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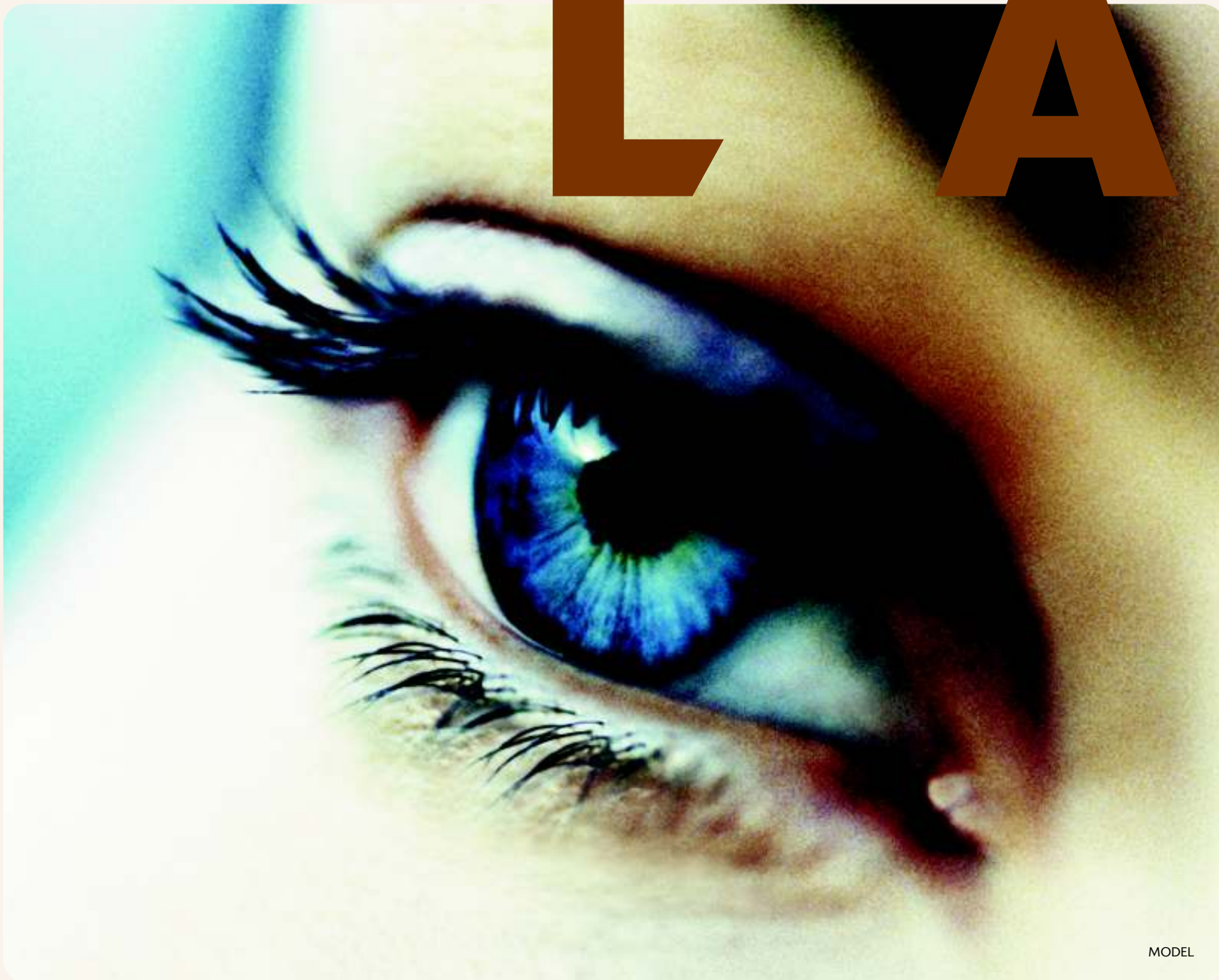
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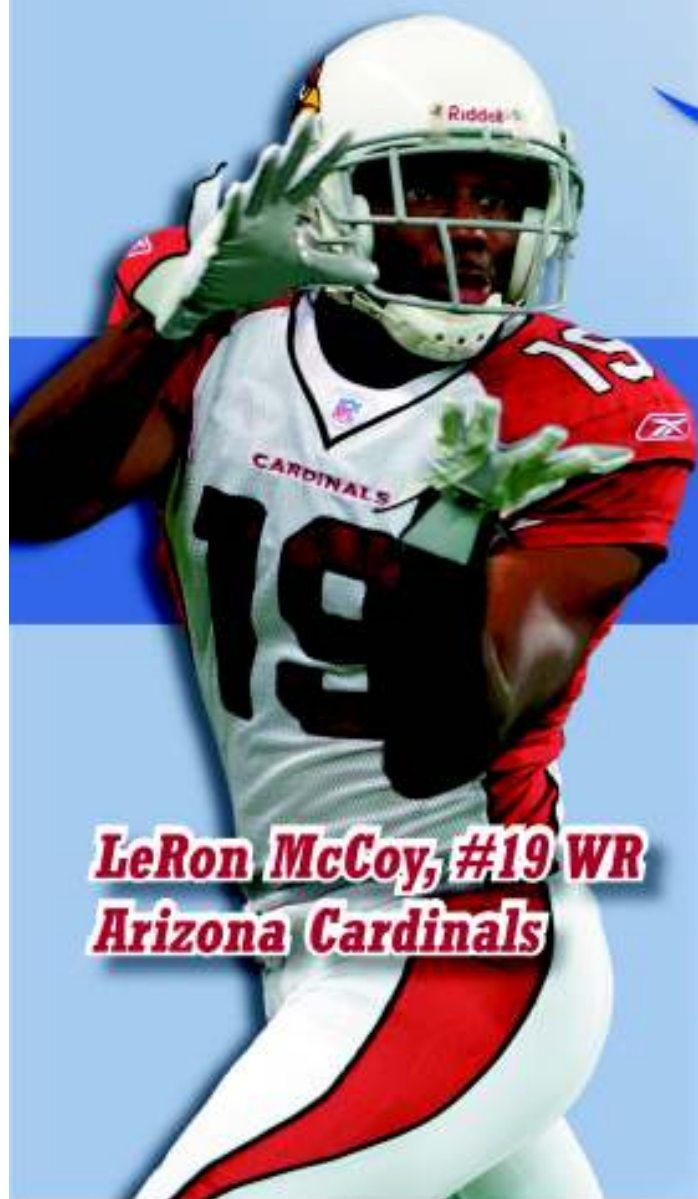
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## San Diegan Foresaw Home Depot Woes

By Don Bauder

**R**obert Nardelli is corporate America's new symbol of wretched excess. He resigned under pressure last week after refusing to take a cut in his bonus. He had been making more than \$10 million a year in his six years as chief executive of retailer Home Depot. On his watch, sales growth had

Retired banker M. Faye Wilson, a resident of Rancho Bernardo who was instrumental in the early financing of Home Depot, resigned from the company's board in early

Home Depot entrepreneurial, customer-centered culture, fostered under Blank and the other founder, Bernard Marcus, would disappear under Nardelli, a veteran of General Electric who would favor centralization, top-down decision making, militarized bureaucratization, and cost cutting that would alienate customers. Wilson was right. That is exactly what happened. Pundits say Home Depot has lost its edge.

That's why another San Diegan, Ralph Whitworth of investment advisor Relational



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Inset: Robert Nardelli and Faye Wilson

receded and the stock had dropped from above \$50 to \$41, while shares of competitor Lowe's had zoomed. Nardelli got a going-away gift of \$210 million. The public is outraged. At last, people may have awakened to the obscenity of chief executive pay.

2001, right after Nardelli was hired. "His selection had a big role in it," says Wilson. One of the two founders of the company, Arthur Blank, a long-time associate of Wilson's, retired at the same time she did.

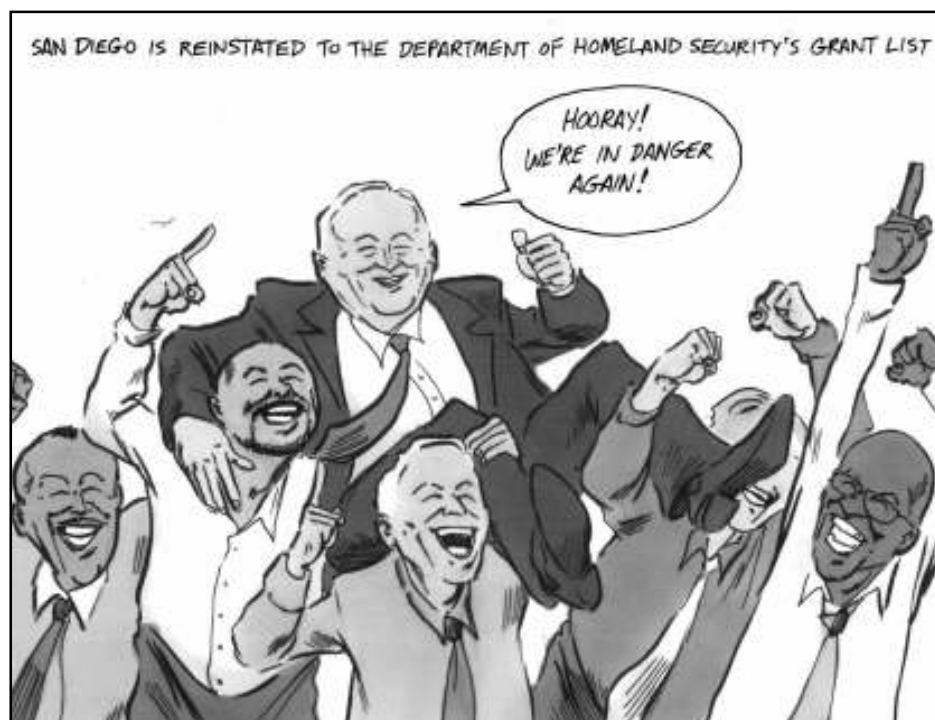
Wilson feared that the

Investors, took the leadership role in calling for the shake-up at Home Depot. The cor-

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### Neal Obermeyer



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**Happy daze** When **David Copley** isn't busy shedding reporters and other employees who worked for his late mother's rapidly shrinking newspaper chain, he can be found on the gentle Mediterranean waters off Nice and Antibes, between Monte Carlo and Cannes, on the French Riviera. At least that's where his new yacht *Happy Days* has been lately



Copley's yacht

sighted, according to Monaco Yachts, a website dedicated to photos and news of luxurious water toys belonging to the rich and famous. Copley's boat, launched from the Seattle shipyards of Delta Marine last spring, was photographed on September 16 and 18 of last year, according to a caption beneath a photo of the sleek white craft, which sports an elaborate complement of electronic gear on its mast. Another photo shows an intrepid worker, suspended on ropes, washing the windows. *Happy Days* was later spotted after arriving in the vicinity of Saint Barthélemy, an island in the French West Indies, according to a caption on a photo posted December 29.

Another website, Yachtspotter, traces last autumn's westward progress of the *Happy Days* from Saint-Tropez on October 7 through the Strait of Gibraltar on November 3 across the Atlantic to Port de Gustavia on St. Barths on November 16. The boat was also seen there the day after Christmas, the site reports. Notes the yacht builder's website: "With her broad 34-foot beam, *Happy Days* offers 7,500 square feet of living space. She features a master suite on the upper deck with its own lounge forward and an intimate dining area aft. Two VIP staterooms are on the main deck, and four guestrooms are on the lower deck. An elevator serves all four decks."

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And when he's not aboard his yacht, Copley can take to the air in the Copley Press-owned G-IV executive jet built by Gulfstream Aerospace. According to registration records on file with the Federal Aviation Administration, the plane, which seats 22, was built in 1990 and is based at Lindbergh Field's Jimsair.

**Mother of all fire sales** Fallout continues over the prospective sell-off of the Copley newspapers in the Midwest. In Peoria, Illinois, home of the *Journal Star*, the Peoria Newspaper Guild, which represents reporters and photographers at the paper, has set up Save the Journal Star, a website that warns, "We will not tolerate an owner who

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Meanwhile, over in Springfield, the Illinois state capital, where Copley has put the *State Journal-Register* on the block, one blogger is fretting that the citizenry isn't sufficiently engaged over the pending ownership change. "Are the people of Springfield as passionate about their own paper as the people of Peoria? If there's a similar movement in Springfield to save the *SJR*, it hasn't crossed my radar," writes **Marie Carnes**, who describes herself as a Springfield native and legal secretary, blogging since 2001.

"Being the primary newspaper located in the seat of Illinois government, citizens and businesses in and around Springfield should turn a critical eye towards any prospective buyers," Carnes notes that locals should also be concerned about the fate of the town's Great Western Railroad Station, a piece of Lincoln-era memorabilia owned by Copley. "The salaries of the U.S. Park Rangers who operate it are funded by the paper. The paper and its proprietors have done an excellent job of maintaining and keeping alive the memory of Springfield's smallest, but most important, passenger station. What will become of this treasure when the newspaper is sold?"



**Carnal properties** **Mike Aguirre** and his brother **Gary** aren't the only locals to receive recent write-ups in the *New York Times*. **Dave Cummings**, a 66-year-old porn star from University City, was



Dave Cummings

featured in a year-end story headlined "The Graying of Naughty," about over-50 people performing in dirty movies. The story proclaimed, "The pornography industry, that multibillion-dollar-a-year symbol of airbrushed American carnality, is aging." Cummings, a longtime member of the Hash House Harriers, a beer and running club, and star of such X-rated opuses as *It's a Daddy Thing*, was quoted as saying, "My son thinks of me as his hero... When he's out chasing girls, he says, 'Ever hear of Dave Cummings?' My son is getting action because of me."

— Matt Potter

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## Fox Canyon. A Park? A Road?

By Joe Deegan

If you think volunteer advisory boards are rubber stamps for San Diego's municipal shenanigans, meet attorney Bob Otilie. As a member of the Park and Recreation Board, Otilie has lately been causing heartburn in at least three offices of city government. And Park and Recreation Department director Ted Medina told Otilie in the fall that on the advice of a lawyer he wouldn't answer Otilie's questions.

At the root of Otilie's mischief lies an ad hoc committee holding "Fox Canyon Neighborhood Improvements Coordination Meetings." By phone Otilie tells me, "Of all the goofy things done at city hall in the last several years — and there have been many — the activities of [this group] have got to be the goofiest. Its meetings are variously attended by a city councilman, or his staff, and employees from the Real Estate Assets, Development Services, Community and Economic Development, and Park and Recreation departments. The group is responsible for expenditures of \$375,000 of the city's money. Yet it is accountable to no official body under control by the mayor or, formerly, the city manager."

In December Otilie made public seven boxes of documents relating to the Fox Canyon committee's work that he obtained through a California Public Records Act request. A timeline kept by the group — from late March 2002 through November



Jim Madaffer

2005 — is helpful in figuring out what the group has been up to. A cryptic November 16, 2002 entry, "Madaffer supports road," gives the first major clue.

Already by 1999, however, Madaffer seems to have had interests in a Fox Canyon road. Jose Lopez, a resident of

the Fox Canyon neighborhood, in East San Diego, and president of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, tells me that in that year former councilwoman Judy McCarty agreed to support a road through the canyon that some locals felt would relieve traffic congestion near their homes. "When Jim Madaffer was McCarty's chief of staff back then," says Lopez, "he came to one of our meetings and promised to help her get us Ontario Avenue, which had been a paper road on San Diego maps since 1916."

Throughout 2003 the Fox Canyon ad hoc committee was trying to figure out ways to come up with money. Yet Park and Recreation employee notes from September 4, 2003, state, "Madaffer committed to new road. Consider it funded! Go ahead, need schedule."

A timeline entry for the committee's November 19 meeting reads: "Determine that we cannot comply with [Chollas Creek Enhancement Project] & have road. Decided to show road as vacated in graphic for Grant."

Two aspects of this entry are significant. First, the "Grant" refers to a plan the committee was developing to obtain a California Parks and Recreation grant to build a park partly on the same site as the up-to-then-contemplated Ontario Avenue. Second, "vacated in graphic" seems to mean that the com-



Ontario Avenue

mittee had no intention of telling the state about the road. For when the grant application was finally submitted on January 15, 2004, no mention of the road was made in either written text or map graphics. According to the application, San Diego was applying to the state for money to develop a park only.

As they waited for the grant to be approved, ad hoc committee members decided on June 21 to add to the project \$900,000 in "special park fees" from the Mid City Park Developer Fund. And on July 12 they submitted a "preliminary review package" to the Development Services Department for a "multi-family" development. In a later city council meeting (March 21,

2006), Madaffer would concede that he had long envisioned a low-income housing development at the intersection of the planned Ontario Avenue and Auburn Drive.

On November 1, 2004, the state announced a grant of \$2.3 million to San Diego to build Fox Canyon Park. No mention of the road. "A fully executed grant contract [was] received" on December 24. In between, the Fox Canyon ad hoc committee met "to discuss technical studies required and finalize road layout, review[ing] cost estimate." (The money to build Ontario Avenue alone was eventually estimated at over \$5 million.)

From that point forward, the committee worked on the

Fox Canyon venture as a joint road-and-park project. An item in the group's January 25, 2005 minutes states, "The park and road must be evaluated as one project for Environmental review." The minutes additionally indicate that "Real Estate Assets is close to an agreement for purchase of the land [needed for the park]." In the state grant, the amount specified to buy that property was \$800,000.

Bob Otilie condemns the committee's handling of land issues. "There does not appear to have been," he writes, "a single significant concern raised by anyone who attended these meetings (which included department heads and the councilmember) at the fact that the city did not own the property on which it was planning these two projects...." Lane MacKenzie of the Real Estate Assets Department had been telling the committee that he had a deal with property owner Larry Zajonc to buy the necessary land. But, says Otilie, "we have not seen a single document from the landowner expressing a willingness to sell the property on any term."

On March 16, 2005, Madaffer council staffer Elyse Lowe e-mailed the Park and Recreation Department's April Pendera regarding another property: "Jim wants to investigate the house at the corner of Auburn/Ontario to build a two-lane road." Lowe added that Madaffer suggested using a temporary Housing and Urban Devel-



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porate strategy is “way off track,” says Whitworth.

“The original culture was very important to the success of the business,” says Wilson, who was a senior vice president at the former Security Pacific Bank in 1981, when she took on the role of helping to finance Home Depot, which was then opening its third and fourth stores. She dealt with Blank and Marcus as they planned financing of the first 100 stores.

“Originally, the company was entrepreneurial and customer-focused,” says Wilson, who ultimately became chairman of Security Pacific Financial Services and an executive vice president of Bank of America, from which she retired in 1998. She went on to a career in strategic financial planning with smaller firms. “Everyone who worked there thought they were the company. There were not a lot of rules. The rule was stay in stock [have inventory on the shelves] and take care of the customer.”

She recalls, “It was total open door. There was no hierarchy. Bernie [Marcus] and Arthur [Blank] were involved in teaching every management-training class. They visited every store every year until it became physically impossible. They met personally with all the managers and groups; there was a lot of communication; they answered their phones; they talked to people and listened.”

She recalls that at “mass meetings, a manager would stand up and say, ‘That is really a bad idea.’ Other managers would chime in, and Bernie and Arthur would change their minds; they knew their idea wouldn’t work.”

By contrast, “Nardelli brought the General Electric command-and-control-style manager — very bureaucratic, very rules driven. They put in central processes that were very beneficial, that saved money and made things work better. The old Home Depot people left. I left the board, although I did stay on for a while as an officer.”

Under the founders, store employees were very well paid by retail standards. “They did not have pay strata. They

would continue to increase people’s earnings as long as they would increase value to the company, as long as they could keep customers happy and increase sales. They paid more than \$20 an hour to salespeople on the floor. That’s unheard of today. They paid above-market to hire good people. Every manager in the company had to spend time in stores, had to walk stores. Stores were the center of the company, not corporate headquarters.”

At that time, Marcus and Blank took pay “that was modest by chief executive officer standards,” she says. “Even as Bernie and Arthur left the company, they were at a million a year; their compensation even with bonuses didn’t come to \$2 million a year, even in 1990,” when chief executive pay was beginning to escalate into the stratosphere. “They never took a stock option or a stock grant at any time. But they granted stock options deep into the company,” she says, explaining that many levels of people were able to prosper from the company’s success. Of course, Marcus and Blank got rich from the original stock they held, but they didn’t try to enhance it as current chief executives do. (It has now come out that during those early years, the company was backdating stock options; thus, Home Depot has joined more than 130 other companies under investigation for this odious practice.)

Before Wilson left the board, “I saw signs the culture was changing,” she says. “There were decisions made about bringing in and replacing existing workers who were more highly paid with part-time workers at a lower salary. It was a big shift. There was a huge loyalty factor running from the employee to the company. That was broken.”

It wasn’t just employee pay that was chopped. It was also employee latitude and decision-making ability. “Home Depot had worked hard to decentralize so that it could move decision-making to the marketplace.”

But Nardelli centralized. “Decisions were increasingly made by people in central services. Authority began to be taken away [from people at the store level]. For employees, it just became McJob.”

Nardelli hired many retired military officers to run stores. To this day, Home Depot customers are aware of such changes; employees are less eager to serve, less able to make decisions that please customers.

This strategy hardly made sense, because when arriving at Home Depot, Nardelli had no retailing experience and little knowledge of consumer businesses. At General Electric, he had headed such things as locomotive manufacturing. He knew how to run mines. At Home Depot, he was an autocrat with little knowledge of the business.

He had been passed over for the top job at General Electric after the fabled (and overrated) Jack Welch retired. At Home Depot, “The original idea was that someone would be hired as chief operating officer to work with Blank [who would still be chief executive officer]. There would be a transition,” and then Blank would retire, says Wilson. “But Nardelli would only come in as chief executive officer. Blank graciously stepped down so we could get the guy who was touted as the management catch of the century, who wouldn’t be available on the market very long.”

In spring of 2001, the company announced that Blank and Wilson were leaving as boardmembers. “I made a decision not to stand for reelection when Nardelli came on board. I was not aligned,” says Wilson. She continued her banking career. In San Diego, she has been president of San Diego Opera and a boardmember of the Neurosciences Institute, among many things.

Blank went on to become owner of the Atlanta Falcons, a professional football team.

Nardelli went on to well-compensated infamy. Under him, the company spent \$6 billion buying companies so Home Depot could sell to the construction trades — not just to consumers. It hasn’t worked well. As the stock languished, shareholders had questions. But Nardelli wouldn’t answer them. At last year’s annual meeting, he ran the show himself, telling boardmembers not to show up. He let shareholders ask only a few questions. They were miffed. Less than a year later, he was gone. ■



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## Park? Road?

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opment loan "to fund portions of the park including things for the road — all with a Crossroads [Redevelopment Project Area] reimbursement agreement." Pendera responded the same day, saying, "I believe there is money left in the Mid City Special Park funds... wouldn't we just use that?"

In a March 30 e-mail to Madaffer himself, Lowe wrote, "Don't know yet if we need the whole house or part of the parcel. Do we have your permission to have Lane MacKenzie start discussions with the owner of the house? The ballpark estimate on the house is \$400-\$500,000." Several minutes later Madaffer responded: "[Two] weeks ago I personally chatted with [Real Estate Assets director] Will G[riffith] and asked him to begin pursuing the house. Please confirm this with him directly. Buy the house now — any and all ways possible using any and all funds possible."

On April 11 Madaffer sent a memo to city manager Lamont Ewell concerning "an additional private property parcel acquisition. I would like to allocate \$150,000 in Mid-City Special Park Fees for this purpose."

Bob Otilie has searched his seven boxes of public-records-request documents to determine whether the money was ever paid. "It would appear," he writes, "that the \$150,000 was then moved from Mid-city park fees to this project in what is referred to as a 'capital improvements program fiscal year 2006 change letter.' It also appears that [the] year-end change went to [the city] council (with many other changes) sometime in the summer of 2005. There is no evidence in the documents produced to date that the other members of the council, with the exception of perhaps District 3 and District 4, were aware that park funds were going to be used for a road."

"One person at the city specifically communicated to others that Mid-City Special Park Fees could not be used for the road. Heidi Lang, who handles grants in the department, wrote to other [Park and Recreation Department members, including April Pendera] on July 29, 2005

as follows: 'You probably know this already, but just a reminder: the Mid-City park fees used for the Fox Canyon property acquisition can only be used for parks, and not for roads.' "

Yet seven months later, on March 7, 2006, attendees at the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Improvements Coordination Meeting were singing a different tune. "April Pendera appears to be the senior member of the Park Department present," writes Otilie. "Elyse Lowe from Councilman Jim Madaffer's office was also present."

The meeting's minutes report that "additional funds in the amount of \$275,000 are needed to cover the road design. \$100,000 will be Special Park Fees." The minutes describe that day's first action with the words, "Elyse will email [project manager Joey Jacoby] a statement that the \$100,000 Special Park Fees can be used for the road..."

At that point, the city's official park advisory group, the Park and Recreation Board, had not voiced an opinion on the Fox Canyon park-and-road concept. But for its March 22 meeting, the board put on its docket a discussion of the project. When members arrived at the meeting, however, they listened to deputy city attorney Hilda Mendoza forbidding them to discuss the matter. Mendoza's point, which she also stated in a memo, was that anything involving a road was beyond the board's jurisdiction. Several board members, led by Otilie, strenuously objected to this restriction, especially since the board's docket had already announced to the public that discussion of the project would take place that day. Against Mendoza's wishes, the board held the discussion, then voted against having a road as part of the Fox Canyon Park project.

The Park and Recreation Board revisited the park-road project at its September 21, 2006 meeting. By this time the city's Park and Recreation Department was admitting it had already spent \$165,000 in special park fees on the road design alone. Transcripts of the meeting indicate that in an exchange with April Pendera, Otilie brought up Hilda Mendoza's memo forbidding his board to discuss

the Fox Canyon project. "What [Mendoza] was communicating to us that day," he said, "was that the road had nothing to do with parks, and we're now learning today for the first time...that in fact park funds were used for that road."

Later in the meeting Otilie pressed Park and Recreation director Ted Medina on his initial knowledge of the Fox Canyon project. "When the Department made the [grant] application to the state... which included a representation to the state that we would abandon the road easement, did the Department or anyone within the Department know that there was a road intended to be built through that canyon?"

"Mr. Otilie," responded Medina, "I'm going to follow legal counsel's advice and not respond to your question."

By this time, however, attempts to make anything happen in Fox Canyon had fallen apart. No land ever became available to build the park. And the environmental document approved by the city council in March for the park-road combination was successfully challenged in court. To keep the California Parks and Recreation Department grant, the city is now trying to use the gift's \$2.3 million to build a park on Wightman Street, 682 feet north of the original Fox Canyon site. But that is another story.

In the meantime, the city attorney's office has determined that the use of Park and Recreation monies to build a road was improper. "Our office," wrote deputy city attorney Alex Sachs on November 30, "is prepared to assist in the restoration of these Special Park Fees to the Mid City Park Developer Fund." ■

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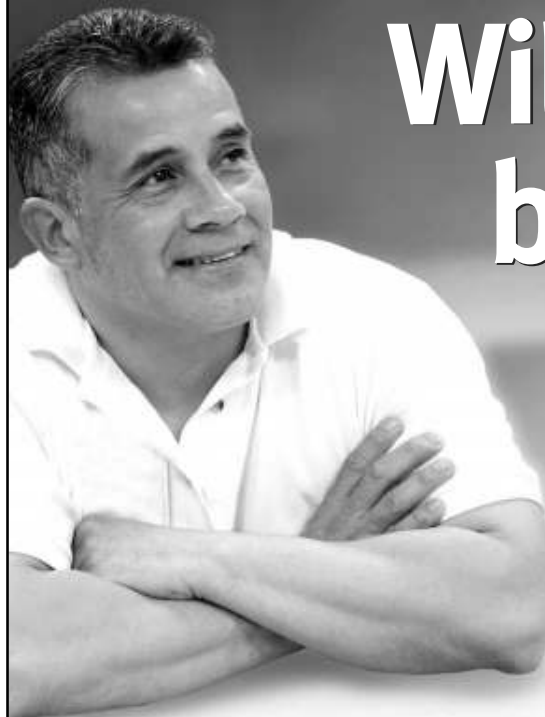
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### Gone Fishing

I was going to comment on the December 21 cover story, "It's Not a Race Thing...It's Style," but then I realized, what's the use, things will never change! So instead, I'm going fly-fishing! Thanks, Ernie Grimm ("Instead of Montana," Feature Story, January 4). I learned more about fly-fishing from your article than from the many fishing magazines I have read (and I don't have to worry about getting shot by some gangbangers, whatever their race, creed, country of origin, ethnicity, blah, blah, blah!).

John Richardson  
via e-mail

### Try McDonald's, Naomi

I just wanted to comment on Naomi Wise's review of the restaurant Addison (December 28). I myself have dined everywhere in California, and I must say that Addison was by far one of the best restaurants I have been to. My colleagues would say the same. The timeless experience they provide you with, every time you dine there, is truly priceless. Shame on Naomi Wise. I have a few words for her. "Get in where you fit in!" She obviously has no class, and if I learned anything by her review, it's that not all food writers know what they are talking about. Some are truly ignorant.

Name Withheld  
via e-mail

### Would They Let Her In?

I strongly disagree with Naomi Wise's review of Addison (Restaurant Review, December 28). Her experience was 180 degrees from ours and that of friends who also dined at Addison on that evening and have dined there on

many other occasions. Each of us has commented about not only the beautiful facility but also the spacious dining area where your neighbor is not at your elbow and where your conversation is your own and not overheard by diners at a neighboring table. In addition, our reaction and that of our friends has been that the dining experience at Addison was the equal of or better than that at the most respected restaurants in the San Diego County area. While the food was comparable to the highest-rated restaurants in the San Diego area, the service far exceeded that of any restaurant in San Diego County. Using El Bizcocho as the example of service was a surprise, because our experience with their service on our last visit was extremely disappointing. However, I do not want to dwell on that experience.

On the evening that we dined at Addison, we ordered and sampled various selections from their menu. Each course was meticulously presented, the food styling was beautiful, the tastes were superb, and each of the four diners at our table enjoyed and made complimentary remarks about their respective choices. We also commented to one another that the service style was comparable to the very best dining experience one can hope for in the United States. The service personnel were knowledgeable and professional to the point that we inquired as to where they found the staff members and left an extra large tip in recognition of that service. Too frequently, San Diego restaurants do not have service "professionals," but rather servers who have had little or no training and have never experienced outstanding service, so that they do not know how to provide exemplary service. We felt that Addison had set itself apart because the service staff was so good!

Addison is to be complimented because they have a terrific chef, an energetic and knowledgeable sommelier, and an eager-to-please manager overseeing all that is occurring throughout the evening. I urge Wise to return to Addison and try it anew.

Harold S. Small  
via e-mail

### No Surprises

This is in regard to Greg Knight's e-mail criticizing Don Bauder (Letters, December 28). I don't know how Mr. Bauder feels about sport teams, but I do know he is very much in favor of fiscal responsibility by our city government. Mr. Bauder said the new ballpark would not pay for itself, which is a fact. Downtown businesses are hurt during games, but the private developers, which were subsidized by the taxpayers, made out great. Business as usual.

Oh, by the way, Mr. Knight, sorry you got wet, and just how often does that happen at a game in San Diego?

Ron Barna  
North Park

### Quality Culture Ignored

Since your cover story ("It's Not a Race Thing...It's Style," December 21) dealt with linguistics, let me say this with a euphemistic flair: "That last biracial child's (Denzell) daddy needs his butt whipped for letting that boy grow up that racially stupid!" You know you have failed as a father if your half-black, half-white child thinks that all blacks are thugs and gangsters. With all of the opportunities for quality black youth culture like the Kappa League program, Jack and Jill, and Urban League's Young Leadership Academy, you would think the nephew of a black surgeon would be more well rounded.

Craig Crosby  
via e-mail

### Honk If You Know What Honky Means

I'm calling in regards to your cover ("It's Not a Race Thing...It's Style," December 21), where it stated that "honky" was a "derogatory term," and that's negative. "Honky" was a term given to the white guys that used to come pick up the black women in the South when they used to come over there and blow their horns on Friday night, and we called them "honky" because of that. It's not derogatory. It was because they were coming over to the black community picking up black women on Friday night, blowing their horns. I wish you would correct that.

Robert Baxter  
San Carlos  
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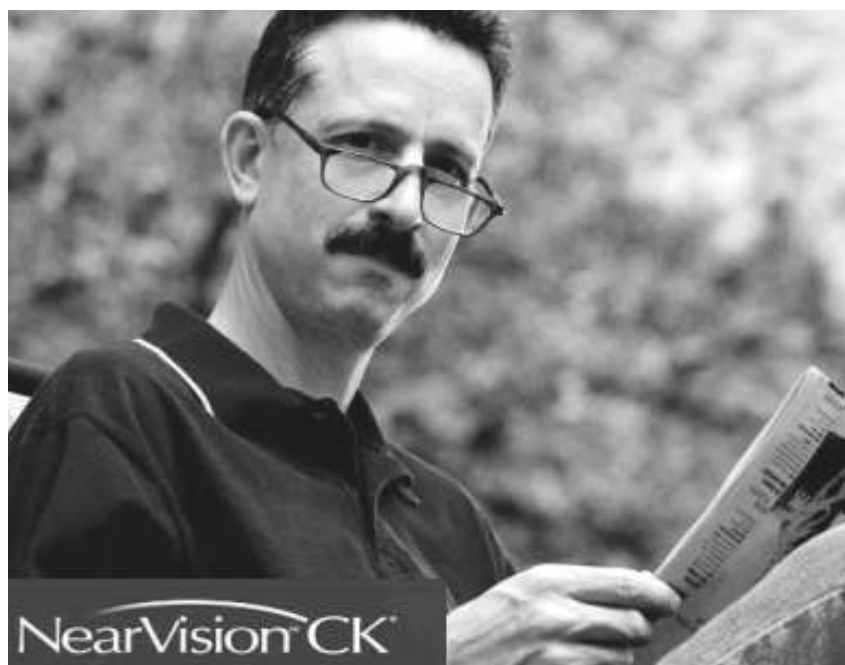
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BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Hey, Matt:

I see guys in the gym, usually older, who wear sandals in the shower, presumably to avoid athlete's foot. Now, if I drop my trunks on the gym shower floor and then put them back on, or if I were to sit in the tub at home and my roommate has athlete's foot, can I get athlete's ass? How about athlete's wang?

— Let's keep me anonymous, eh?

Dear Anonymous: You may already have won \$10,000,000! And you may already have had a case of athlete's crudbutt without realizing the foot connection. Ever had jock itch? Doctors would call that athlete's foot of the ass. The same little fungus buggers cause both problems (*Tinea pedis*). But I suppose, unless you'd been practicing naked kickboxing, there wouldn't be any reason for you to figure out the foot-ass crossover. The *Tinea* thingies are opportunistic and highly spreadable, as you might expect from a life form that depends mainly on damp, warm, wrinkly humans in order to procreate. They can't pass up any chance to hop on peopleskin if they want the species to survive.

You might spread athlete's foot from your feet to other parts of your own body with your hands or those sessions of naked meditation in the lotus position. But sitting on a wet shower floor or a wet tub might do the trick too. Athlete's elbows and athlete's pits can come from drying yourself with a damp, infected towel. Any cozy, humid place will keep *Tinea* happy. Old sneakers are a veritable Shangri-la.

Here's where I get a chance to stomp on a weird legend that has attached itself to athlete's foot. You cannot rid yourself of the insidious dermatophytes by peeing on them. This particular wrong-headedness might come from the fact that urea is one ingredient in medical creams prescribed to treat fungal infections. Therapeutic urea is very concentrated and only helps soften the crusty skin layer so the other ingredients in the salve can reach the root of the problem. It doesn't solve the problem. Cow pee was once the source of urea, but it's now made synthetically. Somebody should look into this "pee on it" school of first-aid advice; there's also a legend that peeing on a stingray wound will somehow help the situation. That's wrong too. I'd be interested to hear any other "pee on it" stories to see if we can establish a trend.

Dear Matt:

Could you please explain why there are so many Brazilians running around Ocean Beach?

— TM, the net

Uh...they're in a hurry?

Hey, Matt!:

I was watching President Ford's funeral on C-SPAN and something occurred to me. The cameras kept cutting away to Betty, who was sitting in a huge armored Cadillac. At least I assume it was armored because the widows were really small and the roof posts were really thick. Is the president's hearse armored? Does his body have any value to our country's enemies? Has the U.S. ever paid ransom to get back a VIP's corpse? I can't think why the hearse should need built-in protection, but there are a lot of goofy people out there.

— Bob Tepedino, Hillcrest

That's the motto of the Secret Service, isn't it — there are a lot of goofy people out there? One of the perks of being an ex-president is full-time protection for life (and beyond, apparently) by the guys in black suits and aviator specs. With guns. The Ford hearse and the Caddy are attack proofed. As for U.S. willingness to ransom people, dead or alive, we're not crazy about it these days, but in the time of Thomas Jefferson it was a different story. A frigate-load of U.S. sailors ran aground off Tripoli (Libya) and ended up being taken as slaves of the reigning pasha. He demanded a ransom for them. Instead, Jefferson sent the Marines and some covert operatives who planned to off the pasha and put his brother in power and release the sailors (laying the philosophical foundation for the CIA, I think). Things went sideways, and the U.S. ended up paying the pasha \$60,000 ransom.

As for ransoming dead people, for some reason, the late 1800s seemed to be a popular time for grave robbing. Some of the deceased ended up in anatomy classes for med students, but thieves were not above digging up some rich guy and holding his body for ransom from the rich guy's heirs. But the closest we've come to a presidential corpsenapping involved — who else? — Abe Lincoln. The man didn't get a moment's peace, even in death.

When Lincoln died, Mrs. Lincoln wanted his tomb built in Illinois. His body was moved there and for the next six or seven years was transferred between temporary vaults and crypts while the townspeople toiled over the huge building. He didn't rest in his permanent sarcophagus until 1874, nine years after his death. Then, in 1876, four counterfeiters in Chicago decided to steal the body to hold it for ransom (terms: \$200,000 and the release of one of their friends from prison). They broke into the tomb and were hauling out the coffin just as the feds closed in. Seems three of the thieves were bona fide crooks, the fourth was a Secret Service agent.

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You'll be replacing Art Shell, which may be more difficult than it seems. I still can't figure if Shell was stupid or smart. For sure, he was stupid when it came to coaching and personnel; that's not in dispute. But I'm wondering whether he was street-smart or street-stupid. Was he smart enough to know that being an NFL head coach in 2006 would be way over his head? Was he smart enough to sit back and enjoy the paychecks? Smart enough to bring aboard his old buddy, Tom Walsh, the Idaho B&B proprietor, and his equal in incompetence as offensive-coordinator-best-friend? Art's hire reminds me of when the pipeline hit Alaska. I wrote to a friend in Oregon, "It's raining money, get a bucket and come on up."

Art and Tom did seem to be on a long hunting trip, two old friends, camping out, drinking whiskey, and telling lies around the campfire, not caring whether they bagged an elk or not. I loved Art's press conferences. The Raiders lost 14 games, and after every one of them, Shell would appear, face set in cement, and deadpan to the press, "We've got to hold on to the ball," then go home. There's something wonderful about that.

Or, was he stupid-stupid? This is what Shell told reporters on Monday: "Many times, a record is not an indicator, and I know it's wins and losses that count, but I think and believe that we're a better group than we were at the beginning of the year or at any time in the off-season."

He was fired three days later. Art lost the respect of his team during training camp. The Raiders quit in every game I saw them play. Yet from everything that's been said and written, you have to believe Shell thought he was returning for year two.

Let's get back to you and your new job as Raiders head coach. It's possible Davis will retrace his steps. Davis fired Shell the first time after the 1994 season. The next head coach, for two seasons, was Mike White. Then Joe Bugel for one season, Jon Gruden for four seasons, Bill Callahan for two seasons, Norv Turner for one season, and Shell again for one season. So, if Al's making a loop, he'll hire his 1995-'96 coach, Mike White. White was working for Kansas City as director of football administration in 2005, but is not listed in the 2006 Chiefs directory, and therefore, is in need of a job.

Joe Bugel is the offensive assistant head coach for the Washington Redskins. No one now living knows why. He could be a strong candidate. Jon Gruden, soon to be the fired head coach of the Tampa Bay Bucs, will be looking for work. The 2002-'03 Raiders coach, Bill Callahan, was demoted to college football and is now head coach of the University of Nebraska. Norv Turner is the offensive coordinator for the San Francisco 49ers.

Tough competition. Let's hope Al still has the fire to go for a fresh young face. Yours. You could not be any worse than what he's used to.

So, get to it, mail a one-page essay, "Why I want to be a Raiders head coach" to: Mr. Allen Davis, Oakland Raiders, 1220 Harbor Bay Pkwy, Alameda, CA 94502. Kindly, send the Box a copy.

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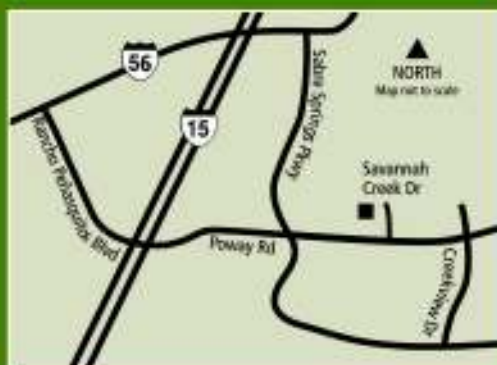
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"A prayer before worship," read the screen at the front of the tidy church, its oak-and-white simplicity spruced up with poinsettias, garland, wreaths, and Christmas trees outfitted with gold and white ornaments fashioned along Christian themes (a crown and cross, a star, three interlocking rings symbolizing the Trinity). "Heavenly Father, we come to worship you with hearts at peace because of the forgiveness of sins you have given us. On this day of celebration of the Epiphany, when the Gentiles came to worship the Christ, cause us to pray for and promote mission work throughout the world. Let your salvation be known to the ends of the earth, and use us to carry this out."

That emphasis on an active God and a receptive humanity ("cause us to pray," "let your salvation be known," "use us") showed up again and again during the Epiphany Sunday service. (Epiphany, noted Pastor Lowell Smith, was the day when the Magi found the infant Jesus and paid Him homage; the day "when the glory of the Lord was revealed in the coming of Jesus.") The reading from Isaiah testified that "thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and His glory appears over you." Lamenting the foolishness of our own sins during the sermon, Smith said, "All we can do is cry out to God, 'Lord, I am sorry. Forgive me; give me a new start.' That's why we need the glory and the light to shine upon us, for it is God who must come into the world to change us."

About the Magi, he said, "God put it upon their hearts — the desire that they needed to go and find for themselves.... Isn't that amazing? That God put that kind of conviction inside them...and then gave them the perseverance to follow through with that? God also protected them from being deceived by King Herod.... Their whole journey had its hopes and dreams fulfilled."

Even the exhortation to evangelization that followed sounded a passive note: "God has

chosen you out of the world...and given you the privilege of being a spokesman for the Lord Jesus Christ.... There are people among the people you know who may come to faith in Jesus Christ by the message that you share.... My friends, it is with the same kind of perseverance that God works in your lives to enable you also to proclaim the praise of your Lord, to find people whom you can influence...to bring them to the Lord Jesus Christ. You'll see that you too can have your hopes and dreams fulfilled."

The Canticle that followed kept up the theme. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence.... Restore to me the joy of your salvation."

Communion is, of course, reception *par excellence*. Smith recited the words of the institution with the same matter-of-fact, precise delivery he used throughout the service. The congregants stood shoulder-to-shoulder around

the base of the Sanctuary to receive the Sacrament. An assistant moved along the line, distributing one morsel per phrase of his admonition, so that by the time he had finished saying, "Take and eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given unto death for all your sins," five congregants had received. Pastor Smith followed in like manner with the cup, so that four people received during his recitation of "Take and drink; this is the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, poured out for you on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins." Finally, the assistant administered the sacrament to Smith — even the pastor received.

Against all this receptivity was the notion of praise; in praise, the action of the faithful was stressed — humanity's response to God. (Mostly, anyway: the psalm did use the somewhat passive "Let

the people praise you, O God" as its refrain.) If the Kyrie was a plea for mercy, the Gloria was an offering of praise: "We worship you, we give you thanks...." From the Introit, sung in rich harmony by the chancel choir: "No ear has ever caught such great glory; therefore will we in victory sing hymns of praise eternally." From the opening hymn: "Vainly we bring him the richest of offerings.... Richer by far is the praise that the heart brings." The hymn of the day: "Sing hosanna! Heavenly manna/ Tasting, eating/ Whilst Thy love in songs repeating." The first verse of the Isaiah reading began, "Arise, shine..."

And from Smith's sermon: speaking of the Magi, he said, "God has penetrated them, and they come with their thank-offerings.... They're going to come with their gifts of praise to God." He marveled at "the future day when all these nations will gather in eternity...and sing praise to their Lord for what He has done for them."

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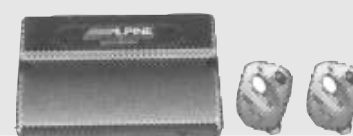
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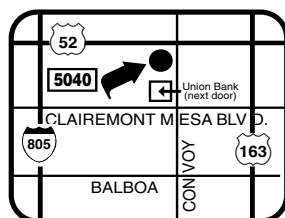
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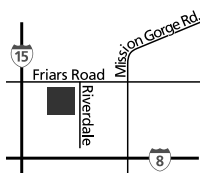
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—EVE KELLY

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Nancy has painted for years. An oil-on-canvas still life adorns my parents' dining room, a black-and-white Madonna and child drawing hangs in my hallway. A field of flowers done in watercolors sits atop her own mantel. But during a move into her new home last month, her easel suffered a moving casualty. A bookcase crashed down onto it, smashing the easel's leg and rendering it useless. Thus began Eve's latest hunt. And, as she enters her 30s, I want to get my sister an easel that says accomplished artist, not starving art student. The problem is, I can't tell one from the other.

My artistic talents lie in the region of arts and crafts. The hot glue gun, not the paintbrush, is my instrument of creation. I needed some information, and the first bit came from a salesman named Joe at Artist & Craftsman Supply.

"There are standup wood easels, aluminum easels, and tabletop easels," he explained. "Some easels can go completely horizontal, level, so the artist can stand over the canvas and paint, if they are doing fine-detail stuff, or if they are using something really wet and don't want the paint to actually start dripping down. Those easels tend to be a lot more expensive because of the whole leg-rotation feature and actually being able to support weight that way."

"Other easels have cups on them in which different mediums can be put in. So if they are using oil paints, the solvent that is used to thin down the paint can be put in the cup right there so they don't need a tray next to them."

What are the tabletop easels?

"It is a box that you would open up and the easel comes out of it. They are convenient if you are sitting down painting something smaller. Or if you want to travel somewhere, go outside with it and you have a little table that you can set it on. It's also really nice because they carry a lot of your art supplies. We carry one model called the T'ang Easel Box [\$63], and it has a three-slotted drawer that you can put a lot of stuff in."

Joe added that the tabletop easels also work well for kids because "they are a lot smaller and the kids can actually sit at a table but still have something vertical in front of them holding stuff up and down."

As for standup easels, Joe said, "We

"Some easels can go completely horizontal, level, so the artist can stand over the canvas and paint."

have an aluminum easel, Studio RTA Premier Studio Easel [\$65], that is on the cheaper price end, but it's sturdy, and it fits up to four-foot canvases. That is one of our big sellers. We also carry an easel called the Chairman Easel [\$148]. It's a very sturdy wood easel, it is on wheels that lock, and it can get pretty level as far as rotating the canvas backwards.

