Our friendly Ad-Visors will help with your advertising needs! Local, regional and national! One call does it all! 1-800-458-5580. www.ad-ville.com.

RESUMES

Resume Services
Let us make you look even better! Resumes, cover letters, career coaching. Great prices, quick service, expert advice. Results beyond your imagination. Visa/MasterCard accepted. www.impress-express.com. 858-459-7400.

FINANCIAL

PROBATE

Bird Dog Probate Solutions
Provides advances to heirs waiting for an inheritance. We also help with the liquidation of assets, both real and personal, in the probate process. For more information, please call 800-74Disney, x305.

TAXES

Stop IRS/State Cold!
Ex IRS officer. 20 years experience. Fee $1050 with $500 deposit. Call Dennis Wayne, 858-614-0223. dmwnsd@hotmail.com.

COLLEGE/TALMADGE. $675 rent, $600 deposit. Upper 1 bedroom. Parking lot, laundry room. No pets. 4423 Menlo Avenue #13. 619-990-5021.

CROWN POINT. $1495. 3755 Jewell Street. Extra large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New appliances, carpets, drapes, blinds, paint. 2 blocks to bay. Partial view. No pets. www.timcassidy.com. Cassidy, Broker, 619-275-LIST.

CROWN POINT. $1495. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 900 square feet, patio, laundry, parking. Water paid. 2 blocks to Bay. No dogs. 3704 Promontory. Agent, 858-483-2844.

CROWN POINT. $2400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, upstairs, clean, quiet, small complex, Bay view, laundry, parking, storage, dishwasher. 4072 Crown Point Drive. Call Agent, 858-483-2844.

DEL MAR. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. $1350. Upstairs. Security gate. Laundry. Pool, spa. 1-car detached garage. Nonsmoking. Cats OK. Available 11/30. Jesse, 858-761-4614.

DEL MAR. Block to ocean! Top floor 3 bedroom, 2 bath, $1995. Washer/dryer, free cable, pool, spa, sauna. Gated, nonsmoking community. 201 Fourth Street. 858-481-9585; mikeatla@aol.com.

DEL MAR. From $2995. 1552 Camino Del Mar #601 (almost oceanfront). Some ocean views. Interior laundry. Call for other available properties. Free rental/buying information by e-mail. Pictures at www.ILoveDelMar.com. Kohn & Burke, Inc., 858-755-8580.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. $500 deposits! 1 bedrooms from $1250. 2 bedrooms from $1500. 3 bedrooms from $1830. Pets welcome, up to 100lbs! Ocean views! Private patio/balcony. Resort-style pool, party-size Jacuzzi. Lighted tennis courts. Solana Highlands, 701 South Nardo. www.solanahighlands.com. Toll free: 1-888-637-8571. http://www.sdreader.com/rent/1057.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Free rent! $1150. Newly remodeled studio located close to Del Mar beach, Cedro's Design District. Perfect for the Southern California lifestyle. Separate kitchen and bath, breakfast bar, balconies/patios, mirrored closet doors, ceiling fans, pool, parking, electricity included. Small dogs welcome! 858-755-1466; sandpiper.rasnyder.com.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Free rent! $1550. Newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhomes located close to Del Mar beaches, race track. Small quaint community perfect Southern California lifestyle. Crown molding. Fully equipped kitchen with dishwashers, patios, mirrored closet doors, ceiling fans, pool, laundry, covered parking. 858-755-1466, solanapointe.rasnyder.com.

DOWNTOWN, EAST VILLAGE. Real warehouse live/work loft in triplex. 1650 square feet. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Garage. Roof deck. Washer/dryer. $2500. Appointment, 619-994-6991.

DOWNTOWN, NORTH. $850. 1 bedroom. Stove, refrigerator, coin laundry, no parking, convenient location. Cat OK with additional $300 deposit. Downstairs unit available now. 101 West Fir. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

DOWNTOWN, NORTH. $950. Large 1 bedroom, downstairs. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, coin laundry, parking, large fenced private patio. Easy freeway access. Cat OK with additional $300 deposit. Available 1/1/07. 215 West Grape. DSPM, Broker, 858-270-2071, www.delsolpm.com.

DOWNTOWN, EAST VILLAGE. $1499. Charming 1 bedroom 1 bath Park Boulevard East condo. 1 parking. Granite countertops. Outdoor fireplace/gas grill included. Large patio 619-861-3390.

DOWNTOWN. San Diego's first hip hybrid hotel. Daily, $39. Weekly, $215. Weekend rates may be higher, subject to availability. Internet access in room. Near bus/train. Flat screen TVs. Gourmet eat-in kitchen. European-style detached bathrooms. 500 West Hotel. 500 West Broadway. 619-234-5252. Toll free: 1-888-895-0875. www.500WestHotel.com, www.sdreader.com/rent/2114.

DOWNTOWN. Apartments ranging from $875-$12,000. Studios to 3 bedrooms. You name it, I've got it! Call Nesia Britton at 619-607-2407 or NesiaBritton@hotmail.com.

DOWNTOWN. Beautiful building, new furnished rooms. Refrigerator, microwave, TV, cable. $175, weekly. 920 Beech Street. Call 619-234-1952.

DOWNTOWN. Comfortable rooms, $450/up. Studios, $650/up. Near Gaslamp District. Very quiet and clean. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, community kitchen, shared bathrooms. Near shopping, restaurants, movie theatres and Horton Plaza. No pets. Arlington Apartments, 701 7th Avenue. Hughes Management. 619-231-2385. www.sdreader.com/rent/2097.

DOWNTOWN. Cozy rooms, $450-$625, grab these little jewels today! Very comfortable, convenient location, historic building near C Street trolley. Choice of shared or private bathrooms. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, modern elevator, no pets. Southern Hotel, 1159 6th Avenue at B, Hughes Management, 619-239-3808. www.sdreader.com/rent/2099.

DOWNTOWN. Economical furnished rooms, $400-$500, best price, save money. Conveniently located on C Street trolley line, near restaurants, free cable TV, shared bathrooms, on-site laundry facilities, vending machines, elevator service, no pets, 636 C Street (between 6th and 7th). C Street Inn, Hughes Management, 619-234-4165. www.sdreader.com/rent/2098.

DOWNTOWN. $1175. Large, air conditioned loft. High ceilings, wood floors. Full kitchen/bath. Skylights. Beautiful courtyard. 744 G Street. Near Gaslamp. Hughes Management, 619-239-1639 x2.

DOWNTOWN. Gaslamp area. Move-in special, $280. Community kitchen, shared bath, on-site laundry, vending machines, no pets, Star Hotel, 522 7th Avenue. 619-235-6068. Hughes Management.

DOWNTOWN. Outstanding furnished rooms, $400-$500. Heart of Gaslamp. Shared bathrooms. Community kitchen. Free cable TV. No pets. 843 4th Avenue. Windsor Hotel. 619-235-6068. Hughes Management.

DOWNTOWN. Attractive rooms. Shared bath. Utilities included! Near City College! $400-$595 per month. Weekly rates from $125! 719 14th Street, Villa Victoria. Hughes Management, 619-231-2385.

DOWNTOWN. Furnished studios. From $59/daily, from $210/weekly rates! Ideal, affordable, short-term stays. Private bathroom, kitchenette, microwave, refrigerator, cable TV. Air conditioning, laundry, voice mail. High speed Internet. Food service daily. Near trolley/bus/freeway, Balboa Park, Gaslamp. West Park Inn, 1840 4th Avenue. www.westparkinn.com. 619-236-1600. www.sdreader.com/rent/2037.

DOWNTOWN. Brand new! Affordable luxury! Large 1, 2, and 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhome apartments. Two blocks to Petco Park. Balconies/patios. $1,239-$1,762. Now leasing for December 2006. Lillian Place Apartments. 110% area median income limit. 619-668-1532, x306.

DOWNTOWN. Brand new rooms near City College. Single rooms with kitchenettes from $140/week plus deposit (long-term). Includes utilities/cable. Quiet, secure. Shared bath/laundry. Hotel Mediterranean. 619-231-8656. www.hotelmedsd.com.

DOWNTOWN. $1495. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo at The Metrome. Stainless steel appliances and granite counters, underground parking, gym, washer/dryer in condo. 1150 J Street. Available now! No pets. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

DOWNTOWN. Studios with kitchen and bath, $625-$700. Single room with private bathroom, $500-$550. No smoking or pets. 10th and E Street. Hughes Management, 619-531-1616.

DOWNTOWN. Air conditioned studios and 1 bedroom apartment with kitchenettes and full bathrooms. No smoking/pets. $675-$875, including utilities, cable. 728 Market at 7th. Hughes Management, 619-239-1639 x103.

DOWNTOWN. Move-in special! $750. Studio. Stove, refrigerator, carpet. All utilities included. Laundry, street parking. No pets. Close to Balboa Park. 1758 6th Avenue. Agent, 619-298-7724.

DOWNTOWN. $750. Studio, 1 bath apartment, classic 1920s apartment, new carpets, central location, bike to little Italy. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

DOWNTOWN. $1500. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, apartment, month-to-month lease, new carpets, great freeway access. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

DOWNTOWN. $1695. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, condo, balcony, washer and dryer in unit, island bar. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

DOWNTOWN. $2015. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, apartment, two fitness centers, heated rooftop pool/spa, spectacular bay/city views, cat-friendly. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

DOWNTOWN. 2 bedroom, 2 bath luxury unit in Discovery! Fully furnished, granite counters and maple cabinets. Unit overlooks courtyard with balcony. $2200/month. www.SanDiegoBestRentals.com, 619-696-7368.

DOWNTOWN. Large 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath plus bonus room, 1273 square-foot condo in City Walk. Granite counters, hardwood floors and great location, close to the Gaslamp. $2000. www.SanDiegoBestRentals.com, 619-696-7368.

DOWNTOWN. 777 Lofts. $1275-$2195. $500 move-in special! 1 bedrooms, 2 bedrooms. Gaslamp's hottest rental lofts located in the heart of restaurant row and Downtown's most popular 5th Avenue night life. Small pets considered. TPPM, 619-544-0017 or stop by 777 6th Avenue at F Street.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Bright corner studio, $820, 1 bedroom $1020. Bearclaw tub with shower. Charming, secure, quiet building with laundry. 1534 Front, near Beech, 619-233-7428.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. From $800/month. Private bath, cable TV, microwave, refrigerator. Utilities included. Secure, quiet, charming. Efficiency apartments with laundry. Near trolley/bus lines, blocks from harbor. On-site manager. Villa Caterina, 1654 Columbia Street. 619-232-3400.

DOWNTOWN/Cortez Hill. Sharp 2 bedroom, 2 bath. $1425/month. Balcony, washer/dryer in unit, fireplace, air conditioning, parking. No pets. Available now. Agent, 619-248-4991.

DOWNTOWN/El Cortez. Gorgeous 1 bedroom condo. Posh El Cortez Building with valet parking and doorman. Unit opens up to spacious patio. $1700. www.sandiegobestrentals.com. 619-696-7368.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. From $700-$800. Beaumanor, unique urban mini lofts, located between Petco Park and Horton Plaza. Approximately 250 square feet, 12-foot ceilings, exposed brick, wood floors. Paid: cable/electric/water. Includes refrigerator and microwave. Internet access available via Cox or Pac-Bell. On-site laundry, barbecue deck. Impeccable renovation. 927 6th Avenue, at 6th and "E" Streets. No pets. To view: www.sdreader.com/rent/2127. Call Michael, 619-232-1517.

DOWNTOWN/BANKER'S HILL. New in town or just between homes, check out Hotel Occidental, located at 410 Elm Street, San Diego. We offer the best location in Downtown with very affordable rates on both daily, starting at $59 and weekly from $275. Brand new hotel with free local calls, free wireless Internet, TV with DVD player, kitchenettes in every room, heating and air, high ceiling, maid service and breakfast included. Laundry on site. Call today! 619-232-1336.

DOWNTOWN/BANKER'S HILL. $775. Studio with Bay and Downtown view in classic 1920s building. Built-ins, hide-a-bed, hardwood floors. Drive by first, 2230 Albatross Street. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. $675 and up. Studio. Clean, nonsmoking building. Hardwood and ceramic floors. Charming built-in storage. Laundry. 1-cat OK. On trolley line: 830 Park Boulevard (12th). 619-236-9117.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. 1 month free/12-month lease. Half month free/6-month lease. $1250-$1970. Brand new studios, 1 bedrooms and 2 bedrooms. Low deposits! Washer/dryer. Pet-friendly. Patio/balcony. Pool, jacuzzi, theater, fitness center. Underground parking. Market Street Village, 699 14th Street. 1-888-352-4584. http://www.sdreader.com/rent/2154.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Las Flores Hotel. Small, quiet. $121/week and up. Four-week minimum. Color TV with basic cable. Refrigerator in most rooms. Secure. 619-235-6820.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Move-in Specials. Live/Work Lofts in the heart of The Gaslamp! Roof decks with barbecue. Laundry on every floor. Parking available. Seven locations Downtown. Select pets OK. Visit loft leasing office: 315 Fourth Avenue. 619-231-1505 x12. www.trilogymanagement.com. Also visit www.sdreader.com/rent/2064.

DOWNTOWN/HARBOR VILLAGE. $750. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Balcony. Laundry. Parking. Close to base, Downtown, Coronado, NASSCO. Bay views. 2850 Main Street. 619-857-0365.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. $845. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Quiet complex, walk to everything. New windows, door. Central air/heat. Laundry. Available 1/4/07. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-501-0093.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. $2500, furnished luxury loft with bay views, parking. Call 619-255-0526. www.sdurbanliving.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. $1995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Luxury condo, upstairs with balcony overlooking courtyard with pool/fountain. Washer/dryer, air conditioning, granite in open kitchen, great storage, underground parking, pool, exercise room. Perfect downtown retreat. 1501 Front Street. 619-683-9274.

DULZURA. $995. Country-style living! Newly remodeled. Large 2 bedroom. Washer, dryer. Lots of room for horses, pets. Beautiful mountain views. Available now! 619-807-0359.

EL CAJON, $750. 1 bedroom. Ask about move-in special. Clean, quiet, off-street parking. Pool, barbecue, laundry room, gated. Central air and heat. Section 8 welcome. 346 South Mollison. 619-312-0606.

EL CAJON, $1,100. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, downstairs. Yard, parking. Centrally located, near shops, bus, freeway. No pets. 363 Van Houten Avenue. 619-698-5337.

EL CAJON, $1245. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo. Beautiful 2 story, dining room, all appliances, fireplace, 2 car garage. No pets, no smoking. Section 8 OK. 728 North Mollison #C, 92021. 619-698-6911.

EL CAJON. $825/month, $700 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upper unit with stove, refrigerator, new paint and vinyl, on-site laundry, off-street parking. 1/2 off 1st month's rent. 632 West Washington #C. 619-384-9219.

EL CAJON. $900/up. 2 bedroom, 1 and 2 stories. Amenities. Pool, park-like grounds, parking. Near town, shops, bus. 743 South Magnolia Avenue. Call 619-579-0174.

EL CAJON. 1 bedroom, $700. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, $800. Great amenities, A/C, laundry on-site, pool, recreation room, secure parking. Lushly landscaped. No pets. 294 Ballantyne. 619-440-3044.

EL CAJON. $750. 1 bedroom spacious upstairs apartment, quiet 11-plex. Dishwasher, air, gated parking, on-site laundry, picnic area. Section 8 OK. 222 Lincoln/Main. 619-957-7272.

EL CAJON. Fabulous 7 Motel. Furnished rooms starting $224 per week. Parking. Pool. Cable. Maid service. Laundry. 24 hour security. 1527 East Main Street. 619-442-0457.

EL CAJON. Award winning community! $870/up. Extra large 1 bedroom, 1 baths. 6-14 month leases. Ceiling fan. Linen closet. Garbage disposal. Sparkling pool. Clubhouse. Barbecues. Pets are residents too, with deposit! Large dogs welcome! Dog exercise area. Assigned parking. Evergreen Gardens, 291 Jamacha Road. www.sdreader.com/rent/2113. Call 619-442-9935.

EL CAJON. Gated community park. Trailers for rent, different sizes. From $375-$625. Plus utilities/deposit. Conveniently located, close to trolley, bus, shopping. No pets. 619-334-0591.

EL CAJON. Rent to own, $5000 down, $1450/month. Owner financing at end of option period. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, excellent condition in good area. Previous bad credit OK. Call 619-316-1241.

EL CAJON. 1 bedroom, $795. 2 bedroom, $925. Smaller, quiet community. Patios and balconies around nice courtyard. Pool area. Near busline. Las Haciendas, 1294 North Mollison. 619-444-7934.

EL CAJON. 534 East Lexington Avenue. Remodeled! 2 bedroom, 1 bath, $950. Washer, dryer. 700 square feet. Pets OK. vr@ajprop.com. A&J Property Management, 619-220-4840.

EL CAJON. $970, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Gated pool. Parking. Air conditioning. No pets. Central location. 933 Peach Avenue. Call 619-447-9193.

EL CAJON. $1100. Move-in special. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. New carpet/paint/drapes. On-site laundry. Parking. No dogs. Credit check. 1236 Persimmon Avenue. 619-829-9188.

EL CAJON. Make Stratford Arms your new home for the holidays! $200 off first month! 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome, $1070. Freshly painted. New appliances, carpet. Patio. Small gated community. Laundry facilities. Pool. No pets. 1397 East Washington. 619-593-6602. stratfordarmsapts.com.

EL CAJON. $695, 1 bedroom. $820, 2 bedroom. El Cajon's best maintained property with beautiful courtyard and sparkling pool. No pets. 1072 East Madison Avenue. Move-in special! TPPM, 619-444-1614. www.fourwindsapts.info.

EL CAJON. $700, 1 bedroom. Luxurious property with sparkling pool. On-site parking and large floorplans. No pets. 163 Ballantyne Street. TPPM, 619-579-6248, www.tradewindsapts.info.

EL CAJON. $975. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, Lincoln-Washington Apartments. Very large units, pool, on-site laundry, covered parking, in great location, clean and quiet. 685 South Lincoln Avenue. Agent, 619-444-8191 or 858-560-1178.

ENCINITAS, $1300. Lovely 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated complex, private yard, fireplace, pool, laundry. Close to beach, coaster. See pictures: members.cox.net/jbark/tour.htm. Available 12/20. 760-822-5564, 760-436-6038.

ENCINITAS. 1 bedroom, downstairs, $1125; 2 bedroom, upstairs, $1350. Small complex. Assigned parking, laundry. Bright and airy. Garden setting. 1-1/2 blocks to beach. Close to shopping, freeway, Coaster. No pets/smoking. 760-929-1950.

ENCINITAS. $875 and up. Sick of roommates? Cozy beach trailers in quiet park. Close to beach, Coaster, restaurants and shops. 760-753-4101.

ENCINITAS. 1 and 2 bedrooms from $1595. Oceanfront spacious renovated apartments. Granite countertops, travertine flooring, upgraded appliances. 760-753-4101.

ENCINITAS. $1175/$1375. Holiday special! $500 off First month's rent. Low deposits! Limited availability. Clean, updated 1 bedroom/2 bedroom with gas stoves, dishwasher, private patio/balcony. Cardio-fitness facility, pool, spa. Pets up to 50 lbs. (breed restrictions).

SERVICES

On your way to Temecula?
Asian Massage
$5 OFF
Walk-ins welcome
You will always be welcomed with a smile.
Asian Massage Center
951-587-9089
41743 Enterprise Circle N.
#104, Temecula
Located off I-15,
exit Winchester Rd.
www.asianmassagecenter.com
9:30 am-8:30 pm 7 days a week
Visa/MC/AmEx/Disc • License #050193

Grand Opening!
An Oriental Experience
HONG'S SPA
For Asian massage call:
619-584-4811
6059 Mission Gorge Road
Open 7 days 9 am-11 pm

Pacific Beach
Yoshi Massage
Oriental Spa & Hot Tub
858-274-5371
1943 Grand Ave.
9 am-10 pm • 7 days
Lic. 99005303

Oriental Massage
Solana Beach Body Works
858-793-7952
I-5
536 Oriental Acupressure
Stevens Ave.
Lomas Santa Fe Dr.
Old Highway 101
536 Stevens Ave.
Mon.-Sat. 10 am-9 pm
Sun. 12-5 pm
Lic. #2004006576

New Workers!
SUNSET Acupressure & Massage
THE TOUCH OF THE ORIENT
Jacuzzi & Hot Tub
Dry & Steam Sauna
Mon.-Sat. 9 am-9 pm
Sun. Noon-9 pm
Credit cards accepted.
1911 SUNSET DRIVE
ESCONDIDO
760-735-8850
Lic. #140248

NORTH PARK
Genie Massage
ORIENTAL SPA & BATH
3395 El Cajon Blvd.
(between Hwy. 15 & 805)
619-284-0888
Lic. #2005012879

San Diego's Finest in Holistic Health & Beauty
MASSAGE & SKINCARE
featuring Yonka of Paris
$48 1-Hr. Massage
First-time clients. Exp. 12/31/06.
Inner Balance Center
4422 Cass St.
Mailing address: 975 Hornblend, Suite E, P.B.
7 Days 9 am-9 pm
www.inner-balance.com
858-274-6989
Gift certificates available.
Lic. #97000450

Brazilian Waxing $45
First-time clients. With coupon. No double dipping! Exp. 12/31/06.

European Facial & Massage
$125
2 hours long.
Exp. 12/31/06.

Microderm-abrasion
$45
First-time clients and packages of 3.
With coupon.
Exp. 12/31/06.

$5 off
with ad
PHS
Asia Pain Care
• Pain relief
• More energy
• Less stress
319 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd.
San Marcos
760-504-9269
www.perfecthealthsolutions.com
Lic. #29398

Asian Body Care
16769 Bernardo Center Dr. #K-28
(Rancho Bernardo, near the post office)
858-472-9449
Major credit cards.
www.asianbodycare.com
Lic. #2006010764

Holiday Gift Certificates Available
Brazilian Wax $25*
Go bare this winter!
Body Wrap & 1-hour Facial $85*
Lose 2-6 inches in 1 hour! Your choice of European or Anti-wrinkle Facial. ($35 value)
Free Haircut
With any chemical service. ($45 value)
*New clients only. Expires 12/31/06.
Karo's Salon | 619.670.7575
3665 Avocado Blvd., La Mesa
(Inside Vons Shopping Center)

Quail Pointe Apartment Homes, 924 Encinitas Boulevard, 92024. 760-944-6939. www.sdreader.com/rent/2149.

ENCINITAS. Tiny efficiency cottage with sleeping loft. Small yard, storage shed, covered patio. Quiet country setting. Share bathroom. $500, utilities included. No pets/smoking. 760-943-7193.

ENCINITAS. $3500. Beautifully upgraded 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home. 3-car garage. Great outdoor living area. Via Villena. Pets negotiable. Boone Property Management, 858-274-6856. www.booneproperties.com.

ENCINITAS. $1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Huge upstairs apartment. New flooring. Parking. Laundry. Move-in special! 1428 Hermes. Call 858-571-1970.

ESCONDIDO, $1650. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Completely remodeled, granite countertops, steel appliances, balcony, new carpet/tile. Pool, quiet, easy freeway access. No pets. 858-568-0167.

ESCONDIDO. $825-$1750. Tired of apartment living? Half off first month's rent, OAC. Beautiful manufactured homes offer spectacular hilltop views. Attached private 2-car covered carports. Small yards, full-size washer/dryer most homes. Sorry, no pets. 1924 Sheridan Avenue. 760-745-1677.

ESCONDIDO. $1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, fireplace, newer appliances, washer/dryer in unit, balcony overlooks pool area. Agent, 619-741-4378.

ESCONDIDO. 119 Espanas Glen. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, $1500. Washer, dryer. Fireplace. Jacuzzi, pool. Garage. 1500 square feet. Cat OK. vr@ajprop.com. A&J Property Management, 619-540-3009.

ESCONDIDO. Gorgeous apartment for a great price! Beautiful 1 and 2 bedroom apartment homes starting at only $979! Call today to make an appointment to view your new home! 760-747-3092.

ESCONDIDO. Spacious 1 bedrooms from $815. Deposit $400. 2 bedrooms from $975. Deposit $500. Great roommate floor plan. Pool, spa. Covered parking. Laundry. 640 West Lincoln Street. 760-489-8989.

ESCONDIDO. $795. $300-off 1st month's rent! 1 bedroom with private balcony/patio surrounded by lots of open space. Gated entrance, air conditioning, fireplace. Pool, spa. Small pet OK. 720 East Mission. TPPM, 760-815-6210.

FASHION VALLEY. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath resort condo. 2-parking. Large patio. Breakfast bar. 5-closets. Split design. $1650 includes cable/water/trash. 619-997-7857.

FASHION VALLEY, $2300. 4 bedroom, 2 bath condo/townhome with garage located in Friars Village Community. Approximately 1530 square feet. New paint, all appliances, washer/dryer. Balcony with view off living room. Access to pool/jacuzzi. Available 12/20/06. 6341 Caminito Juanico. 619-295-1100, www.cethron.com.

FASHION VALLEY/USD. $1050 rent, $600 deposit, OAC. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 2 underground tandem parking spots, laundry room. No pets. 5550 Mildred Street #6. 619-291-1755.

GOLDEN HILL. Studios starting at $750. Charming 1920s style building featuring hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, fountain in garden setting. Close to Downtown, Balboa Park. 619-234-0236.

GOLDEN HILL. $1500. 3 bedroom, 1 bath townhome. Contemporary setting, newly remodeled. Near Downtown. 1-car garage. Laundry facility. Landscaping, back patio, security entry. 619-247-7327.

GOLDEN HILL, Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath $775. Hardwood floors. Great neighborhood, laundry on site. Available now. No dogs. 2427 E Street. 619-857-3706.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. $1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Recently remodeled, tiled living room, kitchen, hallway/bath. Freshly painted. Pool. On site laundry. 1714 Grove Street #9, #10. 619-962-1887.

GOLDEN HILL. $944. Restored Victorian-large 1 bedroom. High ceilings, refinished hardwood. All new: bath/kitchen/appliances. Bay window. Fireplace. Laundry. No pets. 667 21st Street. 619-855-0244.

GOLDEN HILL. $900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Remodeled! Laundry room, gated parking, air conditioning. 2966 E Street. 619-220-4840.

GOLDEN HILL. $825. Secluded, large studio with lots of windows and views. Disappearing bed. Great kitchen and bath. Rooftop deck. Lots of off-street parking. Coin operated washer/dryer. 2930 C Street. 619-559-5423.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. $1350. Pet friendly, 2 bedroom duplex. Private fenced yard, storage shed. 5 minutes to Downtown. Clean, near-new appliances. Recently remodeled, Berber carpeting, large closets, eat-in kitchen. Rent includes water/gardener. 619-203-0363.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. Great move-in specials! Fantastic city views! 2, 3 bedroom flats, two bedroom townhomes from $1105! Charming! Controlled access entry. Bright, beautiful floorplans. Central air/heat. Microwave. Washer/dryer. Sunny rooftop deck. Barbecue areas. Parking garage. Pet friendly! Golden Pacific, 1015 19th Street. 1-800-433-6156. goldenpacific_pacificliving@crossfiremail.com. www.sdreader.com/rent/2028.

GOLDEN HILL. $795. 1 bedroom apartment, overlooks Balboa Park Golf Course. Hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen and bath. Small garden complex. Cat OK. 619-234-5355.

GOLDEN HILL. $875. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Brand new paint/carpet/blinds. Corner unit. Very clean. 2804 Broadway. Manager, 619-929-8127.

GOLDEN HILL. $900, $700 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. All appliances included. No pets. 3292 Island Avenue. 619-584-5900.

GOLDEN HILL. Move-in special! $795 plus deposit. Nice 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry room, parking, near Golden Hill Park. No pets. 2482 B Street. 619-701-1221.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. Ugly but goodie! 1 bedrooms, $750. Cute inside! New flooring-- hardwood look. Your patience during remodeling means low rent! Pet OK. 619-231-8723.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. 1 bedroom, $835 includes utilities. Historical building, hardwood floors, decorator colors, incredible view! On-site laundry, near bus line. Cat OK with deposit. 619-231-8723.

GOLDEN HILL. $795. 1 bedroom apartment. Great location. Near downtown. Parking and laundry onsite. Se habla espanol. 2720 Broadway Avenue. 619-231-1719.

GOLDEN HILL. $795. 1 bedroom apartment. $400 deposit. Great location. Near downtown. Parking and laundry on site. Se habla espanol. 2580 C Street. 619-696-5351.

GOLDEN HILL. Move-in special! $1295, moves you in! 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Upstairs. Spacious. Cats OK. Custom paint and design. 4430 Laurel Street. sunriseliving.com. Call 858-751-6336.

GOLDEN HILL. $825. 1 bedroom 1 bath, upstairs. Parking. Laundry. New carpet, close to Downtown. Move in special, 1/2 off the first months rent. Large unit. 2631 A Street. sunriseliving.com. Call 858-751-6336.

GOLDEN HILL. $1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Brand new paint and carpet. Balcony, dishwasher, 2 parking spots. No pets/smoking. 2608 Broadway. Agent, 619-283-2144.

GOLDEN HILL. $945. Spanish architecture. Bright, clean 2 bedroom apartment. High coved ceilings. Oak floors. Gas appliances. Security gates. Laundry. Manager position, $100. No pets. Shore Management. 858-274-3500.

HILLCREST, $1895. Classic 1920s charm with a modern flair. Half off 1st month's rent! It's the next best thing to owning your own home. This newly remodeled upper level 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath apartment home has undergone a complete remodel in excess of $50,000. Designed by one of San Diego's premier interior decorators, this unit is sure to please. Incorporating the new with the original 1922 design has resulted in a classic rustic look but with all of the modern comforts. All new cabinets with granite countertops. Stainless steel appliances including dishwasher and micro hood. Natural stone flooring in kitchen and baths. Slate shower enclosure. Hardwood floors in the living room, dining room and hall. Plush carpet in the bedrooms. All new fixtures and hardware. Ceiling fans. New blinds and windows. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Includes a 1-car garage. One year lease required. $1995 deposit. Sorry, no pets. Call 619-725-3648 or 619-846-6615. 3610-3616 Park Boulevard at Brookes.

HILLCREST, $1250, 2 bedroom 2 bath, downstairs unit. Pool, parking, laundry. No pets. 1810 Cypress. 619-295-6005, agent.

HILLCREST, $1250. Charming Spanish two bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. Hardwood floors, gated entrance. No pets. 3515 4th Avenue. 619-295-6005, agent.

HILLCREST. Spacious 1 and 2 bedrooms! Berber carpet, fireplace, spa, gym, intercom, elevator. Sorry, no pets. 4134 4th Avenue. See photos at www.WexfordLiving.com. 619-299-0047.

HILLCREST. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in tri-plex. Hardwood floors, very open, completely remodeled, washer/dryer. Large enclosed yard. Pets OK. Great location! $1495/month. Call 619-549-4959.

HILLCREST. $1100. Gorgeous garden apartment: 550 square feet with large garden patio, 10' ceilings, Murphy bed/brand new mattress set, new Pergo floors, all new full-size kitchen/appliances including dishwasher, large walk-in closet, forced heat/air, laundry hookup. Security building, Jacuzzi, gym, rec room with great view of North Park, off-street parking. Some utilities paid. 3790 Florida Street. 619-475-9669.

HILLCREST. 1 bedroom in secure building! Granite counters, stainless steel appliances, underground parking garage, pool. $1250. www.twhmc.com. 858-675-0200.

HILLCREST. $870. 1 bedroom, 1 bath at 3607 3rd Avenue. Entry-level, corner unit close to all. 1 parking spot. No laundry. No pets. Available 1/9. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

HILLCREST. $1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Quiet, gated, fireplace. All appliances, washer/dryer, private garage. Cats OK. Nonsmoking. 4048 Alabama Street. Available now. 619-269-5237.

HILLCREST. $1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs unit. Near bus. Pool, carport, laundry. No pets. 4039 Brant Street #J. Penny, 619-884-0325 or 619-296-6699.

HILLCREST. Studios, $775 and up. Lovely garden courtyard with fountain. Walk to Uptown Village. Hardwood floors, blinds, on-site laundry. No pets. EOH. 619-299-8746.

HILLCREST. $1425. 2 bedroom. $300 off first month! Tiled kitchen. New carpet. Downstairs. Ceiling fan, microwave. Gated entry. Parking. Laundry. No pets. 3914 Centre. 619-294-7044.

HILLCREST. Studio, $815. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, $1550. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, $1650. Pool, canyon view. Close to all. Rec room. Nonsmoking. Sleepy Hollow Apartments. 4201 Sixth Avenue. Harry, 619-298-1059.

HILLCREST. $825. 1 bedroom apartment, quiet, laundry, parking. 4419 Cleveland #8. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

HILLCREST. $1495. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, gated, quiet, washer/dryer in unit, garage, fireplace, large unit. 4520 Campus Avenue #A. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

HILLCREST. $900. 1 bedroom facing courtyard in charming, old-fashioned building. Stove, refrigerator, laundry facility. Near Uptown shopping and 163. No dogs. Available 1/1/07. 619-298-3229.

HILLCREST. $1395. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath upper unit. Plush carpet/flooring, lots of cabinet space, on-site laundry, covered parking. 1239 Robinson Avenue. 619-460-8011.

HILLCREST. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, $1050. New carpet/paint, parking space, on-site laundry. Small complex, walk to shops and restaurants. Cat OK. 3827 Herbert Street #1. 619-997-4554. $1050 deposit.

HILLCREST. $895/month, unfurnished 1 bedroom apartment. Parking, hardwood floors. Close to all. No pets. 4030 3rd Avenue. 619-295-6005, agent.

