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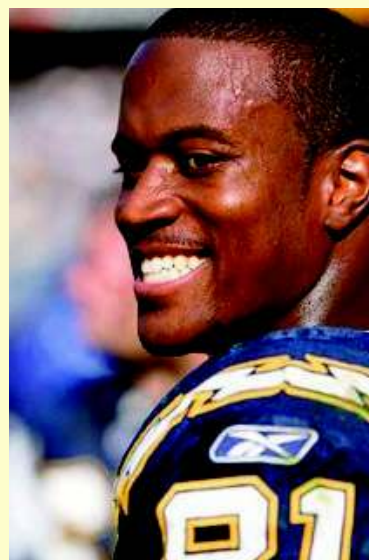
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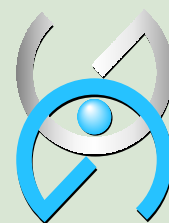
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## BREAKING NEWS

**Blum versus Dynes** The story that University of California regent **Richard Blum**,



Richard Blum

husband of Democratic senator **Dianne Feinstein**, engineered the ouster of university president **Bob Dynes** last summer is well known. Ex-UCSD chancellor Dynes, a physicist with little administrative experience but friends in high places, including recently resigned regent and Padres owner **John**

**Moore**, was dumped after repeated scandals and legislative investigations into secret perks and bonuses given to highly placed university officials.

Now, details of how Blum and the university stage-managed Dynes's August departure have emerged. Emails released by UC in response to a Public Records Act request reveal that in the week before the resignation announcement, staffers labored over multiple news-release drafts, stonewalled reporters, and otherwise sought to orchestrate the resignation, with a hard-nosed Blum calling most of the shots through an aide.

The email trail begins on August 6, when Blum's assistant wrote university provost **Wyatt "Rory" Hume** saying that an early draft of the departure statement to be issued by Dynes needed revision. "Right now the tone is one of being resigned to failure, that he is stepping down because he can't do the job. While that may be true, it's not consistent with the 'soft landing' Dick (and I presume Bob) had in mind."



Wyatt Hume

By August 12, the provost seemed to be growing frustrated. "Dick called me again at 10:30 last night, and at 7 this morning, to let me know that he doesn't like the way this is shaping up, and that he wants a change of emphasis," Hume wrote **Michael Reese**, the university's public relations chief. "Dick wants to talk about the accomplishments of UC during Bob's time, not the accomplishments of Bob. He wants Bob to thank all around him, not try to big-note himself."

Provost Hume quoted Blum as saying, "I see far too much 'I,' not enough 'we,'" and noted, "I predict that little of this will reach the press — they will go where they want to go — but doing what we can to frame the stuff that you create about Bob in a less ego-centric way may help." Quoting Blum again, the provost continued, "Re-do the whole thing — change the message," were his final words to me. Happy Sunday.

Officials were also trying to keep the resignation from the media. **Odessa Johnson**, a regent from Modesto, had given details of the imminent resignation to the *San Francisco Chronicle*. On August 12, Reese, the PR chief, wrote Dynes and his wife, "Not sure if Rory has made you aware, but Chronicle has Odessa on the record saying you are stepping down. We have been arguing that a single

source is not enough to go with the story, and it has at least given them pause. I'd say we have a 30% chance of prevailing without a story tomorrow. But it probably means pushing everything back until Monday."

That evening, **Diane Griffiths**, secretary and chief of staff to the Board of Regents, wrote Provost Hume to apologize for giving the story to Odessa Johnson. "Shoot I guess we knew it would happen. But I feel awful since I am the one who talked with her. Like everyone else I told her it would not be announced till late Monday or early Tuesday — it was still up in the air then — and that it should be kept confidential so that Bob could talk with folks in the appropriate order. She has been quite sick. I wonder if she didn't take in what I was telling her." The secretary added that she was trying to keep inquiring legislative staffers away from any news about the Dynes exit. "Well I can tell it is out too because I got an email from the Speaker's staff asking to confirm and if he quit or was fired. Have not answered and don't plan to today."



Bob Dynes

As it happened, the word had previously been leaked to *Los Angeles Times* reporter **Rick Paddock**. On Saturday, August 11, **Christopher Edley Jr.**, dean of the university's Boalt Hall law school, wrote the secretary, "Hey there — I'm the source — on deep background, as they say — and he's embargoed until whenever open time you (Dick) tell him. So he knows that you will decide whether (1) he's got a scoop and gets to run a print or web story Tuesday morning, or (2) he's simply getting an exclusive heads-up so that he can write a better, timely story. Rick's happy either way, but Dick [Blum] didn't indicate which approach he wanted to take. Dick chose this Rick because Rick wrote a flattering profile of him a few months ago, following my introduction."

But on Monday, August 13, Paddock was told he'd lost his scoop. The day before, Provost Hume emailed Dean Edley: "The SF Chronicle now has a story that Dick has called Regents to discuss Bob's stepping down, and they are very likely to run it tomorrow... So Dick has asked that we plan for announcement tomorrow, assuming that the story breaks." Though the *Chronicle* story didn't appear, the announcement went ahead anyway.

"So sorry, change of plans," Griffiths, the secretary, emailed the *Times* reporter at 9:40 Monday morning. "I'll buy you a cup of coffee one day and get to know you/fill you in more. Look for something later this morning. Dick still wants to talk with you, but the timing is up in the air again. There are decent reasons — but that's a coffee conversation." Two days later, on Wednesday, August 15, the *Chronicle* finally ran its Dynes story, reporting that Blum had told Dynes three weeks earlier that he would be forced to resign because he'd failed to reform the "dysfunctional" university system.

— Matt Potter

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## Don't Pop This Bubble

By Don Bauder

**S**ome scholars say there is no way to tell if the economy or stock market is in a bubble. Wrong. The telltale signs are

maniacal initial public offerings (IPOs) — young companies taking their stocks public for the first time. The early investors usually sell a small percentage of their shares to the public. If the new stocks rise wildly — as inevitably happens in an overheated market — the insiders find themselves very rich. When the IPO market is sizzling, the overall stock market is almost always in a bubble, and the economy could be in one too.

This year, emerging tech companies have been rushing initial public offerings to market, but the game may slow sharply or possibly halt for a spell. "It was terrific for tech" until early November, says Bud Leedom of *California Stock Report*. But now tech

stocks and the overall market have taken a pounding. "Techs trade at high valuations anyway, so it looks like they will



John Moore

take a pause," or perhaps a pratfall. And "this tech market casts a pall over the IPO market. I think a lot of planned issues will be delayed."

The high-tech/dot-com bubble of the late 1990s ended in the 2000 crash and economic woes. History is replete with other examples. Over the years, the standards for going public have weakened. Several decades ago, a company making an initial public offering would likely be

profitable or at least close to profitability. No longer. Companies that don't even see profits on the far horizon hurry to peddle their shares to a greedy and giddy public.

China is flashing warning signs. In early November, an initial public offering of Alibaba.com, an Internet company, tripled in price the first day of trading. Among the many others that have gone public this year are Qiao Xing Mobile, Acorn International, Sincere Pharmaceutical, Xin-



Valerie Stallings

hua Finance Media, Tongji-tang Chinese Medicine, and JA Solar. The Chinese economy and stock market have been roaring for several years. Both could be bubbles: the hot market for new stock issues is a clue. Here's a warning, though: some people were saying that the Chinese market was in a bubble a couple of years ago.

In 1999 and 2000, our IPO market was insane — nation-

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## Neal Obermeyer





## What Will Burn, What Will Not

By Ernie Grimm

**F**ires make David Hogan nervous. It's not because he's afraid his Pine Valley house will burn down. It's because after

every fire in Southern California, politicians start clamoring for reduction of the "fuel" that covers the hillsides. Case in point: Senator Dianne Feinstein's October 26 announcement that she planned to seek \$775 million of federal money to be used



David Hogan

in part for "hazardous fuels reduction" in Southern California. In her letter to the chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, Feinstein wrote, "We believe that it is critical to make a substantial and immediate investment to expand

an Indiana Jones hat, and black wrap-around sunglasses, 37-year-old Hogan looks like a combination of hipster and outdoorsman. He stands in the Park and Ride lot in the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Interstate 8 and State Route 79 near Descanso, pointing to a pair of hills a quarter mile to the north. Highway 79 runs between them. The hill to the east of the road is covered in a green blanket of chaparral. The hill to the west is dotted with green plants. But between the plants are dead grasses. "There's very little difference between those two hills," Hogan says in a basso profundo speaking voice. "They both face south and have the same exposure. They're at the same elevation. But the one to the west of the road burned in the Cedar Fire in 2003. The one to the east hasn't burned since the Laguna Fire in the early 1970s. That's the kind of recovery you get over 30 years. There's a lot more habitat value on that east hill than

and Highway 79 to the west. Nothing's alive in the pasture. It's covered in dead grass that has dried to a beautiful golden color. "This pasture is a good example of what happens with disturbance, whether it's from cows, from fire, or freeway construction. That whole slope by the off-ramp of the freeway, that's a manufactured slope that was filled and compacted when they put the freeway in. That's why it's all covered in exotic weeds. All the golden grass in the cow pasture is exotic, or nonnative. The golden hills of California were imported," Hogan says, chuckling.

verted to the exotic grasslands. The conversion to exotic grasses hasn't happened as quickly on the steeper slopes, because you haven't had a lot of grazing on the slopes. It's just not very conducive to grazing. It's steep and it's thick with vegetation. But as the frequency of wildfires has increased significantly over the last 50 to 100 years, we're starting to see the same kind of conversion that happened 200 years ago with grazing, but up on the steeper slopes too.

"It's all about competition," Hogan explains. "When an area burns too often, as much of San Diego has, you're

year to reach maturity and set seed. Then it starts this negative cycle where, after an area burns too often and these invasive weeds start to spread into that area, they're actually much more flammable than the native shrubs and are more likely to burn again — from a carelessly tossed cigarette butt, lightning, kids playing with matches, whatever it is. The fires start again and set the native plants back again. The exotic grasses are very tolerant of fire. They come back the next year with the first rain. Many of the areas that we saw burn in 2003 and that burned

says. "It's an area that's never burned in the recorded history of European settlement of San Diego County."

Thick, green foliage ten feet high covers the mountainside from road to the mist-shrouded peak. Four or five stands of 25-foot conifers dot the mountain, about a dozen trees per stand. "That's a really unique and endangered conifer called the Tecate cypress," Hogan explains. "It's even rarer than the Torrey pine. It only grows in San Diego County, and only in two spots: here on Guatay Mountain and in one place on Otay Mountain.

"This hillside is a classic example of what old-growth chaparral should and could look like. Many areas of mature chaparral look like this when they haven't burned in a long time."

Bending down, Hogan runs his fingers through the blades of a clump of grass. "This is a native grass called Stipa. It would have been the dominant plant that grew in meadows and valleys that we drove past around Descanso that are now covered in exotic grass due to grazing."

Hogan points out some of the other native species growing on the hillside — scrub oak, mountain mahogany, coffee

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California buckwheat



Great Basin sage brush



Nonnative invasive grass

fuels treatment..." Bad idea, says Hogan, who runs the San Diego County branch of the Center for Biological Diversity. Controlled burns of native chaparral — Feinstein's "hazardous fuels" — will only encourage the growth of nonnative grasses, which ignite much more easily than the native chaparral.

Well over six feet tall, clad in blue jeans, a charcoal short-sleeved Dickies button-down,

there is on the west hill. If that west hill doesn't burn again, it will have that nice, lush coat of vegetation on it in 30 years, like the hill across the road has."

If it does burn again? "It will be covered in exotic weed grasses that are much more susceptible to fire."

To illustrate, Hogan turns to face a triangular cow pasture bordered by I-8 on the south, the lush hill to the north,

"Five hundred years ago, bottomlands like that would have been full of oaks and native grasses like the buckwheat we see here." He bends down and with a long-fingered hand caresses the buff-colored blossom of a clump of buckwheat growing next to the parking lot's entrance. "In the spring, you'd have lots of annual herbs and wildflowers. But over time, because of grazing, that area has con-

setting the native plants back — the shrubs that take 30 years to recover and reach maturity again to where they're setting seed and vigorously resprouting roots. But when you're knocking them back that frequently [with fire], you're giving a competitive advantage to the exotic weeds and grasses, which only take one year to mature. Many of these are called annual grasses because they only take one

again last week are going to have beautiful carpets of green come spring. But it's all exotic weeds."

Five miles north up Highway 79, then two or three miles east on Old Highway 80, Hogan pulls his pickup onto the dirt shoulder on the south side of the road and hops out. He points to the 500 feet of hillside looming up on the south side of the road. "This is Guatay Mountain," he



Native grass, Stipa

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ally and particularly in San Diego. Many stocks were blatantly manipulated. The dot-com craze was only part of the story. In San Diego, a company named Wireless Facilities went public on November 5, 1999, at \$15. It closed the first day at \$62, up 313 percent, and in early 2000 hit \$163.50. This fall, it changed its name to Kratos Defense and Security Solutions. It now sells for around \$2. Then there was Diversa, an enzyme developer. On February 14, 2000, it went public at \$24. It closed that day at \$75, up 212 percent. It shot up to \$169.19. Now it has changed its name to Verenum and sells for under \$4.

Some tales became infamous: Padres majority owner John Moores, angling for a \$350 million subsidy from the City, cut former councilmember Valerie Stallings in on stock of a Texas IPO, Neon Systems, at the lowball "friends and family" price of \$15. It zoomed, and Stallings,

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acting on a tip from Moores, sold at \$49.15, within a hair of the all-time high. It fell back down to \$20, and Moores told her it would go back to \$40. It did. Moores got his ballpark and Stallings got a wrist slap. Neon has since been purchased by another company.

So where do local IPOs, and potential IPOs, stand in today's new environment?

One local success has been biotech Genoptix, the diagnostic laboratory service provider, which went public the day before Halloween, raising \$85 million. The shares came out at \$17 and leapt 49 percent the first day to \$25.35. Subsequently, they got as high as \$27.16 and have held around \$25. The company sports one thing many other IPOs don't have: profits. For the three months ended June 30, Genoptix earned \$3.7 million on revenues of \$13.9 million. However, the company writhed in red ink until that quarter; the cumulative deficit is \$50.3 million, and Genoptix warns that losses may resume.

At the time of the offering,

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the net asset value per share was only 84 cents, so an investor paying \$17 to \$27 was taking a big risk. One comfort: with techs and biotech, net assets aren't as meaningful as some other measurements of a company's worth.

There is another positive about this company: the insiders paid \$5.23 a share for their stock. In many offerings, the insiders have paid pennies a share. Tina Nova, whose Las Vegas antics were reported in the *Reader* March 1, is chief executive. She owns 3.6 percent of the shares and didn't sell any in the offering.

San Diego's NovaCardia, which hopes to market two drugs for cardiovascular disease, filed to go public last March. But in July it abandoned the public offering and sold itself to the big pharmaceutical firm Merck for \$366 million in stock. NovaCardia had never had any revenue, had a cumulative deficit of \$51.5 million, and didn't think it would be profitable for several years. "It wasn't that the [IPO] mar-

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ket was tough. We had a good offer and chose the offer," explains Brian Farmer, formerly corporate development director. NovaCardia is unusual. It had only 11 employees. It had paid for licenses to the rights to two drugs that were developed by other companies. Its manufacturing and research were done by outside companies. The employees will not continue with Merck; they have joined a company that had once been part of NovaCardia. Former insiders had paid an average \$1.01 for their shares and got out at roughly four times that.

CardioNet, Inc., another local company that specializes in the heart, appears to be plunging ahead with its plans. In August, the company filed

to raise \$150 million in a public offering and then filed an amended prospectus the next month. It made another amended filing November 9, even as tech stocks were being hammered. It will not respond to queries. The company provides ambulatory heart-monitoring equipment. It, too, has been a steady money loser, and it "may never become profitable," it admits in a filing. The losses have been diminishing, but its cumulative deficit is \$82.5 million. In March of this year, it acquired a company in the same business for more than \$50 million.

Entropic Communications filed on July 27 to raise \$100 million in an offering; later, that was revised upward to a maximum of \$126.5 million. The company's most recent amendments to its filings were this month, so it intends to go ahead. Entropic develops

and markets systems permitting high-definition television and other multimedia entertainment to be delivered throughout a home. This company, too, has never been profitable, and it has a cumulative deficit of a whopping \$91.8 million. Its net asset value is minus \$10.60 a share. If it goes public at \$10 to \$11 a share, as tentatively planned, the stock buyer will start out in a deep hole. The insiders paid an average \$3.79 a share. Entropic says it can't talk because it is in a so-called quiet period, the time leading up to a public offering when, generally, a company is not supposed to comment beyond what is in the public record.

So today's big questions: Was the strong tech IPO market a bubble, and is it bursting? And if so, will it carry along the overall market and the economy? Watch carefully. ■

## What will burn

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berry, and manzanita. "This hillside is what's called hard chaparral," he says. "When it's mature, a person can't walk through it unless he's on his belly crawling. It's one of the most difficult kinds of vegetation to get through. There's another kind of chaparral that's referred to as soft chaparral, or coastal sage scrub. It's much more common close to the coast. It's the kind of vegetation that dominates a lot of the flatter areas of Torrey Pines State Reserve and Mission Trails Regional Park. It very rarely gets higher than waist high, and there's usually enough space between plants so you can walk through it."

Across the road, on the north side, the view is very different. There are native plants growing there. But

unlike the junglish growth on the south side of the road, the north-side natives are spread out, and golden, strawlike grasses cover the ground in between them. Hogan crosses the road to the north side. "This side burned in the Cedar Fire," he explains, "and these exotic grasses grew up in the burned areas. And look at this," he bends over and easily pulls up a clump of 18-inch blades of bone-dry grass. "If you were going to start a campfire, this is what you would put under the wood as tinder. You could start this literally with a spark and a little breath to blow it into a fire. That's exactly what happens during the Santa Anas. You get a cigarette butt, you get a spark from someone welding, kids with matches, whatever it is, it flies into this stuff, you have the high winds, and the next thing you know, you have the Cedar Fire. This

has a much lower ignition temperature than the native plants and grasses growing on the other side of the road."

Hogan's hope, and his work, is to get the people he refers to as "decision makers," such as Dianne Feinstein, "to realize the thing to do to protect people from wildfire is not to try and eliminate all of these 'fuels' or 'brush,' as they call them, but to leave it alone and focus instead on where people live, most importantly on using fire-resistant construction materials and maintaining reasonable defensible space around where they live and around transportation corridors so people can evacuate safely. Really, they should try to focus in on where people live, instead of trying to modify an entire landscape and, in so doing, ruining that natural landscape and, ironically, creating the greater fire risk." ■

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### We Own The Air

I admire Doug Curlee as a reporter (KUSI), but I don't agree with his letter last week (November 21) about KLSD talk shows that were all canceled by the corporate owner, Clear Channel. Curlee insists that "broadcasting is a business." Curlee should know better. The public owns the airwaves, and the law says they must serve the public interest. That's why we have an FCC. Does it serve the public interest when the publicly owned airwaves are used solely to augment the profits of the big corporations?

Mel Shapiro  
 via email

### We Can Tell You Why Not

On Saturday, November 17, partially inspired by the article "Why Tijuana?" (Cover story, November 15) in your paper, I went along with my wife to Tijuana for a day visit. We had the most unpleasant experience in our lives.

After spending a few hours in the city, we decided to head back to San Diego around 3:00 p.m. Streets were extremely busy, and soon after we took the only lane that leads to the border crossing, two cops on motorcycles pulled us over (for no reason) and requested my driver's license and registration. I handed over my license and document from a rent-a-car company and got the immediate response that I was driving that car illegally without permission in Mexico. I tried to explain that the rent-a-car company was aware that we'd cross the border, and everything should be in order. The policeman quickly pulled out of his pocket a (well-prepared) piece of paper where it stated (in English) that this was a serious offence that would lead to car confiscation and imprisonment for two to five years!

At this point we got really concerned about what would happen next. I figured they wanted some money, so I offered to pay up. The cop said that if I paid \$500 he'd let us go, no questions asked. I responded that we did not have that much cash on us;

the cop asked how much did we have? We emptied our pockets and barely had \$80. The cop just laughed and said he then needed to take us to the station.

I had no choice but to offer my credit card, which he gladly accepted, and then he instructed us to follow him to the ATM. One cop on the bike turned on rotation lights and went in front of our car, and the other did the same thing and stayed behind the vehicle, so we easily got out of the traffic jam. Soon after, we arrived at the ATM; the cop remained on his bike, and we went to the bank just to find out it was closed. He said to follow him to another one that turned out to be very busy, so he did not want to stop there (I guess not to get exposed) and instructed us to go to the next one. The third location was quiet, and we did not see anybody nearby. We went inside, got the money, and handed it over to the policeman, who took the money without counting it, put it in his pocket, and said that he trusted me.

I requested a receipt as proof and got the immediate response that in order to issue a receipt he would need to confiscate the vehicle. I argued that another cop might stop us and ask for money before we left the country. He answered, "I will take care of you." We followed him to the lane for San Diego, and he took off. We were still very concerned up until we

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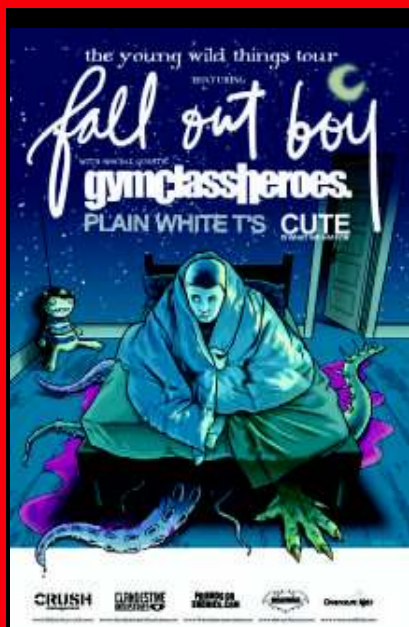


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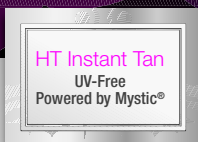
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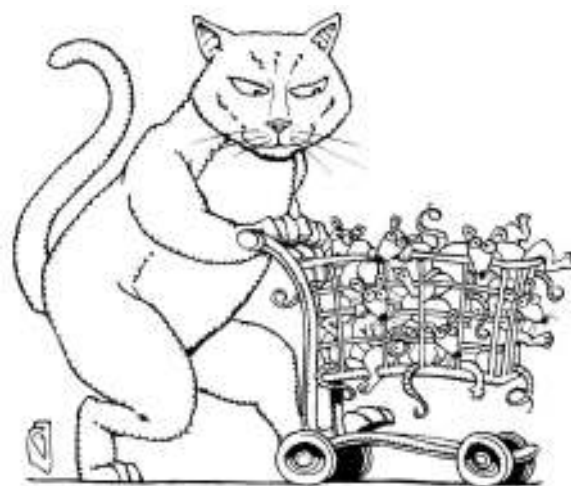
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## STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Dear Matt:

If cats like mice and birds so much, why hasn't anyone made a mouse- or bird-flavored cat food? My cat loves to watch my parakeet, and I'm sure she'd eat him if she could.

— Wendell, via email

So you, Wendell, are cruising through the cat-food aisle, looking at dainty cans of sirloin tips in madeira sauce or chicken alfredo or pork tenderloin with baby onions or whatever the hell they're feeding cats these days. Suddenly, you, Wendell, spot a can labeled "rat" next to a can of "cockatiel." You recoil in disgust. You purchase cans of beef mixed grill and salmon croquettes instead. Your cat would not recoil in disgust, but until the day your cat does the shopping, there will be no basic cat food. No cat owner would buy his pet a can of rat.

Hey Matt:

How did Black Friday get its name?

— Getting ready to shove anyone who gets in my way at Fry's, via email

If we consumer sheep do our shopperly duty and endure a day of mass rudeness and confusion and buy lots of marked-down crap we don't really need, then retailers' balance sheets will be transformed from red ink to black ink. Black ink is a good thing. Black Friday probably is not.

Heymatt:

I think I've come up with an idea that could save lives and make me rich. However, my friends claim it would never work. We've decided to defer to your almighty expertise. If airlines can provide oxygen masks and seat cushions that double as flotation devices, why can't they provide emergency parachutes for every passenger? They could drop from the overhead bin alongside the oxygen or be conveniently tucked away under the floatation seat cushions. Granted, they wouldn't do much good if the plane were to explode or suddenly drop into the ocean, but on those flights where you know you're going to crash and have time to prepare, couldn't they help?

— Jeanne, via email

Oh, the humanity! Businessmen dropping out of the sky all over the place. On the surface, the idea has some perverse charm. And we here at the Matthew Alice Institute for Brainstorms and Sure-Fire Schemes always encourage screwball thinking. But this plan is so full of bugs, we may have to have the place tented. But we'll go along with the joke. We dialed up a few skydiving emporiums and got their take on your revolution in flight.

Where to begin... For raw recruits who haven't a clue what they're doing, my sources recommend the big circular chutes that don't let you get yourself into as much trouble as the rectangular ones. They weigh about 15 pounds, so we'd better not have them dropping from the overhead bins. An experienced hand can strap on a chute pack in about ten seconds. A hysterical honeymoon couple convinced they're about to die might require, oh, four, five minutes. Hope this is a slow-motion disaster.

Let's see...what else... The doors on jetliners are in front of the wings. Ouch! A behind-the-wing leap would put you in jet blast. Ouch! And sport jumpers bail out of a plane that's traveling about 80 knots. At air shows, professional divers show off by throwing themselves out of the cargo holds of 727s slowed to about 170 knots. Your ill-fated jet will probably be going faster than that, and we can assume the pilot will be busy with more pressing problems than making your jump comfortable. And if you're at cruising altitude, 30,000 feet or so, you'll need oxygen tanks and some idea of how far you have to freefall before you open your chute. If everybody bails out like a pile of puppies, you'll get tangled up and drop like a stone.

Sport jumpers, before making a solo leap, have four to six hours of training. Imagine the poor flight attendant at the front of the cabin before takeoff — gesturing toward the emergency exits, displaying the in-flight magazine and barf bags, demonstrating the oxygen masks, teaching you how to skydive....

Convincing a bunch of drunk Vegas junketeers to leap out of a plane is one thing. Controlling where you land is another. No use jumping out of a jet if you're going to fall on power lines or a freeway or the ocean. And anyway, most commercial air crashes occur on takeoff or landing, where a chute wouldn't do anybody much good.

We've only hit the highlights. Haven't touched on things like airline liability, chute maintenance, special equipment for kids. But to raise your spirits a little, Jeanne, if these kinks can be worked out, you may have solved one of San Diego's oldest problems. We don't need no stinkin' airport. Turn Lindbergh into a drop zone, then just fly in low and slow and kick everybody out of the cargo hold. Your luggage, of course, will be spread out over Point Loma.

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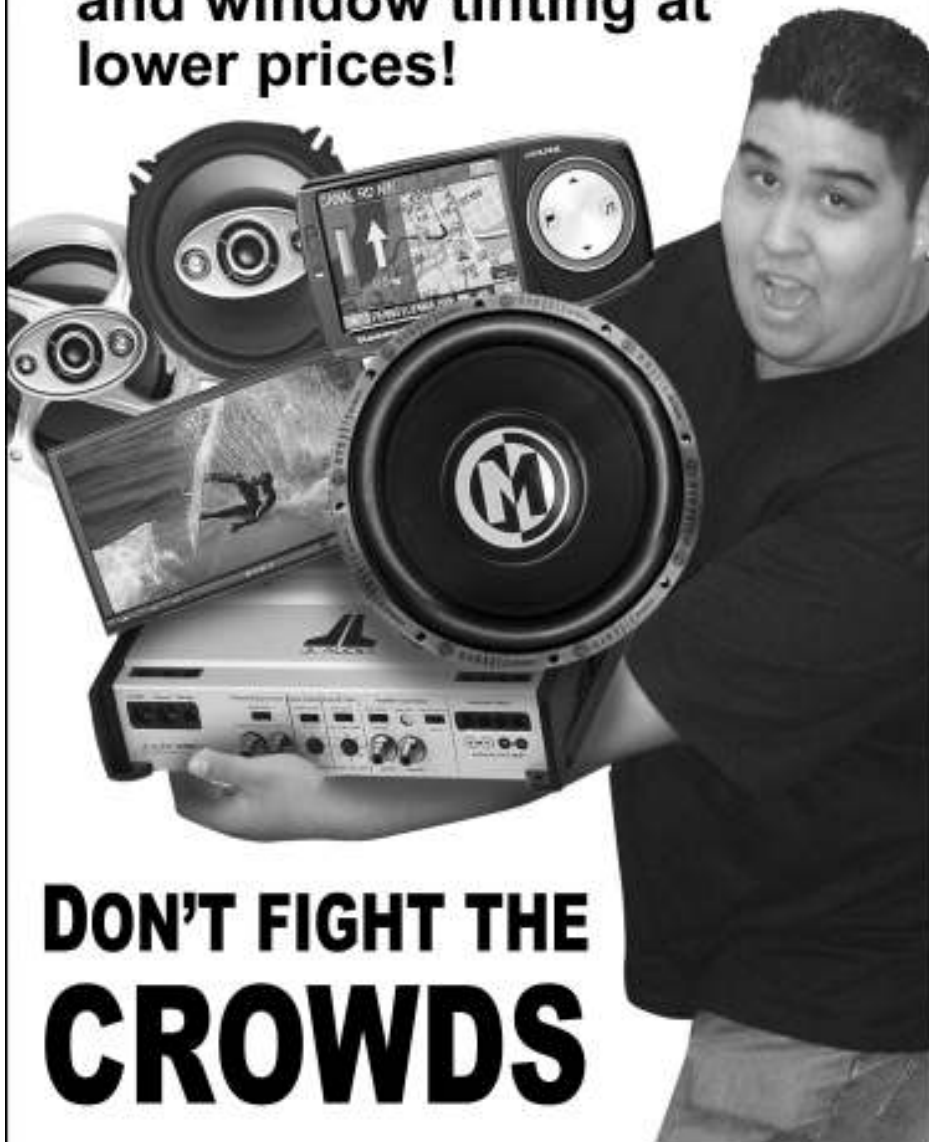
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## SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

## The Long Way Around

It's given that anyone who takes the Chargers head-coach job assures himself of temporary employment and a downhill NFL career path. Go back 20 years and except for Marty Schottenheimer (now doing piece work for ESPN), being the Bolts head coach was the high-point of every man's NFL career.

Working backward from Marty, we have Mike Riley, three years head coach, 14-34 record, now coaching Oregon State. Kevin Gilbride, one year and six games into another 6-16 record, now offensive coordinator for the New York Giants. Bobby Ross, five years, 50-36, is retired after compiling losing records at Detroit and Army. Dan Henning, three years, 16-32, went on to be offensive coordinator for Buffalo and Carolina. Al Saunders, two years and eight games, 17-22 record, now associate head coach for the Washington Redskins.

The point is — for everyone save Marty Schottenheimer — being head coach here was the peak of his NFL professional life. Then, there is June Jones. After Kevin Gilbride was fired six games into the 1998 season, his quarterback coach, June Jones, was given the job of interim head coach. Jones coached the next ten games, posted a 3-7 record, and then...walked.

I remember thinking he had a grip on himself, knew what would make him happy. Nine coaches out of ten would grab the golden ring, would say *anything*, do *anything* to be an NFL head coach for one more day. And, looking at Jones's NFL record and his falling out with Jerry Glanville, June Jones was probably one of the nine in earlier days.

Here's the story: Coaching goes by the buddy system; everybody hires his buddies. Jones broke into the NFL in 1987 as the Houston Oilers quarterback coach for Jerry Glanville. Glanville was his ticket in. Time passes. Glanville is fired in 1989, moves on to be head coach for Atlanta. Jones goes to Detroit as generic coach and then, in 1991, is hired *again* by Glanville, this time as assistant head coach. Big promotion. Three years later, Jones replaces Glanville as head coach. That ended their friendship.

But, the 1998 June Jones version walked, walked away from the NFL to be head coach of an offshore small college team in a minor athletic conference, a team that had lost its last 18 games.

The school in question is the University of Hawaii, known to locals as University of Hawai'i at

Manoa. And, yes, after you think *Hawaii* and imagine beaches, surf, women, weather, women, surf, beaches, you can then consider how far Hawaii is away from media-USA, how difficult it would be to recruit quality football players when it's a five-hour plane ride to San Diego, ten hours to New York, and you have a recruiting budget of \$65,000.

On Sunday, Hawaii (11-0) beat Boise State 39-27 to claim the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) championship and moved up to No. 12 in the Bowl Championship Series standings. Twelve is the magic number; 12 and below means Hawaii gets an automatic BCS invite. A BCS bowl means millions of dollars and national TV.

By the way, Boise State, last year's Cinderella BCS team, is ranked 25th. Not bad for a slap-together minor-league conference. Most people aren't aware of what a rapacious, for-profit beast collegiate athletic conferences are. The word "whore" comes to mind. In 1962, the WAC was a six-team league: Arizona, Arizona State, Brigham Young, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. Colorado State and UTEP joined in 1967. The Arizona schools bolted to the Pac-10 in 1978 and were replaced by San Diego State, Hawaii, and Air Force. Membership changed again in the 1990s; coming aboard were Fresno State, UNLV, Rice, San Jose State, SMU, TCU, and Tulsa. Departing, with great sorrow, were Air Force, Brigham Young, Colorado State, UNLV, New Mexico, San Diego State, Utah, and Wyoming. The new millennium brought forth Nevada, Boise State, and Louisiana Tech. Taking the last train out were TCU, Rice, SMU, UTEP, and Tulsa. But, let me introduce the new inductees: Idaho, New Mexico State, and Utah State. As we speak, Boise State wants out and is looking for a better deal.

The above is a mirror to June Jones's football career that had him traveling to seven professional football teams as coach and three colleges as quarterback. This is not a man who, at the age of 46, one would expect to stay put. One would be wrong.

Finally, remember Jerry Glanville? After Atlanta fired him he was out of football for 12 years. Couldn't get a job. In 2005, June Jones hired him as defensive coordinator. Last February, Portland State University announced they'd brought in Jerry Glanville to be their new head coach.

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## Trying to Watch TV

Posted by Josh Board on November 25, 2007

7 comments

When I started noticing that the TV credits of a movie would go by faster than normal, or they'd start to show them and split the screen to show you the upcoming shows the network was running, I figured I was probably the only person bothered by this. Aside from the actors listed in the credits. But sometimes I had reasons for wanting to see the credits. Maybe a song I thought I heard in the movie, or an unknown actor I recognized, etc. I understand why they do it. I also understand why stations throw their logos in the corner of the screen.

But when I'm watching movies that have captions, or a scene in which something is covered up by a huge CBS logo, it's frustrating. Now, I've had friends complain about CNN having other news scroll down below. That I love. I feel like I'm getting twice the news. My buddies claim it confuses them. I hate to imagine what they'd do if they were chewing gum while trying to process all that info.

But the worst in all this...are those annoying pop-ups that your eyes have no choice but to look at. You know the ones where a character like Homer Simpson appears on your screen, and then runs and grabs something like a donut and then the words appear that say "New episode of *The Simpsons* at 8:00 p.m."

This takes your eyes off what you're watching and causes you to miss something and want to pull an Elvis and shoot the TV set. I'd love the Nielsen ratings to do a survey and find out just how many people see those things pop up, and then write down that information. I'm guessing exactly 1% of the population. So, does that make it worth pissing off the other 99% of us?

Comments:

anonymous / redsoxfan

November 25, 2007 at 4:51 a.m.

Love the soapbox....keep 'em coming!! You should try watching *The Simpsons* dubbed in French....just not the same thing.... :-)

Anonymous / sdblogger

November 25, 2007 at 11:34 a.m.

Je crois que c'est le même.

anonymous / redsoxfan

November 25, 2007 at 1:56 p.m.

Je ne suis pas d'accord. Different voices, American idioms, etc. Nothing wrong with the French version, it's just different when all I know is the English version. :-)

anonymous / fifibutton

November 25, 2007 at 3:08 p.m.

The logos appearing on films and the wee mascots running at the bottom of the screen doesn't happen in the U.K. but it does in Europe and they are usually huge and brightly coloured. TV just plain sucks right now. It's gone the same way as politics.

anonymous / towelheadedcameljockey

November 25, 2007 at 11:33 p.m.

Those network logos cost a friend of mine a nice chunk of cash when they purchased a new plasma TV not so long ago. Wife left on the Home Shopping Network overnight and the "HSN" logo image got burned into the screen, thus appearing (ghost-like) on every channel you flipped to. Was not covered under warranty. I've heard the new ones don't really have this problem, although it's not completely fixed.

Josh Board / joshb

November 26, 2007 at 1:51 a.m.

Sounds like the wife just had a play set in motion for ordering a new TV off of Home Shopping Network. Very suspicious, if ya ask me.

anonymous / fifibutton

November 26, 2007 at 10:55 a.m.

I did a lot of research into plasma screens and found although the quality is brilliant at first, the pixels fade after a while. The old cathode ray tube screens are still the best.

## SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

**Denomination:** Calvary Chapel

**Address:** 590 Fir Street, downtown,  
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**Founded locally:** 1994

**Senior pastor:** Rob Glickman

**Congregation size:** 300

**Staff size:** 8

**Sunday school enrollment:** 100

**Annual budget:** n/a

**Weekly giving:** n/a

**Singles program:** no

**Dress:** diverse — casual to semiformal

**Diversity:** diverse — mostly Caucasian, African American, and Hispanic

**Sunday worship:** 10 a.m.

**Length of reviewed service:** 1 hour, 35 minutes

**Website:** [www.horizonparkchapel.org](http://www.horizonparkchapel.org)

A cluster of the homeless was encamped across the street from the church, sitting on the narrow strip of lawn between the Sixth Avenue sidewalk and the hillslope leading up into Balboa Park.

Inside, the high overhead lights set deep shadows over the eyes of men who likewise looked to have seen hard times, men with creased skin, wild beards, iron-gray pony-tails flowing from aging heads. Care had worn many faces, but by no means all — the congregation was remarkably diverse in terms of age, race, and even apparent socioeconomic background. Urban cool and emo downbeat mixed with Chargers jerseys, plaid flannel, and pantsuits. And the auditorium/sanctuary was immaculate — unmarred paint, springy carpet, cushy chairs.

Still, if the opening hymn provided any indication, this was a church acquainted with suffering. Accompanied only by electric guitar and a sort of speakerbox hand-drum, the congregation and songleader joined in singing, "Some glad morning, when this life is over/ I'll fly away... Just a few more weary days and then/ I'll fly away." The second song kept up the theme of better things to come: "I've got a hope in glory, Lord, that outshines the sun...way beyond the blue." And even the more-contemporary tunes were full of longing as yet unfulfilled: "When will I feel the breath of my Father?/ When will I touch the face of my savior?" "Let me come rest in your arms/ Rescue me from myself."

A man gave the announcements, taking special note of the upcoming "Blessing of the City, a service for families that need food and clothes and toys for children." And he talked about the gift of life in light of a death he had witnessed earlier in the week. "Each day...every moment...is precious.... Tomorrow is not promised." He prayed: "Father...open up the gates of life for your people here this morning."

Pastor Glickman's sermon concerned the parable of the sower. In it, the sower — God — scatters the seed — His word — with

various results, depending on where it lands. "The parable of the sower teaches us that without fruit in our lives, we do not have a real faith. 'Fruit' means a natural outgrowth of knowing Jesus Christ.... There is going to be this dramatic, obvious change in a person's life."

The great obstacle Glickman targeted was hardness of heart — something that kept God's word from penetrating. Sometimes, the soil has become trampled down such that "You're going through the motions of being a believer. You haven't walked away from God or abandoned the faith, but there's hardness now. When you open the word of God, it's not producing an effect anymore." Sometimes, the soil is shallow, underlaid by stone: "Apparently, from what we're reading, a person can receive the word of God and not be saved. They can receive it emotionally, and with their hearts...but it never penetrates. They never really receive it for themselves, to

the point where it begins to take root in their lives. How many times have we seen this? People come forward at the altar call, and we pray for them, and we never see them again.... The vast majority of people who hear the word of God will never grow, will never have a real faith, a saving faith."

He exhorted the congregation to "break up the fallow ground," to release their cares to God, and to "not forsake the gathering of the brethren.... This is where you're going to be built up. This is where you're going to be connected. It's not going to be a bunch of individuals" who will be "caught up in the great Rapture." Rather, it will be "the church. The body of Christ... Are you living in it, or is it something you visit from time to time?"

As the congregation filed out after the service, a sizable contingent gathered at the front and set about filling out Horizon Urban Ministries forms. A man opened a set of doors at the front of the church and spoke to the group. "Everyone that is here for food only, come on up." Later, we spoke, and I said that it felt like few people were here out of the Sunday habit. "Oh," he replied, "there's a lot of us who are here a lot more than just Sunday."

What happens when we die?

"Well," said Glickman, "the Bible says that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. After this life, we as believers go to be in the presence of the Lord. The Bible teaches about heaven as a real place, and Jesus taught about hell more than any person in the Bible." Which place we end up "is not based on any person's works or goodness or merit, but just upon the grace of God, and or receiving His grace by faith."

— Matthew Lickona

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ROB GLICKMAN

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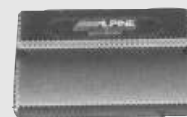
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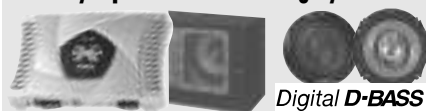
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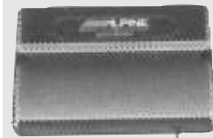


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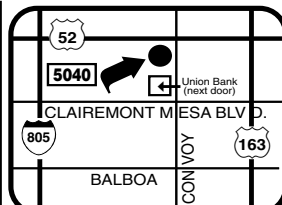
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—EVE KELLY

My great aunt Edna is the just-so lady — “A place for everything and everything in its place.” Her home in Pasadena might be a historical museum; everything is so perfectly arranged and spotless. Not so the Kelly house — not even the Kelly driveway. Edna came down for Thanksgiving in her new BMW convertible, and three days under the bottlebrush trees took their toll. Not to mention the thousands of greasy little fingerprints on the windows left by children eager to press against the glass and peer at the dashboard. She took it well, but I felt badly. Aunt Edna has always been generous with us, so I resolved to indulge her a bit and ordered up an early Christmas gift — a proper detailing for her new speedster.

“We’ve been doing this for 24 years,” said Steve Oropallo at Detail Works, Inc. (858-689-8989; [www.detailworks.com](http://www.detailworks.com)) in Miramar. “We know the tricks of the trade. Things like, ‘Don’t spray cleaners on the windows because you can blow out the switch for a power window.’ ‘Don’t get liquid near the dash because if you get a drop behind it, you’ll never get it out without taking the whole thing apart.’ We know that you have to pay attention to literally every square inch of a car, down to the blinker switches and the buttons on the stereo. That’s why detailing a regular-sized sedan takes six to ten hours. We definitely do it differently than most anybody else.”

Prices range from \$200 for an average sedan to \$350 for an SUV and can vary depending on the color. “A black car starts at \$255. ‘Black shows everything. You see black cars driving down the road, and it looks like somebody washed them with a dirty sock. That’s why you have to take your time.’”

When a car arrives at Detail Works, “the first thing we do is mask off all the molding, the door handles, the windshield wipers and squirts — anything that we don’t want to melt or to burnish compounds into. A Mercedes might have anodized molding, for example — we don’t want to ruin the shiny black look. Then

we give the car a sponge bath, to get any dirt off. After that, we spray the car with a lubricant and rub the whole thing down with clay. If you touch a car and the paint feels rough, it’s from particles on top of the paint. The clay grabs anything like that — things like overspray from paint or tiny metal particles that might be in the air from industry. These particles stick to your car, and over time, if they sit long enough [they can do damage]. You might see a white car turn brownish.”

After the clay, the car is slightly scuffed and ready for buffing. “It’s a four-step process for us. First, we use a high-speed circular buffer with a wool pad. That removes water spots and takes scratches out of the clear coat — the shiny layer on top of the paint. But it also leaves swirl marks on the car. So then

“We’ve received a lot of cars that are just totally smoked out from the fires.”

we buff those out with a foam pad that takes off a microscopic layer of the paint, making it more level with itself.” The foam, however, leaves “ribbon marks — the paint still doesn’t look like a mirror. So we switch to an orbital buffer, which levels it out that much more and gives it that mirror finish.”