"A lot of the easels come with wheels," he said. "Some people don't like having wheels because they end up rolling around even though the wheels have locks on them. I like having wheels because I want to have stuff move very quickly if I want it to, instead of risking picking up an easel with paint on it and trying to nudge it somewhere."

Do the easels come in larger sizes?

"They do. We have one here that stands up to 10 or 12 feet tall and can hold up to a 7-foot-tall canvas. It is called University Easel [\$502]."

Nancy likes to paint and draw, and I thought it would be great to get her an easel that works for both activities. I

mentioned that to Keith, a sales associate at Blick Art Materials. He responded, "Mostly artists only use easels for painting," said Keith. "For drawing and sketching you can use a drawing and sketching board, kind of like a laptop style. I have heard of some artists using an easel to do the drawing. Because a lot of artists will set up their canvas on the easel and draw out what they are going to do and then paint over it."

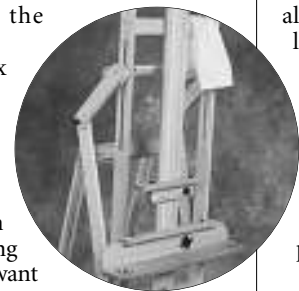
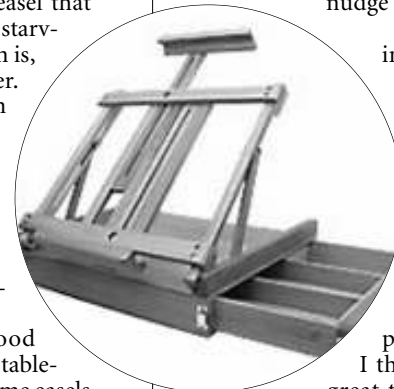
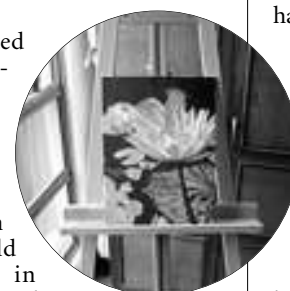
"Most standup easels are about five or six feet tall," Keith continued. "The wood easels seem to be more popular. The aluminum is lighter weight, that's why I like using the wooden easels, they have a better feel to them, more solid."

"The big seller in our store is the Mersey [\$114.99]. Other good easels are the Winsor & Newton Hamilton Easel [\$119.98] and the Blick Studio H-Frame Easel [\$220.98], which holds a six-foot canvas. There also are inexpensive easels that start at around \$79."

Do artists own more than one easel? "Usually just one," he answered. "I have never heard of anyone having two easels, unless they own a box easel that folds up, and then they have a full-size easel to work on in their home studio."

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# Crasher

## BUMS AND BILLIONAIRES

by Josh Board

**I** was invited to over 70 Halloween parties this year. For New Year's Eve — none. It would be a night that I'd have to earn the title "crasher."

A friend gave me the scoop on a party in Fletcher Hills. She wasn't going to the party, but she gave me directions. It was a theme party: "Bum or Billionaire." The girl I brought dressed like a billionaire. She looked the part, but I'm not sure it was worth spending 40 minutes at her place trying to get the zipper on her dress up. She said, "Hey, it isn't easy trying to look like a billion bucks."

I went the bum route. I didn't shave that morning. I didn't comb my hair. I put on a weird shirt, buttoned it wrong, wore some ripped jeans, and put brown and black makeup on my face to look dirty. We were on our way. I had an old pair of sunglasses in the backseat and broke the lens off one side and wore those. I was told I looked like John Belushi in the *Blues Brothers*.

I stopped to get a piece of cardboard and wrote on it "Will



ring in the New Year for food." We also brought a few bottles of booze. I wrapped mine in a brown paper bag. I took an old cigar out of my ash tray. A woman yelled, "That isn't lit, is it?" Another person asked why I didn't fray the ends of the cigar. I said, "I didn't want it getting all over the couch." A lady said,

**"I'm like the Earl Scheib of law.  
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"Wow, a thoughtful bum."

A guy came up and noticed I didn't have matching shoes. He didn't either, and like me, he had one brown loafer and one



white tennis shoe. We compared sizes. He wore an 8; I wear an 11. One girl said, "You know what that means?" I said, "Yeah. We can't trade shoes."

There was a ping pong table in the garage where we played beer pong. The bar in the living room had a sign stating that booze was off limits.



Top: Mike (second from left); Bottom left: Cane fights in the back yard; Bottom right: Someone pours champagne into Mike

Two food tables were set up for the theme of the party. One had a white table cloth, fine cheeses, caviar, and wine; the other had newspaper laid out under plates of Twinkies cut up with toothpicks stuck in them. I told my date I had to eat the Twinkies because it went with my costume. (Truth is, I like Twinkies a helluva lot more than caviar.)

A guy in a Chargers jersey and cap came up to me, and we talked about the team's most

recent victory. He told me that his New Year's resolution last year was to quit smoking. "I did it, too. I was up to two packs a day. And, I'll admit, those first few weeks were tough. I wanted to kill somebody." He seemed to want to keep talking about it; I said I was proud of him and moved on.

As I predicted, most men were dressed as bums and most women as billionaires. However, the host of the party, Mike, looked sharp in his suit. He's a teacher, and he and I talked outside near the pool. As we were talking, I saw a woman walk by with a dog in her purse. I saw another guy with a shirt that read "Trust me, I'm a lawyer." When he found out I worked at the *Reader*, he told me his name was Bruce and that he practiced law in San Bernardino. He said, "I read the *Reader* online. I read you and Ed." He would ask me about parties, and I'd ask him about law. Often, he'd say, "This is off the record." When I asked a complicated legal question, he said, "This might not sound like it makes a lot of sense, and I'm a bit inebriated..." but it made sense, and it was fascinating. We disagreed about the three-

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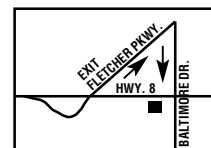
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strikes law. Mike said, "Tell him what your motto is." Bruce smiled and said, "I'm sort of like the Earl Scheib of law. I say 'Reasonable doubt at reasonable prices.'"

Bruce told me that he had to work the day after Christmas and that he spent the day trying to pick a jury, while the D.A. reminded everyone that it's usually a day off. Bruce said, "Finally, after all the jurors and alternates were picked, my client said, 'I'll take three years, right now.' So the entire thing was a big waste of time." We had an argument about why innocent people confess to crimes they didn't do. He said, "When the D.A. makes an offer, sometimes it's tempting." I just don't buy that an innocent person with no previous record would ever

admit to doing something they didn't do.

A guy came up to Mike and asked, "Is that your Triumph motorcycle parked on the driveway?" I thought perhaps someone got drunk and stumbled into it, but the guy just wanted to tell him how cool it was. I told Mike what I was expecting to hear, and he said, "It would've just fallen into the broken-down car I have parked behind it."

I turned around to find the Charger fan standing behind me. He wanted to talk to me again about his smoking habit. I told him I was proud of him for sticking to it and got away from him.

My date was people watching. She said, "Look at that woman. I don't know if she's pregnant or not.... That must be the tallest

Asian guy I've ever seen. He's over 6'5"."

We met a couple named Sabrina and Scott. They had met on a blind date a few years ago, and she told us her dad passed away recently and that they moved from Point Loma to La Mesa so that her mom could move in with them.

The countdown to the New Year started, and everyone crowded around the TV. One girl ran in and said, "Oh, damn! Are there any single guys in here?" The ball dropped, everyone yelled, and kisses were exchanged. I said to the people next to me, "Did you see that on the TV?" They asked what it was. I said, "Ryan Seacrest just kissed a woman!"

Mike came over and told me of a tradition they have, and I followed him

into the back yard. I watched in amazement as two guys in catchers' masks whacked each other with canes. You could hear them swooshing through the air as they swung and missed the opponent. When one of them got hit, you could see the shirt rip and blood

drawn. Occasionally, one of them would yell, drop their cane, and walk away in pain. One guy who won three fights in a row twirled his cane around like a gun-fighter would his pistol in the old west before putting it back in his holster.

I wondered if this was

how Chuck Norris celebrated the New Year. ■

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# Cold Front

How few of his friends' houses would a man choose to be at when he is sick.

— Samuel Johnson

For those who hadn't been informed of my plague-carrying status, I must have appeared antiso- cial at best, an anti-community- misanthropic- atheist-bitch at worst.

I stabbed a chunk of potato salad with my fork and brought it to my mouth. From across the table, David shot me a look of stunned disbelief, as if I'd just reached over and slapped him on the head. When he'd recovered from his moment of shock, he moved so swiftly that I didn't realize he'd grabbed the little bowl of potato salad until after he'd already spooned half of it onto my plate.

"You're sick," he chided. I'd heard these words from him before, but the way he spoke them now led me to believe he wasn't complimenting my playfully sadistic nature or twisted

sense of humor. This time, I was offended.

"You don't have to be so mean about it," I whined, directing my attention back to my bowl of matzo ball soup.

David, comfortable on the moral high ground, remained silent.

"It's not like it's my fault I got sick," I argued. It was clear, however, in the steadiness of his gaze and the desperation in my voice, that we both believed otherwise.

I didn't "catch a cold." It wasn't like I had pursued the virus to its secret hide-out or purchased a net and prepared a petri dish in anticipation of acquiring severe sinus pressure. It is more correct to say "a cold caught me."

I knew I'd been caught

when I woke up one morning with a scratchy throat. I pride myself on not getting sick. I believe that deftly navigating the gauntlet of germs and avoiding ever-more devious strains of the flu each season makes me superior to those weaklings who frequently succumb to sickness. So how could this be? Scratchy throat? Increasing sinus pressure?

In a panic, I mentally reviewed my actions of the prior week with the thoroughness of the 9/11 Commission but could only recall various sequences of hand washing, breath holding, and touch-avoidance. I had worked so hard to avoid a covert viral strike — where was the security breach? I catalogued each person with whom I'd come into contact. Over half of them had complained of illness, and I could remember, each time, thinking, *that's because you weren't careful*. Yet, here I was, slurping up Jewish penicillin, barely able to restrain my optimism that I might still scare away the cold before it had the chance to hang its hat. No such luck.

In the following days, I became a soup critic. DZ Akins for comforting matzo ball, any Chinese place for salty egg drop (despite the resulting scalded tongue), Rama for tangy tom kha, and Ortega's Mexican Bistro for a sinus-clearing spicy chicken. Regardless of my self-prescribed soup therapy, I continued to feel like someone was cramming rocks into my skull.

David's nervousness grew in direct proportion to my suffering. If I made a move to touch him, he'd recoil in apoplexy and accuse me of trying to infect him. He was only trying to protect himself, but I took it personally. That is, until I inadvertently discovered a way to benefit from his sudden aversion to me. Sifting through the pantry for a snack, I happened upon some leftover dark chocolate David had used for baking. The wrapper was torn, so I decided to cut myself a piece and preserve the rest in a Ziploc bag. A few hours later, I saw David digging around in the cupboard.

"Where's the chocolate?" he asked when he noticed me.

"Second shelf, Ziploc. Hand me a piece too, will ya?"

"Did you *touch* this?" David looked horrified. I swore to him that I only touched a small corner, but David was taking no chances — he simply could *not* get sick with only four days left before we boarded a plane to Tokyo for his first gallery exhibition there. "Well, that's it," he said with a note of defeat. "I can't eat any of this." At first I felt bad. Then, realizing all the chocolate was mine, all mine, the sharp pang of guilt became a mildly irritating rash of remorse swathed in a cool balm of *schadenfreudistic* glee. In an effort not to give in to my dark side, I fought the urge to handle other things I wanted for myself.

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thing I touched into “mine,” I couldn’t help feeling like a pariah. I was burdened by the responsibility of keeping the virus contained within my body long enough for my immune system to destroy it. Ironically, everything I did in the name of protecting others from the microscopic demon I harbored in my sinuses only made me seem like an asshole.

Because I wanted to spend time with my father before taking off for Japan, I joined him at church, even though my pressure and pain were at their peak. I turned away hugs before they began by snapping, “Don’t touch me!”

To clarify, I added, “I’m sick. Probably contagious. Best keep your distance.” When I said this to Rev Kev, he laughed and hugged me anyway. During the part when people greet each other, I kept my eyes to the floor. While everyone held hands and sang, I folded my arms across my chest. For those who hadn’t been informed of my plague-carrying status, I must have appeared antisocial at best, an anti-community-misanthropic-atheist-bitch at worst.

Later that evening, I leaned on the kitchen counter and considered my drug options. Comtrex-Advil-Tylenol or

NyQuil-Advil-vitamin? I popped two of everything. The skin around my nose had been rubbed raw. My temples throbbed. My forehead, cheeks, and neck ached with sinus pressure. I was about to groan in agony when I felt David’s hand on my arm. I hadn’t realized how starved for his touch I’d become. Like a plant given water after a drought, this small gesture after days of cautious avoidance was refreshing, enlivening, but even more than that — it was comforting.

The next morning, with a clearer head than I’d had in a week, I began to rationalize reasons to

feel good about getting sick. First of all, I told myself, I exercised my immune system. By calling my white blood cells to action, I have ensured that my immune system will be at peak performance for the 14-hour plane ride to Tokyo. If I’m going to be trapped in a giant flying tin can, inhaling the recirculated, germ-infested exhalations of a hundred other people, those cells better be buff. And as I step onto foreign land and am introduced to germs with unfamiliar accents, my antibodies — toned, agile, and alert — will be ready to defend me. Come to think of it, getting a

cold right before this trip is the best thing I could have done for myself. It’s too bad David’s system is

so weak. When he gets sick abroad, I’ll think, *that’s because you didn’t plan as well as I did.* ■

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**O**n any given day the station is an odd fusion of end-of-the-line travelers to and from Tijuana and a fair representation of the city's homeless residents or those hopeful of residency at "Vinnie's," with the sporadic current of East Village condo residents, a developer or three, real estate speculators, the steady stream of tourists wondering what went wrong on the charming red Tijuana Trolley that was supposed to be a kind of amusement park ride, wasn't it? And during baseball season, naturally, the fans: regular Joes in Hawaiian shirts, wives and kids, couples from Hillcrest, gang members from Southeast, chiropractors from Rancho Bernardo who sensibly parked at Horton Plaza, me and you. But always there are the loose leaf, the lost, the hustlers and the hustled, the hopeful and the hopeless, those who are hanging on to the side of the planet with suction cups.

A look at 12th & I on three different holidays might show a pattern, a theme, an inchoate watercolor of faces and voices along the wind tunnel tracks to points east, south, and north in San Diego. Maybe not, but the following were among those to be found where you can leap from the ballpark to the border, change from the Orange Line to the Blue Line, commute from Vinnie's to Old Town or Fashion Valley.



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Dale Spurlis, 79, and his daughter-in-law Janet Nielson, 45, are from, respectively, Dallas and Minneapolis. Nielson's son, a seaman first class aboard the naval barge *Pepeliu*, has invited them to Thanksgiving dinner on board. "We're going back on the 27th of this month, her to Minneapolis and me to Dallas," Spurlis explains.

"That's four days for me, five days for Dad," says Nielson.

"Today we're going to take the trolley on this tour that takes us around," Spurlis adds. "This is the first trip to San Diego for me."

"Second for me."

"What do we think of it? Well, we haven't seen much of it. We're staying at the Navy Lodge, and today will be the first chance to get around."

"You are in a kind of unique spot here," I tell

the man. "I don't know how representative it is. Maybe very representative."

"Kind of scary,"

Spurlis observes.

"We find the trolley patrons...very interesting," says Nielson.

The woman is looking around, smiling broadly, no doubt genuinely, but it reminds me of a psychological disorder I heard about among Japanese businessmen; it is a kind of nervous tick in the form of a smile that appears under stress, one that the victim cannot *unsmile* and is subsequently treated with muscle relaxants. "Last year," she says with visible nostalgia, "it was me and my husband and the kids and my mom and my sister."

Spurlis adds: "She usually spends her Thanksgiving with her sister in Minnesota and with her mother. But her mother is in one of those retirement kind of vil-

lages in Arizona now and...it's kind of a retirement village, right?"

"No. No..." And the smile is gone now. "It's not. My daughter's now in college, my son's in the Navy, and I'm

with my wife, my step-daughter, her husband, and their two little children. We go all out with the turkeys and the pies, and we usually play cards or watch the ball-games." Spurlis is a retired car dealer. "I

gic now, but I see a woman nearby I'd like to talk to, and I transition from a kind of whole-some Hallmark tableau tinged with the poignancy of passing years to a diminutive woman, also smiling at something inward and past, a recent nightmare that is not quite over.

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"I arrived here in November, and I was waiting for shelter at Saint Vincent de Paul, and I was waiting and waiting." Diane Pasis is 54 years old. She is a bespectacled, plump, and elfin-looking woman bundled with an odd assortment of clean clothes from Vinnie's late thrift store (now closed in budget cuts), where she was given vouchers for her windbreaker, sweatpants, men's shoes, and child's sweater. "The security let me stay from bench to bench," she indicates concrete

benches around the station, and she is referring to MTS security cops. "And that's how I made it to the present." Pasis lives on a single meal a day, lunch at Saint Vincent's, and ice cream, candy bars, and burritos from the convenience store.

"When I was on the benches and over there by those buildings [Wonder Bread Warehouse: I see no benches where she is gesturing], I kept perfectly still when the police came around. That block over there. When I had to go to the bathroom, there was no place to go. Feces came out, and urine came out. I was a big mess, my pants and shoes, and I was out in the cold. I'm a brave woman, and I don't like to complain." Pasis's manner as she speaks in a Hispanic accent, nodding almost happily, is that of a kindergarten teacher discussing her indignities as

**"I had just come from a beach party and I was kind of loaded. It was just about a few blocks home so I let my son drive."**

divorced, so..." Nielson laughs heartily at what she clearly sees as a good joke.

"So, you're used to a classic, Midwestern family kind of Thanksgiving?" I offer.

"Yeah," says Spurlis. "In Dallas, I'm usually

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Spurlis waxes nostal-

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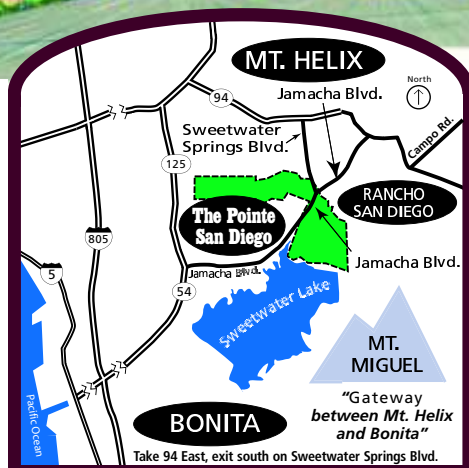
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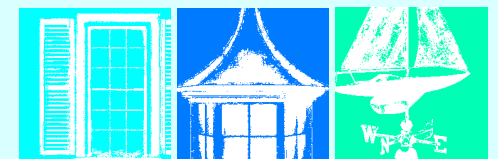
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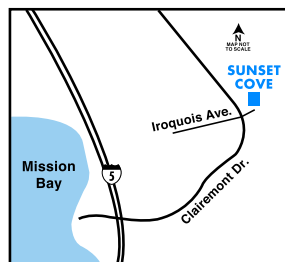


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And what will she do for Thanksgiving dinner?

"At one o'clock I will be going to Saint Vincent de Paul's shelter, and I will be helping out in the kitchen."

Can I ask how she came to be homeless?  
"No, I'd rather not say." Apropos of nothing in particular, she tells me, "At church, I walk upon



Nancy Heryla and David Ross

my knees many times to receive my Savior, and I say the Rosary. I pray to Saint Odelia many times."

\* \* \*

Adam Mount, Corey Nowak, and Andrew Olson are Marines. "We're just kind of wandering around downtown, staying in the hotel all weekend, 'America's Best,' " Mount tells me. The Marines are, respectively, from Omaha, Nebraska; Chicago, Illi-

nois; and Minneapolis, Minnesota. The young men will be going to Iraq "in a few months. We're training right now. Infantry training. We've all been in about six months now. We'll graduate in a couple of weeks and then go to the fleet." Mount is the spokesman for the most part, but Nowak and Olson contribute. When asked how they feel about going overseas, Olson says, "We're nervous, but we all knew what we were getting into going in." And this is a good thing we're doing there? Nowak doesn't hesitate: "Yeah."

The few and the proud list their priorities for the day as "Food, football, and women. We're always looking for a few good women."

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A young Latino couple, Mark Morelos and "Just Marie," 36 and 32, found out two weeks ago that they were pregnant. "We

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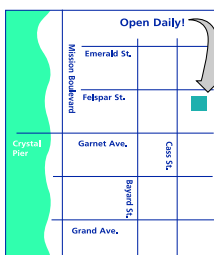
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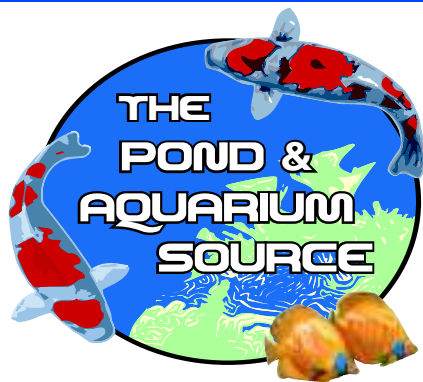
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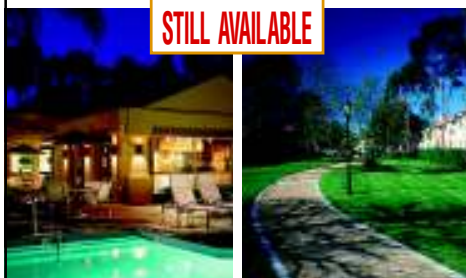
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don't know if it's a boy or a girl yet." They live in Chula Vista and have spent the morning at a casino in East County. Seated at one of the concrete benches waiting for the Orange Line home, they had been discussing their wedding plans. They have been a couple since April. Though invited to friends' for dinner, Marie says she expects it will just be the three of them for a quiet dinner at home. The three of them? "Isabella, I think," says Marie.

\* \* \*

A man, who looks to be in his 50s, more or less my own age, is off by himself, his back to the tracks. He wears a baseball cap the old-fashioned way and has a small khaki backpack draped over one shoulder. He is reading a paperback novel, *The*



Sonia Leahy

*Fourth Hand*, by John Irving. He is civil and articulate but does not wish to be interviewed and does not give his name.

"How's the book?" I ask.

"Just started it. I picked it up because of the opening quote the guy uses. It's one of my favorites from *Stuart Little*."

The quote: "...a per-

son who is looking for something doesn't travel very fast." — E.B. White.

His plans: "None."

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Nancy Heryla, descending in her motorized wheelchair from the wheelchair lift off the Orange Line train, is 54 years old. She has a couple fingers missing from her left hand and most of her legs have been

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amputated. She is to meet her friend David at the nearby Starbucks at Tenth and Market. I ask if I can join her; she agrees and accepts a cup of coffee. Her voice is constantly at the verge of breaking — rising, crying. Her name and age are established, and the next thing that is later comprehensible on the interview tape is:

“I have a lot more operations comin’. I’m tired of the pain; I’m tired of the letdown. I have sutures comin’ out. Go figure, three and a half years later. It oozes, lookit.” She demonstrates by lifting an empty shirtsleeve, or possibly it’s a pants leg; I’m looking with one eye, though I don’t mean to.

Her friend David joins us and tells me that Heryla is “paying \$450 a month for one room in a three-bedroom home which is an inappropriate place to be because there are activities in there...”

“No, don’t talk about that,” she tells the man. In his 70s, David Ross is known among the homeless in the area as “Motown” because of his Detroit origins or “the Waterman” because he distributes cases of bottled water nightly to those on the streets in “Skid Row,” nearby, where there are no public water fountains within a dozen or more city blocks.

“She gets \$800 a month from state disability,” he says. “How do you get back and forth to hospitals? She has to get hooked up, some sort of accommodations from UCSD, a shuttle or something. The woman’s immobile.”

Heryla’s mobility is only part of her physical problems. Her speech is somewhat distorted as a result of a form of toxic shock syndrome she incurred due, in large part, doctors speculate, to exposure and other

unknown factors. For some time, a flesh-eating bacterium was suspected because the disease acted similarly on her face, limbs, and other body parts, leaving eroded holes that have since healed, though she needs

plastic surgery and a mouth reconstruction that poses several technical difficulties. All of this is expensive and out of the question for this woman. These problems, stemming from homelessness, dated after a

devastating fire that took the lives of both her sister and mother.

As I talked with Nancy Heryla while she waited for the Orange Line at the trolley station, it became clear that hers was a story requir-

ing far more space than could be allowed here. When the train arrived, she boarded the wheelchair lift with practiced movements and was lifted onboard. When I asked her how she might pass the rest of the holi-

days, her answer was more or less along the lines of sitting or lying in her room and dreading the next need to use the bathroom down the hall, an effort that would leave her exhausted. Ross has since found a

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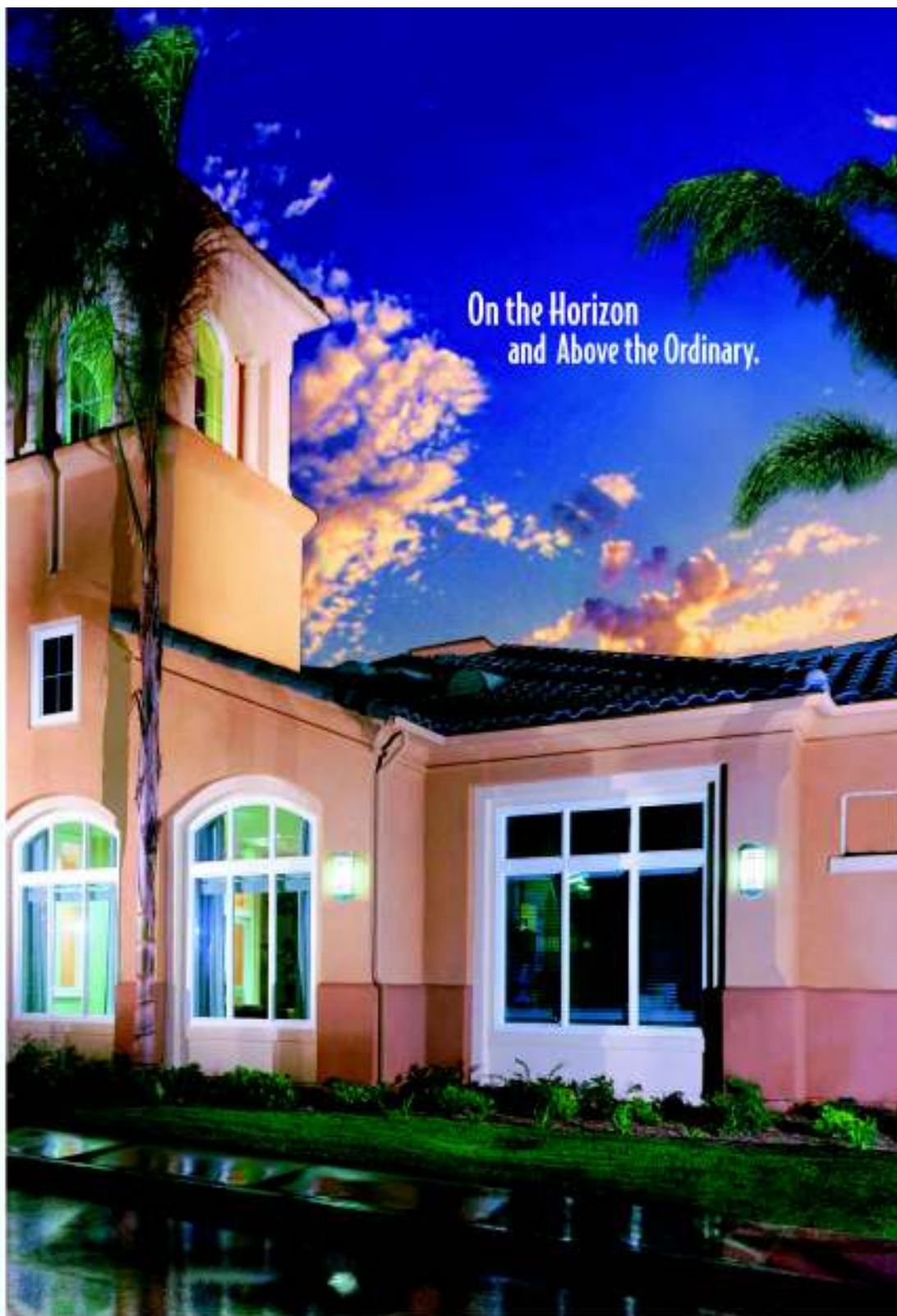
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portable toilet for her that partially alleviates the situation but not entirely. "I can't even get out to see the Christmas lights," she said, and this precipitated another weary bout of tears. As the train headed south toward her home, such as it is, in Chula Vista, where she was recently beaten by a man who lived there (he was subsequently arrested), I was relieved.

"She told me she has no hope," I later told Ross by phone. "I do, but how do you extend that to somebody, and what kind of crappy Christmas present would that be anyway for her?" Ross had no answer.

### CHRISTMAS 2006

This past Christmas was a day of record-breaking heat followed by a night cold enough to be seriously uncomfortable if you had to sleep outdoors — a crime in San Diego. Not a problem for me; I have a pretty good apartment with heat, and I could smile along with the weather lunatic on "KyoooooSI," who cheerfully commented on that cold "breeeeeeeze!" that makes for a cozy night's sleep for most of us here in town. James Brown died that day. I received an anthology of short stories from my son and a weekend visit. In the late afternoon, I was again at



Jonathan and Pamela

12th and Imperial as the sun was staining the clock tower a white-gold and lemon.

Victor Freeman is a stagehand, originally

home, so I let my son drive. That car was overheating, so it actually was a little dangerous. I'm doing shows here at the convention

## "We went out on a holiday bus ride with some of our friends who are homeless."

from Las Vegas, now staying at Saint Vincent's. "I got arrested here in San Diego for letting my ten-year-old drive a car. I spent three months in jail. The court ordered parenting classes for me and, of course, staying sober." Freeman is 55, fit-looking, employable-looking, and amenable: a regular and pleasant Joe dealt a screwy hand by life but taking this weird crossroads in stride. "I was in the news for that. I had just come from a beach party, and I was kind of loaded. It was just about a few blocks

center in San Diego now, working with the Teamsters here.

"We had a sit-down breakfast at Saint Vincent's. It was great." Freeman has two sons in Carlsbad, the other aged 8. He is able to visit them with a disabled bus pass that the shelter helped him obtain. "They're helping me get back on track, like with my glasses. I lost 'em, and they helped me get new ones."

As for later, Christmas night, Freeman says, "I'm going to a 12-step meeting at Home Quest, downtown, 1010

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Broadway.”

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“My name is Jim Roberts,” he says. Like Victor Freeman, Roberts is from Las Vegas. He is 53 and “writing a novel. I’ve written and published one [Bancroft Press] already. It didn’t go anywhere. Anyway, that’s been my Christmas so far. I’ve spent it writing at Balboa Park. It’s a mystery/suspense along the lines of a James Patterson novel.”

Set in San Diego?

“Yeah, it’s set in Saint Vincent’s: *Murder in the Shelter*.”

“Who did it?”

“You know better than that.”

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A seemingly late-middle-aged couple, both thin, weathered, the man visibly in need of dental work, the woman with jet-black hair nearly to her waist, possibly a wig, if not, then dyed, are waiting for the Blue Line train. She wears a black leather motorcycle-type jacket; he wears a similar jacket, only brown, and, like him, weathered. “We been at Vinnie’s and tryin’ to get into the tent and...”

“He don’t wanna know that,” she interrupts the man, whose name is Billy, aged 50. “He just wants ta know what we done for Christmas.” Both June and Billy have vaguely Southern accents, but to my ear they could be from Florida or Oklahoma, or

southern Illinois, for that matter.

“Well, I don’t know.

Then you tell him.”

“Is this a bad time?” I ask.

“We’re just gettin’ back together.”

“Well, that’s an upbeat, Christmas thing,” I say, and think: O. Henry was right, there’s a short story on every street corner, even in San Diego. Here we have “The Gift of the Magi.” I’m guessing Billy sold their crack pipe to

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buy crack, and she sold the last of the crack to buy a new pipe for Billy. I'm hating myself. It's getting cold.

"We been separated," June says.

"And now you're

back together for Christmas."

"More or less." June says she's 61 and from the San Joaquin Valley. Billy was born and raised in Texas, but "I've spent about 20 years in Cali-

fornia, 10 in San Diego here."

As for plans for Christmas dinner, Billy begins to speak, and June cuts him off, "We're not doin' nothin'. We're just goin' to Denny's, and

then we gotta get ready for work. I work out of La Jolla, out of Green's Hospital."

Billy senses his turn. "I'm with Labor Ready, you know? I'm lookin' for a full-time job."

On the whole, they would rate their Christmas how?

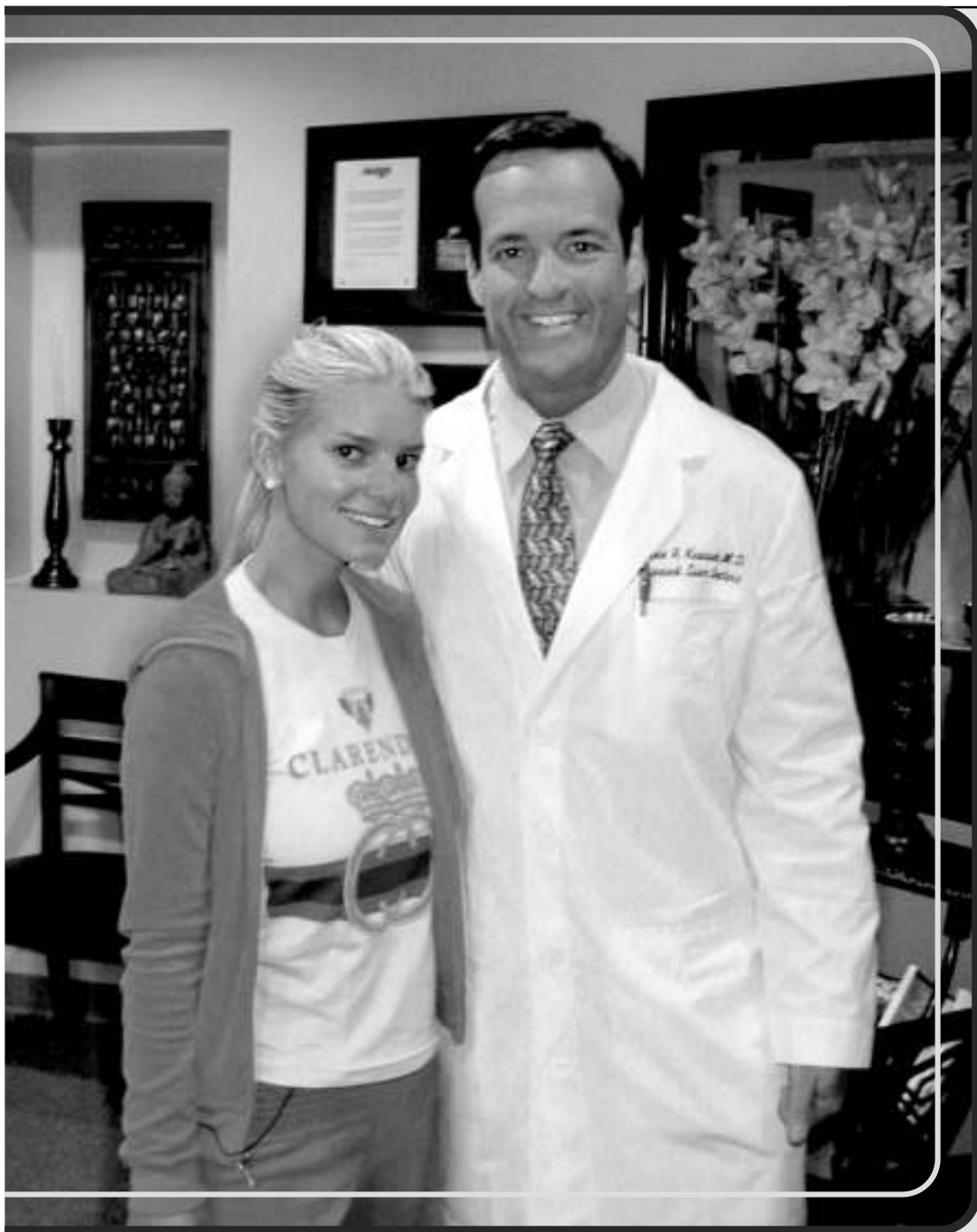
"I'd give it an eight," June supplies. "It wasn't that bad except for the movin'. You know, him movin' into my hotel

room."

"We had better,"

Billy equivocates.

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ried, goin’ on ten.”

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Sonia Leahy is 41 and a kennel supervisor at Best Friends in Clairemont. “I feed them, I take them out, I do playtime, and I do cuddletime. I clean

their kennels and make sure their kennels are sanitary. I treat ’em as if they were my own.” She is wearing a Santa hat and reading an Anne Rice novel about witches. “We have 42 Best Friends across the

country.” Leahy speaks with pride, as an owner, but she is not.

“I’m on my way home. I’ve been working some extra shifts because I was needed. I’m in recovery. I’ve got seven months clean. I’m going

home to spend time with my cats, write in my journal, and later go to a meeting. I don’t have any family out here, so...” Leahy is from Virginia and Maryland. “I came out here 15 years ago for a six-week vacation and

never left.”

\* \* \*

Nearby, Jose Kiney is waiting for his wife, who works at SeaWorld and gets off at eight o’clock. His daughter is in El Cajon with her cousins. “I’m just kind of roaming around, killing time until my wife gets off. We’ll have dinner at home. We had the Christmas morning, the presents under the tree. We darn sure did. Then everybody went off to work except me. I was off. I was lucky.” Kiney looks to me for all the world like an old comic actor from the 1940s named Jerry Colonna who used to make animated cameo appearances in the Warner Brothers Bugs Bunny cartoons. “My daughter is 19, sir. For dinner we have tamales and *lumpia* and little Filipino fried beans. I am not Filipino. I am Mexican American, sir. My father is Irish. It’s a beautiful city. Have a nice Christmas, sir.”

\* \* \*

Speaking closely in the shadow of a concrete partition across the tracks is an African-American couple. The woman is taller, somewhat heavier than the man, and he is thin, well-dressed, and smoking a small, filtered cigar. “I’m Jonathan. This is my fiancée, Pamela. I cooked a big Christmas dinner. We don’t drink. We don’t do drugs. We went out on a holiday bus ride with some of our friends who are homeless. We’re just tryin’ to stay focused and live day by day, see how the new year is gonna come in.

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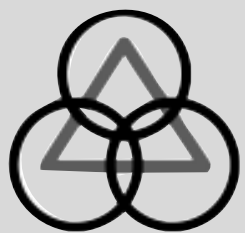


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goes out to these people.”

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John Urzua and Loretta are from Santa Barbara and Houston, Texas. Their current residence is “the tent,” they say in unison. “We’re already in,” says Loretta, “but if you don’t follow the rules, you get thrown out.” Someone behind me (a small group has gathered) says, “You should do a story on the tent.”

“Yes, I should,” I agree. The tent is at 16th and Newton, near Commercial Avenue and the shelter — and the MTS tracks.

“Loretta and I are going for a walk to the Civic Center, again,” Urzua tells me. “We had breakfast at Vinnie’s. Actually, we’re going over to the Methodist church first. Jose told us about it. But, yeah, we



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“Just Noriega” and Alexandra Casteneda

had breakfast at the shelter, lunch at the Civic Center, and then at the tent where David [Ross] is, we had dinner.”

“Anybody ever tell you you look like Jerry Garcia?” I ask him.

“Yeah. That’s what everybody calls me at the tent. At first I didn’t know who he was, but everybody’s calling me

Jerry. I knew who the Grateful Dead were, but...”

“I used to get that all the time,” I tell him, and then regale the small group with my Jerry Garcia story. Quite humorous, really. No idea if it’s even true anymore. I was 19 years old and stoned at the time. “So there I was, it’s

1969, and Jerry Garcia is bogarting this joint. Mister Natural, Mister Hip... haw haw.” I was a riot.

Behind me is Steve Edwards, the guy who said I should do a story about the tent. “It’s lonely being out here in California,” he says. He is from Memphis, Tennessee, a lead singer and

a veteran of VH1’s *Behind the Music* with the band Total Satisfaction. His hair is past his shoulders; he’s young and handsome, too young for his life to have permanently short-circuited. He has the air of a man just passing through, changing trains in San Diego, at the tent and Saint Vincent’s and the 12th and Imperial Transfer Station.

## NEW YEAR’S DAY 2007

It seems inevitable that I would see someone I know at 12th & I over the course of three holidays — or any three days. On New Year’s, about 3:30 in the afternoon, I see Rick Ortiz, a Puerto Rican drug and alcohol counselor I met at Rancho L’Abri some years ago. Ortiz is on his way home and says his New Year’s was “fantabulous.” He is a native New

Yorker, “the Bronx,” he says. “A San Diegan since 1979. Except for a few intervals back East. My New Year’s Eve was excellent. A good friend gave me a massage and made me a good dinner. It was a safe, sober, healthy New Year’s Eve. Thanksgiving and Christmas? The same could be said about them. I spent time with friends and family, and we indulged in Puerto Rican cuisine.”

These days, Ortiz is a writer. “Currently I’m working on a book that’s autobiographical, with alternating chapters that are a documentary about the heroin trade and its varying effects. I’m not an ex-cop, no. I’ve had some involvement with the subject, however, and I’ve done a lot of research.

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of my intentions is to disabuse people of the notion that there has been a war against its importation. There has not. If I sound like a conspiracy theorist, well..." he shrugs. "There has been no war against the importation of heroin."

Ortiz takes the trolley on occasion rather than driving because of the cost of gas and because he enjoys "socially engaging with the many characters I meet on the trolley."

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Darlene Lewis, 66, is spending New Year's working at Black Angus as a waitress. She also worked Thanksgiving and Christmas. "I still have time for my family,



Carmen Guzman

though," she offers over her shoulder as she boards a southbound train.

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A couple again, young: 18 and 19. Alexandra Casteneda and "Just



Andrea Huavaya

Noriega" are homeless. "I'm a hustler and a squatter," says Noriega. "I panhandle change. I

used to sell drugs, but I don't do that no more. Still smoke weed; that's why we came down

here."

"Are you cops?" asks Casteneda. "I don't care if you are cops." She means Ortiz, me, and photographer Chris Woo. "Cops don't care about the weed. Today, New Year's? We're gonna smoke some weed, take a shower, and go to bed. Take a shower at a friend's house."

"We got to first find him," Noriega says.

"Or maybe my parents' motel room, but they don't really like him," Casteneda says.

"Our Thanksgiving and Christmas were great. This is the first time I've spent holidays with anybody in, like, nine years. I spent 'em with her. We've been to hell and back already,

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but we got each other. My New Year's resolution is to quit smokin' everything except weed. Hey, are we gonna be in the news and shit?"

\* \* \*

Approaching a well-dressed, middle-aged couple, likely tourists, I ask if I might interview them, and while the white-haired woman smiles good-naturedly, her husband turns his back on me, and incidentally her, as he walks away. "Don't want any of what you're selling," he calls over his shoulder. If he thinks I am a miscreant, some sort of wrong number, then he has left his wife to fend for herself with whatever felonious intent I harbor. "Sorry," she says and moves on to join her husband.

\* \* \*

A shriveled woman with a handcart for groceries is across the tracks waving a bent wire coat hanger at nothing, the air. She seems to be speaking, but again, to no one. Carmen Guzman is her name, and she is from Guatemala and has been riding this trolley, she says, for ten years. She speaks in hurried Central American Spanish, and my border Spanglish is not up to it. Luckily, Ortiz is still nearby with his Puerto Rican machine-gun *español*.

"She lives in Julian; no, San Diego; no, on Julian Street, La Calle Julian. She spent the holidays alone except for the spirits. The coat hanger is for very bad spirits. She uses that to give those spirits trouble. You've got to use it on this side. You see the way she has it formed and bent? If you use it the other way, it won't do anything to the spirits. She says God bless us, and may He continue to help us."

While she is speaking, Ortiz listening, I

examine the contents, such as they are, in her handcart. Here is a dismembered doll, smudged, dirty, and hairless; an empty bottle of Urantia oil, whatever that is; some dusty

clothes; a magazine — or part of one; and a cheap clock. I look up at her and see that she is wearing glasses beneath a green woolen cap with a pattern I cannot make out: a

bespectacled walnut with a kind of beanie. She is speaking for some time. Finally Ortiz turns to me and shrugs, "More of the same," he says. "About the spirits and coat-

hanger technique."

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Officer Andrea Huavaya is a transit cop, and she is 19 years old. She urges passengers to "be patient." She has been

working through two of the three holidays, but mostly at the San Diego State station. The only real action worth mentioning is the volume of passengers returning from TJ this morning

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around 2:00 a.m. "No crime, at least on the Green Line at SDSU. I'm sure they had some activities downtown." For Christmas, Huavaya was in Washington State with her family. She is looking at a career in law enforcement and is going into the Army Reserve first. Eventually she hopes to go into "corrections."

"Like a prison or jail guard?"

"Yeah."

Her observation on the holidays at 12th and Imperial Transfer is that "With the colder

weather, we don't get much activity. We don't see them [the homeless or drug users] as much."

Given Officer Huavaya's youthful attractiveness, her dedication to law and order, and her powers of observation, it strikes me that one could do worse as a violator/perpetrator nabbed for possession or illegal lodging than ending up behind bars with this crime fighter standing watch.

New Year's Day has turned to twilight. A gibbous moon like a dollop of flan over the

barrio appears larger than normal with the eye supplying its own mistaken perspective with the help of the transit station clock tower. So much for the objectivity of the human eye: Officer Huavaya's, yours, or mine. Tomorrow night, or the night after that, the moon will be full, and possibly then it will be a more fertile time to witness the human drama here. Of course, they won't be holidays; they'll just be regular days. ■

— John Brizzolara

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# Josie's Story

**T**his photograph was taken on Wednesday afternoon, October 4, 2006. In it I crush to my side an elderly woman who sits wide-eyed and unre-sisting. She is a nun. Her name is Sister Josephine Martin, and she is in her last illness. She is dying.

With the exception of my immediate family, I have known Josie (as I came to call her) longer than I have known anyone else. We first met when I was ten, lost contact two years later, then met again, following a long break, and have remained close ever since. In the course of our long relationship, Josie watched the wide drift that my life was taking and never once was critical.

"It isn't so important who you pray to," she said when she learned of my ordination as a Buddhist monk, "but that you pray."