HILLCREST. Spacious 2 bedrooms and 3 bedrooms from $1225-$1595. Refrigerator, stove, laundry facility. 619-291-5555 x193. www.utopiamanagement.com.

HILLCREST. Large 1 bedroom apartment, 1-car garage, great location near Balboa Park, 2930 5th Avenue across street from Extraordinary Desserts. No pets. $975. 619-508-1513.

HILLCREST. $925 rent, $800 deposit. First month's rent free! 1 bedroom, 1 bath lower unit. Upgraded appliances. Parklike setting. Small complex. On-site laundry. Garage extra $100. 3533 6th Avenue #2. 619-379-2896.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Senior Complex. Extremely large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. All amenities. New carpet/paint/flooring. Sheltered patio, controlled entry, storage. Near bus, shops. 4574 Campus Avenue. 619-287-5771, 619-461-9415.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. Huge (850 square feet) 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, with large balcony, $1025. Huge (825 square feet) 1 bedroom with small yard, $1025. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with balcony, $1300. Ceramic tile and new carpet. Locked lobby with intercom. 3836 Front Street. By appointment: Broker, 619-548-4599.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. $965. Charming building. Hardwood floors. Large bedroom. Laundry on site. 625 square feet. Available 1/11. 3673 Georgia Street. No pets. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. $840. Extra large 1 bedroom, upper unit, wood floor in dining area, appliances, clean, quiet. 4575 North Avenue. Call 858-483-2119 or 858-270-9086.

IMPERIAL BEACH. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. Large yard, small storage unit, laundry facility, off-street parking. Central location. $895/water paid. 1189 Ebony Street. 619-435-9442, www.homes4rent.com.

IMPERIAL BEACH. $995. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit with balcony. Nice complex. Secure underground parking. 1070 Georgia Street, #1B. 619-429-3630.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Steps to beach! 2 bedroom, 1-1/2+ bath condo, 1-car garage. All appliances, 2-story, fenced patio. $1395/month. Lease. Agent, Bill, 619-575-1674.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 to 2 bath condos. Steps to beach. Heated pool, views. All appliances. 1111 Seacoast. Agent Bill, 619-575-1674.

IMPERIAL BEACH. $795, utilities; gas, electricity, trash, water, all included. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, new carpet and paint. Clean, quiet, secure. Ready now. Laundry on-site. 1135 Hollister #10. If you can find a better deal; then rent it. Call Jeff 619-804-1044.

IMPERIAL BEACH. $795. Studio. Right on the beach! Refrigerator, stove. Laundry facilities on premises. Off-street parking. Pet? Available now. 1046 Seacoast Drive. Call 619-424-9233.

IMPERIAL BEACH. $995. $200 off first month! Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry. Courtyard. Carpet. Gated. Storage. $800 deposit. 750 11th Street. 619-423-4610.

KEARNY MESA. 1 bedrooms and 2 bedrooms from $885. Centrally located at I-805 and 163. Pool, spa, laundry, microwave, parking. Vista Capri North Apartments. 3277 Berger Avenue. 858-560-6067, www.rasnyder.com.

KENSINGTON, $2100. Live/Work Loft. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer, air conditioning. No pets/smoking. 4134 Adams. 858-259-4994, www.kensington-plaza.com.

KENSINGTON. $1175. 2 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath, upper corner unit. Charming area. 1 parking space. Laundry on site. No pets. 4656 Edgeware Drive. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

KENSINGTON. $950. Move-in special! 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Gated. 725 square feet. Laundry on site. Shared garage. Storage. Garbage disposal. Available now. 4101 Park Place #7. www.kandrproperties.com. Call 858-490-1600.

KENSINGTON. $1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath suite, balcony, skylights, mountain view, coin laundry. Security building. Off-street parking. Garage available. No pets. 858-456-2098.

LA COSTA. $1695. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse style condo, fireplace, garage, 1 year lease. Deposit $1750. Available now. 6684 Corte Maria. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

LA JOLLA, $2200. 2 bedroom 2 bath condominium. Available early January/flexible. Lease term negotiable. No pets/smoking. Playa del Norte/La Jolla Boulevard, 858-774-7168.

LA JOLLA. Studio. Amazing location. One block to Starbucks, beach and bus. Prospect Street. Kitchen with appliances. Walk-in closet, laundry. $1195-$1450, includes utilities. 858-336-0252.

LA JOLLA. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Quiet end unit. Beautifully upgraded. All appliances. Underground parking. Pool, jacuzzi. Near UCSD/shopping. Cats OK. $1875. 858-705-3444.

LA JOLLA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Half block to beach! Nice complex. On-site laundry. Available 1/1/07. 6-month lease. $1600/month. Agent, 858-459-1065.

LA JOLLA. $1595. Beautiful 1 bedroom, fully furnished new condo at Villa Toscana. Pool, jacuzzi, washer/dryer in unit, private patio, reserved parking. Available-1/1. 858-459-1065.

LA JOLLA. $2450. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Patio, garage, dishwasher. 700a5 La Jolla Boulevard #2. Call 858-490-1600, kandrproperties.com.

LA JOLLA. $975. Studio. Controlled access. Pool. Secured parking. Laundry. No pets. Steps to beach. Appointments only. 6655 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-882-7494.

LA JOLLA. $1625. 2 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, apartment, pool, laundry on site, close to UCSD/beach and shopping centers. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

LA JOLLA. By the sea! Absolutely charming 1 bedroom cottage apartment. $1400/month. Available January 1. Fabulous small community with ocean views. Private courtyard with lush lawn and manicured landscaping. Kitchen with gas range. Ceiling fans. Laundry room on site. Located at 7771 Ivanhoe Avenue. Management office off site. Please call 858-272-7464.

LA JOLLA. $1875. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Luxury, garden-style apartment in small complex. Located in village. Walk to all. Fireplace, 2 parking spaces. Lease. 7601 Eads Avenue. TPPM, 858-699-3851.

LA JOLLA. $1095. Private, cozy 1 bedroom, 1 bath, fenced patio, near La Jolla Village. Utilities paid. No pets. 7342 Girard Avenue #5. Bill Luther Realty, 858-488-1580.

LA JOLLA. $2495, utilities included. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, near La Jolla Village. Utilities paid. No pets. 7342 Girard Avenue #6. Bill Luther Realty, 858-488-1580.

LA JOLLA. $3200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Contemporary masterpiece. Underground parking. Brand new everything! Washer/dryer in unit. 7555 Eads. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

LA JOLLA. $875 rent. $875 deposit. Studio. Cute studio with stove, new paint. Near all. On-street parking. 7529 Herschel Street #3. 619-804-3325.

LA JOLLA/UTC. 1 bedroom condo in beautiful Lucera. Gated community, laundry in unit, 1 parking space. Pool and exercise room. Close to everything! $1500. www.sandiegobestrentals.com. 619-696-7368.

LA JOLLA/UTC. New 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath dual masters townhome. Washer/dryer. New: carpet/appliances. Amenities: pool/gym/tennis. Near UCSD. Lease. $1750. 858-444-2428.

LA MESA, $1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Fireplace, balcony, washer/dryer in unit. Parking. A must see! Available 1/25/07. 4847 Parks Avenue #2. 619-295-1100, www.cethron.com.

LA MESA, Move in special, $250/off first month. Townhomes, (2), $985/$995. 2 bedroom 1 bath, patio, laundry, parking, remodeled kitchen/bath, yard. No pets, 619-954-5286.

LA MESA. $875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Clean. Close to trolley and Grossmont Center. Laundry. Assigned parking. Cat OK. Section 8 OK. 619-469-3735. www.floit.com.

LA MESA. $895, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, balcony; $1095, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, upper, balcony; $1150, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, downstairs, yard. 619-697-3285. For photo, floor plans, map and directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/ rent/1035.

LA MESA. $1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Huge apartment, 1200 square feet. Pool. Air conditioning. View. 1 parking space. Laundry on site. 6-month lease. Available now. 8600 Lemon Avenue. Call 858-583-0182 or 858-483-3534, www.cal-prop.com.

LA MESA. $725, studio. $975, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking. Laundry on site. Cat OK. Move-in special. 5027 Guava. Viewing by appointment only, call 858-490-1600, Kandrproperties.com.

LA MESA. $975. Move-in special. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath triplex. Laundry hook-ups. Patio. Cul-de-sac. Parking. No pets. Agent, 619-298-7724.

LA MESA. $1250. 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Garage, pool, laundry, fireplace, patio. 5530 Jackson Drive #11. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

LA MESA. $1100. 1 bedroom apartment, large, fantastic view in historic house in the Village, patio, all utilities paid. 8085 Pasadena Avenue #3. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

LA MESA. $910, 1 bedroom. $1190/up, 2 bedroom. Across Grossmont Center, trolley and Costco. Quiet, spacious units. Resort living pools. Mellmanor Apartments. 8750 Mellmanor Drive. Call 619-461-1940.

LA MESA. $900-$940. Spacious 1 bedrooms upper units. Air conditioning, large closet, extra large 1-car garage, on-site coin laundry. No pets! Available now! 4757 Jessie Avenue. Other La Mesa area 1 bedrooms available from $830. 619-460-8011 or 619-469-3809.

LA MESA. $925, 1 bedroom. Award winning community for beautiful landscaping. Pool and spa. Great location. No pets. 5500 Morro Way. TPPM, 619-884-7900, www.villageaptslamesa.com.

LA MESA. 1 bedroom, $825. 2 bedrooms, $995/up. Available now! Great location. Spacious. Air conditioning. Gated complex. Laundry. Tenant parking. No pets. Lease. 619-303-4969.

LA MESA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, $925/month. Move-in special! $200 off 1st month. Pool and saunas. Off-street parking. On-site laundry facilities. Close to downtown La Mesa, trolley, shops, freeways. Cats welcome upon approval. Available now. Crestview Apartments, 4515 3rd Street. Call on-site Manager, 619-469-5010 or Bob Cota Realty, 619-465-9934.

LA MESA. 1 bedrooms, $880/up. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, $1425. 2-car carport. Spacious apartments. Near Grossmont Center. Great neighborhood. Convenient to all! 5545 Morro Way. Available December. 619-985-3500.

LA MESA. North of I-8 near Costco. 2 bedroom with large fenced-in yard. $1265. Ask about our move-in special! Large, sunny, extra storage, central air conditioning, remodeled. Small pet OK. Call Barbara, 619-589-0802, sandiegoapartments.com.

LA MESA/Grossmont. $850. Large, 1 bedroom, fireplace, walk-in closet, hookups for full size washer/dryer. Parking. Close to I-8 and 125. 619-466-3093.

JAPANESE STRAIGHT PERM™

Permanent silky-smooth, damage-free hair. Thermal reconditioning specialists.

Free consultation! Call:
619.295.5796

EXPERIENCED
Carole and Debi
Hotel Circle North

www.japanesestraightperm.com

COMPLIMENTARY DESIGNER HAIRCUT

with purchase of any highlight or lowlight service.
(New clients only. Expires 1/21/07.)

OR 20% OFF
any other haircut.

SHARI
• Specializing in color & Paul Brown relaxers
• Precision haircuts
BY APPT.: 619-742-3888
M SALON
1747 Hancock St.
(I-5 & Washington)

Don't File Bankruptcy!

Consolidate
Credit Cards and Medical Bills

• Low Single Monthly Payments
• Low Interest Rates

Call for free consultation:
619-563-0995

Save thousands of dollars in finance charges.

No Collateral Required.

PET CENTRAL

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

AQUARIUM SALE at Octopus's Garden. 20H aquarium $20; 29 for $29; 40R $40. Even a 60E is just $60. Other tank specials also. Lots of healthy saltwater fish and beautiful corals. Protein skimmers. Lighting systems, pumps, decorations and supplies at low prices at Octopus's Garden. Noon-9pm, 7 days. Call 858-576-7449.

AQUARIUMS AND PONDS! Freshwater/saltwater fish. Extensive reef animals. 9000 square feet. Low warehouse prices! Expertise not found in Southern California cookie-cutter stores! Aquatic Warehouse. 5466 Complex Street #204, San Diego. Behind Superior Courthouse, off Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. www.aquaticwarehouse.com. Daily, 10am-7pm. Saturday, 10am-6pm. Sunday, 11am-6pm. 858-467-9297.

BENGAL LEOPARD, Baby, a real show off, TICA registered, Vista 760-724-9316.

BUY/SELL/TRADE reptiles, amphibians, turtles, tortoises, snakes, lizards. Largest reptile selection in Southern California. Voted #1 in San Diego. Pet Kingdom, 619-224-2841.

CANARIES, Can sing better than you for the momma. Please call Vista 760-724-9316.

CHIHUAHUA MIX, spayed female, 9lbs., 2 years old, tan smooth coat, happy, a jumper, needs safe house, no small children, $100. 619-466-0426.

DOGS. FOCAS is a trusted name in pet adoptions. Call for information on a variety of wonderful rescued pets. Always altered, microchipped, vaccinated. Most $150 donation. 619-685-3536.

KITTENS. Unique, lovely, delicious, beautiful and well loved. Can't keep in apartment. You must be kind and tender. They are gentle. God bless you. 619-463-0496.

KITTIES, rescued. Beautiful, all ages. All full of love! Give them the wonderful homes they deserve. Adoption fee includes medicals and spay/neuter. 760-591-1211x1.

LOST DOG, Yorkshire Terrier, small/plump. Tan/black/gray. Has Arthritis and Heart condition. Last seen 12/9/06 in Paradise Hills. Reward offered. Please call 619-479-5519.

LOST YORKSHIRE TERRIER, Dog. Reward offered! Tan/black/gray. Small/plump. Last seen 12/9/06 in Paradise Hills. Has Arthritis and Heart condition. Please call, 619-479-5519.

PEKINGESE MIX, white, neutered, 18lbs., happy, 2 years old, partly housebroken, old eye injury, gets along fine, no small kids, $100. 619-583-5122.

PUPPY. Pit Bull, red female, 8 weeks old, very cute, just in time for a special Christmas gift. 619-400-7483.

TROPICAL BIRD, Red and green. Green wing Macaw. Friendly, 19 months old, $1200, 858-869-4742.

LA MESA/Near Village. Brand new, refurbished, beautiful. From $1125/month. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath, completely renovated. New paint/carpet, large private fenced patio, washer/dryer hookups or laundry facilities. Convenient, comfortable, cozy. Great location! No Section 8. 858-558-8879 or email kwahl@san.rr.com.

LA MESA/CASA DE ORO. 3 bedroom, 2 baths, from $1325! 2 bedrooms from $1075! 1 bedrooms from $895. Elegant, sculptured courtyards with flower gardens, fountains, gas lamps, park benches. Charming, New Orleans ambiance. Huge patios/balconies. Gated access and gated parking. Small pet OK. 3903 Conrad Drive. Call 866-894-6343. www.sdreader.com/rent/1017.

LAKESIDE. From $625. Nice 1 bedroom in quiet 55+ community. Laundry, air conditioning, clubhouse, parking. Small pet OK. Ask about move-in special! 12133 Rockcrest Road. 619-443-9611.

LINDA VISTA. $400 off first month! $1200/monthly. All new! Totally remodeled! 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Shared garage. Laundry. Pools. Tennis. No pets/smoking. 951-237-0936.

LINDA VISTA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, $1450. Brand new house! Tile floors, washer/dryer, shed for storage. Pet allowed. 2717 Wheatstone. 858-277-1760. housing.molamini.com.

LINDA VISTA. $685. Studio, utilities included. Laundry, gated parking. $400 deposit. No pets. Astro Vista Apartments, 2249 Ulric Street. Call Monday-Friday for appointment. 858-565-6400.

LINDA VISTA, 1307 Colusa Street. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, starting at $950/month, $800/deposit. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, $1095/month, $1000/deposit. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, $1300/month, $1000/deposit. New carpet/paint, laundry. Year lease. Available now. Call Ed, 858-597-6100.

LINDA VISTA. $1295/month, $1295 deposit. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Appliances, 2 garages, new carpet, paint, vinyl. Patio, on-site laundry. View of sunsets. Blocks to USD. Pets negotiable. 2057 Drescher Street. 619-804-3325.

LITTLE ITALY/MIDDLETOWN. $1475. Available now. 3 bedroom, 2 bath main floor of house. Stove, refrigerator, central heating/air. Pet considered. 2157 Union Street. 619-523-2355.

LITTLE ITALY. All new! Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath penthouse. 807 square feet. Hardwood, granite, stainless appliances. Pets OK. Must see. $2000. Available now. 858-967-1820.

LOGAN HEIGHTS. $745. 1 bedroom, upstairs end unit. New paint. Very clean! Parking and laundry onsite. 430 South Willie James Jones. Agent, 619-279-2183.

MIRA MESA. 2 bedroom plus loft, 2 bath, 1210 square feet, upstairs condo unit, $1750 month. No pets, no smoking. Call Jessica, 858-472-2059.

MIRA MESA. Large 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Bright townhome in great neighborhood. Hardwood floors downstairs, brick fireplace and large patio. $1400. www.SanDiegoBestRentals.com, 619-696-7368.

MIRA MESA. $965. Quail Creek 1 bedroom condo. Upstairs, balcony, newer carpet/paint. Laundry, pool, jacuzzi, tennis. Covered parking. Near Miramar College. Available 1/5/07. 858-922-4983.

MIRA MESA. $850 rent. $700 deposit. Upper 1 bedroom, 1 bath, unit with stove, refrigerator new carpet and vinyl, air conditioning, on-site laundry, off-street parking, near all. 8767 Mira Mesa Boulevard #8. 619-804-3325.

MISSION BEACH. Half block to ocean! Super clean 1 bedroom with parking. Nonmoking. No pets. $1200. Available now. Call 562-445-7493.

MISSION BEACH. $950, studio. 3rd floor. Balcony. Fireplace. New carpet/paint/windows. Laundry room. Parking. 100 feet from bay. 3630 Bayside Lane. Available now. 619-888-6604.

MISSION BEACH. $1250. Adorable, downstairs 1 bedroom with parking. Laundry facility. Appliances. Steps to sand. Across from Catamaran hotel. 744 Santa Rita Place. 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH. $900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, apartment, 1-car parking included, refrigerator, stove. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

MISSION BEACH. $1650. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 950 square feet, bright large open floor plan, remodeled kitchen/bathroom. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

MISSION BEACH. $1150. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, apartment, blocks to the ocean, new stove, new paint. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

MISSION BEACH. $1100. Cute 1 bedroom, steps to beach and bay. Available now. Westbourne Company Realtors. 858-488-4800.

MISSION BEACH. Ocean front. $1975. 2 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath on the sand with incredible ocean views. New tile floors. No parking, yearly lease. 703 Sunset Court. TPPM, 858-699-3851.

MISSION BEACH South. $1195. 1 bedroom, 1 bath near Bay, built-ins, corner unit, off-street parking. Quiet complex. 2985 Bayside Lane #5. Bill Luther Realty, 858-488-1580.

MISSION BEACH. $1025. Cozy 1 bedroom, 1 bath, lower, beach 1 block, eat-in kitchen, off-street parking. No pets. 726 San Rafael. Bill Luther Realty, 858-488-1580.

MISSION BEACH. $1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 800 square feet. Off-street parking. 825 Niantic #4. Bill Luther Realty, 858-488-1580.

MISSION BEACH North. $2200. Great 2 bedroom, 2 bath, clean with tile throughout. Large Bayfront patio. Parking. No pets. 3676 Bayside Walk #B. Bill Luther Realty, 858-488-1580.

MISSION BEACH. $1695. 2 bedroom, with ocean views. Second story, tiled throughout, open floorplan, steps to sand. 3737 Strandway #C. Bill Luther Realty, 858-488-1580.

MISSION HILLS. $1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. On canyon, quiet, near shopping and bus lines. No pets. 619-298-6436.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. Lofts: 2 weeks free! 1 bedrooms: 1/2 off first month, Crane floor! Lofts, 1, 2 bedrooms from $1580. Underground parking. Crown moldings. Vaulted ceilings. Fireplaces. Walk-in closets. Washer/dryer. Internet. Elevator. Gym. Great location! Cats welcome. Mission Hills Commons, 4021 Falcon Street. missionhills@propemail.com. 888-404-7952. www.sdreader.com/rent/2032.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. 2500-square-foot townhouse, 4 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath, drop-dead views--bay, city. New Berber, balcony, washer/dryer, double-garage. No pets. 1148 West Palm Reduced:$2675. 619-295-7113.

MISSION HILLS. $1200/up. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry. Parking. Pets OK. La Paloma Apartments. Open daily, 1-5pm. 3911 Dove. 619-297-1134.

MISSION HILLS. $925. 1 bedroom unfurnished apartment, private patio, screened porch. Utilities paid. Coin laundry, off street parking. Pets allowed. 1770 West Washington. James, 619-895-2357.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. $1395. Upper 2 bedroom, 2 bath, sunny and bright, granite counters, crown molding, wood blinds, limestone floors. Parking. Laundry. Security complex. 619-683-2370.

MISSION HILLS. Move-in special! $750. Studio. Hardwood floors. Murphy bed. Intercom entry. Some utilities included. No pets. 630 West Washington. Agent, 619-298-7724.

MISSION HILLS. $1175. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with garage, laundry, view, great location. 737 Torrance. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

MISSION HILLS. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, $850/$500 deposit. No pets. 3470 Reynard Way. 619-584-5900.

MISSION HILLS. 2822 Reynard, 1 bedroom $995. Newly remodeled, new appliances, spacious, bright. Assigned parking. On-site laundry. Call Hil for more information. 619-280-3867.

MISSION HILLS/OLD TOWN, $825. Award-winning studios. Modern kitchen, convenient breakfast bar, designer brick walls, 370 square-feet. Some with 14 foot cathedral ceilings, private patios. Price includes gas, water, reserved parking. Sparkling clean, fabulous Old Town location (but no pets). 619-692-3773.

MISSION HILLS. $745. Large studio apartment. Laundry, carport available. Convenient location. No pets. 3661 Keating Street. TPPM, 619-546-5739.

MISSION VALLEY. $1495. Lots of upgrades! Tiled entryway. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Designer's touch! New: Granite countertops, paint, plush carpet. Like-new appliances. Microwave. Pool, Jacuzzi. Private patio. Laundry on site. Covered parking. Near everything! 619-302-2156; 760-930-0108.

MISSION VALLEY, Escala, $2000/month. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony, tile flooring, washer/dryer, 2-car attached garage. Gated community, pools, tennis, recreation room, gym. 619-602-0500.

MISSION VALLEY. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo, Rancho Mission Villas. Newly remodeled, air, pool, Jacuzzi, tennis, rec center, laundry facilities. $995. Lease. Available 12/01. 619-818-9059.

MISSION VALLEY, $1250. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Fireplace, private patio, washer/dryer, pool, exercise room, covered assigned parking. Call agent, 619-303-0821.

MISSION VALLEY. 2 large split bedrooms, 2 baths, $1400. 10425 Caminito Cuervo. 1103 square-feet. Pool, spa, sauna, tennis, fitness, racquetball. Secure building, fireplace. Agent, 619-281-1112.

MISSION VALLEY. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo, 2-car garage, private elevator. Upgraded master: customized closet, dual walk-in shower. Upgraded baths: granite/stainless vanities. $2850. 858-243-4898.

MISSION VALLEY, $1875. Great location! 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo, end unit. All appliances, new carpet, large balcony, storage, central air, 2-carports. Pools, Jacuzzis, tennis courts, volleyball, fitness center. 714-335-9400.

MISSION VALLEY. Newly renovated studios/suites-$345+/week, $1299+/month. Off-street, covered parking. Full kitchen. Complimentary continental breakfast. Hot coffee/tea, 24 hours. On-site laundry. Free high speed Internet, 80 cable channels, HBO. Fax/copy service. Pool/spa. Near SDSU. Days Inn & Suites, 1-888-298-5168. www.sdreader.com/rent/2139.

MISSION VALLEY/Hotel Circle. Furnished 1 bedroom condo. Linens, dishes, cable TV/gas paid. Fireplace, skylights, pool, gym, parking garage. No pets/smoking. $1200/month. 619-303-7822.

MISSION VALLEY. $1400. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in the Mission Heights community, parking/water paid, community pool, spa and clubhouse. Near I-5 and I-8, shopping, stadium. 6295 Rancho Mission Road #104. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400, www.peoplehelpingothers.com.

MISSION VALLEY. $2000/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1/2 off first month's rent! 1187 square feet. Community pools, Jacuzzi, private cabanas, fitness center. 8355 Station Village Lane #4317. 619-471-1755.

MISSION VALLEY/TALMADGE/Kensington. 1 bedroom, 2 bedrooms and 3 bedrooms, $985-$1665. Spacious apartment homes include: microwave, dishwasher, balcony/patio. Gated community with tropical landscape, pool, spa, sauna and fitness center. Underground parking. Pet friendly! Mission Pacific. 4454 44th Street. 1-800-372-9146. missionpacific_pacificliving@crossfiremail.com. www.pacificliving.com.

MISSION VALLEY. $1700. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath with view. Great location. All amenities. If you find one better; rent it. 619-713-1044.

MISSION VALLEY. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome with back yard in beautiful Stonecrest Community. Pool, 2 car garage, laundry inside unit. $2300. www.sandiegobestrentals.com, 619-696-7368.

MISSION VALLEY. Move-in special: One month free! From $1495! Brand new 1 bedroom, 2 bedrooms and 3 bedrooms. Washer/dryer. Vaulted ceiling. Gated parking garage. Elevator. Theater. Fitness center. Steps to trolley, restaurants and shops! The Village at Morena Vista, 5395 Napa Street. Toll free: 888-602-4170. www.sdreader.com/rent/2153.

MISSION VALLEY. $1450. 1 bedroom, 1 bath remodeled condo. Laminate flooring. Granite countertops. Crown molding. Recessed lighting. 858-598-1111 x192. utopiamgmt.com.

MISSION VALLEY. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath luxury townhome. 2-car garage. Washer/dryer. Patio. Yard. Fitness, pool, private dog park! Available 12/29. $2195. 619-417-5876.

NATIONAL CITY. Move-in specials! $750-$850. Newly remodeled community. Large/small 1 bedroom. 2 bedroom townhomes. $1200. Pool. Gated courtyard. Laundry facilities. New carpet, appliances, kitchen cabinets/counters. Available now. 900 Manchester Street. 619-881-7645. annette@cesnconstruction.com.

NATIONAL CITY. 2 bedroom, 1 and 2 baths, $1050/up. 1 bedroom, $750. Spacious. Balcony. Washer/dryer hookups. Lease. Gated. No pets. Parking/garages. 619-336-0436.

NATIONAL CITY. Large apartment, 2 bedroom 1 bath. $1100. Small complex, 2 off street parking spaces for unit, storage, onsite laundry facilities. Donya, 619-231-2727.

NATIONAL CITY. $725/month. 1 bedroom fully furnished. Low $150 deposit. No SDGE deposit or hookup required. 624 East 24th Street. Office open daily. 619-474-3787.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom, $775, upstairs. Gated, off-street parking, storage. New carpet, appliances, paint, blinds. On-site laundry. On bus route, near shops, parks, library. Clean, quiet complex. 3722 Adams Avenue. Owner/Resident Manager, Call 619-339-5494.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $750/$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet/paint. Hardwood floors. On-site laundry. Large closets! Near freeways, shopping. Fenced complex. Great condition! 619-542-2437.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, $725. Bright and sunny. Stove, refrigerator, laundry facilities. No pets. Non-smoking. Mr. A's Property Management, 619-697-1888.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. New 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, first floor, 2 parking, upgraded appliances. Gated commmunity. Casa Bonita, Adams and Ohio. $1650. 619-296-8555.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom apartments $775, 2 bedroom, $995. 4670 Cherokee Avenue. Very nice, on-site laundry, off-street parking. No pets. 760-672-0425.

NORMAL HEIGHTS, $1000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Washer/dryer hookups, lots of light, parking. Available now. $200 off 1st month on approved credit. 4741 35th Street, #4741. 619-295-1100, www.cethron.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS, $875. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking, laundry on site. Available now, month to month. Move in Special, half off 1st month's rent on approved

RENTALS

LIVE/WORK LOFTS
Downtown Loft Specialist

• Roof decks with BBQ
• Laundry on every floor • Parking available
• Most pets allowed
• Several downtown locations

Visit our leasing office at: 315 4th Avenue
619-231-1505 ext. 12
Please check our website for availability.

TRILOGY
REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT INC.
www.trilogymanagement.com

EARN $100 BEFORE YOU MOVE!

If you are moving soon, call us to schedule a home interview and environmental sampling. For just two hours you will earn $100.

SDSU HEALTHY HOMES STUDY
619-594-0501

500 WEST HOTEL
Sleep Small. Dream Big.

SAN DIEGO'S FIRST HIP HYBRID HOTEL

STAY THE DAY • STAY THE WEEK

Rooms From

$39.00* Daily **$215.00 Weekly**

• Internet access in room • 1-2 blocks to bus, train
• Flat-screen TVs • Gourmet eat-in kitchen
• European-style detached bathrooms

500 WEST BROADWAY • SAN DIEGO, CA 92101
WWW.500WESTHOTEL.COM
CALL TOLL-FREE: 1-888-895-0875 or 619-234-5252
*Weekend rates may be higher. Subject to availability.

Brand New! Move in Now!
New trolley station, restaurants and shops are just steps away!

From $1,495!
1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms • Washer/Dryer • Vaulted Ceiling • Elevator
Gated Parking Garage • Theatre • Fitness Center • And more!
5395 Napa Street • San Diego, CA 92110

Call Toll-Free: 888-602-4170

credit. 4665 34th Street #2. www.cethron.com, 619-295-1100.

NORMAL HEIGHTS, $695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs with parking. No pets. Close to Adams. Available now. 4575 Idaho Street, #9. www.cethron.com, 619-295-1100.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 1-car garage, patio, washer/dryer in unit, air conditioning, heater, dishwasher, microwave, ceiling fan. Just north of Adams. 4783 Hawley Boulevard #4. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $815. Large 1 bedroom. Downstairs, end unit. Parking. Laundry. $300 deposit. Garden setting. Gated. Caring management. Available 1/3. No pets. 4724 32nd. 619-584-7790.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $1050. 4774 33rd Street #2. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Dishwasher, air conditioning, washer/dryer in unit. No pets. Cassidy, Broker, 619-275-LIST. www.timcassidy.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $1050. 4774 33rd Street #1. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Dishwasher, air conditioning. Washer/dryer in unit. No pets. www.timcassidy.com. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $675, studio. Completely remodeled. Gas, water, trash paid. New cabinets. Ceramic tile floors. Laundry. No pets. 3355 Madison Avenue #9. www.SeeTheUnit.com. Agent, 619-298-7724.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $925. Move-in special! 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs corner. Storage. Laundry on site. Parking. No pets. 4678 Ohio Street #4. Agent, 619-298-7724.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $775. Upstairs, 1 bedroom. Large kitchen. Gated. Lots of storage. Off-street parking. Cat OK. Near Adams Avenue. www.goldenhillpm.com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $995, 2 bedroom. Spacious. Pool, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Close to major freeways. Sorry, no pets! 4841 West Mountain View Drive. 619-282-6440. Sunriseliving.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $975. Deposit $750. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. New carpet, paint. Blinds. Limited parking. Refrigerator, stove. No pets. 4681 35th Street #4. 619-226-7368 or www.bkbinc.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $725. Deposit $600. Upstairs 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Limited parking. Refrigerator, stove. No pets. 4681 35th Street #8. 619-226-7368 or www.bkbinc.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Downstairs. Laundry on site. 2 parking. No pets. Available now. 4840 West Mountain View Drive #7. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $750 rent. $600 deposit. $1/2 off first month's rent! 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upper unit with stove, refrigerator, gated community, on-site laundry. Pets negotiable. 4609 Bancroft #8. 619-379-2896.

NORMAL HEIGHTS/NORTH PARK. Large downstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath, assigned parking, all new, air conditioning, dishwasher, patio. No pets. $1100. Available 1/15/07. 4561 Hawley Boulevard #1. 858-483-5111 x10.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $1150. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs, easy freeway access, shared garage with lots of storage, air conditioning, dishwasher, breakfast bar, fireplace. No pets. Available 1/15. 4621 32nd Street #1. 858-483-5111 x10.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $925. 1 bedroom. Remodeled unit. Tile, ceiling fans. Off street parking. Laundry facilities. Near bus line. Cat OK. Nonsmoking. Available now. 619-284-2092. www.floit.com.

NORTH PARK. $850. 1 bedrooms. $1050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Low deposit. Gated entry. On-site laundry. Swimming pool. Off-street parking. Cat OK. 4133 Kansas. Alex, 619-823-8922 or 619-718-6565.

NORTH PARK. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-story. Freeway, Balboa Park, Morley Field, Hillcrest restaurants close. Gated. Underground parking. No pets. 3759 Florida. $1750. Mercy, 619-701-1234.

NORTH PARK. Six new 2 bedrooms condos left! Fireplace. Washer/dryer. Storage. Parking. Granite countertops, microwave. Gated. Pets OK. Drive by, 4165 Mississippi. $1495. 619-987-8102.

NORTH PARK, $850-$975. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, cottage style apartment. Hardwood floors, coin-operated laundry. Cat OK. No smoking. 4024 Hamilton Street. Call Trident Pacific, 619-435-9442. www.homes4rent.com.

NORTH PARK. $900/month. Spacious, clean 2 bedroom. Newly decorated, carpet. Small complex. Upstairs unit. Laundry. Off-street parking. No pets. Available now. Mission Gorge Realty. 619-229-0231.