Back to washing, with an eye toward scraping any waxes or compounds out of the car’s various cracks and jambs. “Then we do the wheels, wheel wells, and engine. We’ll use degreasing agents and pressurized hot water to clean the top, and if the customer wants, we can lift the car and do the bottom, along with the whole undercarriage. We usually do that when the customer is looking for leaks. Then a mechanic can put in a dye and find the leak source. It saves them from replacing parts they don’t need to replace.”

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“One of the hardest things to clean,” said Oropallo, “is the headliner. It’s basically a sheet of cardboard with felt or cloth glued onto it. If you get it too wet, it will sag or you’ll leave a watermark. We do what I call a wet-dry clean — it’s very labor intensive, working by hand on small areas at a time.”

Lately, he noted, “we’ve received a lot of cars that are just totally smoked out from the fires. That means a lot of smoke-odor removal. We use enzymes that eliminate odor by eating the organic material inside the car. Then we pump the car full of ozone, and it soaks into the whole interior” and breaks down odorous compounds into nonodorous elements. “It really knocks the smoke out.”

Finally, the detailer “uses an air hose to blow every crack and crevice dry, so there’s no water left on the car to leave spots. We dress the trim [areas] with a UV-protective coat that gives them a shine — things like the wipers, the molding, the license-plate frame. And then we wax — that’s the fourth step in the exterior cleaning. We’re careful not to leave any wax in the cracks — a lot of shops will leave it because they’re afraid of scratching the car. Wax protects the paint from the elements. For ultimate protection, you should wax quarterly.”

Though Oropallo does a lot of his work on high-end cars — Ferraris and Astin-Martins — he noted that “every car has french fries in the seats — and pennies.”

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## Blame the Reader for Boy Shakira

Posted by Jay Allen Sanford on November 24, 2007

BOY, DO WE KNOW TALENT! During the last season of *America’s Got Talent*, the most controversial contestant was easily Boy Shakira, a heavysset man in a blonde wig and halter top, enthusiastically belly-dancing to both cheers and jeers.

Didja know that the *Reader* not only discovered Boy Shakira, but that he took his name from a “Blurt” that was his first-ever press writeup?

I found BS — then calling himself (somewhat clumsily) Luigi, The Live Impersonator of Shakira — while browsing a list of local celebrity look-alikes seeking gigs. I wrote the “Blurt” and *Reader* editor Rob Mizrachi wrote the headline “Boy Shakira.” The one-time Luigi liked it so much that he changed his stage name accordingly.

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by Barbarella

## Daddy Dogma

*There are no facts, only interpretations.*

— Friedrich Nietzsche

**Y**ou want some eggs with that ketchup?” “Very funny, Four-Eyes,” Dad said, using the nickname he gave me when I got my first pair of glasses in junior high, a moniker he employs whenever he’s feeling disrespected. Never matter that he is the one who handed down the myopia and still has the same pair of Navy-issued gold frames he was wearing when

the stork dropped me off at Balboa Hospital.

“Anyway,” I said, cutting into my breakfast burrito, “you were talking about lamps?”

“No, not exactly,” said Dad, raising a brow and smiling crookedly in acknowledgment of my playful dig. “What I was saying, before you so eagerly interrupted to poke fun at your poor father with a wisecrack even older than I am, is that we, you know, people, are all *like* lamps,

and we’re all plugged into the source — the source being the universe. The source is always there, but you’ve got to know how to turn on the switch.” He held my gaze for a moment and, just before he took his next bite of ketchup, he added, “Some people don’t even know how to plug in, let alone turn on.”

Now in his golden 50s, my father resembles a cross between Sean Connery and Ernest Hemingway. His thick brows are beyond restraint; like the granite buildings and asphalt streets of his hometown, Brooklyn, New York, his dark hair and neatly trimmed beard are speckled with silver. Throughout my adolescence, Dad — having strayed from his Catholic upbringing once the doc-

trine of guilt became too constricting — vigorously sought a dogma that fit his burgeoning spirituality. Around the time I began to drink legally, Dad settled on Religious Science, a loose ideology in which he could continue to shape his personal dogma. Also known as Science of Mind, Dad’s chosen faith offers him an amalgamation of only the positive stories, and none of the downers, of any and every religion ever documented as it has been compiled and interpreted by shiny, happy people.

One recent Sunday morning, I joined my father at his temple in Hillcrest. The congregation now calls it the Universal Spirit Center, but Dad has always referred to his place of worship as the Church of What’s Happening Now. At the beginning of each service, a member of the congregation reads an inspirational quote, which kicks off a relentless session of chanting, all of which is followed by three silent minutes of meditation. While those around me thought whatever people think when observing an interminable minute of silence in a crowded room, I pondered the concept of interpretation. Given the closed-eyed bliss on the faces around me, it was safe to assume that I was the only person in the building who had extrapolated a negative inference from the day’s motivational words.

The quote, which could have been written by Deepak or Covey, went some-

thing like, “All gifts are given, all gifts given are received, and all gifts received are returned to the one.” Parishioners nodded knowingly, as if the phrase had meant something specific to them. The first thing my jaded neurotransmitters did was replace the word “one” with “Nordstrom.” My dad breathed deeply, as if by inhaling he was absorbing some complex and otherworldly truth. All I had heard was a thinly veiled allegory of the coming holiday shopping season.

“The only meaning anything has is the meaning you give it,” Dad said, reciting a truism he gleaned from one of his myriad muses for deep thinking. His resounding baritone eclipsed the din of the bustling restaurant.

“You use that quote like a trump card, you know,” I said. “But, you’re right. Speaking of ‘meanings,’ what’s this about you wanting to find a psychic?”

“I have questions,” Dad said, making it clear by his tone that he wasn’t about to divulge the nature of his questions. He explained that he’d wanted to ask his friend Serena, a septuagenarian druid, but she was preoccupied with the illness of a loved one.

“All right, so don’t tell me why, but let me ask you this: Can’t a psychic only tell you what you already know? Don’t you think they’re all cold readers who are just highly skilled at gauging people? You know, like the guy at the carnival who can guess

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your weight because he has an eye trained for body mass.”

“A lot of them are shysters and charlatans,” my father conceded, “But there are other ones who are not — some of that energy is legit. I think they’re in tune to the vibrations in the universe that I know are out there.” I sipped from my Diet Coke and cocked a skeptical brow. Dad is shrewd in his dealings, refusing to take most anything at face value. In answer to my disbelieving stare, he said, “If you ask a question, whether it’s to the universe in meditation or to a psychic, you *know* the answer for the most part, but you’re looking for confirmation.”

“Dorothy had the power to go home all along, right?” I said, causing myself to wonder how many inspirational phrases are derived from the Land of Oz.

Dad was unfazed. He took a bite of ketchup-drenched omelet, washed that down with some iced tea, and said, “Sometimes before reading the quote at church, the announcer will say, ‘May you hear what you need to hear.’ Rev Kev may say something, and you hear the same words, but there may be a totally different meaning for you than for me.”

“Yeah, but I think people hear what they want to hear more than what they need to hear,” I said. “And a good psychic is the one who can figure out what someone wants to hear.” I thought of the half-dozen self-proclaimed clairvoyants I’d visited over the years and how each time I came away satisfied that I had received some sort of validation for my thoughts, opinions, and aspirations. My dad is able to derive evidence of goodness from almost any source, to locate the one positive thread in the most devastating tapestry.

“Joy is already inside you, but you need things to trigger it and bring it out,” Dad explained as we left the diner. “A long time ago, I was always thinking, what the hell is my *raison d’être*, you know, my reason to live — it couldn’t be just to go to work and come home every day. Then, 25 years ago, something came to me during meditation, it was a woman’s voice — not really a *voice*, but when you meditate and contemplate shit, stuff comes to you, and this came to me in the sound of a woman’s voice — and she said, ‘Your job is to raise and educate your children.’ Now that’s done; you girls are all grown and doing quite well. So for a while,

I’ve been thinking, now what?”

“And?” I asked, allowing Dad to open the car door for me. I waited for an answer while Dad settled behind the steering wheel and buckled his safety belt.

“Well, what’s been coming to me lately are two words: love and service. Some people donate money or spend time on the back end, but I’m tangible, I like to touch whatever’s happening. Whether I’m volunteering for Special Delivery and bringing food to people with AIDS or helping a kid decide on a wish, I’m where the rubber meets the road. And nothing brings me greater joy in life than being a wish granter for Make-a-Wish.”

Immediately after speaking the words, Dad gushed disclaimers about the pleasure he derives

from his grandchildren and that he also finds joy in all that stuff of life he thinks are *supposed* to bring him joy.

“You don’t need to explain yourself to me, Dad.” We arrived back at the church, where I’d left my car. He parked so that

he could get out and give me a hug. In the tradition of his mother, who had a fondness for all things French, we kissed each other on each cheek and embraced. With my cheek still on my father’s shoulder, I said, “It’s like you always say, Dad — there’s

no right or wrong, things just are, and the rest is left up to interpretation. You like helping sick kids. Even I can’t find anything negative about that. But drinking ketchup for breakfast? That might be something you want to ask the psychic about.” ■

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# He should have known better

## Rocker on the Run

**"I had been cruising around that day, doing my hustle, and I had this impending sense of doom," he said. "This black cloud was over my head."**

Squire had been back in town about three months after a yearlong absence from San Diego's music scene. He was one of those guys who attended every show at Carpenters and Wabash halls, going all the way back to

1983, his freshman year at Mission Bay High. When he wasn't in the crowd, he was on the stage. Mostly a guitarist, Squire could also take over on bass or drums. He grew up with John Reis, Gar Wood, Mitch Wilson, the Nefke broth-

ers, and a bunch of other guys who eventually formed or played in local bands such as Rocket From the Crypt, Tanner, No Knife, the Morlocks, and Crash Worship. Squire's band résumé clocks in at 20-plus San Diego-based bands, among them Heroin, Tit Wrench, Tiltwheel, the Tori Cobras, and the re-formed Battalion of Saints.







He seemed to know everyone, and it began to pay off in 2002, when he got some recognition — and good shows — with his band the Tori Cobras. He had also started a record label, Pure Noise Forever, and announced plans for a lineup of releases by the Teeth, Cheerleader666, and his own band. Write-ups in the local alternative press portrayed him as San Diego's latest underground music mogul.

In reality, things were falling apart.

### When They Found the Grow Room, I Ran

In 2002, Squire, 33, was living in a house on the corner of 32nd and Upas in North Park. He ran Pure Noise Forever out of the living room, and the Tori Cobras practiced in a back bedroom. He paid the bills selling weed.

It was the place to go after the show was over.



PHOTOGRAPH BY ERIC RIFE

Chris Squire

Even on a weeknight, a knock on the door at 2:15 a.m. opened up to an afterparty that might

go on into daylight, depending on how much beer was around.

The party came to

an end when Squire and his wife, a svelte French-Canadian, separated. The missus eventually became the ex, and Squire and his bulky, happy-go-lucky dog Sophie moved to a large duplex on Collier Avenue north of Adams. The place had a giant

Squire's bedroom, sheriffs found a closet lined with reflective wallpaper and a halogen bulb hanging over pots filled with soil.

"When they showed up and found the grow room, I ran," Squire said. "I took off and left everything I owned

ing the commercial space into a sealed-off, soundproofed room, but he shortly lost that too. From there he lived temporarily in a detached garage in South Park near Ray's Liquor. Then he took off for Seattle.

## "I grabbed a cast-iron pan and clocked one of them upside the head with it as hard as I could."

couch in the living room, which was constantly packed with touring bands crashing for the night and friends of the roommates who never wanted to leave the party.

By January 2004, the partying had become more important than paying the rent, and the sheriffs came with the eviction notice. In

behind."

Although he wouldn't be charged with growing pot, Squire now considered himself a fugitive. In his mind, it was official: the sheriffs had found pot-growing equipment, and they knew it belonged to him.

Squire moved into his Grantville practice/recording studio. He'd spent \$4000 transform-

### Gun-Totin' Rocker

After seven months, Squire returned to San Diego. He'd been miserable in the Pacific Northwest. "I had no friends, I couldn't connect with anyone, it was too expensive. It was depressing."

He moved in with a friend in Bankers Hill, and in April 2005, he returned to Pokéz, a popular downtown Mex-

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Chris Squire

"I tried to appease everybody and mix the show up," he said. "The hip-hop guys ended up stealing some beers, and [Pokéz owner] Rafa caught them and ended up in a fight with this guy. Rafa ended up

ing all kinds of shit at me. They were throwing pint glasses, pool balls, and pool sticks. They ripped the cash register off the counter and threw that at me.

"Everything missed me somehow. It was like

Squire took the threat seriously. That night he acquired a 9mm Ruger.

"I had to close the bar every night by myself at two in the morning in a shady part of town," he said. "So I procured a

## "Everybody that lived in his apartments were Americans that were running away or hiding from something."

knocking him out. The guy got hit so hard he thought that I hit him with a baseball bat."

According to Squire, when the beer thief came to, he spread the word through the bar that he'd been attacked with a bat.

"He told his friends, and they ended up tearing the bar apart," Squire said. "They were throw-

*The Matrix*. I was dodging everything in slow motion. They did about \$2000 worth of damage to the bar. They smashed out all the glass behind the bar. They also had said that they were going to come back and kill me, because they were convinced that I had hit their friend with a baseball bat."

gun for my personal protection, since threats had been made on my life."

He took to carrying the gun at all times. Deep down, though, he knew it was a bad move because eventually something would occur that would involve the police.

Working odd jobs a couple of weeks later, Squire and a friend got

ican restaurant and musician hangout, to run the side bar, the Rosary Room.

"I had just started

managing the Rosary Room," he said. "The guy that had managed it before me had double booked a show one

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into it, and the two came to blows. "It happened on the way to a job as a photographer's assistant," Squire explained. "He was the photographer makeup artist. I was the guy that holds the silver umbrella."

"It was primarily over drugs, but it was mostly over being called a liar. I was dealing speed, and this guy was strung out. This guy would loan me his car, and I would hook him up with drugs. He loaned me his car one night thinking that I would give him drugs, when there was no drugs to get that night. He accused me of holding out and called me a liar. I don't like being called a liar. We got in the fight in the car, and he kicked me out of his car. I grabbed the keys from the ignition and threw the keys in the bushes."

Then Squire kicked out a car window, and his friend called the police.

"I got surrounded by the police within a couple of minutes," Squire said, "and they found the gun on me."

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Surprisingly, two parts of the rumor were true: Squire did live in Tijuana for a few weeks and he did have to flee for his life, but it had nothing to do with meth-cooking pornographers.

Squire moved to Tijuana for the cheap rent. In early June 2005, a customer at Pokéz mentioned that one of his Tijuana apartments had



Chris Squire

become available and the rent was \$100 a week. The place was nice and spacious, a ten-minute

bike ride from the border.

"Everybody that lived in his apartments were Americans that were running away or hiding from something," Squire said.

His place had been formerly inhabited by a "speed-freak prostitute" who stiffed the landlord for 75 bucks. When she moved out, she left her computer behind, and the landlord kept it as collateral but never bothered to take it out of the apartment.

"Instead of just doing the right thing and paying her debt, she went to these Tijuana gangsters," Squire said, "and I don't know what her pull was with these guys, but she got them to go over to the house and try to rob us.

"She actually warned the landlord, 'Carlos and his boys are coming over to get my computer, so you better give it to them.' The landlord had warned me, 'Look, these guys might come by. Don't answer the door if they do come by, and if you do unfortunately run into them, just give

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them the computer. It's not worth you getting into any trouble over.' Sure enough they did come around that day" — June 30 — "and I didn't answer the door."

Squire hid behind drawn shades until nightfall. One of his favorite bands, Sweden's Backyard Babies, was playing at the Casbah, and he wasn't going to miss them. He grabbed

his bike, ran out the door, and took off for the

he'd left his ID back at his place. He turned

"Just as I was walking out of the door of my

forced their way into my apartment. Trying not to show that I was scared, I said, 'Oh, you must be here for the computer. Here you go, here's the computer.'

"They said, 'No. Sit down,' and one of them tried to grab me, and the other one pulled a filed-down screwdriver out of his jacket and a roll of duct tape. I don't know what the fuck they

thought they were gonna do with that shit, but I grabbed a cast-iron pan and fuckin' clocked one of them upside the head with it as hard as I could.

"It scared the shit out of the other guy, and I just powered past him, knocked him out of my way, and ran out of the apartment, leaving all of my possessions, including my recording equipment and drum set, behind. I ran as fast as I could to America, just assuming those guys were cleaning me out and I was losing everything I owned."

The apartment was full of musical gear: amps, speaker cabinets, mixers, and more.

"They actually left the house wide open with all of my stuff in it and went to get a truck," Squire said. "By the time they got back, my landlord was on the porch with his gun. They didn't get any of my shit. It still scared the fucking hell out of me, and I never did go back to TJ after that, except when I went back to get my stuff, but even that was months later."

**Too Much of a Loose Cannon**  
In July 2005, Squire left town, heading for Oakland to fill in on bass with Verbal Abuse, which was about to go on tour with Fang. The two Bay Area bands had made their name in the '80s hardcore and punk scenes.

On roadie status, Squire drove with the bands from Oakland to L.A. to Phoenix to Houston. But he never played with them. "I was officially asked to join the bands," he said, "and I was on tour with the bands, and I learned the bands' songs, but it was fucking chaos, but we never played nor practiced. Yet we were on tour. And the tour fell apart before I even got to play a show."

Fang's vocalist

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Sammy had gone to Austin, saying he'd come back to Houston to pick

controls went to the right speakers. It was a nightmare."

writer Lisa Carver lived. While in Phoenix, Squire had corresponded with

Carver had built a following writing about the intimate details of her life, first in her fanzine *Rollerderby* and later in books and magazine columns. Part of her public life included her relationship with Boyd Rice, a former San Diego noise music pioneer who performs under the moniker NON.

Despite being 3000 miles away, Squire knew his problems in San Diego would catch up.

## "Unfortunately, I wasn't crazy enough for them. I think I was the only guy in the psych ward that wasn't on Klonopin."

up Squire. He never showed. Late in August, Squire moved on to New Orleans and was just getting comfortable in his new city when he heard the warnings about Hurricane Katrina.

He fled the city ahead of the storm and arrived in Phoenix a couple of weeks later. He settled in and landed a job helping out with sound at the Clubhouse, a large all-age club in Tempe.

Having grown up surrounded by stacks of amplifiers and musical gear, Squire was perfect for the job. He trained for three weeks under the main soundman, learning to wire and run the mixing board. Things were looking good until the main soundman took time off to attend a funeral.

"I had to do sound on my own, whether I was ready or not," Squire said. "My first night doing sound by myself was a hip-hop show. There was a gunfight, and a bullet was shot through the window and zoomed past my ear."

But the real trouble came the next night, when '80s thrash metal band Overkill headlined.

According to Squire, the band's roadies showed up for sound check at 3:00 p.m. the day of the show and reconfigured the sound system without letting him know.

"So that night when Overkill was playing, nothing worked right," he said. "None of the

Overkill vocalist Bobby "Blitz" Ellsworth screamed at Squire from the stage, and the roadies bitched at him in the sound booth. Squire blew up.

"I lost my temper," Squire said. "The roadie kept coming back there and yelling at me. I went and told the owner of the club, 'Look, if this guy steps one foot closer to me, I'm gonna knock his fucking block off.' The owner decided at that point that I was too much of a loose cannon and he let me go."

her, which led to the two becoming an item.

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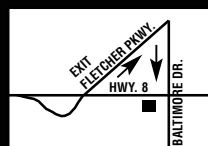
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Toward the end of 2005, he got a phone call.

"I'm in New Hampshire, and my mom called me up and said, 'These warrants showed up in the mail for you.' Fuck it, I'm not going back to California."

Carver was involved in a custody battle, and Squire moved out, finding a room on craigslist that was across the state line in Maine. He moved in with a couple in a rockabilly band. The woman, he later discovered, was porn star Isabella Soprano.

He considered his time in Maine temporary while he tried to decide his next move.



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Chris Squire

promise that they were going to make some money on tour and buy me a plane ticket to New Hampshire when the tour was over," Squire said. "What happened was they didn't make money. They ended up borrowing money from me and burning through all of that." The tour's last show was in San Diego at Scolari's Office on May 27.

"I had the choice of going with them back to Phoenix or staying in San Diego. Either way, it was going to be with no money and no plane ticket home. I didn't want to end up back in Phoenix, so I ended up

His way out was another band calling for a fill-in musician.

This time it was electro-synth punk band Dig-

ital Leather from Phoenix, who needed a drummer.

In May 2006, Digital Leather flew Squire to

Arizona, and they hit the road. Squire said part of the deal was a guarantee that the tour would be profitable. He should

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staying in San Diego, which everyone had been warning me not to do. My friends were telling me, 'Don't go back to San Diego. You're gonna get arrested.' ”

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Despite his network of friends in San Diego, Squire quickly fell on hard times.

“I was basically homeless, with no job and no money, so I had to hustle. I did what I knew how to do and started selling drugs. I got thrown into the mix real quick.”

Squire had gone from selling weed to his friends to selling crystal meth to an assortment of shady characters. He was using regularly. By selling, he could both keep himself supplied and make money.

By now, he looked and acted like a tweaker, riding his bike around Imperial Beach and San Diego — Loma Portal, Clairemont Mesa, Hillcrest, North Park, South Park, and downtown — making deliveries at all hours of the night.

Most of Monday, August 14, 2006, was spent dropping off dope at prearranged spots.

“I remember I spent most of the night just waiting around to pick up drugs,” he said. “I was just floating around. Sometimes I had money, sometimes I had drugs, sometimes I had both. But I was just rolling around San Diego waiting to turn drugs and money into more money. It was a really long night. I spent a lot of time on the trolley or running around throwing my bike into people's cars, getting rides to places, and then getting back on the trolley. All the way, I was just counting down to the time where I was either going to make a lot of money or I was going to go to jail.

“Then I got the

phone call. Someone wanted some drugs. I was sitting on a big bag of dope that someone had already paid for, but I figured I'd sell it.”

His plan was to sell a marked-up ounce to the new buyer, use the

money to buy a replacement ounce, and deliver that to the original buyer. He figured he'd pocket several hundred on the deal.

Squire showed up at the prearranged meeting spot, the Mobil gas sta-

tion at the bottom of Washington Street, across from Gelato Vero.

“I went to where I was supposed to meet them and they weren't there,” he said. “I was riding my bike across a crosswalk to go across

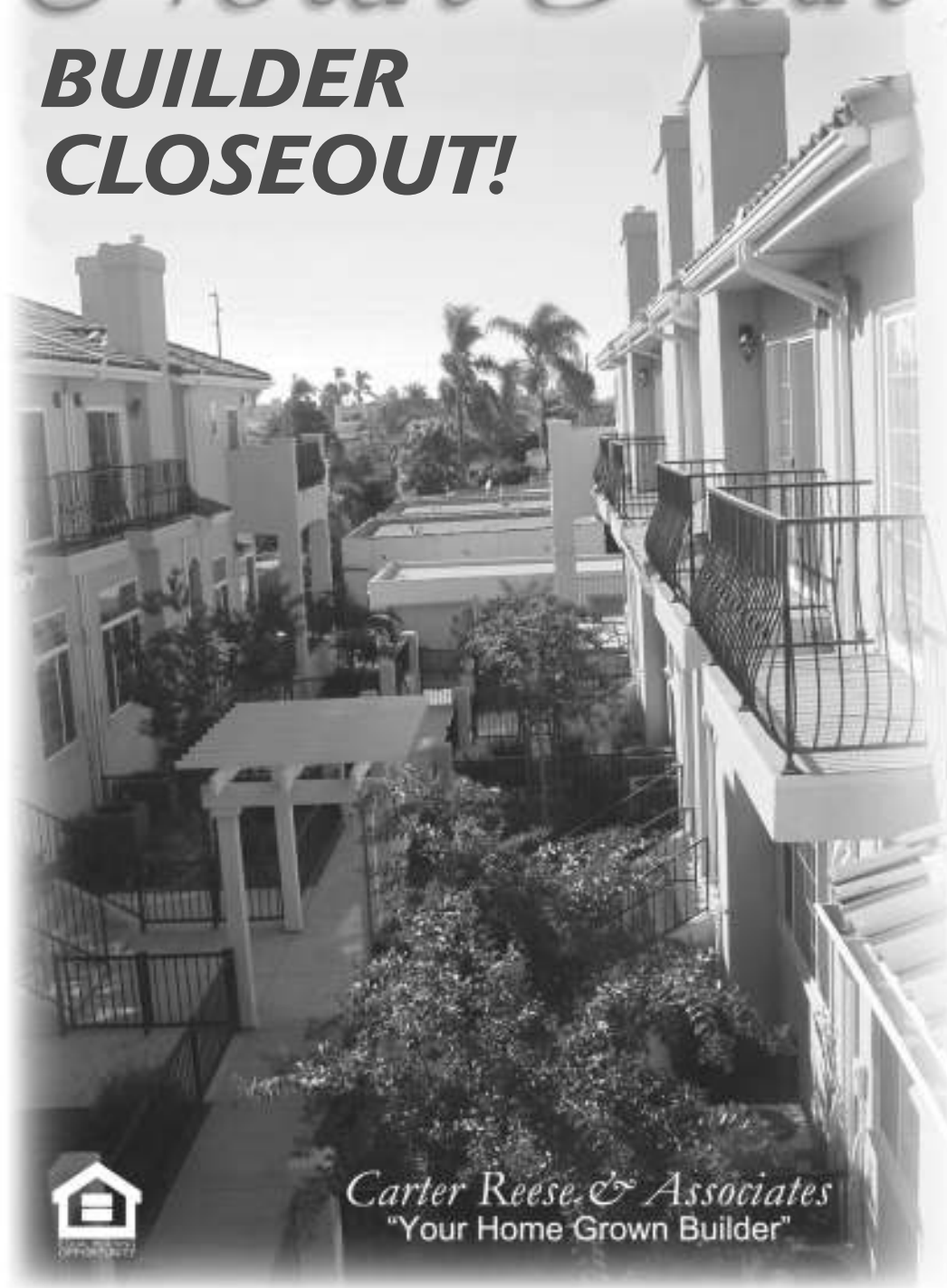
the street, lock it up, and get a cup of coffee, and all of a sudden these plainclothes cops roll up on me from every direction.

“They had this crazy story about how they were doing a stakeout on

the gas station because it had been getting robbed, and they said they thought I was robbing the gas station at three o'clock in the afternoon on a bicycle. It didn't make any sense and just tied in with my whole

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suspicion that I had been set up.”

Squire was caught with 31.5 grams of meth — slightly more than an ounce — a scale, and bags.

“I had been so depressed being sepa-

rated from Lisa and being aware of what I was doing to myself and with my life. I wasn’t making any progress, and I had totally taken two steps back after a year.”

As he headed toward

downtown for booking, he settled into the seat and cracked a smile.

“Finally, it’s over,” he thought to himself.

**Squire behind Bars**

Squire was now facing serious time with no

chance of making his \$60,000 bail. He figured he’d be in jail for a while. Coming down off the drugs hard, he told the jailers about his issues with depression and landed on the jail’s psych ward.

“It was my own *One Flew over the Cuckoo’s Nest*. I was in the fucking nuthouse in jail with all the fucking loony tunes and some not-so-loony tunes,” he said.

Squire wasn’t faking his illness, but he also

knew he would be prescribed drugs.

“If I’m going to be in jail, maybe I can get some fucking Klonopin or something. I used to be prescribed Klonopin by a shrink earlier that year. I thought I could use my case history with anxiety to get some good fucking drugs and numb the shock of it all.

“Unfortunately, I wasn’t crazy enough for them,” Squire said. “I think I was the only guy in the psych ward that wasn’t on Klonopin. Everyone was taking all sorts of crazy meds that they prescribed — only nobody took their own meds. It was like this big fucking pharmaceutical barter town, where everyone took everyone else’s drugs, which made it even weirder in there. There was this full-on black market in there, where you could get stuff from commissary, like snacks and stuff, and people were using their commissary like cash to buy each other’s drugs. People had credit going on and all kinds of crazy shit.

“You had these guys jonesing for each other’s drugs, and they would roll them up in pieces of paper and they would flick them across the floor and use strings to fish them into each other’s cells when we were locked up. I really didn’t get involved with it.”

The rules of jail tend to keep most people in line. Squire said the only time he had a problem involved a cell-to-cell drug deal. He was in the common area of his cell-block, waiting to be escorted to the visitor area, when two guys yelled for help moving pills into a cell.

“These guys wanted me to — mind you, you’re under constant scrutiny, and there are deputies everywhere — and these guys are trying to flick drugs under their doors and have me

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## Depression

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

Are you between the ages of 18 and 65 and finding life hard to tolerate? Has your energy and motivation to enjoy your life decreased? Do you find even simple pleasures empty? If so, you may qualify to try an investigational medication being studied for depression.

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

**If you participate, there is no cost to you...instead:**

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- No reports are made to employers, schools, or insurance companies.



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## Do You Have Insomnia? Are You Taking Ambien?

California Clinical Trials is conducting a research study to determine if an investigational medication can be used to help patients stop taking Ambien.

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## Are you being treated for your sleep apnea and depression but still have sleepiness during the day?

Because these two disorders have tiredness and fatigue in common, people who suffer from both feel like they drag all day long. California Clinical Trials is conducting a research study of an approved medication to see its effects on individuals with both sleep apnea and depression. If you are 18-65 years of age and in stable health, using your prescribed CPAP regularly and taking antidepressant medications, you may qualify to participate in this research study. Every study conducted by California Clinical Trials is staffed by a team of skilled and experienced physicians and medical professionals trained to place your comfort and well-being first.

**If you participate, there is no cost to you...instead:**

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## Are You A Night Owl Who Can't Fall Asleep Till Midnight (or Later)?

**Who me? Yes, you, the one who is up most of the night.  
Have trouble getting up early in the morning?**

**Feel like you could sleep all day and should say, "who, who" all night?**

If you are healthy but have chronic problems falling asleep before midnight, you may qualify for a research study in our state-of-the-art sleep clinic and receive an investigational medication for poor sleep.

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

**If you participate, there is no cost to you...instead:**

- You may receive up to \$2600 for time and travel.
- Receive no-cost study-related medication and study-related medical care.
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# CLINICAL RESEARCH

**Bipolar Disorder • Depression • Schizophrenia**

Researchers at Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital are currently enrolling men and women into inpatient and outpatient studies.

Eligible participants may receive all study-related care at no cost, and may be reimbursed for time and travel.

Participation is confidential and trials are safely conducted under the supervision of experienced physicians and research specialists.

To learn more, please call the Sharp Mesa Vista Clinical Research Center at

**(858) 694-8350.**

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Hospital

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deliver them to other cells or slip them under the door.

“I told them, ‘Fuck that. I’m not getting caught up in your shit. I’ve got court in a few days, and I’m trying to

‘fucking pussy.’

“There are certain things you have to do in jail. There are certain guidelines you have to follow. No matter who you are, you don’t let someone call you a pussy

fucking face when you get out of your cell, and then we’ll see who the fucking pussy is. Until then, shut the fuck up!”

“I lost my temper a few times in jail, but that was probably the worst

**Squire was spotted at a handful of local shows, chatting up acquaintances and hanging out as if he never left.**

stay out of prison, and the last thing I’m gonna do is get in trouble in here.’ These guys couldn’t deal with that. They started talking all this shit and calling me a

in jail — or you are one.

“These guys were just a couple of mooks from El Cajon, stupid white-trash tweakers. I told them, ‘You know what? Say that to my

time I lost my temper. There’s a hierarchy and segregation in there with reps. I had to go to the white rep, because these guys were white guys, and I had to tell them

## RESEARCH STUDIES

### Are you diagnosed with **Schizophrenia?** Are you currently taking Risperdal?

You may qualify to participate in a research study involving an investigational medication.

Qualified candidates will be compensated for time and transportation as follows:

\$50 for your screening visit and \$100 at each scheduled visit after screening.

Compensation up to \$650 will be provided.

Call 858-566-8222 for more information.

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## Do You Suffer From Recurrent Genital Herpes?

We are conducting a research study with an investigational medication to see if it helps reduce the healing time for genital herpes outbreaks.

To qualify, you must be at least 18 years of age, medically diagnosed with genital herpes, and be in good general health.

#### Qualified participants will receive:

- Study medication • Laboratory tests
- Study-related physical exams
- Compensation for time and travel

For more information, call:

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**Subjects are now enrolling for a clinical research study on insomnia at the Wetlin Research facility. To find if you pre-qualify, please read the information below:**

## Trouble sleeping through the night?

Insomnia is a condition where you might:

- Wake up frequently during the night
- Awaken during the night but usually fall back to sleep
- Wake up too early in the morning without being able to fall back to sleep
- Experience distress as a result of nighttime symptoms, or report problems with daytime fatigue or impairment

Those who have trouble sleeping through the night may qualify to participate in an insomnia study of an investigational medication to see if it improves quality of sleep.

You must be between 18-64 years of age to participate.

People who qualify to participate in this study will receive at no cost investigational medication and medical care associated with the study, including lab work, ECG and physical exams.

**If you are interested in participating in this clinical study, please call Wetlin Research at 619-583-1954, ext. 17, to schedule a screening visit.**

## New Research Offered For People with Hepatitis B



Hepatitis B-positive volunteers are needed to participate in a new research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of Hepatitis B.

### You may be a candidate if you have:

- Chronic infection with Hepatitis B
- No prior treatment for Hepatitis B
- Are otherwise in good health
- Are HIV negative

All study-related care is at no cost if you qualify, including doctor visits, lab tests, and study medication.

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## RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Are you taking only one of the following:

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OLANZAPINE  
SEROQUEL  
ABILIFY**

and experiencing any cognitive impairment?

### Cognitive impairments include:

- deficits in areas such as memory, attention, planning, and problem solving
- problems with verbal and visual learning
- having a hard time managing emotions

Medical researchers at UCSD are currently conducting a clinical research study to evaluate an investigational drug for the cognitive impairment in schizophrenia. Participants must be between 18 and 65 years of age to be eligible.

Medical and psychological evaluations and study drug will be provided at no cost. Eligible participants will also receive reimbursement for time and travel.

For more information, please call:

**866-550-UCSD**

UCSD Department of Psychiatry



## Do you constantly worry? Every day?

Do you feel nervous, tense, or "on edge" most of the time? Do you have trouble sitting still or is it impossible for you to simply relax? Are you having trouble sleeping? If so, you may be suffering from Generalized Anxiety Disorder. Affiliated Research Institute in Mission Valley is currently seeking adults between the ages of 18 and 64 who have been diagnosed with or are experiencing symptoms of Generalized Anxiety Disorder to participate in a research study of an investigational medication. Participants will receive all study drugs and study-related medical care at no cost. Health insurance is not needed to participate. So, if anxiety is getting in the way of a full life for you or someone you love, please visit our website or call.

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## Tired of the weight? A Type II diabetic?

### Are you:

- A Type II diabetic?
- In overall good health?
- Currently suffering from obesity?
- Between 18 and 70 years of age?
- A non-smoker for at least 3 months?

If you answered yes to all these questions and are available for study-related visits for a year, you may be eligible for our investigational drug research study. If eligible, you will receive medical evaluations, including blood tests and electrocardiograms, nutritional counseling, investigational medication treatment, and visits to the clinic at no charge.

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## Is waking up tonight affecting your tomorrow?

Do you or someone you know have trouble staying asleep? Is it affecting daytime activities? A study of an investigational medication is under way for people who have trouble staying asleep, characterized by waking up throughout the night (sleep maintenance insomnia).

### To qualify for participation in this research study, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have trouble staying asleep through the night
- Be impacted in your daily life by your sleep problems

If you qualify and choose to participate in this study, you will receive an initial consultation, study-related examinations and laboratory evaluations, all follow-up visits, and you may receive study medication at no charge to you. Compensation for time and travel provided.

If you are interested in learning more about this study,  
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## Sadness, low energy, trouble sleeping, can't concentrate... Depression – have your symptoms returned?

Clinical research study for adults with depression.

### If you or someone you know is:

- 18-55 years of age
  - Currently experiencing a depressive episode and have a history of recurrent depression
- You may be eligible to participate in this clinical research study.

### Qualified study participants will receive:

- A comprehensive medical evaluation as it relates to the study
  - Supervised care by medical professionals during the study
  - Study medication at no cost
- Compensation for time and travel and an aftercare program may be provided.

If you are interested in learning more about this study,  
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## Is your Schizophrenia medication making you heavy?

If you have been diagnosed with schizophrenia and would like to participate in a study that monitors weight, you might consider participating in a medical research study that is studying an investigational drug for schizophrenia.

### You may qualify if you are:

- Diagnosed with schizophrenia
- Between 18 and 65 years old
- Have taken Zyprexa (Olanzapine) or Risperdal (Risperidone) for the past 3 months
- Have not been hospitalized for schizophrenia in the past 3 months

Those who qualify will receive study-related procedures, such as physical exams, laboratory tests, and study medication.

For more information about this study, please contact:

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# *Do you have small, red, rough spots on your face or scalp?*

You may be suffering from Actinic Keratoses or pre-cancerous lesions. If you are at least 18 years of age, you may be eligible for a clinical research study.

You may qualify if you have: 4 or more red, rough and/or scaly spots or lesions on your face or scalp.

**Please call University Clinical Trials at (619) 202-0173, to see if you qualify for this study.**

Qualified participants will receive study related medical exams, and investigational medications at no cost. Compensation for time and travel may be provided.

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what had happened. That's when the rep and his right-hand man stepped in and made those guys apologize to me."

Despite the number of charges, which included possession, transport, and intent to sell a controlled substance, Squire did less than six months in jail. He considers himself lucky he didn't get sent to state prison.

As part of his release agreement, Squire was required to go to rehab, but he got kicked out early this year after he told someone he was thinking of making an unapproved stop at Pokéz while on a pass to run personal errands.

Normally, the probation department would have bounced him back to jail, but the court considered him a New Hampshire resident. His probation officer cut him loose on the condition he return to New

# Anxiety?

If you are troubled by worries, tenseness, difficulty sleeping or concentrating, you may be eligible for

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## ✓ Difficulty Sleeping?

## ✓ Restless/Tense?

## ✓ Difficulty Concentrating?

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# Is Acute Mania Due to Bipolar Disorder Throwing Your Life Out of Balance?

We are seeking volunteers for a clinical research study of an approved medicine under investigation for acute mania due to bipolar disorder.

## TO QUALIFY:

- You must be at least 18 years of age
- You must have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder
- You must be experiencing symptoms of acute mania

## QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE, AT NO COST:

- Monitoring of bipolar and acute mania symptoms
- Study-related medical and lab exams
- Study medication

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A 9-week clinical trial for men and women between 18 and 75 years of age who struggle with the discomfort and straining associated with **chronic constipation** is underway. An oral investigational medication is being studied to evaluate the safety, tolerability and effectiveness in adult subjects with chronic constipation.

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- Male or female, between 18 and 75 years of age
- Have a history of chronic constipation (fewer than 3 bowel movements per week) for at least 6 months
- No history of abdominal surgery or abnormal EKG

## Participants may receive at **no cost**:

- Study-related exam and consultation with a board-certified specialist
- Study-related labs, EKG and study medications
- Compensation for your time and travel

Interested, call:

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Medical Center for Clinical Research

England.

This past August and September, Chris Squire was spotted at a handful of local shows, chatting up acquaintances and hanging out as if he'd never left. He reformed the Tori Cobras for two

quick shows at the Tower Bar on September 7 and Scolari's Office on September 11 before leaving San Diego once again in October.

In a recent phone call, Squire said he was happy to report that he

was in New Orleans, back where he wants to be, playing in three bands and working sound in another nightclub while documenting it online at [posttraumatic.blogspot.com](http://posttraumatic.blogspot.com). ■

— Larry Harmon

## RESEARCH STUDIES

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## Do You Get Anxious in Social Situations?



### Do you:

Get very **NERVOUS** around people?  
**Fear** being the center of attention?  
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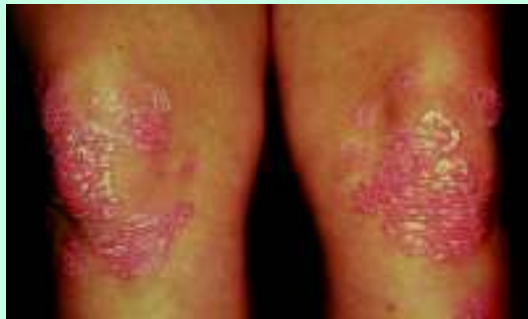
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## Do you want clear skin?

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# Goodbye in the Morning

## *This began as a story about breakfast.*

I had been thinking about breakfasts and the near-obsolescence now of extravagant morning meals. These meals were eaten by people on America's farms and in its small towns; they were eaten in the dark in winter and in gray dawn in spring and summer. Fried eggs, yolks straining against tense, transparent membrane; bacon slices cut from sugar-cured slabs, the bacon fat cameo-white between dark lean; biscuit that steams: I remember all this. I remember French toast. The egg-and-milk-soaked bread puffs up in the iron skillet. Chilly morning air puffs up too, swells to an ambrosial ferment the nose can't get enough of: sage-seasoned pork sausage, caramelizing sugars, sliced orange, coffee.

I remember breakfast tables from my earliest childhood; sunshine spills across a blue-checked tablecloth stiff with starch and fresh air. Cut-glass bowls hold jelly and jam. The Concord grape and strawberry wriggle, seem to live a life of their own, nurtured by a slow, hidden heartbeat.

From my seat at the table, my father's law books stacked under me, I saw, out the window, two cardinals flutter in midair. The larger bird was

bright red, the smaller dull rust. The larger pecked the smaller. "Stop them," I screamed. Even before the first word came out of my father's mouth, the birds flew. My father said, calm down, the birds were making babies. Soon they would lay eggs and their pretty eggs would fill to bursting with baby red-birds. Maybe the birds built their nest in our poplars or maples or elms. Maybe the mother redbird plucked up my lovely hair from the day before,



when we set me in the yard on a chair and trimmed my curls so my neck wouldn't get so hot and sweaty. Maybe she lined her nest with my curls. "Imagine that!" my father said and smiled.

My mother then may have said to my father, as she often did, "Don't fill her head with ideas. You'll make her wild."

I remember fried green tomatoes and fried apple rings. My father and mother dip a forkful of charred tomato

or apple into the lake of marigold yolk. They bite down with huge fierce teeth. Butter gleams on their lips. They spoon yellow cream into coffee; the coffee instantly turns pale, the way people do when they hear bad news. I remember the *glurg-glurg* when they swallow coffee, their enormous heads thrown back, pale white throats exposed. My father leaves a coffee taste on my lips when he kisses me goodbye in the morning. Years later, at the movies on

## RESEARCH STUDIES

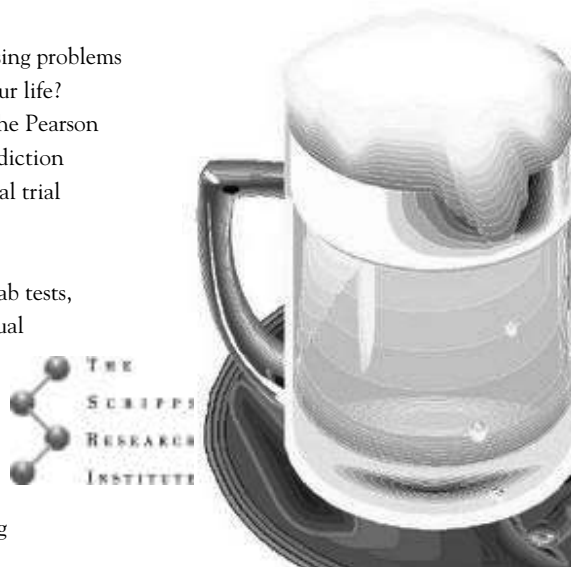
### Attn: Heavy Drinkers

Researchers at The Scripps Research Institute are working to develop new treatments for people with alcohol problems.

Is your current alcohol use causing problems with your family, your work, your life? If you want to stop drinking, The Pearson Center for Alcoholism and Addiction Research is conducting a clinical trial to help you reach that goal.

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- At least 18 years old
- Have a history of chronic non-cancerous pain
- Currently taking an opioid pain medication
- Have constipation due to taking an opioid pain medication

Study participation lasts approximately 16 weeks and includes 8 study clinic visits and at least 1 telephone call to assess any side effects. All study-related office visits, medical evaluations, and investigational medication or placebo will be provided to qualified study participants at no cost.



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## MISS RESTFUL SLEEP?



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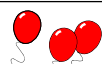
If so, you should know about a research study for an investigational drug to treat the symptoms associated with insomnia.

#### QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- Be between 18 and 64 years of age
- Have difficulty falling asleep over the past month

#### QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE:

- All study-related medical exams, laboratory test, and study drug at no cost
- Up to \$1,500 in compensation for time and effort



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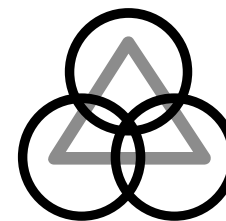
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The UCSD OCD Program is looking for people who are excessively concerned about a physical flaw to take part in a study that is providing:

- 12 weeks free medication treatment • Brain imaging scans
- Diagnostic evaluation • Neuropsychological evaluation

Study participants must:

- Be age 18-65 • Not be on any medications that affect brain functioning
- Not have any active medical conditions • Weigh less than 280 lbs.
- Not have a history of chronic substance abuse

There is NO monetary compensation for participation.

For more information call Dr. Jennifer Sumner at: (858) 534-8056

Saturday afternoons, I buy coffee Charms and suck them. Coffee-flavored liquid rises over my bottom teeth, pools on my tongue, floods my mouth with my father's kisses.

These memories seem pleasant enough, even with battling cardinals and strain between my mother and father. But as I enumerated dishes that weighted breakfast tables in my childhood, I felt uneasy. One specific morning and a second, also specific, kept coming back.

Sun isn't up, rain hits curtainless windows. The furnace is turned off, and the house is cold. I see my mother's heart-shaped face

and my grandmother's doughy cheeks. I smell their newly applied makeup and deodorant and Bluegrass

get to the farm before bedtime.

I ask why we can't take my cat Zoe. My mother says

*All they wanted was the corn you scattered. If they thought anything about you it was that you stole their eggs. I don't think they even thought that much.*

cologne. In the dim kitchen, their lipstick is greasy red and their rouge unnaturally bright.

My grandmother has spread the morning paper open under my bowl. I dawdle with my oatmeal, pat its stucco surface with the back of my spoon. Oatmeal splats against the paper.

My mother's and grandmother's faces loom, slowly expand, as a balloon being blown up will. My grandmother says we don't have all day, we need to get on the road if we're going to

Zoe stays, period, that's it, no nonsense. The cat will find a good home.

Who will give Zoe the good home? Why can't Zoe go to the farm and chase away mice in my grandmother's barn?

"No more questions," my mother says.

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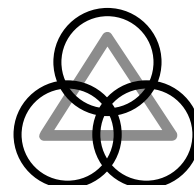
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The oatmeal rises up and out my lips and splashes into the bowl, onto the newspaper, the table, down my dress front. My grandmother slaps me.

That was the last meal I ate in that house.

They drag me into the dark bathroom, pull off my dress, my underwear, scrub, then dress me again, from the skin out, in clean clothes. They tell me if I want to do Number One or Two, I had better goddamn well do them, there won't be any stopping every ten miles.

My cheek burns, and my teeth ache from the hard slap. I am shaky from vomiting.

My grandmother hustles me out the front door to the driveway. The rising sun breaks through clouds and splashes light across bare treetops and our house's green shingles and bare dirt where my father would have put in his victory garden, had my mother not tossed him out.

The tan Packard sits low on its tires. Earlier that morning, my grandmother

and mother packed the back seat and trunk, heaped the roof with boxes, and tied them to the car with clothesline. The boxes are covered with tarp.

Wind blows the last leaves off the poplars and maples and elms. I am knee-deep in wet yellow leaves; leaves stick to my bare legs.

**She grabbed the churn's plunger and plunged it up and down, sweat runneling down her forehead, until the cream "turned" and we had butter.**

My grandmother pushes me into the Packard's back seat, wedges me between boxes stacked with pots and pans that will rattle all day through the long ride. When my grandmother slams the car door, Zoe tries to jump in. My grandmother's blunt foot thuds against Zoe's ribs.

Even though they washed me, I can smell the vomit on my skin.

Memories come back to you in your mouth. Decades pass before I eat oatmeal; to this day, when I become sick to my stomach, I am terrified. I fear something more awful than vomiting. As an older child,

when, for instance, I ran a 102-degree fever with measles and vomited myself empty into the pan my mother left on my bed, that morning came back to me. I was back at that table, newspaper opened out under the oatmeal bowl. Always when I was — *am* — sick, my body felt — *feels* — more than

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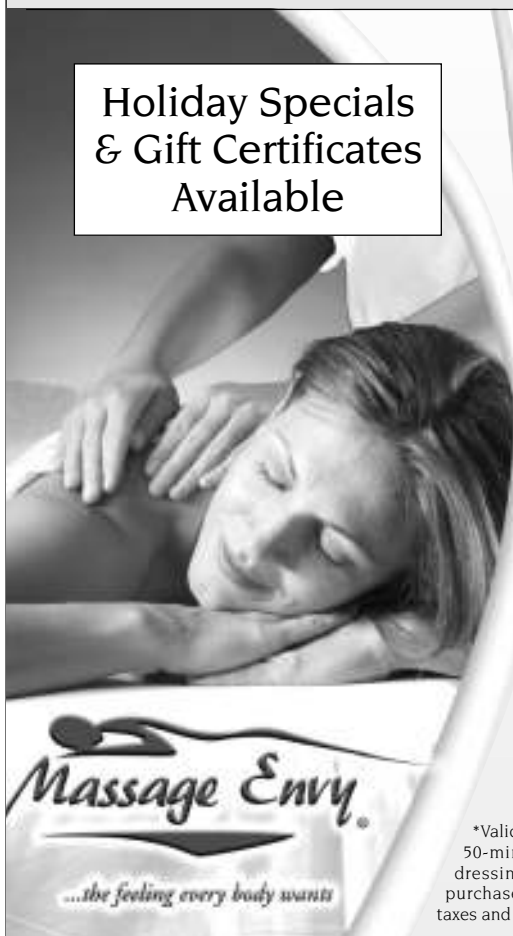
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ache, sore throat, sick stomach; I felt like a sausage stuffed with sorrow.

That rainy morning I lost the life I was born to. I never trusted anyone again.

Then there is the second breakfast. After my mother divorced my father, I lived with my grandmother on the ramshackle farm Uncle Carl bought her before he joined the Navy in World War II. Uncle Carl was my mother's brother, my grandmother's only son. He said that if anything happened to him in the war, she would have the farm.

Hands on her wide hips, my grandmother stated, proudly, that on her farm she had "more land than the eye could take in." How many acres those were, I don't know.

How a woman, then in her 60s, labored 16 hours a day as she did, I still do not know. She was rarely in the house, and when she was, she was dusting, scrubbing, disinfecting, swatting flies, washing and starching and ironing and then baking all of our bread, pies, cakes,

canning and pickling and preserving and then tatting, embroidering, crocheting.

When I'm talking about my grandmother and her farm, people sometimes ask me how I remember this so clearly, given that I was three and a half when I went there and almost six when I left.

her hired hands.

Her house sat on a rise that declined toward the gravel county road. Behind the house, outbuildings leaned in varying stages of repair and disrepair. A wood-framed barn held stalls for the fawn-colored Jerseys and black-and-white Holsteins

**My grandmother saw FDR as personally responsible for the enactment of Social Security. "This," she said, "will help keep me from the poor farm in my old age."**

I say I was like someone set down in a Bible story where every event seems about to burst into a moral and every breeze is a wind of prophecy. I point out how alone I was, no children to play with and my mother and father gone. My only human companions were this old woman and

that my grandmother and the hands, Bushels and Buckles, milked early morning and late afternoon. A ladder led to the hayloft above the stalls. I never once went there. You could break your neck. Be, my grandmother said, "crippled for life."

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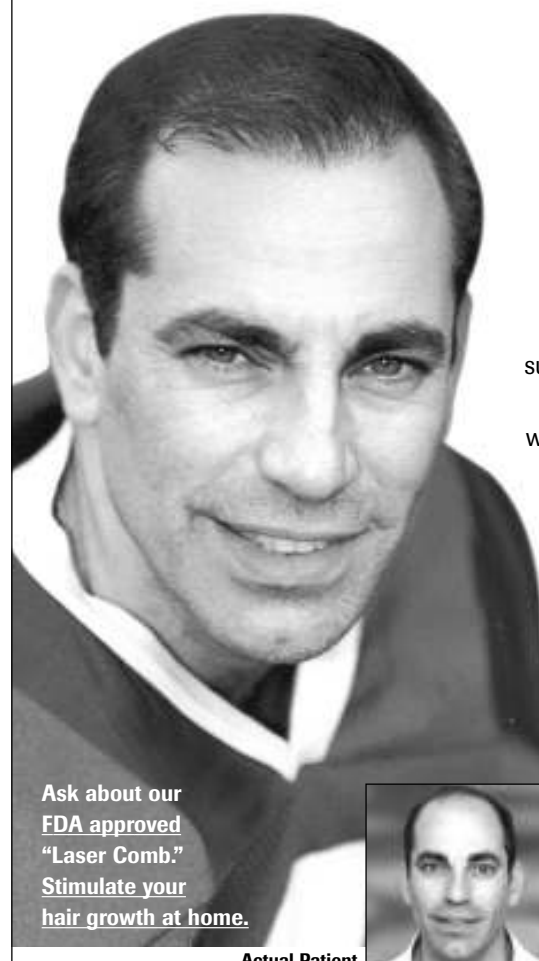
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door and barn was the well house, where the pump pounded and surged, strong and steady as an athlete's heart. The well water tasted like stone would taste if you chewed it.

A concrete-block milk house stood near the barn. In the milk house my grandmother separated milk and poured it into stainless steel jugs for the dairy truck that, daily, picked up filled jugs and left off empties. She kept some of the milk for us and some for the barn cats.

To the right of the barn was the hen house. Next door to the hen house stood the brooder house, where baby chicks were let out when they arrived, by mail, in boxes. You could hear the chicks peep in the boxes. And next door to the brooder house, inside a wire fence, was a shack where cockerels were fattened for market and fried chicken dinners.

One thing you learned on the farm was that chickens would not love you. All they wanted was the corn you scattered. If they thought anything about you it was that you stole their eggs. I don't think they even thought that much.

Spring and summer, when you stretched out on prickly grass, you knew grass didn't care about you either. Grass had a life all its own, trying to go to seed and make more of itself. The grass didn't flinch when the cows left hoof prints. Nothing cared, not the hens, cows, the mule, alfalfa. Everything went about its business growing itself. Then my grandmother and Bushels and Buckles came along and turned it, animal or vegetable, to food. This hardened your heart.

Behind the barn, Bushels and Buckles lived in a windowless bunkhouse. My grandmother hired the two old men from the county poorhouse. They spit tobacco on the ground near their boots, chewed cigar stubs and orange rat cheese, the latter kept in the bib pocket of their overalls. In winter they layered on underwear; over their underwear and under overalls, they wore plaid flannel shirts. Frayed long-john sleeves stuck out below the shirt cuffs. They tucked their overall legs into unfastened rubber galoshes; the galoshes' metal fasten-

ers clacked with each step the two men took. You could tell where they'd been by the smell.

My grandmother traded a hog to a house painter from town who slapped white paint on the house.

In exchange for a half-dozen laying hens, he also cal-cimined the chicken house. My grandmother said she got one over on him, those hens' laying days were done. When my grandmother got one over on somebody, you

should have heard her laugh. She threw back her big head and opened wide her big round mouth and clacked together her false teeth and cackled.

My grandmother tacked up a satin Blue Star pen-

nant, a blue star against white satin, in the front window. You got one blue star for each son or daughter serving in the armed forces. If your son or daughter died, you took down your blue star and draped a Gold Star

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grandmother cruised residential streets. She said she didn't care how much god-dam gas we wasted, she wanted to count gold stars. She wasn't Catholic, but when she saw a gold star, she took a hand off the steering wheel, crossed herself, and said, "There but for the grace of God go I."

Uncle Carl was 41 when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. He had never married. Given his age and that he was a teacher of organ in a state college, the Navy made him a chaplain's assistant, as they did many apparently homosexual men. Uncle Carl was homosexual, although he hid his homosexuality. He had his mother's stocky German body, a strong chin, large blue eyes, and a flirtatious manner with both men and women. Single women invited him for dinners and to concerts and parties. He accepted their invitations, and then afterward, talking with homosexual male friends, he made fun of the women, their excessive use of cosmetics and perfume,

coy mannerisms. Sometimes he spoke cruelly, mentioning their unpleasant female odors, terrifying ardor, attempts to kiss him, their desperation to catch "anything in pants."

The Navy trained Uncle Carl in Norfolk, Virginia, then shipped him to Okinawa, along with an Armed Forces hymnal and a field organ, a three-foot-high console whose keyboard spanned four octaves. Players powered the organ by pumping two wide pedals, and the organ gave out a surprisingly robust sound. (I know because during the 1960s, Uncle Carl bought at a junk store a field organ precisely like the one he'd played on Okinawa.) Uncle Carl's job was to provide music at church services held behind battle lines. "You had to play loud," he said, "and had to be ready at the drop of a hat to pound out 'Onward Christian Soldiers.'"

"World War II," he later would say, "was the best vacation I ever had." Then he'd wink, lewdly, add, "All

that delicious *fresh* seafood, you know." Years later, someone told me that "seafood" was in-crowd gay slang for sailors.

While Uncle Carl, as my mother and grandmother put it, was "fighting in the Pacific," the two women, again, to use their language, "worried themselves sick." My mother was at Eastman School of Music getting her master's degree and taking singing lessons, so I don't know what form her worry took. I do know my grandmother did much vigorous hand-wringing, twisting of apron corners, that her mood rose and fell with arrival or non-arrival of Uncle Carl's V-mail.

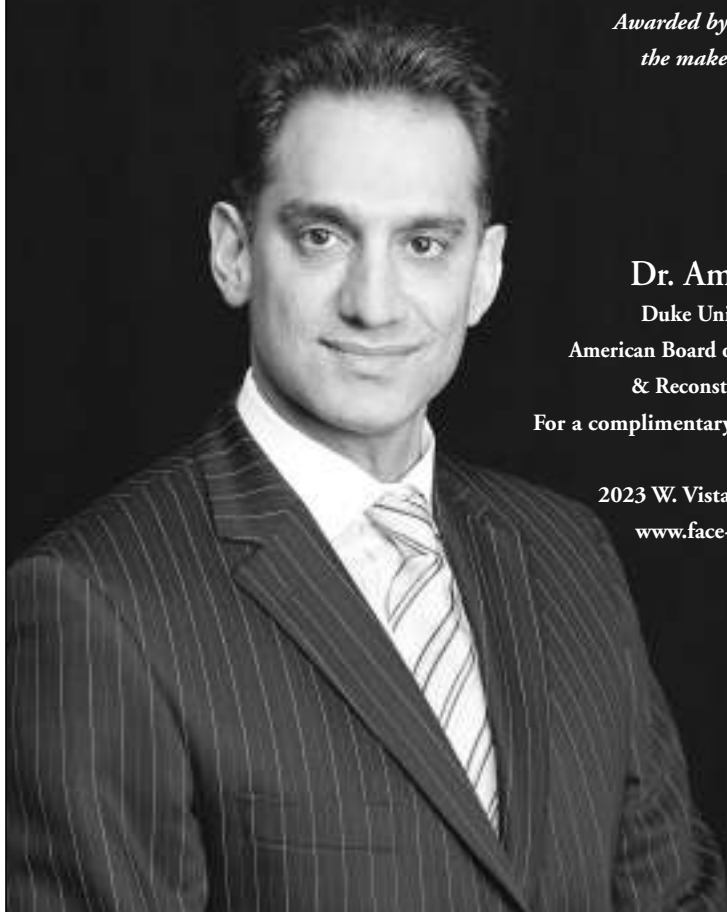
She kept a world map thumbtacked to her bedroom wall. She'd put her fat finger in the blue Pacific and say, "That's where my boy is, out in all that water." Sometimes, she would shake her head, say, "That's a goddamn lot of water."

My grandmother was the oldest of ten children. All she ever said about her parents was that her father, A.J.

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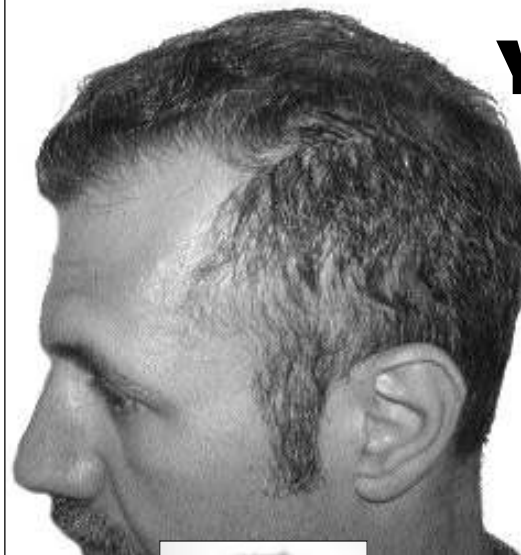
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Brooks, beat her and that her mother made her "slave" right alongside her, helping raise the children that came after her. My grandmother never said one kind word about her father or mother, nor did I ever hear her mention her brothers and sisters. Not one word.

Like others raised in her era (she was born in the late 1870s), she did not have a sentimental attitude toward children. Days passed when all she called me was "Young'un."

"Young'un," she'd say, "go get the mail."

To get to the mailbox, you walked down a gravel driveway to the gate and took down the gate rails. Hail stones had battered the mailbox, and cattle rubbing against the pole to which the box was bolted had loosened and tipped the pole. They had left tufts of their stiff russet hairs on the pole.

If three days passed without a letter, I kept my distance. A disagreeable woman at best, my grandmother turned fierce when she worried. For the slight-

est slip-up, say, breaking an eggshell when I gathered eggs, she'd slap you so hard your ears rang. She was short and fat, and when she had hitting you on her mind, she moved fast. So I always hoped that when I stood on tiptoes to get into the mailbox that she'd have a letter from Uncle Carl, or at least a letter from my mother, of whom, alas, she was not as

ing. She turned her face toward me, the heart-shaped face lined and drawn downward, but still beautiful. She scooted to the edge of her chair. She inhaled. I could hear the warm air enter her. A small woman, five feet tall, slender and delicately boned, she was wearing an expensive knit dress, the yarn a clear red. She inhaled and her diaphragm enlarged,

**The worst thing, according to my grandmother, about Mrs. Roosevelt, was that she encouraged "race-mixing."**

fond.

I wanted to love my grandmother. I didn't. When I was older and my grandmother had been dead for years, I said to my mother that I had been miserable with my grandmother. My mother looked up from photographs of my children, costumed for a grade school play, that she had been study-

as singers' diaphragms will. When I was a child, this slow enlargement frightened me. It was like something an animal does before striking.

She spoke in these moments with the careful enunciation she gave to a Puccini aria or Schubert lied. She grew cautious with dental consonants, fitted them tidily between the easy,

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open vowels. She said — sang, really — that I should thank my lucky stars my grandmother took me in. She raised her eyebrows and pursed her lips. “Do you think,” she trilled a thrilling crystalline vibrato, “that your father’s new wife would have taken you?”

Evenings after my grandmother and Bushels and Buckles herded cows into their stalls, milked them, strained and separated the milk, filled the cows’ feed boxes with feed and hay, got chickens gathered in, and hasped the hen house door against skunks and coons, my grandmother turned on the big cathedral Philco, settled deep into her plush easy chair, turned up her hearing aid high as it would go, and grabbed up her mending or fancywork. She’d say, “Shut up. I want to hear what they say.”

“They” were Edward R. Murrow, Eric Sevareid, Lowell Thomas, Gabriel Heatter, Richard C. Hottelet, Walter Winchell. Even young children recognized the voices. We might not

know, and I didn’t, what a world war was, but we knew the news these sonorous voices carried into our living rooms was about whether Japs or Nazis were going to stick bayonets through you. We listened and watched our grownups’ faces; their frowns or smiles or tears

she’d tatted herself, and atop those doilies she’d set out bric-a-brac she’d picked up in her travels — a hollowed-out armadillo, a pottery log cabin incised in gold with “Land of Lincoln,” a metal oil derrick, a wooden music box in the shape of a steamer trunk. The music no longer

**My grandmother studied FDR’s photograph in newspapers, Life magazine, and Saturday Evening Post.**

*She shook her head, said, “Look at those bags under the poor man’s eyes.”*

told you if news was good or bad.

My grandmother’s bedroom was crowded with heavy, carved furniture — wardrobe chest, vanity table, two smaller chests, and four-poster bed. Across the surfaces she’d scattered doilies

played. Roosevelt’s photograph hung on her bedroom wall. The photograph had been hand-tinted and had that odd pastel haze you see over pictures of saints. Tucked into the corner of that photograph was a smaller photo, torn from a newspaper: Win-

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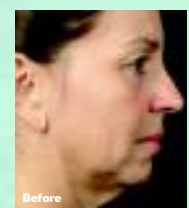
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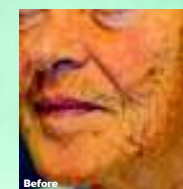
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tor said, was too delicate to have more children; she was small, in the pelvis. When young Franklin was eight, his father had a heart attack and lived for the next ten years as an invalid. Franklin was good as gold, my grandmother said, not wanting to do anything to set off his father’s heart or worry his

President Teddy Roosevelt’s niece, the homely orphan Eleanor, and it about broke Mother Roosevelt’s heart. But he married Eleanor anyway, and that marriage, my grandmother said, was about the biggest mistake in the President’s life, except for when he went swimming on a cold day and let him-

*“Oh, my God!” He rolled his blue eyes and told us that in the Navy they fed them powdered eggs and powdered milk and bacon from cans.*

mother. When Father Roosevelt died, Franklin was going to Harvard College, and after the funeral Mother Roosevelt was so lonely she moved to Boston to be near Franklin.

After Franklin graduated, when he was 21, he told his mother he was going to marry his fifth cousin,

self take a chill that left him open to come down with infantile paralysis.

According to my grandmother, some people claimed that Mother Roosevelt was an “interferer.” Because she always stayed “right close” to the president, even after he married. “He could have told her to mind her own

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business," my grandmother said, "if he'd felt like that. But he didn't." My grandmother believed Eleanor Roosevelt was such a bad housekeeper and hostess and careless mother that Mother Roosevelt had no choice but to keep close to her son to help raise the six children the couple had.

My grandmother didn't have one good word for Eleanor. Mrs. Roosevelt had a column, "My Day," that ran in newspapers across the country. When my grandmother read this column, she'd say that "Mrs. My Day" gadded around too much, that she ought to stay home in the White House, keep track of her

children, who got married and divorced faster than you could count. She said the president should make his wife keep her big flapping mouth shut. She thought Mrs. Roosevelt "ugly as sin, what with those big horsey teeth jutting out." She criticized Mrs. Roosevelt's clothing as "Dutchy-looking," a term that meant "unstylish" and "country." She laughed at her hats. But the worst thing, according to my grandmother, about Mrs. Roosevelt, was that she encouraged "race-mixing." She brought "colored" into the White House and entertained them "right there in front of God and everybody." She was always try-

ing to get the president to "do for the colored."

My grandmother believed that after the war, thanks to Mrs. My Day and her "do-gooder" friends, the "colored" would no longer "know their place." She said that while she knew "good colored people" and "clean colored people," colored did not belong with white. No way.

My grandmother said that one thing Mother Roosevelt did that *was* wrong was that after the polio crippled up her son, she begged him to retire. He refused. He'd already been a big man in government in Washington, D.C., with President Wilson, as assistant Navy

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secretary. "A big man," my grandmother said, "can never go back to being a nobody." He fought the polio and got back some use of his legs and became governor of New York. Then when the Depression got bad as it could get and the Bolshies were about to start a revolution, he ran for president against that goddam cheap-skate Hoover.

My grandmother saw FDR as personally responsible for the enactment of Social Security, and when she rummaged through her pocketbook for Tums, she sometimes slid her Social Security card from her wallet. "This," she said, "will help keep me from the poor farm in my old age." She'd talk about how although FDR was "rich in his own right," he cared about the little man, the "forgotten man," the workers and farmers. She'd say that when he became president, hardly a house out in the country had electricity, and now almost every farmer had electric lights. "Me?" she'd say. "I'd follow FDR through fire in my bare feet."

My grandmother liked to tell about when Mother Roosevelt died, a few months before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. She'd say that even though the president's mother was almost 87, she was pretty as a picture. "She blued her hair," my grandmother said, patting her own white hair, which she rinsed with laundry bluing, "the same as I do mine. That way it doesn't turn all yellow." The president knew his mother was sinking and got on the train to Hyde Park and was holding her hand when she passed away. After she died, my grandmother said, he didn't come back to the White House for a long time. He just shut himself up there in Hyde Park. He got out the box Mother Roosevelt had kept with his baby shoes all bronzed up and his toys and some of his hair from the first time the barber cut it, and he held on to that box and cried his heart out.

When I was older and had young children of my own and wanted to understand my family, I read everything I could find in the library about Roosevelt. He seemed as much a part of the people I came from as my

grandmother or Uncle Carl or mother or father.

When Roosevelt became president, he couldn't walk. Heavy braces held his legs stiff. But he'd made it appear he could walk. If you look, now, at photographs of Roo-

sevelt, you can see the tricks he used. He always had someone holding on to either side of him, and he'd grip their arms, and they'd propel him forward. No one talked much about Roosevelt being crippled. But

they must have known.

My grandmother, like most Americans during World War II, hated the Japanese. So you won't think she was unusual, here's something Ernie Pyle wrote that appeared in papers all across

America. "In Europe we felt that our enemies were still people. But out here in Japan I soon gathered that Japanese were looked upon as something subhuman and repulsive. I watched Japanese POWs laughing and talk-

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and Nagasaki, my grandmother beat on her knees with her fists and cheered. "They're setting those Japs on fire," she said. She beat her knees so hard that her fancywork fell to the carpet. But when news from the Pacific theater indicated that Japanese torpedoes blew up a U.S. ship or that kamikazes had dive-bombed a U.S. patrol boat, my grandmother went to bed weeping. Wearing the nightgown she'd sewn from pink outing flannel, she sat at the edge of her bed. She took out her teeth and dropped them into the glass of water on her bedside table. She pulled out her hearing aid amplifier from the yellowed nook between her breasts and the hearing aid button from her ear and tucked the contraption under her pillow. She sloughed off her slippers. Those nights her sobs rose and fell, throbbing through our bedrooms' thin walls. She moaned the long, low moans that cows, enduring a difficult birth, moaned. I felt helpless to comfort her, and I was.

By 1944, FDR had been president for 11 years. My grandmother studied his photograph in newspapers, *Life* magazine, and the *Saturday Evening Post*. She shook her head, said, "Look at those bags under the poor man's eyes. We've done worn him out."

When Roosevelt ran for re-election to his fourth term, he dumped his old vice president, Henry Wallace, and ran with the senator from Missouri, Harry Truman. His Republican opponent was New York governor Tom Dewey, "a horse's ass," my grandmother seethed, "with a silly mustache." No way, she told Bushels and Buckles, would Dewey win. He didn't.

Harry Truman my grandmother hated and looked down upon as a failed farmer, which he was. My grandmother said we should pray Roosevelt didn't die in office and leave us with Harry. Of course, he did.

The day in April when news came of Roosevelt's death, my grandmother took to her bed. She didn't cook

dinner. She didn't milk cows, didn't gather eggs. Next morning, when she walked into the kitchen, her eyes were swollen from crying.

Pretty soon after Roosevelt died, my grandmother cheered up. Because the war was winding down. "My boy," she'd say, "will soon be home."

Lord, how she loved the A-bomb. The day that the *Enola Gay* dropped the bomb on Hiroshima, my grandmother cheered. She loved, she said, the thought that all those Japs were finally getting theirs. She clacked her big false teeth and cackled. "Old Tojo," she said, "I bet his old yellow feet are feeling the heat."

Harry became her hero. We heard no more talk about Harry's inability to farm. Harry became the man who "saved the lives of our American boys." Bess Truman, castigated as a "bridge club priss ass" and "plain as an Irish potato," became "the good woman behind a good man."

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About four one morning, I woke up. I was sleeping under heaped quilts. A dream woke me, I thought, or my grandmother, who called out in her sleep to people whose names I didn't know. My room was dark. I got out of bed and looked out my window. I pulled aside the curtain. The sun hadn't come up, the red-combed roosters weren't crowing and scratching dirt

with their yellow feet.

I heard a knock at the front door and a moment later, more knocks against the dining and living room windows. A voice called, "Mother, Mother." I didn't recognize the voice. I didn't think to go shake my grandmother awake. I thought only of the voice crying, "Mother, Mother." The person from whom the voice came sounded like someone in trouble.

I ran through the house to the front door. The top half of the door was inset with murky glass. I looked through the glass and saw a man. A white sailor's cap tilted to one side of his head. I stood on my toes and snapped on the porch light. "Open the door," the man said, "it's your Uncle Carl."

He didn't look like the face that came to mind when I thought "Uncle Carl." Years later, studying photographs taken before Carl joined the Navy and at photographs taken the afternoon of that morning he arrived at the farm, I see that Navy life thinned him down, left him

appearing younger than his 40-some years. He looks boyish, hoydenish, and his blue eyes look larger, more open.

I threw the bolt and opened the door. Surely he hugged me, but I don't remember. I do remember that he wore a navy-blue sailor middy with white anchors embroidered on the square collar. I remember that slung over each shoulder he had a huge sea bag and that once inside the door, he hoisted the bags off his shoulders onto the floor. The bags were filled with sea shells from the Pacific, many of them hand-size scallop shells that he used in years ahead for ashtrays when he gave parties.

I told him Grammy didn't hear him knocking because she took out her hearing aid at night. He whispered, "We want to wake up Mother carefully, so the shock doesn't give her a stroke or heart attack." My mother and Uncle Carl worried their mother would have a heart attack or stroke because her blood pressure

was high.

I don't remember how we woke her up. I do remember she grabbed Uncle Carl around the waist and held on so tight he screamed, "You're going to cut me in two, Mother." Her head didn't come up much further than his stomach. She cried until the front of her nightie was spotted with tears.

Uncle Carl wanted breakfast. He said that while he was on ships out in the Pacific and on Okinawa, he went to sleep nights thinking about her breakfasts. "The biscuits, Mother, the fried eggs, the sausage, your strawberry preserves. Oh, my God!" He rolled his blue eyes and told us that in the Navy they fed them powdered eggs and powdered milk and bacon from cans.

The enormous kitchen, painted bright yellow, had windows that looked out to the west and south. Along the west wall was the deep sink from whose faucets poured the medicinal well water. My grandmother was so short she stood on a box to get to the sink, and she

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often stood there, her fat, hard belly damp from dish-water, and gazed out onto her pasture. A four-burner, two-oven gas range was backed against the north wall. The kitchen table and four chairs around it took up all the space in a windowed nook that afforded a view into the vegetable garden and, beyond the garden, to the barn and hen house.

I know that table well, because after my grandmother died, my mother had the table and chairs that went with it shipped Railway Express to our house. She stripped off the paint and, evenings, wearing a mask because sawdust was bad for her voice, she sanded the oak smooth. When a guest praised the table, my mother ran her pretty hand over the table. Tears rose in her eyes. She said, "It was my mother's table."

I would remember my grandmother's ugly face. I would think how, on her deathbed, she told my mother she never loved her as much as she did Uncle Carl. My mother walked into the hospital corridor and sobbed. Uncle Carl petted her shoulder. He said, "She's out of her mind, she doesn't know what she's saying." I always thought she knew precisely what she was saying and enjoyed the hurt her statement caused.

A pantry off the kitchen was almost as big as the kitchen. Shelves ranked from floor to ceiling around all four walls. My grandmother stored canning there, extra pots and pans, a fruit jar filled with pencils, canning equipment, mops and brooms, perhaps as many as 50 one-pound cans of Folgers coffee, sacks of sugar and flour and cornmeal, the

Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery Ward catalogs.

Next to the stove — my grandmother called it "the range" — was the refrigerator, which my grandmother referred to as "the icebox." Mornings, she kept her percolator coffeepot on the range. She liked coffee burnt black, and years later, while she was dying of stomach cancer, my uncle and mother whispered that the burnt coffee hadn't helped her any.

You don't see stove-top percolators much anymore. A straight-sided pot, fitted out with a basket into which coffee grounds were ladled and a tube that fitted through a hole in the middle of that basket and ran from top to bottom of the pot. You put the water in the pot and then set in the basket with its tube. The lid had in its center a hollow glass knob. You

put the pot on the stove with the flame on high. Once the water began boiling, the hot water rose up through the tube and then down through the coffee grounds that sat in the basket, thus extracting their essence. When this process began, one said that the coffee had begun "to perk." At this point, the flame was turned low beneath the pot. You could see the water jet up into the glass knob on the lid. As the water recirculated, the water you saw through the glass became darker and the circulation increased its speed. The sound was *chug, chug, chug*.

That morning Uncle Carl came back from the war, my grandmother blew her nose and put on the percolator and stuck a match in the oven and lit it. She tied her apron on over her nightgown. She got out flour, baking powder, lard, and salt, and

buttermilk. She poured the flour, the salt, the baking powder, without measuring, into the mixing bowl. She scooped out lard from the lard bucket with a table-spoon. She picked up the red-handled pastry mixer, the same one she used to make pie crust, and cut the white lard into the flour, until the flour turned to pea-size balls. Uncle Carl pulled a chair out from the kitchen table and sat down. My grandmother's broad fat back, apron bow tied and flopping above her monstrous, massive buttocks, faced him. Over and over, she'd stop in the middle of blending the dough, turn and say, "Oh, son, let me get another look at you." She stood, flour on her hands, and smiled.

I sat on the cold floor, on the black-and-white speckled Armstrong linoleum, at

Uncle Carl's feet and stroked his dusty black boots. I wanted him to open his sea bags and show the seashells. I knew better than to ask.

Sun was coming up. Dirty brindle dog trailing behind them, Bushels and Buckles came up from the bunkhouse into the kitchen, as they did every morning. They brought their doggy, sour-washcloth, urinous odors with them.

She fed Bushels and Buckles every morning, my grandmother did, and that morning, too, they would have wanted coffee, their ham or sausage or bacon, eggs and pancakes and biscuit, gravy if she had some left from dinner the night before, slices of the day before's pie. Normally, she sat with them while they ate and sipped at her ever-blackening coffee. They talked about which cows were

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“fresh,” which heifers ready for breeding, a hog who seemed off his feed, a motor that needed oiling, an off-taste in the morning’s milk, that sort of thing. They talked, too, about the war.

But not this morning. “My son’s here,” she told them. Uncle Carl stood, shook the old men’s hands. Surely, they congratulated him on his safe return, and he no doubt thanked them for being a help to his mother.

What I do remember is that while the three men talked my grandmother slapped together sandwiches made from old biscuit and thick slices of bologna. She told them to take their food and coffee on out to the barn and get started milking.

She had sharpened her favorite butcher knife so many times that its blade

had narrowed to a thin steel sliver. That morning, I’m sure she used that knife as she cut thick slices of bacon off a smoked rasher from hogs she’d butchered. The rasher’s exterior, rubbed with salt and sugar and spices and smoked with hickory in the smokehouse, had taken on the burnish of oiled mahogany furniture. She held up a bacon slice for Uncle Carl to see. She told him about the hog from whose side the slice had been cut.

I don’t remember the hog’s name, but unlike most farmers, my grandmother named her hogs, and out in the hog pen, she addressed them by name — Ben, Abner, Robert E. Lee, Stimson, Salvatore, Isadore, Pappy, Daisy Mae are names I recall hearing her use. (And years

later, when I told my father some of these names, he said that at least two were names of my grandmother’s boyfriends.) I do remember that she told Uncle Carl about butchering day, how she and Bushels and Buckles did all the sticking and bleeding and sawing apart bones themselves, that she worked right along with them, like a man. I remember that she sidled over to the table and bulged up her biceps and asked him to feel it. She would have said, as she often did, “Feel that, hard as a rock, huh? Hard as a goddamn rock.”

I do know that while she cooked that morning, she cried. “For joy,” she said, “for pure-out joy.” I know that she had reached out so many times to touch her son that the shoulders of

his navy-blue uniform were dusted with flour and imprinted with floury handprints.

She set the bacon slices to cooking in the high-sided iron skillet. She sent me to the pantry for red Winesaps that she cored and cut in rounds. She arranged the apple rings in a skillet whose surface burbled with freshly churned butter. She browned the apples and, using tongs, turned them carefully, then tossed handfuls of brown sugar over them and set a lid atop the skillet, so the sugar would caramelize over the tart Winesap slices. The bacon fried, its fats sizzling. After the bacon had cooked the way Uncle Carl liked it — not quite crisp, with the lean still soft — she broke open brown eggs on the edge of the iron skillet.

“Come here, son,” she might have said, as she often did, “and look how high these here yolks set up.” Then, she may well have told him which of her hens were the most prodigious layers and how many eggs they laid in a good month.

The biscuit, by then, put out its heated high-summer-wheat-field, floury aroma into the kitchen. The bacon’s salty haze drifted across the kitchen like weather. And the apple rings’ caramel sweetness bore down on us like July sunshine. My grandmother stood next to Uncle Carl. Her blued hair

stuck out in oily strands off her big head. She placed her hands on her wide hips and she smiled. She’d forgotten to put in her teeth. Her lips encircled the emptiness. Her pink tongue emerged over glistening gums. Tears streamed down her fat face. She said, “Well, as far as I’m concerned, my war’s over. My boy’s home.” She must have been happy many times after that, but never again would I see her as happy as she was that day. ■

— Judith Moore

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Mel and Sasha Stanisc  
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cipal Code (2000) to allow a change from a 30-foot height limitation to 50 feet along Adams Avenue; we have the tacit approval for new mini-dorms in the College Area; and we have the proliferation of so-called low-income condos in single-family neighborhoods.

Such changes frustrate and anger settled residents. Their once-settled and peaceful neighborhoods are being changed into "no-places."

Deegan points out why the word "developer" is so hated. First, because they operate below the radar, financing politicians to

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I have been living at the Golden West Hotel since December 18, 1994, and eating in the Moon Cafe on a regular basis ("The Sun Sets on the Moon Cafe," "City Lights," Novem-

ber 8). I have been working at the Sun Cafe since August of 1995.

As for Joe Deegan's comments:

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Reference to Sun Cafe as no fictitious business! Try reference USA-U.S. Business.

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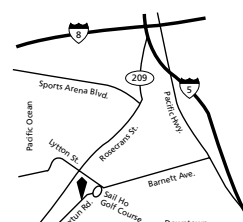
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Reference to San Diego County Recorder's Office! This county administration has done nothing but force Americans into the streets — use illegal labor to the point of overthrowing the region's American integrity — and collaborated with anti-American religious and southwest federal administrations to destroy the United States.

Note: I moved to San Diego in 1983, was forced to live in the streets, doing

daily labor and eating in soup lines from 1983 to 1994, when I moved into the Golden West Hotel. Started working at the Sun Cafe and eating at the Moon and Sun cafes.

The closing of the Moon and KD Donuts is just another plot of anti-American international colonization to starve us out and put us in the street, paying \$25 to \$30 for a piece of toast at an international dumpster full of illegal labor.

I am a tax-paying resident and American born!

John Wotzka  
San Diego

### Trash Class

I find it both sad and ironic that, of the ten or so meth-heads I've met in the past 12 months, every one of the addicted, lying losers saw himself as some kind of "upper class" addict, socially superior to crack smokers ("A Yearlong Trip Down Crack Street," Cover Story, November 1). Perhaps that odd ego trip is why Sanford protests (mehinks too much) his incompetence as a crack smoker. Class among the

trash, dude!

Bob Tepedino  
San Diego

### A Fate Worse Than Fat

In regards to the *Reader's* sob stories, being fat sucks ("Being Fat Sucks," Cover Story, September 27), being a drug addict sucks ("A Year-long Trip Down Crack Street," Cover Story, November 1). I have some sympathy and empathy. It is a known fact that one can be predisposed to being fat. It's in the genes. Debatable as to whether being a drug addict is. My ex was a drug addict, and none of my sons are. Perhaps it is self-medi-

cating an ailment of the mind. Debatable. I don't see too many who self-medicate with drugs, etc., get any better. They could see a shrink and get "legal" meds that may or may not work. You have to be willing to become a human guinea pig, but some of those meds actually work for a lot of people.

Getting to the gist of my letter, you can stop eating so much and you can realize that having a drug addiction is downright stupid. Some woman wrote there is nothing worse than being poor, white, fat, and a single middle-aged woman. Honey, there is something worse.

That is being born with an ailment of the mind, or, the more commonly known term, a mental illness. An ailment of the heart is easier to cure than an ailment of the mind. And the ignorant who still think you can pull yourself up by your bootstraps: incredible. You're lucky if you can find your boots.

Including myself, there are at least six family members of mine that were born with this genetic illness, four of us have a major ailment of the mind. Don't get out your hankies. If we were celebs or wealthy, we might just be considered eccentric, or we could af-

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ford better care and maybe be cured, have a job, be part of the status quo.

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It takes self-discipline to stop eating so much. It takes the same to avoid using drugs. I can only use self-discipline in helping to cope with my "sob story." When a neighbor says my taxes are paying for the benefits you get from living on SSI, I think, what benefits? It is a hard life, a degrading life, one I would trade in a second to be fat, working, and, yes, be a little happier. I have to use self-discipline to refrain from saying what I really feel like saying to a lot of grossly ignorant people.

The brain is an organ in the body, just like the heart, the liver, kidney, etc. My brain is sick, and I was born that way. I've lost so much. Friends, relatives. Other organs are failing. One son will have nothing to do with me because he is so ashamed of having a "mentally ill" mother.

I could go on. When the

Reader wants to print another sob story, contact me. There are lots of interesting facts to be told. I'm surprised the Reader published my anti-germ letters. We "mentally ill" people are brainless. We sometimes wish we were. By the way, I'm sick of fat women who begrudge and misjudge women who are not fat.

Ms. Opinionated  
Rolando

#### Comments from Reader Website

#### Sheep and Goats Published November 20

Posted by Paul H on 11/25/07, 7:02 p.m.

Quote: "Saroki had encountered that attitude

among both Christians and Catholics..." With all due respect, the above quote is like saying "...among both iPods and mp3 players" or "...among both Californians and Americans." One category includes the other (i.e., an iPod is an mp3 player, Californians are Americans, and Catholics are Christians), but the phrasing implies that the author views the two categories as mutually exclusive.

Posted by Lickona on 11/25/07, 11:46 p.m.

Hilarious that I should accidentally make that implication while writing a piece about Christians seeking common ground across denominations. I was condensing a quote in which

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Saroki said that he had encountered the attitude among Christians (by which, I believe, he meant Christians who were not Catholic), and also while teaching in a Catholic school. Dratted word count. Apologies for the confusion.

## City Lights, Breaking News

**Published November 20**  
*Posted by Fred Williams on 11/21/07, 10:05 p.m.*

As an alum of SDSU, I'm once again disgusted. A university's primary job is to educate, not entertain. But the highest paid employees aren't the instructors but the sports coaches. Students must pay manda-

tory fees to support these wasteful programs. The "student athletes" rarely attend difficult classes, it seems most major in something called "recreation studies" — and still can't graduate. Let's get rid of these games entirely and focus on education for a change.

## City Lights, by Joe Deegan

**Published November 14**  
*Posted by 24-Year Kensington Resident on 11/19/07, 11:54 a.m.*

I agree with Kensingtonian & Van Dyke. This project, like the Starbucks complex across the street, will improve the community. People need to get real

about what will & won't "pencil out" in the real world. I guess they don't really mind the boarded-up houses & gas station. As for traffic fears, believe me, no one will drive into Kensington to buy groceries; they have other options. But locals will shop there & as a result, won't use their cars so much. That's a good thing! Few people like change, but nothing in the universe stays static. A community is either growing or dying & I'd prefer the former. BTW, I've lived in Kensington 24 years, all as a home owner, & I do not work for a developer.

*Posted by Mike on 11/20/07, 11:10 a.m.*

The developer is not building what he is "allowed" or "entitled" to. He has requested and received a variance for the project to be much taller and denser than what it should be. The project allows for only one parking space per residential unit on site. How many of us only have one car per family and how many of us have friends that come to visit without driving? Where will the large delivery trucks and semis park or sit idling? I have worked on similar projects that have significant impacts on an entire neighborhood and as a result, we notice far beyond the 300 foot radius. Everyone involved in this project should have thought outside the box on this one and noticed residents within a 1,500 foot radius. A simple poster board at the project site would have sufficed as well. I am in favor of the project, in concept, but not the size and magnitude of what is currently proposed.