**She threw herself into our lessons in the classroom as fully as she dodged the dodgeball, spiked the volleyball, and caught us in games of "Simon Says" in the schoolyard.**

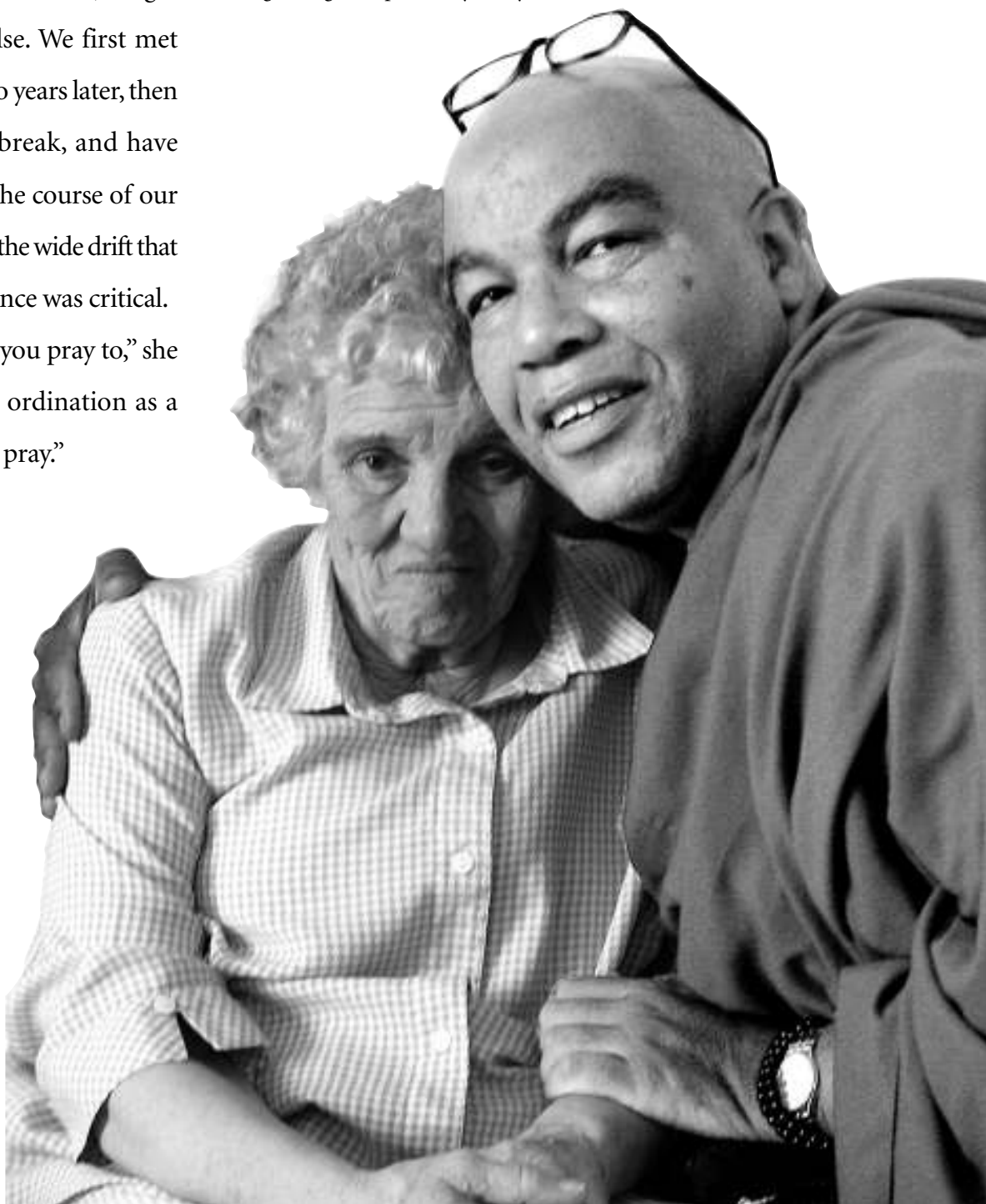
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Josie grew up in the Oakland, California of the '30s. As part of her training, after college she went on to earn her teaching certificate. Since then, she has spent her entire adult life teaching children how to add and divide, write a simple sentence, and use a library card. When she was not teaching, tutoring, or leading choir practice, she was in her room, curled up with a book she'd borrowed from the library.

She was a young nun, just 24 when we met. In the photograph, I am 62 and she is 75.

She was christened Elizabeth Young, and grew up as Betty, a shy

girl with the strong populist sentiments of her Irish-Catholic parents. When she took First Vows as a nun in the order of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet, she got the Josephine Martin. (Her mother was named Josephine, her father Martin.) In the '60s, in response to Vatican II and the movement to close the gap between the church and those they served, the nuns of her order stopped wearing their black habits, and they introduced themselves no longer as



*Sister Josephine Martin and the author*



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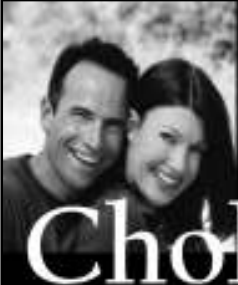
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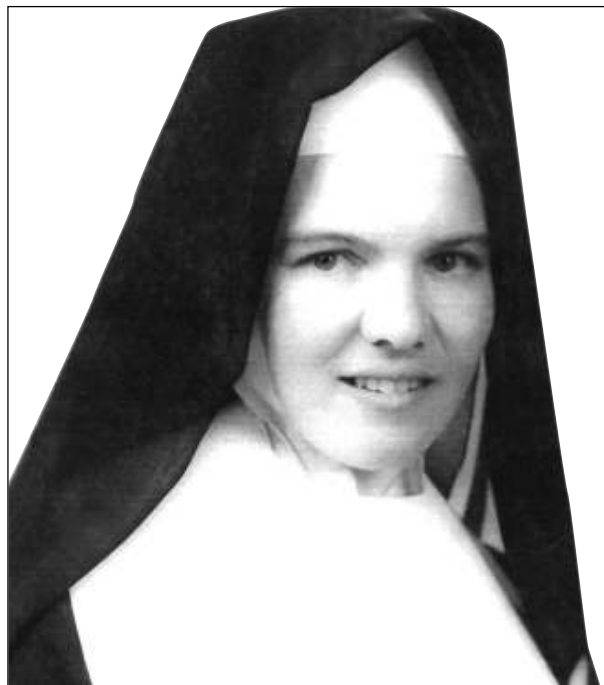
Sister So-and-So but by first names. For what was to be the greater portion of her sisterhood, then, she became known as Josie, or Sister Josie. I called her many things in our time together, including sometimes a peremptory "Girlfriend!" of gay parlance, a burlesque I'd sometimes resort to when trying to ease her through one of her bouts of anxiety. Yet she remained always for me as she was first introduced: Sister Josephine Martin.

We first met in September 1954. In the course of afternoons when autumn clouds hung as low as the telephone lines running up Market Street, I'd gaze wonderingly at the temple of shiny auburn hair that peeked out from her starched headpiece. Her blue eyes sparkled. Her complexion was clear, and she had curves that no black habit or white bib could

properly hide. She threw herself into our lessons in the classroom as fully as she dodged the dodgeball, spiked the volleyball, and caught us in games of "Simon Says" in the schoolyard. If she resembled Deborah Kerr as the prim nun the actress played in *Black Narcissus*, she was more like Sister Mary Benedict, the delicious role Ingrid Bergman bit off for herself in *The Bells of St. Mary's*.

Boys and girls alike, we were quickly, madly, in love; and within weeks our love was tested.

Not long into the school year, a handsome dark-haired man dressed in a Marine uniform stepped smartly into the classroom. He looked old to us, but at the time the man whom Sister Josephine Martin introduced as her brother was in his early 20s. His age, however, was not



Sister Josephine Martin

the problem. It was the discovery that someone we loved might have someone, anyone, other than us who knew and loved her, and

whom she loved (a fact made obvious from the way she blushed with pleasure when she introduced him). It was hard. As he was to remain

with us all day, until the 3:00 bell rang, I was consumed by new and angry feelings, a primitive jealousy that lasted a full six hours. I walked home broken and unhappy. Fortunately, the next morning Martin Young was gone. We were told that he'd returned to where he was stationed. I had no idea where Camp Pendleton was, but I asked God to make it far, far away.

How soon after that, as the school day was ending, was it that I left my seat and dream-walked up to her desk? Perhaps my lips were puckered (for I meant to kiss her), but more likely it was the wide-eyed gaze of puppy-dog devotion in my eyes. Anyway, she must have seen what I was up to, because she smiled, said something related to my schoolwork, then hustled the class outside and on our way home

five minutes before the bell.

By springtime, my love had become burdened with a terrible secret.

I am not sure if Catholic parochial school children still collect for Pagan Babies, but we did then. We'd drop pennies, nickels, and a few dimes into a cigar box. A Pagan Baby may have cost as much as \$25, but once the amount was collected — money saved from lunch and allowances — the sum was sent to some Catholic missionary agency. It happened that our Pagan Baby, following his baptism, wrote us a Thank You note. We grinned proudly as Sister Josephine Martin read the neatly typed letter aloud. But my joy was not unmixed. I had, after all, sinned.

In the course of the collection drive, I'd often found myself in the vicinity of that cigar box, watching it daily

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grow heavier with nickels and dimes. When moneys were found missing, and when it came my turn to 'fess up, I said that I hadn't taken anything. As Teacher's Pet, my lie — the only lie I ever told Sister Josephine Martin — went unremarked

It was near the end of the school year, I think, that Sister had us write letters to John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State to President Eisenhower. In our letters, we asked for Dulles's help in freeing a priest, Father Charles Rigney, who was

I stood stiff with pride, my career as a writer born.

\* \* \*

Sister Josephine Martin followed us into the fifth grade, but turning 11 began for me a troubling time. That September, between fourth and fifth grades, I was flipping the pages of *Jet* magazine at my grandfather's barber-shop on Imperial Avenue when I came across photos of a body pulled out of the Tallahatchie River in Mississippi. The bloated thing, its features swollen, looked like a giant catfish. It required an immense effort on my part to recognize in that grotesque thing something of a youngster just a few years older than myself. According to the accompanying article, Emmett Till, a 14-year-old on vacation from his home in Chicago, had been kidnapped, beaten, and

**"She makes him feel good. He is better, and it is because of her, and that is why I want him to stay with her."**

upon. I admitted all in confession later, and Father O'Connor assigned me a couple of Our Fathers and some Hail Marys — and as an adult, it was among the first things I told Josie. But my lie changed something. I learned young that betrayal cannot be undone.

held prisoner in communist China. When my letter got published in *The Southern Cross*, the official newspaper for the Diocese of San Diego, Sister invited my parents to come to the convent. "Your son is quite special," she said, showing them the newspaper.

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shot for whistling at a white woman.

After the trial, the two men accused of the crime later confessed to the murder in a paid interview that appeared in *Look* magazine. According to them, young Till had not only failed to show sufficient contrition for having disrespected the pretty young wife of one of the confessed murderers, but, the killers said, he'd boasted of having a white girlfriend in his hometown. The men said that the teenager showed little fear of their threats to teach him a lesson. Apparently, the Northern-bred boy had forgotten his place, if he ever knew it. The men implied

that it was this that was unforgivable. The jury must have agreed, for they spent less than one hour to acquit them. (And the reason that it took that long, reported one of the members of the jury afterwards, was because they'd ordered out for soft drinks.)

The murder of Emmett Till helped launch the Civil Rights Movement, but in San Diego, I retreated into myself.

Sister Josephine Martin left San Diego in 1956. We'd come back in the fall to find Sister Philomena at the board. She was a fine teacher, and soon enough, I no longer exactly remembered Sister Josephine Martin, though I never fully for-

got her either.

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In 1981, 25 years after she left San Diego, Josie returned to spend the summer at Our Lady of Angels. The huge pepper tree in the schoolyard was gone, and now the I-5 sliced past, replacing Market Street as a major artery; the pale white concrete walls of the church had been painted a color close to that of butternut squash. She remembered that I had a younger brother, and found him listed in the phone book in El Cajon. It happened that I'd recently returned to California from New York. Marcus called me at my home in Oakland.

"Someone named Sister Josephine Martin called and left her number. She's living near you," he said.

Josie, as she introduced herself, would work with the choirs in many of the schools that she was to teach in (Saint Catherine's in Martinez, Saint Anthony's in Oxnard, Saint Perpetua in Lafayette, Saint Patrick's in Oakland, Saint Helena in the town of that same name, and her last school, Carondelet High). Now, a quarter century after first hearing that sweet voice, a girlish lilt with just a hint of breathiness, I heard it again.

I was almost 40 and she was in her 50s, and we got on right away. Like Philippa,

the younger spinster sister with the exquisite singing voice in the movie, *Babette's Feast*, Josie had also traded her youthful beauty for a plain middle age. Osteoporosis would leave her slightly hump-backed. She never spoke of nor appeared to regret the loss of her looks, and her only vanity, it seemed to me, was her willing choice of perms for the gray hair that would have otherwise fallen to her shoulders as straight as paper. With the help of psychotherapy and her own keen devotion, she'd managed to remain a nun despite the turbulence of the '60s that had sent so many others out of the convent. In the years after Vatican II,

she found herself at odds with the growing conservatism of her church, but she'd hung in. She underwent a long "dark night of the soul," a period of years in which she found her faith tested. In the end, it was not God but Jesus who she talked about, who was for her a friend and a guide, a companion in life.

And she had her students — a couple of thousand over the course of more than 50 years teaching.

"I never gave an F," she once told me, proudly. Reviewing her career as an educator, she said that there was always something a child did well, "maybe just writing neatly. But there was

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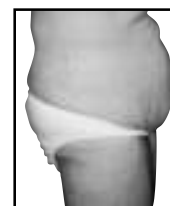
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always something.”

There were many stories about Josie, but the one that I liked best happened at the end of a school year. One of the mothers of a third-grader she'd just taught went to the principal and asked for her son to be left back.

The principal explained that Sister Josephine had said the woman's son had done well. “He has been passed into the fourth grade.”

The woman, the Mexican wife of a day-laborer, did not understand. Stumbling with her English, she said that her son had never felt so good about himself before coming to Sister Josie. “She makes him feel good. He is better, and it is because of her, and that is why I want him to stay with her.”

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“I never thought it would be cancer.” She looked at me. It was just a few minutes before the photo of us together was taken. “I don't know why, but I never thought cancer.”

Josie's brother, Martin Young, the Marine I'd once

briefly and so violently hated, was now a friend. Retired and living in New Mexico for his health, he and his wife, Sharon, kept me informed of Josie's condition. When she was moved to a hospice center near Carondelet High School in Concord, in Northern California where she last taught,

been a part of my life so long that there was nothing we did not talk about. Dying and death had often been in our conversations, and it was then. I told her not to worry, that her faith would carry her through. We spoke of the photograph she'd promised years before, but never gave me. It was a black-and-

I loved the photograph, for it

reminded me of her when I was ten

and had stepped to the front of the

class, meaning to kiss her.

Sharon explained that Josie knew that the cancer had spread to her liver.

“The doctors have told her that she has two months to live,” she said.

Even with her death hanging over us, it was not hard for me to be there with her on that last afternoon. Sister Josephine Martin had

white snapshot taken on some anonymous street. In it she stands in a black habit with a white bib, the image slightly blurred, her eyes in shadow, almost shut against the sun. I loved the photograph, for it reminded me of her when I was ten and had stepped to the front of the class, meaning to kiss her.

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"Of course," she said, smiling wanly. "We didn't want to cause any trouble."

Yet it was in the course of our "picnic" that she accidentally kicked the bottle of apple juice so that it rolled noisily, and slowly, from the very back of the theater where we were sitting down to the very front row. It was among our favorite memories, and now we laughed.

Finally, after almost an hour, it was clear that she was tired. I took the photo, and we said goodbye.

"I'm leaving on a pilgrimage to India and Nepal," I said. "And when I come back, I'll stop by first thing. What's that, about a month?"

"Yes," she said, and smiled.

"So no funny business in the meantime!"

"Yes, of course!"

I knew that if the doc-

tors were right, she would not be alive when I got back. I kissed her goodbye. "I'll expect to see you then," I said.

"Yes, of course!" she repeated.

It was the second time I'd knowingly lied to her, and, to my knowledge, the first time Sister ever lied to me. She died on November 10, just a week short of my return to the United States.

Two days before she died, there were 20 people in and out of her small room at the hospice center, each person bearing messages of affection. She seemed lively and appeared to be rallying, but the next day was the first that she did not get out of bed. And early the next morning, she passed away. The mystery is that the hospice worker, looking on, did not call Martin and Sharon, who had taken rooms just minutes away.

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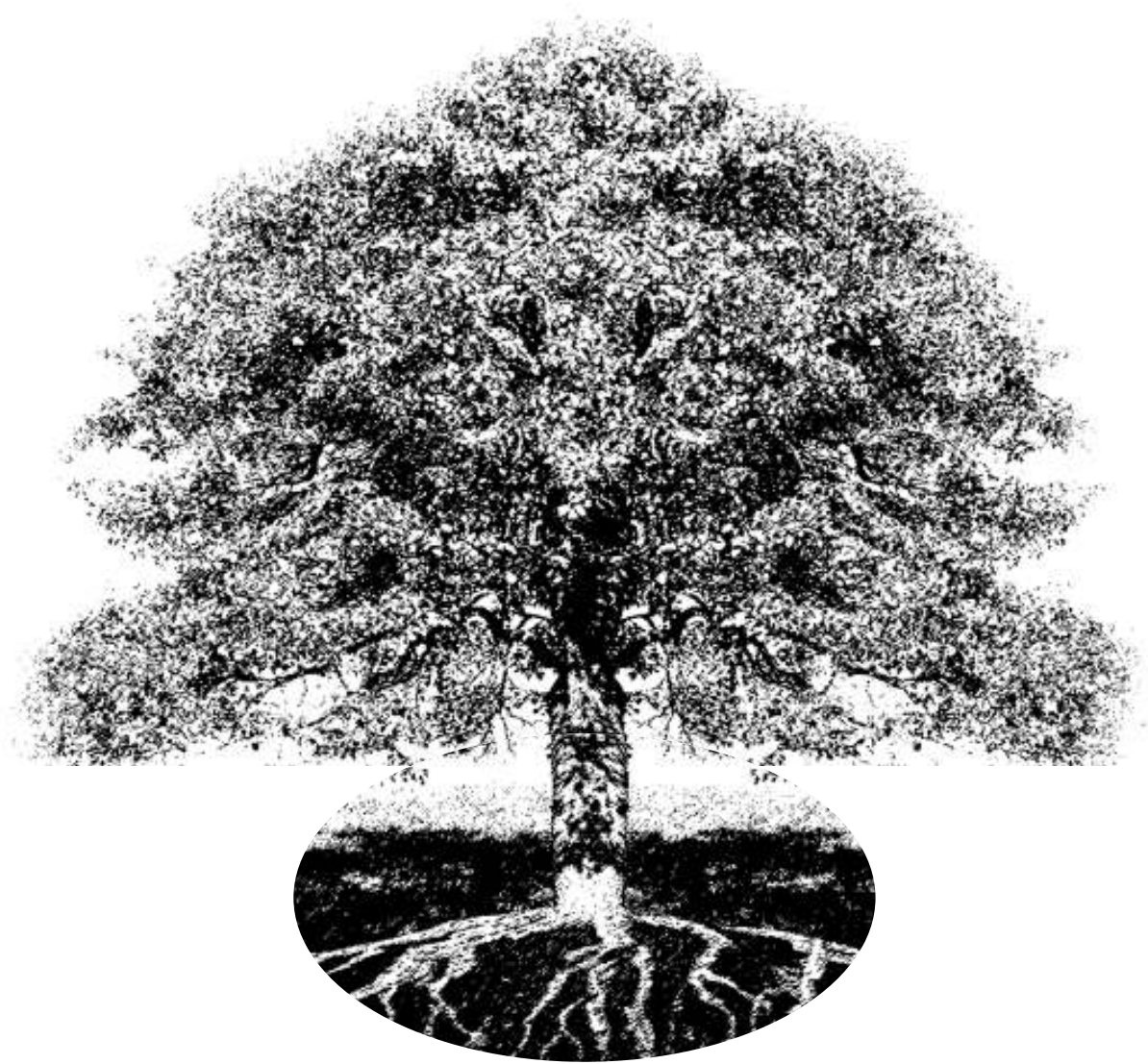
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I began my fruit tree survey with Zone 24, Southern California's coastal zone, described in *Sunset* as "almost completely dominated by the ocean," with "a mild marine climate," having mild winters, cool summers, and air that is "seldom really dry." Along most of its long, narrow stretch, Zone 24 extends inland not much past the cliffs that flank the beach, but south of Torrey Pines, it runs inland several miles and includes Chula Vista and the city of San Diego.

Do fruit trees do well in the city of San Diego? José at El Sembrador Nursery in southern San Diego told me, "You don't want to get into

your tropicals — mangos and other things. Other than that — your lemons, your limes, your avocados, your grapefruit — do very well." El Sembrador carries Valencia and Washington navel oranges, Eureka lemons, Mexican limes, Ruby Red grapefruit, kumquats, persimmons, and avocados.

Why not semitropicals? "That requires more humidity," said José, "and we don't have that climate." El Sembrador Nursery is in the Otay River Valley, only half a mile from the south end of San Diego Bay but almost three miles from the coast. Semitropicals, said José, "would do well near the coast, with some wind protection."

And deciduous fruit trees? "Apples and everything," he said, "I wouldn't recommend them either. They like more the colder weathers. We never get below 35, 40 degrees. They grow here, but you won't get up to the good taste that it should be."

José said the city of San Diego doesn't have many microclimates, but "places like El Cajon, they do feel a

lot of change. They are higher up in elevation. Here, we're at sea level." The soil in San Diego, he said, is "kind of hard," and he recommends for fruit trees "a sandy loam for very good drainage. That is the reason you see all the citrus and avocado groves on hillsides." José recommends soil amendments — especially in housing developments, which undergo great soil compaction during construction.

Farther inland a couple of miles, Bill Nelson of Pacific Tree Farms in Bonita told me that the key to success in growing deciduous fruit is the number of chill hours (45 degrees or below) trees experience a year. His nursery stands on a hill above the Sweetwater River Valley, about 300 to 400 feet above sea level, and near the border of Chula Vista. The number of chill hours at the nursery is low, 250 hours a year, about the same as in Chula Vista. But, said Nelson, deciduous fruit does well there. "Low-chill varieties have been developed," he said, "several of them in Israel,

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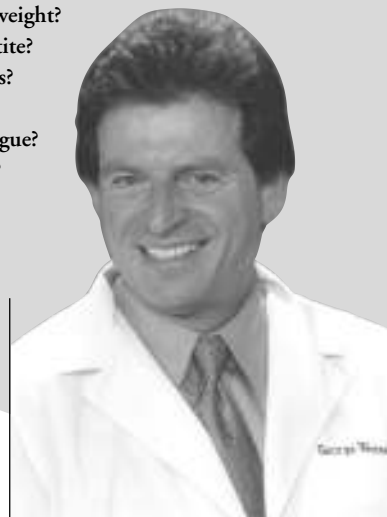
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where they have the same problem — a low number of chill hours.” The Israelis “developed many outstanding peaches, plums, nectarines, and mostly apples, with a minimum requirement of 200 to 300 chill hours. Here in Chula Vista, they will fruit three, sometimes four times a year.”

Anna, an Israeli variety of apple, is “a really good performer here,” said Nelson. And how does Anna stand up in taste? It’s “right up there among the best ones; Anna has a nice sparkle to it; it’s excellent quality.” But, said Nelson, “Apples require pollination to do well, and the ideal pollenizer is called Dorsett Golden, named after a lady who developed it in the Bahamas.”

Cherimoya is a semi-tropical fruit that grows native in the foothills of the Andes. “It does well here more than in any part of the United States,” said Nelson. “You’ll find it in the markets coming up now, usually going for about three dollars a pound. They’re not cheap, but they’re outstanding, with

a custardlike consistency. Very, very flavorful. The fruit is usually close to a pound in weight, and you cut it in half and just spoon it out.” Cherimoyas “can’t take real high heat,” said Nelson. “That’s why it’s ideal for San Diego County, at least the lower levels of the county.” Semi-tropicals that thrive in Chula Vista include mangos, lychee, and carambola. The last, called “star fruit” because of the shape of the slices cut at cross section, is crisp and juicy, with a mildly sweet flavor, though sometimes sour. Lychee fruit has a leathery rind covering white, translucent flesh that is juicy, sweet, and fragrant.

Chula Vista does not have “that many” microclimates, said Nelson. “There are some in the lower valleys. It will get more chill, maybe 400 to 500 chilling hours in the colder river valleys, because the river valleys are where the cold air drains out into the ocean. The slope of a hill is going to have fewer chilling hours and could be 100 chilling hours or less. You have to select varieties

with a low-chill requirement, and nurserymen know what they are. A lot of things, like Bartlett pears and higher-chill peaches, some of the clingstone peaches, just won’t perform well here. They may never even fruit — might blossom but not fruit — because of the lack of chill.”

What soil types does Chula Vista have? “A fair amount of clay, adobe, hard clay. Clay has a real advantage in that it holds water and nutrients better than any other soil, so it’s not all bad. But you need to be sure that the drainage is checked and that it’s corrected if it’s a problem, and it can be corrected easily.” Testing for drainage, he said, “involves filling the planting hole with water twice and checking to see if the second filling drains out within 12 hours.”

In North County, where Zone 24 narrows to the coastal towns, Carlsbad provides not so much a contrast to Chula Vista as a variation on the same theme. Perry Coles at California Tropical Fruit Tree Nursery, whose office is in Carlsbad, told me

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his area has "a tremendous swing of microclimates," but he was speaking not only of Zone 24 but of its neighboring Zone 23, a mild semitropical swath that includes Fallbrook, Vista, Rancho Santa Fe, La Mesa, and El Cajon. Coles's nursery, which is in Vista, carries varieties of fruit trees that "can take some cold, down to around freezing and below freezing," as well as semitropical fruit trees. Chilling hours in Vista range from 100 hours to 400 hours a year. "We have freezes,"

he said. "During the winter-time we'll get anywhere from five to ten days of light freeze."

How much cold an area gets depends on several factors. Mouths of canyons, which drain cold air, suffer more from freezes, "and the wind, if you have a grove that is facing a wind channel, it makes a very great difference," said Coles. "Or if you are sitting on top of a hill and your property goes down into a lower ravine, then you can have ten degrees' difference between the top

and the bottom. There are a lot of different pockets where it always stays warm, and they don't get a lot of chilling."

Most citrus varieties grow in the Carlsbad area, but not every variety grows well everywhere. "Some are much more tender," said Coles, "or they need more heat. Some of the citrus don't do well on the coast, if you are a block or two from the beach. They need that real warm summer, and you never really get it at the coast. Avocados are pretty much the same."

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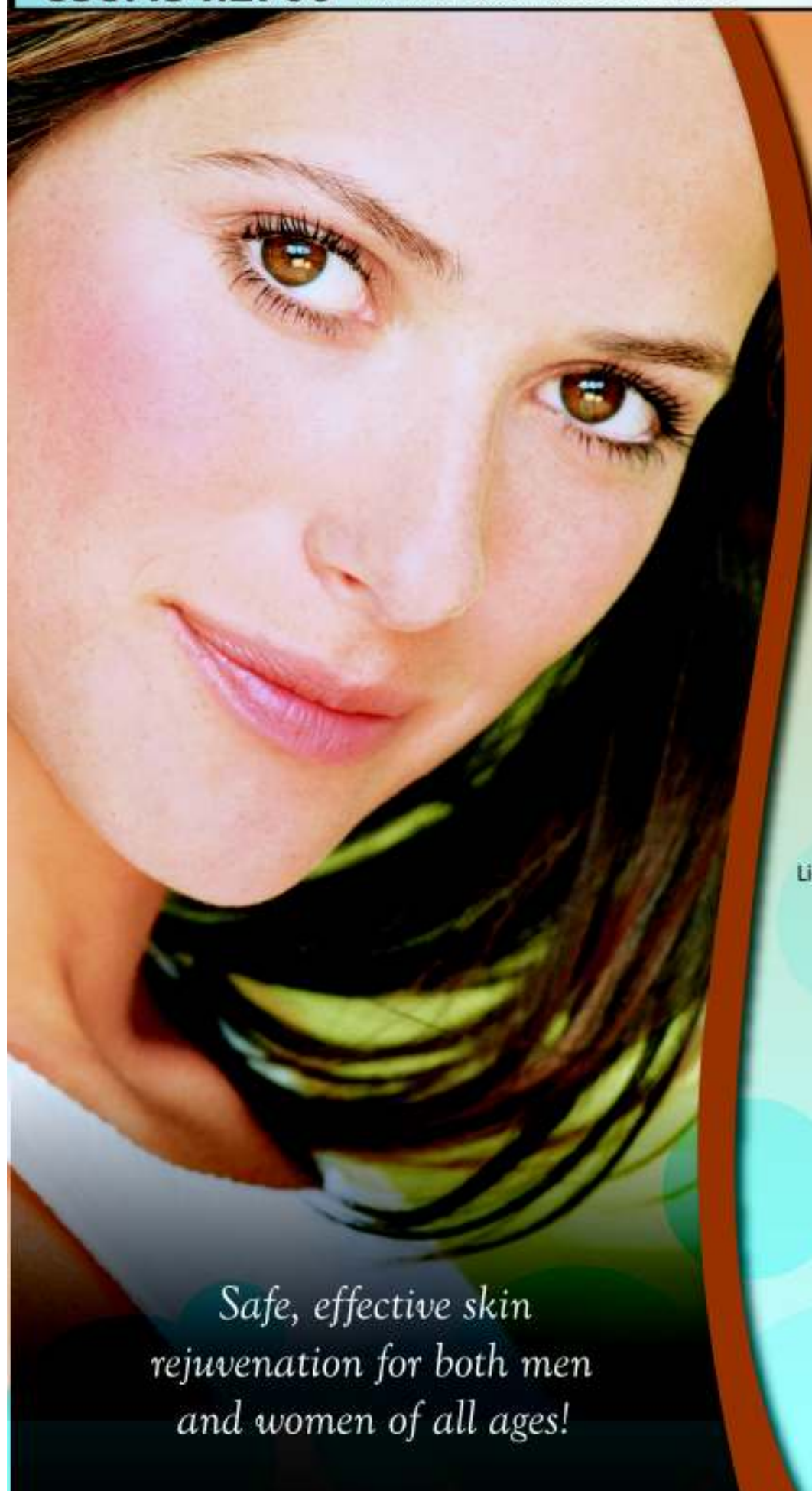


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Like its temperatures, Carlsbad's soil types vary a good deal. "You have everything out there," Coles said. "There's everything from loamy to real hard DG [decomposed granite] and clay. People have to do some amendments. Every once in a while people will get some property where they have really good topsoil, but gen-

erally the soil is pretty crummy here."

Hope Clausen of Clausen Nursery in Vista, well within Zone 23, told me, "On the coast, you don't have too much of a problem with freezing, but you do have a problem with too much moisture in the air and mold." Fruit trees, she said, will grow on the coast, "but you have more problems with fungus and stuff like that."

Is the Vista area much drier? "Yeah, but there are low, cold areas that you can't grow avocados or citrus in because you are at the bottom of a hill, and the cold settles like water, and they'll freeze. It just depends. Some

citrus will take down to, like, 28 [degrees Fahrenheit], while others will take down to 35." Clausen added, "There are probably all kinds of micro-

cados, and deciduous fruit. "Apples, peaches, pears, plums, nectarines — all of those," said Hope Clausen. "Every [kind of fruit] does

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well in our area, just there's certain peaches [for instance] that do well because they don't take a whole lot of cold to set fruit." Babcock, Bonita,

Santa Barbara, Tropic Snow, Desertgold, and several others do well. As for pears, "We can't grow Bartletts, because we don't get enough cold," but growers in Vista can turn to pear varieties such as Fan Stil, Hood, Monterrey, Orient, and Sugar/Seckel. Apple varieties such as McIntosh or Delicious need more cold than Vista provides, but Fujis, Red Fujis, Dorsett Golden, Annas, Galas, and a few others will thrive. Other deciduous fruit that does well in Vista are apricots, nectarines, Asian pears, figs, cherries, persimmons, mulberry, and pomegranates.

As in Chula Vista, guavas, cherimoyas, loquats, sapote, and macadamia nuts will

grow in Vista, depending on microclimate. Soil, said Clausen, "can change from one spot on your property to another. All fruit trees like well-drained soil, and they like to be watered deep and infrequent. They don't like to be planted in grassy areas or in banks that have ground cover."

This last bit of information surprised me, since, as I told Clausen, I know of growers who plant their orchard grounds to clover to add nitrogen to the soil and attract bees. This can be done, she said. But fruit trees "like to have their own watering system. You've got to shallow-water the clover, and the trees need deep and infre-

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quent watering.” Two different watering systems are required, one that waters between the trees down to only about two or three inches, and one (like a drip system) that waters the trees deeply about once a month or every three weeks.

Fallbrook, north of Vista, also lies within Zone 23. Victor Gonzales said his Atkins Nursery in Fallbrook carries over 500 kinds of fruit trees. Of these, he himself grows citrus, avocados, and tropicals, including bananas. Deciduous fruit he carries, but he buys it from other nurseries.

The area around Fallbrook, which is hilly, has many microclimates, said Gonzales. “If we go to an area like Bonsall, by Highway 76 — it’s only about five, six miles from the nursery,” in the San Luis Rey River Valley — “they get frost almost every year. But in the mountains, we’re pretty much frost free.” Gonzales said his nursery property — ten acres on Reche Road — epitomizes the temperature variations of the area. “I’ve been here 35 years and have never seen frost on the highest part of the property,” he said. “But if you go down to the lower part of the property, we get frost almost every year.” Some years that Gonzales has gotten frosts, the trees on the top part of his property suffered no damage, but, he said, “on the low part, we did get some damage.”

Gonzales said he carries varieties that answer to the wide temperature swings of northern San Diego County and southern Riverside County. “We have peaches that only require about 150 chilling hours, and we have varieties that need 850 hours. But those we recommend in, like, Temecula and Riverside County, where they get a little more frost and more heat. In this area we have the Babcock peach, the white freestone Elberta. They only require about 200 to 300 chilling hours,” said Gonzales.

Although tropical fruit varieties have less tolerance to cold, they can survive, he said, if the temperature drops below freezing. “Most trees, like cherimoyas, can take down to 30 degrees; some, to 28. Papayas are more tender; they take down to 38. Mangos can go down to 30 degrees. Lychees, longans —

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they seem to be more resistant than the mangos and papayas, but I don't know how low they can take. Sapotes, macadamia nuts, all those trees can take down to 30 degrees."

Soil types in Fallbrook are similar to those farther west. "Most places here, we have decomposed granite,"

decomposed granite, "which there is a lot of around here — sandy, crushed rock," is good for avocados. "It's best to put them on a hill so that it drains well," she advised. "Basically, some fertilizer a couple times a year, and the trees are great.

"There are pockets of areas where avocados won't do well," Ella said. "With this

*Zone 3, in which Julian and its surrounding areas sit, is called the "banana belt." Of course, no bananas grow here, and no avocados, citrus, or tropical fruit could survive the cold.*

said Gonzales. "In some areas, we have sandy loam. But only 20 inches down, it's hardpan. But most of these fruit trees grow well."

Ella, at Fallbrook's Mad-dock Nursery, said some places in her area "have salt in the soil, which is not good for a lot of fruit trees." The

being hilly out here, there are some little valley areas which tend to frost in the winter, which is bad for avocados. Generally, when groves are planted, if there is a valley like that, they'll put in citrus, which is more tolerant of cold." The ground in Fallbrook "very rarely freezes,"

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she said. "It doesn't happen here, and if it does, there's not much you can do about it. And avocados will probably snap back a bit, but they'll come back."

Ella and Victor Gonzales agreed that chilling hours average 300 in Fallbrook. Those who want to grow apples, peaches, or other deciduous fruit trees would want to choose from varieties that do well nearer the coast.

In winter, Escondido is cooler than surrounding areas, said Dana Estrada of Plant World Nursery, but in summer, "We definitely get our heat, big-time." Escondido sits on the border of Zones 20 and 21, which get weather influenced by both the cooler sea air and the hotter air from the interior. "In ocean air or a high fog one day and in a mass of interior air (perhaps a drying Santa Ana wind from the desert) the next," says the *Sunset Western Garden Book*. "We're not as warm [in summer] as Valley Center" — to the east — "but we're not as cool as San Marcos" — to

the west — because "we're cut off from sea breezes," said Estrada.

"If you are up on a hill, it gets less cold, which means you can do a lot more. There are parts of Escondido that are way down low, where they get frosts for about two months." But these frosts are never too severe. "There are a couple nights that we have

that one could still grow avocados in Escondido. "It's not saying that they can't grow here, but I wouldn't plant them right now [October] and not have an established root system before we get a frost or it gets cold." Certain citrus, too, can't handle the cold of the valleys, "but we carry all sorts of lemons, limes, oranges, and we sell

*"Then there are the people who live down in the valleys, in dips and creeks, and they get frost and real cold, so they can't really grow an avocado tree."*

been in the high 20s, but not for long. By next morning, we're fine." Growing avocados is "iffy" in Escondido's "low down" areas, according to Estrada, though "they have hybrids of avocados that are a little more durable." But while most avocados are not as durable as might be desired, Estrada made it clear

them year around."

Escondido's chilling hours exceed those of Fallbrook and Vista, ranging from 400 to 700 hours a year, according to Estrada. This is still a low range relative to higher elevations farther east, which get 800 to 950 chilling hours. Those who want to grow deciduous fruit trees

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in the Escondido area will have to go with apples like Anna and Beverly Hills, both low-chill varieties, or peach varieties like Desertgold. "Around here," said Estrada, "the soil is generally alkaline, decomposed granite and clay. And so we always suggest using some kind of planting mix or amendment."

Valley Center, an inland valley east of Escondido, is in Zone 18, an interior cli-

mate. Zone 18 is little influenced by the ocean; its major influence is the continental air mass. In words that might cheer the heart of the lovers of sprawl (but not the agrarian), the *Sunset* book says that the valley floors of this zone once had flourishing apricot, apple, peach, and walnut orchards but now grow only homes.

Janet at Valley Center Nursery said that in her area people can grow avocados on hilltops, but "then there are the people who live down in the valleys, in dips and

creeks, and they get frost and real cold, so they can't really grow an avocado tree." They can, she said, grow citrus. Valley Center Nursery carries citrus through the winter, but sometimes, said Janet, "I have to baby it and cover it. But I definitely can't keep any avocados or any of the tropical fruits, because I'm low and I freeze. I'm at weeks and weeks of 25 degrees, and that takes a beating."

Though they may be able to grow citrus, those in the valleys and low spots around Valley Center, said

Janet, "have to go more with the stone fruits," such as peaches, apples, and pears, as well as the nut trees: almonds, pecans, walnuts, and macadamias. But the earlier-blooming peach and its relative the almond, which can put forth blossoms as early as March or even late February, if the month is particularly warm, sometimes suffer from frosts that occur in late winter and early spring. Like many upland areas in California, Valley Center is blessed with "open winters," where periods of

warm, springlike weather punctuate periods of cold and send the sap shooting, only to be jolted back into dormancy by a sudden cold snap.

Most people in Valley Center have decomposed granite soil, while some have clay, said Janet. Fruit trees

said she sells higher-chill varieties for customers from Palomar Mountain, whose peak is 6100 feet above sea level. The mountain is well within Zone 3, with chilling hours from 750 to 950 and beyond.

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like the decomposed granite soil "because it gives good draining, where clay sometimes doesn't drain that well." But "you don't need really rich soil; some people don't use any amendments, unless they have clay soil; then you can add some gypsum." Amendments are more important for deciduous fruits, she said, "but the citrus trees pretty often grow in native dirt."

Valley Center receives 400 to 700 chilling hours in the winter, according to Janet, which the lower-chill varieties of deciduous fruit favor. She

West, Zone 3, in which Julian and its surrounding areas sit, is called the "banana belt." Of course, no bananas grow here, and no avocados, citrus, or tropical fruit could survive the cold of this zone or its drying winds. Even peaches are unreliable producers. "Peaches are touchy up here because they freeze in March [when they generally bloom], and we don't get a crop if you're not up on high ground." So said Ray Meyer, who tends orchards in the Julian area and operates a fruit stand there. "It's the same way with a lot of

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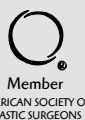
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plums, like your Japanese plums," said Meyer. "They bloom too early for most of our area. You get a crop once in a while. And apricots and nectarines, definitely not; they bloom way too early."

Cherries, too, are iffy. "I've got a friend that's done fairly well in cherries, though the birds love them," said Meyer. "They are a sensitive tree to grow. They don't prosper well; they die easily. I think they come out in the winter and get sunburned; that is probably the main problem. Because our winters up here are strange; they're warm and then cold, warm and then cold, and trees' sap comes up, and it's hard on them."

The standard apple varieties that require longer chilling hours thrive in Julian, he said. "Your Delicious, Jonathan, Rome Beauty, Winesap — and you know, all the varieties, Granny Smith, they do well."

Does Julian have many microclimates? "I wouldn't say so," said Meyer. "It makes a difference whether you're in a valley, like where I live, or whether you're up on a hillside and you can put in peaches and maybe cherries, things that bloom too early." The soil is "basically decomposed granite," he said, "and you don't have too much topsoil in most places." Besides the paltry topsoil, the problem with Julian soil is "mainly a nitrogen shortage. I haven't found phosphates or potash contribute much."

Conrad Young grows apples, pears, peaches, and some quince and plums at his Calico Ranch in the Wynola-Julian area. Young said he grows about 20 acres of rare apple varieties — "English cider apples, Michelins, and real oddballs, like Calville Blanc d'Hiver," a green-skinned apple with a sweet, sub-acid flavor and the reputation of having more vitamin C than an orange. He grows about two acres of pears and far fewer peaches, the latter because of the uncertainty of a crop. "I have about eight peach trees," he said, "and this year I got maybe a bushel of peaches off them."

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and people don't think about driving to Julian until you get a fall chill and school's in. The pears ripen mostly in August and September, kind of before people start heading for the mountains. So pears are more difficult to market. Pears, too, are a different animal in that you have to pick them when they're firm and hard, and you need to refrigerate them and then bring them out to ripen, whereas apples are ready to go right off the tree."

Young said he thought his soil was fairly good, "though I'm not a soil expert. Mine's an old lake bottom, I think," he said. "I've never fertilized my orchard in 20 years. I don't use any fertilizer, and it seems to be very rich, and each year I get good growth. I do a leaf analysis, and everything seems fine."

The Wynola area "is its own little microclimate," said Young. "It tends to have an inversion layer, and I do have frost-protection wind machines that come on and really help, because they pull the warmer air down. Many years I'll set a good crop, where many people who are more exposed on the mountain slope lose everything to hail or a freeze. While my

little orchard valley tends to be a little colder in general, it also survives some of the slightly higher elevation [problems], such as hail damage on their apples and things like that." Young said his orchard sits at about 3800 feet above sea level.

Young described how adverse weather can affect fruit trees. "The problem this year [2006], on our farm and other farms," he said, "were the heavy, really torrential spring rains that came late, right as a lot of the later-blooming apples came into bloom. The rain knocked all the blossoms off the trees, and the bees didn't pollinate. Normally, it's the later-blooming apples that are dependable, but this year, the earlier-blooming apples were through blooming and had set fruit. Normally, with the frost, it's the earlier apples that get hit."

Though Conrad Young said he got only a medium crop this year, Ray Meyer said his orchards had a good crop. The key to getting a good crop is "good management," but in a number of Julian orchards, he said, there's "not the good management there ought to be." And this, in his mind, threatens apple-

growing in Julian. "Apple-growing is going out up here; there are not people taking care of their orchards," said Meyer.

But bad management and erratic weather are not the only threats to apple-growing in Julian, according to Conrad Young. And if he's right, then soon people in San Diego County will have to grow their own fruit if they don't want to settle for the insipid, waxy apples one finds in grocery stores — apples that are grown more for their ability to ship than for taste or, one fears, nutrition.

"The real story in Julian," said Young, is the same story that has played out in other parts of California. It is the escalating land prices and housing. "Orchards kind of need to be on somewhat flat land, not too steep a grade," said Young. But that's the land that is most desirable for housing tracts. And if landowners can make a good profit selling to developers, why would they settle for the nonexistent profits of fruit-growing? "As the land values escalate, the number of orchards goes down," said Young. ■

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## LETTERS

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### Hooray, America

Kudos to Geoff Bouvier and his cover story ("It's Not a Race Thing...It's Style," Cover Story, December 21). It was one of the better pieces I've read in your paper. I did enjoy that. Being a transplant to San Diego, I'm not quite aware of all these experiences and the fact that we have all these people from Asian and Latin American cultures who've mixed. That wasn't the case where I come from. I really applaud all those kids for the way they handle it, the fact that they're different. They're lucky that we live in California, because outside of this state, people are not as nice as they are here about such things. Like overseas, people who are different are subject to persecution. There are two people I am very proud of, who handle this very well, and that is Tiger Woods and Mariah Carey, and I hope that those kids will just think of them if life should get them down, because those two people are very successful, they're both

of mixed race, and this country has been very, very good to them. And as an American, I'm very, very proud of my country that has been very, very good to those two people.

Paul Lang  
San Carlos

### Color Negatives

I used to date a very dark Venezuelan (I'm white), and he one day said, "You know what is weird about this country? You have to lower your voice and look both ways before you say 'black!'" He introduced me to his friend, a black Venezuelan, as El Negro (loose translation is "the black guy"), and I never knew his name! For that multicultural group of guys from South and Central America, race could be used as a term of endearment. Here in the U.S., no matter how you say it, if you mention color, it's derogatory, and *that* is sad!

What I enjoyed about Mr. Bouvier's article ("It's Not a Race Thing...It's Style," Cover Story, December 21) was he showed how unforgotten, even playful the teenagers were with color. He quit whispering "black." Thank you!

As for the other letters to the editor, I suggest they actually read the article. It was about each person's personal experience with their race, their community, their friends and family. Most of the kids are having so much more fun with this than us adults. Being offended doesn't help anyone. Please quit whispering "black"!!!

Geneva  
via e-mail

### It's A Crime

I've been a native here, grew up here in San Diego. I'm 49 years old. Love your *Reader*. Hooked onto it 10 or 11 years ago and never let go. Get it every week. Don't subscribe to the *Union-Tribune*. But what I want to tell you is, okay, you kept the blog and a couple other things around — John Brizzolara, who does "T.G.I.F." — but what's with your getting rid of "Ask Saffron" and "It's a Crime"? What's up with that? Come on, guys, I mean, I dig that thing. Next thing I know, you're going to be taking out the "Crasher."

Chuck  
La Mesa

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# A Feast of Art And Music

## The New Athenaeum at 108

**W**e moved all the bathrooms around, broke through a lot of walls so we could combine all the buildings, and built a staircase to the adjacent building on Girard," says Erika Torri, executive director for the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library in La Jolla. "Now we can go from one building to another without even going outside."

From Friday, January 12, through Sunday, January 14, the Athenaeum is hosting a "Reclamation Celebration" to

### LOCAL EVENTS

commemorate the completion of its \$5 million expansion project. "All of the funding came from friends

and family, from our members," says Torri.