NORTH PARK. $795-1 bedroom/1 bath. $925, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. $995, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, all in small gated complex. Peaceful, clean, quiet. Must see to appreciate. 4360 Kansas Street.

NORTH PARK. $850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, hardwood floors, newly remodeled. Lots of windows. On-site laundry. No dogs. Call Patty, 619-933-9898. www.floit.com.

NORTH PARK. $1200-Reduced! 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath with garage, new carpet and paint, remodeled kitchen and bath, gated, parking. Available now. 619-741-4378. 619-540-6526.

NORTH PARK. $795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, recently remodeled. Tiled living room, kitchen, bathroom. Elevator, on-site laundry, security building. 3949 33rd Street. 619-280-2658.

NORTH PARK, $1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice, newly painted, hardwood floors, new tile, centrally located. A must see. Move in Special: Half off 1st month's rent on approved credit. 3016 30th and Quince, #3001. 619-295-1100. www.cethron.com.

NORTH PARK, $850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. Hardwood floors, built-in china cabinet, gated complex. Available 12/25. 4058 Hamilton Street #4072-1/2. www.cethron.com, 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK, $725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry, parking. Available now. 4553 Texas Street #7. www.cethron.com, 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK, $850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Adorable unit, situated in a lushly landscaped complex. Available 1/10/07. 3949 Kansas Street #22. 619-295-1100. www.cethron.com.

NORTH PARK. $1300. Stylish 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, fireplace, granite countertops, wood floors, carpeted bedrooms, tiled bathrooms. Washer/dryer in unit, parking. 619-702-1222; sandy@gersonproperties.com.

NORTH PARK/CITY HEIGHTS. Large, quiet, clean 1 bedroom, 1 bath, $750, and 2 bedroom, 1 bath, $850. Gated complex, laundry, reserved parking. No pets. 4027 34th Street. 619-276-5520.

NORTH PARK. $775 rent, $600 deposit, OAC. Lower, 1 bedroom, laundry, reserved parking spot. No pets. 4178 Kansas Street, #6. Agent, 619-299-8515.

NORTH PARK. $750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Laundry on-site. Assigned parking. Courtyard. Quiet. Gated. No pets. Available now. Manager on-site. 619-563-9727.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom, $835/$700 deposit. New bathroom, carpet, vinyl, paint. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. Nonsmoking. No Section 8. Susan, 619-421-3875.

NORTH PARK. $1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo with 1-car garage, washer/dryer inside condo, refrigerator, dishwasher and stove, back patio, renovated. Available for move-in 11/25, can show 9am-5pm Monday-Saturday. 3745 Swift Avenue #2. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400, www.peoplehelpingothers.com.

NORTH PARK. Move-in special: $500 off first month! 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly renovated. Pool, on-site laundry, parking. Elevator. $1045. Call 619-543-0730. www.melroyproperties.com.

NORTH PARK. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, remodeled condo. Finely furnished. New appliances, wood floors, tile, granite. 1 underground, gated parking. Nonsmoking. Pets accepted. $1675. 619-279-6370.

NORTH PARK. $1100, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1000 square feet. $900, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, attached garage. Newly remodeled. No pets. 4651 30th Street. Available for viewing. www.kandrproperties.com. Call 858-490-1600.

NORTH PARK. Small 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. $800/month. Move-in special: $200 off first month! Available now. Small complex close to downtown, freeways, shopping. Rachel Arms, 4055 Utah Street. Call Manager, Sherri, 619-299-8700.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. $200 off first month! 2 bedroom, 1 bath, $1100. Studio, $675. Gated, dishwasher, laundry facilities, parking. No pets. Close to Naval Hospital, shops, freeways. 3722 Alabama Street. 619-299-1699. www.melroyproperties.com.

NORTH PARK. $200 off first month's rent! 1 bedroom, $785. Small complex, gated, laundry, parking. No pets. 4128 Wabash Avenue. 619-281-0579. www.melroyproperties.com.

NORTH PARK/UNIVERSITY Heights. $1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New paint, hardwood floors. Off-street parking, laundry. Lower unit. Common area barbecue. Storage available. Terry, 619-778-2830.

NORTH PARK. $1850. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 levels, 1000 square feet, private patio, sundeck off master suite upstairs, washer/dryer hookups, air conditioning, heater, dishwasher, granite countertops, ceramic tile, hardwood floors. Cat OK. 2717 Wightman Street. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

NORTH PARK. $750, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, apartment, centrally located for commuting in any direction. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

NORTH PARK. $895. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, apartment, close to shopping, transportation and entertainment. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

NORTH PARK. $1000. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, lower unit, 850 square feet, private patio, washer/dryer hookups, air conditioning, heater, dishwasher, microwave, hardwood floors. Cat OK. 2719 Wightman Street. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

NORTH PARK. $1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, upstairs corner. Vaulted ceilings. Fireplace. Dining area. Tiled kitchen, bath. Balcony. Detached garage. Cats OK. www.goldenhillpm.com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORTH PARK. $1095. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Great views! Historic building. Private entrance. Decorative fireplace. Modern kitchen. Hardwood floors. Patio. Off-street parking. No pets. 1 year lease. www.goldenhillpm.com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORTH PARK. $800. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Easy freeway access. Pets OK. Available 1/1. 4440 32nd Street. 619-574-0558.

NORTH PARK, $850. Cozy 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Move-in bonus! Gas/water paid. Quiet, new carpet/paint, pool, gated, on-site laundry. No pets. 619-281-1714.

RENTALS

Brand-New East Village Community

MARKET STREET VILLAGE

1 month free rent! (12-month lease required)

1/2 month free rent! (6-month lease required)

Studios from $1250

1 Bedrooms from $1450

2 Bedrooms from $1970

Low $400-$600 Deposits!

Located near Petco Park, Gaslamp & Seaport Village • Pet-friendly* • Swimming Pool • Jacuzzi
Theater/Media Room • Internet Cafe • Albertsons Grocery on 1st Floor • Controlled Access
Large Patio/Balcony • Clubhouse/Common Area Lounge • All New Appliances • Fitness Center
Dishwasher, Microwave • Washer/Dryer • Tile Floors • Rooftop Deck • Underground Parking

Market Street Village

699 14th Street (between Market & G Streets on 14th Street), San Diego, CA 92101

PINNACLE
An American Management Services West Company

1-888-352-4584

*With restrictions

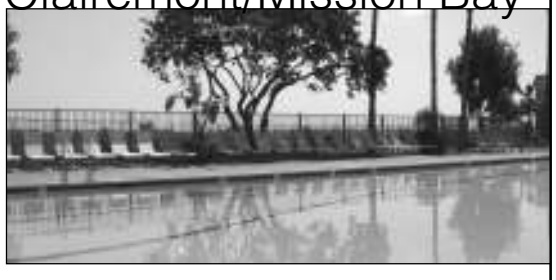
Fantastic Downtown and City Views!
Great Move-in Specials!

1 & 2 bedroom flats and 2 bedroom townhomes from $1105!

Amenities:
- Charming community with controlled-access entry
- Bright, beautiful floor plans
- Central air and heat
- Microwave
- Accent walls available
- Washer and dryer
- Sunny rooftop deck with BBQ areas
- Parking garage
- Pet friendly
- Great downtown location

Golden Pacific
1015 19th Street, San Diego, CA 92102
Toll-free: 1-800-433-6156
E-mail: goldenpacific_pacificliving@crossfiremail.com

Clairemont/Mission Bay



Designer 1 bedroom/1 bath starting at **$1,050**
Designer 2 bedroom/1 bath starting at **$1,230**

- Heated Junior Olympic-size pool
- Fitness center
- Business center
- Clubhouse
- Tennis
- Basketball courts
- Movie theater
- Reserved garages
- Garages available

Designer floor plans offer:
- Italian ceramic tile*
- Cut Berber carpet
- Crown molding
- Mirrored closet doors
- Air conditioned*
- Pedestal sinks
- Microwaves
- Dishwashers
- Frost-free refrigerators

Pets are welcome (based upon approval).
*Select units
www.CoralBayCanyonAndParkApartments.com

CORAL BAY Communities

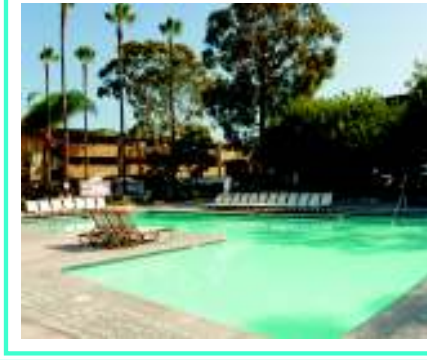
Call For Our Fabulous $$$ Specials Today!

3309 Cowley Way
San Diego 92117
Toll-free:
1-877-585-1146

WINTER WONDERLAND AWAITS YOU!

$500 off 1st month's rent on 1 bedrooms, immediate move-in only, OAC

Studios, 1 & 2 bedrooms starting at $945, $1195 & $1650



Amenities:
- Olympic-size heated pool
- Water aerobics
- 2 spas
- 2 fully equipped gyms
- 5 lighted tennis courts with tennis pros
- 2 basketball courts
- Clubhouse & barbecue area
- 6 laundry facilities
- Heat/air conditioning
- Cats welcome
- Near SeaWorld, beaches, restaurants, La Jolla, airport
- Close to freeways
- Movie night
- Saturday continental breakfast
- New business center now open

Bay Pointe Apartments
3866 Ingraham Street • San Diego, CA 92109
Call toll-free: 1-888-759-7435
E-mail: baypointeapts@san.rr.com
www.progressmanagement.net

PROGRESS MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Comfortable...
Exceptional...
Apartment Homes

LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE LUXURY LIVING?

- Friendly, professional staff
- Full-size washer/dryer included
- Reserved covered parking
- Award-winning school district
- State-of-the-art fitness center
- Complimentary personal trainer
- Heated competition lap pool
- Lighted tennis courts
- Free tennis and swimming lessons
- Pro tennis instructor
- Sorry, no pets

The Club at Torrey Pines

The Club Torrey Pines is a pleasant place to call home. We are nestled in a quiet neighborhood of Carmel Valley.

Call For Current Rates!

We offer FLEXIBLE lease rates and terms. Units are priced individually and monthly rents can be adjusted based on length of lease!

Visit our website at: www.torrey.cc

12646 Torrey Bluff Drive
San Diego, CA 92130
(866) 354-2096
ClubTorreyPines_DouglasAllred@crossfiremail.com

LIVE WEST OF I-5 FOR $1,250 PER MONTH

sit back. relax. you're home.

1/1 from $1,250
2/1 from $1,500
2/2 from $1,525
3/2 from $1,830
14 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds
private patio or balcony
panoramic ocean views *(select plans)*
sparkling resort-style pool
lighted tennis court
sports and picnic areas
large pets welcome

SOLANA HIGHLANDS
APARTMENT HOMES
701 South Nardo Ave.
Solana Beach, California 92075
www.solanahighlands.com

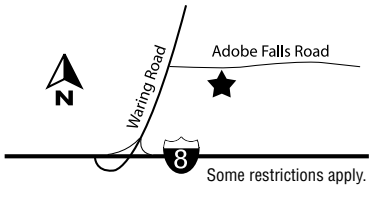
(888) 637-8571
Office Hours: Monday – Saturday 9 to 6
Sunday 10 to 5

H.G. FENTON COMPANY
TRUST, SERVICE AND TRADITION SINCE 1906

DAYS INN & SUITES

Studios/Suites
$345+/week
$1299+/month

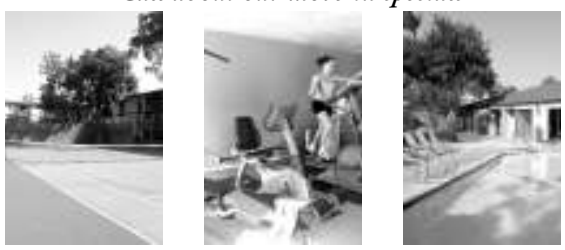
- Free high-speed Internet
- Large pool and spa
- On-site laundry facilities
- Full kitchen
- Complimentary breakfast
- Near SDSU
- Free cable with HBO



Some restrictions apply.

Days Inn & Suites
5343 Adobe Falls Road
San Diego, CA 92120
Toll-free: **1-888-298-5168**
www.SanDiegoHotelsDaysInn.com

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS
$1065-$1650
Pet Friendly
Low deposits $500-$700
Call about our move-in specials



Great amenities! • Clubhouse • Fitness room
Business room • Tennis courts • Heated pool/spa
Convenient parking • Short-term leases accepted

BEAUTIFUL
POINT LOMA

Stonewood Garden Apartments

3889 Midway Drive
San Diego
619.223.4766

MG PROPERTIES
INVESTMENT REAL ESTATE

NORTH PARK. 2 bedrooms from $1165. New tile, granite countertops, fresh paint, underground parking, onsite laundry. 4526 Illinois. 619-280-3867.

NORTH PARK, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs. New paint, good storage, off-street parking. 3662 32nd Street, #2. $895/month. 619-683-9274.

NORTH PARK. $825. Bright 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet/paint, large walk-in closet, refrigerator, gas stove, coin laundry, parking. No pets. 858-361-3374.

NORTH PARK. $925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with parking space. Large rooms. 3766 Swift Avenue #1. Please call McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700.

NORTH PARK. $750. Large, 1 bedroom 1 bath apartment in quiet complex. Refrigerator, stove, parking. www.utopiamanagement.com. 858-598-1111.

NORTH PARK. $885. Nice 2 bedroom 1 bath duplex. New carpet and paint. 3461 Thorn Street. Available now. www.utopiamanagement.com. 619-291-5555 x193.

NORTH PARK. $1395. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. All appliances. Washer/dryer. Garage. Fireplace. Patio. Vaulted ceilings. 3380 32nd Street. 619-683-7638. Xilarent.com.

NORTH PARK. $795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Spacious unit. Pergo floors. Ceiling fan. On-site laundry. 4340 Wilson Avenue. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. Move-in special! $1100, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Beautiful, spacious, ceramic tile. Berber carpet. Gated community. On-site laundry and parking. No smoking and no pets. 3967 Illinois Street. Call 858-751-6336. sunriseliving.com.

NORTH PARK. $750. Custom designed studio with utilities included! Cat friendly. Laundry and parking included. Move-in special: 1st month's rent moves you in! 3185 Madison. sunriseliving.com. 619-584-4928.

NORTH PARK/CITY HEIGHTS. $950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated. Parking. Laundry. New carpet and paint. Available now. 4380 Van Dyke. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

NORTH PARK. $975. Downstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry. New carpet, paint. Garage. No pets. 4371 Swift Avenue #1. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

NORTH PARK. $775 rent. $700 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit, garage, stove, refrigerator, new vinyl, fireplace, air conditioning. On-site laundry, off-street parking. 1/2 off first month's rent. 3805 Boundary #I. 619-723-0367.

NORTH PARK. $1150 rent. $1000 deposit. 1/2 off 1st month's rent. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large upper unit with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, fireplace, air conditioning, balcony, gated, elevator, underground parking. On-site laundry. 3928 Illinois Street #204. 619-843-0796.

NORTH PARK. $875/month, $800 deposit. 1/2 off 1st month's rent. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upper unit with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, air conditioning, gated, on-site laundry, underground parking. Cats OK. Close to shops and I-805. 3928 Illinois Street #305. 619-843-0796.

NORTH PARK. $825. Large 1 bedroom, downstairs, gated entry, pool, microwave, laundry on site. Available now. 3051 Meade Avenue #12. Call 858-483-5111 x10. www.melroyproperties.com.

NORTH PARK. $825. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs, microwave. Laundry on-site. New paint. No pets. Available now. 4344 Ohio Street #7. 858-483-5111 x10. www.melroyproperties.com.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, condo quality, microwave, laundry on site, dishwasher. No pets. Assigned parking. Close to Naval Hospital. Available now. 4078 Louisiana Street #2. $1150. 858-483-5111 x10. www.melroyproperties.com.

NORTH PARK. $1895. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome with maple floors. Upgraded kitchen with granite and new appliances. 858-598-1111 x192. utopiamgmt.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $925. Blocks to the beach! Ask about Manager's Special. 1 bedroom. Clean. Parking. Laundry. No pets. Seacoast Apartments, 5030 Lotus. Call Doris, 619-204-1651.

OCEAN BEACH. $925. Blocks to the beach! Ask about Manager's Special. 1 bedroom. Clean. Parking. Laundry. No pets. Seacoast Apartments, 5030 Lotus. Call Doris, 619-204-1651.

OCEAN BEACH. $1195 and up. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Available now. Complex is just 2 blocks from Pacific. Enjoy beaches year round at Ocean Breeze Apartments. No pets. 619-223-8186 or 619-422-8334.

OCEAN BEACH. Beautiful beachfront ocean view! 1 bedroom, $995-$1200. 2 bedroom, $1350-$1500. Serene security garden buildings. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile, laundry. Garages available. Pets considered. For address and availability, call 619-224-1748. For applications, call 619-501-5553.

OCEAN BEACH. $875/bargain! Large, quiet 1 bedroom, near beach, bus, pier, and shopping. 1 off-street parking, laundry. No pets. Available now. 619-224-1413. 619-709-7075.

OCEAN BEACH, $825, nice 1 bedroom apartment. With garden courtyard, parking, cable, laundry. Great location. No pets. 4362 Montalvo. Available 12/20/06. 858-274-2266, or 858-274-2259.

OCEAN BEACH. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. $1295. Street parking. 800 square feet. Available 12/22. 1811 Bacon Street. No pets. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $995. Large 1 bedroom apartment with garage. Patio. Laundry. 2 blocks to beach. No dogs or cats. 5053-1/2 Lotus Street. 858-292-6046.

OCEAN BEACH. $1595. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in the Sand & Sea Villas community, 1/2 block to beach. Parking, water paid. Available now, 6-month lease required. 4950 Coronado Avenue #9. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400, www.peoplehelpingothers.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $975. 1 bedroom with courtyard, on-site laundry and parking. 4878 Saratoga Avenue #205. 619-226-7368 or www.bkbinc.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $825. Large studio. 1-1/2 blocks from beach. Kitchen, bathroom, walk-through closet. Parking space, extra $25. No pets. 6-month lease. 619-890-5088.

OCEAN BEACH. $1050, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. $1450, large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. All amenities. Dishwasher, fireplace, large closets, pool, laundry, parking. No pets. 4825 Del Mar Avenue. 619-758-9565.

OCEAN BEACH. $895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath attached cottage. Laundry on site. 1 block to beach! 5069 Cape May Avenue. No pets. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $1195. 1 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs apartment with garage. New tile, paint and carpet! Steps to sand. Includes utilities. No pets! 5064.5 Niagara Avenue. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $1325. 2 bedroom, 1 bath attached cottage with new carpet, paint and vinyl. Located in South Ocean Beach just blocks to ocean! Laundry on site! No pets. 4843 Coronado Avenue. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath attached cottage located steps to beach! Parking and laundry! No pets. 5113 Saratoga Avenue. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment with hardwood floors and deck. Ocean view! Located just 1 block from beach! Includes utilities. No pets. 2188 Abbott Street. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $1195. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, downstairs apartment with patio. Dishwasher and laundry. No pets. 4231 Voltaire Street #1. Call 619-222-4836 x 14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs apartment with parking and laundry. Blocks to beach. No pets! 2243 Abbott Street. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $975. 1 bedroom. Large, upstairs, end unit. Stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. Parking. Cat OK with additional $300 deposit. Steps to ocean. Available 12/26. 4853 Orchard. DSPM, Broker, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, apartment, contemporary, spacious, paid water/trash and gardener. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

OCEAN BEACH Smell the ocean! Walk 3 blocks to beach! $1650. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse apartment. Only 6 years old. New carpet. Tiled kitchen. Refrigerator. Gas stove. Dishwasher. Free washer/dryer. Tiny yard. Garage plus gated parking space. Available now. 4857 Voltaire. 619-224-7322.

OCEAN BEACH. $1225. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in quiet four-plex setting. Parking, laundry. Near Robb Field. 4449 Mentone Street. TPPM, 858-699-3851.

OCEAN BEACH. $500 off 1st month! Spacious newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath, $1525. Located a block from the beach! New carport, ceramic tile, fully equipped kitchen with dishwashers, gated courtyard setting, laundry, parking, barbecue. Cats OK. No dogs. 4940 Del Monte Avenue. 619-226-3171, delmontepalms,rasnyder.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $500 off 1st month! Newly remodeled 1 bedroom. $1125. Located a block from the beach! New carport, ceramic tile, fully equipped kitchen with dishwashers. Gated courtyard setting. Laundry, parking, barbecue. Cats OK. No dogs. 4955 Narragansett. 619-226-3171. plazadelsol.rasnyder.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $1125. $500 off first month! Upgraded 1 bedroom in a small complex located a block from the beach. Parking, laundry, barbecue, gated community, extra storage. 619-221-8158, parkdelmonte.rasnyder.com.

OCEAN BEACH. 1 bedroom. Free rent! Newly remodeled small complex located less than 100 yards from Ocean Beach pier. Fully equipped kitchen, gas range, balcony/patio, garage with opener, laundry, gated community, bike rack. 619-226-3171. beachwalk.rasnyder.com.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. $1100. Completely remodeled 1 bedroom. 2-parking. Onsite laundry. Laminate floors. Beach/freeway close. $1000 deposit. Available now. 4305-1/2 Temecula. 619-318-1913.

OCEAN BEACH, $1425. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 blocks to the beach! Garage included. No pets. 5019 Longbranch. 619-231-2727 x222.

OCEAN BEACH. $1250 rent. $1250 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, charming cottage-style unit, lots of windows, patio, stove, refrigerator, on-site laundry, view, near all, one block from the beach. 4984-1/2 Cape May Avenue. 619-804-3325.

OCEAN BEACH, $1250. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Charming lower unit, 1 block from beach. Laundry, small patio, appliances. Cat OK. 5060 Muir #1C, 92107. 619-698-6911.

OCEAN EACH. $925. Large 1 bedroom with courtyard. On-site parking and laundry. Quiet complex. Close to all. 4861 Del Monte #4. 619-223-0338 or 619-226-7368, www.bkbinc.com.

OCEANSIDE. $1188. New 2 bedroom 1 bath condo. All appliances. Washer/dryer. Views. Pool, spa. Water, trash included. Near Libby Lake, park. Available 12/30/06. 619-254-7888.

OCEANSIDE. $750. Large, remodeled studio. Nice, quiet, small complex. 1 mile/beach. Secure parking. No pets. Near Oceanside Boulevard and I-5. 1973 Apple Street. 760-754-1708.

OCEANSIDE. $1095. Spacious 2 bedroom apartments. Private yards/balconies. Great location. Pool. Laundry. Barbecue. Free garage, gas utilities, heat. Large closets. No pets. 760-757-4641.

OCEANSIDE/CARLSBAD. Luxury living 1 bedroom apartments, $925-$945. Spectacular views, gated/covered parking. Pool/spa, laundry. Cats OK. 760-439-5728. www.casavistaapartments.com.

OLD TOWN. $1195. 1912 San Diego Avenue #4. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Bay view! Garage. Dishwasher. Clean. No pets. Available now. www.timcassidy.com. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

OLD TOWN. $650-$695. Low $150 deposit. Fully furnished studios-alcoves on excellent hillside location. Free basic cable. 1616 Guy Street. 619-298-6242.

PACIFIC BEACH. 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. Garage, new paint, 2 fireplaces, vaulted ceilings, 10 blocks from beach, 2 blocks shopping. $2595/month. Year lease. No pets. Available now. Call after 4pm, 858-571-7499.

PACIFIC BEACH. 1 bedroom available. On the beach between Reed Street and Pacific Beach Drive. Pets under 30 lbs., sharing cosigners OK. Priced by size and location. Year-round rate. 6-month lease, then month-to-month. Shown 8:30am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday. Beachfront Apartments, 4217 Oliver Court (behind the Promenade). 858-483-7670.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1195/$1535. 1 bedroom/2 bedroom. Year lease. Beautifully remodeled, quiet luxury building. Nice views. Intercom entry, dishwasher, tropical garden, heated pool. Garage available. No pets. 858-272-4398.

PACIFIC BEACH. Spacious top-floor studio located in amenities-rich The Plaza Condominiums. Cathedral ceilings, huge closet space, new paint/appliances, balcony with partial ocean view. 1775 Diamond Street. Available 1/01/07. $950/month. 858-722-3987.

PACIFIC BEACH. Gorgeous, large 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Balcony, deck, laundry, walk-in closet, hardwood floors, and parking. Close to beach/bay. $1750/month. 858-342-2591.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT, $925. 1 bedroom, near Bay. First floor, off-street parking, onsite laundry. Approximately 725 square-feet. Available 12/19. No pets. Month-to-month rental. 1846 Oliver Avenue. Photos on our website: http://www.freewebs.com/lefrontenac/. Contact on-site manager: lefrontenac@inbox.com, 858-272-2825.

PACIFIC BEACH. $825. Bright 1 bedroom. California beach bungalow style. Quiet, clean. Hardwood floors, laundry. Available immediately. Near I-5. 3436-1/2 Del Rey Street. 619-222-9308.

PACIFIC BEACH, WEST. $975/month. Enjoy a bright and breezy upstairs 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment. Sparkling clean, refurbished. Parking, laundry. Sorry, no dogs. 1319 Hornblend. 858-454-7691.

PACIFIC BEACH. Townhouse, 2 bedroom (masters), 2.5 bath, 2-level, 2 parking, brand-new carpet, on-site laundry. On Hornblend. Available now. No pets. 858-270-3372 or 858-740-8595.

PACIFIC BEACH. $725. Deposit 1 month's rent. Studios, furnished or unfurnished. No pets. Nonsmoking. Off-street parking. See at 4160 Ingraham Street. 858-274-4344.

PACIFIC BEACH, $1140. 1 bedroom upgraded ground floor apartment in friendly gated complex. Close to beach! Dishwasher, carpet/tile, courtyard, barbecue, laundry facilities. 858-344-7687.

PACIFIC BEACH. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, $900 plus $900 security deposit, 6-month lease. 1 parking space, laundry room. No pets. 1820 Grand Avenue. 619-435-3830.

PACIFIC BEACH. $825, Studio. 1 year lease, utilities included. Parking. Laundry on site. 3755 Ingraham Street, #406, #206. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. $900/$950, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Large units, clean complex, parking, laundry onsite. Available 12/25. 4639 Pico #2 and #8. www.cethron.com, 619-295-1100.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. $1175. Clean, neat 1 bedroom. Steps to Mission Bay on Sequoia Street. Hardwood floors, laundry. No pets. Long term. 858-454-1375.

PACIFIC BEACH. Move-in bonus! 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, $1350. Second floor, parking, dishwasher, fan. No pets. 6-month lease. 4467 Dawes. 858-483-4553.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, $1400 plus $1000 deposit. Free laundry. Parking spot, storage shed. Small pets considered. Near bay. 858-740-4218.

PACIFIC BEACH. $500 off 1st month's rent on 1 bedrooms, immediate move-in only! OAC. Studios from $945. 1 bedrooms from $1195. 2 bedrooms from $1650. Heated pool, aerobics. Spas. Tennis. Basketball. Fitness centers. AC/heat. Cats welcome! Bay Pointe, 3866 Ingraham Street. www.progressmanagement.net. Toll free: 1-888-759-7435. www.sdreader.com/rent/2081.

PACIFIC BEACH. Great values, nice, clean, convenient apartments in multiple Pacific Beach locations. Studios from $725. 1 bedrooms from $985. 2 bedrooms from $1450. Parking, laundry. Some buildings with gated entry, pool and/or deck. No pets. 858-483-3796.

PACIFIC BEACH, On Everts. 2 bedroom 2 bath condo, top floor. Kitchen remodeled. Pool. Bay front building with bay views. $1750. Reza, 619-279-2553.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1595 rent. $800 deposit. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Parking. Extra large master bedroom. No pets. At 1605 Diamond (at Ingraham). 619-299-8515.

PACIFIC BEACH. $875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Centrally located, cottage style. No pets. 3-month lease. 4325 Gresham. As is, available 12/20. Call 858-483-3534 or 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1175. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, minutes to beach, walk to all. 1 parking spot. No laundry on site. No pets. 1870 Diamond. Available 1/13. Call 858-483-3534 or 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1395. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, steps to bay. Quiet complex, corner unit, laundry on site. 1 year lease. Available 1/13. 3829 Sequoia Street. Call 858-483-3534 or 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs unit 3 blocks to the beach. 2 parking spots. Laundry on site. No pets. 954 Agate Street. Available 1/9. Call 858-583-0182 or 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1550. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with bay view. Upstairs, corner unit. Fabulous location! Laundry. No pets. Available 1/9. 1778 La Playa. Call 858-483-3534 or 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 3 blocks to beach. Ground floor, corner unit. 1 parking space. Laundry on site. 1057 Missouri Street. Available 12/15. Call 858-583-0182. www.calprop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. $2250. Upstairs condo with garage. Washer/dryer. 1000 square feet. 6-month lease. No pets. Available now. 1844 Diamond Street. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. Upgraded studio. $940. 1 parking space. Laundry on site. Large, private patio. Available 1/5. 1304 Felspar Street. Call 858-483-3534 or 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1295. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit steps to beach. Upgraded with ocean view, parking. 500 square feet. Available 12/28. 715 Santa Barbara. Call 858-483-3534 or 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. $1125/rent, $550/deposit. 1 bedroom. Building right on Mission Bay. Large beautiful unit. No pets. 3840 Lamont Street. Available 12/27. 858-483-3221.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1325/rent, $650/deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 5 blocks to beach or bay. Lush courtyard, dishwasher. No pets, no co-signers. 4445 Fanuel Street. Available now. 858-483-3221.

PACIFIC BEACH, $1295/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs apartment. Near bay and ocean. New paint, laundry, parking. No dogs. 1258 Pacific Beach Drive. Available 12/20. Call 858-454-4161.

PACIFIC BEACH. $2600. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car garage townhouse. New carpet/paint. Fireplace, washer/dryer, patio, deck. No pets. 1529 Hornblend. 858-270-4492 x203.

PACIFIC BEACH. $2600. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car garage townhouse. Clean and painted. Fireplace, washer/dryer, patio, deck. No pets. 1545 Hornblend. 858-270-4492 x203.

PACIFIC BEACH. $2200. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Good condition. Off-street parking. No pets. 4451 Haines Street. 858-270-4492 x203.

PACIFIC BEACH Condo. $1500. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath with tiny yard. No pets, please. Available now. Call Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

PACIFIC BEACH Townhouse. $1750. 2 bedroom 2-1/2 bath. Approximately 1100 square feet. 1-car garage. New paint, includes refrigerator. Lots of closets and storage, small private patio. No pets. Call Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. New carpet/tile. Laundry on site, pool, spa, tandem underground parking. Cat OK. 4730 Noyes Street #410. Call 858-490-1600, kandrproperties.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. Charming 1 and 2 bedroom apartments starting at $995. Across from Mission Bay. Gated entry. Landscaped courtyard. On bus line and near bike trail. Call our rental office today: 800-490-6372.

PACIFIC BEACH/MISSION BEACH/La Jolla. Year-round beach units. 12-month leases. Check 24-hour Rental Line for current listings: 858-454-1900. Crown Management, BKR.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1765. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Must see! Top floor, southwest corner, panoramic views. Beautiful, modern and immaculate. Dishwasher. Quiet, gated. Great atmosphere. 858-272-4398.

PACIFIC BEACH. Studio and 1 bedroom, $779/up. Cathedral ceilings, newly renovated kitchen, pool. Open floor plans. Laundry on site. Assigned parking. 858-536-1900.

PACIFIC BEACH. $950. 860 Missouri #C. Spacious studio. Stove and refrigerator. 1-1/2 blocks to beach. All utilities paid. Available now. www.timcassidy.com. Cassidy, Broker, 619-275-LIST.

AUTOMOTIVE

SMOG CHECK
$16.85
(Plus $8.25 for certificate and $2.50 communication fee. Most cars.)
No appt. necessary.
Oil Change $19.95
Includes oil filter. Up to 4 qts. oil. Most cars.
ADAMS IMPORT
Mon.-Fri. 8 am-5 pm
3166 Adams Avenue
(next to 8 & 805)
619-282-5555
With ad. Expires 1/25/07.
www.adamsimport.com

- Automotive
- Residential
- Commercial
- Most jobs done in 2 hours
- Lifetime warranty on materials/labor

1156 Broadway, El Cajon
619-631-0680

$25 Off Window Tinting
Complete tint jobs only.
Expires 12/31/06.
ACT 1ST WINDOW TINTING

SUSPENSION PLUS
COMPLETE AUTOMOTIVE CENTER
SINCE 1989 • FOREIGN & DOMESTIC
www.suspensionplus.net

MIRAMAR
(858) 558-8562
6696 Miramar Rd., Suites I & J
(Miramar Auto Center, 2 miles east of UTC mall)
POINT LOMA
(619) 223-2248
3112 Midway Dr., Suite D
(Midway & Rosecrans, next to Discount Tire)

Factory Scheduled Service
•15K $59.95 •30K $99.95 •60K/90K $139.95
15K or 30K may not require all services or parts listed.
• Install new spark plugs • Change engine oil and filter • Inspect filters • Rotate tires • Check ignition system • Clean battery terminals • Check radiator & hoses • Flush brake system • Inspect and adjust brakes • Inspect underhood components • Check fluids • Inspect belts • Road-test vehicle
Premium plugs extra. Most 4-cyl. cars and light trucks. Some trucks and 4x4s slightly higher.

Timing Belt $79.95 Most cars.
Plus parts. A/C extra. Most cars. All vehicles welcome. Call for a quote for your vehicle.