*Posted by Alder Guy on 11/20/07, 4:15 a.m.*

"...variance for the project to be much taller and denser than what it should be." This is incorrect. the deviation was only to exceed the 30' height limit that exists over the easterly parcel (the westerly gas station parcel has a height limit of 50'). The "density" of the project meets all applicable FAR standards per the current zoning.

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## The World Series of Paintball

**T**he Marines got into it just recently," says Ryan Greenspan, founding member of the professional paintball team San Diego Dynasty. "They see it as a militant sport because guns are involved. I don't think there are any people in the pro scene at all that are enlisted in the military. If anything, [paintball] pretty much gives you a sense of why you shouldn't [enlist] — in a ten-minute game, I can get shot pretty quick."

Wikipedia defines paintball as "a combat sport in which participants eliminate opponents from play by hitting them with [paint-filled capsules that burst on impact] shot from a compressed-gas-powered 'marker' [or gun]."

Dynasty will compete for the Professional Paintball's Commander's Cup in the World Series of Paintball at Qualcomm Stadium this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. "The majority of paintball is played in the woods, recreationally, on the weekends," explains Greenspan. "On the mapped-out field in the tournament it's all symmetrical — 'mirrored' on each side — and you're doing the same thing repetitively. But that's why it's better as a spectator sport — you can see clearly across. In the woods there are more options."

Recreational paintball enthusiasts often participate in scenario games in which there are objectives beyond simply shooting members of the opposing team. "At SC Village [Chino, California], they'll have scenario games two or three times a year where you'll have to guard the president or find

briefcases with fake documents. I've never gone to one of those, but they get a couple of thousand people to come out and play, and there are 24-hour overnight scenarios where you camp out."

At SC Village, there are 16 "fields," recreated landscapes in which American troops have conducted battle. For example, Field C is Taliban City, Field F is Iraq, and Field H is North Vietnam. The others include Kuwait, Bosnia, Germany, and Somalia. In an article for Kansas City's digital magazine *infoZine*, Michelle Key reports that "National Guard soldiers who have not completed basic training" participated in a "regional training day" that included "paintball exercises." One member of the guard that Key spoke with, specialist Amy Newman, told her, "The paintball training gave the soldiers an opportunity to experience the type of combat that they may face in the future."

According to the National Professional Paintball League's website, paintball is the number-one extreme sport in the United States, with 9.97 million participants. Though he compares the sport to a "real live video game" with "action going on all the time," Greenspan describes the more paramilitary-oriented scenario games as "bizarre" and doesn't agree with the label of paintball as a paramilitary sport. "I don't like associating paintball with the military, because paintball sometimes gets a bad rap. But that's what it looks like to a lot of peo-



ple, especially [when players are] in the woods wearing camouflage." Dynasty's uniforms are blue with pinstripes.

"Two weeks ago I did a clinic in England," says Greenspan. "I get paid to fly out there and teach a group of people drills and techniques. We'll set up boxes and cones and have them run around and shoot them. We teach them what we do on the field and run people through drills. There are hundreds of drills that we know." Included in this instruction is the optimum way to shoot while running. "You want to eliminate as much bounce in your stride as possible," writes Greenspan in an instructional handout. "The more your body moves up and down, the less accurate your shots are going to be."

Greenspan moved to San Diego from Northern California seven years ago to attend San Diego State University. He hopes to continue playing professionally "into my 30s — probably when I'll start getting

slow." He's 25 now. "It's pretty cool to know that you're one of the best at what you do in the world. Our team has won more events and championships than any other team."

Despite the good run, Dynasty is entering the finals in second place. "We had a hiccup in Kansas City," says Greenspan. "We kind of zigged when we should have zagged."

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### BAJA

**Centro de Estudios Musicales Orchestra**, led by conductor Ernesto Rosas, takes stage on Thursday, November 29, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). \$8 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**“Sones para un Nuevo Sol** (Sounds for a New Sun)” — Mex-

ican fusion concert by Mexico City’s Grupo Zazhil on Thursday, November 29, 8 p.m., at Centro Estatal de las Artes (CEARTE, at Boulevard Costero and Avenida Club Rotario). Group is said to “combine traditional Mexican rhythms with jazz and rock.” \$10 U.S. 011-52-646-173-4307, 011-52-646-173-4308. (ENSENADA)

**Comedy by Tony Flores**, Friday, November 30, 8 p.m., at Mezzanine (3a Etapa del Río). 011-52-664-621-3934. (TIJUANA)

**Favorite Arias** promised when Fernando de la Mora takes stage, Friday, November 30, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Tickets: \$50, \$60 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**Rock Concert by la Cuca**, Friday, November 30, 8 p.m., at El Foro (#1500 Avenida Revolución). \$20 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

**“Tribute Concert to José Alfredo Jiménez”** — Rondalla de Todos Santos, Trío Azteca, Mariachi de Jalisco pay homage to singer José Alfredo Jiménez, Friday, November 30, 8 p.m., at Salón Manuel L. Careaga (Avenida Obregon and Calle 4 #401). Jiménez (1926-1973) was said to be “one of Mexico’s most prolific and renowned songwriters in the ranchera and mariachi genres.” \$10 U.S. 011-52-646-178-3380. (ENSENADA)

## OUT & ABOUT

**TANGO BUENOS AIRES**  
Friday, November 30,  
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**Brujeria** plans rock concert, Friday, November 30, 11 p.m., at Multikulti (on Avenida Constitución). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-680-2631. (TIJUANA)

**“Appreciating Ensenada’s Artists,”** excursion to meet artists Estela Hussongs, Pedro Peralta, and Carlos and Miguel De La Torre in their studios hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, December 1, 8 a.m.–7 p.m. \$97 fee includes gourmet lunch with wine, transportation. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (ENSENADA)

**La Cascada Motocross Series Finals** slated for Saturday, December 1, 8 a.m. New track is located three minutes south of downtown Rosarito Beach on free road (Popotla Boulevard); turn left (east) at first traffic light at La Barca. Details: 619-819-6323. (ROSARITO BEACH)

**Enanitos Verdes** plays rock and roll, Saturday, December 1, 8 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

**Handel’s “Messiah”** performed by Coro de la Opera de Tijuana, Saturday, December 1, 8 p.m., at

San Francisco de Asis Church (on Third Street). Soloists: Ruth Polio (soprano), Ana Rojas (mezzo-soprano), José Medina (tenor). Tickets: \$10, \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-681-7084. (TIJUANA)

**“The Nutcracker”** is performed by Compañía de Danza de Baja California on December 1 and 2 at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**Orchestra of the Centro de Estudios Musicales** (OCEM) presents “state tour concert of classical music,” Sunday, December 2, 1 p.m., at Centro Estatal de las Artes (CEARTE, at Boulevard Costero and Calle Riviera). Listen for Tchaikovsky’s “Symphony No. 5,” “Piano Concerto No. 3” by Beethoven, Verdi’s “Force of Destiny.” \$8 U.S. 011-52-646-176-3005, 011-52-646-177-1195. (ENSENADA)

**“Historia y Arqueología del Valle de la Misión,”** lecture by Oswaldo Cuadra González, Wednesday, December 5, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**Mexican Alternative Rockers** Plastilina Mosh in concert, Wednesday, December 5, 11 p.m., at Tia Juana Tilly’s (Avenida Rev-

olución and 7th Street). 011-52-664-685-6024. (TIJUANA)

**Lobster Lunch** and holiday shopping tour hosted by Baja California Tours, Thursday, December 6. The \$85 fee includes transportation, lobster feast at Patio de la Langosta in Puerto Nuevo, shopping in Rosarito Beach, Tijuana. Reservations: 858-454-7166. (ROSARITO BEACH, PUERTO NUEVO)

**“Conjunto Norteño”** — Pablo Jaime Sáinz discusses his new book of stories about state of Sinaloa, Thursday, December 6, 7 p.m., Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

### OUTDOORS

**Liquidambar Trees**, or sweet gums, the deciduous trees gracing front yards, parks, and campuses throughout the San Diego area, have been putting on an exceptionally colorful show. The leaves of some varieties turn to purple or red; the leaves of other varieties fade to golden yellow. Still other varieties hold on to their green leaves until sometime in December. Most liquidambar in our area regain their light green foliage by late February.

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

ian Bear Park (San Clemente Canyon) along Freeway 52 between University City and Clairemont.

**Golden Eagle, Bald Eagle, Ferruginous Hawk**, red-naped and red-breasted sapsuckers, Lewis's woodpeckers — all are possibilities when Audubon Society birders head out for annual Lake Henshaw/Mesa Grande Road outing, Saturday, December 1. Meet leader at 8:15 a.m. at Dudley's Bakery (at intersection of Highways 78 and 79). Bring a scope and lunch. Minimal hiking. Free. 619-692-3246. (SANTA YSABEL)

**Explore the Cerro de las Posas Ridgeline Trail** with over-looks of Lake San Marcos, Valley of Discovery, Pacific Ocean during "Discover San Marcos" adventure on Saturday, December 1, 9 a.m.–noon. Expect moderately difficult six-mile hike with elevation gain of 500 feet. Adventure starts in San Elijo Park recreation center parking lot (at San Elijo Road and Elfin Forest Road). Free. Reservations: 760-744-9000 x3508. (SAN MARCOS)

**Interested in Native Flora?** Point Loma Native Plant Reserve work party, Saturday, December 1, 9 a.m.–noon. "Reserve houses one of San Diego's most extensive collections of endangered native flora." Pruning, weeding, general maintenance. Find garden at Mendocino Boulevard and Greene Street off Voltaire Avenue. Free.

## ROAM-O-RAMA

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

**F**or hikers, the flattish 5700-foot summit of Mount Wilson — home of the historic (and still viable) Mount Wilson Observatory — is a jumping-off spot for vintage trails that run downhill in practically every direction. Some trails on the mountain date to as early as 1864.

Perhaps the most famous of the historic trails is the Mount Wilson Toll Road, a mule path used more than a century ago to transport optical equipment to the site of what was, for a time, the world's foremost astronomical observatory. This "toll road" survives today as a fire road closed to cars but open for self-propelled travelers.



Twilight vista of L.A. from the old toll road

The drive to Mount Wilson is an easy one — after you get to Interstate 210 in the foothill community of La Canada-Flintridge. Take the Angeles Crest Highway north from I-210, climb into the mountains for 13.5 miles, and turn right onto Mount Wilson Road. After another four miles, you'll arrive on the ridgetop of Mount Wilson, where you can park in a large parking area for Skyline Park. Since the entire area lies within Angeles National Forest, you'll need to post a National Forest Adventure Pass on your parked car.

Few tourists who drive up this far for a view of the vast Los Angeles metropolis are aware that a more panoramic vantage point exists a short downhill hike (or mountain-bike ride) away. You get that better view from Mount Harvard, a prominent bump to the south. That peak itself was named in the hope that a Harvard University telescope would be located there. No telescope was ever installed, but a tourist encampment called Martin's Camp was established nearby. A century ago the camp's visitors commonly ascended Harvard Peak to enjoy panoramic views of the largely agricultural flatlands below. Today's view, especially during winter clear-air episodes, takes in hundreds of square miles of urban landscape — and also hundreds of thousands of city lights if you linger there after sunset.

Start walking or riding from the south edge of the Skyline Park lot. Find and follow either the Mount Wilson Trail (a footpath) or the Mount Wilson Toll Road (the fire road). The latter route offers safer travel at night. At a point 0.7 mile below by way of the trail, or 0.9 mile below by way of the road, you arrive at the Wilson-Harvard saddle, where Martin's Camp stood. Some old foundations, a cluster of Monterey pines, and a concrete shed are there now. Until a few years ago hikers could ascend to Mount Harvard's summit on the original tourist pathway, but alas, telecommunications antennas have appeared on the

peak along with formidable razor wire to protect them. Your best bet, then, is to continue about 0.5 mile downhill on the Mount Wilson Toll Road until you reach a spot on the south flank of Mount Harvard where the widest views open up to the south.

This article contains information about a publicly

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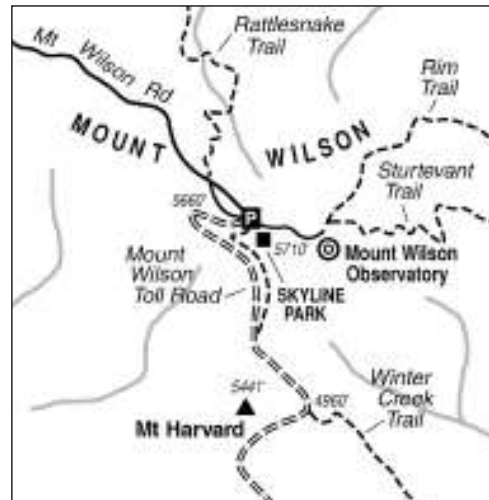
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**Guided Nature Walk**, Saturday, December 1, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park (at west side

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**See Toyon's Showy Red Berries** during guided nature walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, December 1, 2, and 5, 9:30 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

**"Desert Stargazing,"** course on desert stargazing led by Dennis Mammanna continues with "Watching the Neighbors," Saturday, December 1, noon-5 p.m., at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitors' Center Discovery Lab. Understand the movements of our nearest celestial bodies — the moon and planets. \$35. Registration: 760-767-4063. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

**Help Rescue Wildlife in Trouble** with Wildlife Assist, an emergency response organization. Recruiting

sessions on Saturday, December 1, 2 p.m., at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Program repeats Sunday, December 2, 2 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). Free. 619-921-6044. (CLAIREMONT, ENCINITAS)

**California Native Plant Society Walk**, Sunday, December 2, 9 a.m., Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

**Ven Explora la Naturaleza Connigo**, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts bilingual nature walk, Sunday, December 2, 1 p.m. Led by a Spanish-speaking interpretive guide, walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and nature center. Free. Find center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. 619-409-5900. (CHULA VISTA)



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**Tell me about the book.**

"I've only just started looking at it. I've read three of the pieces, and all of them were things to do with the brain, which is an area I'm particularly interested in. One was a piece about new

ways of treating depression, other than using drugs, which involve inserting electrodes in a deep part of the brain and collectively stimulating it. This is only being done in some people who have depression that's extremely resistant to any other kind of treatment; people who've been hospitalized and they've tried different kinds of drugs and psychotherapy and the old kind of electrical shock treatment without success. So, they've been experimenting with this approach, which is pretty drastic — it involves drilling a hole in the head."

**What do you make of the argument?**

"I think these are being done in cases that are very extreme, where people are suicidal and where they've tried everything and their lives are in a shambles. It seems [to work]; they've only done this in a few people, and the scientists are being very cautious about making claims for it. The first thing they want to establish is that it seems to be safe."

**What about the style?**

"It's a well-written article. It's appropriately cautious, which I think is good to see in science writing. I think often science writing that you see in newspapers plays up the sensational side of

things, particularly with medical writing. And it often doesn't appropriately emphasize the cautious or the fact that in science, our knowledge develops slowly. It evolves, often. I think that the lay press likes the notion that we have revolutions, instead of the fact that we arrive at solid conclusions over a long period of time. In general, it looks like a very interesting, solid collection. It covers a lot of different areas; I've just been looking at the ones that were particularly related to the brain. The third piece I was looking at involved developing new techniques to determine whether someone is lying or not."

**Compare this with other books you've read.**

"This series has expanded a lot. I first became aware of it — there's one that comes out each year with the best American fiction writing, [another] with the best American short stories, and I used to always grab that because it's nice to have these short stories that I can read before I fall asleep at night. These are all essays, but it looks like the publisher has expanded — there must be 10 or 15 of these now. There's now the best American sports writing of the year, the best American science writing. But my experience is that each year they select a different editor, so it may

have a little bit of a different slant each year, which is nice, even in the short stories and the fiction, the kinds of stories that a different editor may select. The ones that are collected here compare favorably with what I've seen scattered around in the source materials, magazines, newspapers, and so on."

**What book was most life-changing for you?**

"*The Chaneyville Incident* is fiction that seems to be highly biographical. It's written by a black historian who grew up in southern Pennsylvania. He's probably about my age, and grew up in Pennsylvania in the late '50s and '60s. It's a book that's woven around the issues of continued activities in the Ku Klux Klan and looking at the profound impact of racial segregation and racial policies. It just brought home to me in a very strong way what a vital part of our history slavery and the aftermath had on this country. It also brought home the difference in perception between the black population of the United States and the white population in terms of how far we have come. I think it was an extremely effective piece of fiction. I remember it as something that really stuck with me and caused me to do a lot of thinking about the state of the country and where we

are going."

**Who are your favorite authors?**

"I like Maya Angelou. I'm starting to read more [poetry]. I wouldn't say I have a favorite author."

**What magazines or newspapers do you read?**

"I read the *New York Times* a couple of times a week. I don't read a lot of magazines, other than journals. I'll look at one of the national news magazines if I'm in the doctor's office or something."

**Do you talk to your friends about reading?**

"Yeah, quite a lot. [We talk about] politics or world affairs. I have to say that the people I talk with most regularly are somewhat on the same wavelength about a lot of things, in terms of political orientation and attitudes about the world. But we certainly talk about ideas, and we do talk about what we've been reading. Neuroscience is a tremendously broad field. It covers everything from people who are fundamentally psychologists to people on the other end, primarily chemists. I think a lot of scientists have wider interests than many people suspect. A lot of scientists I know are musicians and very interested in music and art, and discuss those things as well as the science."

**The Planet Venus** and the waning crescent moon stand side-by-side high over the southeast eastern horizon during morning twilight on Wednesday, December 5. This is only one of several picturesque moon-Venus morning conjunctions taking place approximately once a month during late 2007 and early 2008.

**"Bisnaga Alta Wash,"** Reena Deutsch leads "Desert Exploration 101" for Anza-Borrego Institute, Thursday, December 6, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., at Blair Valley. Look for elephant trees, pictographs. Rugged, strenuous hike is seven to eight miles long. \$45. Reservations: 760-767-4063. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

## DANCE

**Zydeco Dances** with lessons are offered Thursday, November 29, at Tio Leo's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons at 7 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes from 8–10 p.m. \$5 (first visit free). 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Breaking Boundaries:** Student Choreographers' Showcase" runs November 29–December 2 in Stagehouse Theatre at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Variety of dance styles including modern, ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, and swing presented by Grossmont

College Dance Department. Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. \$11 general. 619-644-7766. (EL CAJON)

**Calling All Jitterbugs!** Meeshi and Swingin' San Diego Productions host live music swing dance, Thursday, November 29, 8 p.m., at Shaker Room (528 F Street). Beginning swing lesson at 8 p.m.; live vintage '40s and '50s swing music by Speakeasy/Zzymzzy Quintet and Road Noise bands (9 p.m.–midnight). \$10. 21 and older. 858-395-6060. (DOWNTOWN)

**Student Dance Concert,** Thursday, November 29, 8 p.m., in ENS-200 (dance studio) at San

Diego State University. \$10 general. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

**Old Twine String Band** performs, Chris Page calls for contra-dancing, Friday, November 30, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

**"Shapes and Reflections 2007,"** MiraCosta's Dance Arts Ensemble showcases modern, jazz, ballet, hip-hop, ballroom, and world dance in performances Friday–Sunday, November 30–December 2, at MiraCosta Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Shows at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday

and Sunday. \$12. 760-757-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

**Tango Buenos Aires** takes stage on Friday, November 30, 8 p.m., at San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue). Program includes Rosario Bauza's "Four Seasons," with musical direction by Julian Vat, choreography by Lidia Segni. Piece explores "passion and sensuality of music and dance throughout the world." Tickets: \$25–\$65. 619-570-1100. (DOWNTOWN)

**Bulgarian Dance Workshops** with Yves Moreau, Saturday, December 1, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Workshop followed by dance party with live music by Eastern Exposure. Workshops begin at 2 and 5:30 p.m.;

potluck dinner at 4 p.m. (bring a dish); dance party at 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$8 per workshop, \$14 for both workshops; \$10 for party; \$22 for entire evening. 619-281-5656. (NORTH PARK)

**Nutty!** California Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* December 1 and 2 at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Cast of 160 includes children 4–14 years old, professionals in the "starring" roles, all dancing to Maxine Mahon's choreography, Tchaikovsky's score. Curtain rises at 2:30 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, 1 and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$35–\$80 for adults, \$25 for those 12 and younger. 858-560-6741. (POWAY)

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**Holiday Show Night and Dance Party**, Saturday, December 1, 8 p.m., at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Open dancing for singles and couples of all ages, 8:30–11 p.m. \$10 general. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

**English Country Dancing** with music by community band, calling by Judee and Chris, on Sunday, December 2, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

## FILM

**"Avant-Shorts"** featured during Cinema Lounge Series hosted by Sushi Performance and Visual Art on Thursday, November 29, 7 p.m., at Rubber Rose (3812 Ray Street). Series promises "high-concept, low-budget films for the adventurous and disenchanted." Pay what you can. 619-235-8466. (NORTH PARK)

**"Journey from Spirit Mountain"** Preston Arrow-weed's film is "told from the perspective of the Quechuan people, cinematically weaving together...desert elements, oral tradition, and Quechuan culture." Arrow-weed presents his film for Sierra Club on Thursday, November 29, 7:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Center (3900 Vermont Street). He'll be on hand to discuss the film. Free. 619-585-3773, 619-299-1743. (HILLCREST)

**Charge into Winter!** *Warren Miller's Playground* hits the county with screenings on Thursday, November 29, 8 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). *Playground* boasts winter sports footage filmed from Sweden to Canada, Alaska to Japan, Dubai, other locales. 760-436-7469.

Film moves to Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street) for screenings on November 30 and December 1. See

film at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday and 6 and 9 p.m. on Saturday. 858-454-3541.

Final screenings start at 4 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street, 760-720-2460). Tickets: \$18. (ENCINITAS, LA JOLLA, CARLSBAD)

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure*, *Dinosaurs Alive*, *The Living Sea*. "Fridays at the Fleet" showcases *Lewis and Clark* (6 p.m.) and *Ring of Fire* (7 p.m.) on November 30. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**The Chinese Film** *Curse of the Golden Flower* (2007) is featured during International Film Series at MiraCosta College on Friday, November 30. See film at 1 p.m. in room 201 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue) and later at 7 p.m. in room 3601 on campus at One Barnard Drive. 760-795-6612. Free. In Chinese with English subtitles. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

**A Man and His Robot** — premiere of Chris Martino's short film *Hotchkiss Meats* is Saturday, December 1, 7 p.m., at the Guild and Basile Studio (1805 Newton Avenue). Free. 619-564-7584. (BARRIO LOGAN)

**The Cuachambiente Film Festival** returns for fourth installment, "Artificial Anthropology," Saturday, December 1, 8 p.m., at Bamboo Lounge (1475 University Avenue). Evening promises short amateur films, live DJ, music, art. Free. 619-743-2718. (HILLCREST)

**The Controversial Documentary** *Mapping Stem Cell Research: Terra Incognito* charts the life and laboratory of stem cell expert Dr. Jack Kessler. Catch film during Sunday Matinee on December 2, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Four Sheets to the Wind,"** Sterlin Harjo's "bittersweet Valentine to self-discovery and cultural identity" is showcased for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, December 3, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

## OUT & ABOUT

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**"One: The Movie"** screens Wednesday, December 5, 7 p.m., at Vision Center for Spiritual Living (11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). "When is war justifiable?" "What happens after you die?" Deepak Chopra, Ram Dass, Father Thomas Keating, Hasan Qazwini, Thich Nhat Hanh answer these and other questions. Offering. 609-303-6609. (TIERRASANTA)

**"The Color of Paradise,"** Majid Majidi's film "tells the story of a boy whose inability to see the world only enhances his ability to feel its powerful forces." Film screens Thursday, December 6, 7 p.m., in Little Theatre at San Diego State University. Discussion led by Farid Mahdavi, professor of Middle Eastern, Islamic world history. Free. 619-594-5262. (SDSU)

## LECTURES

**"Rome:** The Academy of Europe" examined by UC Santa Barbara art history professor Carole Paul for Art in the Afternoon lecture at Timken Museum of Art on Thursday, November 29, 12:30 p.m. Free. 619-239-5548 x15. (BALBOA PARK)

**'Tis the Season!** Chef Joey prepares some of his favorite holiday appetizers, Thursday, November 29, 1 and 6:30 p.m., at Bloomingdale's San Diego (7057 Friars Road). Free. 619-610-6400. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Rethinking Nuclear Terrorism"** presented by Michael Levi, Fellow for Science and Technology on Council on Foreign Relations,

Thursday, November 29, 4 p.m., in IR/PS Robinson Building Complex room 3201 at UCSD. Free. RSVP by November 26: 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

**"Post-Career Planning: What Parachute?"** Trainer, work-life coach Beth Levin outlines key questions for freelancers when SD/PEN Editors Network gathers, Thursday, November 29, 6:30 p.m., in Clairemont Community Room (4731 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-451-3266. (CLAIREMONT)

**"Western Miniatures"** — slide-illustrated talk for San Diego Herpetological Society focusing on tiny, colorful snakes that can be kept in small enclosures is Thursday, November 29, 7 p.m., in room 104 of Casa del Prado. Free. 760-744-2454. (BALBOA PARK)

**"El Corazon Park: What's It All About?"** Find out when Jami Williams of RRM Design Group talks about the park's design and how project is progressing for Buena Vista Audubon Society on Thursday, November 29, 7:30 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). "Imagine a 465-acre park in the center of Oceanside with a rural look and feel to the trails." Social time: 7 p.m. Free. 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

**"Animated Short Films"** presented by film critic, curator Scott Marks for guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, November 30, 10 a.m. \$12. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Protecting Property and Natural Resources from Wildfire"** is timely topic when Rick Halsey, Clifford Hunter, Terrance Lien present "strategies mitigating wildfire for minimal impact to the natural environment," Friday, November 30, noon, at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$38. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Insect Collecting 101,"** learn to collect insects like a pro in this two-part class hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum led by Michael Wall. Spend Saturday, December 1, in the field from 8 a.m.–4 p.m., collecting insects from Malaise traps, pitfall traps, flight intercept traps, bee bowls, Berlese funnels, nets, and more. Evening session at museum on Monday, December 3, 6:30 p.m., allows for sorting of field collections, proper mounting of insects with pinning, pointing, spreading, sorting, and labeling; end product "will be a tidy and organized starter collection to take home or donate to the museum." \$69 fee includes transportation. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Designing with California-Friendly Plants"** is subject on Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Learn of drought-tolerant plants requiring little maintenance. \$15. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

**Overcome Doubt, Fear, Stage Fright**, and anxiety when Barry Green, author of *The Inner Game*

of *Music*, leads workshop, Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., in Rhapsody Hall (room 113) of SDSU's School of Music and Dance. \$30 general. 619-260-7653. (SDSU)

**"Gourmet Gifts from the Kitchen"** taught by personal chef and cooking instructor Elizabeth Podsiadlo, Saturday, December 1, 1:30–4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Recipes for hot sweet mustard, amaretto pound cake, tequila-cranberry chutney. \$30 for nonmembers. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

**"Peaceful Mind, Joyful Heart,"** Buddhist nun Kelsang Rak-ma plans talk, Saturday, December 1, 6 p.m., at Dance Place San Diego at Liberty Station (room 107 at 2650 Truxtun Road). Free. 619-692-3676. (POINT LOMA)

**"Rain of Fire"** presented by astronomer, photographer Dennis Mammana for "Desert Skies" lecture series hosted by Anza-Borrego Institute on Saturday, December 1, 7 p.m., at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitors' center amphitheater. Dress warmly; bring blanket seating, binoculars, and flashlight covered with red cellophane (to preserve night vision) if you have them. \$15. 760-767-4063. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

**Pastel Painting Demonstration** by local artist Dot Renshaw and critique of members' work planned when Pastel Society of San Diego gathers, Sunday, December 2, 2 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 619-564-7508. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Copper Ore Transformed: How People 6000 Years Ago Made Metal"** presented by Tom Levy, Andreas Hauptmann, and Mohammad Najjar on Sunday, December 2, noon, in conjunction with "Journey to the Copper Age" at San Diego Museum of Man. Demonstration of copper smelting, tour of exhibit. \$20 general. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

**"The Human Laboratory:** The Making and Marketing of Psychoactive Drugs" is subject when David Healy, M.D. — controversial psychiatrist, author of *The Antidepressant Era* and *Let Them Eat Prozac* — speaks on Tuesday,

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**Snow Sports Maintenance Clinics** planned Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m., at REI Chula Vista (2015 Birch Road), and on Wednesday, December 5, 6:30 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Learn about base preparation, structure, major and minor repair, stone grinding. Free. Advance reservations required: 858-279-4400. (CHULA VISTA, KEARNY MESA)

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**The Ambassador of El Salvador** is H.E. Rene Antonio León Rodríguez, who will discuss El Salvador’s future and immigration for San Diego World Affairs Council luncheon on Thursday, December 6, 11:30 a.m., at Paradise Grille (2690 Via de la Valle). \$40 general. 619-325-8200. (DEL MAR)

**“Bhutan...of Mountains and Monks”** — learn about trekking and touring in home country of

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**Vineyard Owner, Author** Ferenc Mate will discuss and sign *A Vineyard in Tuscany*, Thursday, November 29, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**Oscar-Winning Actress** Patricia Neal visits D.G. Wills Books with her biographer, Stephen

Michael Shearer, to discuss *Patricia Neal: An Unquiet Life* on Friday, November 30, 7 p.m. They will also discuss Neal's forthcoming film, *Flying By*, filmed partly in San Diego. Free. Find shop at 7461 Girard Avenue, 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

**The Dramatic Musical** *Johnny Boy* was written by former Santana High School student J. Lucas Coleman. The play will be performed Friday, November 30, 7 p.m., and Sunday, December 2, 2 and 7 p.m., at Palisades Presbyterian Church (6301 Birchwood Street). Free. 619-957-9667. (ALLIED GARDENS)

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## LOCAL EVENTS

day, November 30, at Seaside Center for Spiritual Living (1613 Lake Drive). \$20 general. 760-753-5786. (ENCINITAS)

**An "African Extravaganza"** is planned by Center for World Music, Friday, November 30, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Enjoy sampling of music and dance from Ghana, Senegal, Zimbabwe. \$18 general, \$10 seniors, students. 619-318-1286. (LA JOLLA)

**Money Horoscopes** — "Holiday special" financial consultations planned Saturday, December 1, 2-4 p.m., at E Street Café (128 West E Street). Fee: \$10 for ten minutes. Bring questions and birth information. Reservations: 760-230-4616. (ENCINITAS)

**"Holiday Jubilee"** — tap-dancing wooden soldiers, acrobats inside seven-foot-diameter snow globes performing stunts, toys that come alive, singing, dancing, comedy, music on Saturday, December 1, 4 and 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$10-\$27. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

**Advent Benefit Concert** with Deborah Liv Johnson and jazz pianist Barnaby Finch, Saturday, December 1, at College Lutheran Church (6650 Montezuma Road). Reception at 6 p.m., concert at 7 p.m., dessert reception at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. 619-583-3972. (COLLEGE AREA)

**Ring in the Holidays!** Community festival of music runs daily, Saturday, December 1, through Sunday, December 23, 7 p.m., at Latter-Day Saints Temple (7474

Charmant Drive). Bell choirs, Hispanic choirs, deaf choir, operatic and instrumental performances, harps, youth choirs, much more! Free. 858-277-7798. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**Seventh Annual Jazz for Juvenile Diabetes** concert with music by Elliot Lawrence Trio hosted by Rotaract Club, Saturday, December 1, 6 p.m., in Keating Hotel's Minus 1 Lounge (432 F Street). \$25 in advance, \$35 at door. 619-917-5109. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

**UCSD Professor** Deborah Hertz discusses her new book, *How Jews Became Germans: The History of Conversion and Assimilation in Berlin*, Saturday, December 1, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

**"Celtic Yuletide Celebration"** planned by Craicmore for fall World Music Series, Saturday, December 1, 7:30 p.m., at Star Theatre (402 North Coast Highway). Celebration will incorporate "joyful and heartfelt seasonal songs and tales, along with...traditional Scottish and Irish music." \$15. Recommended reservations: 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

**Folk Music Icon** Tom Paxton performs for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, December 1, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$18. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

**Lucy Kaplansky** plans concert for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Saturday, December 1, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Holiday Gift to Local Literary Community Arrives** in form of "two-hour all-open" reading, Sunday, December 2, 1-3 p.m., at Municipal Gallery (142 West Grand

## OUT & ABOUT

**"CELTIC YULETIDE CELEBRATION"** by Craicmore, Star Theatre, Saturday, December 1.

(SEE IN PERSON)



Avenue). Bring your own poems and short fiction, or read pieces by your favorite author. Free. 760-480-4101. (ESCONDIDO)

**Holiday Concert** planned by Coastal Communities Concert Band, Sunday, December 2, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Concert benefits Meals-on-Wheels of Greater San Diego. Tickets: \$15 general, \$12.50 for seniors, children. 760-736-9900. (ESCONDIDO)

**Local Suspense Author** Antonio Vianna visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to discuss, sign *Haunted Memories*, Sunday, December 2, 2 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

**"Windjammers Winter Holiday Concert Band,"** Sunday, December 2, 2 p.m., in Studio A at the Creative Arts Complex at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Free. 760-795-6679. (OCEANSIDE)

**Becky's House Benefit II**, local singer-songwriters including Lisa Sanders, Steph Johnson, Evan

Bethany, Joanie Mendenhall, Anna Troy, Julia Garlington, Nan and Michael, Virginia and Lou Curtis, Regina Dawn, Sara Petite, and many others will perform. Concert starts at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive). Donation: \$10, benefiting Becky's House. 619-231-6400. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Songs for a Winter's Night,"** San Diego Women's Chorus performs classical and contemporary pieces, Sunday, December 2, 7 p.m., at Mission Hills United Church of Christ (4070 Jackdaw Street). Program includes "Adeste Fideles," "Nuttin' for Christmas," "S'vivon," "Angel," "Song for a Winter's Night," more. \$15 general. 619-291-3366. (MISSION HILLS)

**SDSU's Javanese Gamelan** performs for world music concerts on Monday, December 3, at 6 and 7:30 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall at SDSU. \$10. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

**"A 1940s Radio Christmas Carol"** by Walton Jones is presented by Carlsbad Playreaders on Monday, December 3, 7:30 p.m.,

in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Play is directed by Bob Bender. \$5. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

**Award-Winning Illustrator** Raul Colon will discuss, sign *Angela and the Baby Jesus*, Tuesday, December 4, 4 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). The Christmas book was written by Frank McCourt (*Angela's Ashes*). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**SDSU Jazz Orchestra** in concert, Tuesday, December 4, 5 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. \$10. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

**Author** Sheryl Roush reads from and signs *Heart of the Holidays* on Tuesday, December 4, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (878 EastLake Parkway). Free. 619-482-9883.

Roush also plans reading, Thursday, December 6, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music at 668 Sixth Avenue. Free. 619-702-4200. (CHULA VISTA, DOWNTOWN)

**Poet Carolyn Wright** reads from her work on Tuesday, December 4, 7 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Wright has published eight books and chapbooks of poetry including *Seasons of Mangoes and Brainfire* and *A Change of Maps* and a collection of essays. Free. 619-594-5318. (SDSU)

**Holocaust Survivor** David Faber speaks about his experiences during World War II and discusses his book *Because of Romek: A Holocaust Survivor's Memoir*, Tuesday, December 4, 7:30 p.m., at Centers of Learning by-the-Sea (950 Garland Drive). Faber survived eight concentration camps. Free. 619-575-1667. (NESTOR)

**"Rain!"** Cirque Eloize hits Civic Theatre for run, Tuesday-Sunday, December 4-9. "Story takes place in a theater where a circus show is in rehearsal, where theater and reality blend into one another and you can't tell where one begins and the other ends"; piece blends dance, theater, stunts, humor. Find theater at 202 C Street. Tickets: \$17, \$38, \$53, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

**UCSD Gospel Choir** performs Tuesday, December 4, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. \$10 general. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

**"A Celtic Christmas"** promised by Men of Worth for Free First Wednesdays series, December 5, at 4 and 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Free. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**Poetry Unlimited Art and Music** features JohnnieRenee N. Nelson, whose latest volume is *Classic Kwan-*

*zaa Poems*, on Wednesday, December 5, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Music by Dominique and Valerie Kim, art by Susan Lewitt. Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

**"Snowfall: The Music of December"** promised when guitarist Larry Koonse, pianist Bill Cunliffe, bassist Tom Warrington, drummer Joe LaBarbera, trumpeter Clay Jenkins perform for Jazz in the Park series on Wednesday, December 5, 5:30 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$22. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**Poetry Publication Party** hosted by Magee Park Poets, Wednesday, December 5, 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Poets published in the *2008 Magee Park Poets Poetry Anthology* will read their work. Free. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

**"A Guitar and a Song,"** MiraCosta's 20-member guitar ensemble in concert, Wednesday, December 5, 7:30 p.m., in Studio A at Creative Arts Complex, MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). \$10 general. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

**Are Crime-Scene Cleanup Companies** accurately portrayed by Hollywood? According to Marie Fitzgerald, owner of A&M Bio-Recovery, "Television programs about crime don't fairly portray her industry." Get the skinny when Fitzgerald addresses Sisters in Crime on Thursday, December 6, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1010 University Avenue). \$3. 858-748-6842. (HILLCREST)

**Children's Novelist** Pam Muñoz Ryan discusses, signs *Paint the Wind*, Thursday, December 6, 7 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

**Swingin' Big-Band and Holiday Sounds** on tap when Jerry James Sound Investment performs for First Thursday Concert in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street) on December 6, 7 p.m. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Thoroughly Modern Millie"** presented by actors of San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, December 6-8 and December 13-15. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays; 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 8; and 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 15. \$10 general. Find campus at 2425 Dusk Drive. 619-475-8556 (PARADISE HILLS)

**"Winter Sing and Swing,"** Frequency vocal jazz ensemble performs in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive) on

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Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

**“Fantasy Dreams”** — hair, makeup, and fashion show, Saturday, December 1, 6 p.m., at Marinello School of Beauty (7550 Miramar Road, suite 400). Admission: \$1 or an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. 858-547-9260. (MIRAMAR)

**Holiday Homes Tour 2007** benefiting Vista Community Clinic is Sunday, December 2, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., featuring four North County homes and Rancho Buena Vista Adobe (651 East Vista Way) decorated for holiday season. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. 760-631-5000 x1139. (VISTA)

**More Than 50 Woodcrafters** will have their wares on display and for sale, Sunday, December 2, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Cut and Dried Hardwood (241 South Cedros Avenue). See hand-turned bowls and vases, custom-designed furniture, holiday ornaments, wooden jewelry, toys, more. Free. 858-481-0442. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Alpine Holiday Home Tour**, Sunday, December 2, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Participants take in four country estates, a guest house, three historic buildings. Purchase \$25 tickets at Woman’s Club (2156 Alpine Boulevard) starting at 10 a.m. 619-445-9913, 619-659-3946. (ALPINE)

**The “Fruitcake Chuck-n-Hurl”** returns to Seaport Village for “Deck the Palms” festivities, Sunday, December 2, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Santa arrives at noon for pictures on his

surfboard and wave (until 4 p.m.). A sand-sculpting team will create a scene with SoCal Santa and his elves, chalk artist will create a piece and help visitors add drawings; craft corner for kids. Monetary donations plus proceeds from fruitcake chuck-n-hurl benefit Child Abuse Prevention Foundation. Find Seaport Village at West Harbor Drive and Pacific Highway. Free. 619-235-4014. (SEAPORT VILLAGE)

**“Salutations for Peace** — 108 Sun Salutations” brings yoga community together to benefit San Diego Fire Relief Fund. At Soul of Yoga (681 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 305) on Sunday, December 2, noon–2 p.m., participants complete up to 108 sun salutation poses or up to 108 minutes of yoga. Fee: \$108 minimum in pledges. Registration: 760-943-7685. (ENCINITAS)

**“Let’s Talk About It: Jewish Literature”** continues with Holocaust survivor Yaja Boren discussing her autobiography, *We Only Have Each Other*, on Sunday, December 2, 1 p.m., in West Commons room 201 at San Diego State University. Liba Sherman helps lead discussion. Free. 858-694-2484. (SDSU)

**San Marcos Holiday Parade**, Sunday, December 2, stepping off at 1 p.m. at Comet Drive and Mission Road. Parade heads east on Mission Road to San Marcos Civic Center Holiday Village. Free for spectators. 760-471-3201. (SAN MARCOS)

**50th Annual La Jolla Christmas Parade** is Sunday, December 2, 1:30 p.m. Marching units, floats, bands, equestrians, vintage vehicles parade along Girard Avenue (starting at Kline Street), ending at Silverado Street and Prospect Street. Festival runs 10 a.m.–4 p.m. on Sil-

## OUT & ABOUT

### BARE NECESSITIES! THE JUNGLE BOOK MUSICAL

J\*Company Youth Theatre, December 6–16, Garfield Theatre.

(SEE FOR KIDS)



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verado Street. Free. 858-454-1444. (LA JOLLA)

**Craft Club** gathers at Japanese Friendship Garden to create unique items for sale in garden’s gift shop, Monday, December 3, 10 a.m. \$5. Reservations: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Holiday Cheer:** Wines for Any Party” showcased during tasting, Wednesday, December 5, 5 p.m., at WineSellar and Brasserie (9550 Waples Street, suite 115). \$12. 858-450-9557. (MIRA MESA)

**“Are There No Truths — Only Half-Truths?”** Explore subject with P&R Discussion group, Thursday, December 6, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

## FOR KIDS

**“The Merry Christmas Show”** by Puppet Express continues through Sunday, December 2, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Shows begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday–Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Find theater at 2130 Pan

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

**“The Prince and the Pauper”** — Mark Twain’s classic tale adapted for stage by Anne Coulter Marten is current production for Theatre School at North Coast Repertory Theatre. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, November 29–December 1, and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2. Tickets: \$12 general, \$9 for children. 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Flower Printing, Nature Collage, Crayon Leaf Rubbings** promised during Secrets of the Garden program on Friday, November 30, 10 a.m., at Cuyamaca College’s Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). For kids 3–5 years old with an adult. \$15 per adult/child couple, \$8 per extra adult or child. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

**“The Velveteen Rabbit”** is next production for La Jolla San Diego Junior Theatre, running November 30–December 16 at Firehouse YMCA Community Center (7877 Herschel Avenue). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Fridays, at 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. \$10–\$15. 619-239-8355. For all ages. (LA JOLLA)

**“Homemade Holiday Gifts,”** family program — for those five and older accompanied by an adult — with time spent making gifts for the holidays, Saturday December 1, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Decorate cupcakes, make a petite ornament, gift wrap, gift cards for the holidays. \$50 per child/adult pair. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Cinderella and More: Paper Theater”** is theme when paper theater aficionado Scott Paulson leads events on Saturday, December 1, 10:30 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Families “invited to participate in this 200-year-old art

form of storytelling” in which visitors may help with performance, produce sound effects for show. Children have free museum admission with one paid adult admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**Family Open Studio**, Saturday, December 1, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., in courtyard at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Tour of the “Cannon Invitational” exhibition, creation of work of art inspired by exhibit. For all ages. Materials provided. Free. 760-434-2904 or 760-602-2021. (BALBOA PARK)

**Yelling Techniques Divulged** — along with other cheerleading fundamentals during cheer clinics on Saturday, December 1, at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Learn cheers, chants, motions, jumps, short dance. Class for those 5 to 8 years old runs 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.; \$20. Clinic two for those 9 through 14 runs 1:30–4:30 p.m.; \$40. Registration: 858-362-1337. (LA JOLLA)

**Original and Contemporary Children’s Music**, juggling, and jokes promised when Stu Mulligan, author of *Fragilly*, plans winter-themed program for children of all ages, Saturday, December 1, noon, at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Maritime Museum Family Day** is Sunday, December 2, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Kids may create shell paintings; museum “pirates” will be on hand for swashbuckling fun. Cruise on San Diego Bay aboard *Pilot* boat is included with admission. Adults pay regular admission; children must be accompanied by adult to enter for free. Find museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along Embarcadero. 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

**“Light and Space,”** multisensory activities inspired by artist Robert Irwin’s use of light and space promised during family day, Sunday, December 2, 2 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Jacobs Building (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Included in regular museum admission for adults (\$6 general), free for those 25 and younger. 858-454-3541 x151. (DOWNTOWN)

**Discovery Series** hosted by La Jolla Music Society promises concert by cellist Zuill Bailey on Sunday, December 2, 3 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Bailey and pianist Marc Neikrug will play pieces by Debussy, Beethoven, and Brahms. \$5 for students, \$30 general. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

**Teen Council Meeting** — providing opportunity for those 12–18 to earn community service hours, gain leadership experience, “have a

say in programming and material selection for teens” — convenes Wednesday, December 5, 7 p.m., at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13330 Salmon River Road). Free. 858-538-8159. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

**The Bare Necessities!** The musical *Disney’s The Jungle Book Kids* presented by J\*Company Youth Theatre, December 6–16, at David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays, 1 and 4 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$12.50 children, \$16.50 adults. Reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

## MUSEUMS

**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)

**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)

**Museum of San Diego History**, “Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego” lets visitors “literally walk on San Diego”; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society’s collection. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

**Olaf Wieghorst Museum** displays paintings and prints by Olaf Wieghorst and features exhibits of other artists’ American West art. Adjacent to museum is courtyard with cactus gardens, 20 x 20-foot reproduction of Wieghorst’s painting *Navajos at Castle Creek*, and original restored home Wieghorst lived in for many years starting in 1945. The museum is located at 131 Rea Avenue. 619-590-3431. (EL CAJON)

**San Diego Hall of Champions**, ongoing exhibits include “Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight,” “Surfing in San Diego,” exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

## SINGLES

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Civilizations situate their genesis myths in meaningful settings. Some locate human origins in the sky or underground. Judeo-Christian tradition has an originating paradise, our Garden of Eden. "Paradise" derives from an ancient Persian word for walled garden, and "garden" comes from the Indo-European word *gert*, or fence, which suggests something measured, apart, exclusive. Eden, as Genesis tells us and as we have reimagined it for centuries, was a fertile vegetative enclosure in which the First Ones were shaped from clay and bone, a sanctuary that flourished without their attention.