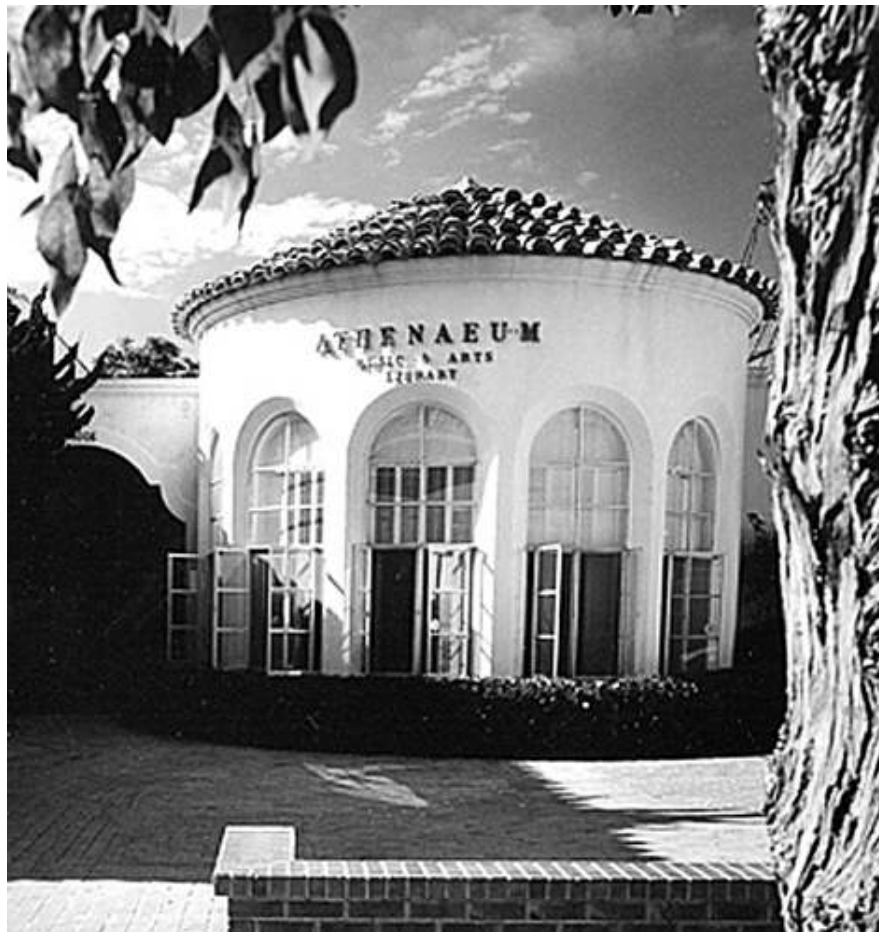
The Athenaeum has existed for 108 years and is one of only 17 remaining membership libraries in the country. Not supported by taxes, the institution relies on annual fees from its approximately 2300 members in order to operate. "The largest donation [\$1 million] came from Joan and Irwin Jacobs, the largest art supporters in town."

For the past 50 years, the library utilized 7000 square feet. Now, after taking over the space that had previously been rented to tenants, it is using all 12,000 square feet of the property. The redesign took almost one year to complete. "From the outside, everything stayed the same," says Torri. "We did retrofitting to the building years ago; we had big scaffolding

everywhere. We did far more to the building this time, but nobody saw a thing."

Torri says the library is particularly proud of its "artists' books" collection, which consists of approximately 1200 books ranging in price from \$15 to \$35,000. The expansion includes a climate- and humidity-controlled vault for this collection. "Artists' books is a new genre in the last 40 to 50 years," says Torri. "An artist's book is the book as an art form, not a book about artists or art categories, but a book itself that is a piece of art." The library's website explains, "Artists' books are either one-of-a-kind or created in limited editions. They are by nature multidisciplinary — a combination of text and artwork — ranging anywhere from a traditional format to unconventional sizes, shapes, materials, and structures far beyond the constraints of a book."

For the library's collection, Torri prefers to focus on the Southern California region and pays particular attention to artists' books produced by Brighton Press, Bay Park Press, and Scripps College Press. "Over the years, we've collected the work of Ed Ruscha, who made 16 small artists' books in the '70s. We are missing only one, which has been offered to me at \$35,000. I think it will be a little while [before we are able to acquire it], but then we will have the whole collection." According to the Columbia University Press, Ruscha first "became known for his paintings of roadside buildings" and later for his photography books and multime-



dia graphic works, for which he "often incorporates food, blood, grease, gunpowder, or other unusual materials."

The Athenaeum's collection also includes books about music and art; CDs, audio cassettes, and LPs, mostly of classical and jazz music; VHS videos, DVDs, and CD-ROMs relating to art and music; Bach Werke, a "series issued by the Bach Gesellschaft in Leipzig from 1850–1900 containing all of Johann Sebastian Bach's compositions"; art and music periodicals dating back to the late 19th Century; music scores; and sheet music from the early 1800s to the 1980s.

"We do not have bicycle-repair videos or books on economy, math and science, or anything that does not have to do with art

and music," Torri explains. "It's pretty clear-cut. If there's something we don't have, a member can make a request and we can find it."

— Barbarella

**Athenaeum Music and Arts Library  
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**Lisa Lampanelli** Jan. 26

**"Disney on Ice"**

Jan. 31-Feb. 4

**Maná** Feb. 9, 10

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**Harlem Globetrotters**  
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## Chargers vs. Patriots

January 14



### Cheetah Girls

January 13

**Taste of Chaos** Feb. 21

**Brian Wilson** Feb. 26

**Lyle Lovett** Feb. 28

**Christina Aguilera** Mar. 2

**Snow Patrol** Mar. 3

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**My Chemical Romance**

Mar. 13

**Eric Clapton** Mar. 15

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## BAJA

**"Jergas del Habla Hispana,"** Roxana Fitch discusses new Hispanic dictionary, Thursday, January 11, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**Author** Marta Palau Naulalli discusses new book, Friday, January 12, 7 p.m., in reading room at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

**Viento Reciclado** (Recycled Wind) in concert, Friday, January 12, 8 p.m., at El Bodegón de Arte (at corner of 7th Street and Blancarte). Adnan Márquez and Wilfrido Terrazas perform "completely improvised music using wind instruments, elec-

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**Moviemaking and Lobster in Rosarito**, excursion sponsored by San Diego Natural History Museum

on Saturday, January 13, 8 a.m.–7 p.m., includes Foxplore, the theme park at Fox Studios where *Titanic*, *Master and Commander* were filmed; lobster lunch, shopping, more. \$92. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (ROSARITO BEACH)

**Run, Bike, Run!** Take part in biathlon — with 4.5k run and 3k run bracketing 15k bike ride — Sunday, January 14, starting at 8 a.m. at Tercera Etapa in Zona Río. 011-52-664-368-5339. There's also a bike ride starting at 10 a.m.; call 011-52-664-215-9000 for information. (TIJUANA)

**Wedding Expo**, Sunday, January 14, 10 a.m.–9 p.m., at Camino Real Hotel in Zona Río. \$8 U.S. 011-52-664-633-4000. (TIJUANA)

**The Comedy** *El Gran Zobako en San Miguel el Chico* opens Thursday, January 18, 8 p.m., at Teatro del IMSS (Cárdenas Street and Boulevard Salinas). Comedy continues through January 28 at 8 p.m. Thursdays–Saturdays, 1 p.m. on Sundays. \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-631-0668. (TIJUANA)

**Hypnotists** Taurus do Brazil and John Milton return to Centro Cultural Tijuana for performances through January. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Mondays–Wednesdays, at 6 and 9 p.m. Thursdays–Saturdays, and at 5 and 8 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$10–\$13 U.S. Find center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in Zona Río. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

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## OUTDOORS

**Highest Monthly Rainfall** totals in San Diego are most likely to occur in January and February (about 1.9 inches each on average) according to weather statistics. If low temperatures accompany the typical Pacific storms of this period, there's a chance of snow in the mountains, including a very slim chance of snowfall as far west as the coast. Only during the months of December and January have traces of snow ever been recorded at San Diego's National Weather Service station.

**The Fabled "Green Flash"** at sunset or sunrise can sometimes be seen on crystal-clear days in January. At the instant the sun's upper rim is last visible at sunset, and also at the instant when it is first seen at sunrise, a flash of emerald-green color may be observed, especially on a flat horizon. Physicists explain this peculiar phenomenon as due to color-dispersion (as in a prism) and scattering of sunlight through the earth's atmosphere. Binoculars (or a small telescope) are helpful in spotting it. For green-flash hunting at sunset, any site with a view of the ocean horizon suffices. For the sunrise green flash, any spot overlooking the low desert (Sunrise Highway in the Laguna Mountains, for example) is good.

**The Glittery, Bright "Winter Constellations"** of Orion, Taurus, Auriga, Gemini, Canis Major, and Canis Minor are best seen during the early-evening hours of January and early February. By Monday, January 22, the waxing crescent moon's increasing glare will begin to diminish the impact of the starry scene, and that interference will worsen until full moon on February 2. After February 7, the winter constellations will again shine unfettered in the evening sky.

The bright winter constellations happen to include about one-third of the most luminous stars appearing in the night sky. The brightest star of all, Sirius, lies in the constellation of Canis Major. Sirius appears as a scintillating, bluish point of light high over the southeast or south horizon during winter early-evening hours. The second-brightest star of the night sky, Canopus, can be seen hovering very low over the south horizon whenever Sirius is nearing its highest altitude (about 40 degrees) in the southern sky. In mid-January, this happens around 10 p.m.

**Hotel del Coronado Tour,** Coronado Historical Association leads one-hour tour throughout the historic Hotel del Coronado, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tours begin outside Grande Hall doors, on north side of hotel. \$15, children under six free. Required reservations: 619-437-8788. (CORONADO)

**It's Not too Late to Stand Under Mistletoe!** See how parasites attach to host western sycamore during guided nature hike, Saturday, January 13, starting at 8:30 a.m. at Kumeyaay Lake campground entry station (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

**Look for Golden Eagles, Wild Turkeys,** and Lewis's woodpeckers during Audubon Society field trip to Pamo Valley, Saturday, January 13, 8 a.m.–noon. Consider-

able hiking of moderately strenuous nature. Bring lunch, drinking water. Directions: 619-692-3246. (RAMONA)

**Daley Ranch Tracking Team** plans "outreach program" led by tracker Barry Martin on Saturday, January 13, 9 a.m., at hilltop picnic area at Dixon Lake. Learn to recognize animal tracks, scat, sign. Free. Registration: 760-839-4241. (ESCONDIDO)

**Hawkwatch,** visit Ramona's grasslands to witness winter migration of hawks, falcons, and eagles during outings led by Wildlife Research Institute every Saturday through February, 9 a.m.–noon. Walks led by trained biologist. Wear hiking or walking boots. Bring binoculars or spotting scopes if you have them. Outings begin at Wildlife Research Institute headquarters, 18030 Highland Valley Road (near Rangeland). Free. 760-789-3992. Heavy rain cancels. (RAMONA)

**Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve,** San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk exploring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, January 13, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF)

**Trail Repair Work in Paso Picacho** at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park continues on Saturday, January 13, 9 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. Registration: 760-489-5676. For those 16 and older with a parent. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

**Achieve Peace on Earth!** Enjoy rippling San Diego River, chirping birds, scented flora during trail-guide-led walk through oak groves and native chaparral in Mission Trails Regional Park, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, January 13, 14, and 17, 9:30–11 a.m. Find park at One Father Junípero Serra Trail, 619-668-3281. Free. (SAN CARLOS)

**Palm Walk,** Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, January 13, 10 a.m., at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

**Asian Pacific Historic District Tours** offered on second Saturday of each month, including January 13. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

**Telescope Workshop and Public Star Party** slated for Saturday, January 13, at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). Oceanside Photo and Telescope sponsors workshop on setting up and using a telescope (4:30 p.m.).

Workshop followed by star party on lower soccer field east of astronomy lab (observing begins around 5:30 p.m.). Plan to stay and practice skills throughout the evening. Highlights for the evening include Saturn (rises at 7:20 p.m.) in constellation of Leo, and Great Orion Nebula, Pleiades, Andromeda Galaxy. 760-737-2698. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

**We Are Stardust,** "Desert Skies" lecture series continues when astronomer/photographer Dennis Mammanna presents "In Search of Our Cosmic Roots," Saturday, January 13, 7 p.m., at Anza-Bor-

rego Desert State Park visitors' center. Learn how "study of universe takes us back into time in search of our cosmic roots." Program followed by telescopic viewing of night sky. If you'd like, bring binoculars, flashlight covered with red cellophane to preserve night vision. \$15 general, free for those younger than 12. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

**"Grapevine Canyon—Wilderness Gateway or Utility Corridor?"** Explore cultural history, beauty of Grapevine Canyon, located on western edge of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, during outing planned by Anza-Borrego Institute on Sunday, January 14, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Participants visit several rare desert springs in search of wildlife, plants. Vehicle tour with short hikes; four-wheel drive required. Directions, reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

**Vegetation and Views,** naturalist Rick Paul leads occasionally strenuous four-mile hike to explore diverse plant population in Daley Ranch, Sunday, January 14. Adventure begins at 9 a.m. at Cougar Pass entrance. Bring water, wear hiking boots. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

**Volunteer Tamarisk Bash** at Black Mountain Park/Santa Luz on Sunday, January 14, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Join Mike Kelly to eradicate tamarisk (an invasive shrub). Tools provided. Wear work boots. Meet at parking-staging area off San Dieguito Road (about one-half mile from its intersection with Camino del Sur in Santa Luz). Free. 858-566-6489, 858-484-3219. (SAN DIEGO)

**Wind Through Chaparral** to a freshwater pond in Dos Picos County Park with Canyoneers, Sunday, January 14, 10 a.m. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (RAMONA)

**Birding the Marsh,** Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge on Sunday, January 14, 11 a.m. Free. Reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

**Everything's Rosy,** East County Rose Society conducts free rose-pruning and winter care demonstration, Sunday, January 14, 2 p.m., in Gazebo Rose Garden in Judson Park (at Magnolia and Park). Bring gloves, pruners, a chair. 619-252-2116. (EL CAJON)

## DANCE

**United States National Dance Party,** West Coast swing, nightclub two-step, requests promised on Thursdays, January 11 and 18, 8 p.m., at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). DJ host and "roving instructor" is Jane Hance. Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. \$6; first time free. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

**Polka and Waltz** lessons offered during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, January 12, 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)

**Leroy Thomas and the Zydeco Roadrunners** from Louisiana rock the house for Bon Temps Social Club dance party, Saturday, January 13, in Recital Hall (on Presidents Way off Park Boulevard).

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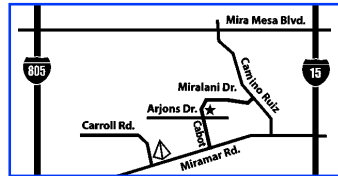
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**Hustle San Diego Club** meets on second Saturday of every month, including January 13, for beginners' instruction (8 p.m.) and dance afterwards at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). \$7. 760-803-9982. (ENCINITAS)

**Sunday Zapateado**, Ballet Folklórico en Aztlán performs dances from different states of Mexico each month at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). Take in dances from Campeche, Mexico, on Sunday, January 14, 2 p.m. Free. 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

**Sunday Swing Dance** with Doctor Swing playing “best digital dance music from the ’40s, ’50s, and ’60s,” Sundays, 5–9 p.m., at Cask n’ Cleaver (3757 South Mission Road). No cover. 760-728-2818. (FALLBROOK)

**English Country Dancing** takes place every Sunday, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Callers are Janet and Tyge on January 14. \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

**Learn Dances from Around the World** when new beginners' dance class series starts Tuesday, January 16, 7 p.m., at Balboa Park Club (off Presidents Way). Nonpartner and couples dances taught. Free for first-timers, \$2 per class thereafter. 858-459-1336. (BALBOA PARK)

**Street-Funk, Hip-Hop**, MTV-style dance moves taught by instructor Prince on Thursdays at 4569 30th Street. Beginners at 7–8 p.m., intermediate/advanced 8–9 p.m. \$10 per class, \$35 for four. 858-635-1211. (NORTH PARK)

**“Intimate Cabaret Dances,”** Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater plans concerts January 18–21 at San Diego Museum of Art. Program includes *Mexican Waltzes* and *HerItAge*, a “hilarious and sobering take on aging.” Dancing begins at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$25, available through Ticket-

master (619-220-TIXS). Information: 619-225-1803. (BALBOA PARK)

## FILM

**“Democracy Under Pressure” Film Screening, Discussion** slated for Thursday, January 11, 6 p.m., at Museum of San Diego History. Film documents World War II Japanese-American internment camp experience. Former internment camp residents will be on hand for discussion of challenges they faced during internment, “the power of the human spirit that allowed them to overcome this life-altering experience.” Event is in conjunction with current “Nikkei Youth Culture: Past, Present, Future” exhibit. \$5. 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

**Low-Budget Fun!** See *Mutual Appreciation*, described as “one of the best-kept secrets from last year’s Sundance Film Festival,” when Andrew Bujalski’s comedy screens for winter film series, Thursday, January 11, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

**“Romeo and Juliet Get Married** (O casamento de Romeu e Julieta)” — this Brazilian comedy of star-crossed soccer-loving lovers screens for Cinema en tu Idioma series hosted by Media Arts Center, January 12–18, at UltraStar Mission Valley Cinemas at Hazard Center (7510 Hazard Center Drive). \$8.50 general. Showtimes, information: 619-230-1938. In Portuguese with English subtitles. (MISSION VALLEY)

**“La Febbre,”** Alessandro D’Alari’s film screens for Italian Film Festival on Friday, January 12, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. In Italian with English subtitles.

**“The Mars Underground,”** documentary following aerospace scientist Robert Zubrin and his efforts to “get the first human mission to Mars off the ground” screens Friday, January 12, 7 p.m., in studio 106 of Art Union Building (2323 Broadway). Admission to Mars Society event is free. Required reservations: 619-723-3456. (GOLDEN HILL)

**“House of Sand,”** Andrucha Waddington’s odyssey through human condition starts in 1910 in Brazil, stars Fernanda Montenegro, and screens for Sunday Matinee on January 14, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E

Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In Portuguese with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

**Around the World in Film**, see *Memoirs of a Geisha* when ongoing Carlsbad Library film series continues on Wednesday, Jan-

uary 17, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Events begin at 5:30 p.m. with “behind-the-scenes features.” Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

**The “Woozy Pub Crawl Through Life and Art”** that is

Camp Trail,” 1.5 miles upward to the paved Wildomar Road.

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## BLUEWATER TRAVERSE

Backpack across the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness area near Temecula

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suddenly drops about 400 feet to cross an oak-shaded tributary of Bluewater Canyon (4.7 miles). Winding upward, then down again, you reach, around 5.5 miles, the edge of a pleasant woodland — several hundred rolling acres shaded by live oaks and tall chaparral. At 5.8 miles, bear left and follow the Bluewater Trail east and south past Serrano Spring and Garcia Spring in the Oak Flats area. This area is likely your best bet for establishing a trail camp (note that wilderness areas often have no designated or developed campgrounds). The coastline is only 13 air-miles away from Oak Flats, and if you climb any nearby high point the wide, blue arc of the Pacific Ocean comes into view.

Beyond Oak Flats, the poor roadbed that has so far served as the Bluewater Trail veers left (southeast) and attains a nearly barren summit (7.5 miles). After about 250 yards, the roadbed turns southwest, while the Bluewater Trail (a footpath) continues southeast, descending gradually toward Bluewater Canyon, 1500 feet below. After a short, confusing stretch through a grassy area, the route pitches crookedly and very sharply down a brushy ridgeline. You reach the bottom of shady Bluewater Canyon at 9.0 miles. A short mile later, you reach the

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Marisa Tomei. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

**“The Witness,”** documentary exploring how “a construction contractor from a tough Brooklyn neighborhood become an impassioned animal advocate” screens for Seeds for Change Humane Education Wednesday, January 17, 6:30 p.m., at Tierrasanta Library (4985 La Cuenta Drive). Discussion follows. Free. RSVP: 619-723-7048. (TIERRASANTA)

**“Where Is Home?”** Youth-produced documentary video screens for Media Arts Center on Wednesday, January 17, 6:30 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Also on tap: *The Letter: An American Town and the ‘Somali Invasion,’* discussion with youth producers and documentary interviewees led by USD ethnic studies assistant professor Jesse Mills. Free. 619-230-1938 x102. (SOUTH SAN DIEGO)

**Open Screening Night** at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street) is Thursday, January 18, 7 p.m. See *Specfic 2.0*, Adriene Jenik’s “live, site-specific multimedia event...exploring the intersection of digital media, books, and reading.” Free. 619-230-1938 x104. (GOLDEN HILL)

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center,** currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Roving Mars* and *Deep Sea*. “Fridays at the Fleet” promises *Stormchasers* (6 p.m.) and *The Living Sea* (7 p.m.) on January 12. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

## LECTURES

**Legendary Musician, Anti-Art Activist,** philosopher Henry Flynt plans lecture on “Dignity,” Thursday, January 11, 7 p.m., in UCSD Visual Arts Department Performance Space (on Russell Lane). Free. 858-357-6949. (LA JOLLA)

**“Quilt Visions 2006”** at Ocean-side Museum of Art is illuminated when exhibitions director Catherine Gleason and Quilt Visions president Patti Sevier speak on Thursday, January 11, 7 p.m. Find museum at 704 Pier View Way. \$5. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

**“The Art of Mel Bochner”** examined by artist Bochner himself during docent guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, January 12, 10 a.m. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Differences between English, Irish, Scottish, and U.S. Research”** discussed by genealogist Ellen Carlsberg for San Diego Genealogical Society’s seminar and luncheon, Saturday, January 13, at Handlery Hotel (950 Hotel Circle North). Other topics: “Midwest Research,” “What I Learned Working with Alex Haley,” and “Protecting Your Genealogy.” Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. \$35 fee includes lunch. 619-624-9294. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Get Home,** first-time home buyer seminar, Saturday, January 13. Make better choices and decisions when buying a home after seminar approved by HUD, Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae. Free seminar runs 9 a.m.–5 p.m. in second-floor conference room at 1150 Broadway. 800-449-9392 x891. Seminars repeat first Saturday of each month. (EL CAJON)

**Comprehensive Bike-Maintenance Class** planned on Saturday, January 13, 10:30 a.m.–4 p.m.,

at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard) and at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). \$85. Call to register in advance. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

**It’s Rose-Pruning Time!** Rose expert Jack Shoultz presents rose talk on Saturday, January 13, 1 p.m., at Summers Past Farms (15602 Old Highway 80). Free. 619-390-1523. (EL CAJON)

**“On and Off,”** exhibition of work by Barbara Sexton continues through Sunday, January 28, at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Sexton will discuss her work Saturday, January 13, 1 p.m. Free. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**“Under the Sea Succulent Garden Theme Landscaping”** is topic when Jeff Moore of Solana Succulents speaks for San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society, Saturday, January 13, 1 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 858-270-5544. (BALBOA PARK)

**Hemlock Society** offers presentation of Derek Humphrey’s DVD from his book *Final Exit*, Sunday, January 14, 1:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Discussion of critical issues led by Faye Girsh follows, with “experienced personnel” to answer questions. Free. 619-233-4418. (HILLCREST)

**“Freethinking and Skeptical Worldviews** in America” are subject for talk by USD professor Evelyn Kirkley and round-table discussion hosted by Humanist Fellowship, Sunday, January 14, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

**“American Visionaries: The Collection at 80,”** chief curator D. Scott Atkinson presents Insight Gallery talks at San Diego Museum of Art on Sunday, January 14, 3 p.m. and Thursday, January 18, 6 p.m. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**Four Corners Workshop** presented by San Diego Writers/Editors Guild on Monday, January 15, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Four mini-workshops convene simultaneously on fiction, nonfiction, memoirs, general writing tips. \$5. 619-471-5323. (HILLCREST)

**Sailing Fundamentals Course** offered by Flotilla 16-03 of U.S. Coast Guard auxiliary starts Monday, January 15, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego County Health Building (3851 Rosecrans Street). Nine-week course covers what makes a sailboat, how a boat sails, basic sailing maneuvering, legal requirements, aids to navigation, navigation rules, more. \$25 fee for text. Registration: 619-446-2145. (SAN DIEGO)

**“A More Secure World,”** series continues when Bruce Zagaris presents “Constructing an International Enforcement Regime Against Transnational Organized Crime,” Tuesday, January 16, 12:10 p.m., at California Western School of Law (350 Cedar Street). Zagaris has served as “consultant, counsel, and lobbyist for 14 governments, served as counsel in more than 40 criminal trials on national and international levels.” Free. 619-515-1589. (DOWNTOWN)

**Grey Matters Lecture Series** continues when Stuart Lipton of Burnham Institute for Medical Research examines “New Drug Treatments and the Future of Stem

Cells for the Aging Brain,” Tuesday, January 16, 6 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Free. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

**Clownology!** San Diego All-Star Clown Club hosts clown course, meeting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, January 16–February 28, 6:30 p.m., at American Legion Hall (7815 Armour Street). \$125. Registration: 619-291-2720. (KEARNY MESA)

**Get Outside!** Wilderness Basics Course with lectures and four weekend field trips offered by Sierra Club. Ten-week course begins Tuesday, January 16, at San Pasqual High School (3300 Bear Valley Parkway South). Subjects include wilderness ethics, first aid, equipment, water filtration, nutrition, map and compass, more. Fee: \$95 Escondido. 858-467-5074. (ESCONDIDO)

**Planning a Trip to Mt. Whitney?** Learn details of permit process, how to prepare, gear, training tips, proper footwear, other “insider knowledge” during clinics planned at REI. On Tuesday, January 16, 7 p.m., head to REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard, 760-944-9020) and REI Chula Vista (2015 Birch Road, 619-591-4924). REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400) hosts clinic on Wednesday, January 17, 7 p.m. Free. (ENCINITAS, CHULA VISTA, KEARNY MESA)

**“Native Medicinal Herbs”** illuminated by James David Adams Jr., Cecilia Garcia Adams, and James Adams, co-authors of *Healing with Medicinal Plants of the West — Cultural and Scientific Basis for Their Use*, when California Native Plant Society meets on Tuesday, January 16, 7 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 101. 619-685-7321. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

**Parlez Vous?** Charles Brown leads six-week French language seminar starting Wednesday, January 17, 8:30–9:45 a.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle). Brown — who holds degrees in French from University of Notre Dame and Middlebury College — plans introduction to language, history, social customs. \$225. Registration: 619-892-4875. (DEL MAR)

**“Web Design 101 —** How to Build a Successful Website and Create a Presence on the Web” is subject for “Professional Artist Lecture Series” hosted by San Diego Art Institute on Wednesday, January 17, 6 p.m. Speakers: Greg Klamt, Erin Wishek. \$10. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Irrigation for Water-Wise Gardens”** is topic on Wednesday, January 17, 6 p.m., in Cuyamaca College’s Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Sprinkler selection, spacing, valve zoning, water pressure. \$10. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

**“Fun with Fondue,”** Urs Hwylter teaches “the art of fondue,” Wednesday, January 17, 7 p.m., at Taste Artisan Cheese and Gourmet Shop (1243 1/2 University Avenue). \$35. Reservations: 619-683-2306. (HILLCREST)

**“Telepathic Communication with Animals”** illuminated by animal communicator, author, consultant, Brigitte Noel, Thursday, January 18, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Lecture aims to help “strengthen your relationship with all living creatures and will cover how intuitive communications with animals take place, when it

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## LOCAL EVENTS

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**"History of the Heights,"** a historical overview of University Heights — which used to have an ostrich farm, a silk mill, trolley barn, and what became SDSU — presented by California State Parks supervising historian and planner Jim Newland for University Heights Historical Society, Thursday, January 18, 7 p.m., in auditorium at Binney School (4345 Campus Avenue). Free. 619-297-3166. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Get Outside (Later)!** Ten-week wilderness basics course with lectures and four weekend field trips offered by Sierra Club beginning Tuesday, January 23, 7 p.m., at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Subjects include wilderness ethics, first aid, equipment, water filtration, nutrition, map and compass, more. \$110. 858-467-5074. (MISSION VALLEY)

## IN PERSON

**The 22nd Season of "Plays by Young Writers"** presented by

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**"The Art of Living Well, Looking Good, Feeling Great"** signed by actress Joan Collins, Thursday, January 11, noon, at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347.

Collins also plans signing Friday, January 12, 1 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (668 Sixth Avenue). Free. 619-702-7420. (LA JOLLA, GASLAMP QUARTER)

**Mystery Author** J.A. Vance signs, discusses *Web of Evil*, Thursday, January 11, 1:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

**Author** David Newsome discusses, signs *The New Orleans Program*, Thursday, January 11, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

## OUT & ABOUT

### BUTTON-DOWN COMEDY!

Bob Newhart, Saturday, January 13, California Center for the Arts, Escondido.

(SEE IN PERSON)



**New York City Vampire Detective** Joe Pitt is "caught in a supernatural gang war of sorts" in noir prose/comic author Charlie Huston's *No Dominion*, which he signs on Thursday, January 11, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

**Afro-Colombian Emigré Band** La Cumbiamba eNeYé plans AcousticMusicSanDiego concert,

Thursday, January 11 (\$15, \$20). Rock/blues/soul legend Al Kooper takes stage on Friday, January 12 (\$25), followed by folk singer-songwriter Catie Curtis on Saturday, January 13. Folk singer-songwriter Eliza Gilkyson appears Thursday, January 18 (\$18, \$22). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Live at the Library**, Short Attention Span Chamber Music Series boasts concert by jazz guitarist/composer Peter Sprague, Friday, January 12, 12:30 p.m., in UCSD's Geisel Library (lower level, west wing). Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

**Textile Designer**, fashion consultant Erika Knight signs her new releases, *Classic Knits* and *Glamour Knits*, Friday, January 12, 4:30 p.m., at Knitting by the Beach (616 Stevens Avenue, suite B). Requested reservations: 858-509-9276. Free. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Noted Philadelphia Poet** Elaine Terranova reads from her new book *Not To: New and Selected Poems*, Friday, January 12, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Los Angeles poet Dottie Grossman reads from *Call and Response* with accompaniment by Los Angeles trombonist Michael Vlatkovich. Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

**"Sarasvati's Dream Concert:** A Tapestry of Harmonics and Light" presented by "sound healer" Diane Mandle Friday, January 12, 7 p.m., at Well Within (555 2nd Street). Tibetan bowls, moon gong, other "sacred instruments." Expect to hear story of the instruments, concert. \$20. 760-944-3441. (ENCINITAS)

**Manhattan Transfer** performs in concert, Friday, January 12, 8 p.m.,

at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$35–\$50. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**Modern Minstrel** — songwriter Harvey Reid in concert, Friday, January 12, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). He's master of many instruments, styles of acoustic music, from hip-folk to country, slide-guitar blues to bluegrass, old-time, Celtic, rag-time, classical. \$15 in advance, \$18 at door. 760-720-2460. (CARLSBAD)

**Novelist** Sonia Singh signs, discusses *Ghost, Interrupted*, Saturday, January 13, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

**"Sonata with Strings,"** Icarus Puppet Company presents new play with puppets and masks, Saturday and Sunday, January 13 and 14, 2 p.m., at Mingei International Museum. Piece combining traditional and innovative performance styles, puppets, masked characters weaves performance inspired by moods of Mozart's music. Suitable for audiences aged 5 and older. RSVP: 619-239-0003 X116. (BALBOA PARK)

**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)

**Four Shillings Short** — Aodh Óg Ó Tuama (vocals, tin whistles, doumbek, spoons, gembhorn) and Christy Martin (vocals, hammered dulcimer, mandolin, bouzouki, sitar, bodhran) perform for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, January 13, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

**"Once Removed,"** audio and dance performance featuring collaborative work of local refugee and City Heights youth planned Saturday, January 13, 7:30 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Performance is culmination of four-month-long collaboration between six youth dancers from the Transcen-DANCE Performance Group and 12 refugee youths who participated in Journey, a youth photography program. Donation: \$10. 619-223-7001. (NORTH PARK)

**"Chocolate and Other Family Values"** — storyteller Marilyn McPhee tells delicious tales for Storytellers of San Diego, Saturday, January 13, 7:30 p.m., in

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**Solo Piano Musings** and jazz improvisations on Gershwin, Porter, Ellington, Monk promised when Mike Garson performs for winter jazz series on Sunday, January 14, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free tickets issued at 1 p.m. at door. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

**The Belle of Broadway!** Susan Egan — who has over 40 recording credits to her name from Broadway cast albums to film soundtracks — in concert, Sunday, January 14, 2 p.m., at Maxine Theatre (Valley Center High School, 31322 Cole Grade Road). \$20. 760-749-7390. (VALLEY CENTER)

**“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)

**Jazz Concert** by ensemble from New Song Community Church performs Sunday, January 14, 4 p.m., at North Coast United Methodist Church (1501 Kelly Street). Donation. Optional dinner from Flying Bridge follows (\$6.50 general). 760-439-4099. (OCEANSIDE)

**Poetry Series 2007** gets underway when Diane Gage reads her poems, Monday, January 15, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Open poetry reading follows, with “Poetry of the Pacific Rim and Asia” theme. Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Pianist George Winston** plans concert on Monday, January 15, 7:30 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre

(471 South Coast Highway 101). Winston’s latest release is *Gulf Coast Blues and Impressions* — *A Hurricane Relief Benefit*, said to be “motivated by George’s desire to support the Gulf Coast after the recent hurricane devastation.” \$35 in advance, \$38 at door. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

**“Urban Invasion Comedy Show”** hosted by Comedy Grill, with comics Quartez, Mark Christopher Lawrence, Jamar on Tuesday, January 16, 8 p.m., at La Jolla Brew House (7536 Fay Avenue). Cover: \$5. 858-550-8088. (LA JOLLA)

**Author** Doug Thompson signs, discusses *Whales: Touching the Mystery*, Wednesday, January 17, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Sci-Fi Author** David Weber visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign, discuss *Off Armageddon Reef*, Wednesday, January 17, 7 p.m.

Find Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

**“Little House on a Small Planet”** showcased Wednesday, January 17, 7:30 p.m., at World-Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Author Shay Salomon and photographer Nigel Valdez plan slide show and booksigning. “Live in less space but have more room and enjoy it.” Donations welcome. 619-255-6111. (BALBOA PARK)

**Author** Anthony Swofford signs and discusses *Exit A* at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North), Thursday, January 18, 7 p.m. Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Guitarones, Jaranas, Baja Sextos!** Enjoy “An Acoustic Evening with Los Lobos” on Thursday, February 8, 8 p.m., in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. Expect classic Los Lobos tunes, material from new CD *The Town and the City*, traditional folkloric songs from Latin America. Tickets for this ArtPower

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**Del Mar to Miramar Lake Express Ride** hosted by Sierra Club bicyclists on Sunday, January 14. Thirty-five-mile ride with

moderate hills and peppy pace starts at 8:30 a.m. behind Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands shopping center, at Del Mar Heights Road and El Camino Real). 858-623-0628. (DEL MAR)

**Ride Over Lots of Short Hills** in Elfin Forest and Escondido with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists on Sunday, January 14. The 70-mile ride starts at 8:45 a.m. in Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Bring money for lunch. 619-426-8192. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**The San Diego Wildcats** play basketball against Tijuana Dragones on Sunday, January 14, 5:05 p.m., at Hoover Senior High School (4474 El Cajon Blvd). \$5. 619-696-5123. (COLLEGE)

## SPECIAL

**“For the Love of Art,”** art exhibition and sale of member work continues through Sunday, January 21, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., at La Jolla Art Association Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue). 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)

**It’s San Diego Restaurant Week!** Dining deals offered at a variety of San Diego County restaurants through Friday, January 12. Diners select from special three-course, *prix fixe* dinner menus at over 125 restaurants. \$30 or \$40 per person depending upon restaurant (excluding tax, gratuity, beverages). Reservations, details: 619-297-8200. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

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# Reading

## iBaja! Cooking on the Edge



Deborah M. Schneider  
Photographs by Maren Caruso  
Rodale, 2006, 274 pages, \$27.95

**FROM THE DUST JACKET:**  
Chef Deborah Schneider first saw Baja in the '80s and fell in love with its cuisine. Light, simple, vibrantly fresh. This is her homage to the wild and beautiful peninsula, a love letter to a place and a people that transformed her approach to food. Ocean-fresh seafood dishes, exuberant salsas — the dishes are marked by freshness, flavor, ease of preparation...and a genuine savoring of culinary surprise and solitude.

### WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

"A delicious journey into little-known southern California...really southern...to explore Baja's rich history and food lore. Vibrant recipes." — *Denver Post*

"Schneider's fresh writing style and the vibrant photography and design — in alternating shades of faded blue, avocado, terra-cotta, and pink — capture the region's rough-edged beauty. The recipes were so inviting that I ended up testing lots of them. The fish tacos were the best I've ever had outside of Baja itself. — *San Francisco Chronicle*

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Deborah Schneider is enjoying a splendid career in San Diego as a top chef.

### A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

*Broil the oysters on a bed of rock salt.* I salivate reading Deborah Schneider's wonderful recipes, nesting in a book beautifully designed by Ellen Nygaard and illustrated with Maren Caruso's artful photographs. Clams in Tequila. One-Pan Paella. Campfire Grilled Chorizo. Her cooking is quick and exact and expressive, her writing skills just as

impressive. Her cookbook is as much fun to read as a novel.

"I understand you were a magazine editor in the early '80s, in Toronto. Are you actually Canadian?"

"I am. I was born and raised in Toronto and then spent part of my formative years in a pretty little town called Godish, just 45 miles west of Stratford Shakespeare Festival, on Lake Huron."

"Your magazine experience certainly shows in the book. It's terribly well written. I kept trying to find who ghosted it, but, except for Miriam Backes's perfect editing, it was all you."

Executive Chef Deborah Schneider laughs. "Thank you."

"Yet you gave the writing up, and the magazine editing."

"Yes. My boyfriend had a motorcycle that we crated up and shipped to London. We flew over and set out from there in December, heading south, down through France, through Spain, and on to the Canary Islands. We meandered through Italy, southern Morocco and North Africa, into Greece. You couldn't do it now. It was just the two of us on the cycle, with a small tent and a couple of sleeping bags. We cooked all our meals on a one-

"Cuisine isn't created; it's developed from what ingredients are at hand. I used whatever we picked up along the way."

### Coronado Islands Marine Mammals Trip

hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum onboard 88-foot *Pacific Queen*. Informative program on Thursday, January 11, 6:30 p.m., followed by journey to the islands on Saturday, January 13, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. Participants will watch for migrating whales. For those 12 and older. Nonmember fee: \$85. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

### The Smallest Show on Earth!

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)

**Gem Faire**, January 12–14, with over 80 dealers offering jewelry, gems, beads, minerals, crystals, more, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Jewelry repair, classes, demonstrations. Weekend pass: \$5. Hours: noon–7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday. 760-390-3599. (DEL MAR)

### San Dieguito Lagoon Bus Tour

planned Saturday, January 13. Learn about cultural history, biological resources, wetland restoration project now underway. Tours begin at 9 and 11 a.m. at Strawberry Stand Wetland Learning Center (on San Andres Drive, off Via de la Valle). Free. Required reservations: 858-674-2275. (DEL MAR)

### The 27th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade

with marching bands and floats is Saturday, January 13. Parade starts at 10 a.m. on east side of Petco Park (at 13th and Imperial), travels north on Park Boulevard to J Street, west to 7th, south on 7th, ending on west side of Petco Park. Free viewing.

Parade is followed by multicultural festival with live entertainment, children's activities, community booths, vendors, exhibits, ethnic food, 11 a.m.—5 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Promenade (north side of Harbor Drive between Market and Fourth Avenue). Free. 619-264-0542. (DOWNTOWN)

### Wine and Dine Your Way

through historic downtown with local food/wine writer and native historian during tours planned every Saturday, starting January 13,

noon–3 p.m., in front of San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive, suite 120). Explore a winery, brewery, local chocolates, more during leisurely three-mile walk over level terrain. \$49. Reservations: 619-990-5531. (DOWNTOWN)

### AcroYoga Workshops

described as "combination of partner yoga, acrobatics, and massage" planned at Ashtanga Yoga Center (1905 Calle Barcelona #218). Saturday, January 13, 1–4 p.m., focus on front and back flying; no partner necessary, all levels welcome. On Sunday, January 14, 2–4 p.m., work on partner balancing and baby acrobatics; no partner necessary, but participants must be able to hold headstand away from wall. Saturday: \$55, Sunday: \$40; \$65 for both days (paid in advance). Registration: 760-632-7093. (LA COSTA)

**La Jolla Motor Car Classic** with tribute to British marques planned on Sunday, January 14, 11 a.m.—3 p.m., on lawn at La Jolla Cove. All manner of vehicles on display. Free. 619-233-5008. (LA JOLLA)

### "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature"

commences with a look at George Eliot's *Daniel Deronda*, Sunday, January 14, 1 p.m., in 201 West Commons at San Diego State University. Discussion led by Lucy Ann Albert. Program hosted by San Diego County Library and four community partners. Free. 858-694-2484. (SDSU)

### Reclamation Celebration

the expansion project has just been completed, so celebrate on Sunday, January 14, 2–4 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Live music, docent tours, art demonstrations. Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**"The Life and Legacy** of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." examined by Frank Russell Jr.

during community celebration of King, Sunday, January 14, 4 p.m., at Christ United Presbyterian Church (3025 Fir Street). Winners of 2007 student essay contest will be on hand; music by Community Celebration Choir. Offering. 619-239-2346. (SAN DIEGO)

### Martin Luther King Jr.-Themed Family Day

celebrated at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, January 15, 10 a.m.—5 p.m. Storyteller Yvonne Bennett-Niang will read stories about the civil rights leader at 11 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. Egyptian game-making workshops (noon, 2 p.m.), Egyptian-themed activities. Included in regular museum admission (\$8 general, \$4 for those 6–17). 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

### Get to Know San Diego Historical Society Staffers

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burner stove. I became master of the one-pot meal."

"Is that where you learned to cook — on the road?"

"No. I'd learned to eat first. Toronto is and was a great food city, even back then. I taught myself from Julia Child's *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*. Cooked my way right through it. On that road trip, I learned to cook what you have. Cuisine isn't created; it's developed from what ingredients are at hand. I used whatever we picked up along the way."

"You were confident enough in your skills that you took on jobs working as a chef aboard chartered yachts sailing out from the Greek Isles."

"They were operated mostly by Englishmen. I worked even-

tually for the chairman of Mobil Oil, a lovely man. We also had a lot of Argentine junta on board at one time. A nice group and good tipplers, even though they threw people out of airplanes into the ocean as it turned out. But my job cooking wasn't [about having] confidence so much as that there were plenty of openings. My boyfriend was a marine electrician and had lots of sailing experience. They snapped him right up. Nobody really wanted to cook; it was considered somewhat boring. But I wanted to because I hated cleaning, and if you were female, you were either a stewardess or a cook. And the cooking proved great fun."

"And then you crossed the Atlantic to the Caribbean and

Florida and sailed out from there."

"Mmm. And then on a yacht coming to San Diego."

"So you get off the boat in 1983 and fall into the arms of a surfer."

Deborah laughs. "Yeah, that was basically it. We married. He's still surfing. He was out there this morning."

"There may be a movie in this cookbook."

That gets a laugh. "Anyway, he introduced me to Baja. Back then you'd cross the border and there was nothing after Tijuana. Rosarito was just a couple of shacks. We spent a fair amount of time in Baja, and I just fell in love with it. I'd never been anywhere like that. You have to go further now, and try harder, to be away from people.

Areas like San Felipe are due to get large airports within the next ten years, capable of receiving jumbo jets, which means the Mexican cartels will come in and build hotels and the slums will start. But for now you can still get away from it all if you have a Ford truck and a camping stove and you're dedicated."

"Is San Felipe your favorite community there? I got that impression from your vivid description."

"As far as towns, it probably is. But generally I try to stay away from populated places and restaurants. I like the street stands and home cooking and being away from people."

"Do you have a favorite secret spot?"

"Ahh, ha! There's a trick

"I'm not about to drop \$200 on dinner every week." Sounding mischievous, she adds, "Besides, I'd rather buy shoes."

question. Yeah. The favorite-secret-spot is still pretty remote and hard to get to. There's no real coastal road, so it's safe from most visitors. It's not that much of a secret, though, if you talk to people who go off road down there. You can get to it in a regular car; you don't have to have 4-wheel drive. It's four hours

north along the coast."

"Four hours. Wow. With surfboards clanking on the roof."

"Constant jolting, yes. Extremely uncomfortable. But once you're there, you stay for a week, ten days."

"And you're just out there, living in the open."

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**What Is the Cost of Spreading Democracy** around the world, and why does the U.S. feel the need to spread it? Present your ideas at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street) for discussion on Thursday, January 18, 7 p.m. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

**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)

**"Suburban Trees"** continues through fall at Carlsbad Sculpture Garden (2955 Elmwood Street). Exhibit inspired by a piece by Italo

Scanga features work by seven area sculptors. Viewing hours: 9 a.m.—5 p.m. Mondays–Fridays. 760-434-2904. Free. (CARLSBAD)

**Witness the Gray Whale Migration** during outings hosted by Birch Aquarium and San Diego Harbor Excursions daily through April 1. Scripps naturalists and assistants are on hand during cruises to search for whales, on their way to lagoons in Baja California to calve. Fee: \$27 weekdays, \$30 weekends for adults, \$15 for those 4–12. Registration: 619-234-4111.

## FOR KIDS

**"Dr. Lackowitz and the Computer Virus"** is presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, January 14, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Big Joe Productions.

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)

**"The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"** is next production for actors and crew of San Diego Junior

Theatre, continuing through January 21 in Casa del Prado Theater. Four curious kids enter a magic wardrobe and find Narnia, where adventures abound, animals talk, and a wise lion named Aslan reigns over all. Directed by Katie Rodda, based on *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis. For those eight and older.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday; 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Performance on January 20 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$8–\$13. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

**All Aboard!** The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30–2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, January 13 and 14, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

**Make Alka-Seltzer Rockets** and learn about Newton's Laws during family science day at San Diego Air and Space Museum on Saturday, January 13, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Tubes, boxes, cans, other materials provided — you bring the imagination. Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Three Geniuses,"** conductor/violinist Nuvi Mehta leads

Mainly Mozart family series concert, Saturday, January 13, 1 p.m., at Inn at Rancho Santa Fe (5951 Linea del Cielo). Mehta and pianist Bryan Verhoye perform Mozart's "Violin Sonata (Largo-allegro)," "Violin Sonata (Spring)" and "Rondo *allegro ma non troppo*," and Schubert's "Duo, Scherzo Presto." Performance accompanied by stories of each composer from point of view of Mozart's father Leopold. Tickets: \$35 child, adult admitted free with purchase of child's tickets. 619-239-0100. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

**Animal Tales Told**, and crafts, stories, and animals are part of fun on Sunday, January 14, 1 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). For kids four–eight years old. Donation: \$2. Reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

**Kids' Day Train**, one-hour vintage train experience for children offered at Campo Railroad Museum at 10 a.m. on third Tuesday of each month, including January 16. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. Tickets: \$15 general, \$5 for those 6–12, free for kids 5 and younger. Required reservations: 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

**Learn About La Jolla Shores Critters** when Birch Aquarium at

Scripps hosts Tidepooling for Tots led by aquarium naturalist, Wednesday, January 17, 1:30–3 p.m. Fee: \$12 per adult, \$8 per child. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

**Round-Robin Chess tournaments** planned through June for those from kindergarten through 12th grade at La Colonia Community Center (715 Valley Avenue). Series one is Saturday, January 27, 2:30 p.m. Points awarded at each tournament, with overall winners determined after June 23 competition. Preregistration is \$27 per tournament, or \$140 for all six tournaments; space-available day-of-tournament fee is \$30. 760-721-4400. (SOLANA BEACH)

**"A Disneyland Adventure"** hits ipayOne Center for performances January 31–February 4. This Disney on Ice production hosted by Mickey and Minnie Mouse considers what happens when the Incredibles take a family vacation at Disneyland.

Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday; at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; at 11 a.m., 3:30, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; and at 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m. (in Spanish), and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$15.50–\$51.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

## MUSEUMS

**Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum**, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

**Bonita Museum and Cultural Center**, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4355 Bonita Road; 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

**Campo Railroad Museum**, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars,



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# Reading

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"In a tent. Occasionally a truckload of fishermen will go by, and they'll ask for a beer and to use your tools...and bring you a couple of lobsters."

"So you settled in San Diego for the next 23 years and cooked at various establishments."