Free alignment inspection! (With appointment, please)
Computerized Alignment $39.95
Thrust Angle
4-Wheel Alignment $49.95
Set toes to specs. Most cars. Shims & cams extra.

Complete Axles AS LOW AS $89.95
Lifetime warranty.
Plus labor. Most cars.

New Radiator AS LOW AS $159 PLUS LABOR
Most cars.

Maintenance Tune-up AS LOW AS $34.95 4-cyl.
Install plugs. Premium plugs extra. Call for details. Most cars & light trucks.

Oil Change $15.95
Includes 5 quarts 10W/30 oil and new filter. Most cars.

Free brake inspection!
BRAKE SPECIAL From $59.95 *Most cars.*
Replace pads or shoes, inspect hardware, inspect rotor & drums, inspect hydraulics. Non-slip rotors, semi-metallic pads & premium pads extra. 4x4s, light trucks & 4-wheel disc extra. Lifetime warranty available.

New **Clutch** STARTING AT $239
Parts & Labor
Front-wheel drive, light trucks & 4x4 extra.

FREE CAR RENTAL
One day with any repair over $380

Shock & Strut Special
BUY THREE, GET THE FOURTH
FREE KYB MONROE

Prices subject to change without notice. Must present coupon at time of service.
Monday-Friday 8 am-6 pm • Saturday 8 am-5 pm
Call for details. Please call for an appointment.
TOWING AVAILABLE

AUTO SERVICE
ACURA VOLVO HONDA NISSAN LEXUS MAZDA JAGUAR INFINITI
TOYOTA MAZDA JAGUAR INFINITI LEXUS NISSAN HONDA ACURA VOLVO

Same-Day Service
WE CAN FIX IT!
If you have any warning light, we can fix it! Any make or model.
JAPANESE • EUROPEAN • DOMESTIC
Factory Standards' State-of-the-Art Computer Analysis
CHECK ENGINE **FREE DIAGNOSTIC**
Pre-Purchase Inspections

BRAKES $49.99 OFF 4-Wheel Service
NO Surprises!
Free Brake Inspection
COMPLETE SERVICE INCLUDES: Front or rear.
• Install new pads or shoes • Repack non-drive wheel bearings • Inspect rotors or drums • Check: hardware, calipers, master cylinder, wheel cylinder, lines, hoses and seals
ABS

30K/60K/90K/120K SERVICE
$99.99* Most cars.
• Replace spark plugs (resistor) • Change oil (10W30) and filter • Inspect emission control system • Drain & replace coolant (up to 1 gallon) • Check heating & A/C • Service battery • Inspect lights & wiper blades • Check & top off all fluid levels • Check tire pressure • Rotate tires • Lube chassis • Inspect exhaust • Inspect suspension & steering • Inspect drive belts & coolant hoses • Road test vehicle

$50 OFF ANY SERVICE OF $500 OR MORE
FREE OIL CHANGE AND AIR FILTER WITH ANY SERVICE OVER $250

NEW RADIATOR FROM $149.95*
Parts only. Call for details on your vehicle.

MANAGER'S SPECIAL:
OIL CHANGE
$14.95
Up to 5 quarts new oil & filter.

PRE-PURCHASE INSPECTION
Complete 120-point inspection (bumper-to-bumper) on a used car.
DON'T GET CAUGHT BUYING A LEMON

SHUTTLE SERVICE AND AUTO RENTALS AVAILABLE

TRANSMISSION FLUID CHANGE
*FROM $49.95** 4-cyl.
Prolong your transmission's life with new fluid.

TIMING BELT
*FROM $49.99** Part only.
Replacement at 60,000 miles recommended to avoid engine damage.
Parts extra. A/C or P/S additional $20 labor each. FWD additional $25. V6 additional (call). Most 4-cyl. RWD cars & light trucks.

ENGINES & TRANSMISSIONS STARTING FROM $495

*Additional parts and labor are often needed at substantial extra cost.

Plus labor.

FREE TOWING

90 DAYS INSTANT CREDIT 90% QUALIFY.
OPEN MON.-SAT. 7 AM-6 PM • SUNDAY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
24-HOUR PHONE ASSISTANCE
NEXUS Auto Service
MISSION VALLEY
5803 Mission Gorge Rd.
619-516-5555
619-521-AUTO
Se habla español
Audi

Mack Poor

FREE DIAGNOSTIC

- "Check Engine" Warning Light
- Air Bag Light
- Brake Check

CHECK ENGINE ABS SRS

Any make or model– "WE CAN FIX IT"

Japanese • European • Domestic

FACTORY SCHEDULED SERVICE

3,000 Mile

- Oil change (10w-30) • Oil filter • Rotate tires & inspect tire pressure
- Inspect brakes & major components
- Inspect & top off all fluids

From $35.95

15,000 Mile

- Oil change (10w-30)
- Oil filter
- Replace air filter
- Rotate tires & inspect tire pressure
- Check/top off all fluids
- Clean, inspect & adjust brakes
- Inspect suspension, exhaust & steering
- Check & set timing
- Inspect wipers & headlights
- Inspect belts & hoses
- Road test

From $84.95

30,000 Mi. MAJOR SERVICE

- Replace spark plugs (resistor)
- Drain & refill coolant (1 gallon)
- Service battery
- Rotate tires
- Check & top off fluids
- Check tire pressure
- Inspect exhaust, steering & suspension
- Inspect headlights & wipers
- Inspect emission controls
- Check AC & heating
- Inspect belts & hoses
- Road test

From $149.95

OIL CHANGE
Includes new oil filter, brake & safety inspection, tire rotation.
From $14.95

BATTERY STARTER ALTERNATOR
Test battery & inspect battery cables/terminals, test starter & alternator.
$9.99

COOLING SYSTEM
Recommended yearly service. Drain & refill radiator, pressure test system.
From $29.95
New Radiator from $149.95

MAINT. TUNE-UP
Replace spark plugs, adjust idle & timing. Improves performance & fuel economy.
From $29.95
4-cyl.

BRAKES
Special discount from our affordable 2-wheel brake service. Complimentary brake inspection.
25% off
with any service.

TIMING BELT
60K replacement recommended to avoid engine damage.
From $58.95
Labor only. A/C or P/S additional.

ENGINES & TRANSMISSIONS
Starting at $495

AXLES
From $74.95
Part only. Labor extra
Most cars.

TRANS FLUID CHANGE
Extend transmission life with all-new fluid.
From $49.95

DBL®
Don't Buy a Lemon™

Same-Day Service
Dealership Alternative

5782 Miramar Rd.
(La Jolla/UTC/Miramar, 1 blk east of 805)

858-455-1111

OPEN MON.-SAT. 7 AM-6 PM

PACIFIC BEACH, $1150. Two bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Parking, patio, laundry facilities. Walk to bay. No pets. 4117-1/2 Ingraham Street, Pacific Crown Villas. 858-270-4674.

PACIFIC BEACH. Spacious 1 and 2 bedrooms from $1145. Gated. Courtyard. Pool, spa, sauna and fitness center. Barbecue and picnic area. High-speed Internet, private balcony/patio, extra storage and garages available. On bike trail to Pacific Beach. Cat-friendly! The Pacific at Mission Bay. 2636 Grand Avenue. 1-800-490-6372. pacificatmissionbay_pacificliving@crossfiremail.com. www.pacificliving.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. 1 bedroom, $975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, $1250 and up. Pool, barbecue area. Some with balconies. No pets. Quiet, immaculate. Call 858-273-9370.

PACIFIC BEACH. $925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with parking and laundry. New carpet, paint and vinyl. No pets! 2035 Grand Avenue. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

PACIFIC BEACH.. $825. Studio, 1 bath, laundry on site, refrigerator, stove, indoor cat OK. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

PACIFIC BEACH. $995. Studio, 1 bath, condo, pool, laundry on site, granite countertops, spa, tennis, gym. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

PACIFIC BEACH. $900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, apartment, tile floors, parking included, laundry on site, great location. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. $1400. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, downstairs, end unit. New carpet, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, fireplace, garage, coin laundry. No pets. 1 year lease required. Available now. 4122 Jewell. DSPM, Broker, 858-270-2071, www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. $1295. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, shared courtyard, coin laundry, garage space. No pets. Available now. 3711 Ingraham. DSPM, Broker, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. $950. 1 bedroom. End unit in 4-plex. Stove, refrigerator, coin laundry. Cat OK with additional $300 deposit. Available 12/20. 4536 Gresham. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. $1125. 1 bedroom, downstairs. Remodeled. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, 2 private patios, coin laundry. Shared garage. 1 block to Tourmaline Surf Park. No pets. Available 1/15 or sooner. 760 Sapphire. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. 41425. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large units both upstairs and downstairs. 2 1/2 blocks to ocean! Stove, refrigerator, balcony/patio. Coin laundry, parking. Cat OK with additional $300 deposit. Available 1/10/07. 945 Chalcedony. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. $200 off 1st month's rent! Parking, laundry. 2015 Felspar #E. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

PACIFIC BEACH. 1 bedroom plus private garage, $975. All utilities paid except electricity. 2 blocks bay, balcony, bright, view. Laundry facility. Garage $100 extra. Lease. 619-972-7272.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. $1475. Very spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath corner unit 3 blocks to beach. Patio, ceiling fans, walk-in closet, dishwasher, laundry. No pets. 619-279-0031.

PACIFIC BEACH. $875. Upper 1 bedroom above pool. Spacious, clean, quiet, parking, laundry, ceiling fans. No pets. 2275 Grand Avenue. 619-279-0031.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Half block to bay. 1-year lease. No dogs. Move-in special. $1500/month, $1000/deposit. Jason, 858-837-0364.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. Lovely 1 bedroom apartments, $1095-$1365/month. Available January 1! Small community in fabulous location, 1 block from Pacific Beach. Unique floorplans, high-speed Internet, French doors leading to sun deck or private patio. Some with ocean views! Located at 5024-5040 Mission Boulevard. Leasing office off site, please call 858-272-7464.

PACIFIC BEACH, $995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 1-1/2 blocks to beach. On-site laundry, no pets. 858-273-3233.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1425. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with garage, 900 square feet, buildings around center courtyard and barbecues, laundry, newly renovated. 1832-1/2 Missouri Street, 858-483-2844.

PACIFIC BEACH, $850. Studio with bay view, block to bay. Rent includes gas, electric, water. Fresh paint. Quiet area. Off-street parking. No pets. 619-894-2111.

PACIFIC BEACH. $925 rent. $700 deposit. 1 bedroom, near Crown Point Drive. Laundry, parking, quiet building. No pets. Nonsmoking. 4275 Kendall Street. 858-273-4042.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1495. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Great location. Close to beach, restaurants and shopping. Lower unit. 1065 Hornblend Street. TPPM, 858-699-3851.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with great courtyard and central location. 2 parking spaces. No pets. 1461 Missouri. TPPM, 858-699-3851.

PACIFIC BEACH. $200 off first month's rent! Large 1 bedroom, upstairs, new carpet/paint/blind. Gated, laundry, parking. No pets. $1035 with $1035 deposit. 858-483-8952.

PACIFIC BEACH. $1100. Condo, spacious 1 bedroom, large patio. Quiet street. New paint/carpet. Laundry, storage, covered parking. Great location. Near all. 8 blocks to ocean, 5 blocks to bay. No pets. Year lease. 1645 Emerald #1A. 858-273-8763.

PACIFIC BEACH. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 2-parking spaces. Laundry. Closet. Near I-5/bay. Complex amenities. 4833 Bella Pacific Row, #119. $1900. Agent, Micki: 858-454-3076, 619-861-3076.

PACIFIC BEACH, $1495, includes cable/water. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Dishwasher, balcony, new bathroom and new carpet. 4750 Noyes. Small pets acceptable. Available immediately. 858-967-0839.

PACIFIC BEACH, $1795/month. Charming, spacious cottage-style 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Patio, laundry room. Cat OK. 9-unit complex, I-5 close. Available 01/01/07. 2241 Garnet Street. 619-602-0500.

PACIFIC BEACH, 60 yards to the beach! 1 bedroom, $1300. Spa and laundry on-site. No pets. 633 Missouri Street. Call for appointment or information 858-483-3335.

PACIFIC/SOUTH MISSION Studio-1 bedroom. $800. All utilities paid. On-site parking. No pets. 2980 Mission and 4220 Noyes. $300 deposit. Call 714-505-4923.

POINT LOMA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit. $1350/month, $1000 security deposit. Stove, refrigerator. Clean unit. Available immediately. 3110-1/2 Jarvis Street. Lance, 619-222-6020.

POINT LOMA/BAY AREA. Unique 1 bedroom garden apartment, $950. Fireplace. Cathedral beamed ceilings. Courtyard. Laundry. Walk to parks. No pets. 858-337-1904.

POINT LOMA. Large units! $1150, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Garage extra. New appliances, carpet. Cats only. Pool. Laundry. Available now. 2551 Worden Street. 619-224-8806.

POINT LOMA. New 2 bedroom, 2 bath. $2200. 1400 square feet. 2-car tandem garage. New development. Walking distance to shopping. Close to beaches. 574-876-3554.

POINT LOMA. $1595. 1 bedroom/bath. Garage, fireplace, washer/dryer. Walk to La Playa/Kellogg's Beach. Best neighborhood in Point Loma! Pets OK. 619-339-3370, 619-206-5060.

POINT LOMA Studio. Enclosed patio, all appliances, ceramic tile, storage. 7-unit complex, off-street parking. No pets. 1 block to bay. Available 12/23. $695/month. 619-224-6608.

POINT LOMA. $735, lease. Bright, open studio. Near all, 3191 Kemper. Security gate, laundry on-site, beautifully landscaped. $600 security deposit. No pets. Call 760-505-7736, www.lomasscenic.com.

POINT LOMA. $1595. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Upstairs, 2-story condo at 3056 Rue D'Orleans. Fireplace, view, patio, open floorplan. Complex has pool, spa, exercise room, tennis courts, volleyball. Available now. Call 858-583-0182. www.calprop.com.

POINT LOMA. Studio and 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments available. $600 off 1st month's rent*. Close to ocean, off street parking, spa area, on-site laundry. Cats/dogs 20 lbs. OK. Water and trash included. *limited offer, on approved credit, see manager for details. 2449 Soto Street, apartment #102. 619-224-1973 or visit us on our website at www.sdrenting.com.

POINT LOMA. $1465. Remodeled, 1200-square foot, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse apartment. Views from living room and bedroom. Imported tile and carpet floors. Huge closets plus storage. Private patio. Pool. Saunas. Recreation room. No pets. Available now. 619-226-8158. bsrtrr@earthlink.net. It's a great place to live.

POINT LOMA. $1725. 1423-square-foot, 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Fantastic ocean, bay and sunset views from balcony, extra large living room and master bedroom. Imported tile floors in entry hall, kitchen/breakfast room and baths. Huge closets. Pool, saunas and recreation room. Digital cable and high-speed Internet. Sorry, no pets. Available 1/10/07. bsrtrr@earthlink.net, 619-226-8158. It's a great place to live.

POINT LOMA. $975. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Balcony. Pool. Gated. Laundry. Great location! Quiet. 2777 Nimitz Boulevard. Pet negotiable with deposit. 619-297-0269.

POINT LOMA, Midway/Loma Portal area, $2295. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 3-story townhouse. 1920 square-feet. 2-car garage. No pets, no smoking. Call 858-586-7716.

POINT LOMA. $1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking, dishwasher, refrigerator, stove, new carpet/paint. Quiet. No pets. Near all. 4236 Venus. Neil, agent, 619-254-8703. njcz@aol.com.

POINT LOMA. Beautiful 1, 2, 3 bedrooms from $1065-$1650. Low deposits, $500-$700! 3-12 leases! Pets welcome! Clubhouse. Fitness room. Business room. Tennis. Heated pool, spa. Convenient assigned parking. Near shopping, beaches, freeway access. Stonewood Garden Apartments, 3889 Midway Drive. Call today, 619-223-4766. MG Properties Investment Real Estate. www.sdreader.com/rent/2118.

POINT LOMA. $625; $600 deposit. Large Studio. Laundry and parking on site. No pets. Available now. 2855 Cadiz. 619-698-1400, 619-992-7754.

POINT LOMA. 3020 Hugo Street. 1 bedroom units range from $925-$1050. Great location, minutes from downtown, airport, beaches, shopping centers. Quick access to freeways. Fully equipped kitchen, tile, granite, hardwood, patios, onsite laundry. 619-987-3634 or 619-758-9008.

AUTOMOTIVE

Oil Change $16.95*
Includes new oil filter and up to 4 quarts of oil. Hazardous waste fee $2.

Smog Check $16.75
Plus $8.25 for certificate. Most cars. 1996 and newer trucks, SUVs, vans extra.

Radiator Flush $24.95* + labor

Fuel Injector Cleaning $39.95*

Timing Belts $90*
Includes parts and labor. Most cars.

Muffler Special $64.95* and up

Catalytic Converter Special $109.95* and up

Brakes (2 wheels) $69.95*
• Install new lining
• Resurface drums or rotors extra

Alignment & New Tires Coming Soon

Computerized Tune-Up
4-cyl. $29.95* 6-cyl. $34.95* 8-cyl. $40.95*
• Install spark plugs and set timing • Diagnostic (scope hookup)

ENGINE STEAM CLEANING AVAILABLE

THAO AUTO REPAIR
3400 El Cajon Blvd. • (619) 640-4606 • (619) 640-4607
3752 Park Blvd., Hillcrest • (619) 692-1065
Visa • MasterCard • Special rates for auto body repair without insurance.
*All offers valid on most cars, with coupon. Exp. 1/13/07.

ADVANCED MACHINE
PARTS • SERVICE • WELDING
Your Complete Automotive Machine Shop • **3400 El Cajon Blvd.**
619-640-4609 • *Se habla español*
COMPLETE LONG BLOCK REBUILD FROM $699
• Flywheels $15 • Valve jobs from $75 • Crankgrinds $55
Most flywheels & crankgrinds available in 1 day or less.

Smog Special
Test Only
Fast • Easy • No Appointment Needed
$26.75 plus $8.25 certificate & $1 transfer fee. Trucks, vans & SUVs $10 extra.
or
$31.75 with a Free Retest
We Certify: Gross Polluters • Out of State
DMV Renewal • Change of Ownership
State of California LICENSED SMOG CHECK TEST ONLY
SMOG CLINIC
7535 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite C
(Next to Kearny Mesa Bowling Alley)
858-292-7903 Mon.-Fri. 8 am-6 pm • Sat. 8 am-3 pm
Visa • MasterCard • Coupon expires 1/11/07.
Must present coupon at time of purchase.
ASE CERTIFIED

TIRES
All Sizes Available

Goodyear
Dunlop
Michelin
BF Goodrich
Remington
Republic

Import Tires
155/80R13 ..... $24.99
175/70R13 ..... $28.99
185/70R13 ..... $30.99
185/70R14 ..... $34.99

Free Alignment Check
With purchase of 4 tires.
Adjustments and shim additional.

8230 Commercial | La Mesa
(1 block west of Carl Burger Dodge)
619-466-7776
PAW SERVICE CENTER

ADVANCE AUTOMOTIVE

AUTO REPAIR/TIRE CENTER

ASE CERTIFIED

7903 Balboa Ave., San Diego (west of 163 freeway)
Mon.-Fri. 8 am-6 pm • Sat. 8 am-5 pm
(858) 277-5660 or 1-888-707-9680
12 months or 12,000 miles warranty on all work!

State of California LICENSED SMOG CHECK INSPECTION & REPAIR STATION

MINOR SERVICE 15K/45K/75K/105K $149.95	MAJOR SERVICE 30K/60K/90K/120K $249.95	OIL CHANGE $14.95 Most cars. Replace motor oil 10w30. Replace oil filter. Tire rotation.
TIMING BELT $149.95 Most 4-cyl. cars. Parts and labor.	SMOG CHECK $18.95 Plus fee and certificate. ✔	TRANSMISSION SERVICE $39.95 Plus $3 disposal fee. Most cars. Drain & fill.
FUEL INJECTION SERVICE $49.95 Parts and labor. 1-step process.	ALIGNMENT $39.95 Most cars. 2-wheel alignment.	COOLANT SERVICE $25.95 Plus $3 disposal fee. Parts and labor. Drain & fill.
TUNE-UP $39.95 Parts and labor. Most 4-cyl. cars.	CLUTCH JOB $189.95 Complete set. Parts and labor. Most cars.	REPLACE AXLE $89.95 Complete new axle. Parts only.
BRAKE JOB $89.95 Front brakes. Machine rotors. Parts and labor. Most cars.	C.V. BOOT $39.95 Parts and labor. Most cars.	HEAD GASKET $290.00 Most 4-cyl. cars. 6-cyl., 8-cyl., 10-cyl. & 12-cyl. extra.

• Free brake check • Free alignment check
• Free shuttle to and from work
• Buy 3 shocks, get one free

MICHELIN Because so much is riding on your tires. GOODYEAR TOYO TIRES DRIVEN TO PERFORM BRIDGESTONE

4 Tires $100	4 Tires $180	4 Tires $280
P185/70/R13	P195/60/R14	P205/65/R15
P185/60/R14	P195/75/R14	P205/60/R15
P175/65/R14	P195/70/R14	P215/60/R16
	P195/60/R15	P225/60/R16
	P195/65/R15	P235/60/R16

No carry-out

Precision Tune Auto Care

90 Days Same As Cash

12/12 NATIONWIDE WARRANTY

Factory-Scheduled Maintenance

30K/60K/90K

We offer a generic package that includes a tune-up verification, replacement of PCV valve, fuel filter, air filter, oil filter, oil change (up to 5 qts.), radiator flush (up to 2 gallons of 50/50 mix), brake inspection, and a complete maintenance inspection. Our service package price is **$169.95** with the **$50** discount applied.

Or we can build a vehicle-specific package as per your manufacturer's specifications and quote accordingly. Either way you save **$50!**

SAVE $50

Oil Change

$13.95 Basic — Includes up to 5 qts. 10W-30 oil, new oil filter, and maintenance inspection.

$19.95 Premium — Includes up to 5 qts. 5W-30 or 5W-20 motor oil, top-off fluids (excludes brake fluid), and maintenance inspection.

Most vehicles

Smog Check

$19.95

Most vehicles. Present coupon and DMV renewal slip.
Plus $8.25 cert. and $2 transmission fee.

Free retest when we do the repairs.

Brake Service $30 Off

Replace pads or shoes, resurface drums or rotors, inspect entire system

'Check Engine' Light $29.95

Pull computer trouble codes and provide a written description.

Transmission Power Flush $89.95

Includes 12 quarts of dextron/mercon transmission fluid.

Headlight Restoration $79.95

Restores headlight lens to near-new luster!
Our 3-step process can remove the yellow, rock-chipped surface and restore the clear sheen that will help the nighttime vision that you once had.

Wheel Alignment $39.95

2 wheels. Includes front toe adjustment.
Not valid at Encinitas location.

Appointments & walk-ins welcome!

5 Locations:

★ **El Cajon • 619-441-8888**
1191 East Main (Between 1st & 2nd Streets)

Encinitas • 760-634-1000
314 N. El Camino Real

Point Loma/Sports Arena • 619-226-7822
3425 Midway Dr. (Behind Shell station)

Kearny Mesa • 858-569-1111
8027 Balboa Ave. (Between 163 & 805)

Miramar • 858-450-6677
6594 Miramar Rd. (At Camino Santa Fe)

★ Open Sunday 9 am-3 pm

• Rental cars available • Free shuttle service
www.precisiontune.com

Coupons must be presented at time of service. Not valid with any other offer or discount or for prior service. See manager for details. All coupons expire 1/21/07.

AAA-Approved Repair

24-Month/24,000-Mile WARRANTY! Best warranty in San Diego County**

AUTOMOBILE CLUB SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA — Approved Auto Repair

ASE Certified Master Technicians

Convoy Auto Repair

(858) 560-9131

www.convoyautorepair.com

BBB MEMBER SAN DIEGO

Serving San Diego for 28 Years!
3909 Convoy St., in Aero-Convoy Auto Center
Monday-Friday: 7:00-5:30, Saturday 7:30-5:00

Prices subject to change without notice. *Not valid with any other offers and/or discounts. **See store for details.

DISCOUNT COUPON $100

This coupon entitles holder to receive a **10% discount to a maximum of $100 off*** all non-advertised service and repairs at Convoy Auto Repair and Towing.

- Tune-ups
- Air Conditioning
- Suspension
- Radiators
- Valve Jobs
- Computerized Alignment
- Transmissions
- Engines
- Timing Belts
- Oil Leaks
- Clutches
- Maintenance
- Fuel Injection
- Computer Controls
- Diagnostic Services
- Brakes

Convoy Auto Repair
Serving Kearny Mesa Since 1976
3909 Convoy Street San Diego, CA 92111 • (858) 560-9131

Your Dealership Alternative • Same-Day Service!

30K/60K/90K Major Service

- Change oil (10W30) and filter
- Check & top off all fluid levels
- Check tire pressure
- Rotate tires
- Lube chassis
- Service battery
- Inspect suspension, steering & exhaust
- Replace spark plugs (resistor type)
- Inspect lights and wiper blades
- Inspect emission control system
- Check heating and A/C operation
- Drain and replace coolant (up to 1 gal. green)
- Inspect drive belts and coolant hoses
- Road test vehicle

Starting at **$79.95*** 4-cyl.

*Price does not include tax and hazardous waste removal fee. May not be used in conjunction with any other specials. Adjustments where applicable. Most cars. Present coupon at time order is written. May not be used on previous charges. One per customer, per transaction. Price good for service described above. No substitutions on services at this price. Inspections are visual only.

Oil & Filter Change

- Oil & filter change
- Visual brake inspection
- Tire rotation
- 38-pt. vehicle safety & maintenance inspection

Starting at **$10.95***

Air Conditioning

Air conditioning performance check.

- Check for leaks
- Inspect system & belts

We are your retrofit & 134A specialists

Labor only.
Most cars & light trucks. **$14.95**

Brake Fluid Exchange

- Removes moisture buildup
- Brake fluid exchange
- Inspect brake system

$39.95

Timing Belt

60,000-MILE REPLACEMENT RECOMMENDED

Old, neglected belts may break due to age and mileage and cause internal engine damage.

Starting at **$59.95***
Labor only. A/C or P/S additional.

FREE "Check Engine" Light Diagnostic

Basic code retrieval and diagnostic.
OBD II vehicles. With repairs (reg. $29.95).
Some problems may require additional procedures.

Maintenance Tune-Up

Improve your gas mileage.

- Replace spark plugs
- Adjust idle speed
- Adjust timing

Starting at **$19.95*** 4-cyl.

Smog Inspection

Free re-test with our repairs.

Most cars. Plus $8.25 certificate and $2.00 transfer fee.

Call for appointment.

$19.75*

STATE OF CALIFORNIA CERTIFIED GOLD SHIELD SMOG TEST & REPAIR STATION — State of California LICENSED SMOG CHECK INSPECTION & REPAIR STATION

FREE BRAKE INSPECTION

Brake Special

Original Equipment Design

$30 OFF

Our Already Low Prices

Cooling System Services

Annual Service

- Drain & fill radiator
- Pressure-test system

$19.95*

Starter, Alternator & Battery Check

- Battery test
- Alternator output
- Starter draw
- Cable inspection

$16.95*

Transmission Fluid Exchange

13 million transmissions fail every year. Prolong your transmission's life by a complete fluid flush.

8-quart system — Starting at **$87.95***

Improve your MPG! Premium Fuel Injection Service

- Decarbonizes pistons and valves
- Cleans injectors
- Check fuel filter
- Check air filter
- 44-pt. inspection

$59.95*

Complete Axle

Labor extra. Most cars.

Starting at **$59.95*** Parts only

GRAND OPENING

FTS AUTO's Second Location!

NOW OPEN!

5165 Cass Street
Pacific Beach/La Jolla
(858) 488-0885

3727 Convoy Street
Kearny Mesa
(858) 279-7724

Bumper to Bumper Auto Repair • SUV • AUTO • TRUCK

DOMESTIC & IMPORT EXPERTS

FREE Local Shuttle Service • Nationwide Warranty
90 Days Same As Cash OAC

Free Brake Inspection for SUVs, Cars & Trucks

Brake Special $89

(Regularly $129)

Most cars. Ask about our lifetime brakes.
Guaranteed for 1 full year.

Safe-brake package includes:
- Front pads or rear shoes
- Clean and lube hardware
- Clean caliper guides
- Inspect drums and rotors
- Inspect hydraulic system
- Inspect wheel bearings

Keep yourself and your family safe while eliminating irritating brake noise. Call for brake service.

Premium Oil Change $19.95

With SYNTHETIC Blend Oil

- Up to 5 qts. of 5W-30 oil
- New oil filter
- 64-point inspection
- Check fluids
- Check tire PSI

Most cars.

We also carry Castrol

San Diego's Most Complete

30K/60K/90K Major Service $249 4-cyl.

Looking for quality? There is a difference. Compare our service with other shops.

Includes:
- Maintenance tune-up
- Drain & refill radiator
- Replace air filter
- Install spark plugs (premium plugs extra)
- Inspect brakes
- Clean & adjust rear brakes
- Change engine oil
- Change oil filter
- Change master cylinder brake fluid
- Check suspension
- Top off fluids
- Clean battery terminals
- Check radiator, radiator cap & all hoses
- Check tire balance
- Inspect fuel filter
- Check differential fluid
- Check manual transmission fluid
- Check & tighten all belts
- Rotate four tires
- Check tire balance
- Adjust tire air pressure

Most cars and light trucks. We also honor extended warranties. We follow manufacturer's service schedule on inspection, adjustments, and replacement parts. Timing belt extra. Removal of plenium, injectors, etc. extra if necessary. Platinum plugs additional.

WARNING!

Don't call any other auto repair company until you listen to this FREE recorded message! Learn 4 costly misconceptions before you set up an appointment.

Free Consumer Information Toll-free: 877-288-6005
Call anytime 24 hours a day.

How can you get over $400 worth of auto repairs for only $89? Call us for information.

Mufflers from $39 With ad.
Plus labor. Performance exhaust systems available. Call for prices.
Performance Exhaust from $139

DYNOMAX, BORLA & FLOWMASTER AVAILABLE

4-Wheel Computerized Alignment $49
Inspect shocks & struts, computerized printout upon request, inspect steering linkage, inspect suspension, inspect tires, inflate tires to manufacturer's specs. Most cars.

Catalytic Converters As low as $169
Installed. 6-cyl. add $20. 8-cyl. add $30. Trucks and vans add $40. OBDII from $299.

Fuel Injection Service $49

Belts & Hoses Replacement $20 Off

Pre-Purchase Inspection $39
Bumper to bumper

AFFORDABLE SERVICE JUST MINUTES FROM LA JOLLA/UTC, SORRENTO VALLEY, SCRIPPS RANCH & DEL MAR

ASK ABOUT OUR 90-DAY PAYMENT PLAN & THE NATIONAL WARRANTY PROGRAM
No traditional credit checks.

Smog Check $15.75
FREE RECHECK
If repairs done here.
With DMV renewal. Plus $8.25 certificate and $3 transfer fee. Most cars. SUVs, V6s, vans & trucks additional Smog diagnostics/repairs available.

Tune-Up
$24.95 4-cyl.
$34.95 6-cyl.
$44.95 8-cyl.
Most cars. Some models slightly higher.

Alignment Inspection $12.95
Alignment reading. Front-end safety inspection. Check ball joints, tie rods, steering box & steering links.
LIMITED TIME OFFER.

30K/60K/90K Service $99.95 4-cyl.
- Replace spark plugs (platinum plugs additional)
- Check and adjust timing
- Oil and filter change
- Radiator service
- Tire rotation
- Brake inspection
- Suspension inspection and more!

"Check Engine" Light Diagnostic $39.95 most cars
Some problems may require additional diagnostic procedures.

Coolant Flush $59.99
Dox coolant extra.

Oil & Filter Change $14.95
Most cars. Plus $3 hazardous disposal fee.

Clutch Special from $179.95
Parts & labor. Most cars. 1-year warranty. Front-wheel drive cars extra.

Timing Belt starting at $53.95 labor only
Most cars, with coupon.

Brakes from $49.99
Most cars.

WE ACCEPT Wright Express & Voyager Fleet Cards

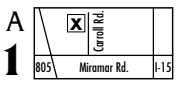
FREE SHUTTLE
10-mile radius

FREE TOWING
Major job, 20-mile radius

OFFERS EXPIRE 1/11/07.

HANMI AUTOCENTER

7639 Carroll Road, Ste. A
(858) 635-2211



Computer Diagnostic Specialists
Your Dealer Alternative!

New Muffler from $69.95*
Parts and labor. Free inspection with ad.
Catback 2.5" Single $295*
For Acura & Honda
Catback 3" Dual $450*
For F-150 & Chevy

CV Boot from $39.95*
Parts & labor. Shaft axle from $134

30K/60K/90K Service
4-cyl. from $145*
Keep your car under warranty!
Call for special price list on services for your car.

Head Gasket Replacement from $175*
Parts & labor.

Catalytic Converter from $89
Labor extra.

A/C Service $19.95*
Check for leaks. Freon extra.

Brakes $49.95* Plus labor.
Free inspection with repairs.
Pads or Shoes • Repack non-drive bearings
• Inspect rotors • Semi-metallic extra.

Tune-Up 4-cyl. $22.95*
• Replace plugs • Check compression
• Adjust timing • Adjust idle • Top off fluids
6-cyl. $35.95 • 8-cyl. $45.95 Most cars.