Writers and artists have quizzed the Eden conceit more or less ever since. The great religious historian Mircea Eliade ("the First Ones" is his phrase), who investigated the origin myths of many cultures, talks somewhere about the constant human desire "to reestablish the paradisaal state before the Fall, when sin did not yet exist and there was no conflict between the pleasures of the flesh and conscience." The landscape architect Louise Mozingo says that the ideal garden is "good order" and that we regard the well-ordered garden — whether a spiritual locale like a cloister or a stewarded wilderness like our National Park system — as a paradise. And in his poem "Sunday Morning," Wallace Stevens puzzles over paradise in relation to our mortal world: "Is there no change of death in paradise?/ Does ripe fruit never fall? Or do the boughs/ Hang always heavy in that perfect sky./ Unchanging?" The perfect garden, for him, is outside of nature, and when Adam and Eve transgressed we *fell into* nature.

The exhibition *Picturing Eden* at the Museum of Photographic Arts spreads its wings wide to gather up the many ways the First Garden and all its intellectual sidebars have preoccupied photographers. The images don't so much depict paradises as they complicate ideas about what a paradise might have been, or never was, or once was but is no more. Curator and author Deborah Katchka says that the show is about Eden "not as a natural environment but a manipulated, fabricated place." We can't, in other words, override critical self-consciousness: Eden, like every other mental fact, is a construct. This explains why artists are so concerned with — what to call it? — *analytical* expressiveness. And if innocence, too, is a construct, no authentic innocence can exist, only our desire for it. Some visitors may find *Picturing Eden* thematically overstructured: each section illustrates a thesis, a "stage" of Paradise. We walk through "Paradise Lost," "Paradise Re-

constructed," "Despairing of Paradise," and so forth. If you prefer to have images channeled by ideas, you'll appreciate these compartments. If not, not. For me, some of these stunning images squirm uneasily in the intellectual categories they occupy.

Because they depended on available light, early photographers had to shoot mostly outdoors so were inevitably enthralled by green places, whether tidy Victorian landscapes or wild expanses in the American West. The camera became a kind of gardener. It gives order to what's wild or reorders what's already orderly. It plots things and discovers things. It excludes, or walls into the frame, select zones of reality. The gardening tools have changed dramatically, though. Maggie Taylor, represented here by images of girls under duress, doesn't take photographs as such: instead of a camera, she uses a computer and flatbed scanner to layer images. And Mark Kessell photographs his own daguerreotypes of blown-up faces, a process that reverses the incisive effects of daguerreotype and creates weepy, striated surfaces that turn the human face, that badge of selfhood, into a ghostly, hand-me-down veronica.

Because innocence is virtuously synonymous with Eden, some of the most memorable, ambiguous, nervous-making imagery here is of children. To say Maggie Taylor shows girls under duress is understatement: one child is tearing apart her own head as if ripping fabric; another, mounted on one of those antique, wheeled toy horses, is missing her entire head; another is suspended in the horror of "shaken child" syndrome. The images announce that they're constructs and manipulations, but they bear fiery ideas. Rudd Van Empel's meticulously arranged arboreal settings suggest bizarrely enchanted forests, but the children isolated in them, faces transfixed, resemble outsized dolls planted like ceramic statuary amidst steely, bladed greenery like the jungles in Douanier Rousseau's paintings. Some things in *Picturing Eden*, those that are too thought through or self-evident, look merely precious, like Binh Danh's tiny, faded Vietnam War imagery printed on leaves. A more haunting (and starkly gorgeous) memento mori is Mike and Doug Starn's extreme close-up of a skeletal, deveined leaf that looks like nature's equivalent of an architectural ruin.

The pictures run across a long horizon, from Alec Soth's endearing portrait of a Baton Rouge man in an oversized suit holding a missal in one hand and a sheaf of palm (like a rifle at port-



Southern Gothic, 2001, Maggie Taylor

## Picturing Eden and Public Privacy: Wendy Richmond's Surreptitious Cellphone

Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park

Eden through Sunday, January 13, 2008; Cellphone through January 6, 2008. For additional information, call 619-238-7559.

arms) in the other, to J. John Priola's brooding, pitchy nocturnes of San Francisco tenement windows. These and other images in *Picturing Eden* do indeed respond, directly or not, to the virginal prelapsarian and messy postlapsarian planet we inhabit. The show picks up other concerns along the way. Science continues to revise the nature and duration of our descent from prehistoric hominids, if not exactly from the angels (though that, too, is a construct), and so it includes Vincent Serbin, whose photographs expose hominid anatomies underlying classic nudes or dress those nudes in angelic wings.

Some pictures have a dreamy, visionary intensity that viewers may find hard to shake off. Jayne Hinds Bidaut's multipanel images of turtles, dragonflies, lilies, and mums are true still lifes, dead natures (one is titled, lest we forget, *Nature Morte*) because she fixes her imagery in an amniotic, sepia-gray medium and makes nature

look sealed in amber. Adam Fuss, on the other hand, makes one-off color photograms that have a strange, liquid finality: an infant's dark shape floats in a golden uterine fluid; a water snake oscillates like just one more crease in the creamy blue wake it leaves behind. A big-tent show like this can trigger sensations that have slept for years. Growing up in the inner city, I loved riding freeways because the cloverleafs had such curvilinear rhythms. Matthias Hoch's overhead shot of ramps winding and overlapping brought my old sensation rushing back. But the image is enlisted in the category "Despairing of Paradise," and this time I saw how transportation design has marginalized greenery into feeble crescents and swatches amidst all that concrete. Vegetative power — what Dylan Thomas calls "the force that through the green fuse drives the flower" — has been infantilized and turned into industrial décor. What we're really looking at is a new idea,

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The Beautiful Illusion, Vincent Serbin



Patrick, Palm Sunday, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 2002, Alex Soth

the concrete garden — the freeway has become yet another version of what once was Original Order.

It's pleausrably jarring to pass from the somber stillness of *Picturing Eden* to the little exhibition of jerky, zany motion pictures the young American

Wendy Richmond took with a cell phone video camera. She seized on an old idea — the hidden camera, like Walker Evans's Leica tucked under his overcoat on the New York subway — and updated it to queasily remind us that we're all watching or being watched more than

ever. We're not *knowing* each other any better, we're just seeing more of ourselves and being less abashed than ever about voyeurism's hi-jinx thrills. (Paul Haggis's acidic, mournful movie, *In the Valley of Elah*, turns terribly on the use of a cell phone cam-

era.) Cafés, beaches, airfields, trains, museums, baggage carousels — Wendy Richmond is there to record the most banal occurrences. Her palm-sized gardener records pieces of our ordinary repetitive activities in a way that makes us want to make some serious revisions in how we spend our time. ■

and figure painting by American and European emerging artists" closes with gala reception on Thursday, November 29, 6 p.m. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

**"Jewish/Polish Posters:** Communist Era to Present, a Collection of Contemporary Posters, New York" opens with reception and gallery tour on Thursday, November 29, 7:30 p.m., in Gotthelf Art Gallery at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Tour is led by Ylain and Donald Mayer of Contemporary Posters in New York. "Jewish-themed posters produced during postwar Communist era and since 1989 encompass a diversity of fields including exhibits, festivals, books, film, opera, and theater." RSVP for tour: 858-362-1154. Closes Friday, February 22. (LA JOLLA)

**It's C-Note Time!** Annual winter "C-Note Fundraiser" at San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist continues with preview on Friday, November 30. C-Note Night is Saturday, December 1, 5–8 p.m. Original artwork by institute member artists offered for \$100, \$200, or \$300. Art replaced on walls as pieces are sold. Admission: \$5. Continues through Sunday, December 9. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Dances with Ink,"** exhibit of *sumi* art prints by Sheila Scott of Seattle, Washington, open with reception on Friday, November 30, 3 p.m., at Gallery 3737 (3737 Adams Avenue). Through December. 619-283-4834. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Custom-Built Chairs** by San Diego and Tijuana designers, artists, architects showcased when "boundary-blurring curatorial collective" Adapta Project hosts events on Friday, November 30, 7–11 p.m., and Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m.–11 p.m., at the Guild and Basile Studio (1805 Newton Avenue). Also on view: drawings by Thomas Demello and Harry the Hat, premiere of Chris Martino's short film *Hotchkiss Meats*. 619-564-7584. (BARRIO LOGAN)

**"Seasonal Disorder,"** an exhibition of paintings by Celène, opens with reception, Saturday, December 1, 7 p.m., at Playa Gallery (2938 Adams Avenue). Artist "explores the emotional connection between the individual and nature." Through Saturday, December 22. 619-664-6058. (NORTH PARK)

**"Wheelhouse,"** Tom Fox's master of fine arts thesis exhibition in Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State University opens with reception, Saturday, December 1, 7 p.m. Exhibit closes with reception on Sunday, December 9, 3 p.m. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

**"Art Quilts at the Adobe 2007,"** exhibition of work by Pacific Quilt Artists continues through Saturday, January 5, in Rancho Buena Vista Adobe Gallery (651 East Vista Way). Meet artists during reception, Sunday, December 2, 1 p.m. 760-434-7491. (VISTA)

**Student Exhibition** opens with reception, Sunday, December 2, 5 p.m., at Athenaeum School of the Arts (4441 Park Boulevard). Closes Saturday, December 15. 858-454-5872. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

## ART MUSEUMS

**Mingei International Museum — North County,** "Paper Transformed," exhibition made up of "Crowning Glory — From Paper Bag Hats by Moses" and "Origami — The Art of Paper Folding" from Mingei's permanent collection continues through Saturday, December 29. For "Crowning Glory," Moses created more than 250 hats from paper bags contributed by merchants in his Hawaiian neighborhood. "Origami" boasts nearly 100 examples of traditional and contemporary paper folding; exhibition honors acclaimed local paper folder, author, teacher Florence Temko. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown,** "Robert Irwin: Primaries and Secondaries" is "the largest exhibition of renowned artist...Irwin's work since 1993." Exhibit features five new major installation works created specifically for MCASD's galleries, is drawn almost exclusively of works from museum's collection. Closes Sunday, April 13. Find the museum at 1001 and 1100 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla,** "Soundwaves: The Art of Sampling" examines "a specifically late 20th-Century manifestation of the conjunction of art and sound," showcases works by artists including Tim Bavington, Helen Cohen, Sean Duffy, T. Kelly Mason, Alyce Santoro, others. Through Sunday, December 30.

"Cerca Series: Iana Quesnell," also closing on December 30, "investigates nomadism and temporary living situations." See several new large-scale drawings and an animation responding to artist's binational life between San Diego and Tijuana.

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

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## GALLERIES

**"Imagination Runs Wild"** in fall 2007 student exhibition, opening with reception in newly renovated in San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-101) on Thursday, November 29, 4–7 p.m. Holiday art sale runs concurrently. Find campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. 619-388-2829. (KEARNY MESA)

**"FOFO-60:** Art That Won't Match Your Couch" opens on Monday, November 26, in Flor y Canto Gallery of School of Art, Design Art and History at San Diego State University. Exhibit boasting "contemporary abstract

**Museum of Photographic Arts,** “Picturing Eden,” continuing through Sunday, January 13, examines “many facets of paradise, from a place of contemplation and restoration to a site of loneliness and despair.” Exhibition includes work by more than 30 artists, including Michael Kenna, Sally Mann, Han Nguyen, and Doug and Mike Starn.

“Public Privacy: Wendy Richmond’s Surreptitious Cellphone” is said to explore “how 20th-Century Americans occupy personal spaces while going about their daily lives in the public eye.” Richmond allows viewers to observe people in mundane routines by shooting tiny movies on her cell-phone video camera. Closes Sunday, January 6.

Also on view through January 6, “New Light: Selections from MoPA’s Education Programs,” including photographic and multimedia pieces by more than 60 San Diego students.

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

**San Diego Museum of Art,** “Everett Gee Jackson/San Diego Modern, 1920-1955,” is retrospective of “San Diego’s most important Modernist artist.” Exhibit featuring more than 50 works spanning most significant and productive decades of artist’s career “presents a representative range of Jackson’s multifaceted work, while contextualizing Jackson within the broader scope of mid-20th Century American modernism.” Closes Sunday, January 27.

“Animated Painting,” continuing through Sunday, January 13, boasts “25 cinematic works by 14 international contemporary artists who adapt traditional painting and drawing methods to the concepts and technologies of animation.” Participating artists include the Barnstormers, Sadie Benning, Jeremy Blake, Sebastián Díaz Morales, Kota Ezawa, Ruth Gómez, William Kentridge, Ann Lislegaard, Takeshi Murata, Serge Onnen, Julian Opie, Wit Pimkanchanapong, Qiu Anxiong, and Robin Rhode.

“Lyric Visions from Nezami’s *Quintet*” includes more than 20 paintings created for or inspired by Nezami’s texts, “among the most celebrated and influential poetic works in all of Persian litera-

ture.” Paintings range in date from 15th to 20th Centuries. Closes Sunday, December 16.

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**USD Choral Scholars** in concert, Thursday, November 29, 12:15 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall, at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

**All-Chopin!** Pianist Michael Sellers performs “F Minor Fantasy” and other pieces for Concert Hour series, Thursday, November 29, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

**Motets by Duruflé** and excerpts from Handel’s “Messiah” may be heard when UCSD Singers Ensemble presents concert, Thursday, November 29, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD. \$10 general. 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

**Rising Stars Concert** hosted by California Institute of Music, Friday, November 30, 6 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center of San Diego (4126 Executive Drive). Free. 858-259-5508. (LA JOLLA)

**The Use of Modal Material in 20th-Century Works** promised during piano recital by Pavlos Antoniadis, Friday, November 30, 8 p.m., in UCSD’s Mandeville Recital Hall. Performance incorporates video by Antoniadis’s brother Andreas; program includes Cabezón’s “Tiento del Tercer Tono (Fugas al Contrario),” “Étude No. 1” by Dusapin, Bartók’s “Szabadban (Out of Doors),” Radulescu’s “Sonata No. 4 ‘like a well...older than God,’” “Gaspard de la Nuit” by Ravel, and Messiaen’s “Mode de valeurs et d’intensités.” Free. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

**“Uni Verse,”** SDSU interdisciplinary studies graduate student Eric Geiger presents his thesis concert, “merging visually rich aspects of scenic and prop design and his own choreography,” Friday and Saturday, November 30 and December 1, 8 p.m., in Don Powell Theatre at San Diego State University. \$15 general. 619-594-0580. (SDSU)

**“Music at the Madeleine,”** series promises selections by Copland, Mozart, Williams performed by San Diego Young Artists Symphony, Saturday, December 1, 1:30 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene Church (1945 Illion Street). Free. 619-276-1041. (BAY PARK)

**Symphonic Sounds in Sacred Spaces,** the San Diego Young Artists Symphony Orchestra performs Copland’s “Fanfare for the Common Man” and “Lincoln Portrait,” “Rumanian Rhapsody” by Enescu, Mozart’s “Symphony No. 40 in G Minor,” and “Schindler’s List” by Williams. Concert begins at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, at St. Mary Magdalene Church (1945 Illion Street). Offering. 619-235-8067. (BAY PARK)

**“Musica Sacra,”** selections by J.S. Bach, Handel, Lardy, Reger, Rutter may be heard during concert, Saturday, December 1, at Californiae Foundation for International Global Arts (Galerie d’Art International, 320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Performers include soprano Camila Arnold, contralto Linda St. George, Fontaine Laing (piano, harpsichord), Electra Reed (oboe, English horn). Reception at 5 p.m., concert at 5:30 p.m., cocktails at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$23

at door. Recommended reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

**East County Youth Symphony in Concert,** Saturday, December 1, 7 p.m., at St. Alban’s Episcopal Church (490 Farragut Circle). Program includes Mozart’s “Eine Kleine Nachtmusik” and “Flute Concerto in D,” and “Symphony No. 8 in G” by Dvořák. Free. 619-444-0228. (EL CAJON)

**“Sanctuary”** — selections by Ravel, Satie, Fauré, Poulenc, Ravi Shankar, Francisco Tarrega, Lowell Liebermann, and David Chesky may be enjoyed when Camarada opens its “Gallery Concert Series,” Saturday, December 1, 7 p.m., at Patrick Moore Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 103). Reception at 6:30 p.m. \$50 general. 619-231-3702. (LITTLE ITALY)

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

**SDSU Wind Symphony** plans concert in Smith Recital Hall at SDSU on Sunday, December 2, 2 p.m. Matthew Garbutt leads symphony in works by Prokofiev, Rimsky-Korsakov, Glazunov with saxophone soloist Todd Rewoldt. \$10. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

**“A Christmas Tour of the Hapsburg Empire:** 16th–17th Century Sacred Music from Europe and the New World” offered by La Jolla Renaissance Singers for “Pleasure of Your Company” chamber music series on Sunday, December 2, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Donation. 858-538-8158.

Busy on 2nd? Concert is repeated Monday, December 10,

7:30 p.m., Mission San Diego de Alcalá (10818 San Diego Mission Road). Free. 619-283-7319. (SCRIPPS RANCH, MISSION VALLEY)

**Discovery Series** hosted by La Jolla Music Society promises concert by cellist Zuill Bailey on Sunday, December 2, 3 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Bailey and pianist Marc Neikrug will play pieces by Debussy, Beethoven, and Brahms. \$5 for students, \$30 general. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

**Concert of Renaissance Music** planned by Courtly Noyse chamber ensemble, Sunday, December 2, 4 p.m., at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church (16275 Pomerado Road). Some members are “instrumentalists who sing, and others are singers who play instruments.” Requested donation: \$10 general, \$5 for those 12 and younger. Reception follows concert. 858-487-2159. (POWAY)

**“The Gospel Messiah”** — Quincy Jones’s contemporary version of the 1741 oratorio performed, Sunday, December 2, 4:30 p.m., at Bethel Baptist Church (1962 Euclid Avenue). Tickets: 619-266-2411. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

**Annual Christmas Music Program** with “singing and handbell ringing to celebrate Christ’s birth and the joys of the season” planned Sunday, December 2, 6 p.m., St. Mark’s United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). Offering. 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

**San Diego State University Symphony Orchestra** in concert, Sunday, December 2, 7 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at SDSU. \$12 general. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

**Sanctuary Choir Christmas Concert** planned on Sunday, December 2, 7 p.m., for Vesper Concert Series at Clairemont Lutheran Church (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Listen for “Magnificat” by Mark Hayes. \$10 requested donation. 858-273-7423. (CLAIREMONT)

**Vivaldi’s “Gloria”** and carols by John Rutter on program when Chancel Choir, Masterwork Chorale, soloists, orchestra perform Sunday, December 2, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Offering. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

**The Daedalus String Quartet** is joined by pianist Awadagin Pratt during concert for Barbara and William Karatz chamber concert series on Sunday, December 2, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$35. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**SDSU Clarinet Choir** takes stage, Wednesday, December 5, noon, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

**Music Student Honors Recital** for Concert Hour performance, Thursday, December 6, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

**“A Warm Winter’s Night,”** favorite classics, carols of holiday season promised when Palomar Women’s Chorus take stage on Thursday, December 6, 8 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). \$5 general. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)



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## MUSIC SCENE

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**Aye, but a Good Run It Was** Any chances that San Diego's pirate radio station will sign on again appear to have been snuffed.

religious programming, which originates from Calvary Chapel Bible College in Temecula.

A spokeswoman for KRTM said the tower should be operational by the end of December and that the signal will reach most of San Diego County. KRTM splits its broadcast day up with

said Free Radio San Diego should be allowed to broadcast, the FCC fined a homeowner \$10,000 last December for allowing the outlaw station to operate from his house on 33rd Street. (The fine was later reduced to \$750.)

In March, Free Radio began using the 96.9 frequency again, this time broadcasting from a residence on Cuyamaca Avenue in Chula Vista. The FCC shut it down within the month. Sources say it has been off the air ever since.

— Ken Leighton

**Not So Sweet** “They tried to be too upscale, too downtown for that area,” says a former employee of Dolce in Bonita. “That’s why they are boarded up now.”

The restaurant and dance club — which abruptly closed down two weeks ago — presented Latin and hip-hop dance music on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. In January, South Bay entrepreneur Phil Berdeski opened Dolce in the building formerly known as the Bonita Store.

“They did the whole VIP-treatment thing,” says the ex-employee. “They had a dress

code and bottle service where you paid, like, \$200 for a bottle of liquor at your table. You had to get reservations to get in.”

Berdeski says, “We were packed every single month — January, February, and March. But then something went haywire.... I found out later there was a knife fight in the parking lot of the liquor store next door [in March]. They closed off Bonita Road. There were 16 police cars. Two people were taken to the hospital. Right after that, sales went to hell. Each month, business was down \$5000 from the month before....”

Berdeski says he plans to remodel the place and reopen it as a sports bar called Strike Three.

“I got soured on entertainment. I want to go back to sports and bartenders, the way it used to be.”

— Ken Leighton

**Bad Movie** Blackout Party front man Brian Holwerda is grateful to Rockit Entertainment, the local booking company that set up five shows for his band in Memphis and Nashville. (Holwerda's folkie six-man band includes lap steel, cello, and harmonium — think

Arcade Fire with a twang.)

“Our very first show in Nashville was...at B.B. King's blues club,” says Holwerda. “We get off the plane and head over there in a van. That's where we find out that they wanted us to play cover songs for four hours starting at 6 p.m., while people ate dinner.... I told them on the van over we only have an hour set.

“There were, like, 10 to 15 families eating grits and chicken wings. I felt like we were the bar mitzvah band in *The Wedding Singer*.... We did play one Hank Williams song, but I didn't want to start pulling Tom Petty covers out of our asses.”

So, Blackout Party went against house rules and broke into their original set.

“We don't need a parental advisory sticker on our music, but a couple of songs have the word ‘bitch’ in it. The first one goes ‘Mister, shut your bitch up.’ That's when we got our

first warning. The manager, who was actually carrying a barstool, walked up and said somewhat menacingly, ‘This is a family operation.’

“Right after that we launched into ‘Whiskey Bent and Hell Bound.’ I don't think he took too kindly to that. A



BLACKOUT PARTY GIG GOES SOUTH

couple of songs later...we have a song that repeats the line, ‘Ain't no way in hell I'm going to get through to that cold bitch's heart.’ That was it. Midway through the song I saw the guy going over to literally pull the plug.

“[Our agent] came up and nervously told us we were done and we had to go. The manager told us we were the worst band he had ever heard and he would ruin us and we would never play in Nashville again. He said he was best

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friends with [Warped Tour founder] Kevin Lyman, and he would ruin our chances with him. We were, like, 'Oh, right, like this guy from this supper club in Nashville knows Kevin Lyman.'

"A couple weeks later we were speaking with [Reeve Oliver bassist] O at the Casbah, and he said he was talking with Kevin Lyman in his office when this guy did call him to badmouth Blackout Party. He said Kevin was laughing about it and that he took it with a grain of salt."

Blackout Party appears tomorrow at the Casbah.  
— Ken Leighton

**Alex Van Who?** In 1998, Van Halen played Philadelphia's Spectrum on their first tour with ex-Extreme singer Gary Cherone. When Todd Weiler lived in Philadelphia and worked for a caterer, he helped set up the backstage food for the band.

"We cooked them poached salmon, asparagus, a flank steak with garlic and rosemary potatoes, and a mixed salad," says Weiler. "They commented on how much they loved the asparagus because they'd had asparagus so many [other] times that was overcooked...."

"It was the first big tour they had done without Sammy Hagar.... I went out and saw Eddie Van Halen doing his warm-up, which is

just him on his guitar playing — which was memorable....

"My buddy didn't really know what Alex Van Halen looked like. So [Alex] was coming through the line and [my coworker] was, like, 'You can't come in here without your meal ticket.' And [Alex] was, like, 'Don't you know who I am?' He goes, 'I don't care who you are. You need a meal ticket to get in here.' Alex goes, 'You don't know



ALEX VAN HALEN (GUESS WHICH)

who I am? I'm Alex.' Then [my coworker] goes, 'Alex who?' And Alex says, 'Alex Van Halen,' and it finally occurred to him it was Alex Van Halen.

"And we're standing behind him cracking up because we knew exactly who it was, and he felt like such an idiot. Then [my coworker said] 'Oh, all right, Mr. Van Halen, come on through!' [Bass player Michael Anthony] was laughing too because Alex was getting such a hard time about it...."

"After all those years of hearing the story about the brown M&Ms [being picked out of the bowl], they still requested it on their rider. We had to pick them out of their big bowl of M&Ms. There wasn't any booze in the dressing rooms — just food. They also had a strict deli platter — no cheeses mixed with meats."

— Dryw Keltz

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## Bob and the Bible

Twenty-eight years ago this week, Bob Dylan brought his Gospel Tour to Golden Hall for two nights — November 27 and 28, 1979 — during which he was reportedly booed during monologues about his newfound Christianity. Several show reviews mentioned heckling, but a fan-made bootleg tape of the first night reveals only one discernable moment of booing. In fact, crowd members can be heard shouting, "Talk about Jesus!" and "Amen!" during one local-centric rap, before the song "Slow Train":

"Last time I was here in San Diego, I was here about a year ago... somebody out of the crowd, they knew I wasn't feeling too well, I think they could sense that, and they threw a silver cross on the stage.... I brought it with me to the next town, which was off in Arizona, Phoenix.

"Anyway, when I got back there, I was feeling even worse than I had felt when I was in San Diego, and I said, 'Well, I really need something tonight'.... I looked in my pocket, and I had this cross that someone threw before when I was in San Diego. So, if that person is here tonight, I want to thank him for that cross."

The one spate of discontent can be heard during a monologue preceding the final song before his encore. Dylan is saying, "When Moses went back to the land of Egypt to get the Hebrew children out, he told Pharaoh to let the people go. Pharaoh didn't want to do that."

A chorus of voices can be heard booing and chanting, "Play some music," but Dylan continues for several minutes



THE NEWBORN DYLAN

without seeming to notice or care.

"If you don't know this, you better check into it," he concludes before launching into "In the Garden."

(Dialogue transcription from *The Gospel Project*, by

Watt Alexander.)

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Don't Worry, We're Not Hippies** Some gems from November posts on the San Diego Musicians page at [craigslist.org](http://craigslist.org):

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"I look just like James Hetfield from Metallica.... I have sang in bands and we did a Metallica cover and it went over pretty well. I think there is some good money to be made doing this."

"Female background singer wanted.... You don't need to be super thin, but we want someone without a weight problem."

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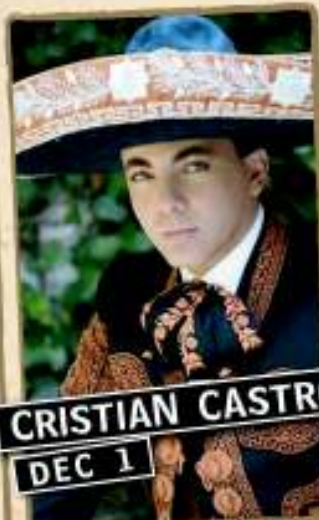
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This Week In Music

## Thursday 29

4th&B's got the big package this week as they serve up **Cake's** Unlimited Sunshine Festival with **Detroit Cobras, Oakley Hall, Agent Ribbons,**



DETROIT COBRAS AT 4TH&B

and **King City**. Props to the Sacramento quintet for keeping this mini winter fest rolling — they kicked it off in 2002 with the Flaming Lips and Modest Mouse and *they're goin' the distance*. Couldn't resist. You've had your fill of Cake? Then go for the Cobras. The Michiganders rip through rock standards, oldies you never heard given garage-rock treatment. Give a listen to this year's Bloodshot disc *Tied & True* and rethink Motown. Isn't Oakley Hall a novelist from San Diego? Unusual name for these ambient East Coasters, but they sound good.... In the early '90s, math-rock pioneers **Don Caballero** broke ground for a lot of your favorite bands, right-brainers. Check out *For Respect* (1993) and *Don Cab 2* (1995) and get to listing progeny. The Don Cab playing Casbah tonight isn't your dad's Don Cab, but original drummer Damon Che's plucked another radical two-guitar assault from his Pittsburgh 'hood. Take the Pepsi challenge — last year's *World Class Listening Problem* rocks. Bay Area experimentalists **From Monument to Masses** also on the bill.... Los Angelino trip-hop trio **8mm** drops in at Beauty Bar. New disc *Songs to Live and Die By* smacks of Portishead — sultry electronica. **Fall of Snow** and **Wendy Darling** in support.... **Aimee Mann** and **Grant Lee (Buffalo) Phillips** deliver pretty pop to Belly Up Tavern. The two popular songsmiths are large of heart, short of soul. But and however, Phillips does a respectable "Killing Moon." Ask for it.

## Friday 30

Funked up jam band **K23 Orchestra** return to their roots when they play Whistle Stop Friday

night. Vocalist Al Howard and his four-piece project came together at the South Park bar several years ago as an experiment in stylistic fusion, drawing players from different genres. Five years later, it's safe to assume the improvisational experiment's been a success. Lean in

to last year's *Whisper of a Newborn Ghost* — it is as billed, "Afro-protest-funk-rock...." Australian roots-rock trippers the **John Butler Trio** bring their "Good Excuse North America" tour to 4th&B Friday night with **Brett Dennen**. Butler and Dennen will indulge O.B.

green keepers and surf riders with a free afternoon set for the Environmental Clif Bar Guerilla Gig and San Diego Coastkeepers. Bring a trash bag and help with the pickup.... San Diego's thrash-core quartet **As I Lay Dying** makes a pit stop at Soma before riding the wave of press they're getting for new Metal Blade disc *An Ocean between Us*. I recommend reading the book first.... Almost December and that means *Christmastime with Oleta*. Seattle's **Oleta Adams** visits Anthology, and she's sure to dole more than holiday fare. The eclectic soul singer's the voice behind Tears for Fears hit "Woman in Chains."

## Saturday 1

Grammy-winning **Café Tacuba** tour brand new disc *Sino* through 4th&B Saturday. The evolving Latin pop act has struck beyond nightlife, girls, and cars and turned to headier subjects for their sixth release. Perhaps something to do with front man and chief songwriter Rubén Albarrán's new Aztec identity — Ixxixoo. Don't wince, the showman changes his name for every album tour. The *New York Times* last week gave raves to *Sino* and



CAFÉ TACUBA AT 4TH&B

Tacuba's sold-out NYC sets, likening the Mexican quartet to '70s classic rock, esp. the Who.... Chicago chart toppers **Fall Out Boy** bring the big gig to the Sports Arena. The power-pop trio topped the...mystifying success of their '05 debut with this year's *Infinity on High*. You've probably heard lead single "This Ain't a Scene, It's an Arms Race" pissing through your kids' headphones. I'm waiting in the car.... Or maybe hit North Park. Couple good'ns over there, as she-punks **Wild Weekend** kick their Zeros schtick at Tower Bar and the **Downs Family** spill a brew of Irish-ish folk and punk rock into Scolari's.

## Sunday 2

Watching Colin Meloy sing is like watching a frog gulp flies. But, the dude's got pipes and writes ambitious, literate songs, if a bit histrionic. And historical — Gaelic folktales, sea chanteys... Meloy marches his five-piece Portland band the **Decemberists** into Spreckel's Theat— uh, no, wait, apparently they've cancelled: "One of our band members is sicker than we thought." Next!... **Blues Traveler**. They're...healthy. Hammy harmonica player/singer John Popper's roots-rock blues act's been at it for 20 years and this year the Jersey band decided to remix and pare down old material on *Cover Yourself*. Yeah, "Run-around" is on there. The Traveler's check in at Belly Up with Encinitas' acoustic cat **Nate Donniss**.... **Grand Ole Party** and **Vampire Weekend** at Casbah. I'm not cleaning up after that one.

## Monday 3

Time for the weekly minutes of Casbah's Anti-Monday League. As to the question **VHS or Beta**, majority voted to bring 'em back. The Louisville nu-wavers trailed 2007 hit disc *Bring on the Comets* through town in September and will cross our skies again Monday night. If you were there, you'll be there (huh?), as will **Foreign Born** and **Buddy Akai**. If you like your rock anthemic, pick up Foreign Born's *On the Wing Now* — big and tasty burger.... *Pablo Picasso was never called an asshole*. Just ask art historian/pop crooner **Jonathan Richman** when he takes the Belly Up stage Monday night. The ex-Modern Lover turned 56 this year. Did you get this year's reissue of the Lovers' 1976 debut? Damn. I was all into *2112* in '76.

## Tuesday 4

Evan Dando will share his **Lemonheads** (it's a new line-up) with a Casbah crowd Tuesday night.

No doubt the '90s pop stud'll sell the room, so I hope he's got enough. Dando's last three 'Heads records went gold, and the 40-year-old Boston native reports he's got another in production with the new players due in early '08.... SanFran jazz-n-blues man **Charlie Hunter** settles in at Anthology for two nights. The guitarist is considered Joe Satriani's most accomplished protégé; indeed, Hunter's released 17 original collections since his debut in 1993. Hunter's best known for his unique invention, the eight-string guitar/bass. Engaging set for guitar tech heads.... OC's **Social Distortion** drops punkabilly on House of Blues Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Singer/guitarist Mike Ness is the only original member of the nearly 30-year-old band, but he's got a disc slated for 2008 with the new line-up. Social D will split the bill with greezy bassman **Lee Rocker** on Tuesday and Chicago Celtic punks the **Tossers** on Wednesday.

## Wednesday 5

Blondie's **Debbie Harry** hits Belly Up Wednesday in support of her new disc *Necessary Evil*, which came out in September. The solo effort is Harry's first since 1993's *Debravation*. Though the singer's dropped some dogs since splitting Blondie, she's had a successful acting career, appearing in hit flicks *Hairspray*, *New York Stories*, and *Copland*. Blondie was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame last year.... Japanese-born singer **Damo Suzuki** is best known for his brief stint with Krautrockers Can (1970–1973). Suzuki dropped from sight after Can and reemerged in 1983 with the Damo Suzuki Network — a rotating collection of "sound carriers" and Suzuki performing improv intonations. Check this year's TRI release *The London Evening News* for what goes down. And what goes down goes down at UCSD's Che Café.... San Dago comers **Long Live Logos** open their LLLove Campaign Tour at Casbah. The Logos tout nu-wavy handiwork *Little Monster and Me*. Goes well with electronic pop hop like Why? **Love Campaign** and the **Fascination** open.



DEBBIE HARRY AT BELLY UP

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# Love It Local

*“While living in L.A., one of my jobs was talent scouting for child actors and models. It sucked.”*

I never focused on the music scene until a few years ago,” says Alyssa Jacey. “I always listened to music and appreciated everyone who was on the radio, selling out shows, but ever since I decided to pursue music instead of a dance career — such as a choreographer for someone like Usher or one of JT’s backup dancers — I have been paying more attention to acoustic artists and local talent, not so much bands.”

Jacey is a native San Diegan, born and raised, having left a few times for college and a stint in L.A. for nine months. “I am about to have to make the decision at some point in early 2008 to either move to L.A. or stay in S.D.,” she says, “and I’m just not sure I can leave here again.”

Alyssa is currently in the recording studio for her first album, entitled *BitterSweet*. “I’ve been working on it for about one and a half years now and have to start from scratch — long story. But it’s all good since I’ve become better at recording in this time — more experience, and I have newer, fresher, better material and a professional studio and musicians to work with. I hope for it to be out by June.”

## IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANYONE...

“I’d bring my grandma down from heaven and have lunch with her; I miss her. As for music, I would grab the president of Geffen, Sony, Virgin, or Atlantic, whoever was most free that day, and sit them down and have a little heart-to-heart about why they should sign me.”

## FAVORITE DEAD CELEB?

“I don’t really have a favorite dead celebrity, but the first person that comes to mind is Aaliyah. She was talented, beautiful, and from what I can

tell from what everyone says about her, a good, kindhearted person.”

## FAVORITE LIVE CELEB?

“I have four. Will Ferrell, Vince Vaughn, Steve Carell, and Stewie from *Family Guy* (yes, he counts).”

## SEXIEST LOCAL PERFORMER?

“Vocally, Ernie Halter or Jason Mraz. Their voices make me want to grab my boyfriend and start making out with him.”

## LAST BOOK READ?

“*All You Need to Know About the Music Business* by Donald S. Passman.”

## FIRST BOOK EVER READ?

“Maybe a pop-up or coloring book, while chewing on a blue crayon. Once out of diapers, I got into reading every Nancy Drew book I could find, then the Fear Street series. I remember being so into one of those, one day I didn’t leave my room and read a whole book in one sitting. It was magic.”

## FAVORITE WEBSITES?

“I am constantly checking out other artists’ websites to see what’s new and hot, what I like or don’t like, what I can learn. Lately I’ve been on the following websites: Joss Stone, Jason Mraz, Brett Dennen, Ernie Halter, Sara Bareilles, and Colbie Caillat, all of whom are my current inspiration.”

## GUILTY PLEASURE?

“Buying designer jeans has always been something my credit card could probably use a break from...lately I’ve been obsessed with buying new purses with matching wallets.”



Alyssa Jacey

## LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT — REAL OR IMAGINED?

“I used to be a firm believer in things such as love at first sight, thinking that when it ever happened to me I would know then and there that I found my soul mate. Then the real world slapped me across the face and told me to snap out of La-La Land. Recently I have learned that true love comes with time and truly getting to know someone inside and out. It’s more infatuation and attraction that can happen at first sight.”

## BEST ADVICE...

“Think before you speak.”

## WORST JOBS?

1. Nannying three kids — all under 9 years old — when I was 17.
2. While living in L.A., one of my three jobs was talent scouting for child actors and models. It sucked.
3. Working for Victoria’s Secret during the holiday season — you haven’t experienced mayhem until you’ve been around hundreds of women fighting over bras, panties, and dressing rooms.” ■

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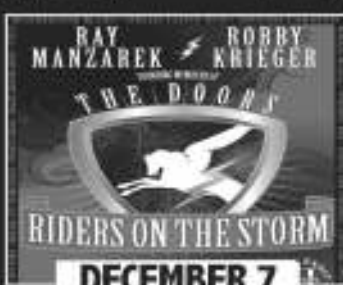


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**Kadan:** First Saturday of the month, *BrokenBeat Night*, live electronic, crunk, and glitch hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

**The Kava Lounge:** First Saturday of the month, *Ascension*, underground dance music with DJs Robin Roth and Tom King. Wednesdays, *Mixtape Sessions*, hip-hop, downtempo, and breakbeat with DJs Mada and Ricky Wrecks. No cover. 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middleton. 619-543-0933.

**Mission Valley Resort:** Thursdays (18 and up) and Fridays (21 and up), *La Maraca*, merengue, cumbia, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-298-8281.

**Moondoggies Pacific Beach:** Saturdays, *What's Good* with DJs Enigma and Cisco. Hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

**Shooterz:** Wednesdays, *Funk It Up*, elektro, indie, and nu-rave with DJ Flyxfx and guest. Thursdays, *Club '80s*, new wave, punk, and synth-pop with DJs Bryan Pollard, Sickboy, and Stern. First, third, and fifth Saturday of the month, *Therapy*, industrial, gothic, and elektronika. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

**Static Lounge:** First Friday of the month, *West Coast Mash Up*, drum 'n' bass, jungle, and ragga. Fourth Friday of the month, *Club Pop Noir*, electro, '80s, and indie with DJ Groundfloor and Edgartronic. 634 Broadway (between

Sixth and Seventh Avenue), downtown. 619-544-1609.

**Tio Leo's:** Thursdays, zydeco dance with DJ Gator Boy. 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. 5302 Napa Street, Morena District. 619-542-1462.

**Whiskey Girl:** Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes music videos. Sundays, *10 Spot Sundays*, DJ Famous Dave mixes video requests. Mondays, *Manic Mondays*, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes '80s and '90s videos. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, DJ Famous Dave mixes music videos. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616.

**The Whistle Stop:** Second Friday of the month, *Pussy Galore Stripped*, live bands with DJ Robin Roth spinning electro, indie, and '80s. First and third Saturday of the month, *Transport*, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Second and fifth Saturday, *One Nation*, electro, '80s, and hip-hop with DJs Blackstone and Atari. 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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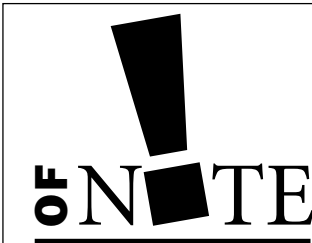
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**Bahia Resort Hotel,** 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *John Cain*, international/jazz/blues/Latin/pop/stand ards.

**Bar Leucadian,** 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday, *Leo Rising*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Salt Lickers*, classic rock.

**Blue Parrot,** 4993 Niagara Avenue, Suite 103, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1722.



BY DAVE GOOD

Iggy Pop and Frank Black and the Violent Femmes all have **Jonathan Richman** in common, but you're not likely to get the connection without having heard "Roadrunner" first. Richman's masterpiece in simplicity was recorded in 1970. Lionized in Great Britain then as the progenitor of punk (the Sex Pistols covered "Roadrunner," which has since been called the first punk-rock song), Richman's earliest incarnation of the Modern Lovers was heavily influenced by the two- and three-chord mentality of the Velvet Underground. Later, when Richman tired of playing loud and shifted abruptly to something more laid back, he became a career singer/songwriter bent on portraying the antithesis of all of rock's big excesses and glamorous predictability. Rich-

man's sound, beloved as it may be, is low rent and not at all hip, and in a plain voice he sings the simplest of lyrics: "I say, hey there, little hornet, buzzing around me/ It sounds like a warning, and it kind of scares me/ Well, hey there, little insect, please calm down/ So we can have fun and fool around."

The Godfather of Punk, as Richman has been called, has earned a legion of fans with a music that defies description. If I had to pin down what he and drummer **Tommy Larkins** are doing at present, I'd call it '50s rock bal-ladeering — with a twist. It leaves room for a fertile imagination to create a deeper meaning where perhaps there is none. This, I think, is the hook. Richman's writing insti-gates a listener to transpose whatever pathos the mood inspires onto the uneven surface of his music. But absorb enough of Richman and you begin to see him as an eccentric who is deconstructing rock in much



**JONATHAN RICHMAN**

the same way that Andy Kaufman decon-structed comedy. Like Kaufman, Richman is in equal measures brazen and childish and maybe brilliant, and that's what's delicious about the Godfather. You are left to wonder, "Who is this guy? Is he for real?"

**JONATHAN RICHMAN, Belly Up Tavern, Monday, December 3, 8 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$15.**

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**The Calypso Cafe,** 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

**'Canes,** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Mower, Diecast, EkoTren*, and *Six Reasons*, rock/hardcore/metal/ progressive. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Sammy Dread, Rebelution, Roots Covenant, J-Irie*, and *Lamb's Blood*, reggae. Wednesday, 8 p.m., live bands.