"I started out working for a local group of restaurants that were the first to bring California cuisine to San Diego — Piret's. Then moved to Dobson's, a classic place, a great little restaurant [that won Zagat's top spot in '95]. And another of the owner's restaurants, La Gran Tapa, one of the first Spanish restaurants in the state (along with the Ballroom). After

that, I was the first female chef at the Grant Grill, which didn't used to allow women in at lunch until a famous standoff in the late '60s. [It won the DeRona Award.] From there I went to the Hilton Torrey Pines right on the coast in La Jolla, followed by another hotel, the Solamar and its Jsix/lbar. Presently I run ten kitchens for Premier Foods, a catering company at the Del Mar race track."

"No wonder *Bon Appetit* called you 'the reigning queen of San Diego chefs.' How many meals do you supervise each day?"

"Eight to ten thousand during the two months of the racing season when the thoroughbred meets are held by the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club [founded by Bing Crosby]. And we'll do

enormous parties, like the one for 9000 this past October. I like to do big projects. Restaurants are almost too easy now."

"Do you eat out locally?"

"I tend toward ethnic. I like Vietnamese, so I go to places like Phuong Trang on Convoy, which is terrific. Some of the Mexican places we haunt are excellent, very authentic, like Las Cuatro Milpas [on Logan]."

"Do you dine at high-end establishments, like the Kensington Grill or Laurel?"

"At times. I'm so impressed by the chefs in San Diego. Carl Schroeder, Amy DiBiase at Baleen.... They're all so talented. I was just at Laurel, and it was very, very good, and we're going to Blanca after Christmas. But it's kind of like — what would it

be like all the time? It would be like going to fashion shows every day. I'm sort of into noncompetitive eating."

"Eating that doesn't involve your work; that makes sense. Which prompts your interest in Baja and ethnic."

"Yes. Also I have a child headed for college, so I'm not about to drop \$200 on dinner every week." Sounding mischievous, she adds, "Besides, I'd rather buy shoes."

"Saffron on India gets a lot of praise."

"Oh, it's wonderful. Su-Mei Yu's food is Thai, of course. She did a wonderful cookbook: *Cracking the Coconut*. What makes a great eating town are affordable restaurants; low key and casual, neighborhoody

"I'd do what my mother did, which was buy burial insurance."

places close to residential areas where people come and support them and that aren't super competitive."

"Are your two teenagers as adventurous as you seem to have been in your youth?"

"I think my daughter would go off in a heartbeat. She goes to High Tech High. She was just in England her sophomore year, with her classmates, and she's going to China with them in the spring for three weeks."

"So, if your daughter

announced, 'I'm going off on a motorcycle across Europe and Africa,' you'd be fine with it?"

Deborah laughs with delight. "I'd do what my mother did, which was buy burial insurance, to be sure the body made it home, and make her sign it. Then just say, 'Honey, go have a great time.'"

"What a smart mom."

Sounding wistful, Deborah says, "How many chances do you have. You know?"

— Juris Jurjevics

1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

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**Chinese Historical Society and Museum**, "Threads of Love: The Art of Chinese Needlework" showcases a collection of Chinese embroidery from late Qing Dynasty and early Republican periods. During Ming Dynasty embroidery artists became daring and began using non-silk materials such as lace, paper, and hair. Embroidery has progressed from practical functions to an artistic form. Through March.

See artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s

warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (EAST VILLAGE)

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

**Creation Museum**, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North.

For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

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

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

**Heritage Museum**, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

**House of Pacific Relations**, International Cottages are open every Sunday, noon-4 p.m., presenting history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. On fourth Tuesday of each month, *Children Around the World* videos screened in Hall of Nations, select cottages open. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

**J.A. Cooley Museum**, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, "some classics and a concept car." Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard; 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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

**Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum**, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**, "Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology" chronicles scientific accomplishments and technological spin-offs resulting from NASA missions. How have these discoveries entered our everyday lives?

Ongoing exhibitions include "More Than Meets the Eye" (through May), "Aging for All Ages," "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and

Signals," and "TryScience!" "Comet Impact" is theme for motion simulator ride. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**Museum of San Diego History**, career of local artist is highlighted in "Belle Baranceau: The Artist at Work." Baranceau was "one of the foremost expressionist painters of the 1920s and 1930s" who moved to San Diego in 1933 and received assignments from the WPA. Two of her murals are still in their original locations at Balboa Park Club and La Jolla post office. Exhibit provides broad overview of her career, look at her creative process. Through Tuesday, May 29.

"Nikkei Youth Culture: Past, Present, Future" includes photographs, documents, school yearbooks, military medals, clothing to illustrate children's and teenagers' activities from early 1900s to present day. Exhibit includes look at experiences of Japanese-American youths living in World War II internment camps. Through Monday, March 5.

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

**San Diego Maritime Museum**, "Taming the Pacific Swell: The Evolution of Surfing" continues through January, tracing history of modern surfing from its Hawaiian beginnings to billion-dollar industry it is today. Changes in surfboard design used to illustrate evolution of the sport.

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by

sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The H.M.S. *Surprise*, used in film *Master and Commander*, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

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

**San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park** commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

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**CLASSICAL**

**György Kurtág's "Kafka Fragments"** performed by soprano Tony Arnold and violinist Movses Pogossian on Thursday, January 11, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Recital at UCSD. \$8 general. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

**Pacific Camerata** presents program of Spanish, Gregorian, Armenian, French works in a post-holiday concert of sacred and secular music for Lemon Grove Historical Society, Friday, January 12, 7 p.m., at St. Philip the Apostle Church (2660 Hardy Drive). \$8 general. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

**Bright Sheng's "Tibetan Swing,"** Elgar's "Cello Concerto," and "Symphony No. 6" by Tchaikovsky may be heard when conductor Jahja Ling and San Diego Symphony perform with Alban Gerhardt (cello) for "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts January 12-14. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$20-\$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Three Geniuses,"** conductor/violinist Nuvi Mehta leads Mainly Mozart family series concert, Saturday, January 13, 1 p.m., at Inn at Rancho Santa Fe (5951 Linea del Cielo). Mehta and pianist Bryan Verhoye perform Mozart's "Violin Sonata (Largo-allegro)," "Violin Sonata (Spring)" and "Rondo *allegro ma non troppo*," and Schubert's "Duo, Scherzo Presto." Performance accompanied by stories of each composer from point of view of Mozart's father Leopold. Tickets: \$35 child, adult admitted free with purchase of child's tickets. 619-239-0100. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

**Civic Organist** Carol Williams presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, January 14, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

**"From the Cathedral to the Cabaret,"** organist Jared Jacobsen and soprano Mary Jaeb perform pieces by Fauré, Debussy, Poulenc, Vierne, D'Aquin, and others, Sunday, January 14, 4 p.m., at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church (16275 Pomerado Road). Donation: \$10 adults, \$5 for those 12 and younger. 858-487-2159. (POWAY)

**An Epiphany-Themed Concert** is planned by Concordia University Wind Orchestra and organ soloist Richard Gehrke on Sunday,

January 14, 7 p.m., for Vesper Concert Series at Clairemont Lutheran Church (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Program includes "The Gift and the Wise Men," a new commission by Brendan Anderson, along with pieces by Strauss, Sparle, Manz, Jager, Reger, Reed. Offering. 858-273-7423. (CLAIREMONT)

**Pipe Organ Concert** of classical and sacred music, Sunday, January 14, 7 p.m., at St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). Organist Craig McIlwain will play works by Bach, Franck, Vierne, Gershwin. Offering. 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

**Guest Recital** by violinist Jeff Thayer and pianist Ines Irawati, Tuesday, January 16, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

**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)

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**GALLERIES**

**"New Directions,"** first show in the San Diego Watercolor Society's new Showcase Gallery continues through Saturday, January 27. Meet artists during reception on Friday, January 12, 5 p.m., in Showcase Gallery at NTC Promenade (2825 Dewey Road, suite 105). Juried show includes approximately 90 experimental artworks created using a variety of water media, many on nontraditional surfaces. 619-794-0240. (POINT LOMA)

**"Reprise"** by Jimi Gleason opens with reception on Friday, January 12, 5 p.m., at R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, suite 201). Also on view: abstract paintings by Thomas Zitzwitz. 858-459-3917. Closes Friday, February 16. (LA JOLLA)

**"Kallos,"** colorist Constance Athens has exhibition of paintings on view through Friday, February 23, in Simayspace at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Her work "is not about politics or narratives; the work is all about beauty." Meet Athens during reception, Friday, January 12, 6 p.m. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

**British Photographer** Jem Southam exhibits selections from "Upton Pyne" and "The Red River" series beginning with reception on Friday, January 12, 6 p.m., at Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue). Closes Friday, March 9. 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

**Acrylic Wildlife Paintings** by Carolyn Wolf-Russell are on exhibit through Saturday, February 17, at Rancho Buena Vista Adobe Gallery (651 East Vista Way). Meet artist during reception on Saturday, January 13, 4 p.m. 760-639-6164. (VISTA)

**"3 Way,"** exhibition of work by Josh Clay, Caia Koopman, and Josh Taylor continues through Saturday, February 3, at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). Reception for artists: Saturday, January 13, 5 p.m. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

**Meet Artists** Kris Estenger (art quilts), Susan Kanfer (photography), Claire-Lise Matthew Anderegg (mixed-media works) during opening reception set for Saturday, January 13, 5 p.m., at Shiva Artistic Collections (115 West Grand Avenue). Through March. 760-745-7835. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Urban Details 3,"** exhibition of new oil and acrylic paintings by artist (and former U.S. Marine drill instructor) Duke Windsor opens with reception on Saturday, January 13, 5:30 p.m., at San Diego Art Department (3830 Ray Street). Closes Sunday, February 4. 619-299-4278. (NORTH PARK)

**Multimedia Art Exhibition** by resident artists opens with Ray at Night reception on Saturday, January 13, 6 p.m., at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). Closes Thursday, February 8. 619-546-9546. (NORTH PARK)

**"Edifice Complex"** — exhibit of large-scale color photographs by Bill Ipsan opens with reception in conjunction with Ray at Night on Saturday, January 13, 6 p.m., at 4 Walls Gallery (3813 Ray Street, 619-501-0879). Ipsan's "images provide a simultaneous sense of flatness and depth because of the type, and the amount, of information in them." Closes Wednesday, February 7. (NORTH PARK)

**Ray at Night,** over 20 art venues showcase local art on second Saturday of each month, including January 13, 6-10 p.m., centered at Ray Street and University Avenue. Live music, food. 619-546-9546. Free. (NORTH PARK)

**"Transitions,"** paintings and mixed-media artwork by Eva Coleman and Jan Chobo is featured in Bard Hall Gallery (First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street). You're invited to reception for artists on Tuesday, January 16, 6:30 p.m. Reception followed by art discussion group at 7:30 p.m. 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

**"Where We've Been,"** exhibition of photographs by Jim Cline, Peter Gorwin, and Nancy Keating opens with reception on Thursday, January 18, 6 p.m., at Ordovery Pro-

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## ART

ject (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). Cline exhibits dramatic series created during Day of the Dead celebrations; Gorwin shows "an eclectic mix of new work," and Keating displays "imagery that focuses on the beauty of natural light in relation to the European landscape and historic structures." 858-720-1121. Closes Sunday, February 11. (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 handicraft. Closes Sunday, June 10.

"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 Cu-

collu. 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.

"Rebels and Revelers: Experimental Decades 1970s-1980s, Gifts from the Joyce and Ted Strauss Collection," opening on Saturday, January 13, showcases images by Thomas Barrow, Barbara Kasten, John Pfahl, Jo Ann Callis, Arthur Taussig, Ivan Pinkava, Barbara DeGenevieve, Leland Rice, and Ruth Thorne-Thompson, others. Exhi-

bition highlights photography's move beyond traditional black-and-white documentary school of artists like Ansel Adams to more expressive, personalized imagery. Closes Sunday, May 6.

"Woman: A Celebration," also running January 13-May 6, includes photographs of women by celebrated photographers such as Henri Cartier-Bresson, Ruth Orkin, August Sander, Mary Ellen Mark, Hiroshi Himaya, others.

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

**San Diego Museum of Art**, "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**, permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. *Saint Bartholomew*, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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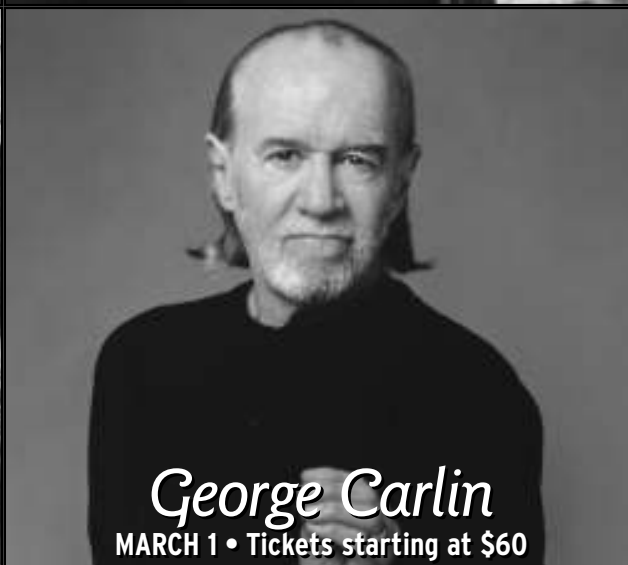
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## MUSIC SCENE

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**Frayed but Intact** "I've been a fan of Jimmy Gnecco since *Distorted Lullabies*, the first Ours album," says local singer/songwriter Simeon

didn't dare. I'd had a couple of drinks...and talk about pressure, going on[stage] in the midst of a major-label guy's set...

"Then James the sound man came by and suggested I go up and play.... Well, if the soundman is insisting, I guess that was all the authorization I needed."

rockers the Prayers taped the series' initial installment on December 21, which was



PEEL INSPIRES FROM THE GRAVE

broadcast on Christmas Eve.

Live music on the air from area musicians remains a rarity. 91X's local show, *Loudspeaker*, has occasionally recorded groups in studios; however, it doesn't have a regular live-music segment. Meanwhile, KPRI-FM's upcoming weekly local-music showcase will avoid in-studio performances altogether.

"It is a lot of work to get something like this together," acknowledges

Although there are some trade-offs for participation in this project, such as on-air mentions for both band and studio, "No money is exchanging hands, period," says Pyles. Criteria for inclusion on the show come down to both Pyles's and Sanderson's tastes, with an emphasis on new artists. There are no plans to release the recordings, but Pyles is open to the possibility.

— Bart Mendoza

### Bill's "Birthday Suit" Recognized

San Diego-based three-piece Bill was recently named one of *Rolling Stone* magazine's top 25 MySpace bands.

"Basically, a friend sent us a message telling us [about it]," says Riyadh Drebiha, the band's manager. "All we had to do was to go to [www.myspace.com/rollingstonemagazine](http://www.myspace.com/rollingstonemagazine) and post a reply to the blog they had.... So we put up the post, suggested they check out our song 'Watercolors'

came on December 21, informing them that they'd been selected.

"We spent hours and hours listening," wrote "Dan" from *Rolling Stone*, "and you rock."

On January 18, bill plays the Belly Up.

— Michael Hemmingson

### Where Kids and Booze Mix

"I just got a call from the agent who has MC Lars ['Hot Topic Is Not

says, "The reason they got to do it is because they are so small; it slipped under the radar. Plus, they are in North County, and things are different up there. But they are flirting with disaster. Eventually some 21-year-old guy will slide a drink to some 17-year-old hottie, and she's going to pick it up. Plus, some kids told me it's a clusterfuck with their security, that their [security] have never seen hardcore

# blurt

the inside track

Flick, who caught Gnecco's solo House of Blues performance in December.



FLICK, FEELING NO PRESSURE

"Jimmy, about three quarters of the way through his two-hour set, announced he had to go to the bathroom and would someone like to come up and play a song to keep the music going. My friend was egging me on to go up and play something, but I

Flick performed his song "Too Proud to Love," with the audience reportedly clapping along. When Gnecco returned to the stage, "I handed Jimmy back his guitar and wobbled offstage with my slightly frayed but somehow still intact nerves."

Simeon Flick appears at the Carmel Mountain Borders on January 13.

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Peel Out...Pyles In** FM 94.9 DJ Tim Pyles is teaming up with producer Alan Sanderson (Weezer/Rolling Stones) for a series of live-in-the-studio recordings. Inspired by the late BBC DJ John Peel's legendary music showcase "The Peel Sessions," this series has been dubbed "The Pyles Sessions."

Taped at Sanderson's Strate Sound Studios, the recordings will air once a month as part of Pyles's Sunday-night show on FM 94.9, *The Local Pyle*. Art-



*Loudspeaker* host Al Guerra. Asked if he ever considered hosting a music series under his own name, Guerra laughs, "Out of respect for John Peel, I'd never put my name on something like that."

### Bill Gets a Taste of Big Time

from our album *Birthday Suit*. Seemed like there was a super-slim chance since they said they had over 1700 entries."

The band forgot about the entry until an e-mail



MC LARS PLAYS EAST OF I-5

Punk Rock"]," says promoter Sulo King. "They were going to book him at 'Canes, but they decided to put him in the Jumping Turtle instead because we are all-ages." King says he books the only music showcase in the county that can mix drinkers and nondrinkers on the same floor.

Downtown's House of Blues is the only other venue in San Diego that mixes minors and drinkers, but the two age groups are kept on separate floors.

At the Jumping Turtle in San Marcos, the security crew must ensure drinks aren't passed between drinkers and under-age kids who stand on either side of a yellow line on the floor.

A competing promoter

dancers before."

"I'm working on that," says King, who believes the only downside he faces in bringing a national act to the Jumping Turtle is that the club requires those under 18 to leave by 10 p.m.; so, headlining bands must be done by 10.

"I would like to go to the city and ask for a change [in curfew]. Even if it could be 11 p.m., that hour would be crucial."

Sgt. Rich Williams of the sheriffs' San Marcos substation says his department would not recommend the city extend its 10 p.m. curfew because in order to comply with the countywide 11 p.m. curfew, there needs to be a "buffer"

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hour to allow minors time to get home.

"Two weeks ago there was an incident at the Jumping Turtle where a minor got hurt in a mosh pit by someone over 21," says Williams. "That does not bode well for them trying to get their hours extended."

A curfew extension would enable King to book more national acts, yet the club is handicapped by a

**Six Feet of Dirt** The North Atlantic, an explosive math-rock trio from Michigan that formed at Kalamazoo College in 1999 (and migrated to SD within a year), offered this Gerald R. Ford obit on their MySpace bulletin:

"...Ford is most famous for being a nice guy, having played football for the University of Michigan, and getting conned into pardoning Nixon so that the United States could avoid any actual soul searching about what kind of society it wanted to be."

"I mean, being president is a dirty, dirty job," elaborates singer-guitarist Jason Hendrix. "And, especially after someone like Nixon, Ford did seem to be a



THE NORTH ATLANTIC GETS HISTORICAL

250-person capacity. An all-age venue such as the Epicentre in Mira Mesa holds 500; Soma can fit up to 2400.

"I was once told by [other promoters] that booking national acts north of Solana Beach was a waste of time. They told me I would never make it in San Marcos. I started in May 2005, and within six months I started getting national acts."

MC Lars appears there on February 6.

— Ken Leighton

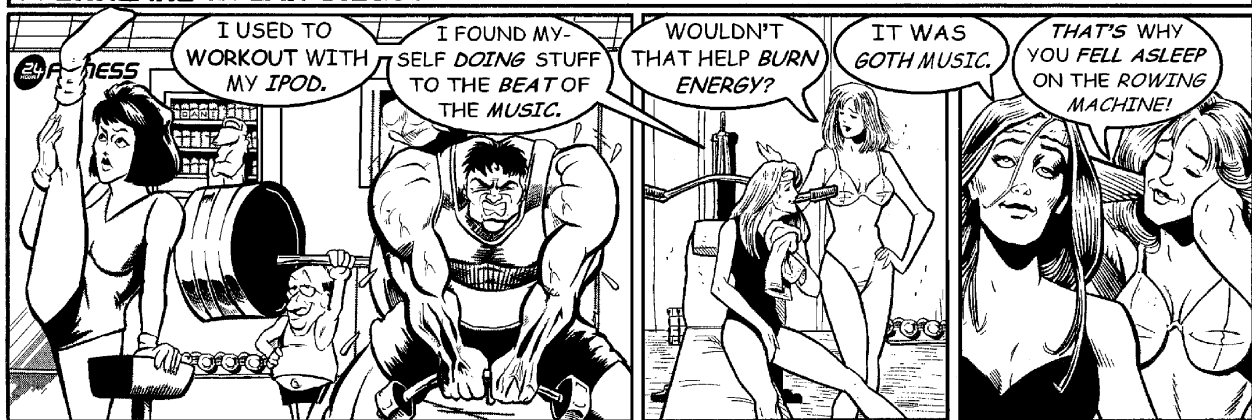
relatively decent human, to have his heart in the right place. I won't make a hero out of him — nor vilify him — but I did like that he denounced the way this Iraq War is being conducted [in interviews released posthumously]."

Playing in SD this Saturday for the first (and last) time in many months, the band looks forward to some restful songwriting after a year of touring for their latest album, which yielded the alternative-radio hit "Scientist Girl."

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his list of 21 favorite songs for 2006, program director Jim McGuinn of online station Y-Rock described it thusly: "Post-punk Pavement-esque pop song with an insanely catchy chorus ('never trust a scientist girl') and a bridge that quotes the Clash and rides out with a killer putdown ('I'd rather listen to the Clash all night than be with you')."

— David Stampone

**Already Gone** "They want to tear it down and build 22 condos," says Danny Salzhand of the 101 Artists' Colony studio near Moonlight Beach in Encinitas. The venue, which hosts one or two all-age shows a month, gives performers 70 percent of the door. Over the years, the 101 Artists' Colony has presented shows by Pinback, Peter Sprague, and members of Nickel Creek.

"I heard it used to be a sheriff substation," says Salzhand about the collective's building on the corner of Highway 101 and Encinitas Boulevard. "Before that it was a bungalow motel."

Encinitas songwriter Jack Tempchin ("Peaceful Easy

Feeling," "Already Gone") is said to have used the pink building as a recording studio.

"If the [current] owner doesn't get his permits, then we'll see if we can stay," says Salzhand. "But I'm sure he will. We're in denial. We know we'll have to leave when they tell us. We're on a month-to-month lease."

Soon to appear at the 101 Artist Colony: Andy Friedman and Matt Curreri & the Exfriends on February 3; Adrienne Nims, February 4.

— Ken Leighton

**Big-Time Drummer Guy** "I was in our rehearsal studio in L.A. [in 1993]," says Encinitas drummer Jon Dette. "I happened to be playing Testament songs one day. Testament drummer John Tempesta hears me playing. He opens the door and says he just joined White Zombie and asked me if I wanted to audition to replace him. I tried out and got the gig."

Dette toured the country and played with Testament on their '95 album *Live at the*

*Fillmore.*

"[In the mid-'90s] I had an entertainment attorney who also represented Slayer. I heard Slayer was looking



DETTE KEEPS IT LOCAL...FOR NOW

for a new drummer. He said he couldn't talk about his other clients, but I gave him my promo package.... Two weeks later I got a call from Slayer's management."

Dette says Slayer never played San Diego after he joined the band in 1996. "The closest we got was when Ozzfest played L.A. The biggest show we did was Dynamo Open-Air Festival in Holland. We played in

front of 120,000." Dette was asked to leave Slayer in 1997.

"There was a lack of communication about the writing process. I was under the impression that I was to play exactly what was presented on tape. They felt I wasn't being creative in the writing process. [Original drummer] Paul [Bostaph] came back in and replaced me. Testament heard what was up, and they called me and asked if I could rejoin them and go on tour."

After a "brutal" ten-month tour of South America, Europe, and the U.S., Dette took a couple of years off. His latest band, Pushed, formed in 2000. They broke up after two years...and regrouped six months ago. Dette says Slayer guitarist Kerry King dropped in last week to see Pushed play a bar in San Marcos.

"When he came in it was like Jesus Christ walked in. He wants us to open up for him when they play Soma January 26."

— Ken Leighton

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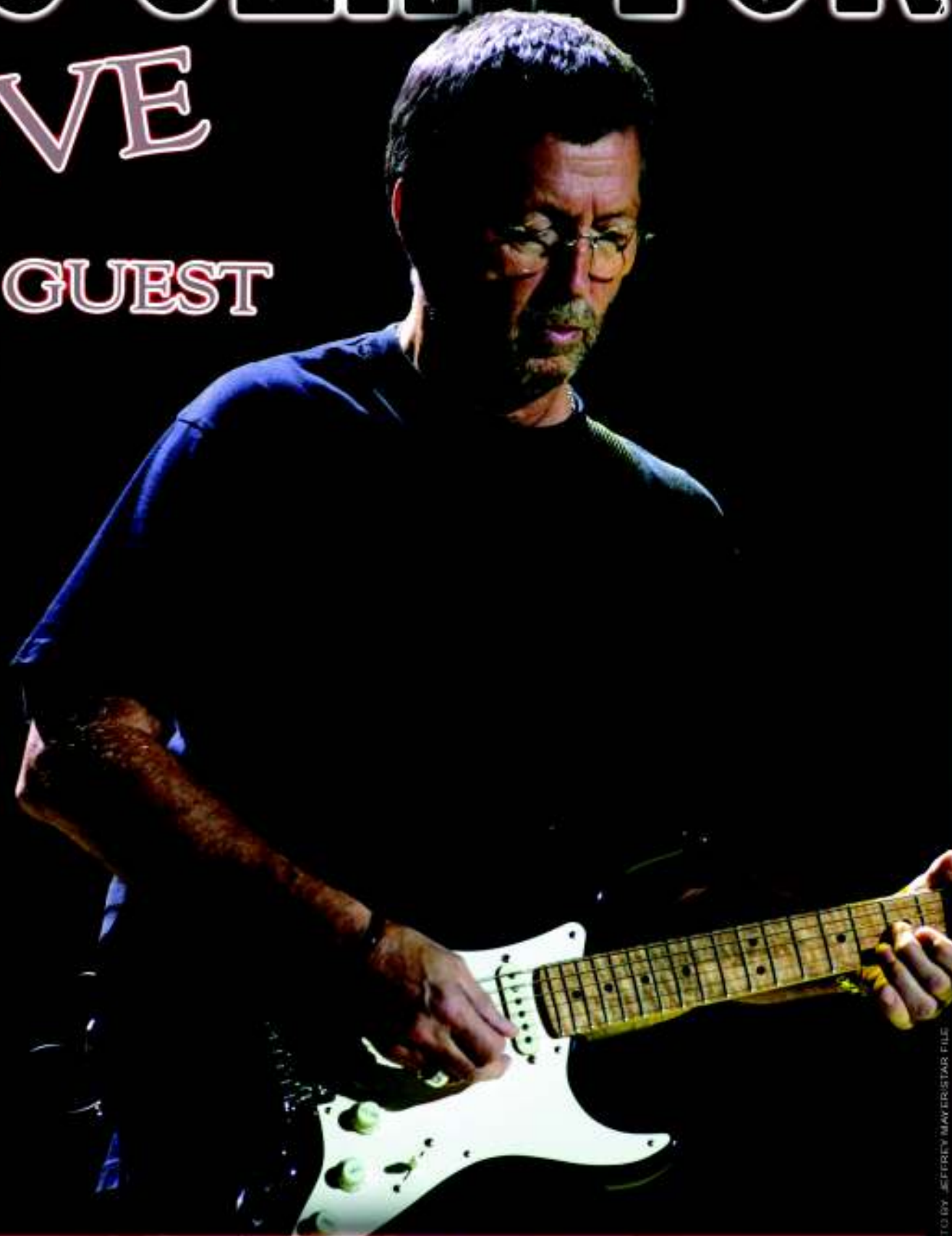


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# Relevant and Ignored

*"I shot the final video interview with [Denver Lucas] before he disappeared."*

**T**he show was a who's who of the early- to mid-'90s local music scene," says Jason Bang, whose public-access TV program *Leche: The Musical* aired on Ocean-side's KOCT from early 1993 through early 1995.

Each 30-minute episode was shot at venues like Soma ("Len Paul was always fine with me shooting, provided the band was good"), the Casbah ("Tim Mays was always nice"), Bodies, and the Worldbeat Center. "I even shot interviews on the streets of the Gaslamp, at Cargo Records' HQ, and at the Independent Music Seminar in '93 or '94. We taped live footage of Tanner, Drive Like Jehu, Inch, Deadbolt, Heavy Vegetable, Three Mile Pilot, aMiniature, Swivelneck, Creedle, Boilermaker, Rust, and Uncle Joe's Big 'Ol Driver."

Other great moments: "Rob Crow [Heavy Vegetable/Pinback] urinating into a bottle, Pall Jenkins [Three Mile Pilot/Black Heart Procession] talking through a Malcolm X poster, and Swivelneck — I was interviewing Swivelneck on the streets of the Gaslamp, and they were discussing how the Mormon Temple in La Jolla was a spaceship. They also mentioned that Earth was inhabited by space aliens. As this transpired, a drunken homeless guy came up to the singer, threw his arms around him, and they started wrestling...."

"[The program] came to a halt when KOCT decided it could no longer fund that area of public access." A DVD compilation is in discussion. "We taped footage of one of Powerdresser's last shows with Denver Lucas in 1994, and I shot the final video interview with him before he disappeared." Lucas was last seen alive by roommates on November 2, 1994, allegedly high on LSD and heading for the cliffs of Encinitas. His badly decomposed body was discovered over a week

later off Carlsbad Beach and originally listed as a "John Doe" until fingerprints were matched to musical instruments in his home.

"During the interview, he admitted to doing drugs — mushrooms, acid, and any other hal-

lucinogenic drugs that he felt like doing," recalls Bang. "He also put across a message of love. He said, 'If you're with someone that you love, tell them now while you

have the chance.' Before he passed away, he agreed to do a bit in the TV show called 'Dear Denver,' where he'd answer letters about love and life to anyone that wrote in."

## WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Mastodon, *Blood Mountain* ("The greatest metal opus of the last five years.")
2. Jeff Buckley, *Grace* ("A masterpiece that will always bring to mind heartbreak and sadness, by someone who left us way too soon.")
3. Public Enemy, *It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back* ("The greatest hip-hop record of all time, classic and untouchable.")
4. Morrissey, *You Are the Quarry* ("He's still making relevant records that are largely ignored by the masses, which I'm sure he's quite pleased by.")

## DESERT ISLAND DVDs?

1. *Reno 911 — The Complete First Season* ("I'll watch this to keep my spirits up until the rescue team arrives. The commentaries are entertaining and informative, and if you don't laugh at the shows themselves, you need to reduce your Prozac dosage.")
2. *Harvey Birdman, Attorney at Law, Vol. 1* ("Quick, sly, and witty humor. The defense rests.")
3. *Ernest Goes to School* ("So bad that it'll inspire



Jason Bang

me to find a way off that island.")

## BEST TV SHOWS?

1. *Robot Chicken* ("I can't believe this show is allowed to air. It's insane, but not in a Charles Manson sort of way.")
2. *South Park* ("The best and funniest show on TV, addressing every social issue imaginable.")
3. *Championship Ballroom Dancing* ("This is the show that taught me to dance. Ten years and 32 trophies later, I have this PBS program to thank.")

## FAVORITE TWILIGHT ZONE?

"The one where the guy is in charge of keeping the Devil locked up [“The Howling Man”], but since the Prince of Darkness is such a smooth talker, he's able to convince his captor to release him."

## WORST SONGS EVER?

1. "Informer," Snow ("Back when Vanilla Ice was popular, someone thought this guy could do

the same numbers.")

2. "Knockin' Da Boots," H-Town ("An ugly, ugly song that attempted to get all the ladies turned on but probably had the opposite effect.")
3. "Achy Breaky Heart," Billy Ray Cyrus ("The suicide rate probably tripled shortly after this song came out.")

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## THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

### FRIDAY

**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.

### SATURDAY

**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.

### SUNDAY

**Jeffrey Osborne:** Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, January 14, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

**Rhett Miller:** Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, January 14, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

## UPCOMING CONCERTS

### JANUARY

**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.

**The Kottonmouth Kings:** House of Blues, Wednesday, January 24, and Thursday, January 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**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.

**Brian Wilson:** 4th & B, Friday, January 26, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Pennywise:** House of Blues, Saturday, January 27, and 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, and 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.

**English Beat:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Jack's Mannequin:** Soma, Friday, February 2, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

**Livingston Taylor:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, February 8, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Maná:** ipayOne Center, Friday, February 9, and Saturday, February 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**Bob Weir:** House of Blues, Friday, February 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Venice:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, February 9, and Saturday, February 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**The Roots:** House of Blues, Monday, February 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Pepper:** House of Blues, Wednesday, February 14, and Thursday, February 15, 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.

**Bob Schneider:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Steel Pulse:** 4th & B, Friday, February 16, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Dave Alvin:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, February 16, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**"Valentine's Love Jam":** ipayOne Center, Saturday, February 17, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**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.

**"Tribute to the Reggae Legends":** ipayOne Center, Monday, February 19, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**Gomez and Ben Kweller:** House of Blues, Tuesday, February 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Robert Earl Keen:** 4th & B, Tuesday, February 20, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**"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.

**Joe Walsh:** Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, February 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**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.

**Guttermouth:** 'Canes, Saturday, February 24, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

**Ian Tyson:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Tuesday, February 27, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**"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.

**The Dropkick Murphys:** House of Blues, Monday, March 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Ozomatli:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 9, and 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.

**My Chemical Romance:** ipayOne Center, Tuesday, March 13, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**Eric Clapton and Robert Cray:** 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.

**Brand New:** Soma, Friday, April 6, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

**Relient K:** House of Blues, Wednesday, April 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Gwen Stefani:** Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, April 22, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

**David Wilcox:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, April 27, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

### MAY

**Fairport Convention:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, May 11, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**The Be Good Tanyas:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, May 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

### JUNE

**Hot Tuna:** House of Blues, Monday, June 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

## Calendar CLUBS

### DANCE

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**Air Conditioned:** Thursdays, *College Night*, old-skool hip-hop, '80s, and funk with DJ 1979. 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, *Element*, New York and Chicago house-music journeys with DJ Ciel. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 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, *Amat* with rotating DJs Veep Reekins, Xavier, Clean Cut, and Myson King. 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

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

**The Flame:** Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *Sabbat*, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

**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 Walkkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown. 619-702-6010.

**Inferno Young Adult Nightclub:** Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. Sunday, Martin Luther King Jam featuring DJ Dizzy D. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school students and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

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

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

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

**The Kensington Club:** Wednesdays, *Sub-Par*, hip-hop, rock 'n' soul, and funk with DJs Buddha and SC. 9:30 p.m. 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848.

**Michael's Lounge (Hyatt Regency):** Thursdays, DJs Neko, Sky, and Chris Mullins spin hip-hop, dance, and '70s/'80s. 9 p.m. 3777 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla. 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

# NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In an interesting 2006 wrap-up article in the *New York Times*, Jon Pareles wrote about how pop music — whether it's from artists as idiosyncratic as TV on the Radio or as mainstream as John Legend — has increasingly turned its attention to the war in a way that conveys not angry protest but sad resignation. Pareles cited the title of last year's Neil Young album, *Living with War*.

He didn't mention **Rhett Miller's** "My Valentine" from his 2006 solo album *The Believer* in which he sings, "Sex during wartime is sweeter than peace/ Yeah, it's the one sweet thing about war." It's a

pretty weird take on the situation, as if he's going way out of his way to work the war into his pop song and even farther out of his way to put a positive spin on it. Maybe Miller, who is from Texas, is trying to split the difference between George W. Bush and the Dixie Chicks. But Miller doesn't elaborate, and pretty soon in the song he's just singing about Talking Heads' "Life During Wartime."

That's probably just as well. Miller, who is both a solo artist and the singer of alt-country band the Old 97s, is a master of formalist and above all escapist pop songs. Elsewhere on *The Believer*, Miller gives us jangly Byrds-like guitars here, a suggestion of the Kinks over there, twangy hints of danceable country sprinkled about, lots of lyrics about girls, and a chorus that goes



**RHETT MILLER**

"sha-la-la-la." But I don't mean that as a knock on Miller. Escapism in the face of war is no vice — not when you're as good at it as Miller is, anyway.

**RHETT MILLER, Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, January 14, 8 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$20.**

## CLUBS BY AREA

*If you wish to submit a listing, call 619-235-3000, ext. 405, night or day by 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. To send weekly or monthly schedules, fax to 760-788-1309 or mail to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section.*

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**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, *Nude BBQ*, rock. Saturday, *Superwave*, rock.

**Beaumont's**, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., *Allison Scull and Victor Martin*, acoustic jazz/folk.

**The Calypso Cafe**, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Jeff Moore and Billy Thompson*, blues. Friday, *Palos*, salsa/Latin. Saturday, *Semisi and Fulabula*, reggae. Sunday, *the Middle-Earth Ensemble*, Middle-Eastern music. Monday, *Cactus Twang*, roadhouse rock. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Tres Sapos*, Latin.

**'Canes**, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday,

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OPM, *When I Rise*, and *Roses on Her Grave*, hip-hop/pop/rock. Friday, *the Expendables*, *Bargain Music*, and *Four Minutes Till Midnight*, rock. Saturday, *Tainted Love*, '80s rock. Sunday, *40 Ounces to Freedom*, *the Wagon*, *Gadfly*, and *the Dirty Heads*, ska/reggae/hip-hop.

**Ché Café**, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Monday, 7:30 p.m., *the One AM Radio*, acoustic/folk.

**Clay's**, atop the Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Live jazz.

**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.

**Del Mar Plaza**, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

**Dreamstreet**, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, 4 p.m., *Clockwork*, *Of One Mind* and *the California Bears*, hip-hop. Friday, 4 p.m., *Tempnoir*, *Colporter*, *Above the Platypus*, *Counter Launch*, and *Dead Valley*. Saturday, 4 p.m., *Bamboula*, *the Strikers*, *Zombie Surf Camp*, and *the Professors*. Wednesday, 4 p.m., *the Brave Monster*, *Pillbox Remedy*, *All of a Sudden*, and *Rule of 3rds*.

**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., *Joseph Angelastro*, jazz. Friday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *the Donnis Trio*, acoustic/folk. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Teflon*, rap/hip-hop.

**Hennessey's Tavern (PB)**, 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, live music. Saturday, *I-Sao-7*, reggae/hip-hop/old skool.

**The Kraken**, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *Rock Kandy*, rock. Saturday, *Plato Soul*. Sunday, blues jam with *the Blues Brokers*.

**La Scala**, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., jazz. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., piano bar.

**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.

**Leana Bistro and French Pastry Cafe**, 5550 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-454-9094. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Forecast Jazz Duo*.

**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* and *Latin Spice*, Latin jazz.

**Portugalia**, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Saturday, 10 p.m., *2-Mex*, hip-hop. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Trece de la Suerte*, salsa/Latin.

**Riley's**, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Sunday, 5 p.m., *Big Slim*, blues jam.

**710 Beach Club** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Warner Drive*, *Nikky D.* and *the Whiskey Dicks*, *Reason to Rebel*, and *the Four Kings*, rock/funk/alternative. Friday, *the*

*Strive Roots* and *Hannah*, reggae/rock. Saturday, *Agua Dulce* and *Those Dang Robinsons*, Latin/soul. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *High Tide*, *Fighting Chance*, and *Carbine*, reggae.

**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 and Saturday, live rock. Wednesday, *Stratosphere*, rock.

**Tower Two Beach Cafe**, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-223-4059. Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., *Jason Ott*, acoustic guitar. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., *Elephants in Mud*, reggae.

**Turquoise Cafe**, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Jazzilla*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., live world jazz.

**Winstons**, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *the Wise Monkey Orchestra*. Friday, *Pink Floyd*, rock. Saturday, *Vegetation*, reggae. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Middle-Earth Ensemble*, *Danyavaad*, and *the Shimmy Sisters*, Middle-Eastern music. Wednesday, *Staring at the Sun*, new wave/pop rock.

### DOWNTOWN

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

**Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)**, 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Hargo*, acoustic. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Joshua Damigo*, folk.

**Busalacchi's Ristorante**, 3683 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-298-0119. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the New Standard Jazz Trio*, straight-ahead jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Cynthia Hammond*, jazz.

**The Casbah**, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Mickey Avalon* and *the Dyslexic Speedreaders*. Friday, *Earthless* and *The*

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**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, *David Patrone*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *Shep Meyers* and *Yavez*. 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, *Private Domain*. Friday, *the Stiletos*, rockabilly. Saturday, *the Siers Brothers*. Sunday, *the Disco Pimps*. Tuesday, *Dregs of Sada*. Wednesday, *the Scott Carter Duo*.

**Dizzy's**, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Nathan Hubbard*, *Justin Grinnell*, *Bob Weller*, *Michael Dessen*, *Jason Robinson*, *Adnan Marquez*, *Derek Cannon*, and *Mollie Wilnot*, jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Pamela York* and *Kristin Korb*, straight-ahead acoustic jazz. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Toku* and *Mikan Zlatkovich*, West Coast jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Skip Heller and His Trio*, blues/roots/soul/jazz.

**Dublin Square**, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Thursday, *34 Below*, rock. Friday, *the Ravens*, blues. Saturday, *Sligo Rags*, Celtic folk.

**4th & B**, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343.

**Gaslamp Tavern**, 868 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-239-3339. Tuesday, *Fishbait*, country. Wednesday, *Mark Fisher*, classic rock.

**G5/Georges on Fifth**, 835 Fifth Avenue (between E and F Streets), downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, pianist.

**Henry's Pub**, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Brat Pack*. Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, call club for information. Tuesday, *the Stiletos*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*, blues.

**House of Blues**, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, *Noches Rockeras*. Friday, *Led Zepagain*, rock. Saturday, *Keller Williams*. Sunday, gospel brunch.

**Jimmy Love's**, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday, 9:45 p.m., *Superfunk Fantasy*, disco/Top 40. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *the M-80s*, '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*, dance/Top 40.

**Martini Ranch**, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100.

**Patrick's II**, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Bayou Brothers*. Friday, *Bill Magee Blues*. Saturday, *Shelle Blue*. Sunday, *Chet Cannon* and *the Committee*. Monday and Tuesday, *the Crosswinds*. Wednesday, *the Bayou Brothers*.

**Princess Pub and Grille**, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, piano.

**Rock Bottom**, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Live pop/rock/disco/dance.

**Sevilla**, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday and Tuesday, live 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 and Friday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Peter Prince of Piano*, pop/jazz/standards, 7 p.m. to midnight, *Fran Loskota*, pop/jazz/standards. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Karen Giorgio*, pop/standards/Broadway. Monday

through Wednesday, *Peter Prince of Piano*.

**Whiskey Girl**, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, *DuGroove*, 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 Thrasher*. Tuesday, *DJ Famous Dave*. Wednesday, *the Stepping Feet*, a Dave Matthews Band tribute, pop/rock, and *DJ Famous Dave*.

**Xavier's Bar and Grill**, 750 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-233-0517.

Thursday, 10 p.m., *SweetSize*, alternative/funk.

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**Acoustic/MusicSanDiego**, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Thursday, *La Cumbiamba*, roots music/folk. Friday, *Al Kooper*, acoustic rock. Saturday, *Catie Curtis*, folk.

**The Aero Club**, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

**The Alibi**, 1403 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-295-0881. Live rock/indie/alternative.

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Chris and Harold*, Irish folk. Monday, *Pat and Joe* and *Allison Gill*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

**Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)**, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Sara Petite*, country/bluegrass/rock.

**Brick by Brick**, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Thursday, *Diego Roots*, Tower Twenty-One, and *Split Finger*, reggae/surf rock/ska. Friday, *Mommy's Little Monster*, rock, *the Dukes*

*of Haggard*, country rock, and *the Whiskey Dicks*, rock. Sunday, *Rezurex*, *Blitzkid*, *the Other*, and *Los Kraneos*, hardcore punk.

**Claire de Lune**, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet*.

**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.

**Half Moon Cafe and Lounge**, 7986 Armour Street, San Diego. 858-277-5777. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Hugh Gaskins*, rockabilly/blues.

**Harry's Bar and American Grill**, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo*.

**Hot Monkey Love Cafe**, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-469-4113. Thursday, jazz. Friday and Saturday live bands. Sunday, salsa. Wednesday, jazz.

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619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Rockola*, classic rock. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Viva Santana*, Latin rock. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Cher and Company*, dance, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Rising Star*, dance/disco. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Patrick Yandall*, jazz, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Michael Ward*, jazz. Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Island Breeze*, Jimmy Buffet tribute band. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *4-Way Street*, classic rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Soul Persuaders*, funk/soul/dance.

**The Imperial House**, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

**In Cahoots**, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

**The Kensington Club**, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *the Fascination and the Wills*. Saturday, *the Prayers, the Muslims*, and *Jeremy Jay*.

**The Lafayette Hotel**, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-2101. L Bar and Grill: Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

**Lestat's Coffee House**, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *4-Way Street*, *Britt Bixby*, and *Kyle Phelan*. Friday, *Decatree*, *Tyrone Wells*, and *Micah Dahlberg*. Saturday, *Superunloader and the Travis Larson Band*, alternative/rock. Sunday, *Fairchild and Whitton*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *John Elliott* and *Raina Rose*.

**Lucky Star Nightclub and 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, live rock/alternative. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Tap Water* and *Brain Buckit*, rock/jam. Monday, 8 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., *Black Square*, *Red Light Runner*, *Magnolia Black*, and *Eva Elliott*, punk/ska/reggae/metal. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Strange Trippin'*, *New Dayze*, *Soul Ablaze*, and *Ecosave*, reggae/rock/surf/soul/funk.

**Oasis Bar and Grill**, 10044 Pacific Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-410-0656. Friday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Allison Scull* and *Victor Marin*, acoustic jazz/folk.

**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, live classic rock/blues.

**The Prado Restaurant**, 1549 El Prado, San Diego. 619-557-9441. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Raggle-Taggle*, Celtic/Irish.

**Red Fox Steakhouse**, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Eddie Rossi* and *Joe Soprano*, piano. Monday and Tuesday, 9 p.m., *the David Shaw Duo*.

**Rosie O'Grady's**, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

**Scolari's Office**, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live rock/alternative.

**Second Wind**, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, 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

# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

To be a young musician on the rock and roll "A" list in New York during the '60s...I can only imagine. As a session player and a producer, **Al Kooper**'s talent and moxie got him into legendary studios and onto landmark recordings with the Stones, Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan, and more. By association, Kooper wove himself into the fabric of rock history. For example, Kooper guested on keyboards in Bob Dylan's electric band at Newport, the landmark show that changed the sound of folk music forever and either made or ruined Dylan's career, depending on where you stand.

During Koop's tenure in rock, music was king. In order to matter, you had to know

how to play an instrument and/or sing rather than just wear leather and howl. At the cusp of rock's spiral downward in the '70s and '80s, performance trumped a performer's bad lifestyle choices. Kooper had a savvy genius for combining R&B, rock, soul, and jazz — listen to *Super Session* with Mike Bloomfield and Steve Stills or *Blood, Sweat and Tears*' first record, *Child Is Father to the Man*. Those toothy musical ideas of Koop's are alive today in the songs of a generation of musicians who may have never even heard of him.

The industry (and history) has not always been kind to Kooper. He's been booted out of his own bands, cheated by label execs, and denied credit where credit was due. He published a book called *Backstage Passes and Backstabbing Bastards* a



AL KOOPER

while back. This is the stuff of which his live shows are made, his sad and funny stories from back in the day alternating with rough-hewn solo R&B crooners. I'm not sure which I like better — the music or the bio-in-progress.