Clutch from $275* RWD
• Pressure plate • Disc • Throwout bearings
• Free flywheel inspection
Parts & labor. FWD from $325.
Trucks, vans & 4x4s extra.

Alignments $34.95*
Computerized Front Wheel Toe Set
$44.95* Four Wheel Toe Set
Kits & drilling extra.

"Check Engine" Light $44.95*
We can help!

Oil & Filter $15.95
Includes up to 5 qts. 10W30 and oil filter. Tire rotation on request. Most cars. Vans & trucks extra. EPA fee not included.

Failed-Smog Diagnostic $44.95*

Smog Check $19.95*
Plus cert. Vans, trucks & motor homes extra. Chula Vista location only.

Timing Belt from $89.99*
Plus parts. Recommended at 60,000 miles. Avoid costly repair and service on time!

*Valid with most cars. With this ad. Expires 12/31/06.

PRECISION MOTORS

Complete auto repair • Family owned & operated

8740 Jamacha Road (across from Sears) Call us toll-free: **888-842-3780**
619 K Street, Chula Vista (at Broadway behind 7-Eleven) Call us toll-free: **888-840-6544**
Free Towing within 5-mile radius • **Free Estimates**

by Chuck Shepherd

© 2006

LEAD STORY

— Christmas Madness: (1) In November, the upscale New York City menswear and accessories store Jack Spade removed from its holiday catalog a $40 frog-dissection kit (with a real carcass) after numerous queries from people wondering what in the world the store was thinking. (2) A holiday party for inmates at Britain's Peterborough Jail promised a fun time with Xbox and PlayStations, along with cash gifts of 5 pounds each (about US$9), which is greater than the value of the candy boxes the jail will give its guards for Christmas. (3) Police in Rock Hill, S.C., put a 12-year-old boy under arrest at the insistence of his mother after he had defied her and opened his Christmas gift three weeks early.

I Know My Rights!

— The North Carolina Court of Appeals overturned the cocaine-possession conviction of Timothy Stone in September, ruling that a search of his person was unconstitutional even though he had given police permission. The judges agreed with Stone that when he consented, he never expected that the search would include the officers holding out the waistband of his sweatpants and shining a flashlight on his genitals (which is where he happened to be hiding a small container of cocaine).

Compelling Explanations

— Ricardo Meana, 81, was charged with attempted murder in November in Sun City, Fla., when his 82-year-old wife, who has Alzheimer's, was found inside a van in a store's parking lot struggling with the plastic bag over her head. Police were called, but Meana seemed unconcerned and even nonchalantly resumed shopping, saying that he often put the bags on when his wife felt sick so that she would not vomit on herself.

— Not Our Fault: In 2002, Jeffrey Klein and Brett Birdwell, both 17 at the time, trespassed onto a railroad yard in Lancaster, Pa., and climbed atop a boxcar to see what the view was like, but were severely burned by a 12,500-volt line on the roof and thus sued Amtrak and Norfolk Southern railroads for not having done enough to prevent them from trespassing. In October, a federal jury awarded the two men a total of about $12 million in compensatory damages plus $12 million in punitive damages.

— In a deposition, Ennis, Texas, physician Aniruddha Chitale admitted that semen that patient Sherry Simpson found on her face after a 2004 colonoscopy was his and thus later pleaded guilty to sexual assault. However, in his deposition (according to a report by Dallas' WFAA-TV), Chitale insisted that the act that produced the semen was "unintentional." Simpson is now suing Ennis Regional Medical Center for having tolerated Chitale's behavior.

Unintended Consequences

— (1) The "Berkeley Pit" in Butte, Mont., is the nation's largest environmental-disaster site, with 40 billion gallons of highly toxic copper-mine waste that the federal government has long feared too expensive to clean up. However, Montana Tech researchers, writing in the *Journal of Organic Chemistry* in July, have found more than 160 types of "extremophiles" (organisms that thrive in toxicity) in the pit and have demonstrated that some are effective against lung and ovarian cancers. (2) Kimberly Baker, 22, sought child support in Warrensburg, Va., in October from the father of her daughter. However, when officials realized that the father, now 16, would have been 13 when the child was conceived, that made him a rape victim under state law, and thus, they arrested Baker.

The Laws of Irony

— Federal prosecutors have insisted so far that any ill-gotten money that former Enron executives had squirreled away in their spouses' names still can be fully recovered by the government, except for one executive. Michael Kopper, once a director of Enron's global finance unit, pleaded guilty in 2002 to illegally obtaining $16.5 million, but he is openly gay. And since his home state of Texas does not recognize his union with his longtime partner, prosecutors cannot treat the partner as a "spouse" and have lumped him with "third party" transferees, whose assets are much more difficult to obtain (according to a November report in *Washington Blade).*

— University of California, Irvine, professor Elizabeth Loftus, a prominent scholar on people's overconfidence about memory, was turned down by the judge as an expert witness in November in the forthcoming trial of "Scooter" Libby (Vice President Cheney's former assistant, who has been charged with lying to prosecutors about phone conversations, which Libby says weren't lies but just forgetfulness). At a hearing on Loftus's credentials, prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald not only exposed some problems with her research but elicited from Loftus the confident assertion that the two had never before met. However, Fitzgerald then immediately refreshed Loftus's memory, reminding her that he had cross-examined her in court once before.

Names in the News

— Pleading guilty to manslaughter in Pierre, S.D., in August was Mr. Austin First In Trouble, 19. And in Providence, R.I., in November, the teenager sentenced to life in prison for murder (where his life might rot away) is Mr. Phearin Rot. On the brighter side, a linebacker for South Sumter High School in Bushnell, Fla., had a good year: Yourhighness Morgan (whose brother Handsome Morgan and cousin Gorgeous Morgan were undoubtedly proud of him).

People Different From Us

— A 41-year-old engineer in suburban Toronto has accumulated and worn about 800 pairs of sports socks over 15 years (half of them off the feet of professional athletes), according to a lengthy November profile in Canada's *National Post,* which did not reveal his name. The worst part of his hobby, he said (besides having to keep it secret from his wife), is that he is often contacted by foot and sock fetishists, which he denies that he is, preferring to think of himself as sort of a "custodian of history," wrote the *Post.* (A more conventional fetishist, Masashi Kamata, 28, was arrested in Nagoya, Japan, in October after police found about 5000 pairs of used girls' and boys' shoes at a rented warehouse. "I was enjoying their smell," he said, according to *Mainichi Daily News.)*

Least Competent People

— Noel Methot, 24, was cited for inattentive driving after her car wound up half-submerged in a pond near downtown Orlando, Fla., in November. She was driving down a street but apparently missed the signs warning of the end of the road, and according to witnesses, the most likely reason for that was that she was arguing loudly with her boyfriend over her cell phone. The car went airborne about 20 or 30 feet before splashdown, but Methot was not seriously hurt.

Recurring Themes

— In yet another case of a person practicing what is allegedly acceptable in another country but illegal in the United States, a 28-year-old woman from Cambodia was arrested in Las Vegas, Nev., in October for kissing her six-year-old son's penis, which she said was simply an expression of motherly love. An official from California's Cambodian Association of America confirmed the custom to the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* but said it never extends past age 2.

More Things to Worry About

— (1) With dozens of puzzled beachcombers witnessing, a cow marched into the surf off the coast of Queensland in Australia in November and swam out as far as 300 yards for four hours (returning to shore twice but venturing out again) before drowning from swallowing water. (2) In October in Vancouver, Wash., a Doberman pinscher named Victoria jumped on an electric stove and accidentally nudged a switch that started a fire in her apartment, resulting in about $100,000 damage. It was the second time this year that Victoria had jumped on the stove and started a fire, but the first one did much less damage.

Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, San Diego *Reader,* P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186 or to WeirdNewsTips@Yahoo.com

POINT LOMA. $850. Deposit $600. 1 bedroom, downstairs, laundry, parking, quiet building. No pets. Nonsmoking. 3027 Poe Street. 858-273-4042.

POINT LOMA. $875. Deposit moves you in! Studio living at its finest! Newly remodeled inside and outside. Separate kitchen with breakfast bar. Bathroom with dressing area and built-in dresser. Large closet with mirrored doors. Controlled access, parking, laundry, patio/balcony. 619-226-3171. www.rasnyder.com.

POINT LOMA. All styles available: Studios $1000; 1 bedrooms, $1140; 2 bedrooms, $1500. Pool, laundry, fitness center. No dogs. 2850 Adrian Street. Call 619-523-4325.

POWAY Townhouse, $1890. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-story, 2-car garage. Bright and cheery. No smoking, no pets. 858-586-7716.

POWAY. $1650. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 parking, patio. Call for details. Top Notch Realty Inc. 619-807-0327.

POWAY. $925, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice, air conditioning, appliances, on-site laundry facilities, pool, barbecue areas. Assigned off-street parking. Near shopping. Pomerado Gardens, 12330 Ninth Street. Call on-site Manager, Blanca, 858-486-4834 or 858-254-4837.

POWAY. Old Town, Midland Road. 2 bedroom, 2 bath upper with large balcony, park view, 2-car garage, custom interior, all appliances, walk-in closet. Close to major shopping. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

RAMONA. Enjoy a quick drive home from the city into country life! Spacious 2 bedroom apartment homes with spa and laundry facilities. Nice clean community. Start at $850 monthly. 411 14th Street. 760-789-7490.

RAMONA. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath master suite from $895. Peaceful, quiet community. $350 off Move-in Special, OAC. Canyon Crest. 1707 La Brea. 760-789-2542. Open Saturday 10am-3pm.

RANCHO BERNARDO. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 968 square feet. $1350. Immaculate ground level condo. Slate and pergo flooring. Fireplace. Pool. Tennis courts. Gym. Available now. 17161 Alva Road. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

RANCHO BERNARDO, $1450. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Brand new carpet and paint! Fenced patio. Pool, spa, tennis. The Falls. 11353 Avenida de los Lobos. Agent, 619-283-2144.

RANCHO BERNARDO, $1300. Spacious 1 bedroom 1 bath condo. Private, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, washer/dryer. 2 parking spaces. Pools/jacuzzis, fitness center. Available 1/01/07, 858-673-3761.

SAN CARLOS. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo near SDSU. Hardwood floors, new carpet/paint, patio, pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, laundry. $1550 plus security deposit. No pets. 619-250-4864.

SAN CARLOS. $1600. Beautiful customized 2 bedroom, 2 bath 1000-square-foot condo. Pool, 2 private parking. Pets OK. Lease-to-own considered. Park Ridge/Navajo, 92120. Steve, 619-300-7229.

SAN DIEGO. $580. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry, gated and parking on site. 619-262-4188.

SAN MARCOS. $359-$831. Sage Canyon Apartments, a newly built, affordable apartment community. 1, 2, 3 bedroom apartments available. AEK. Accepting applications beginning 9:00am on Tuesday, December 12 for a limited time only. One free month rent if application received by December 31, 2006. Income and other restrictions apply. Section 8 welcome. For 24 hour application information, please call 760-494-4347. EHO.

AUTOMOTIVE

WELLTECH AUTO SERVICE

Specializing in Engine Performance, Drivability & Electrical

ASE Certified Master Auto Technicians • Since 1995 • Foreign & Domestic

UCSD 5 N 805 ME ARE HERE Carl Jr. CARROLL DOWDY 15 LaJolla Village Dr. Miramar Road

SMOG CHECK Most cars. $15.75 With coupon. Plus $8.25 cert. and $3 VID. FREE RETEST with repair

BRAKE SPECIAL $69.99 Includes semi-metallic pads. Most cars. FREE Brake Inspection

"Check Engine" Light On? Diagnostic. Most cars. $24.99

TIMING BELT Parts & labor. Most cars. $89.99

OIL CHANGE SPECIAL Includes new filter and up to 5 qts. oil. Most cars. $15.99

COMPLETE AXLE-SHAFT SPECIAL Parts & labor. Most cars. $99.99

30K • 60K • 90K SERVICE Most cars. from $99.99

- Install new spark plugs
- Change engine oil
- Change oil filter
- Adjust idle to factory specs
- Check ignition system and timing
- Lubricate chassis
- Inspect brakes
- Check all hoses, radiator and cap
- Drain and refill cooling system
- Rotate 4 tires
- Check suspension
- Inspect air and fuel filters
- Tighten and inspect belts (exposed only)
- Clean battery terminals
- Adjust emergency brake
- Inspect manual transmission fluid
- Inspect differential fluid

All services done same day. All services may not be applicable or necessary for your vehicle. Some trucks & 4x4 slightly higher. Timing belt replacement extra if required. Most cars. Please call for details.

TUNE-UP SPECIAL Includes: new plugs, check timing, inspect hoses & belts. Most cars. $24.99 4-cyl. • $35.99 6-cyl. $45.99 8-cyl.

We also do: Engine Rebuilds • Valve Jobs • Driveability Problems Electrical • Struts • Shocks • Air Conditioning • Fuel Injection Service

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK: Mon.-Fri. 8 am-6 pm • Sat. 8 am-2 pm • Sun. by appt.

6696 Miramar Road, Suite M, San Diego (Near I-805) • 858-552-8898

No Appointment Necessary • Major Credit Cards & ATM Accepted

State of California LICENSED SMOG CHECK STATIONS & REPAIR STATION

ASE CERTIFIED AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE EXCELLENCE

MAZDA TOYOTA JAGUAR NISSAN INFINITI AUDI BMW ACURA VOLVO HONDA LEXUS VW

Grand Opening!

FAST LANE

Complete Auto Repair, Body and Paint

• Free towing within 15 miles • Free "Check Engine" light, ABS, SRS • All insurance accepted

ASE CERTIFIED

Oil Change	30/60/90/120K Miles	Axle	Brakes
$10.99 Reg. $14.99. Most cars. Plus $2 oil disposal fee. 6-cyl. & more extra.	$169 Most cars. Tune-up, transmission service, radiator service, safety inspection. Platinum plugs and timing belt extra.	$95 Parts and labor. New or rebuilt. Most cars.	$95 Parts and labor included for most cars. Machine rotors.
Minor Service	**Buy 3 Struts, Get 1 Free**	**Transmission Flush**	**Transmission Rebuild**
$79 Most cars. Oil change, flush coolant, clean air filter, inspect fluids and belts, adjust brakes, and rotate tires.	Lifetime warranty Includes free alignment.	$75 + $2 disposal fee. 6-cyl. and more extra. Special fluids extra if needed.	$100 Off Most cars. Plus labor.
Bumper	**Paint Special #1**	**Paint Special #2**	**Paint Special #3**
$25 Off One-day service with drop off by 10 am.	$189 Reg. $199. Chemical wax removal, machine for adhesion sanding, precise masking, high solid paint, 2 coats. 100% 1-year warranty. Trucks/vans higher. Limited colors.	$279 Reg. $299. Chemical wax removal, machine for adhesion sanding, precise masking, high solid paint, 2 coats. 100% 2-year warranty. Trucks/vans higher. Limited colors.	$429 Reg. $499. Chemical wax removal, machine for adhesion sanding, precise masking, high solid paint, 2 coats, integrated clear coats. 100% 6-year warranty. Trucks/vans higher. Limited colors.

3 locations • Offers expire December 28, 2006.

Midway 3112 Midway Drive Suite A • 619-225-5827

Kearny Villa Auto Repair 9499 Kearny Villa Road Suite 107 • 858-693-4445

Kearny Villa Body, Paint & Collision 9545 Kearny Villa Road Suite 107 • 858-693-4455

M-F 8:00 am-7:00 pm, Sat. 8:00 am-5:00 pm, Sunday by appointment only

Ford NISSAN AUDI VW

SANTEE. $820, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. On-site laundry, off-street parking.No pets. 8527 Graves Avenue. 619-258-2584.

SANTEE. Extra large 2 bedroom, 2 bath from $1005. Park-like setting. Storage. Spacious decks. Covered parking. Beautiful landscaping. Creekside Park Apartments, 9349-9360 Creekside Court. 619-258-9261. www.progressmanagement.net.

SCRIPPS RANCH/SABRE SPRINGS, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom townhome, 2 car garage. Available for 1 year lease 1/01/07, $1800/month. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, range/oven. 858-245-9646.

SERRA MESA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs condo. Move-in special! Half off first month's rent! $1500. Vaulted ceilings in living room. Open floorplan. Master bedroom has nook for office. Fireplace. Pool. 9149 Village Glen Drive. Call 858-583-0182 or 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

SERRA MESA, $2175. Charming 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse plus den. 1650 square-feet. 2-car garage. No pets/smoking. Close to all. Call 858-586-7716.

SOLANA BEACH. 2 bedroom condo, pool. $1980/month-to-month, fully furnished, includes utilities, cable/Internet, maid-service. Walk to beaches, shops, cafes, Cedros District! 480-510-5624.

SOUTH BAY. $525. RV living spaces. Laundry facilities onsite. Pool. 1-pet ok. Includes parking. Near freeway/bay/shopping center. Call 619-691-1581.

SOUTH BAY. New 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome with garage. Refrigerator, stove, washer/dryer hookups. No shared walls. Clean, quiet. No pets. $1550/month. 619-423-3419.

SOUTH PARK, $690. Small, rustic 1 bedroom. Quiet neighborhood. Select pet. Nonsmoking. Water/track paid. Near bus, City College, Balboa Hospital. 1843 Bancroft Street. 619-435-0387.

SOUTH PARK. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs, $950/$700 deposit. New carpet, new paint, laundry, appliances. No pets. Available now. 1644 Grove Street. 619-584-5900.

SPRING VALLEY. 1 and 2 room suites, up to 3 beds. $199/weekly and up. Furnished, laundry and pool on site. Walk to all. 858-539-9815.

Free Classifieds!

Post free online ads with photos at SanDiegoReader.com

SPRING VALLEY. $100 off move-in OAC. Spacious 2 bedrooms from $895. Garages available for rent in gated community. Casa Granada, 9121 Kenwood Drive. Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. progressmanagement.net or call 619-698-1356.

SPRING VALLEY. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. $900. Upstairs apartment. Spacious. Parking, laundry. Available now. 8965 Switzer Drive. 858-483-3534 or 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

SPRING VALLEY. $1350. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo. 1300 square feet. New tile/paint. Travertine shower. New washer/dryer. Backyard. Cat OK. Phil, 619-379-2264.

TALMADGE, $750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Bright, clean unit with gleaming wood floors. Gated complex, laundry onsite. Available now! 4533 Contour Boulevard, #7. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

TALMADGE, $1050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Upstairs with small balcony off dining room. Gated, laundry onsite. Available 1/1/07. 4541 Contour Boulevard, #5. 619-295-1100, www.cethron.com.

TALMADGE. $1125. Move-in special: First month free! 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Dishwasher. On-site laundry, tandem off-street parking for 2 cars. 49th Street. 619-414-2344.

TALMADGE. $1295. First month free! Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. On-site laundry room. 1 off-street parking. Updated apartment. Tile in bathrooms and kitchen entry. Dishwasher and microwave. Call for an appointment, 619-414-2344.

TALMADGE/COLLEGE. $750. 1 bedroom downstairs unit. Refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, on-site laundry, storage closet. No pets. Optional parking. 4492 Estrella. 858-538-5013.

TIERRASANTA Townhouse, $1790. Bright and cheery 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 1600 square-feet, 2-car garage. No pets, no smoking. Call 858-586-7716.

TIERRASANTA. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath in Portofino community. Ask about our holiday special! New carpet/paint, covered parking, gas fireplace. 5151 Abuela Drive. $1850. 619-793-4010. www.rasnyder.com.

TIERRASANTA. $1650. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. 2 carport parking. No pets. Nonsmoking. Small storage. Yard. Dishwasher. Quiet. Clean. 10838 Caravelle Place. Juno, 619-275-3455.

TIERRASANTA, 2 bedroom 2 bath upstairs Belsera unit. Newer carpet/tile, quiet, 1 car garage and carport. No pets/smoking. Pool/spa on-site. $1600/month, 619-670-3913.

UNIVERSITY CITY. Senior complex, 62+. $1050. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice unit with Pergo flooring. 825 square feet. Underground parking. Laundry on site. No pets. 6330 Genesee Avenue. Call 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

UNIVERSITY CITY. $2500. "Avanti"-Renaissance. Lovely 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. 1720 square feet. 2-car. All appliances. Family room. 6-month lease. Pets negotiable. Available 12/1. Boone Property Management, 858-274-6856. www.booneproperties.com.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs apartment, $850. Quiet, gated complex/9 apartments. On-site laundry, parking, walk-in closet, ceiling fan. Cat OK with deposit. 4519 Campus Avenue. 858-200-9408.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom, $700/up. Quiet, sunny, large rooms, nice upgrades. No pets, no smoking. On-site laundry, parking, manager. Great location! 4338 Mississippi Street. 619-884-4322.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, $1125. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 story duplex. Street parking. Available 1/10/07. 1606 Meade Avenue. 619-295-1100, www.cethron.com.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS/NORTH Park. $975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 850 square feet, ground floor corner, rear unit. Quiet courtyard, big closets, laundry. 4025 Alabama. 619-698-4915.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. $1250, 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit. Covered parking, laundry on site. Sorry, no pets. Available for viewing by appointment only. www.kandrproperties.com. Call 858-490-1600 or 619-255-4944.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. $995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, fenced patio. No pets. 4620 Cleveland Avenue. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Huge upstairs 2 bedroom, $995. Quiet, gated 8-unit building. Covered parking, laundry onsite. Available now. 4464-1/2 Oregon Street. Agent, 619-260-1368. View at http://www.sevillemgmt.com.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, $1025. On canyon hillside surrounded by trees. Parking, laundry onsite. Gas paid. 3956 Florida Street. Agent, 619-260-1368. View at http://www.sevillemgmt.com.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, upstairs, gated, on-site laundry. Garage optional. Clean, quiet. No pets. $1150. 4646 Campus Avenue. 858-273-0732..

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. $1550. Newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath, Granite counters, appliances, refrigerator, stacked washer/dryer, 1-car garage. 4132 Campus Avenue #8. Bill Luther Realty, 858-488-1580.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. $1025 rent. $900 deposit. 1/2 off 1st month's rent. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, lower unit with refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, courtyard, garage. New paint. Gated. Patio. On-site laundry. 4550 Louisana #1. 619-804-3325.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs apartment, $850. Quiet complex with on-site laundry and parking. Cat OK with deposit. 4469 Alabama. 858-200-9408.

UTC/LA JOLLA. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, $1800. Pool, Jacuzzi, gym. Near UCSD, facing Hyatt Hotel. No pets. 3550 Lebon Drive #6107. Call for appointment, 858-277-1760.

VALENCIA PARK. Move-in special! $650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs spacious apartment. Parking and on-site laundry. 4854 Market Street. 619-683-7638, Xilarent.com.

VISTA. Move-in special: 1/2 off first month! Renovated 2 bedrooms, $1075. Appliances, air conditioning. Gated, landscaped complex. Laundry, parking, balcony, storage room. 760-672-6405. www.melroyproperties.com.

REAL ESTATE
HOUSES

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

BEAUTIFUL HOUSE, Menifee, $380,000. Immaculate, modern 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 1867 square-feet, cul-de-sac, large lot. Upgraded kitchen, dual fireplace, air conditioning, plantation shutters. Agent, Kelly, 619-562-6999.

BRAND NEW CUSTOM HOME! 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch-style, Ramona. 2508 square-feet, 1-acre lot. 3-car garage, family room, all amenities. $649,000. Mike Acuna, agent, 619-540-7098.

CARLSBAD/SAN ELIJO HILLS. $20,000 Cash in Your hands for Christmas. 6-12 months free payments, 0 down 0 close. Fair credit moves you in! Ocean views, 2 gorgeous homes, 4 bedroom 4 bath, garages, nice yards, parks. Top Elementary School. 619-330-2415.

CHULA VISTA. No mortgage for a year. Seller will pay TD Mortgage for 12 months. 4 bedrooms, 3.4 baths, 3000 square feet, $840,000. Owner, 619-920-3717.

CITY HEIGHTS, Two small houses on one lot! Both 1 bedrooms, have washer/dryer, appliances. New tile in kitchens/bathrooms, yards. More. Trudy, $379,000/owner, 619-277-0242.

CITY HEIGHTS. 16 units. Condo conversion. 1 and 2 bedroom, starting mid-$160s. Call Top Notch 619-807-0327.

CITY HEIGHTS FIXER. Modern 3 bedroom house. 2-car garage. Great price, way under market value. Attention: first-time buyers! Easy financing available. www.sdhomesjack.com. Agent Jack, 619-962-8963.

COLLEGE AREA. House with rental in back. Close to SDSU. One bedroom rental, detached garage, large covered patio. Be a homeowner and landlord! $579,900. 619-393-1909.

DISTRESS SALE. Bank foreclosures. Free list of foreclosure properties. Receive a free computerized printout. Free recorded message. 800-611-4772, ID#1042.

EL CAJON FIXER UPPER. $299,000. Lowest price in the area! 2 bedroom, 1 bath, with bonus room. Walk to shops, dining. Easy freeway access. 619-867-4417.

EL CAJON Mobile home, 2004. Need to sell fast. Owner will consider financing. 44'x14' corner lot. $54,900. 24-hour number, I'll get right back. 619-393-1992.

ESCONDIDO. $550,000. 3 properties, 2 adorable houses surrounded by Victorians in a quiet street. Easy rentals. Current tenants. No agents/brokers/lenders to solicit. 858-336-2863.

ESCONDIDO. 3,000 square feet. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Hidden Meadows. 1+ acres. 100% of payments towards down. Owner carries mortgage for 3 years. $600K. 760-294-0032.

ESCONDIDO. Lake Wohlford views are stunning. Country cutie. 1958 1/1mh, solid, very large deck, private covered area. Lake resort family park, pool, restaurant, $25,700. 619-563-8650.

FALLBROOK. Unbelievable, unique custom home. 4.26 acres. 3 bedrooms. Gourmet kitchen. Sauna. Decks. Hot tub in gazebo. Waterfall, koi pond. 2 guest houses. $1,150,000. 760-723-0305.

HIGH ON A HILL. Rancho Penasquitos. Incredible 5 bedroom, 3 bath, 2880

AUTOMOTIVE

T-T HONDA and ACURA SPECIALISTS
Repair and Service All Japanese Cars

Major Service 30K • 60K • 90K • 120K $185*
- Change engine oil & filter
- Valve adjust & new gasket (if necessary)
- Change transmission fluid
- Replace air filter
- Replace fuel filter (non-EFI type)
- Replace spark plugs (platinum extra)
- Change brake fluid
- Check front & rear brakes
- Check cooling system & hoses
- Check tire pressure & rotation
- Check lights
- Adjust hand brake
- Inspect exhaust pipe & muffler
- Inspect power steering system
- Inspect fuel lines • Inspect all belts
- Check clutch free-play & adjust
- Replace distributor cap & rotor
- Adjust timing
- Lube front end • Road-test

Call for details. 6-cyl. extra.

Clutch Job $245* 4x4, twin cam extra. Up to '89 models.

Intermediate Service $95* 15K • 45K • 75K • 105K Call for details.

Engine & Transmission Overhaul Call for details.

Oil & Filter Change $17.95* Up to 5 qts. Exp. 12/31/06. Some cars higher.

CV Boot $49.95* **CV Axle** from $145*

Fuel Injection Service $35*

Timing Belt $115* Twin cam extra. Up to '89 models.

Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

4030 43rd Street • San Diego (619)284-0050
Between University and El Cajon Blvd.
Offers good for Hondas & Acuras only (*Most cars)

Mon.-Fri. 8 am-5:30 pm
Sat. 9 am-3:30 pm

ALL SERVICES INCLUDE PARTS & LABOR plus tax

JR San Diego Smog & Repair Center

30K/60K/90K Service starting at $79*
- Maintenance tune-up
- Lube, oil & filter • Top off fluids
- Radiator service (drain & refill)
- Pressure test • Check belts & hoses
- Tire rotation • Suspension inspection
- Brake inspection and adjustment
- Check steering linkage and chassis
- Inspect cap, rotor, wires, fuel filter

*Most 4-cyl. OE or platinum spark plugs extra.

60K Service with Timing Belt Starting at $199

'Check Engine' Light & Failed Smog Diagnostic $29.95 Free if repaired here.

Smog Check $14.75 Plus certificate & transfer fee. European cars, trucks, and vans $10 extra.

Oil Change starting at $10.99 New filter and up to 5 quarts oil. We use Mobil filter and oil only. Plus and Premium oil change available. Most 4- and 6-cyl. cars. Plus disposal fee.

Brake Premium starting at $35* Pads or shoes. Machine extra. *Per axle. Semi-metallic $10 extra.

3375 HANCOCK ST. • (619) 543-9888
(Behind Sports Arena near Rosecrans)
Free local shuttle • Free towing on major jobs
Free brake inspection & safety check • We repair mobile homes!

VALUE TRANSMISSIONS & AUTO SERVICE
YOUR FULL-SERVICE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR CENTER...

Automatic Transmission Starting from $444
Rebuilt and installed. Parts and labor. Includes torque converter. Non-lockup. Hard parts extra if needed. 2-year/24,000-mile warranty. Some 3-speed, RWD domestic vehicles. Call service manager for quote on your vehicle. RWD=C4, C5, TF8, TF6, TH350, TH400

Brakes $44.95 Pads or shoes
Labor Special!! Includes replace pads or shoes, inspect rotors, repack wheel bearings. Parts additional. Semi-metallic or premium pads not included. Turn rotors extra if needed. Most cars and light trucks. With this ad.
Free Brake Inspection with completed brake repair.

Scheduled Maintenance
30/60/90,000 Miles • Labor Special!! 4-cyl. $109 • 6-cyl. $139 • 8-cyl. $189
Tune-up, cooling system service, oil & filter, lube chassis, inspect fuel & ignition, set timing, adjust idle, air filter, top off fluids, rotate tires, vehicle inspection. Most cars and light trucks. With this ad.

New Clutch RWD from $245 FWD from $295
Includes pressure plate, disc, throwout bearing, inspect flywheel. Parts and labor. Most cars. With this ad.

8730 JAMACHA ROAD, SPRING VALLEY
866-891-5394 • FREE TOWING ON MAJOR JOBS

SAN DIEGO SMOG & AUTO REPAIR CENTER
4664 Park Blvd. (at Adams Avenue) • 619-543-4828
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 am-5:30 pm • Saturday 8 am-3:30 pm
www.sdsmogandrepair.com

STATE OF CALIFORNIA GOLD SHIELD GUARANTEED REPAIR STATION
ONLY AT SAN DIEGO SMOG
We Repair & Certify Gross Polluters
NAPA AutoCare Center
We install Quality NAPA parts

2 Locations to Serve You

Serving San Diego Since 1947

Coupons must be presented prior to service. Senior discounts available.

CLIFF BROWN AUTOMOTIVE
ONLY AT CLIFF BROWN
4491 Park Boulevard (Park & Monroe) • 619-297-4204
Hours: Mon.-Sat. 8 am-5:30 pm • Sun. 9 am-2 pm
www.cliffbrownautomotive.com

CLUTCH SPECIAL FROM $195.00
Includes: throwout bearing, pilot bearing bushings, disk, clutch cover. Most vehicles. Limited time offer. Front wheel drive extra.

FREE OIL CHANGE WITH TUNE-UP
TUNE-UPS
4-CYL. $29.95 • 6-CYL. $35.95
8-CYL. $44.95
Includes: new plugs, inspection of ignition wires, distributor cap, rotor & carburetor. Oil filter extra. Most vehicles to 1995. Platinum plugs extra.

SMOG CHECK $16.75 + $8.25 cert. & $2 V.I.D.
Most vehicles. Trucks, vans & European cars extra. Limited time offer. Must bring DMV renewal notice.

30,000 MILE SERVICE SPECIAL
Service includes:
- Maintenance tune-up
- Oil and filter change
- Lube chassis
- Radiator coolant change
- Air filter replacement
- Fuel injection cleaning
- Check brakes & suspension

Most vehicles
FROM $179.95 4-cyl.

TIMING BELT SPECIAL FROM $75.00 Plus parts
Recommended at 60K miles. Most vehicles. Limited time offer.

LUBE • OIL FILTER FROM $19.95
Up to 5 qts. oil. Most vehicles to 1995. Limited time offer.

C.V. BOOT FROM $39.95
Includes: boot, parts, labor, grease. 1/2 price for the 2nd boot on same axle. Most vehicles. Limited time offer.

CATALYTIC CONVERTER FROM $119.95
Mufflers $39.95
All types of custom muffler work done. Will beat any competitor's price by 10%. Most vehicles. With ad. Limited time offer.

COMPUTERIZED FRONT ALIGNMENT ONLY AT CLIFF BROWN $18.95
4-wheel Alignment $39.95
Set toe to manufacturer's specifications, shims and cams extra, and any other adjustments. Most vehicles. With ad. Limited time offer.

SHOCKS OR STRUTS SPECIAL
Buy 3 at the regular price and get the 4th Free.
Free alignment with special. Labor not included. Most vehicles. With ad. Limited time offer.

TRANSMISSION SERVICE CALL FOR QUOTE!
Drain & fill. Full system flush available.

ENGINE STEAM CLEAN $49.95
Most vehicles. With ad. Limited time offer.

COOLING SYSTEM SPECIAL ONLY $39.95
Includes: flush radiator and up to one gallon of coolant. Special coolant extra. Most vehicles. With ad. Limited time offer.

BLOG WORLD

GEKKOLICK

Egypt

TUTTED IN EGYPT

Misery, thy name is the two-headed serpent of cystitis and thrush. Ill in a foreign country — curses!

I'd been awake for hours, drinking water and moaning softly in the loo as lava wee escaped me in barely measurable amounts. I'd thrust my fingers inside in a vain attempt to scratch the itch that mocked me from within. I'd looked longingly at the hairbrush, wondering just how much damage it would actually cause, and whether it would be worth it.