**Dreamstreet,** 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, 4 p.m., live hip-hop. Friday, 4 p.m., *Apeyga, Calabria*, and *Hell Yeah*, rock/metal. Saturday, 4 p.m., *One*

*Theory, Sight Unscene*, and *Canobliss*, hardcore/metal/rock/progressive.

**E Street Cafe,** 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Jonathan Fleig*, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jenn Grinels*, acoustic folk. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jesus James*, acoustic. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m., open mike. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., *Doug Streck*, jazz piano.

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**Hennessey's Tavern (PB),** 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Band in Black*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Aaron Blythe*, acoustic.

**The Kraken,** 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Frankie-Dee and the Funk-Natra Band*. Friday, *the Flat Out Liars*, classic rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Farmers*, roots rock. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*, blues jam. Tuesday, reggae.

**La Valencia Hotel,** 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., *Rick Ross*, piano/jazz.

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**710 Beach Club,** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Tim and the 23s*, rock. Friday, *Audible Mainframe, Vocab Kompany*, and *Clay Pigeons*, hip-hop/indie/funk. Saturday and Wednesday, live bands.

**Shooters Bar and Grill,** Sheraton La Jolla, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international jazz/blues/Latin/pop/standards.

**Thrusters,** 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Friday, 8 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/rock/reggae.

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**Turquoise Cafe**, 873 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-4200. Thursday, jazz trio. Friday, jazz quartet. Saturday, Latin jazz. Sunday, eclectic/world music. Monday, *Blue 44*. jazz. Tuesday, flamenco. Wednesday, blues.

**Winstons**, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *BLVD* featuring *MC Souleye*, hip-hop/rock. Friday, 9 p.m., *Stranger*, reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Pink Floyd*, classic rock. Monday, 9 p.m., *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Tribal Seeds* and *Noiz*, reggae. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *KD3*, jazz.

## DOWNTOWN

**Anthology**, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300. Friday, *Oleta Adams*, pop/jazz. Saturday, *Eric Marienthal* and *Chuck Loeb*, jazz. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Charlie Hunter*, jazz/funk.

**Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)**, 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *David Courtenay*, folk.

**The Casbah**, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Thursday, *Don Caballero* and *From Monument to Masses*, progressive/indie/rock. Friday, *the White Buffalo*, *the Blackout Party*, *Swedish Models*, and *Hotel Saint George*, acoustic rock/folk/punk/garage. Saturday, *Bus Driver*, *Daedalus*, *Antimic*, and *the Art of Pain*, hip-hop/experimental. Sunday, *Grand Ole Party* and *Vampire Weekend*, big beat/funk/punk/new wave. Monday, *VHS* or *Beta*, *Foreign Born*, and *Shark Attack*, rock/alternative/garage. Tuesday, *the Lemonheads*, *Raccoon*, and *the New Rivals*, alternative/punk/rock/indie.

Wednesday, *Long Live Logos*, *Love Campaign*, and *the Fascination*, rock/pop/alternative/indie.

**Croce's Jazz Bar**, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *Fuzzy* and *the Bluesmen* or *Sue Palmer*.

**Dick's Last Resort**, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, *the Scott Carter Duo*, pop. Friday, *Major Healey*, rock. Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, 11 p.m., *the Dregs* of *Sada*, rock. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Private Domain*, unplugged, rock.

**Dizzy's** (Harbor Club Towers at Second and J Street), 200 Harbor Drive, San Diego. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Fred Benedetti* and *George Svoboda*, classical/flamenco guitar. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Fishtank Ensemble*, jazz/swing. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Gilbert Castellanos*, Latin jazz. Sunday, 6 p.m., *Lisa Sanders*, *Steph Johnson*, *Joannie Mendelhall*, *Sara Petite*, *Regina Dawn*, *the Filmz*, *Julie Mack*, *Molly Meekin*, *Lou* and *Virginia Curtis*, and *Cathryn Beeks*, acoustic/folk. Monday, 7 p.m., *Mark Hunter*, *Kevin Koch*, *Evan Marks*, *Rob Whitlock*, *Bob Weller*, *Brad Steinwehe*, *Steve Dillard*, *Michael Kelleher*, *Jason Weber*, and *Daniel Jackson*, jazz.

**Dublin Square**, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., *Adrienne Nims* and *Raggle Taggle*, Irish folk.

**4th & B**, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Thursday, *the Detroit Cobras*, *Oakley Hall*, *Agent Ribbons*, and *King City*, rock/soul/indie/acoustic. Friday, *the John Butler Trio* and *Brett Dennen*, acoustic/folk. Saturday, *Cafe Tacuba*, alternative rock/eclectic.

**G5-Georges on Fifth**, 835 Fifth Avenue (between E and F Streets), downtown. 619-702-0444. Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, pianist.

**Henry's Pub**, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Flock* of 80's Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, *Good Times*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*s, rockabilly.

# NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In October, *New Yorker* magazine published "A Paler Shade of White: How Indie Rock Lost Its Soul," an article by Sasha Frere-Jones in which the always-provocative music critic argues that indie sounds lifeless because it has turned its back on the African American influences that made rock 'n' roll great. Frere-Jones raises some very interesting issues and neglects to mention a lot of others, but I won't go into all that here. Let me just say that there are a number of new indie acts that are quite explicit in their intention to pay tribute to (or, if you prefer, steal from) black music. One that is getting a lot of attention

lately is **Vampire Weekend**, and it is probably not what Frere-Jones had in mind.

Despite the Goth name, Vampire Weekend is a very sunny-sounding young band made up of recent grads from Columbia University. Guitarist **Ezra Koenig** sings about East Coast beach resorts and punctuation (see "Oxford Comma," the song that will ensure Vampire Weekend's place as the favorite artist of copy editors everywhere). Koenig and his bandmates are usually seen in preppy attire, and on the cover of their recent single "Mansard Roof," they can be seen relaxing on a yacht. How WASP can you get? But Vampire Weekend spices its melodic indie pop with Caribbean calypso and bubbly African pop. No doubt an expert on that stuff would find Vampire Weekend a bunch of dilettantes, but the music sounds pretty good to



**VAMPIRE WEEKEND**

me. It does not, however, sound like the R&B or the hip-hop that Frere-Jones finds lacking in indie rock. Does that mean it has no soul?

**VAMPIRE WEEKEND, The Casbah, Sunday, December 2, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$12.**

Wednesday, *Lady Dottie* and *the Diamonds*, blues.

**House of Blues**, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Friday, *Wild Child* and *Roundabout*, rock. Sunday, *Chimaira*, *Kataklysm*, *Divine Heresy*, and *Terror*, metal/death metal. Tuesday, *Social Distortion*, punk, and *Lee Rocker*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Social Distortion*, punk, and *the Tossers*, rock/alternative/indie.

**Jimmy Love's**, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Tuesday, 6:15 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*. Friday, 9:45 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *the Pop Rocks*, '80s dance. Saturday, 9:45 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Superfunk Fantasy*, dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, jazz. Sunday, 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.

**Onyx**, 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-6699. Tuesday, *Gilbert Castellnos*, jazz.

**Patrick's II**, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Blue Four*. Friday, *Ronnie Lane* and *the Texas Twisters*. Saturday, *Alan Iglesias* and *Crossfire*. Sunday, *Blue Largo*. Monday, *the Bayou Brothers*. Tuesday, *Chet Cannon* and *the Committee*. Wednesday, *Ayanna* and *the Exiles*.

**Sevilla**, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Orquesta Primo*, Latin jazz/salsa. Tuesday, *Orquesta Farandula*, salsa.

**The Westgate Hotel**, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Monday through Friday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., *the Prince of Piano*, piano/pop. Evening Entertainment: Thursday and Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Fran*

*Loskota*, pop/jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Karen Giorgio*, cabaret. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Julio de la Huerta*, Latin. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Faith Page*, international/standards.

**Whiskey Girl**, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, *DaGroove*, rock hits, and *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Friday and Saturday, *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Sunday, *DJ Famous Dave*. 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*.

## SAN DIEGO

**AcousticMusicSanDiego**, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Saturday, *Lucy Kaplansky*, acoustic folk.

**Albie's Beef Inn**, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Saturday, also, Tuesday and Wednesday, *David Timothy Smith*, piano bar.

**American Legion Post 310**, 465 47th Street, San Diego. 619-264-1919. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Post 310 Blues Band*. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Willowvalot*, smooth jazz/funk.

**The Beauty Bar**, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-516-4746. Friday, 9 p.m., *Feel the Noise*, *the Oohlas*, and *Oslo*, alternative/rock.

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Music is Irish/folk. Saturday, *Skelpin*. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Robbie O'Reilly* or *Skelpin*.

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**Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)**, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Skibbereen*, Irish folk.

**Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)**, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Johnson, Bosley, and Morin*, acoustic trio. Saturday, 8 p.m., *First Class Fiction*, pop/rock.

**Carvers**, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Night Shift*, classic rock.

**Cheers**, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday, *the Citizen Band*, rock. Saturday, *Xceptions*, rock. Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

**Chin's Palace**, 2241 South El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-439-3600. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Marc Logan*, jazz.

**Coyote Bar and Grill**, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Billy Watson*, harmonica blues. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the New Breed Band*, pop/jazz. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Red Lane*, rock/blues, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Fish and the Seaweeds*, classic rock. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the Jerry McCann Band*, reggae/R&B, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Red Lane*, rock/blues.

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**The Jumping Turtle**, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-741-7778. Music is rock/alternative/metal. Thursday, *Chemlab*, *Skeleton Key*, *Despite the Wolves*, and *Mordium*. Friday, *Powermann 5000*, *Medius*, *In Silence*, *Climhazzard*, and *Loot-N-Rok*. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Catalina*, *Jac*, *Twelve Twenty*, *She Said Sever*, *the Vodka Dolls*, *Longstay*, *Love Campaign*, and *Axcys*. Tuesday, metal. Wednesday, *National Product*, *Kenotia*, *Bedlight for Blue Eyes*, *Sight Unscene*, and *Sonic Ritual*.

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# Yo, DJ!

## Talk About a Star



**The John Butler Trio plays 4th&B tomorrow, November 30.**

I was working the front desk at KPRI just after moving to San Diego earlier this year. This was before taking on DJ duties for their local show, the *KPRI Homegrown Hour*. I've always been a musician/

performer, but this was my first venture into the world of radio. It was quite enlightening on many levels. One thing I loved was that I'd get all the packages from record labels with the absolute newest singles and full record releases before they were even released officially.

The day I opened *Grand National*, from Australian band the John Butler Trio, I was immediately drawn in by the earthy/hip almost tribal image on the cover (see, there is still value to packaging). I'd never heard of them. I popped the CD into my desktop and checked out the soon-to-be-released single "Better Than." The tune struck me right away. It made me smile and want to groove it loud in the car while driving cross country. It has that simple

but ever-appropriate message of being present in life and staying positive. I listened to the record for the next two weeks. It's rare for me to like a record so much that I want to listen to it over and over all the way through. The musicianship is excellent. John Butler's guitar work rocks, his lyrics are witty and the diversity of style is refreshing...a little roots, a bit of hip-hop, a dash of bluegrass, some hard rocking, and some sensitive boy charm.



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## GOATFEST 2007

by Josh Board

**I** got word of a party called "Goatfest 2007." As I drove into the P.B. neighborhood, I saw a party being broken up by the police. It wasn't the one I was looking for, though.

There was a wedding reception near where I parked, and I thought if the Goatfest was a bust, I'd crash the reception.

In front of the house, there was a sign that read "Got Goats?" I walked around back and saw appetizers such as goat cheese and goat meat, which someone said tasted "just like regular steak."

When the band was set up, I asked, "Are you going to do songs like Cake's 'Sheep go to heaven/ Goats go to Hell?'" He laughed and said, "Yeah, someone printed out an entire list of songs with goats in the lyrics." I told him that other than the Cake tune and the Rolling Stones' *Goats Head Soup* album, I didn't know there was anything else.

I pulled out a cigar but didn't have anything to light it with.

A girl from Lithuania offered me a light. She told me that she was a teacher. As she was leaving to go to another party with her boyfriend, she told me that they'd be having a big holiday bash and would invite me.

I asked David, the host, how he came up with the goat theme. "We were watching



ESPN and an ad came on about goats or heroes. It had the Yankees, and I hate the Yankees. It sort of all came from that."

I went to grab a Coke and saw a guy leaning against a fence. He appeared to be drunk. I tried to talk to him, but he was too out of it.

**"Someone printed out an entire list of songs with goats in the lyrics."**

There were several UCSD students at the party, and half the crowd was part of the "Free P.B." campaign to keep alcohol from being banned on the beaches in P.B.

A guy named Nick was sipping on a beer, and he told me his thoughts on the issue. Another guy handed out red hats that read "Free P.B." on the back and "Keep Freedom Legal" on the front. When he approached a group of girls, they asked, "What do we have to do for one of these?" He



Top left: Lithuanian teacher and her boyfriend; Top right: Petitions signed to prevent beach-alcohol ban

replied, "Uh, nothing." I think they were expecting they'd have to do some kind of *Girls Gone Wild* stunt.

I was talking to a guy near the keg, and he said, "Now that I've met you, I think I've officially met everyone at this party. The key to meeting lots of people at a party — and you probably already know this — stay near the keg. You'll meet everyone eventually."

I talked with one UCSD student about the alcohol ban and the recent brawl on the beach in P.B. We agreed that an incident like that shouldn't change a law for everyone else. I complained about the new cell-

phone law — just because others can't talk on their phones and drive, I shouldn't have to deal with this new law coming out. Another guy approached and asked if either of us wanted a beer. The guy I was talking with said, "Of course. Can I be in an organization like this and not drink?"

I was surprised that the crowd was made up of twenty-somethings; they were all drinking, and everyone was well behaved. Nobody was loud or obnoxious.

My cigar burned out and I approached another guy smoking. When he offered me his Dodger lighter, I refused to use it. He punched me in the arm and said, "Dude, I'm from L.A. Give me a break." We talked sports until he saw a blonde that he wanted to try to pick

up.

The band started playing. They were three songs into their set and I hadn't heard a single goat song. I did see T-shirts with goats on them that someone made. The band stopped around 11:00 p.m., when the cops broke things up.

I headed out and saw that the wedding reception was over, too. But, I found a party in P.B. that was still going.

A woman on the front lawn had a huge mug of beer. With one eye open, she slurred, "I love beer." I said, "Yeah, I can see that."

Someone asked the crowd who left their pipe on the fence. Another guy turned to me and asked if I wanted to "light up." I told him that I only smoke cigars. "Blunts?" he asked. I laughed and said, "No, regular cigars."

I overheard someone tell his friend, "You better carve your initials in your lighter or you'll never get it back."

One woman said, "My friends all hate the smell. I like it." I noticed she was pointing at my cigar.

"I used to work in a casino and got used to them," she told me. She also said that she wanted to be a Supreme Court justice and that she'd just gotten a speeding ticket and she was the designated driver for the evening.

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me that they hit a parked car earlier.

There was a game of beer pong going on in the garage. A few people in the crowd told me that they were about to be evicted for having too many parties. They said they'd had five warnings. One said, "Yeah, it was this French lady. She kept calling the cops on us. The crazy thing was, she was beating her kids. We had to call the cops on her."

There was a guy who was 6'3" and had a black eye. I asked him what happened. "I got jumped by some guys. I won't say what race they were. That would be racist." I said, "I don't think it would be racist, unless you think less of that race.... Even if it was all guys of one race that beat you up, that doesn't say anything about that one

race." He responded, "Yeah, well, I guess that's true. But, I'm still not saying." I laughed and said, "You're the one that brought it up. But, if you don't tell me, I'm just going to assume it was pygmies that beat the crap out of you."

One guy stumbled over to me as I was leaving and said, "I have an idea for your column, man." His breath reeked of beer.

"Find a gambler," he explained, "and follow him for a week. If he wins, see if he parties more because of that. That same thing could work with a guy that has a job where it's all on commission." He took a swig from his Heineken.

"Or, you could follow a good girl around. Does she become a 'ho when she parties? Really, man, you should do that shit for your

column. But, why am I telling you? I guess I babble all these crazy ideas when I drink. And, it's your column. You're the man!"

He then tripped and

fell, but the beer stayed in his hand. I said, "I should follow you around for a week." ■

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# To Ota, with a Sensei and a Nisei

## Dramatis Personae:

Masayuki Shimabukuro, Hanshi (aka “Shima Sensei”), martial arts master/teacher  
 “Samurai Jim,” “hapi-hapi” nisei Japanese swordsmanship student  
 Masako S., Jim’s mom  
 Naomi W., *gaijin* food critic

Vocabulary: Sensei is a Japanese martial arts master and teacher. (Remember 1961’s *Yojimbo*, with those top-knotted ninnies following Toshiro Mifune around, whining, “Sensei, sensei?”) *Ita-mei* is a sushi chef. Issei is a first-generation Japanese immigrant. Nisei is second generation. *Hapi-hapi* is Hawaiian for half-Caucasian, half-Asian or Islander. *Nihonjin* means “Japanese people.” (*Jim* means “people.”) *Gaijin* means “foreign.” (In Chinese, *gwei* means foreign; in Yiddish it’s *goy*; in Romansch (Gypsy) it’s *gajo*, with a soft j, pronounced “gazho.” Weird, huh?)

Opening Shot: the Jikishin-Kai dojo in Clairemont Mesa.

The sensei (a vigorous, youthful-looking man in his 50s) is chatting with student Jim after a swordsmanship class. “You must go eat at Sushi Ota,” says Shima Sensei. “I know Ota personally, he is the most professional sushi chef here. You know, when people visit San Diego from Japan, that is where they eat. When *nihonjin* eat there, they get completely different food from *gaijin*.”

“In what way different?” Jim asks.

“My favorite dish there is lobster sashimi. The back half is chopped-up raw lobster meat. The front half is still moving. Shows that the meat is really fresh.”

Jim (aside): “My people are such savages...”

Cut to: Split-screen, Jim and Naomi at their computers a few miles apart.

Jim emails Naomi his conversation with Shima Sensei and Naomi realizes there’s an amazing learning opportunity here, a chance to discover whether or not the long-standing rumor is true that at Ota, Japanese patrons get very different food from Americans. (Cut to the chase.)

Fade In: A table at Sushi Ota, in the new back room that has expanded the premises.

Jim’s mother Masako has joined us to serve as translator, if necessary. She is a tiny, dainty-featured live wire with shoulder-length black hair and four-inch heels that raise her height to about 4’9”. Shima Sensei is wearing a Hawaiian shirt, signifying relaxation mode, a side of his strict teacher that Jim has never encountered before. Naomi is secretly nervous — will she seem like a foreign savage? Masako and Shima confer over the drink list, speaking in Japanese, and order a bottle of



Main sashimi platter

sake, Toko Yama (“Man’s Mountain”), a strong, smooth blend with a flavor reminiscent of Thailand’s Mekong brand rice-based whisky. Naomi orders her usual half-bottle of Nigori, “Japanese fizzy water,” unfiltered sake with the texture of a milkshake — baby-food sake, but reliably palatable.

On the table is a plastic-laminated half-sheet with photos displaying three *omakase* menus (one for sushi, two for sashimi). This is relatively new and very welcome. With sashimi, the center of your extravaganza can either be lobster or *aji*, Spanish mackerel. The two isseis discuss the issue of “*omakase*.” “It means, ‘I trust you, please take care of me and feed me whatever you want,’” says Shima Sensei. These arrays are the equivalent of impersonal prix-fixe tasting menus. “If you want an *omakase* dinner made just for you,” says Masako, “it’s best to find a sushi chef you like and trust, and go regularly, always sitting at his station, until he learns your tastes. At that point, he can do a true *omakase* for you. For instance, that chef will know better than to give me some disgusting roll with cream cheese. I like little rolls with small rice, I don’t like fat rolls with big rice. He’ll know that.”

Choosing a chef to trust is another important issue. “I will only eat sushi from chefs who are trained in Japan,” says Shima Sensei. “There, it is a very long and disciplined education, like martial arts...”

Flashback: Naomi, ten years younger, in San

Francisco at the counter of the neighborhood sushi restaurant (one of the best in the city). A journeyman sushi chef is meticulously assembling a caterpillar roll as he responds to her question.

Chef: “First you work as an apprentice, 10 or 12 years before you become even a journeyman and are allowed to make sushi and sashimi. First few years, you only make rice, learn all about rice — the differences in brands, how old it is, where it was grown, because you will cook and season it a little differently depending on those things. This is why at some American sushi bars the rice is not right — too soft, too hard, with too much or too little *sushi-su*, the sweet rice vinegar for seasoning. When you understand rice, then they let you touch fish — more years learning to handle fish, cut fish, and then how to judge its quality and buy it. When a Japanese sushi apprentice finally qualifies as a journeyman, it means his fish should be safe to eat. Then he can work at a sushi counter until the *itamae* [the master chef] tells him that he has learned enough to be a master chef himself.” Chef inserts two radish sprouts into the head of the hilariously realistic-looking “caterpillar” and hands it over the counter to Naomi, who *oohs* and *aahs* and giggles at the little vegetable-sprig “palps.”

Dissolve back to Sushi Ota, Shima Sensei speaking: “...But here in America, anybody can call himself a sushi chef and open a restaurant. To eat raw fish from somebody who wasn’t prop-

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erly trained...” Shima shudders dramatically.

Masako and Shima confer again in Japanese. Voiceover, Naomi: “For Jim, this is the equivalent of my mom talking Yiddish — code language that only grownups speak.” Shima communicates with the waitress. Some minutes later, an amazing platter appears, covered with all man-



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ner of raw seafood in various shapes and colors. At its center is the front half of a local spiny lobster, waving its feelers, and behind that is the chopped raw lobster meat, to be dipped in soy sauce and enjoyed. The meat is firm and faintly sweet and tastes only like itself. Jim blows lightly on the carapace, and it wriggles and jiggles all over. "It responds to sake breath," he says.

Voiceover, Naomi: "It's not that I'm callous about the feelings of the lobster, but I know it's already totally dead. It's just that its autonomic nervous system doesn't recognize that fact yet. I remember dissecting a formaldehyde-soaked specimen in Zoology 101. I had so little food money, the waste of a lobster infuriated me. It's an elegantly constructed critter but neurologically primitive — it shimmies even after it's thoroughly dead. In my travels, I've seen freshly beheaded chickens and rattlesnakes do that, too." Naomi contemplates the animated lobster and mutters, "I wish I could sa-shimmy like my lobster Kate."

I don't know whether or not *gaijin* patrons routinely get the head when they order lobster sashimi or if they get just the meat — or perhaps the meat decorated with a head that's already completed its dance routine and gone to its final rest. Looking over the rest of the selections, I later realized that what we actually had was an expanded version of the *omakase* sashimi dinner. Four seashells on the platter cradled pretty arrangements of exquisite golden *uni* (sea urchin roe), amazingly sweet, along with toothsome baby white abalone with that sexy, buttery-flavored undertone that's brought it to the endangered list. "In Japan, we have no more of these," said Shima Sensei ruefully. "All eaten." "In California, too," I said. "These were probably farm raised in Baja. I hope so, anyway."

The plate also held *hamachi*, sliced thicker than usual, with a velvety texture, and chopped Mirugai, giant clam, chewy-soft bursts of sunlight-on-the-sea. And there were slices of *toro*, precious fatty-belly tuna, the Kobe beef of the ocean. I closed my eyes in bliss, savoring this satin-textured delicacy. The sensei and the nisei's mom noticed. Masako translated Shima's Japanese: " 'She really does love our food.' " Apparently, I'd won the Issei Seal of Approval — my pink belt in Japanese food appreciation, awarded by the master.

Now that I'd proved myself somewhat civilized, the gentle lessons in Japanese cuisine began in earnest. "Shima's from Osaka. That's where all the Japanese gourmets come from," Masako said. "I'm from Tokyo. In Tokyo, we spend our money on clothes. Osakans spend it in restaurants."

I noticed that Masako had added a little wasabi to her shallow saucer of soy sauce and mixed it into a slurry, while

Shima had left his soy pure. "When we eat sashimi," Shima said, "we put a little wasabi on the fish, not into the soy sauce, and then we dip the fish into the soy. Osakans don't mix them together. And when we eat sushi from a great chef like Ota-san, we don't dip it into anything. It's already seasoned the way the chef wants it to taste, so adding anything only makes it less perfect."

After that, we were still hungry, and I was still curious to taste delicacies I might not know to order. Masako took another brief look at the menu. "When I go to Japanese restaurants," she said, "I always ask for the Japanese menu, but I don't even look at it. I just get it so they understand that I know Japanese food. Then I order whatever I want." She and Shima Sensei conferred again, glancing at the specials board posted above our table. (Jim and I saw it and begged for the Kumamoto oysters.) Our second course started with a round of those oysters (precious little guys from way up the coast) in a mixture of lemon juice and hot sauce. Next came squid rings dusted with sesame seeds.

Then — *ta-da!* — *aji* — a whole, small Spanish mackerel. The head-and-skeleton piece of the small fish was bent around a chopstick into a curve resembling a sailboat's sails swelling from the mast in a stiff breeze. On the plate was a heaplet of chopped green herbs and ginger, to mix into the soy sauce, and slices of the raw fish. This mixture was very much to my taste, a clean foil to the rich fattiness of the mackerel. I noticed that the soy sauce seemed thinner and less salty than at many Japanese restaurants — more like the imported Cantonese "light soy" I use at home.

They say there are no second acts in American lives, but there are second and third acts in sashimi, using the other parts of the same species. "We Nihonjin use up everything," said Masako. "We don't let anything edible go to waste." First came the lobster back shell, concealing two versions of cooked diced lobster — one plain, the other thinly robed with a subtle "dynamite" gratin sauce that was a bit spicy and not too gooey.

Then came the skeleton and head of the mackerel, flash-baked crunchy like an *ama ebi* head, resembling potato chips

made of fish bones. The rib cage was great, but I especially had eyes for the head. I offered it to the Sensei, the honored guest. "Nah, I eat it at home all the time," he said. Masako declined on the same grounds. Jim didn't want it, so I took it happily. It's the honored guest's portion because the head has lush soft bits in the cheeks that resemble the best aquatic KFC you ever tasted.

The final course was the last bit of the lobster flesh and carapace in a wonderfully soothing light miso soup. It was better than any dessert and will send you out with a warm belly into a chilly night.

We paid the bill and adjourned to the parking lot, and we talked and talked in two languages until concluding with hugs all around, bows all around, and a flurry of *arigatos*.

What did I learn? The full service of *aji* and of lobster were revelations. Otherwise, I was surprised by the lack of really *scary* or *outré* offerings, but I don't think Shima Sensei and Masako were trying to spare me. (Jim had already briefed them that I've eaten guinea pig in Ecuador and fried grasshoppers in Oaxacan restaurants, so am not easily intimidated by food.) A bigger surprise was the choice of an all-sashimi dinner (rather than sushi) for what Japanese would order at a no-limits dinner at Ota. But our neighbors at nearby tables, including many Japanese groups, were eating some pretty-looking sushi that I'd happily try, too — not big Americanized party rolls, but elegant little *nigiri* with understated garnishes of various colors.

At other occasions at Ota, I've simply kept my eyes peeled for what other diners are eating and pointed at anything that looked interesting, e.g., a large sea snail cooked over burning sugar. That tactic works as well. You wish that the restaurant were a little more comfortable and a lot quieter. (It was a quartet of American males who were making most of the noise during that packed Friday night, conversing in athletic-arena shouts.) And getting a seat at Ota, whether counter or table, is sort of a pain (even with a reservation you have to wait awhile in the parking lot). But once you've done it, once is not nearly enough. This is a master at work, a Sensei of Sushi. ■

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# Mighty Hungary

*“Hot wine. Hot diggety,” I say.  
“Cold beer. Cool,” says Hank.*

**Y**es! Spared!” says Hank. All the way up 78 we’ve seen valleys blackened by the fires. Hulks of burned cars, rusted frames of trailers, lonely chimneys, until at last, where 78 meets Wynola Road, we come to this patch of untouched civilization.

“But, what...? No Chicken Shack?” says Hank. He’s looking at a sprawling old house on the left. “That was the Chicken Shack, I swear.”

Now it’s sprouting a new sign on its roof. Looks like something written backwards. “Gulyas Csarda.”

He swings across 78 to this ranchette surrounded by pines and oaks.

“Hot Sausage. Cold Beer. Hot Wine,” says a sign.

“Hot wine. Hot diggety,” I say.

“Cold beer. Cool,” says Hank. Then he spots, Scotch-taped to the window, “Domestic beer. \$1 bottle.”

“Way cool,” he mumbles.

The place is brick with white timbers, darkwood eaves, and little windows. You expect Snow White or the Dwarves to come prancing out. Oh, yeah, and there’s a big deck with half a dozen round tables. We hop through the wooden door into, wow, a piece of Europe, transported: life-size bronze sculptures of naked women with lamps on their heads, a medieval table with gothic-arched chairs, a well-used brick fireplace, a painting of a Greek vineyard.

We head for a big chunky table with red-and-black hooped chairs beside a window. Red curtains hang on either side. Hank fingers a flag on the table. Red, white, and green, but with a shield in the middle showing a crown, stripes, a cross.

“Mexican?” I say.

“Not Mexico,” says Hank, like he knows. “It’s...”

A lady appears, dressed in red and black. “Hungary,” she says. “That’s the crown of Saint Stephen, our first king. Six years ago we celebrated 1000 years since his coronation, in 1001.”

“So this is a Hungarian restaurant?”

“The only Hungarian restaurant in San Diego County.”

Her name’s María. “Can I get you something to drink?”

“Uh, beer,” says Hank. “Just one. Driving.”

“Hungarian? Czech? American?”

Hank settles on Czech, pays \$4.50. So much for his dollar-a-beer idea.

“And you, sir?”

“How much is that hot wine?” I ask. “I ain’t driving.”

“Five dollars.”

Heck. A lot, but when in Rome...or even a little piece of Hungary outside Julian....

“Uh, one other thing,” I say to María. “What does ‘Gulyas Csarda’ mean?”

“*Gulyas* is a very popular soup in Hungary. Beef and vegetable. And *csarda* means ‘place.’”

So...The Soup Place. Or, oh Lord. Of course. “*Gúlyás*,” goulash. So this is the “Goulash Inn.” I search the menu. Ah, there it is. “*Gúlyás Leves*: a famous Hungarian beef and vegetable soup.” It’s \$8.50. They also have others, like bean and ham hock, and mushroom and dumplings. María brings Hank’s dark beer and my steaming wine. It’s light red, in a large water glass, smelling of spices, cloves, and so hot I can’t pick it up.

“*Prost*,” I say, when I finally can. “Feeling hungry, dude?”

Hank looks at me funny. He raises his bottle. “*Kedves egészségére*.”

“What da heck is that?”

“‘Cheers’ — ‘good health’ — in Hungarian.”

“Yeah? But how...?”

“My grandmother was Hungarian.”

“Man, you’re a dark horse. So now can you tell me what to eat?”

Hank recognizes some of the dishes, like *Rántott Csirke Vagy Sertés Hus*: Chicken or pork wienerschnitzel served with mashed potato and sautéed red cabbage, \$13.50. Ulp. “Quite a price, dude,” I say. “This what they pay in Budapest?”

“Don’t worry. I’ve got spare.” He stabs his finger on number 3, *Magyar Kolbász*: Hungarian sausage, mash, and red cabbage (\$12.50). “Hungarian sausage is always good.” He also points to number 4, *Magyaros Sertés Pörkölt* — pork stew with mashed potatoes \$12.50, and number 6, Ilona’s *Paprikás Csirke*, chicken paprika and sour

cream served with rice, \$12.50.

By this time, María’s back.

“That’s what I’m having,” Hank says. “Chicken paprika. Learned to cook it at home. And a side of...*savanyúság* salad.”

I see it’s a bowl of sliced cucumbers in a vinegar-pepper soup, going for \$4.25.

“And you?” says María.

“What’s most Hungarian?”

She points to number 14. *Brassoi Apropecsenye*: Diced garlic pork served with Hungarian fries, \$12.90. Fine.

Three people come in while we’re waiting: John, Leah, and MaryLynn. They settle down to a few dollar beers and order sausages. John and Leah live on the Mesa Grande reservation just northwest of here. MaryLynn has lived nearby here since ’79. She’s eaten here four times already since María opened up, not too long before the fires, just her luck. “My favorite is the wiener-schnitzel,” she says.

I’m feeling pretty happy with my big glass of warm wine by the time María brings our food. Mine is totally garlic-sogged pork chunks with potato bits thrown in. Hank’s chicken looks good. The two pieces sit in a sea of dumpling bits and gravy. It turns out this house is maybe 60 years old. But María’s used to old things: she ran a restaurant outside Budapest before she came over here. “I arrived in San Diego 20 years ago with bags, two children, and nothing else,” she says. “I started driving a yellow cab. Then I bought my cab, but I always wanted to have my own restaurant here. When I heard this was for sale, I sold my taxi and bought this. It means driving up every day from Chula Vista where I live, and we had the fires, but this is what I want. Desserts?”

Two minutes later I get the thrill of chowing into a *palacsinta*, a crêpe (\$4.20) with powdered sugar, strawberries, whipped cream, and, best of all, stuffed with chestnut paste (I could have gone for hazelnut, chocolate syrup, apricot or plum jam instead). Oh, man. I’m a kid again, smelling



María

hot chestnuts roasting on braziers on the streets that time Dad took us to New York City.

Hank’s chomping away at his dessert — apple strudel (\$4.20).

He looks up. That funny look again.

“What?”

“Just wish I’d asked Grandma more about, like, who we were, where we came from, how we spoke, everything. Too late now.”

“Hey,” I say. “Never too late. Look at María. She crossed the world, made a new life, drove a cab, raised kids solo, started this up, and survived these fires, man. She’s probably your second cousin. Start here.” ■

**The Place:** *Gulyas Csarda Restaurant*, 4353 Highway 78 (at Wynola Road), Santa Ysabel, 760-765-3200  
**Type of Food:** Hungarian

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It seems I can stop wondering; Metter reports that this year's festival drew just over 4000 people. It's gotten to the point where Metter and Loyst are having to consider ways of controlling the growth in order to preserve the charm. "We don't want it to be so crowded that people can't get up to the winemakers and talk to them, or to the chefs. I think that's what's fun about these events — people who are actually creating the products are there, and it's an opportunity to be tactile with them." And not only creators. This year's series of events included a class at the Macy's School of

Cooking, hosted by contestants from the first three seasons of Bravo's *Top Chef*. "That sold out," says Metter. "It speaks to the reality-TV craze, and also to the accessibility of people we might watch on the Food Network. If you're a foodie, you tune in to that kind of stuff. The opportunity to be entertained by them in close proximity is something special. It's fun."

The *Top Chef* stars helped put the "celebrity" in this year's festival tagline, which advised folks to "Pucker Up! for lip smacking, glass clinking, celebrity watching, swishing, swirling, mouth watering kind of fun!" I'd been reading that line for the better part of a year — it was impossible to miss the full-page ads in *Saveur*, which splashed the line next to a painting of three wine bottles, each bearing a label featuring a generously belipped woman in full pucker. The painting was the work of "a very talented young designer named Cynthia Colis," says Metter. "I remembered seeing her art on the wall years ago at an agency I used to work for. She was an artist at ArtWalk, and that's how we found her. We always try to keep in mind that the creative is collectible for a lot of people. They want to take home the event poster, or the point-of-sale poster that has all the sponsors on it. We want whatever we produce to be attractive on a wall. So we look for artists in the community who are doing something in the food and wine scene and base the

marketing campaign around the work of the artist we select. This one adds a bit of a playful note — food and wine are fun, and we wanted to make sure the campaign embodied that."

The ads themselves were the result of symbiosis. The festival gets advertised in a premiere food magazine; the magazine gets a presence at the festival. "This year, we're much more integrated in term of executing some of what *Saveur* would like to achieve at the event. We've got their wine editor, Paul Lukacs, coming out to teach a panel on Zinfandel producers. And they're integrating some of their brand partners, like Kerry Gold, into different parts of the event." Everybody wins.

"We were looking to build things up," explains Metter, "and we knew that having a national media partner was essential. And we wanted to make sure that the media partner we aligned ourselves with really fit the aesthetic for the event, both in terms of what we were visually creating at the festival and in terms of what the reader would respond to within the publication. We went out into the community and asked a lot of chefs and a lot of foodies in our circle (the AIWF), 'What magazine appeals to you?' *Saveur* was a common thread, and they seemed to be a really good fit. We find that the articles are in-depth; they really focus on the foodie lifestyle. And we consider it a little more boutique than some other publications. We consider ourselves a kind of boutique event; that's part of the fun. There are definitely mainstream brands involved in our festival, but if you look at the wineries involved, you see that we have so many fresh faces: family winemakers, small producers, people who are making wonderful wines but who just don't have the brand recognition of some of the larger houses. And if you're a wine enthusiast, you want to try as many different wines as you can; discovery is part of the appeal."

The national exposure has paid off, for the fes-



Michelle Metter

tival and for the wineries. "I think we've started attracting a lot of tourists," says Metter, "foodies coming here specifically for the event." And not just foodies. "A lot of the wineries don't have immediate distribution in San Diego, so we also feel like we're performing a sales function, both to the consumer and to the distribution channels. We have a really good number of trade attendees who come to look for new wines. We have wine buyers coming in from Vegas, from Arizona, from Orange County, even from Northern California. They know they're going to see a lot of wineries that might not have the budget to do big sales calls." That fondness for the little guy is why the festival takes its wines on a first-come, first-served basis. "We want everyone to have a fighting chance

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## NORTH COASTAL

**A Little Moore Coffee Shop** 1030 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could be out of an Early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters: “The Billy” is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cot-

tage cheese or rice). “The Cindy” is two French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is “The Pablo.” It's standard but generous fare, a formula that's kept the place humming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch six days, closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Azafran** 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles (“Cubano #2”), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself — crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don't leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Beach House** 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy seafront patio, is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some “Continental” warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs “Top of the House” which features pub grub and fish in a light-house-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay sim-

ple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. “Top of the House” serves until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 10 p.m. in summer. “Early bird” cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

**Charlie's by the Sea** 2565 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it's light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively “Bayou Burger” with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday, brunch only. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

**Kim's Restaurant** 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W.

**Nobu Japanese Restaurant** 315 South Coast Highway 101 (near Dahlia Drive), Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn't the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, LA, and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic non-fusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you're in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish paté and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It's all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Friday through Sunday nights. Lunch and dinner daily; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. — N.W.

**Oceanside Cafe** 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place does lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. “Dieter's Downfall,” a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the “Sausage of the Week” is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with their carrot cake or double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of their oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Samurai Japanese Restaurant** Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Garden Section, 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (one block east of I-5), Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of “something extra” — e.g., not just free *edamame* to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup

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made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseki* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of four to fourteen, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — N.W.

**Sbicca** 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001; also Lumberyard, 897 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine at both of her restaurants, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce on a menu that changes with the seasons. The irresistible lobster-crabmeat croquettes and lobster-shrimp bisque are pure Del Mar deluxe. Some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them: Salmon served with peas and mushrooms to one side, a creamy sauce on the other, creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. Both settings are family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with handsome, airy dining rooms and charming patios. Wide-ranging wine list emphasizing California, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. On different weekday evenings, Del Mar and Encinitas each feature \$5 martinis, no corkage fee, and 50% off all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list. Call for specific days. Del Mar branch crowded during racing season. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. High moderate to expensive. — B.D.

**Swami's Cafe** 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.



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**Bernard'O Restaurant** 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eye-ful. Adding to the charm, a harpist plays show tunes on Sundays, and a guitarist performs on Thursdays. The cuisine mingles French classics (for example, mussels with *frites*) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W.

**Cavaillon** 14701 Via Bettona, Suite 200, Santaluz, 858-433-0483. Cavaillon is likely to become your favorite neighborhood French restaurant, no matter how far you live from its neighborhood — it's, as Guide Michelin would say, "worth a detour." Provence-born chef-owner Phillippe Verpiande (former chef de cuisine at Tapenade) offers seasonal, classic French dishes emphasizing his home region in a retro bistro setting. Don't miss the signature starter of *panisse*, a chick-pea cake with the texture of a marshmallow. Other great dishes include transcendent coq au vin, superb slow-baked salmon; and a dream version of crisp-skinned duck confit. Monday night moderate-priced three-course prix fixe dinners (\$32) are as fine as the à la carte menu, although it's difficult to resist the siren songs of the alluring nightly specials. International wine list at lower-than-average markups, French "bargains" on the pricier reserve list, and merciful corkage fees to BYO special bottle. Dinner nightly, brunch weekends. Moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

**Hernandez' Hide-Away** 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

**Jimbo's, Naturally!** 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755 (also in Escondido and Carlsbad). Jimbo — and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it's high ceilings and lots of color — yellow, purple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheat grass and organic coffee. A "hot case" counter offers all kinds of ricey, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — E.B.

**Onami Japanese Restaurant** 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sumomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-



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**Wine Sellar and Brasserie** 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. The French-continental food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with wine tasting. Regular lunch and dinner Thursday and Friday. Reservations recommended for Wednesday wine tasting. Call for directions. — E.W.

## LA JOLLA

**Cafe Japengo** The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish *roe tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch week-

days only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — B.D.

**Cliff Hanger Cafe** Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is it like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub's good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Roppongi** 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. The hard part is deciding whether to sit in the drop-dead gorgeous interior or to people-watch on the large, heated street patio. Then you have to decide what to eat from the long Euro-Asian fusion menu, with its vast choice of tapas and sushi options, as well as entrées. At lunch there are several imaginative sandwiches and appetizers. Reservations highly recommended at dinner. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Some tapas and sushi rolls are inexpensive, but if you enjoy grazing the bill can mount quickly. Entrées are expensive. — N.W.

**Roy's** 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia* "Kahana," or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W.

## MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

**Andrés Restaurant** 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

**Bali Thai Café** 407 South Camino del Rio South (dead end, west of Auto Circle and Mission Center Road), San Diego, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the *tom kha koong* (shrimp in coconut milk soup) is outstanding and authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as "seafood delight roll," corn fritters, the soothing *soto ayam* (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy *sambal goring* (shrimp in chili sauce), among others. Short but smart wine list, beer, sake. Easy evening parking. Heated, roofed patio. Large portions. Reserve for weeknights, no reservations accepted for weekends. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — N.W.

**Korea House** 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage

leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N.

**Nijiya Market** 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N.

**Pampas Argentine Grill** 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly except Monday. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W.

## THE BEACHES

**Baleen** Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood

and land creatures in refined renditions including gorgeous lobster bisque, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — N.W.

**The Bar-B-Que House** 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then char-broiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner, till 10 p.m. (11 p.m. Fridays). Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar** 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaí*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoada* stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef," offered Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," *prato feito* ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**The French Gourmet** 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet *tout de suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include lamb loin, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne

*beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in-house. Bakery, breakfast, and lunch daily; no dinner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive. — S.M.

**Gringo's** 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely *picante*. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — N.W.

**Island Prime** 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. Deborah (Kemo Sabe) Scott is the chef and co-owner (with the Cohn Restaurant Group, owners of many San Diego restaurants) at this high-end steakhouse with a bay view. The steaks and roast beefs are delicious, as you'd expect, but also enjoy creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Salt runs freely, and the excellent international wine list runs high. Do reserve; free parking. Open daily, dinner only. Very expensive. — N.W.