**AL KOOPER, AcousticSanDiego, Friday, January 12, 7:30 p.m. 619-303-8176. \$25.**

10 p.m., *Tom Boyer*, solo jazz/Latin guitar.

**Soma**, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Friday, *Incubus* and *Albert Hammond Jr.*, alternative rock/rock.

**Tio Leo's**, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Thursday, live music. Saturday, *the Bayou Brothers*, blues. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Robin Henkel Band*, blues/funk/jazz.

**Tio Leo's Lounge**, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday and Saturday, live bands. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band*.

**The Tower Bar**, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158.

Saturday, *Mods vs. Rockers*. Monday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*, blues.

**Tutto Mare**, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, jazz.

**Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company**, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Tenacious Dave and the Cass and Billy Trio*. Friday, 8 p.m., *Stasia, Jon Estep, Taran Gray*, and *Megan Connelly*. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Alyssa Jacey, Ernie Halter, Matt Kaner, the Silent Partner*, and *the Population Game*. Sunday, 4 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*, 8 p.m., *Bushwalla*. Wednesday, open mike with *Tim Mudd*.

**Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant**, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park.

619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the B-3 Four* featuring vocalist, *David Mosby*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Peggy Lloyd*, jazz.

**Whistle Stop Bar**, 2236 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-284-6784. Friday, 9 p.m., *Sara Petite and the Sugar Daddies*, Americana/bluegrass/folk rock.

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**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., *Greg Laswell, Anya Marina*, and *Ryan Calhoun*, acoustic. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Long Beach Short Bus*, *Dumbluck*, and *Good Intentions*,

reggae/funk/rock/pop. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Dead Man's Party and Zoo2*, rock. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Rhett Miller and Matt Curreri*, rock/indie/country rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Upstarts*, *LaTanya Lockett*, and *Kevin Brown*, hip-hop/R&B/rap.

**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, *Joseph Angelastro*, jazz.

**Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)**, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Terry Matusuoka*, folk/pop. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Frances Charlotte*, acoustic.

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**Carvers,** 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the Crossroads*, classic rock.

**Cheers,** 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock/country. Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

**Coyote Bar and Grill,** 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Rhythm Method*, classic rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Restless Natives*, rock/blues/reggae. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Len Rainey and the Midnight Players*, blues. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jerome Dawson*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Whatever*, rock.

**Del Dios Bar and Grill,** 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-489-4800. Friday, *the Clachan Boys*, Celtic. Saturday, *the Unknown Legends*, acoustic roots/rock.

**Game Time Tavern,** 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday live classic rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Stevi Lynn and Triple Threat*, 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. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Sickpills, Piracy, DaVarms*, and *Carlos Cordero*, new wave/rock/alternative. Friday, 8 p.m., *Off Track, Sylt, Henceforth*, and *Unknown*

*Motive*, alternative/rock. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Wither, Scar'd Sanity, the Center, and Dogmatic*, rock. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., *Resonance, James Drive, the Austin James Band*, and *Moontucky Risin'*, rock/jazz/blues. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., *Abomination, Gone to Oblivion*, and *Darkness Enthralled*, hard rock/metal/death metal.

**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.

**Molly Malone's,** 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., live rock/blues.

**North Bar Sports and Spirits,** 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

**Ocean House,** 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 8 p.m., *West of 5*, classic rock. Saturday, live rock music. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Credit Union*, swing. Wednesday, open mike, blues.

**Pounders,** 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-739-1288. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Stone Wolf*, classic rock.

**Rancho Bernardo Inn,** 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

**Surf N'Saddle,** 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Cass and Billy Trio*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Forrest and Friends*. 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 and Raggle Taggle*, Irish dance cabaret.

## SOUTH BAY/CORONADO

**Buon Giorno Restaurant,** 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Friday, 9 p.m., *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, *Stage 4*, jazz.



**Album:** *Open for Business* (2006)

**Artist:** Timz

**Label:** self-released

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**Band:** Timz (MC), Spice 1 (vocals), Randall (vocals), Pearl (vocals), Joshua Franks (vocals), TQ (vocals), Sick Beav (vocals)

**Songs:** 1) Intro 2) Open for Business 3) Public Enemy No. 1 4) Iraq 5) Ride with Me 6) Interlude 7) How Can We 8) Hey 9) Because of You 10) Doin' It Big 11) Put It on the Pole 12) Coming Along 13) Triv 14) Closed

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One of Timz' goals for his album was to change average Americans' view of

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the Middle East and Middle-Eastern Americans. It strikes me as funny, then, that the

project carries a liquor-store theme. The nonmusical tracks, "Intro" and "Interlude," feature cash-register noises and doorbells.

The background music isn't bad. A lot of the tracks use Middle-Eastern songs as backup; the loops are short and could use more variation, and the hip-hop beat is nothing special, but I like the clashing finger cymbals, flutes, and wailing string instruments. The sound quality is bad: scratchy, muffled, and fuzzy.

Timz has a good rapping voice. In parts he sounds like Tupac, except he's not as relaxed and sometimes seems to struggle to keep up. The lyrics are an odd mixture. On some tracks he's relaying his religious tolerance for Christians, Muslims, and Jews. But on most tracks he relies on the usual West Coast subjects: bitches, money,



Timz

limousines, and big butts.

The song "Iraq" is the best on the CD. It cites biblical and historical references to Iraq: "The Garden of Eden was Iraq. . . Math was first taught in Iraq. . . Everyone in the world bleeds Iraq."

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## EAST COUNTY

**Borders Books and Music (El Cajon),** 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Music is acoustic/folk. Friday, 7 p.m., *Joey Pearson*. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Greg Campbell*. Sunday, 2 p.m., *Travis Larson*.

**Dirk's Niteclub,** 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday, Saturday, *Full Xposure*, classic rock.

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**Pillbox Remedy:** Dreamstreet

**Pink Floyd:** Winstons

**Piracy:** The Jumping Turtle

**Private Domain:** Dick's Last Resort

**The Professors:** Dreamstreet

**The Ravens:** Dublin Square

**Reason to Rebel:** 710 Beach Club

**The Restless Natives:** Coyote Bar and Grill

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**Rock Kandy:** The Kraken

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**The Secret Fun Club:** The Casbah

**Serious Guise:** Second Wind (Santee)

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**Stratosphere:** Tiki House

**The Strikers:** Dreamstreet

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**34 Below:** Dublin Square

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**The Wagon:** 'Canes

**Warner Drive:** 710 Beach Club

**West of 5:** Ocean House

**Whatever:** Coyote Bar and Grill

**The Whiskey Dicks:** Brick By Brick

**Wither:** The Jumping Turtle

**Zombie Surf Camp:** Dreamstreet

**Zoo2:** Belly Up Tavern

### POP / TOP 40

**PTrak Armenta:** Pasquale on Prospect

**Gil Barron:** Pasquale on Prospect

**Cher and Company:** Humphrey's

**Jesse Davis:** Buon Giorno Restaurant

**The Disco Pimps:** Dick's Last Resort

**James East:** Pasquale on Prospect

**Mark Fulton:** Pasquale on Prospect

**Good Intentions:** Belly Up Tavern

**The Good Times:** Henry's Pub

**Island Breeze:** Humphrey's

**Jimmy Lavello:** Dakota Grill and Spirits

**The Love Rangers:** The Alley

**Rick Lyon:** The Imperial House

**The M-80s:** Jimmy Love's

**Rising Star:** Humphrey's

**The Soul Revue:** Jimmy Love's

**The Stepping Feet:** Whiskey Girl

### JAZZ / BIG BAND

**Agua Dulce:** 710 Beach Club

**Burnett Anderson:** Cafe LaMaze

**Joseph Angelastro:** The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, E Street Cafe

**Tom Bishop:** Rancho Bernardo Inn

**Ray Briz:** Hotel del Coronado

**The B-3 Four:** Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

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**Derek Cannon:** Dizzy's

**Sammy Canonizado:** Cafe LaMaze

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# as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

**Artist:** Brandon Rice

**Song:** "Fly Away From Here" (From the CD *The Middle Man*)

**Heard by:** Drace Brown, Oklahoma City



Drace

I heard a couple of tracks from the Gorillaz and that's what [Brandon Rice's] kind of style reminds me of — an acoustic version of that. He had good lyrics. The guitar playing was excellent. It sounded professional. [I disliked] his voice. You could tell that he's not a real singer. I guess [the song would be good] if you're at a formal and you're listening to music in the background. That's the only time I hear music like that.

**Artist:** Charlie Blue

**Song:** "You the One" (From the CD *Sail On*)

**Heard by:** Sampson Calip, Chula Vista



Sampson

[It sounds like] amateur blues, coffee-shop music. It's not that appealing to me. I think he needs to refine his skills. His choruses drag on. Instrumentally, it's mediocre. His solos kind of suck. He seems like he's just starting out. I wouldn't play it in my house. I wouldn't entertain guests with it. I wouldn't even consider it being on an elevator. You know what? That music is for boredom.

**Artist:** Terry Matsuoka

**Song:** "You'd be Surprised" (From the CD *Totally Rad*)

**Heard by:** Jazmin Morelos, North Park



Jazmin

He sounds a lot like the lead singer from Death Cab [For Cutie] and the music kind of [sounds] like Catherine Wheel — "shoegaze" music. It's actually not my kind of music. I mean, it's a nice song...it just needs to be a little bit more original. [That song reminds me of] my first relationship when I was 15. When you feel puppy love but you don't really realize it's puppy love and you feel all these stronger emotions.

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**Michael Ward:** Humphrey's

**Bob Weller:** Dizzy's

**The Wise Monkey Orchestra:** Winstons

**Patrick Randall:** Humphrey's

**Yavez:** Croce's Jazz Bar

**Pamela York:** Dizzy's

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### REGGAE / SKA

**Black Square:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Carbine:** 710 Beach Club

**Diego Roots:** Brick By Brick

**Ecosave:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Elephants in Mud:** Tower Two Beach Cafe

**Fighting Chance:** 710 Beach Club

**40 Ounces to Freedom:** 'Canes

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**High Tide:** 710 Beach Club

**La Cumbiamba:** Acoustic Music San Diego

**The Long Beach Short Bus:** Belly Up Tavern

**Semisi and Fulabula:** The Calypso Cafe

**Soul Ablaze:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Split Finger:** Brick By Brick

**Strange Trippin':** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Strive Roots:** 710 Beach Club

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### COUNTRY

**The California Rangers:** McCabe's Beach Club

**The Dukes of Haggard:** Brick By Brick

**Fishbait:** Gaslamp Tavern

**Sundance:** Renegade Inn

**The Tall Dudes:** Don's Cocktail Lounge

### ACOUSTIC / FOLK

**Britt Bixby:** Lestat's Coffee House

**J.D. Boucharde:** Princess Pub and Grille

**Steve Brewer:** Blarney Stone Pub

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**Ryan Calhoun:** Belly Up Tavern

**Greg Campbell:** Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)

**Joe Cardillo:** Cody's La Jolla

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**Chris and Harold:** Blarney Stone Pub

**The Clachan Boys:** Del Dios Bar and Grill



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**Megan Connelly:** Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

**Catie Curtis:** Acoustic Music San Diego

**Micah Dahlberg:** Lestat's Coffee House

**Joshua Damigo:** Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

**The Donnis Trio:** E Street Cafe

**John Elliott:** Lestat's Coffee House

**Jon Estep:** Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

**Fairchild:** Lestat's Coffee House

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**Allison Gill:** Blarney Stone Pub

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**Hannah:** 710 Beach Club

**Hargo:** Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

**David Hauser:** Galley at the Marina

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**Alyssa Jacey:** Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

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**Travis Larson:** Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)

**Greg Laswell:** Belly Up Tavern

**Anya Marina:** Belly Up Tavern

**Terry Matsuoka:** Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)

**Tim Mudd:** Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

**Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle:** Tom Gible's Irish Pub and Restaurant, The Prado Restaurant

**Jason Ott:** Tower Two Beach Cafe

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**Big City Shaman:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill

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**The Blues Brokers:** The Kraken

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# One Hand Clapping

I found Zen purely by serendipity when I was looking for something else, which is exactly the way that followers of Zen Buddhism are supposed to find enlightenment. One evening, I ventured out to the Del Martian wilds near the fairgrounds, searching for a joint named Axis, reputedly owned by a former chef from Chive whose work I'd liked. Reaching the address, we found a mini-mall with a roofed arcade, and where Axis should have been, a near-new restaurant called Zen. A staffer trotted up the short staircase to greet us. "Axis went out of business around August," he said. "We bought them out." He handed us a menu. One glance, and we heard the sound of one hand clapping. "Count us in," we said, and headed for the dining room.

En route, we admired the attractive roofed-over patio, with its comfy leatherette booths. On the other side of the restaurant, there's another patio, unroofed, with fire pits. But it was a bone-chiller of a night (maybe not to an Alaskan, but we've gotten spoiled), so we rushed inside to cozy up to the sushi bar. It's next to a larger drinking bar. On the opposite wall are leather booths and shelves of Buddhist art and craft goods, mini-tanks of solo Siamese fighting fish, and pagoda lamps overhead. Behind the bar is a rainbow wall of bubbles half concealing a peek-a-boo kitchen that you can see into from certain angles. Zen aims to be a little piece of Los Angeles in Del Mar, offering a scene as well as food. The noise level early on a weeknight was just right — lively, not loud. Later in the evening, the volume often amps up with DJs or a live band. And on Thursdays, "industry night," the kitchen keeps working until the wee hours, mainly serving the happy-hour menu, so that local restaurant crews can drop in for post-shift noshing.

There are two menus in one folder — a long one for the sushi bar, a shorter one for the fusion dishes. The latter changes frequently and includes several house-made desserts. Wherever you sit, you can get anything on the menu. It's worth arriving early for the weeknight special happy-hour menu, which offers tasty grazing at half price, as well as half price off on certain drinks. Although some of the regular entrées can run a bit steep, the happy-hour option makes Zen a great value if you're struggling with post-holiday credit card bills.

Fresh, hot edamame lightly sprinkled with kosher salt arrived gratis, while bowls of miso soup warmed us up. Soothing and mild, the soup was decorated with nori strips and silken diced tofu (no scallions) — a middle-of-the-road miso adapted for Americans, not challenging but satisfying.

We started our sushi splurge with *uni* (sea urchin) and at first bite found ourselves blissfully grinning — we'd happened into a good place. The generous portion was fresh, with no hint of iodine, and the rice was just-right sweet, with perfect texture, stuck-together but not clumpy.



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A spicy scallop hand roll confirmed our delight. Large sea scallops and crunchy veggies ran all the way through the tight wrap of freshly toasted *nori* seaweed. While not the absolute best we've ever had, it was oh, so close.

Looking over the list of specialty rolls (a.k.a. *futo maki* or "party rolls"), we were pleased to see fewer than usual made with cream cheese (which I love on a bagel but consider an abomination in sushi). We chose a bushido roll because it's a local rarity, a rice-less roll combining spicy tuna, crab, albacore, *yama gobo* (burdock root, which resembles daikon radish), avocado, regular Japanese mayo, and spicy mayo, all inside a panko-tempura finish. We found it harmonious, leaving a happy aftertaste of real crab, rather than the crab-flavored extruded pol-lack (*tsurimi*, a.k.a. Krab) that so many neighborhood sushi joints substitute. (Of course, Del Mar is not just any old neighborhood.) Some Japanese sushi chefs will tell you that only Japanese can make proper sushi. Don't believe them: At Zen, we were served by chef de cuisine Arturo Ramirez, a longtime veteran of Japengo. ("He knows more about Japanese food than the young Japanese guys I have working here," says executive chef Jim Holder.) His work puts the myth to rest. This was fine sushi, with beautiful craftsmanship highlighting sublime seafood.

It was still happy hour, so we took advantage of some of the half-price appetizers. A refreshing "Asian stacker" had a deep-fried wonton cracker as a base, topped with avocado, *chukka* salad (seaweed and jellyfish), and a slice of delicious edge-seared red tuna of well-above-average quality. Then we tried the creamy tempura shrimp and lobster. Whoa, Nelly! This was a livelier version of

the standard "dynamite" gratin, with crackling-crisp surfaces on nuggets of tender seafood, lightly glazed with a chile-spiked cream sauce that made judicious use of fiery, flavorful habanero chilies. This was way better than standard-issue sushi

house dynamite — more interesting, with less sauce, brighter flavors, and great textures. It's already a candidate for "best tastes of 2007."

That evening the service was superb, with staffers on top of our every need, without being intrusive. When we returned a couple of nights later, service was still okay but closer to the standard San Diego "We'd rather be surfing" norm — the pretty young things couldn't answer any of our questions without checking with the kitchen or the manager.

That time, we really meant to concentrate on the regular menu but couldn't resist more sushi bites. The *uni* was even better on a Friday than on a Wednesday, almost shockingly fresh and pillowy. The *ama ebi*, "sweet shrimp," were literally sweet, too, as they so seldom are. Chef James Holder (another Japengo veteran) knows his fishmongers and has obviously trained them to jump through hoops.

We began exploring the fusion menu with seafood spring rolls and ponzu. They were a little disappointing in contrast to the pristine raw fish, although good enough for us to clear the plate. The wrappers were delicately crisp and flaky, but the salty cabbage outweighed the seafood. The ponzu was even saltier, with its heavy dark-soy base. We also tried a starter of grilled diver scallops, featuring two large bivalves, grilled medium-rare and plated atop a sautéed mix of mangos and grilled bell peppers topped with "grilled lemon foam." How they make a grilled

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Menu ★★★ (very good)

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**CUISINE AND BEVERAGES:** Sushi, sashimi, and frequently changing menu of fusion-style appetizers and entrées, plus some deluxe comfort food. Extensive wine and sake list matched to the cuisine, about 20 wines by the glass. Full bar.

**PICK HITS:** *Uni*, toro (in winter), ama ebi, bushido roll; "Asian stacker" (happy-hour appetizer); creamy tempura shrimp and lobster; sugar-soy salmon.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Hip, friendly neighborhood ambience. Happy hour, Sunday–Thursday, 5:00–7:00 p.m., at tables as well as at bar, with half off many food and drink items and special appetizers. "Wine Wednesday," half off bottles. Live music Monday and Wednesday, DJ Thursday–Saturday. Wheelchair access ramp at south end of building.

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lemon into a foam is a mystery to me, but we found it delicious.

An entrée of sugar-soy-coated salmon was tender and flavorful, cooked medium-rare. The thin steak was moist with a sweet glaze and came atop a chopped, stir-fried mix of Asian vegetables, which we liked a lot. Our Kobe beef and blue cheese roulades were less successful, but in any case, they're off the menu now.

The printed menu promised duchess potatoes with the salmon, and gratinéed potatoes with the beef, but both entrées came with plain, lean mashed potatoes. The previous dinner chef had departed less than a month earlier, and chef Holder has been changing the menu, with fewer luxury dishes and a stronger Asian emphasis. By now, they may have a new menu printed up, but if not, don't believe everything you read — what you see on the old menu perhaps no longer matches what the kitchen turns out. Most nights there are specials representing the best seafood the chef got in that day. (That evening, alas, the special was halibut, far from my favorite fish.)

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cluding a sampler plate), but the temptation to enjoy one more sushi roll was greater. Our grand finale, a rainbow roll, did in our appetites beyond repair. But then, who'd want another lava cake or crème brûlée when there's great raw fish to be had?

#### ABOUT THE CHEF

Last summer, an entrepreneur named Joe Conlin bought the space that became Zen after its previous owners purchased Delicias. Conlin decided that what Del Mar needed was, he says, "a combination of super-good high-end sushi, and also a non-Japanese chef for a kind of super-fusion mixture of food. When we first opened we had foie gras and a lot of eccentric stuff, but what we found was that everybody's walking through the door and sitting down and wanting sushi. When you have really good sushi, it's a problem selling anything else. So what we've done is we've shifted the menu a bunch — it's actually changing and evolving on a weekly basis. It's still super-fusion, but it's more Japanese than it was when we opened last summer. We had an amicable parting with our opening chef, because he was more into French and Italian food, so it was just not working out for the eventual goal of what this place needs to be. Our sushi chef, James Holder, is the executive chef now.

"We have a lot of other things going on. We have a DJ and live music, and we do a lot of events — a lot of birthday parties, huge Christmas parties buying out the whole restaurant — 200, 250 people. Japengo had their staff Christmas party here. There are a lot of restaurants in Del Mar, but there isn't a lot of entertainment, so we want to do both."

Executive chef James Holder spent his first 21 years in Japan. "I'm half Japanese. My mom's Japanese, and my dad is Italian and German. He grew up in Florida. He joined the Navy and came over to Japan when he was in the service and met my mom. Her parents wouldn't accept him, because her father fought against the Americans in the war [World War II]. I didn't meet my grandparents on my mother's side until I was about 11 years old. Both my parents still live over there — 60 years now.

"I was raised in a fishermen's village, and every day we would have fresh fish that the fishermen caught. Their wives would come by our house with the fish on ice in a wagon — real old-school. Simple things like tofu, a guy would come around on his bike to the homes and deliver it fresh — they'd make it every morning. I was in military school, and I would go after school to the beach and help the fishermen cut the fish, and they would pay me in fish. I'd take it home in my red Radio Flyer wagon, and we'd cut it and cook it or freeze it or dry it. Then I started to help my uncle, who ran a

restaurant. I apprenticed with him. They would never put me in the front of the restaurant or sushi bar — I looked too American.

"When I turned 21 I had to leave the country, and I came over here. I couldn't get a job anywhere, and I went to a Japanese restaurant, Katsu, which was in Escondido at the time. (Now it's in San Marcos.) They asked me if I could make

sushi. I said, 'Oh, cut fish? I've been doing it since I was ten years old.' I got a job right away. I was opening chef there and stayed quite a few years. Then I went to Japengo as opening chef and stayed about 16 years. Arturo [Ramirez] was there a long time, too, maybe ten years. We created a lot of rolls together — like the Tootsie Roll. I went from Japengo to Zen, because Japengo was becoming

too corporate for me. It needed to change, keep up with the competition. I wanted to have entertainment — I go out to Vegas and up to L.A. and see what's bringing in the crowds. I like to do my homework. I like chefs who study and learn new things and try to apply them to their work. That's what I try to encourage with my guys here.

"We're going to be doing a

much more Asian menu starting the first of the year. We'll be changing a lot of the hot menu. I just got a wok. I feel we've been lacking in vegetables — I like fresh vegetables, and in a wok, you cook so fast that the vegetables stay nice and crisp. And we're getting in some very good toro now, too — it's best in winter, when the water is colder and the fish are really fat." ■

*Errata: In the review of Addison Restaurant (12/28/06), the vintage year of a half-bottle of Mouton Rothschild was misidentified. It was not 2003 but 1961, one of the greatest postwar vintages of Bordeaux. In addition, a copy-editing error produced an incorrect depiction of the lamb entrée. It did not include a separate lamb shank, but rather, a crepinette made from shank meat.*

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That was 1769, right? Today, I’m trying to walk that same route from Old Town: up Taylor Street to Mission Valley. What do I get? Dust, brambles, mud, and, oh, by the way, still no sidewalk. Cars zing by a millimeter from my left shoulder. Bushes push you out into the roadway itself.

At the base of crumbling cliffs, you have to make like a crab, so you can see behind and ahead. I did this once before, a couple of years ago. Today, I swear, it’s worse.

All this for food? Well, yes. Carla’s friend Judy had given me the hots for this one item she claims comes unchanged from the nation’s colonial days. “All our forefathers ate apple pancake,” she said. “Ricky’s is as near as you’ll get to what the founding fathers ate.”

Huh. Must try that, I thought. But by the time I make it, it’s ten minutes before two o’clock and, dammit, the place closes at two.

It stands beside this big ’60s Comfort Inn building, with a French-style roof that dips over the windows. The restaurant itself is even more ’60s-style, all wood-shake roof and shale-rock

frontage and cream stucco with maroon high-lights around the windows. “World Famous Apple Pancake,” says the sign outside.

I climb up the steps and go in through the rocky entrance. It’s light, airy, a big room with a bar at the back, and a floor-to-ceiling mural of downtown San Diego’s waterfront at night covering a side wall, and lots of booths and tables, all with teal-blue cushions and gray Formica tables. You expect James Dean to enter from stage right.

Instead, Josette the waitress walks in, shepherds me to a table.

“Not too late for the apple pancake?” I ask.

“I’ll have to check,” she says. “It takes 20 minutes to cook.” At the same time, I’m relieved to see a husband and wife come in and take the booth behind me. That means I’m not the last.

I do a quick scan of the menu, in case the cooks say no to apple pancake. Apart from “Ricky’s world famous apple pancake,” (\$9.95), at the top of the page, they have items like pork chops and eggs (\$9.95), New York steak and eggs (\$12.95), eggs Benedict (\$8.95), and chicken breast and two eggs (\$8.95). Cheapest thing I see is eggs, hash browns, and toast for \$6.95.

Of course, they have omelets, from the plain (\$6.95), through a chicken omelet (\$9.95), to bacon and mushroom (\$8.95), and the “San Diego,”

with ham, bell peppers, onions, cheese, and green chiles (\$8.95).

Alvy Gonzalez comes by to pour water.

“Any news yet?” I ask.

“No news,” he says.

“I had the apple pancake yesterday,” says the lady in the booth behind me, Barbara. She and Dale are Wisconsin transplants to Arizona. “I’m vegetarian, and it was so great to have a star item that wasn’t meat. Except it was too much for me. They always give you a lot here.”

“Ah,” says Dale. “News.”

It’s Josette coming out from the kitchen. “They can do it,” she says.

All right! All I’ve got to do now is wait 20 minutes. In the meantime, I order a coffee (\$1.85 with refills).

“So, come on, Josette, what makes this apple pancake so special?” I ask, while she pours the coffee. “What’s in it?”

“I don’t know,” she says. “The cooks don’t tell me, and I’ve never tried it, because I don’t like apples.”

“It’s fabulous,” says Alvy, a little later, as he sets out pink sweetener packets, getting the tables ready for tomorrow. “Specially if you put a scoop of vanilla ice cream in the middle.”

Right on cue Josette brings out a red, yellow, and blue plate covered by a steaming, golden mound, with slices of golden apples plotted all over the top.

“Careful, it’s just out of the oven,” says Josette. “It’s very, very hot.”

And so it is.

“How much for the scoop of vanilla?” I ask.

Alvy says it’s \$1.50. I order it. Better be good.

By golly, it is, with apple and cinnamon and brown sugar. Although, as Barbara and I agree, the pancake batter is like bread pudding, and I’m not too keen on bread pudding. But the top part, with all the gunk and apples, is certainly scrumby.

Josette says this place has been going 40 years, and yes, there is a Ricky, and his nephew runs things now. It’s sort of like Denny’s, but it’s a family, not a franchise. Most of their business comes from tourists in hotels up and down this southern strip of Mission Valley. Captive audience: without wheels, you’re pretty much stuck on this side of the 8.

We talk and I chow till I can chow no more. This is breakfast and I was starving. But I can’t finish more than half of this thing.

On the way back, I find a little park and track that leads me up to the top of the presidio. Anything to escape that Taylor Street. Man, climbing through a forest here. Just like the leatherjacket soldiers of 1769.

Note to self. Remind City Hall they’ve had ample time to create a sidewalk for one of the city’s oldest streets. I mean, I’ve heard of slow government, but...238 years? ■

**The Place:** Ricky’s Restaurant, 2181 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-4498

**Type of Food:** American

**Prices:** “Ricky’s world famous apple pancake,” \$9.95; pork chops and eggs, \$9.95; New York steak and eggs, \$12.95; eggs Benedict, \$8.95; chicken breast and two eggs, \$8.95; eggs, hash browns, and toast, \$6.95; plain omelet, \$6.95; chicken omelet, \$9.95; bacon and mushroom omelet, \$8.95; “San Diego” omelet (ham, bell peppers, onions, cheese, green chiles), \$8.95; beef patty and two eggs, \$8.95; Ricky’s Special Burger (half-pounder, avocado, double cheese), \$8.95

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# Mexico's Secret Vineyards

*'It's easy to believe that there are a lot of unaccounted-for vineyards in the region.'*

Christoph Gaertner wanted out of Switzerland. "I was bored," he explains, standing in the tasting room of Vinisterra, one of the more recent winery ventures to spring up in Baja California. "In Europe, everything is full — you have no chance. To do something new" — his family was not involved in the wine industry — "is very difficult there. There's too much organization." Why Mexico? "I have a Mexican wife. I met her while traveling in Mexico City with some friends. I didn't even want to go to Mexico, but they said, 'What are you doing here? Come on, let's go!' It was good to get out of Switzerland; it's too small." Also, Mexico seemed the very opposite of the over-organized world of Europe; it was still a place where a man could chase a vision, be a pioneer.

Gaertner began writing to Mexican wineries. He didn't get much in the way of a response. "It's like a culture. You have to come here, be here, speak and eat and drink with people. By letters, it's not possible." So he came. Once here, he made contact with Hugo D'Acosta, who was then working as the winemaker for Bodega Santo Tomás. "He told me, 'Come, look at what we do. If you like it, stay.' I came, and I stayed." Baja, he says,

"is a special situation. The industry is small and new, in the sense that modern enology here is new. But the region has a history — 250 years. There are a lot of older vineyards that people never knew about. People are trying to get the information, the numbers for the region — how many acres, how old the vineyards are, how many varieties."

Steve Dryden, the Baja wine writer who has introduced me to Gaertner, adds a word of explanation. "There are two wine associations now in Baja. The original one was just eight wineries" — the established players in the region. "But now they have a new, government-sponsored association, and everybody's included now. They're saying, 'We want to help the industry grow.' " So they're collecting data, trying to figure out just how big the industry really is and how big it could be. (It's easy to believe that there are a lot of unaccounted-for vineyards in the region. As Dryden and I drove around San Antonio de Las Minas, vineyards seemed to be everywhere — patches of ancient, head-pruned vines tucked between houses, waiting to be nursed back to health; robust, established vineyards producing for private consumption; closely spaced new plantings from well-heeled,

ambitious newcomers to the region. Even Dryden has 100 Nebbiolo vines on his lot, and a nearby hotel sports a tiny custom-crush facility out back.)

The government's interest is not surprising; it's looking to catch a rising tide of demand. In the ten years since he arrived in Baja, Gaertner says that he saw rapid growth in Mexican wine consumption, "but no Mexican wine participating in that growth. Just imported wines. But in the last year, there's been an explosion of interest in Mexico for Mexican wines. And at the same time, people from the U.S. are coming to the region as tourists, because it's something new. It's more personal — not so many people." Small groups began visiting from the cruise ships docking in Ensenada. "When we went to Copia last year with 22 Mexican wineries, we had 900 people come. This year, we're expecting 2500."

The tasting room at Vinisterra is a long way from the artful temples of Copia and the rest of Napa; it's easy to see the appeal for a wine tourist in search of the rustically authentic. It's handsome, but there is no mistaking the fact that the wine bar is a kitchen counter or that the entire open space was once the public part of a home: kitchen, dining room, living room. "When the winery began in 2002," says Gaertner, "this was my partner Guillermo Macouzet's land; he had a house and tennis court. We did the vinification here in the house. The crusher was on the roof, the tanks were in the living room, and the barrels were in the kitchen." A brick winery was completed in 2004, and a matching barrel room, complete with vaulted ceilings, lighted floors, and a soon-to-be-opened circular tasting room, went



Valle de Guadalupe, Baja California

up in 2006. "Maybe in three years or so, we'll have a storehouse for the bottled wine, and then the project will be finished."

Macouzet, according to Dryden, decided to start the winery after enjoying some amateur successes with other people's wine. He and his friends started buying individual barrel lots from wineries and blending the wines to create the somewhat fanciful Chateau Domino — its name taken from the regular domino game the friends enjoyed. "When he began Vinisterra," says Gaertner, "he wanted the name 'Domino' to survive. So, we make some 400 cases of red wine under the Domino label, plus 50 cases of rosé and white. They're easy to drink, fresh, and fruity. The red is a blend of Grenache, Tempranillo, and Mission."

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## RESTAURANTS

in Baja California. It also goes into other products — brandy, sweet wines. I found a neighbor who was growing Mission, plus a vineyard up near Tecate. That's a good vineyard. Would you like to try a pure Mission?"

Absolutely. Mission was, famously, the first wine grape in California, but you rarely hear of it outside of a purely historical context. And I've never heard of a winemaker trying to make a commercial dry wine from it. "I first liked it because nobody likes it," says Gaertner, smiling. "And it's been here a long time." But, of course, contrariness for its own sake is not enough, and neither is history. "The nose is delicate, filigreed," he says, and I have to agree. It might be a light-bodied Pinot. "The acidity is good, and I like the tea notes. When you're in the vineyard, the wind smells like a tea shop. There's good red fruit. Plus, the Mission grape always gives some spice, and in this vineyard, it's very spicy." He's definitely right about the tea and spice, and there's a note

of tart strawberry underneath. It's fascinating, and it's not the sort of thing you'd be likely to encounter in a more commercially settled region, one where marketing has begun to call the shots. The pioneer has gone exploring the neglected past and has returned triumphant. ■

## 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*

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*Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. **Inexpensive:** below \$10; **moderate:** \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$24; **very expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.*

## NORTH COASTAL

**The Armenian Cafe** 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a

Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a "loss leader" featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rose-water syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Armenian salad" and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary, but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals daily. Live music and belly dancer Friday and Saturday night. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

**California Bistro** 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. This restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday (to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/00)*

**Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepalitlan** 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepalitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard

wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and pureed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Open daily, three meals, until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

**Kealani's** 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grins." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

**Milton's Deli** Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag.

Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!*, so *goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/05)*

**The Original 101 Diner** 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-Cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

**Pamplemousse Grille** 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include white fish served any style, mushroom *cappucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Diner nightly, lunch Friday only. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

**Pizza Port** 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene.

The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sundried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carlsbad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

**Poseidon** 1670 Coast Boulevard (south of 18th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water's edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: wonderfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with dead-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine — that is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view's the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (4/05)*

**Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant** 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-

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veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi’s own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green “meat” is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flour tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**St. Germain’s Cafe** 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café’s best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn “café potatoes” or fresh fruit salad. But don’t overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there’s a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-

cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

**Vivace** Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here’s the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute cuisine* which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You’ll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the “mamma mia” joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. “Casual-elegant” — no hats, shorts, or tennies — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

**When In Rome** 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

**Asia Vous** 417 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-5000. Chef-owner Riko Bartolomei produces outstandingly inventive Asian-French fusion

cuisine, remaking the classics with fresh twists and superb ingredients, including naturally raised meats and poultry. No one does “fusion” better, and there’s not a culinary cliché on the menu: e.g., everybody else’s warm goat cheese with beet salad is replaced with goat cheese tempura and braised fennel. The inspired combinations include sweetbreads with Chinese sausage, potato gnocchi with lobster and vanilla bean sauce, house-cured hamachi atop a flower-like heirloom tomato mandala, and a Kurobata pork shank treated like French “confit” but lightened by a sprightly salad accompaniment. Bartolomei’s desserts are not only housemade but as brilliant as the earlier courses. The international wine list is adventurous — all this, plus the unpretentious atmosphere and considerate service, too. (But the place can get noisy when full.) Reservations urged, even for lunch. Parties of more than six accommodated only with set menus. Two vegetarian entrées (including one vegan) on the typical menu. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (11/05)*

**Casa Reveles Mexican and Seafood Restaurant** Harvest Farms Village, 29000 Lilac Road, Valley Center, 760-749-8041. (Also at 201 Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-480-5565, with a Mexican-Italian menu.) “Revels,” as the locals pronounce it, is probably the best restaurant in Valley Center proper, offering zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Michoacán-style carnitas (available in sev-

eral “stuffed” dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house’s slightly crunchy fresh-tomatillo version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. In fact, everything’s a good deal better than it has to be, given the lack of neighborhood competition. Definitely worth a stop-off when heading to or from the nearby casinos. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Family atmosphere, but watch out for karaoke nights (Wednesday and Saturday). Full bar (cantina attached). Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — *N.W. (3/05)*

**Centre City Cafe** 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little “motel row” just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W. (9/03)*

**Fiore’s** Harrah’s Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the

cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species and a fine slow-roasted duck. For starters, the salmon tower and shrimp margarita are delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there’s an Oyster Bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged ports. Business-casual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Open for dinner daily. Moderate at Oyster Bar; upper moderate to very expensive in restaurant. — *N.W. (3/05)*

**The Grill** 10920 Roselle Street, Suite 104, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-7940. Sorrento Valley is where you commute to work, not to live, so forget warm neighborhood eateries. At first glance, the Grill is what you’d expect — standard strip mall, bare-bones furnishings, office-lunch oriented. But the Greek owners give it character with generous but cheap breakfast dishes like the Mediterranean omelet and lunch specials such as the luscious Philly cheese steak. And they’re flexible. Want bacon, sausage, *and* ham in your breakfast pita? They’ll do all three, same price as with a single meat. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/05)*

**Hacienda de Vega** 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido,



760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You’ll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Five vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual

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# Calendar

## RESTAURANTS

atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — *N.W. (9/03)*

**San Diego Artisan Bakers** 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in super-market-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

### LA JOLLA

**Azul La Jolla** 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/99)*

**Barbarella** 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème fraîche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — *S.M. (4/04)*

**Come On In!** 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. (Also at 10184 Telesis Court, Sorrento Valley, 858-558-8964; and 11455 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-350-2700.) Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Of course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Open daily, weekends to 8 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate; diners a little more expensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

**Daily's Restaurant** 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The idea is brilliant: Just serve food that's really, really good for your customers. Low fat, low calorie, low sodium. Brainchild of cardiac surgeon Pat O. Daily. So what's the problem? It's the "B" word. Bland. Not that they don't fight heroically to make all the dishes interesting, but lots of items have that lentil-y, bean-y feel. Or naked salad-y. Or steam-up-your nose veggie. Among the more interesting choices is the Cajun chicken with black beans and brown rice with cayenne-paprika in the spices. The most popular lunch order, the buffalo burger, has a little gamy aftertaste — but that just proves it is the legendarily lean prairie beast. Nice outside seating in Restaurant Row, except you've gotta resist the smells from the more wicked eateries that aren't on the same crusade. Inexpensive. Three meals, Monday through Friday; open until 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. — *E.B. (1/06)*

**Donovan's Steak and Chop House** 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise, and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach

and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional crème brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

**The Marine Room** 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. Reservations requested; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from west-bound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Dinner nightly, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

**Michele Coulon Pastries** 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street from Vons parking lot), La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef-owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) presides at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes

are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/02)*

**Nine-Ten Restaurant** Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb's level of craftsmanship shows a culinary sophistication that would be at home in San Francisco or New York. You'll find adventurous, seasonal cuisine emphasizing "market fresh" local produce (much of it organic or sustainably raised), naturally raised meats, and wild seafood. It's not just the food that's fresh — the ideas are, too, and the flavor-matches are flawless. The wine list is superb, and new personnel in the front of the house have brought up the standard of service. Validated valet parking, full bar. Reservations urged. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/05)*

**Sante Ristorante** 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W. (4/99)*

**Sushi on the Rock** 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will

have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, daikon sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quiet, but with full bar) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-436-6261. — *N.W. (11/04)*

**Tapenade** 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bar-

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gain-priced three-course prix fixe “sun-set dinners.” Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — *N.W. (9/03)*

**Zenbu** 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar/fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

**Bale French Sandwich Shop** 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

**China Max** 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multi-regional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

**IKEA Restaurant & Cafe** 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful “home interiors” chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef

and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**King's Fish House** 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the mega-mall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/02)*

**The Philadelphia Sandwich Co.** 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummies' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans mufuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious “Everything” with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. “Philly fries” (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods (“Philadelphia Scrapple” to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

**San Tong Palace** 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (4/99)*

**Seau's** Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite 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)*

**Seoul B.B.Q.** 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the “Korean B.B.Q.” marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gwi*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwae*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner daily. — *M.N. (12/99)*

**Tofu House** 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchi. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (2/99)*

**Tropical Star** 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W. (8/99)*

THE BEACHES

**The Australian Pub** 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese “run over” between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of

steak fries). And for an “outback experience,” order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Friday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; weekends 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

**Broken Yolk Cafe** 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg “Broken Yolk Café Special” comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98 — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

**Hancock St. Cafe** 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass lookalikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

**Lamont Street Grill** 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most

desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/03)*

**Saska's** 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M. (8/02)*

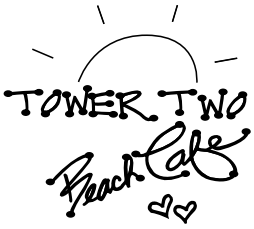
**The Third Corner Wine Shop and Bistro** 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore's casual, loosey-goosey spot is first of all a wine shop selling most global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It's \$5 to pop the cork there if you plunk down at a table among the racks to enjoy casual bistro-style food designed to go with wine. You can snack on goat cheese salad, smoked duck salad, a cheese plate or a pâté plate, or get serious with braised short ribs or duck confit surprisingly paired with spicy Nawlins red beans and rice. No reservations accepted, so best to go at off-hours or you'll wait for a table. Comfortable lounge with fireplace for sipping. Full bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for after-work noshing. Lunch and dinner until 1 a.m.; closed Monday. Low-moderate. — *N.W. (12/05)*

**Umi Sushi** 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including

*teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a “Crazy Boy” roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

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**Apertivo** 3926 30th Street (between University and Lincoln), North Park, 619-297-7799. This wine bar-bistro offers “Italian tapas” of simple Italian classics lightened up and scaled down to medium-size portions — about the size you probably eat at home. All the condiments are on the table, so you can season or cheese your food to taste as you go instead of having a waiter wait them before you've lifted a fork. Good dishes include prosciutto-wrapped shrimp, eggplant rollatini, and for dessert, an airy lemon cheesecake mousse. Parking via alley 1/2-block west. No reservations, but for weeknight large groups, call ahead. Weekends, arrive very early or late or expect a wait. Call-in/take-out food orders okay. Check chalkboard on sidewalk for specials. Plenty for vegetarians and vegans. Sound level: roaring. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday (weekends until 11 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/05)*



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RESTAURANTS

**Big Kitchen** 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "vegie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

**Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego** 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie available Mondays — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

**Huffman's Bar-B-Que** 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-

pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Krakatoa** 1128 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. This used to be an abandoned property. Now the swamp-green clapboard house is the coolest, if (reportedly) ghost-ridden, coffee-eatery hang-outery in Golden Hill. Its garden is lush and tropical, and on its wooden deck laptops unfold, essays get written, relationships get worked out. The menu is light, the names heavy: the breakfast sandwich (scrambled eggs, cheese, fruit) is the Wonchi (an Ethiopian caldera); the roast turkey sandwich with ham, cream cheese, and cranberry sauce is the Ubehebe (a dormant volcano in Death Valley); the Amboy (a Mojave Desert volcano) is a peanut butter, honey, banana, cinnamon, and bacon sandwich. Open 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sundays till 6 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/05)*

**La Dona** 1784 Newton (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-233-4939. This café is steeped in Mexican history, especially Barrio Logan history. You half expect to see several L.A. Zoot-suitors drift in as you inspect the black-and-white shots of the late actress Maria Felix (Mexico's Marilyn Monroe) or the great photos of the Mexican Revolution that include Zapata and Pancho Villa. The place has been here for 63 years, and old-timers say it reminds them of long-ago cafés in Los Angeles, Modesto, or Madera. The food is home cooking, Mexican style, with meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans. Watch out for the pot o' salsa — it's a real jaw-slammer. Other dishes to sample include *chicharones*, *menudo*, and *pozole*. Seven days, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/05)*

**The Linkery** 3386 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. Despite the name, there's a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and some fine entrées. But the focus is on the side dishes of fresh sausages made daily on-premises. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Good ones include chicken curry, *linguisa*, Polynesian pork. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus international beers and Mexican Coca-Cola (better tasting than U.S. made). Small parking lot (enter by alley on Upas just east of Jack in the Box). Noisy even when nearly empty. No reservations. Lunch and dinner daily, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (7/05)*

EAST COUNTY &  
COLLEGE AREA

**Antonio's Hacienda** 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the decor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liqueur in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (4/03)*

**Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue** 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddy-up" (spicy), or "Stampede" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

**Johnny B's** 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their tenounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/05)*

**Sala Thai** 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mussaman*, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: "chicken green." Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/04)*

**Toshi Sushi** 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

**Valley House Restaurant** 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

FAR EAST

**Bernard's** The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable chardonnay (and beer works with this food, too). Closed Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

**Mediterraneo** 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

**Paipa's Oasis** Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

UPTOWN &  
OLD TOWN

**Bertrand at Mister A's** 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (2/04)*

**Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill** 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), midtown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day. Good choice of beers; a few affordable wines; \$5 corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/05)*

**Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India** 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes

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**El Agave** 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuiltacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks at least 1700 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

**El Indio Mexican Restaurant** 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (*machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco and the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (11/01)*

**El Zarape** 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, home-made, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/00)*

**Hob Nob Hill** 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturday, roast lamb or turkey Sunday. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

**Islander Grill** Embassy Hotel, 3645 Park Boulevard (at Cypress), 619-297-3929. Here's a chance to sample the unique tropical cuisine of Guam, an island at the crossroads of the South Pacific. The cooking includes traces of Mexico, the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii — all filtered through the spicy Chamorro palate. Try the chicken *kelaguen*, a citric salad

resembling ceviche, or the brilliant coconut shrimp (available as a starter or entrée). Stews are flavorful: The saucy "pot roast" is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam, and the chicken stews are equally savory. Other choices include a range of salty, teriyaki-style barbecued meats, barbecued chicken in a less salty marinade, plus numerous exotic appetizers. Free parking in small hotel lot. Everything available for take out. No alcohol. Lunch through dinner daily, early dinner Sundays. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/05)*

**Jimmy Carter's Cafe** 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:20 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crepe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vin-daloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

**Laurel Restaurant** 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth), uptown, 619-239-2222. Freshly remodeled and remade by Tracey Borkum, the owner of Chive and Kensington Grill, the restaurant looks like a million bucks (the price she bought it for). In a chic, creamy dining room below street level you'll enjoy modern eclectic cuisine with French and Mediterranean flavors showcasing premium in-season ingredients, including free-range chicken. No bread unless you pay for it, but you get *edamame* to nibble while awaiting your order. The global wine list is extensive and expensive; selected bottles are half-price on Sundays. The full bar features creative cocktails and 20 sakes. Valet parking \$6. Several steps down from street level; disabled access via carport on Fifth Avenue (phone before coming to ensure that entry is open). Open for dinner nightly. Expensive, but an early-bird three-course chef menu is moderate. — *N.W. (3/06)*

**Parallel 33** 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethnoblend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the superb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/99)*

**Shakespeare Pub & Grille** 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with rich English beer, say, a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth

dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

## DOWNTOWN

**Blue Point** 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops are featured in well-focused preparations highlighting Pacific Rim and Mediterranean flavors. A fine lobster bisque includes plenty of lobster, and crab-stuffed trout and dayboat scallops are among the highlights of the menu. But at this conventioners' favorite, be sure to specify the doneness you prefer, especially for fish, which defaults to well-done. Valet parking on-site, or inexpensive self-parking one block east at Park It On Market. Large sidewalk dining patio. Business-casual dress looks best here. Reservations urged. Dinner nightly. — *N.W. (9/05)*

**Brickyard Coffee and Tea** 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like "Texas chili," or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini*. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 2 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

**Cafe Cerise** 1125 Sixth Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for "cherry," and although the café's logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season produce and plenty of slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don't miss the day's choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herb-stuffed organic chicken, or the fish *en papillotte*. There's an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (5/04)*