It's a common enough holiday situation for me. A combination of consistently damp nethers, in which sweat mingles unwholesomely with pool water and stray sunscreen, together with a predilection for the obscenely large measures of rum in the rum and coke over the sensible option of gallons of water. Add to it the change of diet and routine, and we are almost there. The only final indignity would be raging constipation, and, oh! I had that too. In spite of shovelling the equivalent of a truckload of all-inclusive we'll-cook-and-you-don't-even-have-to-wash-up food into my mouth, I was as bunged as a noisy wasp in a bottle. My puckered eye knows when it is faced with an unfamiliar loo and refuses, on principle, to discharge its contents until optimum discomfort has been attained.

In all this undercarriage misery, you may be forgiven for thinking that I had sidelined my sunburn and bite unhappiness, but it was still there. Tuesday was spent reading a good book, and as a result my sunburn was book-shaped. Add to that the general droopiness of my tits, a situation inclined to hamper consistent sun access to the dark side of the boobs, and you witness a perplexing dado rail of red and white across my rib cage. And although mosquitoes were mercifully absent, there was a biting *something*. I don't know what they looked like, but they left massive welts in their wake. One bit me on my forehead. I looked like the bastard half-bred imp of Satan.

And on that bright morning, with sunburn hurting, bites itching, and nether region hell unabated, I felt like the bastard half-bred imp of Satan's grumpier mother-in-law.

But, no, it got worse.

Twelve short hours later found me in the hotel clinic. Even though I was curled like a fetus, hands clamped to my groin, and moaning none too quietly, I was most concerned of all that the tall, handsome doctor did not wish to perform an internal examination. I knew I was faced with a vaginal exam in a Muslim country. I knew I was sporting a totally bald snatch and three sizeable piercings. I experienced a rare coyness. But without so much as a nod in the direction of my aching undercarriage, he surveyed my misery, employed the age-old fever detection method of hand on the forehead, and declared, "intravenous antibiotic."

"Whatever," I moaned, prepared to give him anything he wanted if he would just stop it from hurting. "I have sneaky veins," I

announced, and started to laugh. I laugh when I'm scared, and I've had some horrendous experiences of inept vampires hunting for my blood. It nonplussed the doctor a little.

My veins heard him rustle the needles from their sterile packets and burrowed deeper within my fat layer. As he traveled the thwarted needle like a hovercraft over veinless flesh, he saw the scars of my failed suicides and my self-harm, angry with sunburn, and tutted in a way that transcends language barriers. In the end, Andrew was my tourniquet, gripping my hand until the veins had nowhere left to run. The doctor got the drip in first time, and I was too ill to congratulate him.

I began to feel better, but by no means back to strength. My bladder was tender, my kidneys ached, and the soft squishy bits round my happiness zone were rubbed into raw meat by my desperate fingers.

So another day was ruined, and I was forced to consider that a day out for mental pain, a day out for physical, is not fair on the family during a short seven-day holiday.

Bodies — altogether too high maintenance for my liking.

http://gekkolick.livejournal.com

square feet. 3-car garage, family room, formal dining, 8'x 8' skylight in stairwell. All for only $739,000. Call Kraig at One Source Realty, 858-592-2130.

HILLCREST. Great location just $255,000-$280,876. Mission Hills Craftsman only $443,000. Income property under $400,000. Call for pre-foreclosures. www.ListWithTheBest.com. Stephanie Murphy, 619-246-8230.

IMPERIAL BEACH, New Construction: 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2400 square-feet, fireplace, carpet/tile flooring, custom cabinets, granite counters. Ocean views! More information: www.HonestReid.com. $589,900. Robert, 619-328-0844.

MIRA MESA. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse with good size yard. Best buy. Call Top Notch 619-807-0327.

MISSION HILLS, Classic Mission Hills 4 bedroom 2 bath house. Spectacular 180 degree skyline/bay views from almost every room. $1,350,000/owner. 3909 Henry Street, 619-253-5839.

MURRIETA. GORGEOUS 2-story, 4 bedroom, 3 bath. 3200 square feet. Gourmet kitchen. Too many amenities to mention! 1%-5% down, no bank qualifying! $599,000. 760-723-0305.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Big lot. Move-in ready! $395,000-$435,000. Open Saturday and Sunday, 1pm-4pm: 3834 Madison Avenue, 92116. Big fenced yard. hdr1@cox.net. 619-281-8869; 619-823-8166.

OCEANSIDE. Home with panoramic ocean view. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1472 square feet, unique, private location, approximately 1/4 acre, $489,000. By owner, 760-967-4015.

PARADISE HILLS, $549,000/owner. 2 story, 6 bedroom, 2 bath, beautiful view. New carpets/tiles. New roof. Fireplace, retaining wall. On Parkbrook. No agents please! 858-272-1594.

POWAY, 2 bedroom 2 bath. Nice home. 13339 Carriage Road. $399,000/owner. 619-754-3630.

AUTOMOTIVE

EAGLE MOTORS
COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR
7980 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. • 858-244-1062
(on the north side of Clairemont Mesa Blvd., between Convoy & Mercury). WE HAVE OUR OWN TOW TRUCK.
Expires 1/11/07. All offers valid with this ad.
MON.-FRI. 8 am-6 pm
SAT. 9 am-3 pm
CLAIREMONT MESA BLVD. 805 CONVOY 163

SMOG CHECK SPECIAL $14.75
All car models and years. SUVs, pickups light trucks & minivans $10 extra. No hidden fees. No appointment necessary. Bring DMV papers if available.
Plus $8.25 certificate and $2 transfer fee

Castrol GTX Premium Oil Change Special $24.95
Most cars.
GTX Castrol/high-mileage oil change $31.95.
BMW, Mercedes, Volvo $29.95. Includes reset service oil light.
Non-Castrol oil change $19.95.
Castrol synthetic oil change $49.95.

30K, 60K, 90K SERVICE
Done according to manufacturer's specs, and we use only factory parts. Factory shuttle services.

A/C SPECIAL
Includes Freon R134
• Evacuate system
• Replace compressor oil
• Check system pressure
• Check for major leaks
• Check A/C lines and belt
• Charge system with Freon
• Rear A/C $15 extra
$99.95 Complete

NEW BG Transmission Power Flush
Includes 16 qts. oil and BG's clean and conditioner kit. Extended-life synthetic oil is extra depending on vehicle type. $119.95

COMPLETE FRONT BRAKE JOB
Includes resurfacing rotors. Parts and labor included. $25 extra for ceramic pads.
$99.95

AXLE SPECIAL $109
Parts and labor. Most cars. $25 extra for new axle.
Installed

BC International Auto Repair
Import & Domestic
Shuttle service available
TOWING AVAILABLE
Under New Ownership & Management
Unlimited Mileage Warranty! Call for details.

BRAKE SPECIAL
starting at GOOD $59* BETTER $79* BEST $119*
Front or rear. Call for details! Parts & labor. Resurfacing rotors additional for the $59 price. $79 or higher includes resurfacing rotor.

30K/60K/90K FACTORY SERVICE
starting at $109* 4-cyl.
• Replace engine oil & filter
• Check timing
• Inspect air filter
• Rotate tires
• Replenish all fluids
• Inspect brake system & adjust brakes
• Other services as needed

TIMING BELT
starting at $70* 4-cyl.
Plus parts.

AXLES
starting at $94
Installed! 12-month warranty!

COOLING SYSTEM WATER PUMP
starting at $129* 4-cyl.

"Check engine" light on?
CHECK FREE* diagnostic
with shop repair.

REBUILT TRANSMISSION
$399*
Parts extra.

HEAD GASKET SPECIAL
starting at $199*
Labor only.

STARTERS & ALTERNATORS
starting at $190
Installed. Most cars.

JAPANESE ENGINE REPLACEMENT
starting at $1025*
6-cyl., 8-cyl. extra.
Call for details.

FUEL SYSTEM 3-STAGE FLUSH
$49.95

TRANSMISSION SERVICE
Includes filter
starting at $79.99

CLUTCH SPECIAL
starting at $199*
Rear wheel.

ENGINE REBUILD CALL FOR SPECIAL PRICE!
10% Military Discount
7030 Carroll Rd. • 858-455-5440
(Near Miramar Road)
*All offers most cars. Parts extra. MasterCard / Visa / Discover
7030 805 I-15 Camino Santa Fe Carroll Rd. Pyramid Miramar Rd.

Free Classifieds!

Post free online ads with photos at SanDiegoReader.com

RANCHO PENASQUITOS– Just reduced! Gorgeous, bright 5 bedroom, 3 bath. Family room, fireplace, private backyard. $675,000-$710,000. No HOA/Mello-Roos. Deborah Engel, McMillin Realty, 858-829-1989. www.propertybydeb.com.

SAN DIEGO 3 bedroom, 2 bath HUD home, $122,500! Must sell fast! For listings and info: 1-800-690-3990 x1172.

SANTEE, Smokin' Deal: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, remodeled kitchen/bath. Oak cabinetry and granite counters. Recently painted. Ceiling fans throughout. Huge lot! Reduced $377,800. Robert/Agent: 619-328-0844.

SANTEE. 4 bedroom. Family room. Updated kitchen, new stove, dishwasher, microwave. Central air/heat, covered patio, 2-car garage. $529,000. RE/MAX, Bill Howland, 619-980-2455.

SANTEE. Why rent when you can own? Beautiful 3 bedroom condo. Must have good credit! Total cash $2800 down. Mortgage, taxes, HOA=$1250/month. Agent, 619-596-8888, 619-723-3333.

SERRA MESA. Beautiful, newly remodeled, new kitchen, new roof, new hardwood floors, new lights and paint, just gorgoues, huge back yard, 3 bedrooms, $475,000. 619-249-7846.

SOMETHING SPECIAL! Mint 3 bedroom, 2 bath Santee house. California Room in-ground spa, fountain, gorgeous pool, large lot. Granite counters, fireplace. $465,000. No agents. Agent, Kelly, 619-562-6999.

SOUTH SAN DIEGO. Manufactured home for sale. $80K. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 1344 square feet. New paint/carpet. Updated kitchen/bath. Call Agent, 619-459-8678.

TIJUANA-4 ON 1! 4 houses plus 1 hacienda. Hilltop location. Mexico/San Diego views. Client moving to El Paso. $275. Need to sell now! Agent, 619-459-8678.

WOW! Everything new in this 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2 story home on cul-de-sac in Lakeside. All new granite countertops, cabinets, carpet, paint and floor tile. 1350 square feet. $375K to $400K. Call Kraig to see, 858-592-2130.

YOUR SEARCH IS OVER. Custom built home in Escondido on 1/3 acre. Single story, 2207 square feet, view of the valley. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. All for only $450K to $590K. To see, call Kraig at One Source Realty, 858-592-2130.

REAL ESTATE

Condos

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

AMAZING DOWNTOWN CONDOS! Buyer's Market! Great prices and financing! Resale and New! Gaslamp, Ballpark, Marina District, Little Italy! Save $! Call me! www.ElisabethSellsSanDiego.com. Every listing with photos. Rentals, too! 619-788-2720.

CARLSBAD-NO MONEY DOWN! Million dollar neighborhood. Renovated 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2-car attached garage, quiet cul-de-sac, large fenced yard. $619K. Broker, 760-436-3415, 760-815-8417.

CARLSBAD. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 2-car garage. Large fenced yard. New floors/appliances/landscaping. Raised hearth. 5 minutes/beach. $539K. Broker, 760-436-3415, 760-815-8417.

CORONADO. $619,900/best. Beautiful, spacious. 2 bedroom, 1 bath (spa tub), upper-level. Small complex. New kitchen/appliances, washer/dryer. Off-street, 2-car parking. Storage. HOA $80. Pets okay. Owner, 619-628-1810.

DEL MAR. Lovely, sunny 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with pool and Jacuzzi. Monthly interest $1695. $15,000 down. APR only 5.9%. Call Agent, Elizabeth, at 619-286-5813.

IMPERIAL BEACH. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, large. Moments walk to the ocean, pier, shops, restaurants. Classic beach living. Serious seller. $429,000. 619-405-3356 or 619-423-6001.

LA JOLLA, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, see-forever view, all new kitchen/bath, both with marble floors. Regular sale or sale with leaseback, $360,000/owner, 858-824-0486.

LA JOLLA. Sunny, lovely 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with pool and Jacuzzi. Monthly interest $1695. $15,000 down. APR only 5.9%. Call Agent, Elizabeth, at 619-286-5813.

LA MESA'S LOWEST PRICE! 1 bedroom condo. Top corner unit. New carpet, paint and appliances. Seller will consider all offers. Recently reduced. $159,000. Agent, 619-977-4777.

LITTLE ITALY. Views of the city from this 11th floor corner unit with floor-to-ceiling windows, granite and stainless! $389,000-$415,000. Ascent, Cheryl, 858-229-2843.

MIRA MESA. Near Sorrento Valley. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 1200+ square feet. Upstairs loft, hardwood floors. Patio. Pool, jacuzzi. Quiet complex. $379,000. Rosa, 619-254-1768.

MISSION HILLS. Highly desirable Alicante, 10th-floor, south-facing unit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with stunning patio views! Many upgrades throughout. $399,000-$425,000. 475 Redwood Street #1004. Ascent, Cheryl, 858-229-2843.

MISSION VALLEY, For sale by owner. Owner financing, no banks needed. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 parking, views San Diego River, $324,500, www.SanDiego-HomeSellers.com, 619-795-2345.

PACIFIC BEACH. Gorgeous condos, beautifully remodeled. 5, 1 bedroom units and 3, 2 bedroom units. Garage spaces available. Open Saturday-Sunday, every weekend, 11am-3pm. $370,000. 760-207-9382.

SAN DIEGO, 3 bedroom 2 bath condo. Gated, 2 parking spots, end unit/private backyard. 4429 Tremont Street #3, 92102. New price $284,000/owner, 619-886-5665.

UTC AREA. Sunny, lovely 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with pool and Jacuzzi. Monthly interest $1695. $15,000 down. APR only 5.9%. Call Agent, Elizabeth, at 619-286-5813.

REAL ESTATE

Miscellaneous

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

ACTUAL CASH VALUE. Sell me your house or condo for up to $400,000. Fixer uppers are OK, too. (Subject to buyer approval.) Call Jeff, 1-858-354-1852.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Clairemont/Linda Vista. Manufactured/Mobile homes from $50,000. All for sale plus homes/condos. www.byrd-houses.com. Call Charlene Byrd, Century 21-1st Choice, 858-337-5149.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING in San Diego! Fixer-uppers/foreclosures. Good/Bad credit OK. 100% financing. Zero down with no closing costs! Many homes available. www.aFreeListofFixerUppers.com, 1percentloanrate.com. 619-507-8419.

AIREIS.COM. Private money. We buy homes in any area/condition. Foreclosure help! No equity, no problem. Stop making payments today. www.aireis.com. Call Brent, 619-606-1462.

ATTENTION SELLERS! We'll buy your house in 11 days or pay you $500 cash! 24 hour information: 800-398-8864, Box 305.

CHULA VISTA/TERRA NOVA Land. Approved tentative map. Approximately 4-1/2 acres, at intersection H Street/805, $2.8 million/owner. Lotsa luxury lots, 619-602-9236.

DISTRESSED PROPERTIES WANTED! Confidential telephone consultation. Ask for Taylor, 619-665-4062.

FOR A FREE FORECLOSURE LIST in your area. Call 619-269-3910.

FOR SALE BY OWNER. 4-units with large owner's unit. 11 units with large 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Trade for your home/units. Owner/agent: Lisa, 760-505-3141.

FORECLOSURES AND DEFAULTS. Huge increase in daily volume! Daily reports. 30-50 new properties daily throughout San Diego County. All loans researched. Call 800-664-2567; www.CountyRecordsResearch.com.

HOTEL OWNER WANTS TO BUY property anywhere. Small houses, big houses, condos, apartments, commercial, vacant land. Call 619-204-0610.

WE BUY HOUSES! Any condition, any situation. No fees, fair market value. 760-730-9850, Agent/contractor.

ZERO DOWN ALL AREAS or cash out for any reason. Credit scores to 300. Foreclosure, bankruptcy OK. No out-of-pocket costs. Loans available. Ron, 408-461-0406, www.weneedaloannow.com.

Tickets

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

CHARGERS tickets. Press level, premium location. Individual games for sale, face value $92. Leave message for Don. 619-291-9996.

HOLIDAY BOWL TICKETS available. $40 each. View level. Call Matt, 619-666-1384.

TIMES SQUARE WEST, 2 New Year's Eve Dinner Packages. New Year's Eve Jazz Spectacular at Hyatt Regency La Jolla. $413. 619-316-4779.

Sports

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

BOAT, 1965 32' Cruizon Sportfisher, Flybridge, fiberglass over wood, single 1985 260hp Chevy Crusader V-8, 150-gallon tanks. Free to good home. Needs slip. 619-990-5075; 619-823-7094.

COMPOUND BOW. Virtually new. PSE Thunder-Flite, paid $450, asking $375/best. Fleece-lined canvas case, cable trigger release, forearm guard, Easton arrows, tip replacements, paper targets, $75. 858-488-4803.

GOLF CLUB, Callaway 56-degree X-14 sand wedge, new, Golf Pride grip, $25. 619-698-3507.

GOLF CLUBS, complete set, men's and ladies', left-handed and right-handed, includes putter and bag. $35/each. 619-461-4805.

KAYAK CLEARANCE. All used demo and rental kayaks from the summer season are now for sale. Cobra Explorers, XLs, Navigators, Strikes, Marauders, Fish 'n' Dives and Tandems. Prices from $195 to $899. Used two person kayaks include Ocean Kayak Malibu 2, Cobra Tandems, Double plus 1, Triple and Hobie Odyssey: prices from $399 to $799. Also, 6 sit-inside kayaks priced $195 to $395, and a large selection of new and used seats, paddles and life vests. San Diego Sailing Center, 1010 Santa Clara Place, Mission Bay. Phone 858-488-0651. For photos and pricing, visit www.kayaksforsale.com.

KAYAK FALL SPECIALS! $5 off any kayak rental or 25% off any accessory with this ad. Kayaks starting at $299. Allen's Kayaks 858-488-5599, www.hikebikekayak.com.

LONGBOARDS. 9'6" David Nuuhiwa noserider, single fin, squaretail, red. 9'4" Encinitas trifin, diamond tail, multicolor flames. $595 each/best. Excellent condition. 619-820-4434.

LT FOR MVP, Wear your vote for San Diego's record breaking running back Ladanian Tomlinson! $14.99. Visit HTTP://WWW.LTFORMVP.COM for more information.

PONTOON BOAT, One-man inflatable PFD with trolling motor, battery, charger and life vest, $275 for all. 619-808-8277.

PWC SINGLE TRAILER, 1997 galvanized single jet ski trailer. Fully adjustable winch/bunk system. Tilt features allows you to load from the ground. $550, 619-669-3634.

RAFT, 9', with motor, Sevylor inflatable type TX320, 900lb. capacity, Mariner 2M engine, motor runs well, raft has slow air leak, 2 seats, $300. 858-278-0810.

RIDER, Cardio Guide machine, $45. Bike trailer, lightweight, 18" wheels, 1x2x5', removable basket, $35. 619-265-2150.

SAILBOAT, 25' CHEOY LEE fiberglass, hull teak cabin, full keel, sleeps 4, sink, stove, live-aboard/cruiser, $5000 owner finance, $2,000-$3000/down, great investment/appreciation, 619-694-7751.

SKI BOAT, 2005 Sea Ray 20 Sport, V-8, under 60 hours, like new, never in the ocean, yellow and white, stereo/CD player, $27,000. 702-807-2082.

SOFTBALL TEAM needs an experienced, unlimited arc pitcher, shortstop, and fast outfielder. 619-295-0385.

SURFBOARD, 9' Gordon & Smith Peak Performer, trifin, pintail, 3 stringer, with red bottom tint, mint condition, $590. 858-254-9929.

SURFBOARD. 7' pintail, good for bib winter surf or learning. Fixed dings but good condition, $160. Other boards to choose from. Frank, MB, 858-442-2754.

SURFBOARDS. Mint condition epoxy noseriders 9'8", $450 less than half price! 9.0 expxy $400, 3 gloss 'n' polish fun shapes $350, retro 70s plus 80s shortboards $150, 2 used fun shapes, $125 each. Must empty garage. Over 30 boards. 760-809-6180.

SURFBOARDS WANTED! Get more cash for your surfboards! Consignment/trade. Skateboards, wetsuits, boogie boards. New/used for sale. Play It Again Sports. Pacific Beach, 858-490-0222. Tierrasanta, 858-751-0338. College Area, 619-667-9499. www.playitagainsd.com.

SURFTECH SURFBOARD, Epoxy squash tail 6'8"x19.5x2.5. Great board, super strong and light, paddles well. Excellent condition $350, 858-449-6481.

TENNIS LEAGUE. Intermediate to advanced skill levels. Join the year round fun at the #1 League in San Diego. Leagues starting now. 858-794-1800; www.tennisleague.com.

VAVI brings fun to San Diego through over 25 different types of adult, coed sports leagues, fitness/dance classes and social events. Join over 15,000 members and see what is offered at: www.govavi.com.

WET SUIT, O'Neill Factory reconditioned, new, small, $80. 12-speed racing bike, Giant, $80. Poster, Naomi Campbell, $20. Japanese sewing machine, $50. 760-633-0138.

WOMANS SNOWBOARD, 152/boots size 8 $125/both/best. Also Thule locking rack with wind deflector (fits most imports) $175/best. Carlsbad area, 336-456-9683, 760-994-3319.

1996 TIGE PRE2000 Ski boat, priced under value, great mechanical shape, 320hp, 5.7 liter Black Scorpion Mercruiser, interior in good condition, $11,500, 801-641-1073.

Photo

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

MINOLTA, maxxium 3000i with 28-70 zoom lens. Promaster FA 1000 flash brand new. New battery camera case $125. Vivitar 135mm lens 49mm cap $35. 619-542-1306.

PENTAX IN-STORE DEMOS. 9am-5pm. Nelson Photo Supplies. Downtown: Friday December 22, 1909 India Street, 619-234-6621. La Jolla: Saturday December 23, 7720 Fay Avenue, 858-729-6565. www.nelsonphotosupplies.com.

PENTAX K1000 35MM camera, Special Delux Edition, SE body type, F2/2.0 50mm lens, all accessories, must sell fast, $150/best. Cash only. 949-690-0856.

Automotive

SMOG CHECK
$15.95
Free retest when we do repair.
Plus $8.25 certificate and $1.50 transfer fee.
Vans & heavy-duty trucks extra. Cash only.
Must present DMV renewal notice.
*All prices plus tax. With this ad. Exp. 1/22/07.

OIL CHANGE $19.95*
Most cars. Includes up to 5 qts. and new filter. Cash only.
BASIC TUNE-UP:
4-CYL. $25/6-CYL. $35/8-CYL. $45*
Includes spark plugs. Additional parts extra. Most cars.
TIMING BELT SPECIAL $95*
Includes parts & labor. Most 4-cyl. cars.
BRAKES...$10 OFF
Front & rear. Turn rotors, drums, new pads, lining. Most cars, 4WD extra.
STEVE AUTO REPAIR
1370 Garnet Ave. • Pacific Beach
(858) 274-1195

BEST TIRE BUY
CALL FOR PRICES, BRANDS, & OTHER SIZES
OIL CHANGE $19.95 UP TO 5 QTS. PLUS DISPOSAL.
IMPORT RADIAL 40K
155SR13 $26.99
175/70R13 $31.99
185/70R13 $34.99
185/60R14 $40.99
195/60R15 $45.99
GT METRIC
UNIROYAL
BF GOODRICH
MICHELIN
DUNLOP
PIRELLI
KELLY
MONARCH
GOODYEAR
ALIGNMENT STARTS AT $29.99
BRAKES STARTS AT $49.99
FRONT DISC PADS (ORGANIC), SEMI-METALLIC $15 EXTRA. OTHER PARTS & LABOR, IF NEEDED, ADDITIONAL.
CV BOOT STARTS AT $54.99 OUTER
3536 OLIVE, LEMON GROVE
VISA • MASTERCARD • AM EX • DISCOVER (619)466-5568

(Professional)
Window Tinting
Exotic & European Car Specialists
LLumar WINDOW FILM
Lifetime Warranty
STREETNOYZ
AUTO SOUND & SECURITY
3450-A KURTZ ST. • (619) 260-1747

Window Tint
Lifetime warranty • Most cars • Some restrictions apply
Do It Yourself Kits
(with precut tint)
from $29
Mobile service, pickup & delivery available
COMPUTER CUT
• FASTER SERVICE
• CLEANER INSTALLATION
• PRECISION FACTORY CUTS
Rear 3 Windows
$59
BBB
SEA SIDES CLASSIC TINTING
solar gard INTERNATIONAL INC.
For 20 years, the "Original" Pacific Beach Tint Shop
2707 Garnet Ave. • 858-581-2294 (Next to Washington Mutual) • Open 7 Days

CROWN POINT
Gas & Automotive
Lowest Prices...Highest Quality of Workmanship
3804 Ingraham St., San Diego (At La Playa by Crest Liquor) 858-866-0230
Lube & Oil Filter
from $19.95
Up to 5 qts. oil. Most vehicles to 1995.
Propane Special
$2.99 per Gallon
Cooling System Special!
only $39.95
Includes: flush radiator and up to one gallon of coolant. Special coolant extra. Most vehicles.
30,000-Mile Service Special
Service includes:
• Maintenance tune-up
• Oil & filter change
• Lube chassis
• Radiator coolant change
• Air filter replacement
• Fuel injector cleaning
• Check brakes & suspension
from $179.95 4-cyl.
Most vehicles to 1995.
Tune-ups
4-cyl. $29.95 • 6-cyl. $35.95
8-cyl. $44.95
Free Oil Change with Tune-up!
Includes: new plugs, inspection of ignition wires, distributor cap, rotor & carburetor. Oil filter extra. Most vehicles to 1995. Platinum plugs extra.
Clutch Special!
from $195.00
Includes: throwout bearing, pilot bearing, bushings, disk, clutch cover. Most vehicles. Front/4WD extra.
ALL COUPONS EXPIRE 1/20/07.

BLOG DIEGO

TITLE: San Diego Today | ADDRESS: http://www.patflannery.com/SanDiegoToday.htm
AUTHOR: Pat Flannery | FROM: Point Loma/Ocean Beach area | BLOGGING SINCE: October 2004
POST DATE: December 11, 2006 | POST TITLE: The Mayor's best chance of fixing things is to let the light in.

I have been studying the 2007 City budget. It is a hodgepodge of inarticulate statements that do not fit together to give an overall picture of the City. It raises more questions than it answers. It is not like any financial statement you would ever see in the private sector.

Sanders's Five Year Plan is a mere extension based on assumed percentage increases and decreases. The City's operations are carried out within various funds:

General Fund	1,021,203,098
Enterprise Funds	839,812,640
Capital Improvements Program	293,671,493
Special Revenue Funds	242,930,505
Debt Service Funds	12,136,700
	$2,409,754,436
Less Interfund Transactions	147,188,995
Total	**$2,262,565,441**

The General Fund provides core services such as public safety, park and recreation, library services, refuse collection, finance and human resources. Its major revenues are property tax, sales tax, transient occupancy tax and franchise fees.

Enterprise Funds provide various services such as water, metropolitan wastewater, development services, refuse disposal, recycling and others, through user fees.

Interfund transfers are dispersed throughout the fund statements. An unitemized total ($147 million) is shown at the end. But these money transfers are not grouped or totaled within each fund. The mayor should require clear revenue and expense statements per fund. Interfund transfers should be itemized and shown as a total in each fund. We need to know how money is moved around. There should be a balancing statement, showing all money transfers within the system. All we know right now is that inter-fund transfers total $147 million. The opportunities for abuses and cover-ups are enormous.

In addition to interfund transfers, there are all kinds of internal services being billed backwards and forwards:

Internal Service Funds	106,664,199
Other Funds (mainly SDCERS)	39,908,893
Total	**$146,573,092**

(It is unclear what the payment of $39,470,593 to the pension fund represents. Can the admin costs be nearly $40 million? Apparently so.)

Again, all we know is the total. There is no overall reconciliation of these charges. We don't even know when an expense item is internal or external. Nor is it possible to link a revenue item with its counterpart expense item in the fund where it is a charge. Here are a few puzzling questions: how does the $293 million Capital Improvement Program (CIP) money get from other funds, e.g., do sewer fees get transferred from the sewer fund to a CIP fund? How does the half-cent sales tax get from the TransNet fund to a CIP fund? When are internal services paid by fees and when by interfund transfers?

The truth is that financial reporting at the City is a mess. The City's staff has been allowed to get away with unbelievable sloppiness for years. The Brits certified me as a public accountant nearly 40 years ago in London and I have never seen such bizarre "accounting" anywhere, here or in Europe. After a whole year, Sanders has failed to demand what any manager, from the smallest to the largest business, would require — basic revenue and expense statements.

The citizens would quickly reform this City if the light of day were allowed to shine into its finances. They would ask the questions Sanders is obviously not asking. The clamor for reform would be deafening. It makes one wonder whether Sanders really wants reform or if he just wants to reward his developer/business backers while he is in there. He has surrounded himself with a team of control freaks. To get clarification on anything you have to fill out a public information request. Instead of openness, the information doors are closed tight. Everything has to go through the mayor's control freaks. The Five Year Plan is business as usual. According to these people, they will fix the City in the General Fund. All other funds are off limits because they are self-sustaining e.g., DSD and waste water. Half the General Fund is also off-limits — it is for police and fire services. Therefore the City will be fixed within the $500 million left in the General Fund after public safety. That is insane.

The following funds are not only off-limits to Sanders's cuts, they are completely off the books and off the budget.

Center City Development Corporation (CCDC)	176,400,000
Southeastern Economic Development Corporation	25,900,000
General Redevelopment Fund	45,100,000
Data Processing Corporation Fund	41,800,000
Housing Commission Fund	275,700,000
Total	**$564,900,000**

Nancy Graham, President of CCDC, gets to spend a whopping $176 million to service her downtown developer "clients." Not a cent of that $176 million CCDC money goes to service the debt or pay a cent off the ballpark or convention center bonds. All that comes out of the General Fund. Susan Golding and Jack McGrory reserved the tax increment money for their developer friends and so it remains today. The rest of the General Redevelopment Fund is spent building theaters and other "essential" infrastructure, to be given away to private entities like the North Park Theater Co. Data processing is a slush fund for the IT well-connected. Does anybody know what the housing commission does with its $275 million? I sure don't.

Overall there is approximately $3 billion sloshing around in these badly managed "funds." Incompetence is piled upon incompetence. Sanders, Froman, and Goldstone haven't got a clue as to what is going on let alone know how to fix it. They run around doing BPR (Business Practice Reengineering) like kids playing doctor with toy stethoscopes. Fred Sainz heads a bloated PR staff to put a lid on all information while keeping the Sanders spin machine whirring. Jerry makes soothing public appearances, smiling to the TV cameras, kissing babies and cutting ribbons. We must be America's Dumbest City.

Got a blog you'd like to flog? Send your best stuff — around 900 words' worth — to FlogYourBlog@SanDiegoReader.net. If we run your posts, we'll send you $50.

AUTOMOTIVE

PASS OR DON'T PAY
$21.75 Smog Test Required
$31.75 Smog Test Only
Most cars & light trucks. Plus $8.25 certificate & $2.00 transfer fee. Must bring DMV renewal notice or registration. No free retest. Expires 1/11/07. Sunday by appointment especially RVs, any model.
5 STAR SMOG
2920 Damon Ave., Suite B
(Next to In-N-Out Burgers)
Pacific Beach • 858-273-0888

mobile window tinting
Competitive prices.
Lifetime guarantee.
16 years' experience.
Let us come to your home or office. Finest equipment and installation. Call for an estimate or appointment.
619-892-2263
ACME TINTING

3424 El Cajon Blvd. • San Diego
El Cajon Test Only Center
State of California LICENSED SMOG CHECK TEST ONLY
No Appointment Necessary
$26.75 + $2 DMV Transfer Fee + Cert. Most Cars
619-281-1285
WE CERTIFY GROSS POLLUTERS

NO BUBBLING
WINDOW TINTING
Specializing in Exotic and European Cars. Commercial and Residential.
LOWEST PRICE GUARANTEED
Quality Job
Lifetime Warranty
Auto glass replacement and repair
Oasis Trade Window Tinting
7959 Silverton (off Miramar Road)
858-271-4440
oasistradetint.com

All Inventory and Window Tint at 50% Off*
*Call for details.
Holiday Gift Certificates Available
SOUND CHECK
Car Audio, Video, Security and Graphics Specialists
7861 Raytheon Rd. • Kearny Mesa • 858-560-5455
BBB MEMBER SAN DIEGO

Computers

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

COMPUTER CIRCULATION CENTER. Buy, sell, trade. Laptops, PCs. Repairs, upgrades, virus/spyware removal. 24-48 hour turnaround. 9350 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego 92123. Call 858-573-0411.

COMPUTER HELP? One-on-one, fast, friendly, reliable. Repairs, upgrades, training, cable/DSL, networks. On-site or drop-off, $35/hour. Also, music recording. 858-735-6680.

COMPUTER PRINTER, scanner, fax, copier, all-in-one Hewlett Packard, nice condition, works great. Needs new ink jet cartridge $39/best. 760-732-1315.