**Kono's** 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and



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**The Mission Cafe and Coffee House** 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

**MZM Seacoast Bistro** 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue scone wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Sapporo Japanese Restaurant** 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

### CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

**Antique Row Cafe** 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove and El Cajon.) Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Normal Heights and El Cajon, breakfast and lunch daily; Lemon Grove, three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Asia Cafe** 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. Maybe Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli** 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside

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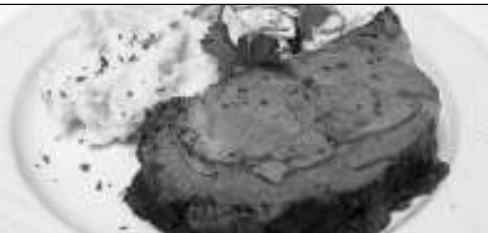
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a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *sajji*. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *sajji*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush ("sweet daddy" eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Pizzeria Luigi** 1137 25th Steet (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront, and they're not lying. One of the owners is from New York by way of Italy, and his Big Apple experiences are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone)

and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Tioli's Crazy Burger** 4201 30th Street (at Howard, across from Vons), North Park, 619-282-6044. Cheap eats can be great eats when made by people who care — like charming owner "Wolfie" and European-trained chef Lothar. The place looks like a dive, but inside you'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads and flavorful German-style bratwursts. Even the turkey burger is juicy here. Try the house-made "Texas" beans and the house-made mustard and chipotle ketchup. Specialty and regular beers; affordable wines. Parking lot behind restaurant on Howard. Restroom is not wheelchair accessible. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

**Vagabond Kitchen** 2310 30th Street (Fern at Juniper), South Park, 619-255-4373 or 619-255-1035. Seasonal "world food" filtered through a Gallic sensibility; plus worldwide wines and tropical cocktails. Menu changes often, but don't miss the classic *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *seco de carne* meat stew. The tiny, painfully noisy dining room, decorated with exotic souvenirs of the owners' global travels, is perpetually SRO, so dinner reservations are a must for any night. Evening crowd of hip South Park locals;

lunch crowd dressed for success. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

## EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

**Brothers Family Restaurant** 5150 Waring Road (at Orcutt Avenue), Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. Yes, it looks boring on the outside. Brick, reflective glass. But go in and you're surrounded by brothers: John and Bobby Kennedy, Hugh Grant and his brother Jamie, the Wright Brothers, the Blues Brothers, the Brothers Rico. They're there because this place used to be run by three brothers. Good old-fashioned cholesterol city rules here with no apologies, and the locals appreciate it. It's like a *Cheers* for eating. All the staples are served: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Open seven days for breakfast and lunch, with early dinner Wednesday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs** 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a

fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B.*

**D.Z. Akin's** 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

**Jasmine Bistro** Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convoy. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate finger-food) offered both by cart and by menu. At night, with a reservation, a fresh crew of multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for week-end dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m.). Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées). — *N.W.*

## FAR EAST

**Kountry Kitchen** 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory** The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not

what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece when in season is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. (Closed summer months.) Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

## UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

**Berta's Latin American Restaurant** 3928 Twigg's Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**California Cuisine** 1027 University (between Tenth Avenue and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feast-

ing. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

**Crest Cafe** 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**India Princess** 3925 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-5011. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it's all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken *tikki masala*, *navratan korma* (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or *keema muttar* (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an un princely sum (dinner is more expensive). Don't miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Inexpensive (buffet), moderate to expensive (à la carte dinners). Tuesdays vegetarian dishes only. — *E.B.*

**Kazumi Sushi** 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

**The Mission** 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also in Mission Beach and East Village). "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the wait staff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites,

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braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the “Chino-Latino” dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Ortega’s, A Mexican Bistro** 141 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group’s first north-of-the-border venture. You’ll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega’s, the lobster isn’t deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean’s best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not re-fried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — *N.W.*

**Picasso Spanish Restaurant** 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren’t the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). Moderate. — *N.W.*

**The Tractor Room** 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. The folks who brought you the popular big-breakfast and lunch joint Hash House A Go Go (across the street) focus here on hefty portions of “plain American food” in a dinner house specializing in meat, game, and classic cocktails. The Brawny paper towel man would love it. The atmosphere combines a speakeasy (velvet curtains mask the doorway) and a hunting lodge. Menu highlights include identical stews of wild boar and buffalo, grilled salmon, and Prime grade bone-in rib eye, plus good sides of acorn squash and heavy-cream mashed potatoes and gravy. Nothing to write home to Mom about — it is Mom, if she’s a Midwesterner, and Dad’s a guy who says, “I shot it, you cook it.” Well-chosen wine list with lots of appropriate Rhones and Syrahs, few by the glass. Huge list of cocktails. Wheelchair lift (painted to blend in) to left of front staircase. Heated, roofed smoking patio above street level. Valet parking; reservations urged. Closed Tuesdays, dinner six nights until midnight or later, weekend brunch. Moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Whole Foods Market** 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods’ prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include the Emerald Mushrooms salad, and especially the *farofa* salad — it’s like American stuffing, but it’s couscous

studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods’ vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 858-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.*

## DOWNTOWN

**Acqua Al 2** 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn’t a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they’re chef’s choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. “Tastings” of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Lunch weekdays, dinner daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — *N.W.*

**Anthony’s Fishette** 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-2175. At the baby brother of Anthony’s Grotto and Star of the Sea, the good news is you pay a fraction of the price, and you get to sit outside over the water. The chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. A meal. Their old fashioned fish-n-chips or Baja squid steak sandwich are great fillers too. Also good: “hand battered treasures,” like catfish strips, swordfish, oysters, crab claws, and clam nuggets. Breakfast served during summer only. Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Bondi Bar & Kitchen** 333 Fifth Avenue (between J and K Streets), Gaslamp, 619-342-0212. What’s loud, strange, and smart enough to catch the eye of every passerby? It’s a huge, raucous Australian gastro-pub offering numerous Aussie brews — with urban Australian cuisine for ballast — plus a full bar (several of them) of well-chosen wines plus hard liquor. Prime seating is on the front patio and in large straw fish-traps suspended from the ceiling in the front dining room. (Dining rooms in back

are dim; bring a mini-flashlight to read the menu.) The food resembles California Fusion cuisine but is often spicier, made with home-country ingredients including grass-fed beef, South Pacific fish species, and herbs you’ve never heard of. There’s great grazing on appetizers, including outstanding Pacific oysters on the half-shell, beef pies, tempura prawns, seafood pot stickers, and the fun of exploring cheeses from Oz. Mains are generally less exciting, with a tendency to overcook fish and meats. But it’s a party. Dress code: Wear clothes. Three meals, seven days until 11 p.m., 2 a.m. on weekends. Mainly moderate, some entrées expensive. — *N.W.*

**Buster’s Beach House and Long-board Bar** 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really was a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there’s a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu’s actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay’s waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy “Short Board” pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy “paella” (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spaciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — *N.W.*

**Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine** 750 Sixth Avenue (near F Street), Gaslamp, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unmuddled. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, and well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don’t miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and do-

mestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**City Pizzeria** 1125 Sixth Avenue (between B and C), downtown, 619-531-0955. There’s a cultural war going on here. “City” has a New York attitude — just listen to the guys in the kitchen grabbing dough, flailing it around, yakking, joking. But the dough has been a West Coast family’s secret for 75 years. Try the “Ranch Chicken” pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. (Of course, no self-respecting New York pizzeria would ever *consider* serving such moonbeamish left coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don’t tempt you, there are eleven other “specialty pies” every day. Open daily till 10 p.m., 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Confidential** 901 Fourth Avenue (at E), Gaslamp, 619-696-8888. Chris Walsh, whose “small plates” many fondly remember from California Cuisine and W Cafe, hits his stride here with a menu of creative international grazing foods, from one-bite nibbles to small entrées and mini-burgers. Unexpected, ultramodern techniques and combinations of ingredients make a trip through the menu an adventure in flavors and textures. This is truly eating for fun. Wide-ranging wine list with something for everyone; pricey creative cocktails. Eat early (or upstairs) if you prefer quiet; music (and patrons) grow louder later as “sceney” crowd comes in to drink. Many dishes on the sweet side. Reservations strongly advised for weekends and to ensure handicapped-accessible seating. Kitchen open Tuesday through Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. (bar until about 2 a.m.). Wide range of prices, but many small bites do add up. — *N.W.*

**Croce’s Restaurant and Jazz Bar** 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. “Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée” at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked Brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote — are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranate-macadamia crust,

few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great people-watching or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — *B.D.*

**Dussini Mediterranean Bistro** 275 Fifth Avenue (at K), Gaslamp, 619-233-4323. The one-time Old Spaghetti Factory has been remade into a more ambitious eatery. It’s still huge — way too big to be called a bistro. It rambles over three floors, with a lounge and pool hall on the top. The menu dabbles with the cuisines of southern Europe: Provence, Italy, Spain. The cooking is uneven, night to night and plate to plate. A pleasing linguica and kale soup represents Portugal, while a tasty, reasonably authentic bouillabaisse flirts with southern France. Pastas and steak are also reliably good, but the house specialty paella is made with orzo pasta instead of rice — not the best idea. The wine list is a joy, with plenty of choices at all price ranges, and the corkage policy (first two bottles get in free) is remarkably liberal. Elevator access to top-floor restrooms. Reservations recommended for weekend dinners. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W.*

**Osteria Panevino** 722 Fifth Avenue (between F and G Streets), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. This is still one of the better Gaslamp Italian restaurants but its glory days may have passed and its prices have escalated. At this writing, it no longer has its own chef but shares an executive chef with two other nearby restaurants under the same ownership (Greystone and Osetra). Starters still shine, including mozzarella *campagnola* and fritto misto. No more great pizza — the oven is gone to make room for more tables. Pastas can be excellent: The ravioli stuffed with lamb is delicious. Most main courses, though, are a letdown, although fork-tender braised osso bucco served with marrow (and a spoon to scoop it up!) is as sexy as can be. For dessert, try the lemon torte, leave the cannoli. Good wine list, with plenty of pleasing Italian bottles at affordable

prices. Nice service by staffers from Italy, not Hoboken like its sister-restaurants. Valet parking. May be loud. Reservations advised. Open daily, lunch and dinner to 10:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday to 11 p.m. Expensive to exorbitant. — *N.W.*

**Patty’s Fruitland** 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. “Why can’t we sell fruit drinks in America?” she wondered. Now they’ve opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster’s beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They’ve expanded to non-fruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine** 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it’s all Rafa’s friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he’s got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — *E.B.*

**Red Pearl Kitchen** 440 J Street (between Fourth and Fifth), Gaslamp, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes tend to be tastier, including a delicious Cambodian-influenced short rib and pumpkin hot pot — when it’s in season. Great veggie side dishes. Sophisticated international wine list priced on the high side (few under \$30); short on choices by the glass. Full bar. Surroundings are chic. Reservations advised. Sound level painfully loud most nights. Open daily, dinner. High moderate. — *N.W.*



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**Bino's European Coffees and Crepes** 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Point-Point Joint** 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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**Rhinoceros** 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W.

**Vahida's Healthy Choice** North Park Weekly Farmers Market, University and 32nd Street (CVS Pharmacy parking lot), 619-962-9925. Vahida calls her food Greek, but actually it's Bosnian, like her. Not that there's a huge difference. The great thing here is the market experience itself, munching away with people jostling, food smells wafting, maybe musicians plucking. Try the very Bosnian beef sausage plate. Light, flaky pastry curls around the meat but doesn't cover it. These *Burck* or *Chevapchichi* are made like the sausages of the city of Skopje, except for some potatoes and onion added. Also good: Vahida's eggplant sandwich, chicken sandwich, and gyro plate. Operates 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays (call for hours at other locations). Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Zorba's Family Restaurant** 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at

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# Hipsters Overnight

*Cry-Baby falls for Allison. She's a "good girl," she says, "but I don't wanna be!"*

If you haven't seen his movies, you may remember John Waters in a preshow announcement a few years ago. As a cigarette dips under his pencil-thin mustache, he says you shouldn't smoke, then sucks on the stick for a good ten seconds and snorts twin plumes from his nostrils. He stares straight at you and never bats an eye.

When a musicalized version of Waters's *Hairspray* became a Broadway hit, you knew commercial theater would trawl his other efforts for possibilities. The obvious candidate, *Cry-Baby* (1990), pays homage to '50s juvenile delinquent movies (and to outsiders everywhere). Some label it "Waters's *West Side Story*," but that's unfair to the great musical; others compare it to *Grease*, which has better music but lacks Waters's social comment. So does much of the world premiere musical, based on the movie, at the La Jolla Playhouse. Buffed and Lysol'd and audience-friendly, this is *Cry-Baby* watered down.

According to Waters, Baltimore in 1954 has two social groupings: Squares, an entitled upper class (one of whom proclaims, "What a wonderful time to be a conformist!"); and Drapes, a gang of white kids in black leather, the women toting switchblades and hard attitudes, the guys sporting Dixie Peach'd pompadours, DAs, and clenched teeth. The entitled call them trash, commie pinkos, and, most of all, "N.O.K.D." — "not our kind, dear." Rebels without a cause, they are two years ahead of their time. In 1956, when Elvis sings

"Hound Dog," they'll gain validation as hipsters overnight.

Tony meets Maria. Hip-shaking, bebopping Cry-Baby (so called because he can't) is "the most popular loser in school." Terminally unhappy ("If happiness was brains, I'd be a borderline retard"), Cry-Baby falls for Allison. She's a "good girl," she says, "but I don't wanna be!" The forces of repression endeavor to keep the

twain apart.

A musical in-joke: the male squares, led by clean-scrubbed Baldwin (an evil incarnate Christopher J. Hanke), dress and croon like the Four Plaids of *Forever Plaid*. They claim to be "very straight and very narrow," while talking and acting like Hitler Youth, one vowing to "put the fist in pacifist."

Most of the musical, the first act in particular, lacks nuance and feels generic. The songs, rock and roll at the cusp of puberty, are lively and familiar, one even more so — "Do That Again" — a dead steal from Jerry Lee Lewis's "Great Balls of Fire" (the lyrics changed to keep lawyers at bay). Many scenes resemble *Saturday Night Live* bits: the set-up's fun, but often the joke drags on too long.

Though thinner than Water's moustache, *Cry-Baby* is always entertaining. Director Mark Brokaw (and Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan's hilarious one-liners) keeps things moving even when the book doesn't. Brokaw and choreographer Rob Ashford combine for a second-act tour de force. Cry-Baby and his cohorts are in prison, stamping



Lacey Kohl, Elizabeth Stanley, Cristen Paige, Carly Jibson in *Cry-Baby*

**Cry-Baby**, book by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan, songs by David Javerbaum and Adam Schlesinger, based on the John Waters movie

**La Jolla Playhouse**, 2910 La Jolla Village Drive

**Directed by Mark Brokaw**; cast: Chester Gregory II, Christopher J. Hanke, Harriet Harris, Carly Jibson, Lacey Kohl, Alli Mauzey, Cristen Paige, Richard Poe, James Snyder, Elizabeth Stanley; scenic design, Scott Pask; costumes, Catherine Zuber; lighting, Howell Binkley; sound, Peter Hyelnski

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out license plates and becoming "A Little Upset." The song builds, as does their urge to escape. They really slam those plates. The choreography kicks in, including some prisoners tap-dancing with plates on their feet. They go over the wall. They

sprint across the stage again and again. Scott Pask's sets roll on and off, like an instant replay of all previous locales, in reverse. In effect, "A Little Upset" becomes an extended, unforgettable chase scene performed in a frenzy.

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Ashford also scores with "All in My Head," a double-star-crossed number, in which Cry-Baby and Allison, as Ken and Barbie mannequins dressed for a wedding, step down from a show window and dance with Baldwin (gaga for Allison) and love-ravaged Lenora (ape for Cry-Baby) — the message: even rejects can dream.

But there's the rub. Most films achieve cult status, in part at least, because they have an unspoken code that inverts standard notions of good and evil (when Brad and Janet get lost in the rain, in *Rocky Horror*, they go on a collision course with sexual awakening). The code also inverts audiences: people who feel marginalized, in the world at


large, become insiders in the theater.

Time and again, *Cry-Baby* breaks the code. The Squares have hearts of dross, the Drapes of burnished gold. Baldwin and the other social in-crowders openly acknowledge their villainy, to the point of almost saying, "Hi, I'm a Nazi." They speak their subtexts, which not only drains dramatic irony from the piece, it does the audience's thinking for it. At the same time, the heroes are hyper-heroic. James Snyder, an indefatigable young talent, plays Cry-Baby closer to Donny Osmond than to Johnny Depp's spit-curved movie version. And Cry-Baby's mates are only allegedly dangerous. Put them in *Carousel* and they'd have a real nice

clambake.

Since the goods and evils get inverted so melodramatically, the musical has only two appealing characters. The grandmother (a savvy, funny Harriet Harris) "Did Something Wrong Once" and stops the show with a Dorian Gray-like confession. The most interesting character, by far, is Lenora, Cry-Baby's adoring, to the point of literal adhesion, groupie. Played by a splendid Alli Mauzey, Lenora hears voices (and talks back) and has, she confesses in the show's best song, "A Screw Loose." Lenora's the only genuine outsider in the musical. After all, she's marginalized by *both* the Squares and the Drapes. ■

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**And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank**  
A multimedia work combines videotaped interviews of Holocaust survivors Ed Silverberg and Eva Schloss with live actors “recreating scenes these two people lived through during World War II.” 950 GARLAND AVENUE, NESTOR, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, THROUGH DECEMBER 8; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-575-1667.

**By the Bog of Cats**  
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EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, DON POWELL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH DECEMBER 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-594-6884.

**Christmas Is Coming Uptown**  
Common Ground Theatre presents a holiday celebration, “loosely based on Dickens’s *A Christmas Carol*,” by Garry Sherman, Phillip Rose, and Peter Udell. Charles Patmon Jr. directed. WORLDBEAT CULTURAL CENTER, 2100 PARK BOULEVARD, BALBOA PARK, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, THROUGH DECEMBER 16; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. 619-263-7911.

**Cowboy Versus Samurai**  
Mo’olelo Performing Arts Company presents Michael Golanco’s modern retelling of Cyrano de Bergerac. Travis Park is the only Korean American living in Breakneck, Wyoming. When Veronica Lee arrives, she stirs up questions about love and race. MO’OLELO PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, 10TH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 10TH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, THROUGH DECEMBER 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-342-7395.

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**How the Grinch Stole Christmas**  
The Old Globe presents its holiday show, about the Green Meanie and hapless Whoville. The tenth anniversary production includes three new songs. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH DECEMBER 30; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR MATINEE SCHEDULE, CALL 619-234-5623.

**Irving Berlin’s White Christmas**  
Welk Resort Theatre presents the San Diego premiere of a new musical based on the melodies of the 1954 movie, including “Blue Skies,” “Happy Holidays,” and the title song. Jon Engstrom directed and choreographed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 30; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

**It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play**  
In Cygnet Theatre’s holiday show, you not only watch the familiar story of George Bailey, you also watch how it’s made in a 1947 radio studio: an-

nouncers, flashing applause signs, even a commercial for Lux soap. A change happens toward the end, however. The fiction trumps the fact. As George undergoes an existentialist identity crisis, the actors become the characters, the story steps forward, and how it’s being made disappears. Along the way, the show’s a treat, especially Scott Paulson’s inventive sounds — like a popped top hat for an opening parachute, or a flicked ice cream scoop for crickets. Directed by Sean Murray, wearing Jeanne Reith’s wide-body, double-breasted suits and lighter-than-air dresses, the cast performs in the hyper-acting style of the period. As George, Tom Andrew has the antsy “shoot the works” style down pat. His performance recalls Jimmy Stewart’s in the movie, true. But the bigger crime would be if it didn’t. Melissa Fernandes, Veronica Murphy, and Brenda Dodge sing (and flash those cinemascope, post-WWII smiles) beautifully. They do a spunky commercial for “Lux Toilet Cake” that’s both spot on and a hoot. **Worth a try.**

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**Medea**  
UCSD Theatre and Dance stages Euripides’ tragedy about the un-

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**Off the Ground**  
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**Penthesilea**  
The Lyceum Theatre hosts a staged reading of Heinrich von Kleist’s 1808 tragedy about the fatal ro-

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**Pericles, Prince of Tyre**  
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**Rain**  
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# The Lost Weekends

*It was for just such situations that we have coined the expression “no-brainer.”*

Some sort of explanation, some sort of excuse, would seem to me (whether or not you) to be demanded for my two-week tardiness in getting around to the new Coen brothers film, *No Country for Old Men*. To come up with one (or more), real life will have to intrude. Here's

how it transpired. Here's how life goes.

Before the film had yet turned up on the schedule of press screenings, but long after it had been written in for November 16 on the schedule of openings, I had my eye on a public screening of an altogether different film at the American Cinematheque in Los Angeles, namely Yves Allégret's *Une Si Jolie Petite Plage*. (“Such a lovely little beach” is the literal translation of this phrase, though *Riptide* is given as the not so ironic title in English.) This is a film I believe I have mentioned a time or two in print, most likely when I was questioning the selection of some reissue by those indefatigable revivalists at Rialto Pictures. Some of the titles I might have mentioned in that context are films I have already seen some-

where, films I feel deserve a wider exposure, such as Melville's *Second Breath*, and others are films I have never seen anywhere, films I myself would like to be exposed to, such as the

Allégret, an esoteric French *noir* starring Gérard Philipe, with black-and-white photography by the masterly Henri Alekan (Cocteau's *Beauty and the Beast*, etc.), from 1949.

Well in advance of its single play-date as the second half of a double bill on Sunday night, October 28, with the release of *No Country for Old Men* still several weeks away, I took the precaution of E-mailing the Miramax rep at the local ad agency that oversees these press screenings, and made the special request that the Coen brothers' film, please, please, please, be scheduled for any time other than Monday morning, October 29. I received a prompt reply that the press screening was scheduled for Monday morning, October 29. So much for my clout. Now, I am far past the age where I could consider getting out of a film at midnight in Los Angeles



*No Country for Old Men*

and getting back for a first-thing-in-the-morning screening in San Diego. I was, however, assured in that reply that there would be a second screening of the Coens' film, TBD, prior to its opening. So, on the one hand I had a film I had been wanting to see for literally decades, one unavailable on DVD, one shown one time only (“ultra-rare,” as the Cinematheque pub-

licity put it), and on the other hand I had the new film I was most looking forward to for the remainder of the year, a film by one (or two) of my favorite active American filmmakers (slipping a spot behind Clint Eastwood in the latest standings), one that would be opening publicly in a matter of weeks, and one, to repeat the E-mailed assurance, that would be screened again

before then. It was for just such situations that we have coined the expression “no-brainer.” I went to L.A., got a hotel room within walking distance of the Cinematheque, watched the final game of the World Series, went to the film, went to bed.

Days passed. A week. And when the promised second screening of the Coen film finally appeared on the

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schedule, it was down for the evening of Wednesday, November 14, which would do me no good whatsoever for getting a review into the paper on Thursday the 15th, the day before the local premiere. If only to re-test my clout, I roused myself to E-mail a new request that another screening, a third, be added the preceding week, still sufficient time for my deadline on Monday the 12th. (Have I not long been a vocal partisan of the Coens? Have I not lavished them with attention over the years? Have I not been steadily on their wavelength? Did I not grow up in a contiguous suburb of Minneapolis? Did we not all three, perhaps even at the same moment, patronize the St. Louis Park Theatre and dine next door at the Lincoln Del?) The result of my request: no other screening, no clout.

Ordinarily, not caring to test my clout needlessly, I would have resigned myself to getting my review into the paper a week after the opening, an ordinary occurrence indeed. Except that, extraordinarily, the week after the opening would be Thanksgiving week, a shorter workweek with a deadline a day earlier. That could prove to be a problem in itself if the film were to prove to be worthy, as expected, of serious consideration. (Not for me the work schedule of the orthodox Broadway critic, dashing straight home from the theater to the keyboard and pounding out a review in time for the early edition, hitting the streets with

it before the opening-night parties have broken up.) But the problem was bigger. Even if I could deliver a review under the tighter deadline, I would be unavailable to proof it on the page the following day, apply any finishing touches, approve the accompanying photo, and send it off with my blessings (and misgivings) to you the reader, because the day after deadline I was under orders, on pain of fine and imprisonment, to report to the federal courthouse for jury duty.

Is this enough real life for you? (I'm not going to burden you now with the peripheral details of being in escrow and preparing to move for the first time in twenty years. I reserve the right to use that excuse in the weeks ahead.) When I initially received my "summons," or as I prefer to think of it, my sentence, it was for the entire month of November, no exemption, explicitly stated, for job responsibilities or financial hardship. (They can do this in the Land of the Free?) My bitching and moaning in written response got the sentence reduced to one week of my choosing, and at the time, lo those many weeks ago, I thought I was being pretty clever in choosing the three-day week of Thanksgiving, figuring that my review of *No Country for Old Men* would already be in the bag. Figuring wrong. In the circumstances, even after I had faithfully attended the November 14 screening (a radio promotional screening, not an exclusive press screening), it was difficult to

motivate myself to push a pen. Came Thanksgiving week. And when I phoned for "specific reporting instructions" (as spelled out in boldface in my summons) the night before the first day of my servitude, the feds had high-handedly decided my presence would not be required after all. Justice could do without me. The twenty-four-

hour reprieve, furthermore, would later extend to a full pardon, but by then the damage had been done. Another week was lost.

And now I see (more extensive damage than hitherto seen) that I have used up my allotted space and time this week on mere preamble. I can only try to tide you over till the next issue by

disclosing the following. My immediate impression of *Une Si Jolie Petite Plage* was that it's one of the great, great films of a great, great era, a film fully saturated in postwar fatalism, with a powerful and haunting atmosphere, geographically, meteorologically, as well as psychologically, and with a powerful and haunting theme remi-

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niscent of (or rather, prefigurative of) that of *Mystic River*, the childhood scar that can never be erased. The double “greats,” let’s be clear, are necessitated to distinguish the word from the colloquial “great,” meaning “good enough,” “satisfactory,” “not bad.” (How are you today? *Great*. How was your latte? *Great*. How’s the new Will Ferrell comedy? *Great*.) The new Coen brothers film, in contrast, is one of the very good films of a routinely meager year, notwithstanding the uppermost blurb in the ad campaign, courtesy of Peter Travers of *Rolling Stone*, proclaiming it “an indisputably great movie.” Were it indisputably great, it would be the first movie of that description in all of history. I will dispute it next week. On the last weekend in October, I made the right choice. ■

## MOVIE LISTINGS

*All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.*

**Across the Universe** — Two-and-a-quarter-hour promo for the Beatles without ever mentioning them by name. A generous, even overgenerous sampler of their songs (thirty-three of them, by the count in the press notes, leaving aside the numberless others that are quoted from or alluded to) has been re-recorded, or “covered” as they say in the business, by a fictitious cast of characters plunked down against the billowing backdrop of the Sixties: the war, the draft, the protests, the drugs, the psychedelics, the Sexual Revolution, all that. To link the Beatles with the upheaval makes a certain sense. Unlike, say, the more enduring Rolling Stones or the going-nowhere Dave Clark Five, the Beatles were a group that really did evolve (or, as some would prefer, devolve) swiftly and dramatically, making them a useful weathercock for the winds of change. You are here reminded afresh of their range and their riches; and in new mouths, you hear the songs with new ears. (The tremulous, down-tempo rendition, for example, of “I

Wanna Hold Your Hand” by an Asian-American high-school cheerleader, T.V. Carpio, brings the song a new, a renewed feeling, all by itself almost worth the price of admission.) By the second half, however, the inspiration irreversibly runs out of steam en route to a spluttering climax of “All You Need Is Love.” (Wearily, now: yeah, yeah, yeah.) Part of the problem is that, as the counterculture gains momentum in the sequence of events, there’s a visible increase in music-video vulgarity, ornamental surrealism, Fellini-esque fantasy, all the elements that go into director Julie Taymor’s fabled “vision.” Another part of the problem may be that the later songs, even though the playlist in the film does not observe a strict chronology, tend to be more turgid. Part, too, may simply be that two-and-a-quarter hours are too long for a promo. With Evan Rachel Wood, Jim Sturgess, Joe Anderson, Dana Fuchs, Martin Luther McCoy, and cameos by Bono, Eddie Izzard, Joe Cocker, Salma Hayek. 2007.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20)

**American Gangster** — Formula underworld drama poured into an epic template. Like Jiffy-brand waffle batter spread over an iron the size of a billiard table. “Based on a true story,” it traces, in separate intertwined storylines, the converging upward paths of criminal and cop: the former (Denzel Washington) starting out as the servile driver and bodyguard for the legendary Bumpy Johnson, a big fish in the small pond of Harlem into the late Sixties, then expanding the pond, upon his boss’s death, into an ocean; and the latter (Russell Crowe) working his way up as an undercover narc in New Jersey, studying for the bar in his spare time. Their eventual meeting comes, and drags on, as something of an anticlimax, after an excitingly staged drug raid from which the ganglord is lucky to be absent. The opposing paths up to that point are smoothly graded and well greased; and director Ridley Scott, the epitome of slick (*Alien*, *Blade Runner*, *Thelma and Louise*, *Gladiator*, *Black Hawk Down*, and so on), moves things along at a tolerable pace, although there’s the distinct impression that even if he knew any shortcuts, he wouldn’t take them. His goal is epic, and he would gladly drag his feet to get there. At two and a half hours plus, he indeed does get there. Washington, to pay him a backhanded compliment, is never quite as credible as a through-and-through baddie, even though that seems to be the way to the Oscar (i.e., *Training Day*). Crowe on the other hand is a perfectly credible crusader, overcoming no greater obstacles on the road to respectability than his buoyant white sneakers and his unflattering, inexpensive period haircut, framing his face with folded wings. With Chiwetel Ejiofor, Josh Brolin,

Lymari Nadal, and Ruby Dee. 2007.

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**August Rush** — Mystical magical musical about the orphaned spawn of an unmarried rock-and-roller and classical cellist, all three reunited through music, under a full moon in Central Park, in the boy’s twelfth year. Too gooeey to be true. And the synthesis of motley forms of music produces ear-strain on top of credulity-strain. With Freddie Highmore, Keri Russell, Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Terrence Howard, and (as a cowboy-hatted, soul-patched Fagin for underage street musicians) Robin Williams; directed by Kirsten Sheridan. 2007.

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**Awake** — Thriller with Hayden Christensen, Jessica Alba, and Lena Olin, written and directed by Joby Harold. (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 11/30)

**Bee Movie** — Cute name, even for an overhyped, presold, mega-budget money-making machine. (The return of Jerry Seinfeld! — as leading voice, co-writer, co-producer, and principal drum beater.) Cute is much more than you can say, however, for the spongy, marshmallowy computer-animated honeybees or for the premise that permits them to converse in English at equal volume with humans. The storyline of a rebel bee unready to settle down to his one and only Job-for-Life has its points of cleverness (e.g., the episode of getting stuck on a tennis ball, ultimately overelaborated), and toward the end of it there’s a sententious lesson in ecology, more for grownups than for tots. With the voices of Renée Zellweger, Matthew Broderick, Chris Rock, Patrick Warburton; directed by Simon J. Smith and Steve Hickner. 2007.

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**Before the Devil Knows You’re Dead** — Interesting attempt by the eighty-three-year-old Sidney Lumet to keep up with the Tarantinos, piloting a caper film of back-and-forth time jumps and alternating points of view. The caper itself, a jewelry store stickup, is strictly small-time. “We don’t want Tiffany’s,” the mastermind, a drug-dependent real estate accountant (Philip Seymour Hoffman), pitches the idea to his younger brother, a deadbeat dad (Ethan Hawke): “We want a mom-and-pop operation.” More specifically, the operation of their own mom and pop (Rosemary Harris and Albert Finney), squeezed between Claire’s and Foot Locker in a cookie-cutter Westchester shopping mall. The robbery goes very wrong very early, and the ensuing time scramble dispenses information and revelations on an unpredictable schedule. We meet “Grandma,” for example, at a school play *after* we have seen her shot in the holdup and *before* we find out she was not supposed to be at work that day. And we find out that the recruited

younger brother is having an affair with his sister-in-law, the mastermind’s wife (Marisa Tomei, more extensively attractive than ever), *before* we even know that the mastermind has any part in the plan. The totally botched robbery, leaving no prospect of success and profit, quickly eliminates much of the standard suspense in this sort of thing (cueing instead a brooding *Fargo*-esque musical score from *Fargo*’s actual composer, Carter Burwell), and it permits the focus to shift to the deeply jaundiced view of family life — family discord, family disloyalty, family dysfunction. That view, while it lets in a fair share of malicious humor, is not to be taken lightly. Lumet, whose long list of credits runs along the lines of *Twelve Angry Men*, *Long Day’s Journey into Night*, *Fail-Safe*, *The Pawnbroker*, *Serpico*, *Dog Day Afternoon*, *Network*, *The Verdict*, and the like, is by nature banished from lightness. 2007.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Beowulf** — Computer-animated comic-book transcription of the unloved epic poem of the 8th Century. Director Robert Zemeckis goes even further with the motion-capture technique of *The Polar Express*, staking out the borderland between live action and cartoon, and throwing in 3-D to boot. Ray Winstone, voicing the dragon-slaying hero, has been prettified beyond recognition (unless you recognize him as Sean Bean), but Anthony Hopkins, as are John Malkovich, Brendan Gleeson, Robin Wright Penn, and Angelina “Fat Lips” Jolie. The novelty — motion capture plus 3-D — wears off eventually but not early. The visual effects are as liberated as any CGI, and are less apt to clash with their surroundings than the CGI in a live-action film. Still, we get plenty of clang and clank from the brutality, the gore, the coy nudity (in places approaching the fig-leaf silliness of an Austin Powers spoof), and the sheer bombast. 2007.

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**Blade Runner** — Two of the more socially conscious of cinematic genres — science fiction and the detective story — have been mated to produce a future-generation Los Angeles (A.D. 2019) that looks like Tokyo or Hong Kong gone to seed. The detective work is somewhat scamped, except for a good scene (echoing Antonioni’s *Blow-Up*) involving a computerized photo scanner and enlarger. And several nostalgic throwbacks to Bogart’s heyday simply misfire: the hard-boiled, first-person narration (eliminated in the re-released “director’s cut”); the Venetian-blind shadows; the Joan Crawford hairdo and fashions on the female lead. The sci-fi elements are more fully elaborated, but aren’t always sure-fire either: the topography of the cityscapes often seems as flat and jumbled as a Cubist painting, and even the tightest of shots is apt to be busied up with reflections, moving lights, colored mist. With Harrison Ford, Rutger Hauer, and Sean Young; directed by Ridley Scott. 1982.

★ (KEN, FROM 11/30)

**The Bourne Ultimatum** — The *Bourne* absurdum. It isn’t just that Part III in the adventures of the amnesiac superspy adds more ridiculousness. It’s that, at these lengths, the ridiculousness multiplies exponentially. More ridiculousness, that is, and more and more ridiculous. (The sentimental soft spots found in Parts I and II are here concentrated in a couple of female, motherly, protective, nurturing CIA agents who, alone among their heartless colleagues, are interested in keeping the hero alive.) Paul Greengrass’s frantic visual style — a hand-held camera in the grips of delirium tremens — fosters irritation where it intended excitement. With Matt Damon, Joan Allen, Julia Stiles, David Strathairn, Scott Glenn, and Albert Finney. 2007.

● (GASLAMP 15)

**Dan in Real Life** — Annual family gathering (parlor games, touch football, talent show), complicated by romantic rivalry: two brothers, a widower with three girls and a reformed womanizer, both smitten by a worldly Frenchwoman. A showcase for Steve Carell’s self-consciousness, somewhat more sympathetic than Dane Cook’s lugishness. Juliette Binoche looks as if she could do better. With John Mahoney, Diane Wiest, and Emily Blunt; directed by Peter Hedges. 2007.

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**The Darjeeling Limited** — One thing to be said for a Wes Anderson film, and it’s no small thing, is that it bears an individual stamp. A stamp as flat as a postage stamp, as emphatic as a rubber stamp. (Whap, whap.) A well-known commodity *after Bottle Rocket*, *Rushmore*, *The Royal Tenenbaums*, *The Life Aquatic of Steve Zissou*, Anderson favors fastidiously balanced, nailed-down compositions, the figures pinned to a shallow background like butterfly specimens. Stressing their separateness, he has no intention to hinge his shots together into a smooth and seamless line, but instead slots them into place as if on disconnected planes, setting up a clumping rhythm of starts and stops, glazing the screen with the deadeast of deadpans, and erecting an invisible wall (invulnerable even to the occasional uncharacteristic zoom) between the filmmaker and his characters, freakishly feckless people, abject puppets manipulated by a man with little regard for human diversity and volition. The effect — the unhumaneness of these humanoids — is often amusing and always distancing. The danger in the director’s method is that it can be *too* distancing and therefore not amusing *enough*. (Since he always clamps a tasteful mute on the audience’s merriment, the standard laugh-meter is an unreliable measure.) If this outing seems a cut above all previous ones, it may be the benefit of a real, a tangible, a substantial background against which to display his specimens: three, thirty-something brothers who have not spoken to one another in the year since their father’s funeral, now heading out together on a “spiritual journey” in a first-class sleeper car across India, with the ultimate aim of tracking down their mother (a no-show at the funeral) in a convent at the foot of the Himalayas. In other words, a typical Wes Anderson operation, bringing about the insecure bonding of misaligned oddballs, but in an atypical exotic setting, the better to draw out their oddness. Owen Wilson, Adrien Brody, Jason Schwartzman, Amara Karan, Anjelica Huston, Bill Murray. 2007.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Elizabeth: The Golden Age** — Cate Blanchett, or a bloodless marmoreal likeness of her, resumes her role from the nine-years-earlier *Elizabeth*, under the same director, Shekhar Kapur, for a collection of the Virgin Queen’s greatest hits: Mary, Queen of Scots; Sir Walter Raleigh; and, in a madly cross-cutting climax, the Spanish Armada, dispatched by the subtitle-speaking Catholic fanatic, Philip II (“Elizabeth is darkness, I am light”). A histrionic history lesson and courtly soap opera (the pregnant handmaid, the secret wedding, the queen’s cracked heart but not visage), ludicrous in its extravagance, good for a snicker but not for an education. With Clive Owen, Abbie Cornish, Samantha Morton, Rhys Ifans, and Geoffrey Rush. 2007.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Enchanted** — In an overlong prologue, a generic fairy-tale princess, rendered in a pastiche of old-time Disney animation, is dispatched by a generic wicked witch to “a place where there are no happily-ever-afters,” namely modern-day Manhattan in live action, whither she’s soon followed by her betrothed prince, a CG chipmunk, and a witch’s minion. The slothful working-out of this inspiration should pass as sophisticated among grade-schoolers. And maybe once in a while among grown-ups. (With a

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song, the princess rallies pigeons, sewer rats, and cockroaches to help with the domestic chores.) Amy Adams, far from the most plastically actress, maintains a plucky air of innocence bordering on Blanche Du Bois delusion. With Patrick Dempsey, James Marsden, Timothy Spall, and Susan Sarandon; directed by Kevin Lima. 2007.

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**Fred Claus** — Christmas comedy with Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti, and Rachel Weisz, directed by David Dobkin.  
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**Hitman** — Video-game idiocy around a peerless assassin with a shaved head, a bar code tattooed on the back of it (assuring him the anonymity demanded of his job), and a voice mistakable for Clint Eastwood's. The prevalent fog indoors is a symbol, a symptom, of a fog in the brain. With Timothy Olyphant, Dougray Scott, and Olga Kurylenko; directed by Xavier Gens. 2007.

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**I'm Not There** — Todd Haynes blows another cloud of mist into the mystique of Bob Dylan. The filmmaker, who once enlisted Barbie dolls to tell the Karen Carpenter story, now borrows a gimmick used by Todd Solondz in *Palindromes*, employing a rotation of dissimilar actors to play a single role, a multiplication of a gimmick used by Luis Buñuel in *That Obscure Object of Desire*. (Not a gimmick, in other words, exclusive to filmmakers named Todd.) The fact that Bob Dylan is a real person and a public figure, about whom we may have our own ideas, further complicates matters, and it is easy to lose track of the subject of the film when we are looking at a prepubescent black boy, Marcus Carl Franklin, hopping freight trains in Depression-period hobostyle, or looking at Richard Gere in granny glasses on horseback in the era of the model-T, and all the easier when they are masquerading under the aliases of Woody Guthrie and Billy the Kid, respectively. The songs in the film (sometimes sung by Dylan himself, sometimes by others) leave no doubt as to the protagonist's identity, and no doubt as to his uniqueness, but between the half-dozen different faces and pseudonyms, the film seems to be not so much about the "many lives of Bob Dylan" as about a half-dozen different lives altogether. The elusiveness of the man, the multifacetedness of him, would presumably be The Point, but that point could have been made more subtly: the dissimilarity of Marcus Carl Franklin and Richard Gere amounts to gross overstatement. Adding to the confusion is a visual patchwork stitched together out of grainy black-and-white, glossy black-and-white, jaundiced color, and peachy color (Edward Lachman, cinematographer), not even counting the diverse cinematic allusions, catch them if you can, to Fellini, Godard, Peckinpah. With Christian Bale (who gets the speaking voice, the cadence, just right), Cate Blanchett (who additionally, cross-dressing, gets the look just right), Ben Winshaw, Heath Ledger, and Charlotte Gainsbourg. 2007.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 11/30; KEN, THROUGH 11/29)

**In the Valley of Elah** — A more commendable writing and directing effort from Paul Haggis (writer only on *Million Dollar Baby* and *Flags of Our Fathers*, among others) than his hokey Oscar-winner, *Crash*. More focussed, more concentrated, more self-contained, more consistent: an unpromisingly mournful murder mystery, and strangled antiwar cry, about a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom (remember when?) who goes missing upon his return to Fort Rudd, New Mexico, and who turns up on the outskirts of the base, stabbed, dismembered, and burned beyond recognition. Say what you will about the filmmaker's political point-making, it never clogs up the unrushed flow of the narrative; and at the same time he shows a true cinematic eye for tacky Americana, the streets, the stores, the townscapes, etc., so that whenever we go anywhere on screen — an army barracks, a motel, a public restroom, a strip club, a coffee shop, a "drive-up" bar, a fast-food joint — we can feel we've really been there, really seen it. (The mood lighting of nauseous green and blached white is a case of whatever would be the opposite of gilding the lily — wilting the weed, possibly — and equally unnecessary.) Tommy Lee Jones, as the victim's father, a retired M. P. and current gravel hauler who presses the investigation forward when the military looks for an easy way out, has just the right amount of starch in his performance, touchingly repressed. Charlize Theron on the other hand, as the beleaguered civilian cop who eventually takes an interest, is perhaps more emotional than you want from a cop, but not more glamorous, with mannish attire, no makeup, and her hair parted in the middle and pulled back as severely as Emily Dickinson's. The rest of the cast has been carefully chosen down to the smallest role, with special mention reserved for Susan Sarandon, Jason Patric, James Franco, Jake McLaughlin, Wes Chatham, Josh Brolin, Barry Corbin, and, nonchalantly topless in her mid-fifties, Frances Fisher. 2007.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Into the Wild** — Illustration, in a sketchy

hand, of the Jon Krakauer nonfiction book on Christopher McCandless, a 1990 college graduate, on the doorstep of Harvard Law School, who gave away his tuition fund to Oxfam, obliterated his identity, renamed himself Alexander Supertramp, and swapped the evils of society for the purity of the northern wilderness ("No longer to be poisoned by civilization," he carved into a wooden shingle at his encampment), where ultimately he starved to death in 1992. It may not sound like much of an idea for a film. It isn't. A Seventies-style road movie, redolent of Seventies-style disaffection, it has a strong element of travelogue, as our happy-go-lucky hobo rides his aging Datsun westward to South Dakota, abandons it at Lake Mead, kayaks down the Colorado River, drifts into Mexico, trains up to L.A., thumbs his way to the Salton Sea, Anza Borrego, and Alaska. In that final destination, the travelogue veers toward nature documentary. At nearly two and a half hours, the film feels very, very long, albeit short on relatable incident: the protagonist goes places, he meets people, and then he goes to a place where he won't meet people, where he will meet only his end, a martyr to something or other. Director Sean Penn unmistakably takes himself very seriously, and takes his protagonist almost reverently, painting him as something of a holy fool (a reader of Tolstoi, even though an eater of meat when he can get it), and offering up this speculative reenactment as nothing less than an endorsement. At the top, he sets the tone with a high-flown epigraph from Lord Byron: "I love not man the less, but Nature more" — that one. The kid sister periodically supplies some explanatory narration ("I understand what he was doing"), and Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder chimes in with a half-dozen or so acoustic songs in sympathy and support. Of the real protagonist's earnestness and conviction, the film can tell us next to nothing. Of the filmmaker's, it can tell us much. And then it can tell us again. And again. With Emile Hirsch, Marcia Gay Harden, William Hurt, Jena Malone, Vince Vaughn, and Hal Holbrook. 2007.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Lars and the Real Girl** — Director Craig Gillespie, of the mainstream *Mr. Woodcock*, indulges the monkeyshines of Ryan Gosling in the part of an antisocial Minnesota Lutheran who seeks happiness in a chaste relationship with an anatomically correct life-size sex doll. Everyone in town loves him too much, for some unapparent reason, to burst his literal balloon. Pretty much one-note, and sour. With Emily Mortimer, Paul Schneider, Kelli Garner, and Patricia Clarkson. 2007.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

the war on terror, the lack of a battle plan to wage it, the governmental policy of disinformation, the complicity of the press in all this, the general lowering of journalistic standards, the apathy of the younger generation, the ivory-towerism of academe, and (if that's not enough) the responsibility of each and every individual citizen to get involved, make a difference, act out a slogan. The action in the film, which is to say the talk, talk, talk, takes place in three arenas: the Capitol Hill office of a go-getter GOP senator, entertaining a veteran newshound in an hour-long one-on-one interview ("My honest effort to keep the press better

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*The Natural*

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Now's the time my Chicago Cubs usually go into early hibernation. So, I depend on DVDs for a baseball fix to survive a long, cold winter. *When It Was a Game* consists of color home movies shot on the field during the 1930s by the Washington Senators' George Case. The highlight is the 1938 World Series at Wrigley Field with Gehrig and DiMaggio facing Gabby Hartnett and the Cubs.