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## RESTAURANTS

available by the glass. Metered street-parking daytime. No reservations except large groups. Moderate. — *N.W. (7/05)*

**Chive** 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Here you'll find a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around the restaurant. Diners can choose an adventurous meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; "grazing" can be moderate. — *N.W. (3/06)*

**Dobson's** 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies, are hefty, louché, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only on Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

**Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar** 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girls" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's Brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by

the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *A.M. (3/04)*

**George's on Fifth** 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbit and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks, some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — *N.W. (3/04)*

**Harbor House** 831 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters mainly to tourist families and conventioners, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to chill out and watch the sailboats over a good margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Upstairs preparations tend toward simple American coastal dishes; the menu includes more appetizers and the drinks include artisan beers. The downstairs main dining room features more old-fashioned "haute" preparations and has a longer wine list but no view. All foods and drinks from both venues are available by request on both floors (but not all servers know this). Parking free with validation for two hours. Reservations strongly advised for after 6:15 p.m. any evening. Accessible via elevator from main dining room, with entrance on the park (south) side of the building. Lunch and dinner daily upstairs; dinner only downstairs. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (8/05)*

**Indigo Grill** 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of

chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varietals. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (11/02)*

**La Casita** 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the lit old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open six days 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., closed Sundays. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Lou and Mickey's** 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include "BBQ Shrimp, Manales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye "Cowboy Steak." Valet

parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

**Molly's** Marriott Hotel Marina, 333 W. Harbor Drive (at Front Street), North Tower level 1 (sub-lobby level), downtown, 619-230-8909. Liberate this restaurant from the conventioner occupation! The old gal has come back to life as a lovely, fresh young thing, thanks to chef Brian Sinnott, arriving from San Francisco's top Italian restaurants. His seasonal cuisine offers clever, creative twists and superb local produce. Pick up a miniature menu at the dining room entrance to remind yourself of what you're eating — you'll appreciate all the more his astute combinations of unexpected ingredients. (Of course, some dishes are tried-and-true clichés, however nicely prepared — conventioners, remember?) Try the stuffed squash blossoms, or diver scallops on celery root puree when available. The vegetarian tasting-platter is tempting even to hard-core "carnies." Vast choice of California wines including half-bottles and generous pours by the glass, as well as a full bar. Reserve, even for two, or expect a wait. Free valet parking at hotel front door (Front Street entrance), validated for three hours. Open for dinner (call about Sunday or Monday). Very expensive. — *N.W. (12/05)*

**Napa Valley Grille** 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very good, including the excellent grilled calamari. There is an elegant homeliness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

**Sixth Avenue Bistro** 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The jambalaya is

tasty, too, even with the substitute for andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations. Breakfast to dinner (closes 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

**Soleil @K** Gaslamp Marriott, 660 K Street (at Sixth), Gaslamp, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioners, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. The spiffy, chrome-detailed interior, with an open kitchen, offers the option of eating with strangers at long tables or booking a large party of your own — but be prepared for noise (even when the room's empty, the music is pumped up party-loud). Starters include a zesty fried calamari salad and crabby crab sticks, and desserts are witty as well as tasty. Entrées are unmemorable. Long international wine list with some "finds," full bar. Service is variable. Validated valet parking. Open daily, three meals. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/05)*

## SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

**Azzura Point** Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine with an occasional Hawaiian touch emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations. Along with a multi-course chef's tasting menu and à la carte dishes, a "sea spa" dinner showcases fresh seafoods in healthful preparations. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochère of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)*

**Bay Beach Cafe** Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautéed items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actu-

ally), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — for example, the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

**Crown Room** Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

**L'Escale** Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in Parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna



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**Merkli's Deli-BBQ** 415 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0767. Named after Sebastian Merkl, the owner's German granddad, who jumped ship in New York after World War I. Merkl's claims to be the "first real New York-style deli south of Hillcrest." It certainly has serious, all-day, New York-type breakfasts like pastrami and corned beef three-egg omelets or Reuben omelets filled with corned beef, Swiss cheese, and sauerkraut. Or salami and eggs, pancake-style. There's even a breakfast Philly cheese steak. But it's not only New York. Out back, their Texas-style smoker burns mesquite for some pretty mean ribs. Also check Chula Vista's truck farm history on the walls, a collection of crate-end labels with all the fruits that this town's soils used to produce. Open every day breakfast through dinner; Sundays breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/04)

**Spiro's Gyros** Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in tzatziki sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

**Tango Grille Argentine Steak House** 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucha* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ

meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empandas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.* (4/02)

**Village Pizzeria** 1206 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. In the back, Mootime Creamery makes all its ice cream. In the front, Mootime owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: A cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangling Chianti bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out. He wisely didn't destroy what was half of the famous old Mexican Village. Instant atmosphere! Ancient murals of guys with guitars serenading señoritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: You might have to handle pumped-up kids' sports teams cramming the booths around you. The good news: Great calzones and pizza by the slice. Open lunch through dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/04)

## 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.**

**D'Stefano Pizza Restaurant** Carrillo Puerto #7835 (at 3rd Street), between Martinez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo (E Avenue), three blocks west of Avenida Revolución, 638-4309. Evening around nine is the best time to come, when groups are in here carousing with *tarros* and pizza. *Tarros* are giant mugs that hold *caguamas* (large "sea turtle" bottles) of Tecate beer. There's plenty of good standard Italian food to go along with it. You can pay a little — for basic dishes like spaghetti or lasagna — or up to around twenty dollars for a "gigantic" pizza. Inexpensive. Midday to midnight, seven days. — *E.B.* (2/04)

**El Cid** Lopez Mateos #993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the

heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseland ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a table-side production number, crêpes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (4/03)

**El Galeón (Puerto Nuevo)** One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jokey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghastly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.* (10/02)

**La Espadaña** Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10813, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it was cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still,

it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadanas* (holes cut in the Mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, Mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.* (11/04)

**Mr. Fish** Boulevard Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorchachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca*. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.* (12/04)

**Rica Torta** Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beef-steak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

**Vallarta Natural** 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente (just before El Toreo de Tijuana), 686-1560. Maybe the only smoke-free restaurant in Tijuana, this vegetarian haven was started in 1996 by health-conscious Doctor Georgina Vallarta de Alcántar. They make their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, rolls, salsas —

and "meats" like a veal from their own wheat gluten — daily. You sit at wood tables and chairs next to blue-framed yellow walls splattered with Talavera ceramic suns. At breakfast, try the *tartaleta vallarta*, a mix of eggs, spinach, mushrooms, onions, and chile. For lunch (and it's usually busiest around three), their excellent soup, *caldo tlalpeno*, packed with cheese, rice, avocado, and chile, will fill you nicely. The soy *hamburguesa* is good, but go for the *torta*, which has that gluten *milanesa* along with cheese, avocado, and jalapeño. Good organic coffee. Wonderful juices, especially the cactus — if you need cleaning out. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/06)

## MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

**D'Lish Pizza and Pasta** 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marinade and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — *E.B.* (8/02)

**Oggi's** At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular?

Is it the sports-bar ambiance (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrées so mall-adapted that no *mamma mia* in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (7/04)

**Sammy's Woodfired Pizza** It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — *N.W.* (7/04)

**St. Tropez** If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. Encinitas: 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lum-beryard Shopping Center #103D, 760-633-0084; downtown: 926 Broadway Circle, 619-696-8695 and 600 W. Broadway, 619-234-2560; Hillcrest: 3805 Fifth Avenue, 619-497-0297; Rancho Bernardo: 16625 Dove Canyon #109, 858-673-6824; Sorrento Valley: 9450 Scranton Road, 858-202-0015. — *N.W.* (12/04)



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#### Ace

The Old Globe Theatre presents the West Coast premiere of the new musical about the aviation heroes of World War I and II. Stafford Arima directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, THROUGH FEBRUARY 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

#### Don Quixote

The San Diego Repertory Theatre presents Paul Magid's adaptation of Miguel de Cervantes's novel, a "political satire with music." Sam Woodhouse directed. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, THROUGH FEBRUARY 4; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

**Happy Endings Are Extra**  
Diversiary Theatre presents the U.S. premiere of Ashraf Johardien's comedy-drama about "a woman who loves a man who loves a rent boy." Rosina Reynolds directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, THROUGH FEBRUARY 11; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

**Heart of a Dog**  
UCSD Theatre presents a theatrical adaptation of Mikhail Bulgakov's novella in which a wealthy urologist transplants a deceased criminal's testicles and pituitary gland into a dog. Charlie Oates directed. MANDELL WEISS FORUM, UCSD, FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, THROUGH JANUARY 27; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

**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.

**Legends**  
Broadway"San Diego presents James Kirkwood's "comedy about big stars and bigger legs," starring Joan Collins and Linda Evans. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 303 C STREET, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH JANUARY 14; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. 619-570-1100.



Ace

**A Moon for the Misbegotten**  
North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Eugene O'Neill's drama about star-crossed Jamie and Josie, the former based on O'Neill's alcoholic brother. David Ellenstein directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE, SOLANA BEACH, SATURDAY, JANUARY 13,

THROUGH FEBRUARY 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

**National Comedy Theatre**  
Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro

wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and

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

#### Worth a try.

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

#### Nipples to the Wind

ICI Productions presents Paula Coco's "sassy comedy," in which two women perform 14 monologues, ranging from a Little League mom who winds up in jail to a narcissistic suicide hotline operator. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, THROUGH JANUARY 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, AT 2:00 P.M. 760-726-1340.

#### Pig Farm

Greg Kotis's agricultural comedy ("the pigs are restless down on the farm") plays at the South Coast Rep. Martin Benson directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, THROUGH JANUARY 28; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

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#### 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 fre-

quent 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.

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#### Steel Magnolias

New Vision Theatre stages Robert Harling's comedy-drama about life, and death, at a beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana.

SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 NORTH COAST HIGHWAY, OCEANSIDE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, THROUGH FEBRUARY 4; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 750-529-9140.

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# The Mexican Connection

*Del Toro never lets his special effects take over to the same extent as in his Hollywood movies.*

**T**ruly, honestly, earnestly, I wanted to like *Pan's Labyrinth*. I wanted to see Guillermo del Toro, the migrant Mexican filmmaker, find his way back from his comic-book forays in the mainstream, *Blade II* and *Hellboy*, back toward the intimacy and "independence" of his Spanish Civil War ghost story, *The Devil's Backbone*, never mind all the way back to his gangbusters beginnings, *Cronos* (his only legitimate Mexican production) and *Mimic*. Set once again in the Civil War period, more precisely WWII period, his new film centers on a preadolescent girl (wide-eyed, plump-lipped Ivana Baquero) chided by her nine-months-pregnant mother (Ariadna Gil, very intense) as too old to be still filling her head with the "nonsense" of fairy tales, especially since she has moved beneath the roof of her wicked stepfather (Sergi López, campily over the top), a Francoist martinet busily stamping out rebels in the woods, who has little tolerance

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for a child of another bloodline but is eager to get his leather-sheathed hands on his biological baby in his wife's womb. Much more welcoming of the little girl, aside from the *simpática* housekeeper, is the mythological faun (real or imagined?), the guardian of the off-limits garden, who identifies the newcomer straight off as the prodigal daughter of the King of the Underworld (what are the odds?), and who, to test her bona fides, sets her Three Tasks from the Book of Crossroads to be completed before the Full Moon. These, although no less forced and formulaic, are less arduous and elaborate than the three tasks, for instance, faced by Harry Potter in his most recent screen outing, but the incautious little girl makes them more difficult than need be.

Del Toro, almost in spite of himself, is not altogether guiltless of conventional, parental, puritanical strictures against fairy tales. And against fiction in general. In his scrupulous, perhaps



*Pan's Labyrinth*

overscrupulous, balance of dark fantasy and brutal history, tilted (politically, diplomatically) a little toward the latter, he leaves nothing to chance. He establishes the Importance of his theme through the unassailable realm of Fascists and freedom fighters, and he connects that world to the parallel universe of fairy tales in a way that can best be termed didactic, academic,

studied, possibly stifling. He makes a case. He does not make magic. Far more than *The Devil's Backbone*, the film that kept coming to mind, always to this one's disadvantage, was Victor Erice's *Spirit of the Beehive*, 1973. That one, having in common a post-Civil War backdrop and a gullible little girl, made very much the same points, together with others, and made them more

subtly, more ambiguously, more poetically; made them, I might add, while Franco was still in power; and made them without recourse to special effects beyond a Halloween get-up of Frankenstein's monster. (I was interested to note that del Toro, when corralled for the "Seen on DVD" column in these pages, cited *Frankenstein* as a personal favorite. It seems certain

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he would know Erice's *hommage* to it.) Del Toro never lets his special effects, some of them pretty tacky and icky, take over to the same extent as in his Hollywood movies, but a mere black-gloved sadist, even with an open gash on his cheek, has a hard time holding his own against an arboreal goat-god, an insectile pixie, a featureless humanoid with eyes in the palms of his hands, an obscene giant toad, a Tim Burton-esque airless sunless tangled landscape, and so forth. The primary sense of wonder the whole thing arouses in me is the wonder that so many grown-up critics have found it so enthralling. I found it fairly alienating, if not totally off-putting. Having seen it a full three months ago, I would not be jumping the gun in deeming it unmemorable.

As a rule, I expect much less of del Toro's compatriot, Alfonso Cuarón, who by the way co-produced *Pan's Labyrinth*, and I suspected that the

raves for his concurrent *Children of Men* must have come from critics defending their past misjudgments. (*A Little Princess*, *Y Tu Mamá También*, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, all had their wild enthusiasts.) I got much more than I expected. The basic idea — from a novel by P.D. James, a departure from her detective fiction — of a worldwide plague of female infertility, even though not at all original (see *The Handmaid's Tale*, as a prime example), remains nevertheless a potent metaphor for that science-fiction staple, the End of the World; and the film can thus sensibly refrain from hashing over the significance of a miraculous pregnancy in England, as inexplicable as the plague itself, eighteen years after its onset in 2008. A potent metaphor, that, for Hope, even Faith. The young black woman's deadpan protestation of virginity is of course only her own little joke. What she is carrying is not the Second Coming of Christ so much as that of Adam. Or, as it happens, Eve. Forget, for now, the need of a mate. First things first.

Because the world went so fast to hell so near in the future — "Only

Britain soldiers on" — the film is not overburdened with production and special effects. It shoulders just sufficient texture and detail for an illusion of reality: the unswept litter and uncollected trash in the streets, the electronic animated billboards, the pirated artworks preserved for no one's edification at the Tate Modern, the gratis government-issued suicide kits (brand name: Quietus; ad slogan: "You Decide When"), the concentration camps for illegal aliens (the director's nationality adds a layer of meaning), etc., etc. And let's not even count the redundant ashen pallor of the image. There is really not much in the way of a story — underground dissidents squiring the expectant mother through chaotic countryside to an offshore rendezvous with a shadowy do-good organization known as the Human Project — but Clive Owen, the principal squirer, an uncommitted mercenary, has the ideal demeanor for the grimness of the mission; and the trek is nothing if not eventful, a mild word for an itinerary that includes three virtuoso action set pieces: an ambush of the getaway car on an empty road through the woods, an at-

tempted flight at the break of dawn in a car whose engine won't turn over unless (like the one in *Little Miss Sunshine*'s VW bus) the vehicle is in motion, and a raging firefight in the coastal port at the spot of the rendezvous. If Cuarón's camera sometimes calls attention to itself with its showboat mobility, and at one point with its blood-spattered lens, his staging of the action is always thorough and thought-out. As, for that matter, is his staging of the nonaction, in particular the hero's interplay with his ex-wife (Julianne Moore) and an aged flower-child friend (Michael Caine), abubble with emotional undercurrents. The director's moderation in the use of closeups, a rarer and rarer thing these days, disdains the easy way out.

Discussion of *Letters from Iwo Jima* will have to be put off until another day. For the brave few who saw *Flags of Our Fathers*, however, it is, as they say, self-recommending. ■

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**Apocalypse** — 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 homoeroticism.) 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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

**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

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goal in sheer duration. With Cate Blanchett, Adriana Barraza, Gael García Bernal, Koji Yakusho, and Rinko Kikuchi. 2006.  
★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**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 engage 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.  
★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**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 wisenheimier 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 simi-

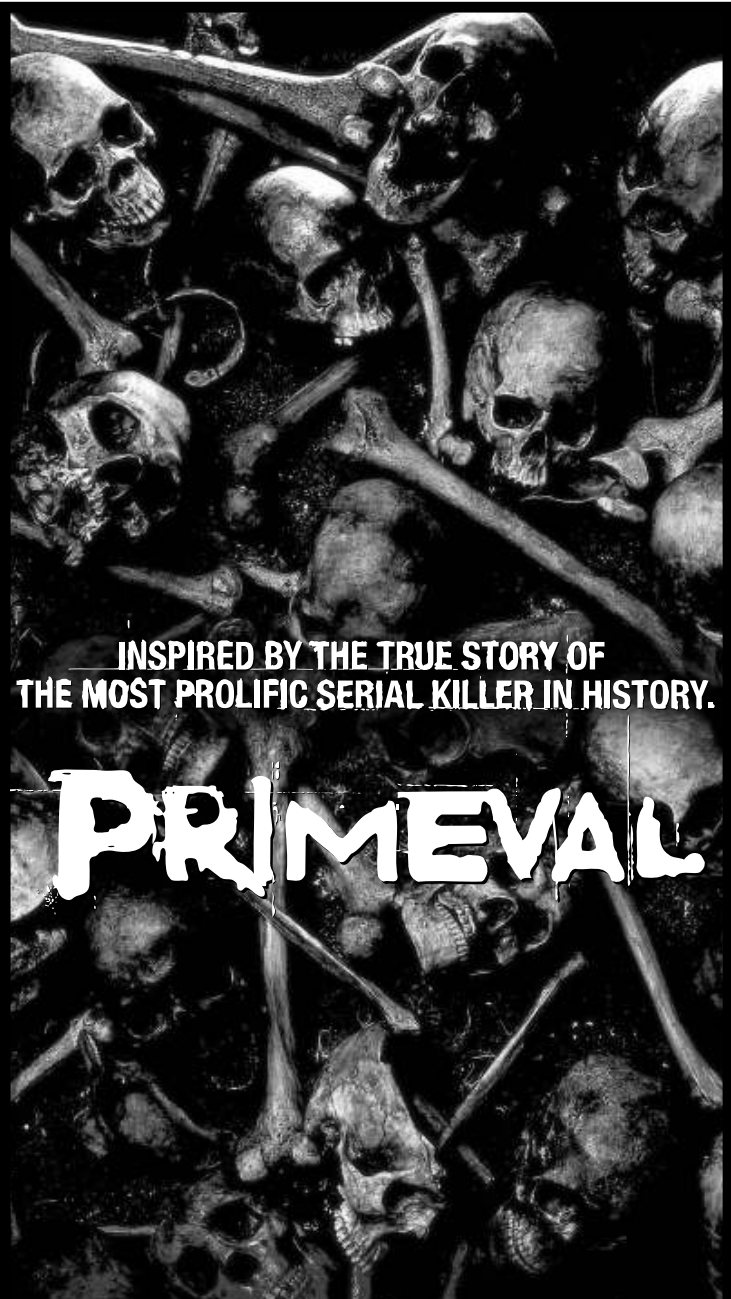
lar to that of your average Will Ferrell comedy. In a word, over-the-top and high of the target. Directed by Larry Charles. 2006.  
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA)

**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 thor-

oughly been expunged from the script. And "I don't give a damn" is his response to the bartender's inquiry as to whether he'd like his vodka martini shaken or stirred. All these changes are definite improvements. And yet, and yet, and yet.... The action, even if somewhat scaled back under the one-time Bond director Martin Campbell (*Goldeneye*, the beginning of the Brosnan Bonds, but scarcely a *new* beginning), is still more than sufficiently cartoonish. The plotting is skimpy. The whole thing runs on far too long. And then there's the fundamental question: if you want to do an alternative to James Bond, why call him James Bond?



Why not put him out to pasture where at his age he belongs? Mads Mikkelsen, Jeffrey Wright, Giancarlo Giannini. 2006.  
★★ (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; 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. (CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION





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**Children of Men** — Reviewed this issue. With Clive Owen, Julianne Moore, Michael Caine, Chiwetel Ejiofor, and Claire-Hope Ashitey; directed by Alfonso Cuarón. ★★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Code Name: The Cleaner** — Spy comedy with Cedric the Entertainer, Lucy Liu, and Nicollette Sheridan, directed by Les Mayfield. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 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)

**Curse of the Golden Flower** — The re-union of filmmaker Zhang Yimou with his one-time muse and leading lady, Gong Li, over ten years after their personal falling-out, post-*Shanghai Triad*, makes this film into a real “event,” and the actress brings to it an inner fire to outglow even its molten-lava color scheme. In addition to which, the director’s dynamic visual style demon-strates exceptional weight, balance, timing, and agility. In short, exceptional command of the screen. Watching his shots fall into place is a little like watching the piece-by-piece construction of a palace. Or temple. Nothing humbler would quite do justice to a tale of courtly and amatory intrigue (Tang Dynasty, 10th Century) that aspires to Shakespearean, even Sophoclean, tragedy. Without dispute, the film is some-what talky and slow, but if it’s preferable nevertheless to Zhang’s *Hero* and *House of Flying Daggers*, the reason in large part would be precisely the long postponement of the gravity-defying martial arts. Defying, that is, of not only Newton’s sort of gravity but that of Shakespeare and Sophocles as well. Once the battles break out, they severely damage the sense of seriousness, although never the sense of style. With Chow Yun-Fat. 2006. ★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; HILLCREST CINE-MAS; KEN; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16;



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**The Departed** — Martin Scorsese’s ca-reer-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 dia-logue 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 incon-gruous rockabilly beat of the background

music, whenever the filmmaker isn’t trot-ting 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 mo-bile police spy inside the mob (Leonardo DiCaprio, giving himself away with his meat-cleaver worry line) both become in-volved, first as clients and then as suitors, with a *Harper’s Bazaar* idea of a psy-chotherapist (Vera Farmiga, she of the prow-like cheekbones, life-raft lips, blue-la-goony 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 Bald-win, Ray Winstone. 2006. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Dreamgirls** — Broadway backstage musi-cal — 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 specifi-cally the rise of a girl group called the Dreams (rhymes with Supremes), and at-tendant heartbreaks, breakups, downfalls, and assorted other banalities. True, a musi-cal can get away with a banal storyline if the music is good, but these Broadway-ized soul tunes are as insipid as they are inces-sant. 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 direc-tor Bill Condon, who adapted the screen-play for *Chicago* but whose own directing credits run to *Gods and Monsters* and *Kin-sey*, shows it’s not easy to be Stanley Donen. 2006.

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**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. With Ed Speleers, Jeremy Irons, Sienna Guillory, John Malkovich, Robert Carlyle, Djimon Hounsou, and the voice of Rachel Weisz. 2006.

● (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

**Factotum** — A respectable addition to Bukowskiana, if respectability can be a criterion for the life and work of the pickled writer, Charles Bukowski. A mangily bearded Matt Dillon, in the part of the author's semi-autobiographical stand-in, Henry Chinaski, gives a full-bodied performance, and a literally full-body one, his head tilted backwards as if sighting down his nose, his feet shuffling along as if tugged by a rope. Phlegmatic, undemonstrative, unexhibitionistic, he wisely resists the temptation to romanticize or mythologize. (Lili Taylor makes a suitable mate as his main squeeze, brave enough to model lingerie in a body you would never see on the cover of *Maxim*.) And the deadpan detachment of Norwegian filmmaker Bent Hamer, of the droll *Kitchen Stories*, seems a good strategy in the face of a hell-bent boozier, granting us sufficient distance to see the humor. There is, at the same time, entirely too much first-person narration (curiously recited in a stride-and-glide Jack Nicholson cadence), which is another way of saying there's not much external activity. The episodic narrative goes nowhere fast. Meaning that wherever it goes, it does not go there fast. It goes everywhere slow. With Marisa Tomei and Fisher Stevens. 2006.

★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1/17, 6:30 P.M.)

**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.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Freedom Writers** — Make-a-difference true story about an idealistic young English teacher at an "integrated" high school in Long Beach, where she brings peace and harmony to her fractious classroom (she appears to teach only one hour per day) and seemingly also to the community at large: the gang violence peters out dramatically as she takes the students on a field trip to the Museum of Tolerance, and distributes copies of *The Diary of Anne Frank* purchased out of her own pocket. The positive attitude and right-mindedness of the film, or at least the enthusiasm and resolve of Hilary Swank in the lead role, are disarming if not shaming. And Imelda Staunton puts up pitiable resistance as the rule-bound department head, a very human heavy. With Patrick Dempsey, Scott Glenn, John Benjamin Hickey, April Lee



Freedom Writers

Hernandez, Deance Wyatt, Mario, and Pat Carroll; written and directed by Richard LaGravenese. 2007.

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**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.*,

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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 had 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 also had 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. Tobey Maguire, Beau Bridges, Jack Thompson. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 1/11)

**The Good Shepherd** — Espionage epic, reasonably described by one blurbist as "The *Godfather* of CIA movies," but only if you are satisfied to retain all the pretentiousness of *The Godfather*, right down to the oppressive underillumination, and do without any of the enlivening pyrotechnics. (Despite those subtractions, the movie still comes to within ten minutes or so of *The*

# Calendar

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*Godfather's* nearly three-hour duration.) Tremendously unentertaining, it slogs back and forth in time, beginning with, and regularly returning to, the Bay of Pigs fiasco and fallout, but retreating back as far as the protagonist's college days as a Yalie and an inductee into the Skull and Bones secret society in 1939 (and even, in a psychoanalytical flashback-within-a-flashback, as far as his boyhood and his father's suicide in 1925), and then working its way forward toward 1961 in incremental jumps. Second-time director Robert De Niro, who also has a small sedentary role as the protagonist's espionage mentor, may have convinced himself that the back-and-forth time shuttle (not to mention the Cuban connection) would transform this also into *The Godfather II* of CIA movies. But this, unlike that, is a single-generation narrative, and the continual interruptions in the storytelling serve little other purpose than to thwart any suspense. And since the block-of-wood Matt Damon hardly ages a day in twenty-plus years (nor does Angelina Jolie in the unaccustomed role of a neglected wife), our best hope to avoid confusion as to where we are on the timeline is to differentiate between his many eyeglass frames. Alec Baldwin, William Hurt, John Turturro, Billy Crudup, Michael Gambon. 2006.

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**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"



Night at the Museum

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.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20)

**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 dearth 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

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**Night at the Museum** — *Jumanji*-esque jumble of special effects, in which all the exhibits at the Natural History Museum in New York City come to life after dark. This allows for a lot of, frankly an excess of, variety: Lilliputian cowboys and Roman soldiers who tie down the new night watchman like Gulliver; a mischievous monkey who pees on him, pickpockets his keys, and engages in a Three Stooges-style slapshot with him; a T-rex skeleton who wants to play fetch; a talking, bubblegum-chewing Easter Island head; Attila and some Huns; some lions, an elephant, a zebra, a rhino, and so on. It also allows for logical mix-ups whereby, for example, the wax figure of Teddy Roosevelt knows full well he's a wax figure of our twenty-sixth President, while the wax figure of Sakajawea is regarded as the actual, taxidermized Indian maid, a boon to the tour guide who is writing a dissertation on her. Director Shawn Levy oversees one decent cinematic moment, the contrasting views of the Lilliputians letting the air out of the tires of a van at the loading dock, an action which at close range looks as if they're trying to plug a hole in the fuselage of a jetliner at 30,000 feet, while from a distance it looks as if all is calm. Mickey Rooney has a nice little role as a truculent security guard forced into retirement (addressing his replacement variously as "Hotshot," "Hopscotch," "Butterscotch," etc.), and Ricky Gervais, of the British *The Office*, shows off his narrow range to good effect as another embarrassing boss, the high-handed museum director ("Control your young, please"). Ben Stiller, on the other hand, shows off his own narrow

**Perfume: The Story of a Murderer** — Olfactory fable about an 18th-century freak of nature, “born with a talent that made him unique among mankind,” namely the world’s most sensitive nose, to go along with a yearning to recapture the aromatic

essence of the young virgin he had once killed by accident — even if, in order to recapture it, he must kill again and again. Tom Tykwer's adaptation of the Patrick Suskind novel boasts some kinky eroticism, some Daumier-esque squalor, and some uncommonly crystalline cinematography. (You can practically count the petals on flowers, the leaves on trees.) The film is not, however, so easy on the ears, what with John Hurt's arch narration, straight from the book, and Dustin Hoffman's uncertain accent as a *démodé* Italian perfumer in Paris. And the British Ben Whishaw, in the lead role, is easier on the eyes than the novelist envisioned, a major component in the

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*Grease* is one of the highest-grossing musicals of all time. John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John epitomize fifties “cool” kids who dance and sing their way to love.

**Primeval** — Dominic Purcell as a giant-crocodile hunter in Africa, directed by Michael Katleman.  
(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 MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18;

**The Pursuit of Happiness** — The attainment of sappiness. 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



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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 post-war Italy, after all — comes in the form of a cash jackpot. Jaden Christopher Syre Smith, Thandie Newton, Brian Howe, James Karen, Dan Castellaneta. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Queen** — A spot of simulated Royals-watching, ably guided by the seasoned Stephen Frears: a satisfying, if unsurprising and unrevealing and unimaginative re-enactment of what must have gone on behind closed doors in the week after the death of Princess Di, in specific the diplomatic efforts of the newly elected Tony Blair to compel the Royal Family (“a bunch of freeloading, emotionally retarded nutters,” in the view of Mrs. Blair) to behave like human beings: “Will somebody please save these people from themselves?” Helen Mirren and Michael Sheen embody Her Majesty and the Prime Minister to two T’s. In support of them, James Cromwell at least looks the part of Philip, but plays only one note, and Alex Jennings is a bit short in the snout (in complete contrast to Cromwell) but is otherwise credibly dyspeptic as Charles. The plentiful humor, out

of deference to history and living persons, is very mild. 2006.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; POWAY 10, FROM 1/12)

**Rocky Balboa** — The sixth installment in the *Rocky* series (despite the absence of a Roman numeral to remind us) comes thirty years after the first one and sixteen after the fifth. It will stand as a serviceable definition of “retarded.” Written and directed by its sixty-year-old star, Sylvester Stallone, it wants nothing but to turn back the hands of time. Oh, Stallone may, in observance of auld lang syne, put his sanctified screen wife into the cold hard ground (“woman cancer”), and thus restrict Talia Shire, still listed in the credits, to youthful flashbacks. But what man, after all, with washboard abs and with veins bulging in his shoulders and biceps, could abide to be saddled with an old bag his own age? He can always get an eyelift, dip into the hair dye, put on the same hat, run up the same steps to the same music, replace the old Ugly Duckling with a younger Ugly Duckling (Geraldine Hughes, no spring chicken, but nonetheless a quarter-century his junior), and if the script says so, if wishful thinking wishes it, he can still give as good as he gets in a risible “exhibition match” against the current undefeated, but unrespected, heavyweight champ (former light-heavyweight champ, Antonio Tarver). Skill vs. Will, it’s billed as, and no chance to mistake which is which. By rights, of course, Stallone ought to have taken over the Burgess Meredith role and left the fighting to, say, Hilary Swank. The glaring irony of it is that, while the on-screen Stallone is supposed to be the personification of heart and desire, the off-screen Stallone can only have been motivated by the thing that motivates his on-screen opponent and supposed opposite: lust for a big payday. Burt Young, Milo Ventimiglia. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM

PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-COS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Roman Holiday** — William Wyler’s poor-little-rich-girl fairy tale — checked by a powerful and rueful sense of reality — about a savvy American journalist who shows a sheltered princess a good time on the town. The feminine role, possibly Audrey Hepburn’s signature role, maximizes the actress’s opposite sides, her outward, otherworldly refinement and her unsuspected capacity for fun. And Gregory Peck is less starchy than normal, too. With Eddie Albert. 1953.

★★★ (BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, 1/11, 7 P.M., AND 14, 2 P.M.)

**Romeo and Juliet Get Married** — Director Bruno Barreto reworks the Shakespeare tragedy into a contemporary comedy mixing forbidden love and Brazilian soccer passion.

(MISSION VALLEY 7, 1/12 THROUGH 18)

**Stomp the Yard** — Musical drama starring Columbus Short as an L.A. street dancer enrolled in an Atlanta university, directed by Sylvain White.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-COS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/12)

**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 good-ies 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)

**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** — 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 film-maker 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 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. 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. With Matthew Fox, Ian McShane, Anthony Mackie. 2006.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

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**Feet** (PG) Fri. (2:00) 4:30 Sat.-Sun. 4:40p.m.; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri. 4:20, 7:25, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:25, 7:25, 10:20; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri. (2:55) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri. (2:35) 5:10, 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (2:20) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55

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**Apocalypse** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:05; **Black Christmas** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:55p.m.; **Borat** (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:15, 4:20) 6:25, 8:30, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:15) 4:20, 6:25, 8:30, 10:40; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 4:15) 7:25, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:55) 4:15, 7:25, 10:35; **Charlotte’s Web** (G) Fri. (12:35, 2:55, 5:15) 7:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:15, 7:35; **Children of Men** (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:05) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:05, 7:10, 9:40; **The Departed** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:40) 6:55, 10:10; **Eragon** (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:25, 5:00) 7:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 5:00, 7:20; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30; **Little Children** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:45) 6:50, 9:50; **Perfume: The Story of a Murderer** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:50) 7:05, 10:15; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:45, 5:25) 8:05, 9:45, 10:45 Sat. (2:45) 5:25, 8:05, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 5:25, 8:05, 9:45, 10:45; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 1:00, 2:50, 4:10, 5:30) 7:15, 8:10, 10:00, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 1:00, 2:50) 4:10, 5:30, 7:15, 8:10, 10:00, 10:45; **The New York Metropolitan Opera: Tan Dun - The First Emperor** - NCM Event Sat. 10:30p.m.; **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:10) 6:30, 9:30

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La Jolla 12

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**Babel** (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; **Letters from Iwo Jima** (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:10, 5:10, 8:10; **The Painted Veil** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

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Mission Valley 7

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(10:30a.m.); **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30) 8:00, 10:30; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30

Mission Valley 20

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**Santee Drive In**  
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)  
**Apocalypse** (R); **Eragon** (PG); **Night at the Museum** (PG); **Primeval** (Not Rated)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

**Chula Vista 10**  
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)  
**Alpha Dog** (R) Fri,-Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Arthur and the Invisibles** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Code Name: The Cleaner** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:30, 3:30) 8:30, 10:45; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:45, 10:30; **Happily N'Ever After** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:45, 1:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (12:45) 6:00; **My Little Pony: A Very Pony Place** (G) Sat,-Sun. (10:30); **Night at the Mu-seum** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Primeval** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45

**Palm Promenade 24**  
770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)  
**Alpha Dog** (R) Fri,-Sun. (10:50) 1:35, 4:25, 7:30, 10:20; **Apocalypto** (R) Fri,-Sun. (10:00) 12:55, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50; **Arthur and the Invisi-bles** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun. (10:55) 1:10, 3:25, 5:45, 8:05, 10:30; **Black Christmas** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:00) 4:20, 9:40; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri,-Sun. 12:25, 3:30, 6:35, 9:35; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri,-Sun. (10:10) 12:35, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:05; **Children of Men** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55; **Code Name: The Cleaner** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:45) 1:00, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 10:00; **Curse of the Golden Flower** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:30) 2:05, 4:55, 7:35, 10:15; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:15) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05; **Eragon** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:20) 12:40, 3:05, 5:25, 8:10, 10:30; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:35, 11:25) 1:30, 2:10, 4:20, 5:00, 7:05, 7:45, 9:50, 10:25; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:40) 3:10, 6:40; **Happily N'Ever After** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:50) 12:55, 3:05, 5:15, 7:25, 9:35; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 1:15, 6:45; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:05) 12:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:10, 7:10, 9:45; **Primeval** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun. (11:45) 12:30, 2:15, 3:00, 4:45, 5:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:10) 1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 7:55, 10:00, 10:35; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:30) 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:40, 11:20) 1:20, 2:00, 4:10, 4:55, 7:00, 7:35, 9:55, 10:25

**Rancho Del Rey 16**  
East H Street (619-216-4707)  
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IMPERIAL BEACH

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2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)  
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NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

**Carmel Mountain**  
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)  
**Alpha Dog** (R) Fri,-Sun. (1:10, 3:50) 7:30, 10:10; **Children of Men** (R) Fri,-Sun. (1:20, 3:50) 7:25, 9:55; **Code Name: The Cleaner** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (1:05, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00; **Curse of the Golden Flower** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:40, 3:35) 7:00, 9:50; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri,-Sun. (1:00) 4:30, 8:10; **Happily N'Ever After** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (12:25, 2:40) 4:45, 7:10, 9:30; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:25, 9:50; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (1:05, 3:45) 7:15, 9:55; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:25, 8:00, 10:30

ESCONDIDO

**Escondido 16**  
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)  
**Alpha Dog** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:30, 3:40) 7:25, 10:15; **Apocalypto** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:45, 2:55) 6:35, 9:55; **Arthur and the Invisibles** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun. (11:25, 1:50, 4:15) 6:40, 9:30; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri,-Sun. 9:40; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 10:10; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri,-Sun. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20; **Children of Men** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:45, 3:50) 7:30, 10:25; **Code Name: The Cleaner** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 10:30; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:15, 3:55) 7:15, 10:20; **Eragon** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:35, 2:05, 4:40) 7:50; **Free-dom Writers** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:05, 3:05) 7:45, 10:40; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:20, 3:00) 6:45, 10:20; **Happily N'Ever Af-ter** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (12:20, 3:30) 7:05; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:30, 2:10, 4:55) 7:30; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (1:55) 7:40; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:15, 1:05, 4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 9:45, 10:45; **Primeval** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun. (11:40, 2:15, 4:45) 7:10, 10:00; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:35, 3:25) 7:35, 10:35; **Rocky Bal-boa** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:55, 2:30, 5:05) 8:00, 10:40; **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (9:50)

FALLBROOK

**Galaxy 6**  
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)  
**Charlotte's Web** (G); **Children of Men** (R); **Code Name: The Cleaner** (PG-13); **Dream-girls** (PG-13); **Happily N'Ever After** (PG); **Night at the Museum** (PG); **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13)

POWAY

**Poway 10**  
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)  
**Alpha Dog** (R) Fri,-Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:15) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:15) 7:15; **Arthur and the Invisibles** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri,-Sun. (11:00, 3:30) 8:15; **Code Name: The Cleaner** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (1:15) 6:00, 10:30 Sun. (1:15); **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30; **Happily N'Ever After** (PG) Fri,-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; **My Little Pony: A Very Pony Place** (G) Sat,-Sun. (10:30); **Night at the Museum** (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; **Primeval** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (10:45, 1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (10:45, 1:45, 4:30) 7:30; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00

SAN MARCOS

**San Marcos 18**  
1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)  
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VISTA

**Vista Village**  
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)  
**Alpha Dog** (R) Fri,-Sun. (10:50, 1:35, 4:25) 7:20, 10:15; **Arthur and the Invisibles** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun. (11:45, 2:20, 4:50) 7:25, 9:45; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri,-Sun. (11:15, 1:45, 4:10) 6:40; **Children of Men** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:10, 1:50, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **Code Name: The Cleaner** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:50, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:50, 10:10; **Curse of the Golden Flower** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:20, 2:05, 4:50) 7:40, 10:30; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:30, 3:40) 7:10, 10:15; **Eragon** (PG) Fri,-Sun. 9:10; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 10:30; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:20; **Happily N'Ever After** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:25, 5:45) 8:00, 10:10; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (1:40) 7:30; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (11:00, 1:30, 4:10) 6:45, 9:30; **Primeval** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun. (12:30, 3:00, 5:35) 8:00, 10:30; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:55, 1:35, 4:20) 7:05, 9:55; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:35; **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:50, 4:35) 10:35

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**Del Mar Highlands 8**  
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)  
**Blood Diamond** (R) Fri,-Sun. (1:15) 7:15; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri,-Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 7:45; **Code Name: The Cleaner** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 5:15, 10:00; **Freedom Writ-ers** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:45, 1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Happily N'Ever After** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; **My Little Pony: A Very Pony Place** (G) Sat,-Sun. (10:30); **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Perfume: The Story of a Murderer** (R) Fri. (10:15, 4:15) 10:15 Sat,-Sun. (4:15) 10:15; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00

**Flower Hill 4**  
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)  
**Children of Men** (R); **Dreamgirls** (PG-13); **The Good Shepherd** (R); **The Painted Veil** (PG-13)

ENCINITAS

**Encinitas 8**  
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)  
**Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. 12:20, 3:30, 6:40, 9:50; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri. 12:10, 2:35 Sat,-Sun. (10:30) 12:55, 3:20; **Code Name: The Cleaner** (PG-13) Fri. 5:00, 7:30, 9:45 Sat,-Sun. 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri. 1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:45 Sat,-Sun. (10:15) 1:05, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **Happily N'Ever After** (PG) Fri. 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30 Sat,-Sun. (10:20) 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:05, 9:15; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri. 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:30 Sat,-Sun. (11:00) 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **Primeval** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25 Sat,-Sun. (10:10) 12:45, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:25; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 4:25, 7:25, 10:20 Sat,-Sun. (10:50) 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 10:25; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri. 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 10:00 Sat,-Sun. (10:35) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10

**La Paloma**  
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)  
Borat (R)

LA COSTA

**La Costa 6**  
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)  
**Blood Diamond** (R) Fri,-Sun. 7:45, 10:45; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri,-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:15; **Children of Men** (R) Fri,-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Dream-girls** (PG-13) Fri,-Sat. (10:00, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:00, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30; **Happily N'Ever After** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **My Little Pony: A Very Pony Place** (G) Sat,-Sun. (10:30); **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

OCEANSIDE

**Mission Marketplace 13**  
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)  
**Alpha Dog** (R); **Arthur and the Invisibles** (Not Rated); **Charlotte's Web** (G); **Code Name: The Cleaner** (PG-13); **Freedom Writ-ers** (PG-13); **The Good Shepherd** (R); **Happily N'Ever After** (PG); **Happy Feet** (PG); **Night at the Museum** (PG); **Primeval** (Not Rated); **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13); **Rocky Balboa** (PG); **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13)

**Oceanside 16**  
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)  
**Alpha Dog** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:40, 2:25, 5:05) 7:45, 10:25; **Apocalypcto** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:15, 3:30) 6:55, 9:50; **Arthur and the Invisibles** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun. (12:05, 2:20, 4:35) 7:10, 9:25; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri,-Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:05, 10:00; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:30) 7:00; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri,-Sun. (11:30, 1:50, 4:10); **Children of Men** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:50, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20; **Code Name: The Cleaner** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (4:00) 10:05; **Curse of the Golden Flower** (R) Fri,-Sun. (11:45, 2:15, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:40, 3:45) 6:50, 9:45; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:25, 10:15; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri,-Sun. 6:45, 10:05; **Happily N'Ever After** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:15; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (12:25, 3:00, 5:30) 8:10, 10:40; **Primeval** (Not Rated) Fri,-Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:40) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:00, 2:35, 5:15) 7:55, 10:35; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (12:20, 2:40, 5:10) 7:35, 10:00; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri,-Sun. (12:10, 2:45, 5:20) 8:00, 10:35; **We Are Mar-shall** (PG) Fri,-Sun. (9:30)

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LA SEMANA EN ESPAÑOL

## Región



## Policía desarmada

Omar Millán González

**TIJUANA.** Poco más de 2,100 policías municipales de Tijuana fueron desarmados por elementos del Ejército Mexicano. La decisión se debió a la sospecha de que algunos miembros de la corporación local están involucrados con el crimen organizado, además de su presunta implicación en los asesinatos de 23 policías. Militares recogieron armas largas y cortas de los agentes municipales como parte de las estrategias del "Operativo Tijuana" que el

gobierno federal realiza en esta ciudad por tiempo indefinido para enfrentar a mafias, narcotraficantes y la delincuencia común.

El armamento fue llevado a estudio a la zona militar de Tijuana para analizar si éste fue utilizado en actos criminales, mientras que los agentes municipales se concentraron en la explanada de Palacio para manifestarse por el trato de "delincuentes" que se les está dando. Autoridades estatales no saben cuánto durará el llamado "Operativo Tijuana".

## Deportes



## Lo exhiben

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**ESPAÑA.** La ex esposa del capitán de la Selección Mexicana de fútbol, Adriana Lavat, reclamó públicamente la actitud del jugador hacia sus hijos con quienes no pasó la temporada navideña.

Según la aún esposa del jugador, el que no se haya presentado el día que debió hacerlo a los entrenamientos del Barcelona, es una consecuencia de la vida inmadura del jugador.

"Rafa no ha pasado las Navidades conmigo ni con mis

hijos. Es una decisión que tomó él. Si ha estado en México con Jaydy Mitchel, espero que lo haya pasado bien porque yo lo único que sé es que no llegó al entrenamiento. Al final, cuando no haces las cosas bien, todo se estropea", indicó Lavat.

En lugar de quedarse en Barcelona a pasar la Noche Buena y Navidad, Márquez prefirió viajar a Guadalajara y Zamora, en compañía de su nueva pareja la modelo Jaydy Mitchel.

## San Diego



## Vuelan autos

América Barceló

Diario San Diego

**SAN DIEGO.** El robo de autos es el delito que más se repite en el condado de San Diego y hasta noviembre del año pasado se habían registrado 23 mil desapariciones de automóviles.

"El robo de autos lo llamamos delito de oportunidades, porque los ladrones acechan diariamente las calles, centros comerciales y complejos habitacionales en busca de su mercancía", dijo Gustavo Guzmán, sargento de la Unidad Anti Ro-

bos de San Diego (RATT).

En San Diego este delito es uno de los que más afecta a la población, sobre todo hispanos que son víctimas de robo de sus vehículos y de fraude al ser la clientela de ladrones que buscan deshacerse de lo hurtado.

Para combatir este delito, la Fiscalía General de San Diego y diversas corporaciones policíacas del condado conformaron el equipo RATT compuesto por agentes e investigadores de departamentos policíacos y agencias federales.

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## Mala memoria

ESTADOS UNIDOS.- Robert Nuranen finalmente devolvió a la biblioteca de su colegio el libro que había sacado hace 47 años, y al hacerlo pagó la multa correspondiente: 171 dólares.

El libro, "Prince of Egypt" (Príncipe de Egipto) estaba en la casa durante décadas y siempre que alguien lo veía lo dejaba a un lado. Nuranen finalmente lo tomó la semana pasada, cuando buscaba una caja en el ático.

"Supuse que sería mejor devolverlo y no dejar que pasen otros 10 años", dijo después de entregarlo con un cheque de 171 dólares. "Dejar que pasen 57 años habría sido una vergüenza".

El libro, con la fecha de 2

de junio de 1960 estampada en él, era parte de la fascinación del joven Nuranen con Egipto. Partió a visitar aquel país además de otros 54, y cada uno de los 50 estados de la Unión, dijo, pero nunca terminó de leer el libro.

Nuranen ahora reside en Los Ángeles, donde enseña estudios sociales y artes del lenguaje a alumnos de primero de secundaria.

La biblioteca hacía mucho que había perdido el registro del libro, expresó la bibliotecaria Sue Zubiena.

"Lo usaré de ejemplo", añadió. "Nunca es tarde para devolver un libro".

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## Meten presión

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Desde el jueves pasado se escuchan, a través de la frecuencia de radio de la Policía Municipal, las advertencias: "Les vamos a cortar la cabeza, ahora que no traen cuete". Las amenazas son lo mismo para los uniformados locales, que llevan cuatro días sin armas, que para los estatales.