LAPTOP BLOWOUT. FREE Diagnostic. Laptops starting from $298 for ACER, Dell, IBM, Toshiba and more. Laptop/projector rentals-$25/$75. 3 locations! Going fast, call now: 1-888-861-8347.

LAPTOP/PC/TV/VCR REPAIR. We service: Apple, Sony, Dell, IBM. Minimum inspection fee: $40. Backup/software installation. We buy broken laptops! 619-469-6633, 619-582-4068.

PENTIUM 4, System Windows XP/Office 619-582-7183.

PENTIUM system with Windows and Microsoft Office plus many useful programs, $100. 619-269-1194.

TOTAL COMPUTER. Commercial service. We do everything. Installation, set-up, training, repair, networking, telephones, wiring, upgrades. $20 in-home diagnostics. 619-941-1809; cell, 619-607-0221.

TOWER FOR PARTS, $7. Monitors: 16", $15; 15", $10. Office/computer armchair, $13. Fax, $10. Epson color printer, $15. 760-685-8291.

WEB TV, Top of the line, Sony INT-W 250 deluxe unit with PIP, 2 Sony keyboards, video cables, and owner's manuals. Excellent, $50. 619-697-2690.

Bicycles

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

MOUNTAIN BIKE, 18 speed, 21" frame, great tires and brakes, has rear rack too, rides great, just $90. 619-224-6947.

SCHWINN FRONTIER, Mountain bike for kids, 24" tires, grip shift. $95. 619-203-3315.

Wanted / Trade

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

CASH FOR older Disney items, except for videos and records, old Disneyland items, vintage comics of any kind before 1970, original cartoon art, autograph collections. 619-465-3090.

FISHING TACKLE, Collector wants for his personal collection wooden lures, reels, miscellaneous by Heddon, Pflueger, Creek Chub, South Bend, Shakespeare, to name a few. 619-972-3488.

I AM looking for a person who knows carpentry, exchange for housing. Please call me at 619-479-4212 after 9am.

INDIAN arrowheads/artifacts. Must be authentic. Call Steve at 619-222-8562.

INSULATION for house (old OK). Camcorder, JVC preferred, digital camera, captain chair(s) for van, plywood over 4'. 619-286-5966.

KIDNEY DONOR needed. Young family needs help. A+ blood type. Save a life. 619-237-0602.

OLD TOYS AND TRAINS. Lionel, American Flyer, Marx. Aurora, Corgi, Dinky, Hot Wheels, Matchbox, slot cars. Buddy-L, Smith-Miller, Structo, Tonka. Old plastic vehicles: Pyro, Renwal. Dave, 858-756-2411.

SHOTGUN rifle shell boxes pre-1960. Duck and game calls, hunting & fishing badges (pre-1940), paper license (pre-1930) 858-565-1756.

SPANISH TUTOR WANTED, 2 positions, La Jolla and Chula Vista area. Female preferred. $6.75/hour. 619-602-9236.

TOP DOLLAR PAID! Gold, diamonds, platinum, laptops, vintage music gear, DVDs, tools, plasma TVs, diamonds, watches, coins, rings. Free appraisal! 9am-7pm. 3439 University Avenue. 619-582-4068.

Antiques & Collectibles

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

ALL ANTIQUES WANTED! Cash paid. Antiques/collectibles. Also, quality furniture, pianos. 1 piece or houseful. Cash paid. Same day pickup. Bonded. Licensed. Since 1965. 1-800-840-4447, www.southcoastauction.net.

ANSTEAD'S AUCTION. We buy antiques, collectibles, household furniture, appliances, TVs, home electronics, pianos. Prompt service. Local buyers. Licensed/bonded. Serving San Diego since 1971. 619-233-3148; 1-888-722-2002.

CASH REGISTER, 1915 National, beautiful brass, Empire case design on oak base, 5 rows of keys, works great, can nbe electrified, $1800. 619-296-9415.

CHRISTMAS TREE, Old-fashioned, 50 years old, ceramic, 18" high. Beautifully decorated, lights up electrically, with a music box inside. $75/best, 619-338-0751.

GI JOE collection, 3-3/4" style, 2 boxes of assorted figures and vehicles, 1 box of comics. Worth $400, asking $200. 760-753-8726.

LARGE DINING ROOM TABLE, , carved elephant feet, Tiger American Oak 1900, 3-4 leaves, 48"x48" without leaves, $2500. Mirrored buffet may also be available. 619-222-2983.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHICS magazines (16) from July 1986 to August 2002, excellent for Christmas gift to collector, only $30. Leave message, speak slowly (hearing impaired), 619-283-1767.

Garage Sales

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

ESCONDIDO, Ohio-bound, moving sale. All must go. Furniture, electronics, clothes, books, toys, major appliances. December 15-31, 9-6 daily. 760-746-5861, or leave message.

LA MESA/SAN CARLOS. Huge multifamily sale. 12/23, 8am. Lots of antique furniture, collectibles, stereo, electronics, tools, piano, turntables, LPs, unique gifts. Torrem Street.

NORTH PARK. Yard sale. Saturday, 12/23, 7am-4pm. Great Christmas gifts. Dolphin/angel knickknacks, stuffed animals, picture frames, jewelry, books, videos, clothes, kitchenware. 3635 Granada Avenue.

SCRIPPS RANCH, Large record/LP sale. '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s eras Rick Griffin posters, all in excellent condition. 8:30am, Saturday 12/23/06. 10331 Caminito Surabaya. 858-208-8587.

Appliances

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

APPLIANCES: Refrigerator frost-free energy saver, stove, washer/dryer: $135 each. 1-year warranty. Leon's Appliances, pick up and delivery. Repairs. Can deliver free. 619-702-3270.

MAGIC CHEF Fridge, great condition, $350, 760-746-5861.

REFRIGERATOR, freezer. Washer/dryer, side-by-side stackable, dishwasher, under counter portable, microwave stand, stove. Energy savers, late models, can separate. $720/all. 619-670-8356.

REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER, white, like new. Washer. Dishwasher. Oven. Microwave. Scanner/printer. Best offers. 760-839-9195.

REFRIGERATOR, GE, white, 14.6 cubic feet, hardly used, $325. 619-665-7904.

WASHER, Whirlpool, never used, cost $500 new, now $329. Bosch dishwasher, 500 series, excellent, $800 new, now $289. GE dishwasher, good, $129. Guaranteed. Delivery and installation available. 619-957-6223.

WASHER/DRYER SETS: Both pieces from $250. Refrigerator, 2 doors, $145. 1-year warranty. Leon's Appliances Pick-Up and Delivery. Repairs. Can deliver free. 619-702-3270.

WASHER/DRYER. Maytag stackable, full size, gas dryer, electric (110) washer, 5 years old, remodeling, $300. 619-818-9258.

WASHING MACHINE, Maytag coin-operated, digital, newer, take $195. Also, older machine, $150. 619-804-4419.

WHIRLPOOL ELECTRIC Washer/dryer, full size, $150/each. Great condition. 760-746-5861.

Electronics

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

FISHER STEREO, CD player and alarm. Mint condition, detachable speakers. Wall Mount $40, 760-746-5861.

PS3 60 GB, New in box, unopened with receipt, $980/cash only, 619-271-8123.

SONY HOME STEREO/THEATRE, System. Black, triple deck, 2000 watts. 2 large speakers/built-in subwoofers, two small wall mount speakers, center speaker, $250. 619-334-8274, yusufx@gawab.com.

SONY STEREO SURROUND Sound, complete with receiver. 5.1-DVDs, play DTS-EX-THX and Pro Logic. Great condition, $125, has manuals. 760-746-5861.

SYLVANIA 27" color TV with remote. Very nice, great picture, sound, $90. 760-746-5861.

TV SET, GE, 36", black, works great, with remote control, $225. 619-665-7904.

TV, COLOR, 27" remote stereo TV, like new excellent pictures, $99. 619-461-4805.

VIDEO CAMERA, Sony High 8 with LCD (A/C charger, no battery), $40. Intel high-resolution webcams with CCD sensor and video input, $40 each. 858-551-8647.

Furniture

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

BED $100 ABSOLUTE BARGAIN! The Furniture Warehouse now open to the public. We sell warehouse direct. Come see our large showroom. We have over 70 sets in stock from $89! 995 Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 91911. Open 11am-7pm daily. Closed Monday. Credit cards accepted. Legitimate warranties in writing! Fast delivery. 619-426-2727. www.tfwarehouse.com.

BED $169 A BARGAIN. A Ortho Pillowtop Queen, new in plastic with warranty, mattress/box. All sizes. Credit cards accepted. Can deliver. 800-464-6420. North County, 800-464-6490.

BED A DISCOUNT store. Mattress World in Hillcrest sells new beds at warehouse pricing lower than regular stores. Student specials, fast delivery or pickup, national brands. Member of the Better Business Bureau. Mattress World, 1601 University Avenue, 2 blocks west of Park Boulevard in Hillcrest. Check www.sandiegobeds.com or email to: info@davisworld.com. Call: 619-260-8000.

BED FRAME, metal. Fits different size beds. Can be easily taken apart to be transported in a car. $20. 858-277-3065.

BEDROOM CLEARANCE 6-PIECE SET. $599. Brand new, still in boxes, solid wood bed, espresso color. Must move! Can deliver. 619-250-1446.

BEDROOM SET, traditional style. Full-size bed with mattress. 9-drawer dresser with mirror. Red oak, perfect condition, possible small scratch. $550/best. 619-295-5176.

BEDROOM SET, 5 piece, Scandinavian, cherrywood, queen-size bed frame, 2 nightstands, 9-drawer dresser, and armoire, excellent condition, $900. 858-535-1456.

BEDROOM SET, light brown, queen bed with side table, 6-drawer dresser, includes mirror, $550. Can be sold separately. Price negotiable for set. 619-665-7904.

CABINET with glass door, 44"x25"x15"D, holds DVD and VCR player, drawer at bottom, extra room on side for CDs and DVDs, black, $60. 619-665-7904.

CALIFORNIA KING SIZE, Monet-Orthopedic, beautiful, 25 year mattress. It's in great condition and ready to go. $800/best. Sacrifice. Call 9-6pm, 760-746-5861.

CLOSET, solid cedar, 62-1/2"Hx32"Wx21"D, wood rod for hangers, 2 doors, beautiful grain, almost antique, appraisal $250, now only $195. Hillcrest, 619-299-7578.

COMPUTER DESK, light brown, excellent condition, $35. 619-665-7904.

CONCRETE PATIO TABLE, seats 6, high grade, your choice of tile installed, all weather. $300. Credit cards accepted. 760-250-7055.

COUCH AND LOVESEAT, Brown, with footrests, very comfortable $30. Torn leather recliner $1. Wall unit, 17x60x72", twelve open compartments, adjustable shelving $100, 619-434-2028.

FURNITURE A DISCOUNT Factory Direct store. Lowest prices. Order from manufacturers' catalogues and save. Solid cherry, maple, oak or pine, American made Vermont craftsmanship or imported. San Diego's best home furnishings source since 1960. Member of the Better Business Bureau. Al Davis Furniture, 1601 University Avenue, 2 blocks west of Park Boulevard in Hillcrest. Check www.davisworld.com or email to info@davisworld.com. Call 619-296-1221.

FURNITURE. Small coffee table, $7. TV stand, sturdy, $5. Computer/office armchair, $13. 2 plastic dressers, $13 both. Patio furniture, 3 pieces, $10. 760-685-8291.

HUTCH/CHINA CABINET, beautiful and rustic natural oak, excellent condition, purchased at Pacific Beach Home and Garden store on Garnet for $550, asking $250. 858-775-7201.

IKEA BUNK BED Frame, metal, $75. Call 619-584-0585.

MATCHING 4-PIECE Settee and chairs. $395/best. Beautiful curved backs, square wooden legs/metal ends/wheels. Settee and armed side chair-good shape. 619-283-9600.

MATTRESS and box spring, Sealy, like new, $250. 858-274-6785.

MATTRESS A DISCOUNT store-Mattress World in Hillcrest sells new beds at warehouse pricing lower than regular stores. Student specials, legitimate warrantees, fast delivery or pickup, name brands. Member of the Better Business Bureau. Authorized Sealy, Simmons, Spring Air, Aireloom dealer. Also Latex, chemical-free and Swedish style Visco-Memory! Mattress World, 1601 University Avenue, 2 blocks west of Park Boulevard in Hillcrest. Check: www.sandiegobeds.com or email to: info@davisworld.com. Call: 619-260-8000.

MATTRESS A BABY-SOFT QUEEN $145. Pillow top mattress set. Brand new, in plastic. Must move! Can deliver. 619-808-8205.

MATTRESS BOX PILLOWTOP SET. New in plastic with warranty. Queen $169. King $239. Credit cards accepted. Can deliver. Call 800-464-6420. North County, 800-464-6490.

TALL WICKER CHAIR, $25. Upright vacuum cleaner $15, 858-458-4333.

TV STAND, solid yellow oak, 30Lx22Wx13H, great for heavy TVs and some appliances, moves smoothly on 4 pivoting castors, $50 cash. Santee. 619-562-0152.

Miscellaneous For Sale

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

ARCADE GAME, collection, Galaga, Ms Pacman, Operation Wolf, Super Cobra, Asteroids, Pong, Arabian and Commando. Can separate or all $3500. Please leave message. 619-461-2643.

ARTWORK, framed, beautiful, clearing out several artists, frames, sizes, priced to sell, must see, $50 plus. 619-929-4450.

BEDS A PILLOWTOP MATTRESS Box Set. New in plastic with warranty. Queen $169. King $239. Credit cards accepted. Can deliver. 800-464-6420. North County, 800-464-6490.

BMW WHEELS, off 2001, X5 SUV, sporty, 5 spoke, high end alloy with Pirelli Scorpion tires, $450 all. Furniture, full-size love seat, sofa sleepers. 858-272-4866.

Automotive

Car pulling to the right or the left?
• Prolong tire life
• Improve handling
• Increase fuel mileage
• Eliminate "pulls"
• Minimize premature wear of suspension parts
Alignments from $39.95
We will test your car for FREE!
3 minutes to I-5 & 805 (at Main & 4th Ave.)
3031 Main St., Suite K
619-426-2803
San Diego Tires & Brakes
CHULA VISTA

FREE Brake Inspection
$14.95 Oil Change
Up to 5 qts. Plus $2 waste disposal. Most cars.
$10 Off Smog
Plus $8.25 for certificate & $1.75 communication fee.
TUNE-UPS • BRAKES • SHOCKS
CLUTCHES • COMPUTER DIAGNOSTICS
European & American Car Service
SPECIALIZING IN JAPANESE & AMERICAN CARS
4546 Zion Avenue, San Diego • 619-283-8006

Sheepskin
from $39

CAR COVERS
DASH COVERS
FLOOR MATS
BABY RUGS
SLIPPERS
SANDALS
BOOTS
CLASSIC SHEEPSKIN
2707 GARNET AVE. • P. B.
858-270-2340

Remanufactured Engines
Since 1974

From $1399 installed
1-year warranty
JACOBS ENGINES
938 Coolidge Ave. (Off I-5)
National City
619-474-2556

Transmission Problem?
$150 Off Any Rebuilt Transmission
• Free transmission inspections
• Free estimates
• Free towing on major jobs
• Free oil change with major transmission repair
Free 27-pt. inspection!
Extended warranties honored
Clutch Job $75 Off
BG
Fuel Induction Cleaning
Restores mileage, boosts performance. $89.95
Ruffner Transmission
Foreign and Domestic Auto Repair
4645 Ruffner St., Ste. E • 1-888-761-7934
Used transmissions and 2-year warranties available
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 am-6 pm • Sat. 8 am-2 pm • Se habla español

BRAKE CO
AUTOMOTIVE CENTER
12 years at this location
15K/30K/60K Major Service from $99.99*
Includes maintenance tune-up, oil change, install spark plugs (premium plugs extra), inspect brakes, check fluids and more. *Most cars. 6-cyl./8-cyl. extra.
brake special from $99 Complete Brake Service
Includes free safety inspection (most cars). Installation of new pads or shoes. Repack non-drive wheel bearings. Inspect rotors or drums, master cylinder, wheel bearings, hardware, lines, hoses & seals. Front or rear. Semi-metallic pads $20 extra. Valid with this coupon. Not valid with other offers. Large vehicles extra.
tune-up from $24.99 4-cyl.
With this coupon.
axles • alternators starters much more
Call for details.
oil change
Includes up to 5 quarts oil & filter. EPA extra. from $24.95
timing belt
Power steering & A/C extra. from $99
Additional parts & labor may be required at substantial extra cost.
5812 Miramar Road • (858) 546-1200
Near UTC, 1 block east of I-805, next to Enterprise
Mon.-Fri. 8-6, Sat. 9-4 • All offers expire 1/11/07.

Specializing in BMW • VW • Audi
STATE-OF-THE-ART COMPUTER ANALYSIS

Oil Change 10% Off
Brakes 10% Off
PARTS & LABOR
MISSION VILLAGE AUTOCARE
Other services: • Factory scheduled maintenance • Clutches • Engine rebuilds • Timing belts • Alignment • Suspension • "Check Engine" light • Authorized dealer for VF engineering
"YOUR DEALER ALTERNATIVE"
6008 Mission Gorge Road #A (Just off of I-8), San Diego
Toll-Free: 888-696-8513

"WE NEED TO TALK. COME INTO MY OFFICE, PLEASE," I say, and I switch off my Bluetooth earpiece.

"Of course, Anthony. It is a lovely office."

"Don't blow smoke up my underpants," I say. Rounding my large mahogany desk, I sidestep and pull myself into my black, Italian leather, ergonomic office chair. "And, it's Mister Olivieri; let's keep this professional."

"Ho ho ho. Of course, Mister..."

"Let's cut to the chase, Santa. Your performance has been lackluster this year."

From a side drawer to my right I pull out a round compact mirror and check my hair. I want it *just* right for this meeting. I replace the mirror and shut the drawer.

Santa slumps into a seat opposite mine. He touches the cold, reflective surface of my shiny brass nameplate with a white-gloved finger.

"Don't touch that," I command. With my left hand, I swivel the 21-inch plasma monitor so Santa can see it. "Let's look at the projections, Mr. Claus."

"Ho ho ho. You can call me Santa."

"Mr. Claus, if you look at our digitally rendered, Mercator projection map, you'll see that your popularity is dropping, not only in regions not traditionally associated with Christmas, but in North America and Europe as well."

Santa smiles, puts an index finger next to his nose, and winks. "Well, the spirit of Christmas is..."

"Santa, let me put it to you this way: you were once a commodity, but you have become a liability. We foresee that in the winter quarter of 2007, you'll actually cost us money instead of generating revenue."

Santa blusters in his seat, and tiny bells on his jacket jingle. "Christmas isn't about profit and losses. Christmas is about..."

"Save it for the made-for-TV movies, you dinosaur. Actually," I pause and touch my lip, "dinosaurs may not be a bad idea for a new Christmas mascot." I make a mental note to have Jimmy look into that for me.

"But, Mrs. Claus and I..."

"Santa, let me be frank. S.A.N.T.A., Inc. is going in a new direction this year." I open a video player on the computer monitor and a flashing, swirling graphic power promotion animation fills the screen. At the end of the 30-second spot, in sleek, silver lettering, a banner appears that reads, "America's Holiday Icon: Who Will Be the Next Santa?"

"What is that?" Santa asks.

"It's a reality television program. Our focus groups..."

"But, I'm the *real* Santa."

"Not anymore. You can audition with the rest of the contestants. Santa," I say, and give him the finger. "You're fired."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

GUNSMOKE

TVLAND 9:00 A.M.

For Christmas, I got a cap gun, fringed leather vest, and a pair of boots. I've shelved my Incredible Hulk underwear in favor of a more classic design of choo choos; they go better with the western theme. I'm willing to sacrifice a little authenticity to wear my tablecloth cape. All I need now is a cowboy hat, and I'll be the rootinest, tootinest, downright orneriest cowpoke superhero this town has ever seen. Hyeaw! Get along little doggies!

POISONOUS WOMEN

DTIMES 7:00 P.M.

Not only are they poisonous, but they also have strong hind legs and jaws. They hunt in packs and are most dangerous when cornered. My dad told me if I never get close enough to see one of their horns, I'll live a long and happy life. My buddy, Tommy, said if you put a small rock in one of their ears, they'll get confused enough to let you pet them, but I've never tried it. They scare the livin' daylights out of me.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

RUDOLPH'S SHINY NEW YEAR

FAMILY 7:00 P.M.

Oh, no you don't. You back that red-nosed bastard right up. New Year's Eve is for wearing your own ass as a hat and waking up with your nose on the asphalt. None of these cutesy, anthropomorphized, claymation Christmas animals have any business buttin' into my holiday. Except Frosty. He can party like a cross between Hunter Thompson and Lindsay Lohan.

A Hobo's Christmas

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

SPORTS STARS OF TOMORROW

FOX 11:00 A.M.

I'm a sports star of tomorrow. If competitive eating is a sport, then why not competitive bellybutton-lint picking? Those bastards at the Olympic Committee may have slammed the door in my face and, yes, my shoulder still hurts from where that security guard grabbed and pinched me, but they'll hear me. They'll hear me loud and clear when I protest the 2008 games by unleashing an entire sheep from my navel. Bastards.

RUG GALLERY EXTRAVAGANZA

HSN 3:00 P.M.

I imagine the Home Shopping Network as Fezzini from *The Princess Bride*, and he keeps saying "extravaganza" instead of "inconceivable." Like "It's a rug gallery extravaganza!" Until Inigo Montoya says, "You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means."

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

A HOBO'S CHRISTMAS

CW 1:00 P.M.

Pretty much every Christmas I've celebrated since I was 14 has been "a hobo's Christmas." Waking up in a strange boxcar or jail cell. Wondering about the origin of that faint smell of urine. Is it me? Was it Rudolph? Hoping for the best Christmas gift ever — that the rash in my armpit would clear up — and being disappointed upon initial morning inspection, but keeping the Christmas spirit anyway. Oh, take me back. Take me back.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

A VERY SOAPY CHRISTMAS

ABC 2:00 P.M.

Okay. Okay. I can be a total jerk most of the time, but I'll be cool. Sure, I don't celebrate this holiday, but it's fun for a lot of people, and even though I pretend I was hatched in the desert from a lizard mother or I sprang fully formed from the head of Charles Bukowski, the truth is I was a kid once, too. And the night before Christmas when I was a young 'un was all anticipation and happy thoughts. So, go ahead, have a good time today. Enjoy your time off, relax with your friends or family, and have a sip of a peppermint martini or tea or something and feel warm. You know, like when you were a kid.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

EQUESTRIAN — SPRUCE MEADOWS

FSW1 3:00 P.M.

All right. All right. Enough of the touchy-feely holiday crap. Back to being myself. I say, to hell with horses. Next!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

AVATAR: THE LAST AIRBENDER

NICKELODEON 6:30 P.M.

I don't know what this is, but I'm going to start using it as my main excuse. You know, when my girlfriend says, "You sick pig. Can't you wait until we're out of the car?" I'll tell her I'm the last one and that I was "bending the air." The fate of the world rests in the seat of my jeans.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

GREEN ACRES

TVLAND 5:00 P.M.

You'll notice that TV got weirder and weirder as consciousness-expanding drugs pervaded society. If there's one thing the Reagan administration did, it was to rein in this phenomenon. The "Just Say No" War on Drugs sidetracked bizarre television and replaced it with Bill Cosby's ugly sweaters for a while. I mean, there was a talking pig in *Green Acres* and that was 30 years ago. If we'd continued in that vein unchecked, TV would be incomprehensible, like Italian films about clowns. Sure, it's more fun to be goofed up on the good stuff, but you've got to come down once in a while. Let's have some coffee and work through the hangover instead of hitting the baggie again. That sort of thing.

CHRISTMAS decorated fireplace screen. Rollerblade 7/8DX with protective gear. Umbrellas with stand. Desk, 2 drawer, 4'x2'. 4-lug spare wheels, T105/70R14, T115/70D14, $13 each. La Jolla, 858-454-1422.

DESK, OFFICE CHAIR, Wheelchair-batteries-charger. Television 24', guitar case, countertop, 20' beams, iron-board, fan, golf clubs, bean bag, kids' toys, work-out bench, 858-270-0565.

FIGURE SKATES, men's 11-2/3. Ladies' large leather jacket. Derby hat. Movie memorabilia. Various magazines. Large microwave oven. Aluminum walker. Crockpot. Grocery cart. 619-420-1028.

FILE CABINETS (7). Commercial grade, 5 drawer, heavy duty, $35 each. Computer tables (3), $25 each. Can deliver. Near downtown San Diego. ronluc@hotmail.com or 619-235-4672.

FIREPLACE, artificial, traditional style, white with black marble, electric, logs, $200. Black lacquer wall unit, lighted, glass doors, cottom cabinet, $175. 619-262-2458.

GRANDFATHER CLOCK. Howard Milleroak grandfather clock with Westminister Chimes and moon time. Excellent visual and working condition. Will make a perfect gift $600. 858-592-0746.

JEWELRY. Pendants. Gold coin (2 peso), newly set in 14K besel. 2 beautiful unusual gifts, $120 each. More. 760-753-6996.

LIBERTY 312 POWER CHAIR. All equipment included. Never used. Retail price $5000. Asking price $1000/best. Must see. Diane 619-235-9422.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, Commode, like new, deluxe, $40. 858-270-9038 or 858-272-1992.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CLOTHING, Shirts $1.50/each. Jackets $5. Pants $2. Accessories, etc. $1. Good condition! 760-746-5861.

MINERAL COLLECTION, cabs, slabs, cutting rough, crystals. Knife collection, old Kershaws, Shrade IXLs, Henckels, others. Maui Jim sunglasses, like new, best brand made, $60. 619-260-8482.

MINK COAT, black diamond, full length, like new, size 12-14, $1200/best. 858-450-1888.

MISCELLANEOUS. Schwinn mountain/road bike, tall frame, 12 speed. New beach cruiser, step balloon tires, large seat, pedal brake. Tiffany table lamp. Filing cabinets. 619-298-8942.

MOVING SALE. refrigerator, washer/dryer, stove, office, dishwasher, microwave, TVs/stands, VCR, stereo/speakers, couch, recliners, lamps, beds, bookcases, dinette/chairs, games, dresser, neon signs. 619-670-7821.

MUST SELL ASAP! Moving. Beautiful hot dog stand, working burners, plenty storage, running hot/cold water, refrigerator/ice chest. Mobile with hitch, $3500/all offers! 619-922-2192.

OLD JEWELRY, Surfboards, stamps, coins, art, books, toy metal cars, glassware antiques, autos, computer, electronics, household, furniture, tools, records, must go, must see. Cheap 858-444-5194.

OVERHEAD PROJECTOR, $65. Metal detector, $45. Vacuum, Kirby, all attachments, shampooer, self-propelled, $200. Ryobi or Makita drill kit, $35. Italian leather jacket, $40. 619-449-8069.

PAINTINGS, originals, serigraphs of world famous painters, posters, autographs, reel for pool blanket, $50. Bowling ball with bag, $19. Plants and small trees. Cookbooks. 858-560-9992.

PILLOWS, 2, beautifully handmade decorative silk, Chinese, unused, each $59/best. Ladies' watch, classy gold filled, famous brand, Gruen, $169/best. 858-792-5380.

PLANTS, beautiful succulent plants, $1-$5. Christmas stand for tree, large 24" diameter, like new, $9. 619-283-0397.

RCA 32" TV GUIDE+, $300. Buckmaster $160, folding $60. Toys, collectibles, dolls. Look and Post magazines. 619-234-0238.

RIDING BOOTS, Treadstone front zip, plain black jodhpur, full grain dry milled leather, leather lined, side elastics, Neolite rubber soles, used by girl for 1 month, nearly new, size 8, cost $90, asking $60. Encinitas, 619-890-9600.

RUGS WANTED, old Persian and oriental rugs, any size, any condition, for cash. 760-473-9600.

SOLOFLEX, exercise machine, top of the line, never used, all attachments included with frames exercise poster. $300/best. 619-885-1308.

SWAMP COOLER, $100. Potter's wheel, $100. Gas drive compressor, $350. Floor machine, $125. Cushman Truckster, $750. 760-788-9368.

TENNIS RACKET, Donnay, oversize, boron graphite comp, $60. Hockey stick, Koho 2100, KP38.5 Ultimate, $15. 35mm camera, 2000, unused, $15. 619-262-4681.

TOUCH LAMP, Tiffany style, brass and glass, bright and beautiful. Only $25, 760-746-5861.

VIDEOS, DVDs, 20 and more. 619-203-3315.

WEDDING dress, hat, shoes size 6, all $100. Bowling ball, bag, shoes, $25/all. TV stand and TV all $25. Table, glass top $25. Crock pot new $20, 858-277-7197.

WORMS. Redworm, nature's fertilizer, 1 bucket $40. Guarantee 1000+ worms. Lisa 619-449-7875.

WRENCHES, 5K, 13-piece set, professional tools, Super Krome, metric or standard, model #86127 and 86118, either set $100. 619-573-7315.

XMAS TREE, GE, Decorator's choice, grand spruce 7-1/2 feet, 1970 branch tips, pre-lit 850 colored lights, used once, $250 original cost, sacrifice $120. 858-483-9617.

YARN HANDICRAFTS. Scarves, hats, mittens, slippers, baby sweaters, booties, blankets, Christmas ornaments, trees, stockings, stuffed animals, all hand knit and crocheted. 858-220-4968.

3LBS SCRAP JEWELRY, Best for arts and crafts or repair, no gold, no silver, $25, 760-845-3024.

Free Classifieds!

Post free online ads with photos at SanDiegoReader.com

Motorcycles

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

BUCKS FOR MOTORCYCLES, ATVs and Harleys. All conditions welcome. Call 619-464-2131. www.deerhornautopawn.com.

DIRT BIKES and quads, $500-$3500. Call CW for more information, 619-425-6928.

GSXR 600, 2003, must sell, $5000/best. 858-531-7414.

HARLEY DAVIDSON FXDL, 2003, 100th Anniversary, silver and black, low miles, super clean. $12,700. Vin-303301. A Plus Rentals, 760-250-7055.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON wide rear wheel, 5.5"x18", 60 S/S spokes aluminum hub, like new, $200. 760-941-9371.

HONDA SCOOTER, 250 Elite, parts only. Crashed, but engine/transmission excellent. Wheels/tires headlight, instruments, seat, fuel tank, ignition, other parts all good. $475. 858-300-6081.

SUZUKI GS4501, 1984, hard starting when cold but when it's warm it starts and runs great, really flies at high rpms, broken tachometer, $450. 858-278-0810.

VESPA 150 moped/scooter, 150cc, 4 stroke (no mixing oil and gas), will go 60+mph, gets 80mpg, low profile tires, 3-year warranty, blue, $1350. 858-568-0051.

YAMAHA ROYAL STAR, red, 2400 miles, originally $20,000, merry Christmas, $10,000. 619-277-3200.

Automotive

Automotive Cars

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

A.B.C. AUTOBUYERS. High miles, no problem. Guaranteed top dollar for your car, truck, van, or motorcycle. Running or not. Call 619-474-2323.

AUTO FINANCING-EVERYBODY! If you have been working for 2 years with $500-$1000 down, we will finance you. Call Ebbie now, 858-527-0000. Visit welcome2royal.com, many choices. OAC.

AUTO PAWN LOANS. Secured by vehicle and title. All vehicles, cycles, boats, RVs and heavy equipment welcome. Fast and friendly service. Call 619-464-2131. www.deerhornautopawn.com.

BMW 2002, 1971, running strong, great interior, new top end on motor, maintained by local BMW mechanic, will throw in pair Recaro seats, $2000. 619-280-4651.

BMW 325ic, 1994, convertible, black with tan leather, 6 cylinder, automatic, full power, rollover package, stereo, 6-disc CD changer, always maintained, all records, $5500. 858-729-4014.

BMW, 330ci, 2002. Black. Auto. 60,000 miles, M3 wheels. Great condition, 100,000 warranty. 234HP. Everything except navigation. $21,000. eldirectorJJ@netscape.net, 858-427-0499.

CHEVY CAVALIER LS, 1998, 48K miles, white, 4 door, automatic, air conditioning, CD player, cruise, spoiler, $4500. 619-441-2483.

DODGE, 1980, 1/2 ton, long bed, 318 automatic, $750. Chevy, 1973, smog and rust-free, GMC 2500 series new motor, 350/400hp, $3200. Trades? 619-660-8491.

FORD CONTOUR GL, 1997, 4 door, low miles, automatic, air conditioning, power steering, brakes, windows, locks, tilt, cruise, stereo cassette, premium wheels, $2975. 619-838-0779.

FORD MUSTANG GT, 1998, well maintained, clean inside and out, teal/green, V-8, automatic transmission, 130K miles, power everything, rebuilt transmission, $5000, Home, 760-761-0711; 760-274-5325.

FORD MUSTANG, 1995, 5.0 liter, white hard top, excellent condition, many new parts, but has not been modified, must see, $4000. Tim, 858-270-0636, or 850-346-4543.

GEO METRO, 1990, convertible, Alpine stereo, white, runs fine, $1200. Brian, 760-746-6477.

HONDA CIVIC, DX 1997, red, 5-speed, 117,000 miles, Pioneer CD. Good condition. Great mileage $3900. 619-271-9540.

HONDAS FROM $500. Police impounds and tax repos. Cars, trucks, SUVs. Many makes and models! For listings, 800-495-0660 x2180.

HYUNDAI ACCENT, 1998. Runs well. White, 2-door. $1600 or best offer. 858-444-5194.

LEXUS ES330, 2004, burgundy, 22K miles, 1 owner, factory warranty, loaded, sunroof, leather, mint condition, $27,800. 619-339-8832.

MAZDA MIATA, 1995. Red, alarm, 88,000 miles, 5 speed, $3500/best, 619-886-8598.

MERCEDES BENZ, 2001. S500. Silver interial, Silver exterial. Also, extra set of 4, 20" wheels with brand new tires, $30,000/best. Serious buyer only. 619-793-6461.

PONTIAC GRAND AM GT, 1999, white, V-6, all power, automatic, air conditioning, AM/FM, CD stereo, cruise, power sunroof, aluminum wheels, new brakes, $5750. 619-227-9535.

PORSCHE BOXTER, 1999, 75K miles, owned for 2-1/2 years, great car in good condition, pastel yellow, must sell soon, new car arriving soon, $14,500. 619-778-3079.

SAAB, 1990, convertible 900 turbo, 5-speed transmission, white, tan leather interior. New top rear window, tires, shocks, brakes. Mint condition, low mileage. $3650/best, 760-310-2559.

VOLVO S80T PREMIER, 2004. Safety your priority, this is the car for you. Too many features to mention. 13,000 miles. Ash Gold Metallic, $30,500, 760-505-5278.

VW GOLF, 2001, 1 owner, loaded, GLS with power moonroof and zips past gas stations, 5 speed, 2.0 4 cylinder, always serviced, $6450. 858-945-6102.

VW SUPERBEETLE, 1979, convertible, nice body, top, interior, runs well, 32,500 miles on rebuilt motor, new alternator, Jensen MP3 player, American Racing rims, $4500. 619-445-6319.

$500! POLICE IMPOUNDS. Cars, trucks, SUVs from $500! Hondas, Chevys, Jeeps, Toyotas, Nissans and more! For listings and information, call 800-495-0660, xC664.

Automotive Trucks / Vans / SUVs

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

CHEVY ASTRO, 1997, $7995 or $2000 cash discount or $1000 down drives it away. Buy here, pay here. Vin-219154. A Plus Rentals, 760-250-7055.

CHEVY CARGO VAN 2500, 2003, white, chrome wheels, new tires, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo, CD, power windows/locks, 83K miles. Excellent condition. It's a beauty! $12,000/firm. 619-670-=5734.

CHEVY G20 VAN, 1995. 134,000 miles, automatic, 8-cylinder, A/C, power windows, new tires, $2400, 619-297-4757.

CHEVY P30 LUNCH TRUCK, 1986. Business opportunity. Full equipped for operation. Grill, oven, steam table, cold table, refrigerators, fryer, $28,000/best. Truck and route. 619-322-5421.

CHEVY S-10, 1997, 6 cylinder, 2003 rebuilt engine, good air conditioning, new water pump, new radiator, good stereo, have papers. 858-352-8612.

CHEVY YUKON GMC, 1996. Fully loaded, power all, still has warranty! Auto, A/C, leather, privacy glass, two-tone paint and tow package. Registered, 760-214-5811.

FORD EXPEDITION, 1999, well maintained, power everything, keyless entry, 3rd row, tow package, overhead 7" video screen, 9" RCD lift, 35" tires, Borla, $9999. 858-699-3895.

FORD EXPLORER SPORT, 2000, good condition, fun to drive, all upgrades, all power, blue/gray, leather, V-6, automatic, 6-CD changer, 90K miles, $5500. 619-890-9583.

FORD F-150 SUPERCREW LARIAT, 2001, new Pro Comp body kit, V-8, 4.6, 2-wheel drive, 10" lift, custom wheels, all power windows/seats, leather, $16,900. 619-954-0910.

GMC ENVOY SLT, 2002. Black, fully loaded. Heated leather seats, power everything. On board computer controlled on steering wheel, more. 103,000 freeway miles. $9695, 760-840-0694.

HONDA ODYSSEY, 2000 Van, navigation system, loaded. Pride of ownership, 98,000 miles, excellent condition. Asking $9950/best, 619-741-4840, or 619-589-9002

WINDOW TINT

BACK 3 WINDOWS from $58

PAGER ALARM $98
• 2-way, 4-button LCD pager remote control
• Parking light flasher
• Keyless entry option
• Door protection
• Dual-stage shock sensor
• LED

Solar Gard International Inc.
STEREO OUTLET
858-581-2434
2710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach
(next to Discount Tire)
Gift Certificates Available!

PACIFIC BEACH SMOG

SMOG ✓ $24.95
TEST ONLY $34.95

State of California LICENSED SMOG CHECK

PASS OR DON'T PAY

Plus $8.25 certificate and $2.00 transfer fee. Most cars and light trucks. RVs call for appointment. Completion of repairs needed before retest. We will match most local competitors' coupons. Not valid with an Internet offer or other discounts.

Quick Smog
1741 Garnet Avenue
858-270-9253
Open 7 days
$5 off Sundays!

Chris's Auto Repair
Foreign & Domestic

60K/90K/120K Services
4-cyl. from $149.95
6-cyl. and 8-cyl. extra.
Call for details.

Premium Oil Change
$12.95
Most 4-cyl. cars. Includes new filter, EPA, up to 5 qts. oil. Some oil filters extra.

FREE Oil Change
with tune-up
4-cyl. $35.00
6-cyl. $39.95
8-cyl. $49.95
Most cars. Includes new plugs and new oil filter. Inspect cap, rotor wire, air & fuel filters. Some oil filters extra. Platinum plugs extra. Must present coupon at time of service. Coupons may not be combined with any other offers. Expires 1/4/07.

Clutch Premium
Parts & Labor
from $195
Front-wheel drive extra. 12,000-mile warranty.

Smog Check
$15.75
+$8.25 certificate +$2 ET. Most cars. Bring DMV notice. Vans, SUVs, RVs, trucks, V8 extra.

Must present coupon at time of service. Not to be combined with any other offer. Expires 1/4/07.

FREE Brake Inspection • A/C Service $20

2920 Damon Ave. #C & D (Behind In-N-Out Burger, Pacific Beach) 858-270-1888

Auto Coupons at SanDiegoReader.com

Acme Tinting **$10 off window tinting**
Adams Import **Smog check $16.85**
Advanced Auto Tech **Catalytic converter $95**
Audio Sport **Tint 3 rear windows $50**
Auto Excel, Inc. **VW & Audi: oil/filter $24.99**
Brake Co. Automotive Center **Brake special $99**
California Motor Works & Tires **Smog check $13.95**
Chris's Auto Repair **Free oil change**
Cliff Brown Automotive **$10 off any service over $50**
Convoy Auto Repair **Tune-up $29.95**
Daytona Auto Repair **Free computer diagnostic**
DBL Automotive Center **Brakes $79.99**
Dent Time **10% or $15 off dent repair**
Discount Transmission & Axles **Free diagnostic road test**
Eagle Motors **Smog check $19.75**
Econo Lube N' Tune – Pacific Beach **Summer special $79.95**
Factory Tire Automotive Service & Sales **Premium oil change $19.95**
Fairmount Smog Test Only **Smog check $29.99**
5 Star Smog Test Only **$21.75 smog test required**
Greenlight Honda Acura Care **$100 off factory service**
International Auto Service **Brake service $48 plus parts**
Japanese Auto Service **Free vehicle inspection**
Kearny Mesa Smog Check **$7 off smog check**
MD Auto & Tires **Computerized alignment $34.95**
Mission Village Auto Care **$10 off computerized alignment**
Motor Machine & Supply **$50 off any engine work**
National Motorworks **$99 brake job**
Oasis Trade Window Tint **10% off window tinting**
Overseas Automotive Repairs **Factory service from $45.95**
Pacific Rim Auto **Axles/half shafts $68.95 + labor**
PAW Auto Service **$25 off**
Precision Tune Auto Care **$11.95 oil change**
Quick Smog **$12 off any Test Only**
S.A.M.C.O. **Extra $10 off 30K/60K/90K service**
San Diego Smog & Auto Repair **$10 off any service**
San Diego Smog Test Only **$10 off smog check**
San Diego Smog Test Only **Test Only $21.95**
San Diego Tires & Brakes **Oil change $15.95**
San Diego Trux **10% off any service**
Sea Sides Classic Tinting **Window Tint $59**
Sheens Autocare **Computerized alignment $29.95**
Smog Clinic **$26.75 Test Only smog special**
Sound Check **$99 window tinting**
South Bay Tire & Auto **Lift kits from $2300**
Speedy Auto Centers **AC service $19 plus Freon**
Streetnoyz Auto Sound & Security **10% off window tint**
Suspension Plus Full Service Center **One free shock or strut**
T&T Smog Test Only Check **$10 off service**
Thao Automotive **Smog check $16.75**
Transmission SCA **$100 off transmission rebuild**
USA Autosound **Alarm & window tint $189**
Value Transmission **$75 off clutch special**
Welltech Auto Service **Smog check $15.75**
Wentworth Automotive **$24.95 AC service**

WINDOW TINTING

Lifetime Warranty!
JOHNSON window films
Film Removal Available.
Window Tinting Starting at ..... $49 with coupon
2 roll-down windows.
Car Stereo Installation From ..... $35 with coupon
STEREOS • SPEAKERS • SUBS • AMPS
AUDIOLAND • 619-287-1100
6219 University Ave. (near College Ave.)
www.audiolandsd.com

ENGINE OR TRANSMISSION PROBLEMS?
Major or Minor? We Can Help!

FREE "Check Engine" Light 21-point diagnostic

$100 OFF TRANSMISSION REBUILD
$100 OFF ENGINE REPLACEMENT
Call for details.

• FREE Towing with Major Repair
• Military and Senior Discounts
• Free Shuttle Service
• FREE Leak Check
• FREE Brake Inspection

TRANSMISSION SERVICE $39.95
Filter extra.
Call for details.

MIRAMAR
(858) 552-8484
6690 Miramar Rd. #G • San Diego
Ask for Greg

TRANSMISSION & AUTO REPAIR SCA

SPORTS ARENA/PT. LOMA
(619) 523-1222
2904 Lytton St. • San Diego
Ask for Kevan

T.G.I.F.

The weed, smoked with a toilet paper tube and aluminum foil, was sneaky.

By John Brizzolara

The year was 1965, and the perversion I was about to perform would, within a matter of months certainly, even the final six weeks of that year, that winter, pale to "a harmless giggle" by comparison to what would come later. I placed my mother's mascara brush to my cheek. The line I drew began below my left ear, somewhat on a parallel to my jaw line. If one of my sisters came into the bathroom now, I would have to kill her. I repeated the phrase out loud, "Just a harmless giggle, really," with a trace of a tired, Liverpudlian accent. I caught my fracturing, 14-year-old voice dead-on the downbeat and convinced myself I sounded like the rhythm guitarist for the Beatles. It was John Lennon who originally said it, actually. (The word "actually" began to creep into speech with more regularity, as well. "As well" was replacing "too.") I told myself it gave me something of — if not a Brit or even Liverpool accent — then a vague continental quality to my world-weary aloofness.

But Lennon had been talking about marijuana. That was another thing. After two years of looking for the stuff, that is, after having been ritually initiated into Hipdom, "turned on" by the Ukrainian beatniks of Chicago's near north side, then left potless for 24 months despite my best efforts, I was going to get high again that Friday night in November.

I think back on the name of my band then with amusement, embarrassment, and pride. (How did I come up with that? What had I been reading? *Oedipus Rex* that fall, pretty sure.) The Village Oracle was light years ahead as a band name, ahead of anyone else in a 12-block radius of rock bands (like the Renegades); polka bands; Italian, crushed-velvet "juicer bands" or grease bands; even surf bands (don't ask how or why in the Chicago of 1965). We were even light-years ahead of ourselves with that name. A month earlier we had been the Crescendos.

In the mirror: hair that had been slicked back all week in school, the "duck's ass" tucked into turtlenecks, was washed and free and just over the ears. I was sweating with nervousness (Is this stage-fright?), so my hair buckled into waves, shortening its length. This was no good at all. The maroon turtleneck wasn't helping here or the navy-and-white-striped skating scarf to my knees. The mirror was fogging up. The turtle would have to go.

This left my wide-wale amber corduroy hip-hugger bell-bottoms nearly invisible, a kind of earth-tone smear or cloud. I swabbed at the mirror with a wet towel. Beatle boots — or, more accurately, Puerto-Rican fence-climber, shit-kicker dress boots that passed just fine as Beatle boots — gave my already six-foot frame another inch. The shirt, substituting for the sweater, was plain white, starched, pressed brutally, severely, and featured a cotton-and-metal tab collar. Buttoned, of course, à la Bob Dylan. In the breast pocket of that shirt was a pack of Lark cigarettes, anemic little gaspers in a red packet and punctured with a ring of pinprick holes around the white filter. One might as well not be smoking, but one might as well not be smoking John Lennon's brand, wot? Still around? No idea. Haven't seen them in years. Liggett & Meyers made them.

The pièce de résistance: a three-quarter-length Edwardian corduroy, double-breasted coat with gold-braid piping at the lapels, the whole garment gathered and tucked at the waist. A touch of the Kinks. Mum had found the coat and pants, inexplicably, in either the Sears & Roebuck or Montgomery Ward fall catalog.

I briefly chickened out at the dandy/Beau Brummel topcoat and considered a plain, faded, blue denim jacket; I called it my Eric Burdon jacket. Nothing fey or Fauntleroy about Eric, and this was Chicago, not Regency France.

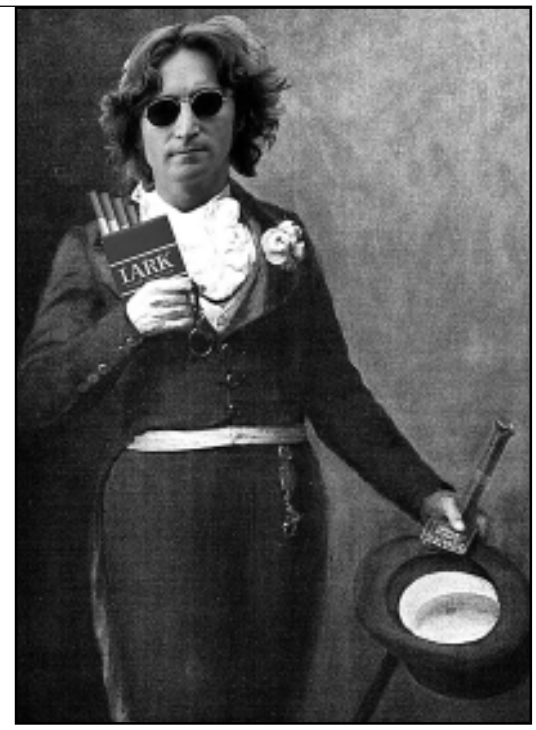
Between nerves and the lingering humidity, my mascara (rather, my mother's mascara) ran. What had been sideburns were now two shiny racing stripes that met at the chin forming one strap, as if I were wearing a shako in front of Buckingham Palace. I thought about shoe polish while I tried to make my hair look like anything except a Mickey Dolenz wig and put a stack of albums on my sister's portable Pony Tail turntable: *Beatles '65, Bringin' It All Back Home,* and *Animal Tracks.*

I failed to mention I was wearing either Jade East cologne or Hai Karate.

Oh, yes, and I had a blond, hollow-body Eko violin bass made in Japan; cool-looking and rococo as hell. It had cost about $60 at Shopper's World in La Grange, Illinois.

During the years 1965–1968, I paid more attention to what I wore while onstage (could be a gymnasium floor like that night) than I ever paid to clothing before or since. In '68 I had a pair of gold lamé (probably curtain material) bells that I think was the high-water mark of my career as a clotheshorse.

I'm not at all sure if it was that school dance at Lane Tech High or some other high school dance gig we landed that autumn of my sophomore year in which I was re-introduced to grass, but let's say it was. And the high school gigs? They were definitely all Fridays, often after a football or basketball game. The weed, smoked with a toilet paper tube and aluminum foil, was sneaky. Combined with Carling Black Label beer, the stuff had us playing the same three theme notes to the *Batman* television show for maybe 20 minutes, while a silently creepy wrestling champ had some kind of fit (epilepsy? if so, an odd, stylized form) and began a sort of dance craze.



We called it the Podo (don't remember why) and eventually substituted the Animals' *Bury My Body* as its anthem rather than the monotonous *Batman* theme. I was known that winter for carefully setting aside my Eko then flopping stupidly on the floor during "Wipe Out"–style drum solos. I tended to wear the denim more as the winter became 1966.

Yeah, I'd say those were pretty much all Friday-night phenomena. Don't know what brought all that to mind, except there's a patch of winter in the air and it's Friday again, only 40 years later. I heard the Podo enjoyed some celebrity in the greater tri-state area for a few years after that, and eventually it was forbidden, outlawed, taboo. The world's stupidest dance craze, and I had a hand in bringing it into being as a footnote in the urban high school legends of the Midwest. I heard someone died doing it, but I doubt that's true. I heard some girl went into labor on the gym floor at New Trier High while everyone thought she was doing the Podo. That one's probably not true either.

Anyhow, I survived it, and if I've forgotten to thank God for that...maybe that's what I'm doing now. With Thanksgiving not long past, gratitude is the natural theme; and sure I'm grateful I survived that inelegant dumbness, but I might just be a little more grateful about having those inelegant, dumb Fridays in the first place.

JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 2005. Looks new, only 14,800 miles. Sahara tan, loaded, 6-cylinder, air, AM/FM/CD, alloys, bike rack. Under Blue Book, $17,950. 619-549-3412.

JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO, 2002, 2-wheel drive, dark blue on black leather, original owner, 6 cylinder, automatic, air conditioning, loaded, CD, alarm, remote, $10,995. 760-271-3065.

OLDSMOBILE BRAVADA, 2000. Kenwood CD/MP3. Computer climate control, tinted windows except front. Keyless entry/car alarm, more. Relatively low mileage. $5999/best! Between 11am-8pm, 808-226-8612.

TOYOTA 4RUNNER, 1990, 4-wheel drive, sunroof, nice, clean, straight, 21K miles on new motor, needs head gasket. Need pickup. Trades? $2400. 619-466-2403.

TOYOTA PICKUP, 1993. 4x4, V6, 5 speed, camper, power windows/locks, moonroof, new tires. 142,000 miles, excellent condition. $5800/best. Se habla espanol. 619-528-1026.

TOYOTA TACOMA, 1998, 4 cylinder, 5 speed, air conditioning, only 65K miles, regular cab, white, with bed liner, antitheft, custom cover, excellent, economical, $5900. 858-581-6223.

VW VAN WESTIE, 1984 camper, cream color, loaded, pretty fun, air-cooled, 4-speed, a must-have. $3750/best, 858-444-5194.

AUTOMOTIVE

Classic / Custom Cars

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

AUTOMOTIVE

RVs

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

ALFA GOLD GF30RL 246 MODEL, 2000. RV in ideal vacation spot or permanent home in Leucadia. This spacious/luxurious 5th wheel is loaded. $28,500, 619-787-7389.

ALPENLITE M-28, 1994, queen bed, DL 27', superb condition, sleeps 4, 16' slideout, kitchen table, chairs, new brakes and tires, $7995/best. 619-672-6211.

CLASSIC AMERICAN CLIPPER RV, 1978. 21.5 feet. Many new features: tires, air conditioning. $5,000. 760-757-6984.

FLEETWOOD FLAIR 25Y, 2000, Chevy 454 Vortec V-8 engine, heat, air conditioning, kitchen, full bed, bathroom, solar panel, satellite dish, DVD/VCR, $33,000. 858-571-1417.

RV, 2003 Starcraft Travelstar, 17', immaculate condition, fully self-contained, 2 queen beds, 1 twin bed, large bathroom with tub/shower, 2-burner gas stove, $9500. 619-293-3197.

AUTOMOTIVE

Parts

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

BMW/MBZ/PORSCHE/AUDI. We sell authentic parts. Visa, MasterCard, Discover. We will beat your best price. Noel Enterprises, 858-538-3347.

LIFT CARRIER for handicap equipment for SUV. Will lift scooter or wheelchair of 400lbs., only used 2 months, almost new, $700/best. 619-651-7931.

RIMS. Polished aluminum for 1998 Ford F-150. Brand new. $200. Firm! 619-670-5734.

SUZUKI PARTS, Axles from 1991 sidekick low range pinion gears, drivelines $600. Axles from a 86 sidekick $300, transfer case. Transmission, drivelines $350. More 801-641-1073.

TOYOTA FORKLIFT, 1999 reconditioned Toyota LPG powered forklift. 189" maximum fork height, 83" mast lowered height, 48" standard backrest, automatic transmission. More $10,000, 760-745-1426.

AUTOMOTIVE

Services

PLACE PRINTED ADS in the Reader by calling 619-235-8200.
POST FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. See thousands of classified ads not printed here!

A.B.C. AUTOBUYERS. High miles, no problem. Guaranteed top dollar for your car, truck, van, or motorcycle. Running or not. Call 619-474-2323.

AUTO UPHOLSTERY-RESTORATIONS. Interiors, original or custom: Cut/sewn covers, carpets, door panels, headliner replacements. Also vinyl/convertible tops, sunroof systems. Arroyo Brothers, National City, 619-474-4684.

CAR RENTALS $17.95/day, $99.95/week, $350/month. Rent-to-own programs available. Buy here, pay here programs. We finance everybody. Cars from $2000-$6000. 760-633-3552.

AUTOMOTIVE

$7 OFF SMOG CHECK
*Fast Service * No Hidden Charges*

California LICENSED SMOG CHECK TEST ONLY

WE CERTIFY ALL VEHICLES

KEARNY MESA SMOG CHECK
(858) 874-8490
4191 Convoy St., Suite A • M-F 8 am-6 pm, Sat 8 am-3 pm

Low, Low Car Rental Rates

Buy Here, Pay Here. Rent-to-Own.

Daily from $17.95 | Weekly from $99.95 | Monthly from $350

SUVs • Navigators • Expeditions • Suburbans • RVs • Explorers
15-Passenger Vans • Minivans • Luxury Cars • Motorcycles

Rent for only $100/day

Harley-Davidson Road King®

18 years & older | Cash deposits | 100 free miles/day
Open 24-7 | All major credit cards accepted

A+ Truck & Car Rentals, Inc.
Auto Sales & Rentals
760-633-3552 | 619-229-0131

InsidePage

619-235-8200

Low-Cost Divorce $75+
#4 By mail/office/home anytime. 619-892-8306.

Help Those in Need And Become a Medical Assistant
UEI offers courses approved for Veterans, Rehab, WIA. Job Placement Assitance, Financial Aid available (if qualified). Come visit our campuses: 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, San Diego 92123 or 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. Visit: www.uei4you.com or call: 1-877-206-1915 today!

Attention Plaintiffs!
Need cash now? Get a cash advance before your lawsuit settles! San Diego Legal Funding. Wes, 858-964-0645.

Credit Repair+
Raise your FICO score. Atty. Roger Stacy, 619-253-8141.

Living Trusts and Wills Protect Your Home & Assets
Professional, experienced, caring attorney. M. Curran. MichaelaCurran.com. 619-980-9006.

Bankruptcy-Ch. 7, 11 & 13.
Free consultation. Honest advice from an attorney. A debt relief agency. Avatarlegal.com, 858-793-9880.

Lose Weight- Free
For first session. There's nothing to lose but weight! Linda Stark, Certified Hypnotherapist, 619-889-1397.

DUI and Criminal Defense
Affordable rates, Visa/MC, flexible payment plans. Free consult. Attorney David Boertje, 619-229-1870.

Auto Accident? Other Injury?
Free advice! Injury Law Center, 619-787-0120.

Mr. DUI-Mr. Ticket www.mrdui.com
Attorneys at Law.
We limit our practice to only DUI and DMV.
Call now 619-563-1010.
3990 Ninth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103
(in Hillcrest near Highway 163).

Negotiate Your Debt Today!
Avoid bankruptcy- free consultation! www.usfmgroup.com. 800-738-5351 or 619-819-0652.

Bankruptcy From $777*
Former creditor attorneys who now stop collections! A debt relief agency. *For qualified debtors. Call 760-944-0841, 619-515-1194, 858-232-4000.

Experienced Tax Attorney
Master of Laws in Taxation.
Solution to IRS, FTB, & EDD problems. Tax preparation. Consulting. Reasonable rates. Personal attention. Atty Ronson Shamoun, 619-595-1655, IRSsolution.com.

Immigration-Full Service
Work/marriage visas, green cards, US citizenship. 858-560-0776, www.immigrationdocumentservices.com.

Bankruptcy Attorney
Still qualify under new laws! Call today for free attorney consultation. We're a Debt Relief Agency. 619-233-4415; 858-335-1162.

Bankruptcy, Fast Divorce
We answer the phone - Talk to a lawyer - 8am-7pm. Low down payments - Same day filing - Free advice. FixedPriceLegalCenters.com (sm). 800-993-1998.

Amazing Electrician!
No job too small, no problem too big. Emergency/trouble calls: commercial/residential. Custom, remodel, new. Lic. #869373. 760-579-8060.

Relax and Enjoy!
Melt into my soft, gentle yet strong hands. An hour of bliss you don't want to miss! Outside calls only. 10am-8pm. Julia, 619-253-5527.

Learn To Play Craps!
Professional gaming instructors for private parties, nightclub, etc. Guarantee results. John, 619-729-7520.

Bankruptcy-Low Payment Starts
Experienced Attorney. Stop all collections. Debt Relief Agency. Raymond Schimmel, Esq., 619-275-1250.

Accident? Injury?
Get the compensation you deserve. Law Offices of Robert T. Pope, 619-233-3893.

Don't Let IRS Ruin Your Life!
Peace of mind is within your reach! Call 1-877-FIXABLE (24 hours) for recorded message and free report. Attorney Dave Greenberg, 619-531-8800, www.fixabletax.com.

Car Repo'd or about to be?
Call now to save it! 858-405-6766.

Drunk Driving?

AVOID COURT.
Speak with an experienced DUI attorney today

We handle DUI cases exclusively!

Examples of our work*
Blood alcohol level:
.12 **NOT GUILTY**
.13 **NOT GUILTY**
.15 **NOT GUILTY**
.16 **NOT GUILTY**
.16 **OVERTURNED DMV SUSPENSION**
.17 **OVERTURNED DMV SUSPENSION**
.21 **OVERTURNED DMV SUSPENSION**
*Does not constitute a prediction, promise, or guarantee of outcome.

LAW OFFICES OF James V. Bickford
Call me directly: 1-800-483-2894
Payment plans/credit cards OK
(1-888-297-0205 para español)

Worry Too Much?
If you worry excessively, can't relax; have persistent anxiety, tension, nervousness; have difficulty sleeping, concentrating, worrying about how you'll deal with each day; or upset stomach and muscle tension, you may have Generalized Anxiety Disorder. You may qualify for no-charge medical research study to test an investigative medication for treatment of anxiety. All inquiries are confidential and no insurance is requested. Study-related evaluations, blood test, study-related pills and exams are at no cost and you will be compensated for visit, travel and expenses. For information or appointment, call the study coordinator James Goldberg, Ph.D., at 619-327-0155.

Hypnosis–All Issues!
Smoking, weight, habits. Lori (CHT), 858-457-2100.

Aggressive Family Lawyer
10+ years experience in family law with divorce, custody, support and property. 619-542-1100.

Swedish Sensations!
A full body massage with my own special touches you're going to love! Outcalls only. 10am-8pm. Julia, 619-253-5527.

Probate, Wills, And Trusts
Experienced attorney. Affordable rates. Visa/MC accepted. Free consultation. 858-699-3780.

Got A DUI? Need A Divorce?
Hale Law Group, call now 619-866-3535, Visa/MC, 24/7.

Divorce Mediation
Control your own fate:
Work out a settlement with your spouse or partner rather than spending a fortune fighting in court.
See: reader.afairway.com.
A Fair Way Mediation Center. 619-702-9174.

D.U.I.? / Drugs? Avoid Going To Court!
See our display ad on page 4.
Attorney James Bickford, 800-483-2894.
Para Espanol, 888-297-0205. Visa/MC 24/7.

Credit Repair "Legitimate" Don't Frown–No Money Down!
Since 1988, local company. Call now! 800-700-0273.

Child Support/Divorce
Formerly with DA Child Support Bureau.
Call Attorney Linda Cianciolo, 619-253-9312.

Hands-On Success Massage Therapy Course
UEI offers courses approved for Veterans, Rehab, WIA. Job placement assistance, financial aid available (if qualified). Come visit our campuses: 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, San Diego 92123 or 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. Visit: www.uei4you.com or call 1-877-206-1915 today!

Living Wills, Living Trusts
FixedPriceLegalCenters.com (sm). 800-993-1998.

Host Your Holiday Party At Wine Cabana in Old Town!
Wine bar- bistro- retail shoppe. Gift Certificates.
7 days, 11am-11pm. Friday/ Saturday until midnight.
2539 Congress Street, San Diego 92110.
Relax... cabana style!
www.winecabana.com, 619-574-9463.

Car Accident Victims!
25% fee. Why pay more?
Demanski & Ellis, Attorneys at Law, 619-338-9880.

Need Cash Today?
Title loan on your car or truck - you keep it to drive! Any credit OK. 619-593-6200.

Lawyer For Less-$99/Hour/Up
30 years experience, criminal and civil, DUI, juvenile. Free consultation. 858-472-4550.

Family Law/Estate Plans
Divorce/custody/support/wills/trusts/tax plans. Free consultation, www.wf-lawyers.com, 619-284-4113.

Secure Your Future With an Office Career
UEI offers courses approved for Veterans, Rehab, WIA. Job Placement Assistance, Financial Aid available (if qualified). Come visit our campuses: 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, San Diego 92123 or 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. Visit:www.uei4you.com.

I.R.S. Problems?
Owe back taxes? Haven't filed? Let an ex-IRS agent fight for you! Call me!
Call Tech Tax, 858-410-5717.

Sexual Harassment Personal Injury Morris and Associates 619-239-1300
Aggressive, experienced attorneys.
morris@sandiegolegal.com.

dui?

You need an attorney who devotes his practice to drunk driving offenses.

Law Offices of James V. Bickford
1-800-483-2894
San Diego and Vista Courts

Bankruptcy Attorney Qualify Under New Laws?
Practice limited to bankruptcy.
Call today to speak with attorney.
Debt Relief Agency.
619-233-4415; 858-335-1162.

Need a Phone Number? Voice Mail - $8.95 per Month!
800-309-8888 www.voicemaildepot.com.

Criminal Defense Attorney
Avoid court & deal directly with Ty Carss. DUI, drugs, felonies, misdemeanors. Visa/MC. 760-295-8420.

Single?
www.LocalSDSingles.org.

Stop IRS/State Cold!
Ex-IRS officer. Fee only $1050 with $500 deposit. 858-614-0223. www.taxsolutionservices.com.

HIV Result-20 Minutes-$140
GYN, urology, STD tests, confidential. 619-260-0810.

Aggressive Divorce Attorney
Estate and probate. Contact Kevin at 619-398-3466.

Divorce/Custody/Support
Low fees, ex-DA/child support attorney. Free consult. Espanol. Attorney E. Gonzalez-Exerjian, 858-456-5501.

Wrongful Termination?
Call attorney Michael Sousa for discrimination, harassment, and unpaid overtime cases. 858-453-6122.

Stop Repossession
Call now to save your car. 858-405-6766.

Ex-IRS, Tax Attorney
All problems, returns, representation. 619-234-8471.

Traffic Tickets?
Don't pay. Hire an attorney to fight for $100.
No attorney fee if ticket not dismissed.
Contact Law Offices of Elizabeth Aronson,
760-726-8400 or SanDiegoTrafficTickets.com.

Bridal Bazaar Sunday, January 28
SD Convention Center, 10am-5pm. More than 300 exhibitors with everything for your wedding. Information, coupons, www.bridalbazaar.com.

Become an Insurance Coder/Biller
UEI offers courses approved for Veterans, Rehab, WIA. Job Placement Assistance, Financial Aid available (if qualified). Come visit our campuses: 3666 Kearny Villa Road, #100, San Diego 92123 or 310 3rd Avenue, #C6, Chula Vista 91910. Visit: www.uei4you.com.

Simple Divorce
Divorce, Custody, Support, Visitation.
www.Legal-Choices.com, #7. 619-593-6000.

Got Collection Letters?
Collection agencies and attorneys routinely violate federal laws. Get money damages. They must pay your attorney fee. Free consultation.
Law Office of Ivan Trahan, 858-292-1491.

Aggressive Female Attorney
Criminal defense and family law. 619-232-2900.

Stop Smoking, One Session!
Hypnosis. All issues. Patty, CCH. 858-459-1291.

Fathers Resource Center
#1 National Award Winners: Divorce, custody, support, move-aways, paternity, visitation, mediation. Same day filing possible. 760-634-DADS; 619-702-DADS.

Is The IRS After You? Help Is At www.mtax.com.
Or call Curtis McAllaster, CPA, 619-523-3098.

IRS Problems Got You Down?
27 years IRS experience.
Income tax and collection problems.
Audit and appeals representation.
Tax return preparation. Current/unfiled returns.
Free consultation. Reasonable rates.
BJ Tax Consulting, 858-530-1675.

POPCO–Father's Rights
The original and still the best. 800-963-DADS(3237).

Holiday Lights Special!
Professional Painters will hang your holiday lights and put up your decorations. Save your back, time and money. Call the professionals at Peter's Painting, 619-504-4970.

Drunk Driving Attorney
Felonies/misdemeanors/DMV/drugs. 619-338-9500.
J. D'Ambrosio. Free consult. Visa/MC/Amex.

Bankruptcy-Ch7 $785 Complete
Includes court costs! stacylawfirm.net. 619-253-8141.
Debt relief agency. Free consultation, 24/7.
Payment plans available. Attorney Roger Stacy.