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Las amenazas están grabadas y son constantes.

Pero hoy, quizá, los que se dicen más preocupados son los municipales, que el año pasado vieron caer asesinados a 18 de sus compañeros.

Actualmente, los agentes municipales son investigados por las autoridades federales para determinar si hubo infiltración de los grupos criminales en la corporación de la ciudad fronteriza.

Todos los elementos fueron despojados de sus armas de cargo, con la finalidad de verificar si fueron utilizadas para cometer algún ilícito.

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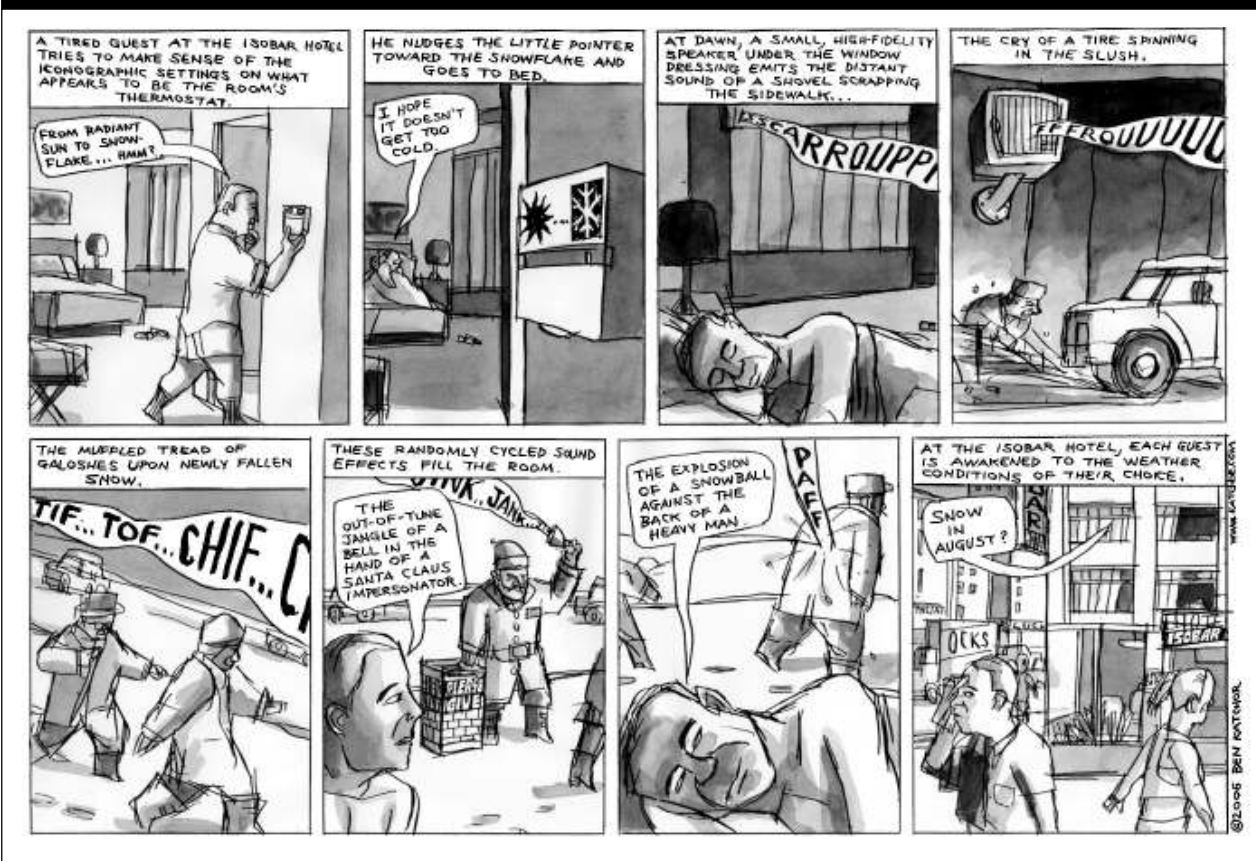
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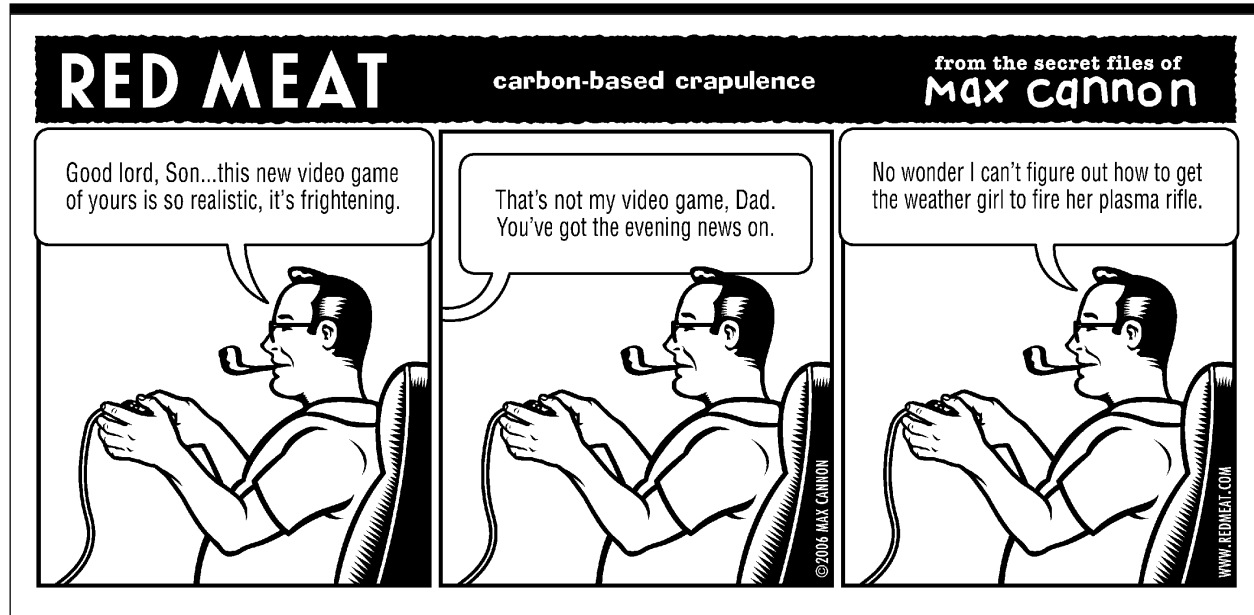


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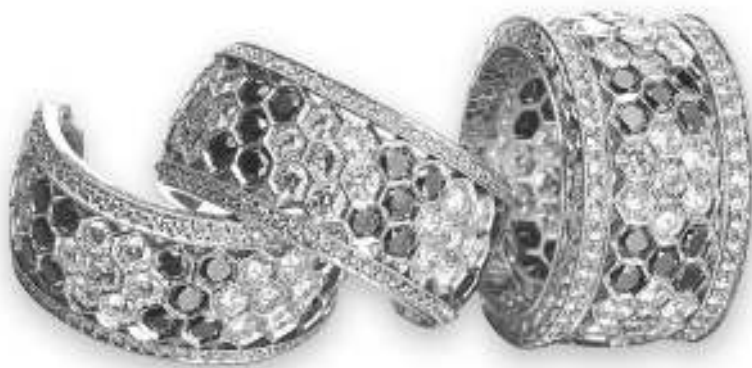
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- 15. Kind of spirit
- 16. Wallach and Whitney
- 17. Stick out like \_\_\_\_ thumb
- 18. They follow O
- 19. Word div.
- 20. Ditch
- 21. Mideast royal name
- 22. Muscat residents
- 25. Sea north of the Aleutians
- 27. Beats Kasparov
- 28. French greeting
- 31. Wide shoe width
- 32. Month in Madrid
- 33. On \_\_\_\_ (hot)
- 34. MTV afternoon show
- 35. One of four planted in this puzzle's grid
- 38. They host 34-Across
- 41. Wake up
- 42. Actors Epps and Sharif
- 46. Young seal
- 47. Grand \_\_\_\_ National Park
- 48. "Full House" star
- 49. Ground breakers
- 51. Old dinero
- 52. Crit. condition areas
- 53. "Dial \_\_\_\_ Murder"
- 56. Discount rack abbr.
- 57. Reply to "That so?"
- 58. NBA All-Star Stoudemire
- 59. "What time \_\_\_\_?"
- 60. Bad impression
- 61. Leaking
- 62. ASAP in the OR
- 63. NOW and WHO: Abbr.
- 64. Like a bump on \_\_\_\_
- 65. Norway's capital

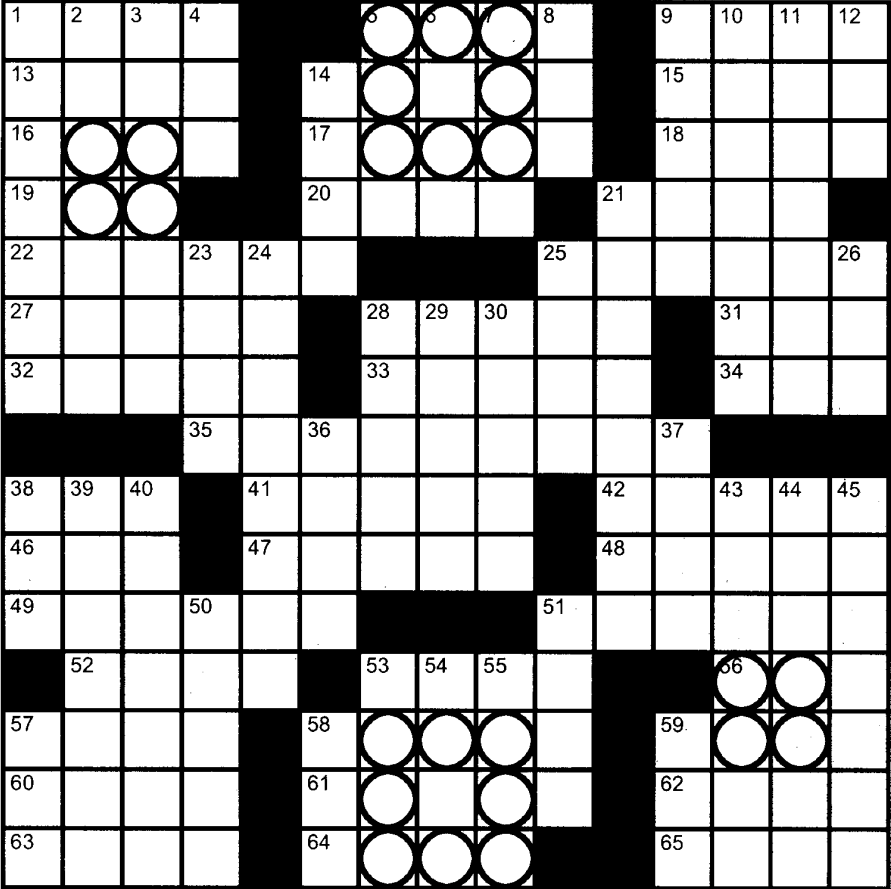
Down

- 1. "Sweet!"
- 2. Lama, e.g.
- 3. Tardy person's query
- 4. Air gun ammo
- 5. It's spent south of the border
- 6. Model T contemporaries
- 7. 2002 Literature Nobelst Kertesz
- 8. "You don't say!"
- 9. How some stocks are sold
- 10. "Can it!"
- 11. Ring who wrote "Gullible's Travels"
- 12. Middle of summer?
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- 21. Free
- 23. \_\_\_\_ ball

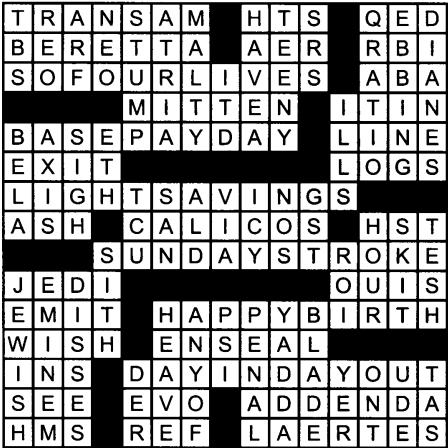
- 24. Quarantines
- 25. Lamp insert
- 26. Solidify
- 28. "You \_\_\_\_ here first!"
- 29. Huffy response to "Am not!"
- 30. Sophia of the silver screen
- 36. Miner matters?
- 37. Brief holiday?
- 38. No. 2s
- 39. Largest planet in our solar system
- 40. Spreading (out)
- 43. Ones without proper respect for their elders
- 44. Result of a hung jury, perhaps
- 45. Begin
- 50. Checks for prints
- 51. Ready for surgery
- 53. 2550, in Roman numerals
- 54. Baccarat alternative
- 55. Not a copy: Abbr.
- 57. Wedding vow
- 58. Energizer size
- 59. Prefix with therm or bar

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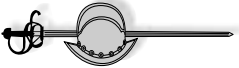
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Whenever one of our groups of our friends are together and one of them says something dumb, instead of saying, "Oh, that's stupid," we say, "You're a nerd bucket." So, we'll call somebody a nerd bucket if they do something dumb. Another phrase we say is "Neck yourself." It's like "Slap yourself." It's hard to explain what it means. If somebody said something stupid, or if you didn't know something you should've, or if one of your friends thinks you like somebody you don't, you can say, "Oh, my God, I can't believe you said that. Neck yourself!"



Michael Quintana  
Sales executive  
North Park

Well, I like to say, "I don't know you well enough." If someone asks to borrow money, or they ask me for anything, I just say, "I don't know you well enough." Even if it's somebody I've known my entire life. Even if they're just asking for something that's not a big deal, I might just say it to be funny.



Honey Sheridan  
Special education teacher  
Normal Heights

I have a phrase I like to say. It's not mine, though. It's from Mahatma Gandhi. It is "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." I say it before I go into work and start the day. Sometimes I'll say it to myself if I'm having a really stressful day. It really helps. I've been saying it for years.



Carlos De Leon  
Computers  
Normal Heights

Yeah, the phrase I say a lot is "Don't worry about it." There are just so many instances where it comes in handy. Sometimes you say it when you really mean it. Other times you are just throwing it out there. If you have friends that worry about everything, you tend to say it more often around them.



Terry Koehler  
Retired  
Point Loma

The phrase I always like to say is "take care." It can be after a phone conversation or if I'm talking to someone in person. I always seem to end it by saying, "Take care." It's a nice way to end things, and it really seems sincere.

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**FEMALE CHRISTIAN, 54**, Oceanside. Seeking long-term friendships, sincere, non-judgmental, wants to travel overseas, local, outdoors, activities. No phonies, humor, inside appearance counts most! (1/17) [70751](mailto:70751)

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**ARTICULATE, ATTRACTIVE**, Affluent, professional woman. Searching for an honest, educated, good-hearted professional man, 39 to 65, for possible relationship. (1/17) [70180](mailto:70180)

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**ASIAN, EXOTIC, UNIQUE**, Nice legs/smile, curvaceous figure, healthcare professional, childless, homeowner. Desires fun, fit, nonsmoker, upscale, generous, compatible, 30+ Asian/Caucasian, stable professional. (1/24) [70209](mailto:70209)

**A NEW DAY A NEW YEAR**, Looking for a nice gentleman, 70 year lady, hope your dreams will come true, if shared by two. (1/24) [70193](mailto:70193)

**BRITISH GENTLEMAN**, 43-55, desired by pretty, green-eyed white lady, 48, humorous, world traveler, healthy lifestyle, nature lover. Please have similar interests/lifestyle. (1/24) [70196](mailto:70196)

**GOOD-LOOKING LADY** With nice figure and pleasing personality. Seeking cuddly, lovable friend who is 60+, over 5'9", carefree, and needing TLC. (1/24) [70213](mailto:70213)

**ISLAND GIRL**, friendly, 38. Enjoy travel, movies, fine dining. Seeking well-built, educated, respectful, golden years gentleman who wants to treat me like princess, queen. (1/17) [70187](mailto:70187)

**BEAUTIFUL 48-YEAR-OLD**, Striking, bluish green-eyed lady, enjoys sports, beach, animals, going on walks. Seeking easygoing man, nonsmoker, between ages 43 to 52, with similar interest. (1/24) [70192](mailto:70192)

**2007 SEIZE THE YEAR!** 39, successful homeowner, nurse, voluptuous. Seeking average looking counterpart with Michael Lawdon personality for monogamous relationship. Travel, concerts, laughs, dinners, love. (1/17) [70188](mailto:70188)

**SINCERE FILIPINA**, 5'3" slim, loving, caring, outgoing, compassionate, humorous.

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**SINCERE, ADVENTURESOME** loving lady, 5'6", trim, no dependents. Enjoy outdoors. Seeking tall, white, healthy, 57-69, to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (858). (1/17) [70189](mailto:70189)

**YOUNGER, HOT MALE** That can keep up with me. Sexy, smooth, dark-brown skin, 5'6", 130lbs, 46. You attractive, 5'10"+, fit, clean-cut, nonsmoker, hair. (1/17) [70181](mailto:70181)

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**ATTRACTIVE ASIAN**, Health care provider, 42, 115lbs, 5'4", no children, outgoing, love outdoors activities, homeowner, financially secure. Seeking college graduate, 40-45, nonsmoker, athletic. (1/24) [70201](mailto:70201)

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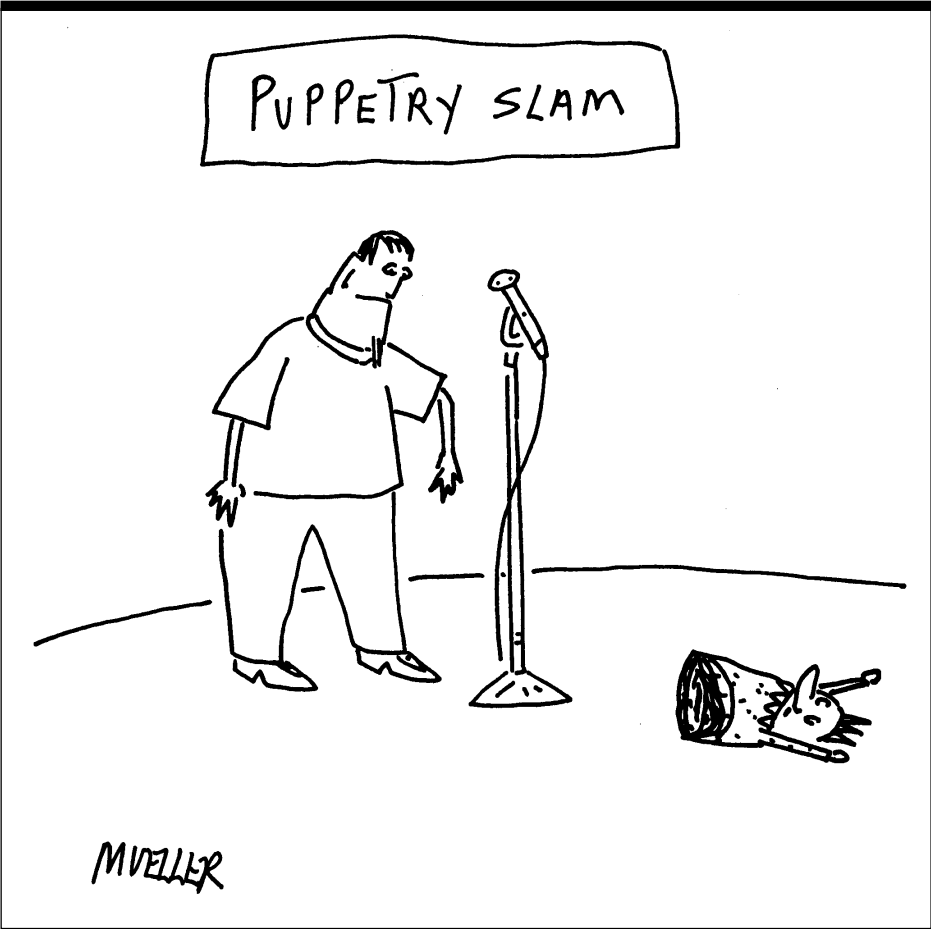
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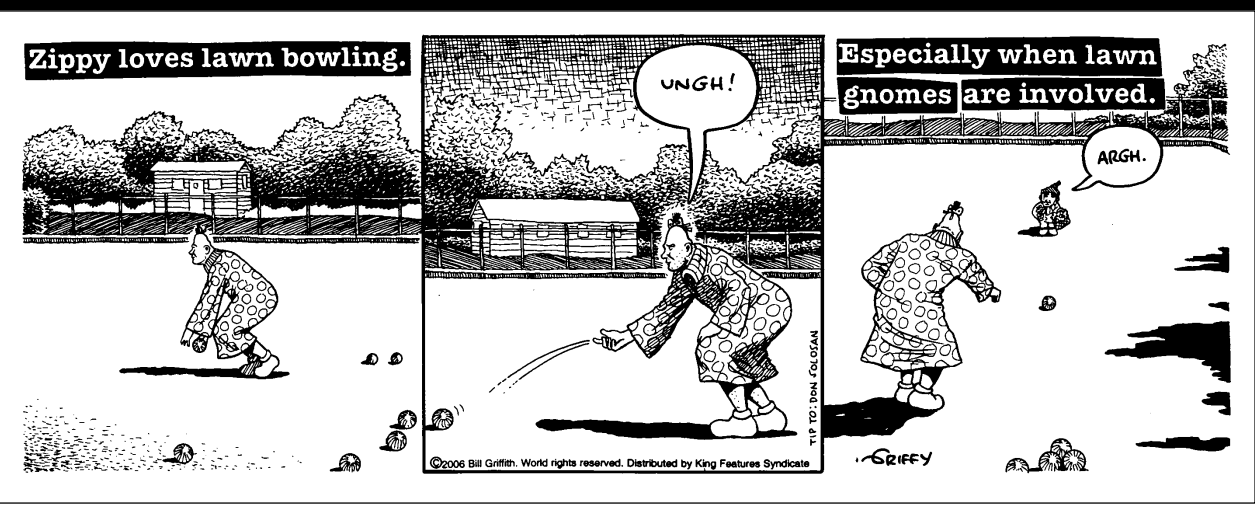
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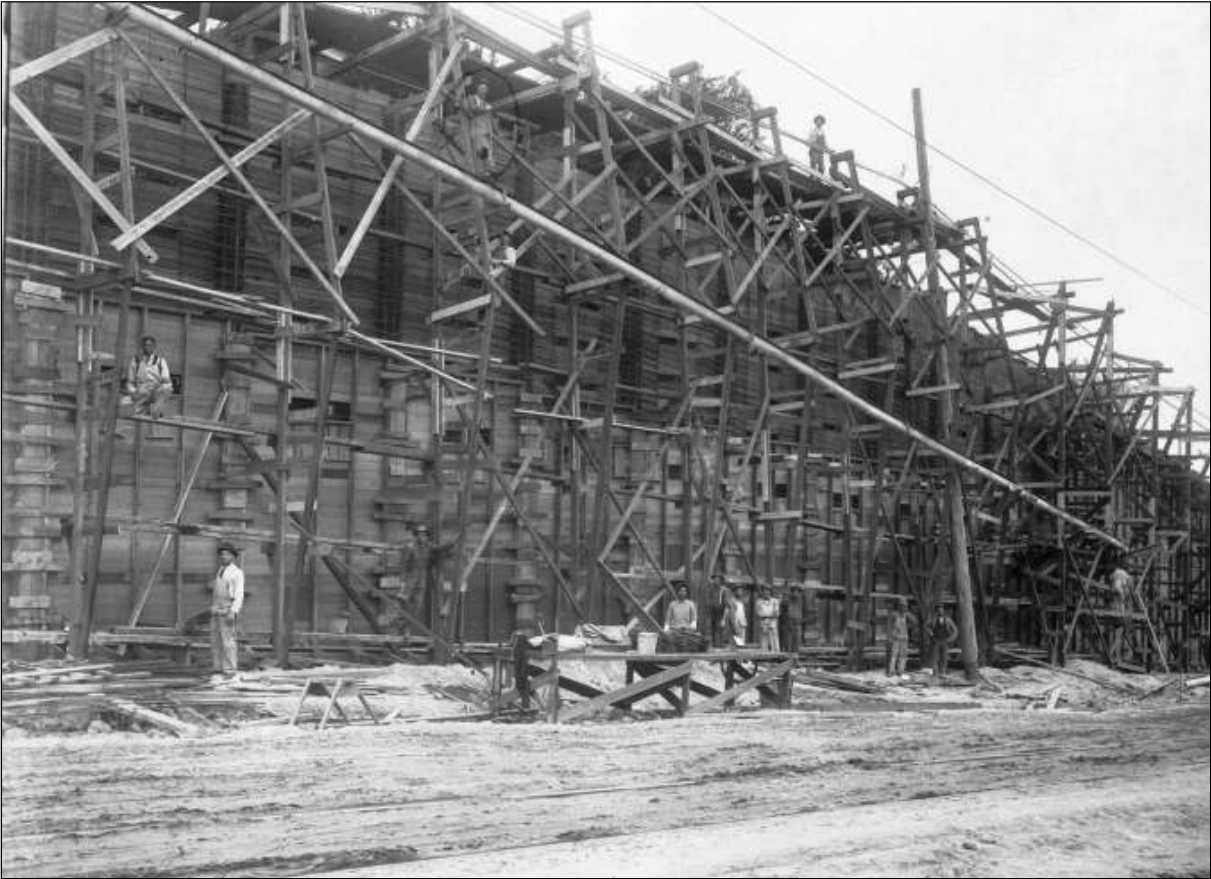
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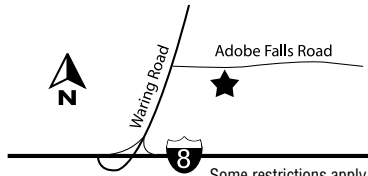
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# BACK WHEN

## In the Reader

### Thirty Years Ago

These, then, are my top ten movies of 1976, in order of ever more mixed feelings: Claude Sautet's *Vincent, Francois, Paul, and the Others*, Arturo Ripstein's *The Castle of Purity*, Hugo Fregonese's *La Mala Vida*, Claude Lelouch's *And Now My Love*, Martha Coolidge's *Not a Pretty Picture*, Charles B. Griffith's *Eat My Dust*, Don Siegel's *The Shootist*, Francois Truffaut's *The Story of Adele H.*, Bertrand Tavernier's *The Clockmaker of St. Paul*, and Alan Pakula's *All the President's Men*.

—“CRITIC'S CHOICE: TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT,”

Duncan Shepherd, January 20, 1977

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

The battle over the stadium name began more than a year ago when Mayor Wilson, appearing during halftime on an ABC *Monday Night Football* telecast, announced his intention to redesignate the stadium in honor of Murphy. However, the mayor's unilateral proclamation triggered an angry public debate. The question was finally resolved in January of last year when the council compromised and came up with “San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium.”

—CITY LIGHTS: “THE SAN DIEGO JACK MURPHY STADIUM CONTROVERSY,” Matt Potter, January 14, 1982

### Twenty Years Ago

Doug (“Dutch”) Schultz, the former president of the Hell's Angels in San Diego, was voted out of the local chapter last fall. At the same time, three other members were ousted (or voluntarily retired, depending upon whom you talk to). But Schultz, who is serving a five-year prison term on methamphetamine and related charges, was recently reinstated to the shrinking group of San Diego bikers, according to an agent with the U.S. Marshal's office. The local Hell's Angels had to take him back, the federal agent says, because they unknowingly violated their national charter by expelling an incarcerated member.

—CITY LIGHTS: “ANGEL FEUD,” Brae Canlen,

January 15, 1987

### Fifteen Years Ago

A series of freak thunderstorms dumped 56 inches of rain on the San Diego area in early January, destroying thousands of homes in the North Inland area, and washing away most of the 1970s residential community of Rancho Bernardo.

The month is already the wettest January on record, and local reservoirs are filled to near-normal levels for the first time in seven

years. However, local water experts warn that the drought is not yet over and that water rationing must remain in effect.

—SAN DIEGO CONFIDENTIAL: “JANUARY RAINS WASH AWAY RANCHO BERNARDO,” Margot Sheehan, January 16, 1992

### Ten Years Ago

The lady who lived on Lymer Drive for many years, who was there the afternoon Momo shot Marie and then himself, said that San Diego, for people like herself, changed so much after the war. “It had been a lovely, small town. Then,” she said, “people with nothing to lose came out here. They had nothing. All they had to do was pack up a suitcase and button up their coats and come. People who were already here, who had good livings, we just stayed and faced it. But, after the war, it was never the same.”

—“HONEST-TO-GOD CROOKS WITH BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS,” Judith Moore, January 9, 1997

### Five Years Ago

As an aside, I should note that I have received occasional complaints from readers about my running down the Chargers over and over again. Personally, I don't care if the organiza-



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tion extorts hundreds of millions of dollars from the good citizens of San Diego in order to build a new-fangled football stadium in which to play eight regular-season games each season. Hell, put in another hot tub for me. If the Chargers can swindle that much money from the tax-paying public after the shoddy product they've put on the field year after year after year, well, that's what made this country great. I would love — if for no other reason than as a change of pace — to run up the Chargers.

—SPORTING BOX: “SEEMS WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE,” Patrick Daugherty, January 10, 2002

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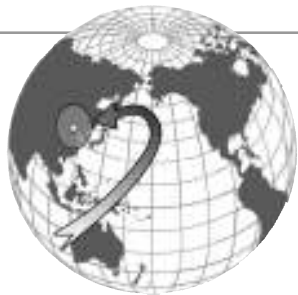
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Luckily for you, I'm not one of those people who think an inability to navigate the Windows file system or operate simple office programs is all Microsoft's fault. It's unquestionably the computer. In my never-ending quest to hone my finger-pointing reserves for more efficient blameage, let it be known that I'd charge an exorbitant amount of money on someone else's credit card to discover exactly who it was that decided to make keyboards with those teeny weeny shift keys. Look, it's hard enough to send your pinky stretching and probing for the only two keys on the board that make you sound educated without having to send in a team of trained SEAL mercenaries tracking death bringers every time you want to capitalize something.

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I smack my machine around enough as it is. If my computer was a child, social services would have swooped it out from under my abusive fingers, swung it up onto their shoulders, and, shooting damning looks at me over its rectangular head, whispered, "Mommy won't touch you there ever again," while it mewled in little ones and zeros all the while. "Oh, what?" I holler through the screen door as they sprint across my patchy lawn toward waiting cars, "and you've never had to find a compatible USB driver? Fine! Take it! It's aaaalllll yours!"

I'm pretty good with gadgets. They giggle when I tickle them. You can stop wondering what I was doing while all the other kids were outside. Screw the innocence of youth; kids are bratty, cruel, and totally have poop pants. But computers and I have long-standing diplomatic relations. We have an understanding. I talk to them in a language they understand — "Zot

Thrasher Boot Disk Fight!" — and they keep turning on when I press the round button.

Now I discover that a harmonious relationship with household electronics can be added to the monstrosously long list of other things that being in China does not help. It's not that you can't get what you need here. China might still be working on producing edible dairy products, but they're on the cutting edge of ripping off other people's awesome inventions. There are whole six-story shopping complexes dedicated to computers that look exactly like Sonys and little gadgets that function exactly like iPods, complete with sanitary hospital packaging and miniature apple. It's bloody hard to complain when you can buy the Never-winter Nights expansion pack for a dollar thanks to all the placating lip-service that China's paid to the WTO in regards to cracking down on pirate DVDs and software. It's easy to complain when three computers in a row explode when you touch them. It's been happening to me all month. I reach over to plug something in, there's a popping sound, and the whole system goes dead. This is the government's fault.

The PRC has had god-like control over the elements for decades. At the beginning of the Cultural Revolution in 1966, commie scientists discovered that every time they took a picture of Chairman

Mao, regardless of the time of day or which direction he was facing, the sun was always directly behind his head, giving him a radioactive halo of Farmer Satisfaction Beams. Since then, their superpowers have grown, allowing them to stuff a country almost as big as the U.S. into a single time zone, simply by *stamping a piece of paper*. One out of 1.5 Tibetan



farmers surveyed expressed gratification that sunset would occur at around 2:30 p.m. throughout the winter months. "You know how sometimes you eat this huge lunch and then you're starving again, like, two hours later?" a whole Tibetan farmer quipped. "What's with that?"

Half of a Tibetan farmer had this to say: "Ungh, my kneecaps..."

Other supernatural feats include mass substitution of the phrase "Socialism with Chinese Characteristics" for "Capitalism, Only With Chinese People" and also making it rain by firing an anti-aircraft gun at the sky. No, seriously. The Wet Dragon

Cloudblaster Ubertank, housed on a military base just north of Beijing, is one of those things that was invented by ironic accident during a nationwide drought, when a young chemical engineer burst into the 31st Annual People's Committee Confucian Karaoke Poetry Slam and Hoedown with uplifting news.

"Great leaders!" he belated. "The pelicans have brought cloud relief!"

But through the thunderous sound of nearly five hundred men simultaneously patting their own backs, the officials heard only, "The Americans have invented the boxer brief!"

"Shoot them. With silver iodide rockets," they told him. The chemical consolidated the moisture in the clouds, the drought ended, and Second Deputy Premiere Tu Qi Lai was congratulated on his peppy rendition of "Come On, Eileen."

So, don't tell me someone in the politburo can't wave a magic kite over this city and make all the electrical sockets whisper soothing little nothings into our collective power ports. Next up: enchanted taxis that stay in one lane and bloggers who know when to keep their mouth shut. Meh. One out of two ain't bad.

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Around this time of year, I get inquiries about my picture book, *Hanna's Christmas*. Since you can't find a copy on Amazon this year, I thought I'd post about it. It was published in 2001 and was a joint effort between HarperFestival (an imprint of HarperCollins) and Hanna Andersson, the clothing retailer. (I used my married name, not my pen name.)

I was commissioned to write the book as a work-for-hire, which means there's no royalty — the writer gets a flat fee and that's that, no matter how well the book sells. Most books involving licensed characters or merchandise tie-ins are work-for-hire projects. I don't do work-for-hire anymore, but it was a good way to hone my craft when I was young and hungry. It was also a good way to pay scary medical bills when we were self-employed and under-insured.

I'm fond of the Hanna book, although it was a bear to write. Like every other work-for-hire I've done, there were too many editors involved, each of them contradicting the others. There was a Harper senior editor, a Harper junior editor, the Harper merch director, and an editor who worked for the packager (a kind of middleman publishing company that put together the deal between Harper and Hanna Andersson). I was hired by the Harper folks to write "a picture

book about a little Swedish girl named Hanna who moves to America and is homesick, and it's Christmas. Oh, and also we'd like there to be a tomten in it."

They already had sketches of Hanna and the tomten, adorably and whimsically drawn by artist Melissa Iwai. From there, it was all up to me...sort of. I came up with the storyline, which had to be approved by all the aforementioned folks and then someone at Hanna Andersson. I wrote a draft, which got bumped back and forth a zillion times as every editor weighed in with remarks.

Like this: In the first draft, I described the tomten's hat as "red as a rowanberry." One of the editors bounced it back with a strike-through.

"Change to, 'his hat was bright red,'" read the note in the margin. "American readers won't know what rowanberries are."

Sigh. I argued that "bright red" was flat and boring. Okay, I wasn't that blunt, but that was the

gist. I pointed out that we'd be better off cutting the whole sentence, since the artwork would clearly show that the tomten's hat was red.

Nope, said the editor, go with



"his hat was bright red." So I did, growling at the screen. That's just dumb writing. When you're reading a book to your kids, you don't want to get stuck dragging through pedestrian sentences like "his hat was bright red." Bleh.

And then the next person up the line — the merch director, whom I'd worked with before and who happens to be a first-rate

editor — read the manuscript. She sent it back with her comments. There was a note by "his hat was bright red."

"Flat. Can you punch up?" Me: "AAAAAAUUUU-UGGGGGHHHHH!"

I changed it to "red as a hollyberry," and that's the line that made it into the book. I still think rowanberry was better.

Anyway, I loved the story and am fond of my slightly grumpy Hanna and her grumpier tomten friend. I was pleased that I got to work in the St. Lucia feast day tradition, since that was already such a tradition in our little family. I got a kick out of having Hanna and the tomten make a construction paper crown, because that was what I had done for Jane the December before. I loved the artwork — I have never met or even spoken to Melissa Iwai, but I thought her work was gorgeous.

In the end, I was happy with the book and was a little bummed

it was a merch tie-in, because that put it in a different category of book, and I knew it would never be reviewed by the critics. To my surprise, it did get a nice review in *School Library Journal*, but still, it was a merch property, not intended for a long and dignified life on library shelves. After all, the characters are all wearing Hanna Andersson clothing. Even the endpapers are Hanna prints. (Was it a book or a commercial?)

That's the trouble with work-for-hire, and that's why I'm glad I don't have to take on that kind of project anymore.

In the end, I'm glad I took on the Hanna project. I liked the challenge of trying to tell an engaging and well-crafted story within the confines placed upon me by the various bosses. There's a certain satisfaction in trying to make art out of something so commercial.

Originally, Harper had asked me to write a sequel, but that book got killed somewhere between the second and third draft. Apparently sales of *Hanna's Christmas* were less than impressive.

Last year I discovered that the book had taken on a new life in the resale market. People were hunting for it, trying to land a copy. This year there are no copies on the market at all. I guess everyone who bought it last year decided to hold on to it, which is nice to think about.

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This should clear right up. I'll try flipping channels. Using the "up" and "down" arrows on the remote and trying to punch in a specific channel yield nothing. The red light on the corner of the clicker lights up, but nothing happens on the TV. It's stuck on "AZNTV."

Okay. It's okay.

Maybe it'll come back on in a minute. I'll go to the kitchen and pour a bourbon and soda. I'll let the box dry out while I check my e-mail.

It's no big deal.

ANGER

Son of a bitch! What the hell do I have to do? Screw Asian TV! I can't understand a damned thing.

Even if I knew Japanese, I wouldn't savvy this program. Why is that man with the yellow mohawk dressed as a wizard, and why is he sprinkling glitter all over the interior of that train car? Stupid program.

BARGAINING

Please. Please. Just let me figure out what is wrong with this box. Please.

I've got it unplugged and on my kitchen counter. I'm a handy guy; I thought if I looked inside, there'd be a tiny steam engine and a light bulb that had obviously burnt out that I could bypass with some tinfoil or something, but this damn thing... It's all green microchips, soldered diodes, and little aluminum towers with air-cooling fins.

I wonder if the cable company will come out to my house at 8:00 p.m. to fix it. I could pay extra on my next bill.

I swear, I'll never hold liquids over the box while reaching for a DVD ever again. Please.

DEPRESSION

I'm so tired.

I'm so cold.

All I wanted to do was watch that scene in *Chasing Amy* where Joey Lauren Adams is screaming in the rain because I was watching *My Name is Earl* and I was half drunk. It's not my fault.

All I want to do now is put my cable box together in time for *The Office*, and it's not going to work. It's only going to get the Asian Channel again, and I don't care. I'm so tired and cold.

ACCEPTANCE

This isn't so bad. If I turn it into a drinking game, it might actually be fun.

All right, here we go. Every time that man dressed as a woman tries to force a hunk of meat the size of a football into an unsuspecting businessman's mouth, I'll do a shot.

This'll all be over soon and it's not so bad.

THIS WEEK'S TV LINEUP AS IT RELATES TO HEALTH AND FITNESS

As part of my New Year's resolutions (as part of almost everyone's resolutions), I'm going on a diet and exercising more.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

SPORTSCENTER

ESPN 8:30 A.M.

Day one: I'm mixing this awful drink I'm supposed to have for the next week. I'm not supposed to eat anything. The drink is lemon juice, cayenne pepper, and maple syrup. I'm lazy and didn't go to the store, so I'm using Nestle Quick chocolate milk, Tabasco sauce, and vodka. Meh. It's not bad. If I drink it while I'm chewing mint tobacco, it tastes like a spicy white Russ-

ian. I can feel myself getting healthier already.

LARRY KING LIVE

CNN 9:00 P.M.

Time for some exercise. I signed up for the gym. I drive the four blocks to the gym, walk on the treadmill for ten minutes, and watch CNN. It is the worst ten minutes of my life. I keep a towel over the digital readout, fooling myself as to how long I've been walking. At one point, I think the clock actually went backwards. I lifted the towel and thought I read 7:53. The next time I lifted the towel, the clock read 7:25. What? Son of a bitch! After ten minutes, I drive home and drink my diet vodka, chocolate milk,

and Tabasco shake.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

SEMI-HOMEMADE COOKING WITH SANDRA LEE

FOOD 12:30 P.M.

Day two: I've substituted coffee for the Tabasco because I was tired yesterday morning and needed a nap after my workout. Ah. The coffee is much better. Coffee, vodka, and chocolate milk is a hearty and healthy way to start the day!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

SEINFELD

FOX 8:00 P.M.

Day three: I don't know who's in charge of what's on TV in the gym, but this is terrible. I was all geared up to read the top headlines in closed captioning and listen to some gay dance-club music while walking on the treadmill, but someone switched channels on me. I didn't even see anyone go near the TV. I thought walking for ten minutes and watching CNN was horrid. This sort of thing should be reserved for reticent prisoners of war. I have to cut my workout short. I can't watch this.

BASILISK: THE SERPENT KING

SCIFI 7:00 P.M.

Diet-shake time. I've gone back to the original plan of cayenne pepper, lemon juice, and maple syrup. I imagine it's an elixir that will allow me to grow ram's horns, a tail, and bat wings. I should be ten feet tall and four hundred pounds of muscle by nightfall. I can feel it working. Yes. Yes. Soon I will be king of the animals, and I will command my army of baboons to take Arnold Schwarzenegger's mansion for my own.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

KRISTI YAMAGUCHI & FRIENDS

NBC 1:00 P.M.

Day four: That diet drink bored me to tears, and I've switched to coffee, whiskey, and, dammit, if I don't like a dash of hot sauce and a touch of chocolate milk now. I guess all those health-conscious decisions really do add up. After my third chocolate booze and coffee shake, I feel like a million bucks. Yep, it's healthy livin' for me. I could be in the 2008 Olympics if I stay on track.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

GOOD MORNING AMERICA

ABC 8:00 A.M.

Day five: Good lord, I woke up with a horrid hangover. Those diet shakes pack a wallop. I'll



Kristi Yamaguchi & Friends

take a day off from the diet-and-exercise regimen to recuperate. A big stinkin' breakfast burrito from the taco shop two blocks down should fix me up. Of course, I'll drive there. I don't want to overstrain.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

ALL MY CHILDREN

ABC 12:00 P.M.

Day six: Back on the health bandwagon! This morning, I thought, *Why the hell am I drinking booze and coffee in the morning to get into better shape? That's ridiculous!* I'll switch to beer in the afternoon. Anything before noon isn't good for you, you know.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

FLW OUTDOORS

FOX SPORTS WORLD 11:00 A.M.

Day seven: One week of clean livin'! I feel like a million bucks. I thought it was stupid to drive to the gym and then walk on a treadmill when I could walk in the great outdoors. Ah, the glory of North Park in the morning. The air is brisk and smells faintly of carne asada. My first walk, I made it to the liquor store, half the distance to the gym. Without having to worry about getting into my running shorts, I completed the workout in my bathrobe and picked up some beer for my afternoon health drink. Michelob Ultra. It's low carb.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

REAL WORLD/ROAD RULES CHALLENGE

MTV 10:00 A.M.

Day eight: I've gone back to my traditional diet drink. I had been fooling myself this whole time. I'm not really following a diet-and-exercise regimen if I keep changing it. So, it's vodka, chocolate milk, and Tabasco. I even drank it on my workout walk this morning. My walk was shorter than usual, though. I made it out to the street where my pickup is parked, and I sat on the tailgate. You know, for fresh air. It's been a whole week, and I'll take it easy today to reward myself for a job well done. It feels good to set a goal and stick to it.

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# T.G.I.F.

For several years I dismissed most cell-phone users as pathetic, needy losers....

By John Brizzolara

Pat Robertson, the TV evangelist, got me thinking. Another sign of the apocalypse possibly, but there it is. I saw him on *The 700 Club* this morning after a channel-flipping moment of desperation born of Katie Couric's absence on that other show (The Specialist calls it "The Yelling Show" because of the ring of non-paying audience members yelling in the background for no apparent reason), which would have been my usual morning television routine — a first-time admission. Pat was talking about how you can get fat as a result of sleep deprivation and how a lot of people these days sacrifice sleep to their pagers and cell phones and e-mails and Blackberrys and whatnot. In other words, he tagged a large chunk of the population for whom TGIF (the concept, not the column) has no meaning.

For several years I dismissed most cell-phone users as pathetic, needy losers with such low self-esteem that they had to proclaim their importance and connection with humanity to strangers on a bus or in a restaurant by gibbering inanities at an inappropriate volume into their cameras. Now I'm forced to the conclusion that many of these poor fools are actually working in some way or other, and they are eking out some form of gratification in what is ultimately a sad, compensatory form. I know this because I'm one of them.

I'm glad it's Friday because it gives me a rubric (kind of a gray rubric, I guess) to hang some thousand words or so of prose onto what might otherwise appear in crayon on the one-ply toilet tissue requisitioned for some state home for pale neurotics suffering from a vague sense of existential malaise — or in the parlance of our time, some bonzo bin for manic-depressives. I blithely assumed, in some unattended Recess of Unrevised Assumptions, that the equivalent of Joe Lunchbox was still living for those Friday-night bowling tournaments, and indeed some may. But a greater truth lies somewhere in the area of many thousands now for whom the work week is just an arbitrary slice of life, a happy snapshot of a moment on that Hamster Wheel O' Fun that is the Prozac-sodden, networking-nutty, deal boogie to the grave.

What Pat was getting at on *The 700 Club* was, of course, that these compulsive Blackberry brandishers and cell-phone obsessives are chasing down money. (When I included myself as one of them it was not for this reason; my "ultimately sad" compensation has more to do with the nature of writing itself, another Freudian kettle, no doubt.) As Aristotle pointed out, "It is not wealth but character that lasts"; and Schopenhauer followed up with, "Fortune may always change, but not character.... We should be more intent on promoting and preserving such qualities ['a noble nature, a capable head'] than on the possession of external wealth and external honor."

But does the work ethic really count for anything if you love your job? The question reminds me of a scene in some Woody Allen film, *Love and Death*, I'm pretty sure, where Diane Keaton says something to Allen about sex being dirty, and Allen replies, "It is if you're doing it right." So, yeah, I think your job should challenge you — even to the point of being a kind of cross to bear at times. But if it is only for money, that is, beyond what you need and at reasonable intervals that which you desire, then it is probably an indication that you should look at it and also an indication that you may not want to.

If one of your New Year's resolutions was to work more, then it is likely born out of a practical and apparent need to do so. If, on the other hand, you felt the need to resolve to work less, it's probably a good instinct and again, maybe an indication that you would find examining your motives for working so hard in the first place worth looking at.

Myself, I'm off the hook. I need to work more and I'll enjoy doing so.



Pat Robertson (photo illustration)

To look at why I didn't work more in 2006 (with the exception of about six weeks of personal chaos), I only have to go as far as someone's anonymous saw about working smarter rather than more or faster or something. I probably worked as much as I ever did last year, but all of it was aimed in the direction of love rather than pragmatism. Yes, labors of love. Hey, they count, don't they? To put it simply, I put some time into writing fiction with no guaranteed paycheck. I'm sure I'll do that too this year and maybe even more of it, but I'll be doing more of the work with a reasonable expectation of payment involved, too. I will just do more, period. At which point I will be even more firmly ensconced in the ranks of those both Pat Robertson and I consider a little ridiculous.

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