My favorite baseball movie is *The Natural*, a rare instance of a movie being better than the book. Bernard Malamud's book was a downer but in the film Robert Redford's walk-off home run provides a Hollywood ending that motivates true baseball fans to remain in their seats until the final out.

Most movie actors playing ballplayers hit and throw like retarded tee-ballers. Kevin Costner is a happy exception as Crash Davis in the brilliantly written *Bull Durham*, which helps make the long wait for opening day more bearable.

### WHEN IT WAS A GAME (USA)

1991, HBO  
List price: \$14.98

### THE NATURAL (USA)

1984, Sony Pictures  
List price: \$24.94

### BULL DURHAM (USA)

1998, MGM  
List price: \$14.98



*Winged Migration*

## KAREN STRAUS

Bird photographer, writer, and managing editor of the San Diego Audubon Society newsletter, [www.birdbrained.biz](http://www.birdbrained.biz)

After a day of birding during fall migration, I like to curl up in my nest and watch bird DVDs. *The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill* stars a rambunctious flock of urban parrots in San Francisco. The documentary features bird whisperer Mark Bittner, who befriends the flock. A romantic surprise ending makes my heart flutter. DVD features include flock updates and a parrot music video.

*March of the Penguins* makes me appreciate the dedication and stamina it takes to be a penguin parent. Breathtaking photography captures the harsh yet beautiful polar landscape. The DVD feature *Of Penguins and Men* documents challenges faced by the film crew.

In *Winged Migration*, film crews follow bird migrations through more than 40 countries, using airplanes, balloons, gliders, and helicopters to fly with their subjects. DVD features include incredible "making of" scenes showing how select birds were imprinted and trained for flying scenes.

### THE WILD PARROTS OF TELEGRAPH HILL (USA)

2003, Docurama  
List price: \$26.95

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(France) 2005, Warners  
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2001, Sony Pictures  
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*Nature: Under Antarctic Ice*

Video journalist, underwater videographer, and high-definition video podcaster [www.DiveFilm.com](http://www.DiveFilm.com)

As the holidays approach, I enjoy DVDs featuring ice, snow, and exploring Antarctica. *Shackleton* stars the dashing Kenneth Branagh as the great explorer Ernest Shackleton. He failed to cross the Antarctic continent as planned in 1914, but succeeded in bringing all his men home despite seemingly insurmountable odds. Beautifully produced, the collector's edition includes bonus videos and special features about the history of Antarctic exploration.

Narrated by Liam Neeson, *The Endurance* documents Shackleton's 1914-1916 Antarctic expedition. This epic is told using the actual still and film images taken by the ship's photographer, Frank Hurley. Hurley's historic images and film bring the expedition to life across nearly a century of time.

The final DVD takes us *Under Antarctic Ice* with the current-day underwater explorations of diving cinematographer Norbert Wu. The images are astonishing with underwater visibility up to 800 feet, and fascinating views of cold-water creatures.

### SHACKLETON (England)

2002, A&E  
List price: \$19.95 (three discs)

### THE ENDURANCE

(Sweden/England/USA) 2000, Sony Pictures  
List price: \$19.94

### NATURE: UNDER ANTARCTIC

ICE (USA) 2003, PBS  
List price: \$19.99

*won.*) And — despite an A-list cast of Tom Cruise, Meryl Streep, and Robert Redford, the last of whom also directed — it logs in at several ticks under ninety minutes, as if any greater elaboration would have dangerously delayed the delivery of the message. With Andrew Garfield, Derek Luke, Michael Peña. 2007. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Love in the Time of Cholera** — Half a century of unrequited love, too much time for Javier Bardem to span persuasively, ceding the early years to a younger unmatching actor (Unax Ugalde), then acting awk-

wardly younger than he looks, then donning a series of stick-on mustaches from coal black to salt-and-pepper to sooty gray. To make matters worse, the object of his love remains the same actress throughout, Giovanna Mezzogiorno, and changes but little. Even at two and a quarter hours, the film (adapted by Ronald Harwood from a hefty novel by Gabriel García Márquez) often feels hurried and half-baked. With Benjamin Bratt, Catalina Sandino Moreno, Fernanda Montenegro, John Leguizamo, and Hector Elizondo; directed by Mike Newell. 2007.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**The Mist** — The third Frank Darabont film to have been adapted from the works of Stephen King, although the first two, *The Shawshank Redemption* and *The Green Mile*, were not the sort of work for which that author is best known. (Darabont's intervening film, *The Majestic*, was truly horrible, horrific, horrid, but not in any way intended.) This one, adapted from a King "novella," is much more what we would expect: "Something in the mist! Something in the mist took John Lee!" Said mist has rolled down from the mountain on which there is ostensibly some type of missile-defense base, rolled across the lake, rolled into town, and what's in it — including the thing that took John Lee — is a menagerie of jumbo insects, reptiles, mollusks, God knows what. By and by, we get a throwaway science-fictional explanation for this — really more mythological than science-fictional, more Pandora's Box than Frankenstein's Monster — but the concern of the townsfolk barricaded inside the local supermarket, The Food House, is simply to survive to the end of the movie: "It appears we may have a problem of some magnitude here," announces the skeptical store manager after viewing the chopped-off tip of a tentacle, still thrashing, at the loading dock. The traditional voice against tampering with nature, though quite properly a religious one, is in this instance a stridently fire-and-brimstone one (Marcia Gay Harden's), going on about "the end of time," never mind the end of the movie; and there is no opposing voice more authoritative than Thomas Jane's, Toby Jones's, Jeffrey DeMunn's, Laurie Holden's, or Frances Sternhagen's (a no-star cast). The computer-generated creatures, very well-done, never overdone, are infinitely more congenial than this shrewish doom-sayer, and not even Darabont's slushy, slapdash direction (shallow focus, rack focus, lack of focus) can spoil the party. 2007.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

### Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium

— The once proud Dustin Hoffman, with a prissy lisp, bushy eyebrows, shabby hair, and ice-cream suits, as the centuries-old proprietor of a magic toyshop: crushed under a riot of color and a steamroller of whimsy. With Natalie Portman, Jason Bateman, and Zach Mills; written and directed by Zach Helm. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 18; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**No Country for Old Men** — Reviewed next issue. With Tommy Lee Jones, Javier Bardem, Josh Brolin, Kelly Macdonald, and Woody Harrelson; written and directed by Joel and Ethan Coen.

★★★★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; HILL-CREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Redacted** — High-def video pseudo-documentary, or if you prefer, humorless mockumentary, about some Marines in Samarra (John O'Hara's *Appointment in Samarra* is *de rigueur* reading for one of them) who, in the line of duty, mow down a pregnant Muslim en route to the delivery room, and, in their leisure hours, rape and murder a fifteen-year-old schoolgirl. Just to hit the highlights. The "source material" consists principally of a fictitious video diary, which one of the leathernecks hopes will be his entrée into USC film school, and a fictitious French documentary with English subtitles, plus snippets of staged footage from security cameras and embedded journalists. Not to mention the authentically documentary photo montage at the end, to push your face into the war in case you weren't taking the film seriously enough, and to wrap it up in a cloak of sanctity. Brian De Palma, one of the few contemporary American filmmakers to possess a recognizable style (B-movie baroque), is willing here to give all that up for a semblance, a guise, a pretense, of Unvarnished Truth. There may be dabs and dribbles of lyrical artiness in the French documentary (a shot of a scorpion aswarm with ants, a cliché since the opening sequence of *The Wild Bunch*), but that can be blamed on the French. In the main, the handheld digital camera, corralling a pallid picture in a wavering frame, proves to be the same labor-saving device for De Palma as it is for the pre-eminent mockumentarist, Christopher Guest. Different for De Palma, though, is the expectation that the device will vouch for his veracity and his verisimilitude. In spite of the unfamiliar faces that make up the cast (Izzy Diaz, Patrick Carroll, Daniel Stewart Sherman, Rob Devaney), the naturalistic acting comes across as unnaturally actorish, and one wonders anew why it should be so difficult for actors to act natural. Any such shortcomings would of course be less of a drawback in a docucomedy, where, if the distortions do not actually enhance the comedy, they sabotage only laughs. They do not, as they do here, sabotage high dudgeon. 2007.

● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 11/29)

**Romance and Cigarettes** — John Turturro, in his director's hat, dips into lip-sync musical fantasy in the proletarian mode of *Pennies from Heaven* (or the more rarefied and bourgeois *Same Old Song* of Alain Resnais), with minor modifications: the people engage in raunchier talk, and instead of simply mouthing the words to old pop songs, they audibly sing along with the original recordings. The self-conscious jokiness, broadened perhaps by the blue-collar milieu, testifies to the filmmaker's discomfort with fantasy. Kate Winslet has some genuine fun as a hot-patootie redhead, and Elaine Stritch makes a big splash in a brief appearance ("Every breath is a victory," in response to a routine "How are you?"). With James Gandolfini, Susan Sarandon (fifteen years older than Gandolfini, as his wife), Mary-Louise Parker (three years younger than him, as his daughter), Aida Turturro (one year younger, as another daughter), Mandy Moore (a third daughter, the right age for it), Bobby Cannavale, Steve Buscemi, and Christopher Walken. 2007.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 11/30)

**30 Days of Night** — A tribe of subtitled vampires strategically targets the northernmost town in the U.S., Barrow, Alaska, hunkered down for a sunless month, free rein for nocturnal bloodsuckers. The majestic clouds and snowscapes on the last day of light ignite hope for a sense of style, but the superhuman strength and speed of the monsters soon prepare you for boredom and monotony, albeit gory boredom and monotony. A brief recurrence of majesty: the aerial view of slaughter, splotches of red on a field of snow, an action painting in motion. With Josh Hartnett, Melissa George, Ben Foster, Danny Huston, and Mark Boone Junior; directed by David Slade. 2007.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

informed"); a snowy Afghan mountaintop on which two old college buddies lie wounded and marooned; and the office of their former Poli-Sci professor at "a California university," where he now, conscience-stricken over his vain attempt to dissuade them from joining the military, fights for the soul of a disengaged student of bright promise and smart mouth. The shifting focus from one arena to another, for all its geographical scope, is scarcely cinematic at all, but more like a shifting spotlight on a stage, a pool of illumination that circulates between three distinct twosomes. Although a few flashbacks combat this effect, the staginess — the soapboxiness — never for a moment relents. The film, really

more a forum than a film ("Here we are," the truest statement the senator makes, "having a high-minded debate"), collects commonplace talk on the issues of the day, things you could hear spoken all around you, and it crams them into the mouths of tenuously connected, sketchily conceived fictional characters. Presented for the most part in a constricted face-shot style, and rather sickly in complexion for so eminent a cinematographer as Philippe Rousselot, it comes to us out of the evident conviction that we are at too critical a time in our history to be bothered with amenities such as art and artfulness, imagination and invention. (Still another indicator, like no shampoo on airplanes, that *the terrorists have*

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**The Darjeeling Limited (R); I'm Not There**  
**(R); Into the Wild (R); No Country for Old**  
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**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**  
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)  
**Dinosaurs Alive!** (NR) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 9:00  
Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 4:00; **The Living Sea** (Not  
Rated) Fri. 12:00, 3:00, 8:00 Sat.-Sun. 10:00,  
12:00, 3:00, 6:00; **Sea Monsters: A Prehis-  
toric Adventure** (No Rating) Fri. 2:00, 5:00  
Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00

**San Diego Natural History Museum**  
1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)  
**Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri. 10:10a.m.

**EL CAJON**  
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**Beowulf (PG-13); Enchanted (PG); Fred  
Claus (PG); The Game Plan (PG-13)**

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**Chula Vista 10**  
*Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)*  
**American Gangster** (R); **August Rush** (PG);  
**Bee Movie** (PG); **Beowulf** (PG-13); **En-**  
**chanted** (PG); **Fred Claus** (PG); **Hitman** (R);

## Across

**The Mist (R); Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (G); This Christmas (Not Rated)**

**Palm Promenade 24**  
 770 Denberry Road (858-558-2262)  
**American Gangster (R); August Rush (PG);**  
**Awake (R); Bee Movie (PG); Beowulf**  
**(PG-13); Dan in Real Life (PG-13); En-**  
**chanted (PG); Fred Claus (PG); The Game**  
**Plan (PG-13); Hitman (R); Lions for Lambs**  
**(R); Love in the Time of Cholera (R); The**  
**Mist (R); Mr. Magorium's Wonder Empo-**  
**rium (G); No Country for Old Men (R); Saw**  
**IV (R); 30 Days of Night (R); This Chris-**  
**tmas (Not Rated)**

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7:10, 9:50 Sun. (12:50) 4:30, 7:10; **American  
Gangster (R)** Fri.-Sun. (12:10) 4:15, 7:20; **Aug-  
ust Rush (PG)** Fri.-Sat. (12:55) 4:50, 7:40,  
10:25 Sun. (12:55) 4:50, 7:40; **Bee Movie (PG)**  
Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:35 Sun.  
(12:05, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15; **Dan in Real Life**  
(PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:50) 5:25, 8:00, 10:15  
Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:25, 8:00; **Enchanted (PG)**  
Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 12:45, 2:30, 3:30) 5:15, 7:00,

7:45, 9:30, 10:10 Sun. (12:00, 12:45, 2:30, 3:30)  
5:15, 7:00, 7:45; **Hitman** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20,  
2:35) 5:00, 7:25, 10:00 Sun. (12:20, 2:35) 5:00,  
7:25; **The Mist** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35) 4:55, 7:40,  
10:20 Sun. (12:35) 4:55, 7:40; **Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium** (G) Fri.-Sat.  
(12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:55, 10:05 Sun. (12:30,  
3:00) 5:30, 7:55; **This Christmas** (Not Rated)  
Fri.-Sat. (12:40) 5:05, 7:50, 10:20 Sun. (12:40)  
5:05, 7:50

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Bee Movie (PG); Beowulf (PG-13); En-  
chanted (PG); Mr. Magorium's Wonder  
Emporium (G)**

**Poway 10**  
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)  
**American Gangster** (R); **August Rush** (PG);  
**Bee Movie** (PG); **Beowulf** (PG-13); **En-**  
**chanted** (PG); **Fred Claus** (PG); **Hitman** (R);  
**The Mist** (R); **Mr. Magorium's Wonder Em-**  
**porium** (G); **This Christmas** (Not Rated)

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**Beowulf (PG-13); Enchanted (PG); Fred**  
**Claus (PG); Hitman (R); The Mist (R); Mr.**  
**Magorium's Wonder Emporium (G)**

**Flower Hill 4**  
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Claus** (PG); **Mr. Magorium's Wonder Em-  
porium** (G)

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(PG-13); Enchanted (PG); Hitman (R); The  
Mist (R); Mr. Magorium's Wonder Empo-  
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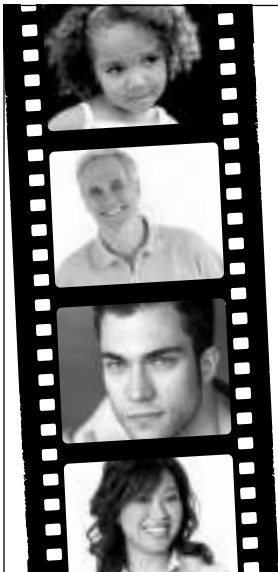
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It is something I've thought about. I mean, think about it, man, it's such a vast universe. And, to think, the planet is just like a speck, dude. It's like a pinhead in this huge universe. I don't know if the government is covering stuff up or not. People talk about that Area 51 or whatever. I just know there's so much out there we have yet to discover and know about.



Ted George  
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My guess is no, they don't exist. But I think it would be fun to see one. I'm still waiting to be proven wrong after all these years. And, yeah, it would be cool to be wrong on this one. Someone needs to get some solid proof and not just fake-looking photos and film clips. And so many people have video cameras or cell phones with cameras that you'd think we'd be seeing some photos by now.



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It doesn't sound impossible. But if they really want to kick us off Earth or take over, they wouldn't just be landing here and probing our butts. That just isn't very logical. And I've never seen any UFOs. I mean, I live in El Cajon, so I've seen a lot of strange things, but not aliens from space.



Michael Palombo  
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I believe in them, yeah. I've never seen one, but I think anything is possible. I think the universe is too big for there to just be humans. Just look up at the stars in the night sky. Look at how vast it is. And, when others say they've seen UFOs, I tend to believe them.



Jason Molin  
Waiter  
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I wish you could talk to my manager. She could tell you some stories. She has a bunch of them. She'd talk to you for hours. I've never seen one. Are they out there? Oh, yeah. It's possible, sure. Somewhere out there, I have to think there could be some life forms other than just humans.



Andrew Carlson  
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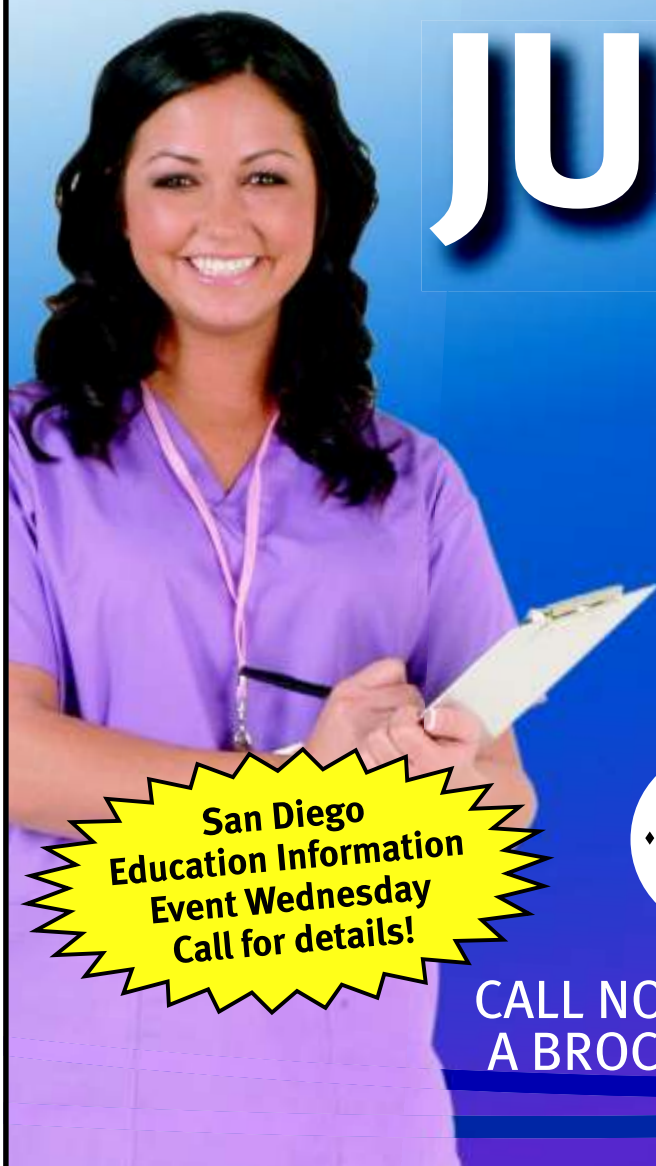
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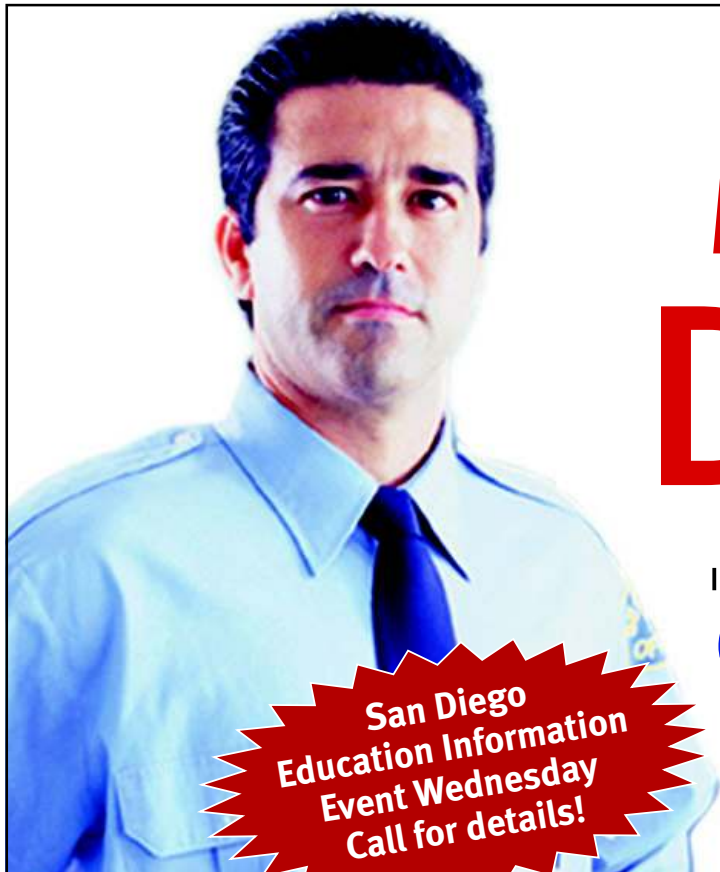
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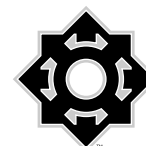
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- “Fawltv Towers” network
- Way
- Become flabby
- Historic time
- Release
- Writer with an award named after him
- \_\_\_\_ Andreas Fault
- “\_\_\_\_ unrelated note ...”
- Actress Langtry
- Sorcerer who is Southeast Asian but works in the Emerald City?
- Saudi Arabia neighbor
- Perfumery word
- Parts of lbs.
- Offer made by a person holding a worm and a hook?
- Dust Bowl state: Abbr.
- Synthesizer pioneer Robert
- Winter forecast
- Plunder a clawed delicacy?
- Not a secret
- “Cheerio!”
- “Thanks, but \_\_\_\_ already”
- Send a postcard to the Velvet Fog?
- Radar gun no.
- Greek “H”
- August people, perhaps?
- The Pope's advice to lapsed Catholics who live in homes where the walls are peeling?
- Take steps
- Greek “I”
- “Forget it”
- Position oneself to hear better
- Fervor
- Clinch
- Actor Welles and others
- This, in Tijuana
- Neither here \_\_\_\_ there

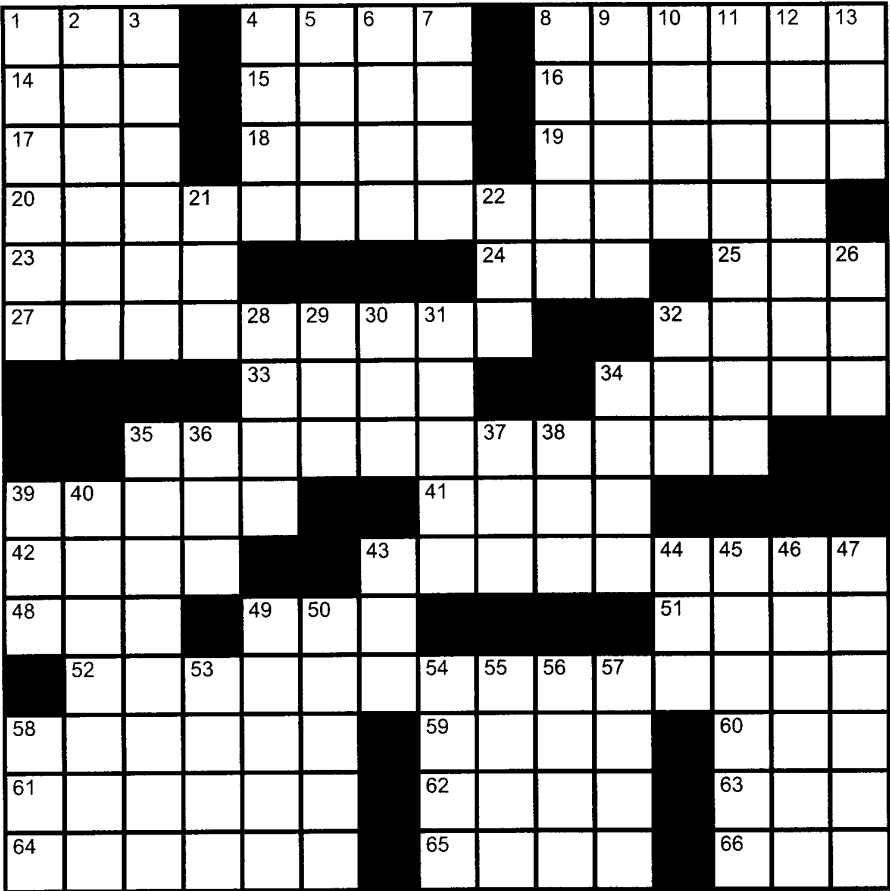
### Down

- Grant
- The Creator, to a Hindu
- Palestine, in the Bible
- Feline line
- Present opener?
- “Charlie's Angels” actress
- 1992 erupter
- Yitzhak's predecessor
- Buckeye State sch.
- Conde Nast women's magazine
- Witness
- Form into small, crisp curls
- Rope used in sailing
- Holiday \_\_\_\_

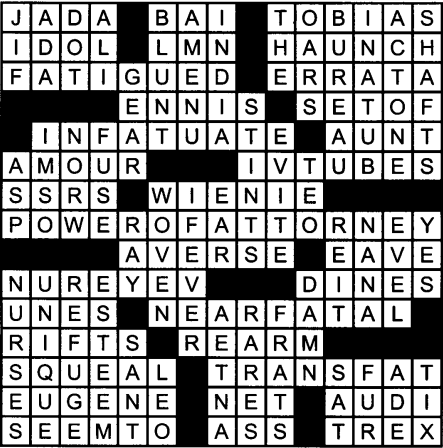
- Like Gen. Powell
- Perched
- Ugandan tyrant
- Physique, slangily
- Yahoo! rival
- Jim Croce's “\_\_\_\_ Name”
- “Bravo, torero!”
- Immediately, in the ER
- 1997 tax-law creations
- Stun
- Ling of “The Crow”
- Mo. town
- Kipling classic
- Dot-com founded in 1999
- Deface
- Motor add-on
- Curb
- Grace land?
- Book of the Bible that does not mention the word “God”
- Conclude with
- Future twentysomethings
- El \_\_\_\_
- Magnitude
- Some deer
- Coup d' \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ Alto, Calif.
- \_\_\_\_-pitch softball

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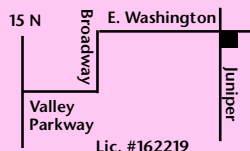
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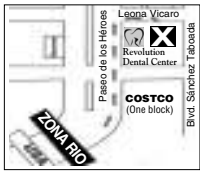


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County; about 100 students attended four karate schools. At UCSD, “only skin diving among sports offered has an equal appeal [as karate].”

— by Robert Mizrachi

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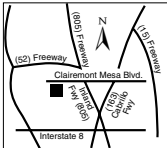
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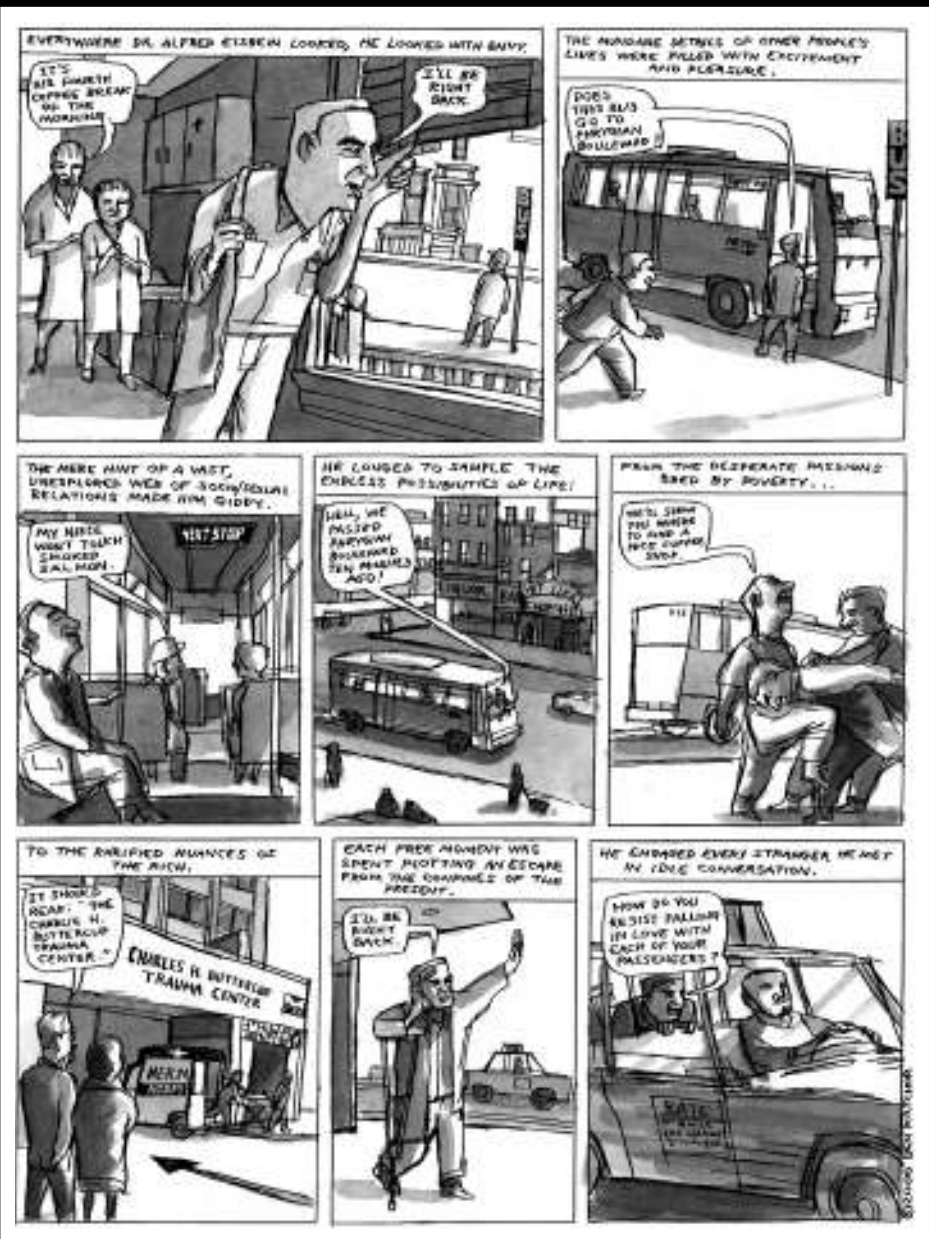
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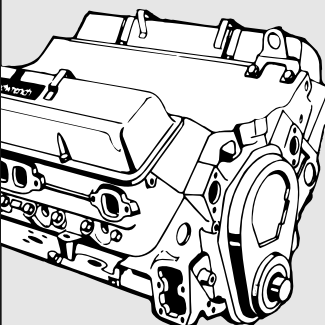
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I met my Roommate from Hell about 30 seconds after my boyfriend broke up with me. I was sitting in the back patio of Ocean Beach's favorite dive bar, the Tilted Stick, when he delivered the "I need some space" speech. He had said his piece and left me sitting at a table, by myself, staring at nothing. Then a voice to the side of me snapped me out of my daze. I looked over to see two girls about my age sitting at a table across from me. One looked concerned and asked again if I was all right. She seemed kind and inviting, and even though I did not know her, at that moment she became my new best friend.

I moved to her table and we instantly bonded (we'll call her Ellie). Ellie knew exactly how to make me feel better about the breakup — we agreed that it was time to get as drunk as possible. We were already at the Tilted Stick, which welcomes a therapeutic strategy such as this. I would tell you about the rest of the night, but I don't remember much. Little did I know that this drunken night would be one of many more to come.

A few days later my ex and I got into a big argument. I left with my purse and my dog and a plan never to return. I called Ellie, and we met at the bar. We spent the night pondering our lives and drinking bottomless glasses of gin and tonic. By the end of the night we had a plan! She had been looking for a roommate to move in with — her place was not big enough for two people — so why didn't I stay with her until we could find a bigger place? This exciting plan called for nothing less than mass amounts of shots.

After the bars closed we trudged through the streets of O.B. (with my dog in tow) on our way to Ellie's house. Even though her house was only a few blocks away, it seemed to take the rest of the night to get there because we kept getting lost. Once we finally found her

house (and concluded that it was in fact her house and not just one that kinda looked like it), we proceeded to her front door, which was on the second story. This is when Ellie discovered that she had lost her house key. My dog and I stared at her, exhausted and in disbelief.

But Ellie had a plan! I would learn that Ellie always had a plan to get out of tough spots. This plan was to climb on her neighbor's shed and jump to her second-story window, where she would climb in. It wasn't till later that we realized that the second-story window did not have a ledge — it was flat window on a flat wall. I remember being very drunk and looking up at Ellie's figure silhouetted against the morning sky. To this day I would give anything to have seen her fling herself into the air toward the house. Unfortunately I missed the whole thing. I did, however, hear the fall, which sounded like a dump truck falling from 30 feet in the air.

As I began to wonder if I had just witnessed a fatality (well, almost witnessed), I heard Ellie yell, confidently (as if everything was going to plan), "I'm okay!" Then next thing I know there's a rustling sound through the neighbor's trees and bushes, and the owner of the shed comes running out of her house to see what is going on. She was wearing a bathrobe and had

curlers in her hair and looked as if she was in shock, fearing to discover what had just landed from the sky into her back yard. Ellie and I spent the night in the O.B. Hotel at the end of Newport Avenue. We had to sneak my dog in through the back door.

A couple of weeks later we found a two-bedroom apartment in O.B. a couple of blocks from the beach. It did not take long for me to learn that Ellie was not much of a clean freak, nor was she one to balance her checkbook. The first check she wrote for our new apartment bounced, as did most of them thereafter. She would walk over trash, even sit on it, as if it was not there. If Ellie were to do the dishes, it would be to throw out everything in the sink and buy new dishes from Target.

Ellie enjoyed taking pills — so much so that any prescription medication I had needed to be hidden from her. She seemed to love the attention she would get from binge drinking and taking handfuls of pills. During one of these binges, her brother and I had to literally lock her in her bedroom to keep her from drinking anymore and to get her to go to bed. We made an agreement that once she passed out, we would take turns every 15 minutes to check her breathing and pulse.

Ellie decided to get a cat. After

repeated requests from me to clean the litter box, she decided to move it from the bathroom to her bedroom. It was about this time that she also began locking her bedroom door, and I began not to see her as often. When I did see her, she would be on the couch eating a foot-long loaf of hard Italian bread (she was a self-proclaimed anorexic/bulimic) and watching soap operas.

After a few weeks of this behavior — and not having seen her cat since she brought it home — I began to worry. I broke into Ellie's room. The cat, whose litter box was overflowing, had resorted to relieving itself in a two-foot radius around the litter box. Rotten food and garbage were all over the floor and bed. Heaps of clothes and junk filled the room. It appeared she had cleared just enough floor space for the door to open.

Ellie and I soon parted ways. Last I heard, she had left all her clothes and her car on the side of the freeway and moved to Japan to be a fitness instructor.

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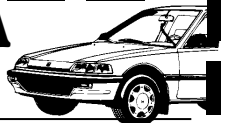
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— As an alternative to burial, cremation is no longer green enough, say environmentalists, because it releases smoke and mercury, and thus the industry is considering “promession,” in which the body is frozen in liquid nitrogen to 320 degrees (F) and then shaken until it disintegrates into powder. For green burials, the United States has at least six cemeteries that require biodegradable casings and for bodies to be free of embalming chemicals. The Forever Fernwood cemetery in Mill Valley, Calif., goes even further, according to an October *Los Angeles Times* story, banning grave markers, but, said the owner, “We issue the family a Google map with the GPS coordinates” so they can find their loved one.

**Fine Points of the Law**

— (1) The Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled in October that attorney Michael Inglimo did not violate a state regulation that bars a lawyer from having sex “with a current client”: Inglimo had sex with a client’s girlfriend during a three-way session, but according to the judges, the regulation bans only direct sex with the client. (How-

ever, the court suspended Inglimo’s license based on other reasons.) (2) Philadelphia municipal judge Teresa Carr Deni outraged women’s activists and the local bar association in October when she dismissed rape charges against four men who had sex with a prostitute at gunpoint. Because the woman had initially agreed to a business proposition, said the judge, the men should properly be charged with “armed robbery” for “theft of services.” Said Deni, “She consented, and she didn’t get paid.”

**The Entrepreneurial Spirit!**

— (1) A price war broke out in November among chain stores in Britain, with Tesco, Sainsbury’s, and Asda vying for the cheap-drunk customers, and at press time, Asda was leading by offering a low-end lager in multipacks for the equivalent of 46 cents a pint, which is less than colas or bottled water. (2) For those Britons who drink in pubs but miss the atmosphere as it was before smoking bans (for example, who may be disoriented by “new” smells that are no longer masked by cigarette smoke), the company Dale Air has introduced, in aerosol cans, a fragrance that it says mim-

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**Science on the Cutting Edge**

— Babies Out of Order: (1) Amelia Spence, 29, gave birth in Glasgow, Scotland, in October to two babies, one just minutes before the other, but they were not twins. The apparently super-fertile Spence, though on contraceptive pills, conceived twice in a three-week period with eggs from successive monthly cycles (“superfotation”). (2) In Cary, N.C., a woman gave birth to twins early in the morning of Nov. 4, one at 1:32 a.m. and the other 34 minutes later, at 1:06 a.m. (after Daylight Saving Time ended).

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## In the Reader

### Thirty Years Ago

Frank Curran is going to ride the issue of paving Horton Plaza until the opposition collapses under the sheer weight of his persistence. Early this year a downtown study group headed by the former mayor presented the city council with a proposal for covering the square-block park.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"HOW CAN I EVER REPAVE YOU?"**

Paul Krueger, December 1, 1977

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

I'm not saying how old I am, but the average age in my marriage is 28.5. We have 2.0 children, who are twins, average age 16 months and half a minute. As a group, we have literate friends, plenty of milk, and a Trinitron. Contentment is our lot, and yet, for my part, happiness reached a high and thrilling plateau that stretched from Bordeaux to New York about ten years ago, when, for tax purposes, I was technically still of my parents' household. And until recently, I thought that I — we, with Jane and the kids — could have that happiness again for the asking.

—**"WHAT ON EARTH AM I SETTLING FOR?"**

Joe Applegate, December 2, 1982

### Twenty Years Ago

Figueredo says Mother Teresa appeared to be most interested in an offer made earlier this year by a Ramona woman who wanted to donate land for a postpartum facility for unwed mothers. But Sister Monica also seemed willing to tour Tijuana.... Figueredo finally picked up the two Indian nuns at Lindbergh Field.

First they ventured to Ramona, where they swiftly decided that the offer wasn't suited to the work of the Missionaries of Charity, who have always worked among the urban poor. They then went to Tijuana. Once they crossed the border, Figueredo says, both nuns instantly breathed a sigh of relief and declared, "This is just like home."

—CITY LIGHTS: **"THE GOOD WORK,"**

Jeannette De Wyzé, December 3, 1987

### Fifteen Years Ago

San Diego is scarcely recognizable as the same sleepy, down-at-the-heels Navy town that Mayor O'Connor took over a decade ago. As Maureen leaves office, let's pause and recall some of her achievements.

First, in legislation:

-Replacement of all WALK/ DONT WALK signs with friendly picture signals that can

be understood by the illiterate.

-Repeal of the city's no-blimp statute, which banned dirigibles from entering San Diego airspace. Now, on an average day, 300-400 blimps can be seen in the skies above us.

—SAN DIEGO CONFIDENTIAL: **"MAUREEN'S LASTING LEGACY,"** Margot Sheehan, December 3, 1992

### Ten Years Ago

Police fire into the crowd, killing several people even as authorities deny civilian casualties. For 72 hours the border town of 20,000 verges on chaos before a presidential decree from Lázaro Cárdenas metes punishment to the army private who confessed to the crime. The three San Diego newspapers compete all week to offer the most sensational account of events in Tijuana, knocking Hitler from the headlines as the drama plays out 20 miles to the south. Even the *Los Angeles Times* runs a cover story about "Bloody Tuesday," February 15, 1938, when the violence peaked.

Fifty-nine years later, the fallout from those events has borne strange fruit: the man executed for the murder is now the folk saint of Tijuana, revered by thousands from the deserts of Sonora to the urban sprawl of Orange County.

—**"AFTER THEY SHOT JUAN,"** Patrick Maka,

December 4, 1997



San Diego Reader, December 4, 1997

### Five Years Ago

"I'd been renting an apartment over on Georgia Street, the sort of border area between North Park and Hillcrest. From one month to the next, they raised my rent by \$200. I realized there wasn't going to be an end to the increases. I had to buy a house. I'm a teacher at City College. I teach business information technology. I could qualify for only a \$145,000 loan."

—**"NOWHERE ZONE,"** Abe Opincar,

November 27, 2002

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Del Mar Heights Road (head east) at Lansdale Drive.

**ENCINITAS.** Garage sale. Saturday, 12/1, 8am. Tons of stuff, lots of clothing, kids' stuff, furniture, household items. 3637 Manchester Avenue (just off El Camino Real).

**HILLCREST.** Garage sale. Saturday, 12/1. All items must go. Furniture, futon, computer table, printer, clothes, books, videos, toys, miscellaneous. 1910 Robinson Avenue (at Georgia).

**HILLCREST.** Garage sale. Saturday, 12/15, 8am-2pm. Office desks, glass cocktail table, 1940s vintage radio, kitchenware, furniture, pedestal oak dining table. 4343 Cleveland Avenue. 619-542-1948.

**IMPERIAL BEACH.** Garage/moving sale. Saturday/Sunday, 12/1-12/2. Must sell

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**LA JOLLA.** Christmas boutique and garage sale. Saturday 12/1/07, 9am-2pm. Antiques, collectibles, food, art, crafts, clothing, household items, decorations! Good Samaritan Episcopal Church. 4321 Eastgate Mall, 92121.

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**LEUCADIA.** Saturday 12/1/07. 8am to 2pm. Cobalt blue pots (large) lamps, furniture, french country linens, oil paintings, classy stuff! 1830 Hygeia 92024, off Ashbury.

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**NORTH PARK.** Multihousehold yard sale. Saturday, 12/1, 8am-1pm. Great buys even for Christmas and much more. No early birds. 3352 31st Street (92104).

**NORTH PARK.** Estate sale. Saturday, 12/1, 8am-noon. Everything must go. Furniture, collectibles, much more. 3654 32nd Street (92104).

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**POINT LOMA.** Huge garage sale, 7am-4pm. Household items, small appliances,

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**POWAY.** Saturday, 12/1, 7-11am. Ladies' clothing (sizes 4-6), ladies' size 9 shoes, children's clothing/shoes, Dell Latitude laptop, electronics, toys, miscellaneous. 12943 Creek Park Drive.

**RANCHO PENASQUITOS.** Community garage sale. Saturday, 12/1, 7am-3pm. Furniture, toys, clothes, miscellaneous. Barcelona Community, 8492, 8493, and other families on Donaker Street.

**SAN DIEGO.** Huge garage sale. Saturday, 12/1. Household items, dishes, clothing, decorations, miscellaneous. 8140 Laurelridge Road.

**SERRA MESA.** Moving sale, Saturday 12/1/07. Two bedroom set, dining room furniture, household goods, photos and

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**SERRA MESA.** Garage sale. 12/1, 8-11am. Three families. Leather jackets, sports cards, collectibles, Christmas, household, clothing, and miscellaneous. 8931 Pollard Avenue.

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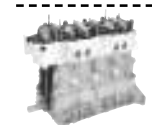
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# BLOG DIEGO

POST DATE: Monday, July 9, 2007

POST TITLE: [none]

I'm enrolling in a culinary arts program. I've decided that in my early to mid 20s my inability to cook was fine — almost cute to some. But now, as I stride full speed into my late 20s, lacking the capacity just looks silly. That and I'd prefer my future child's sole culinary experience to not originate from a microwave oven or a take-out box.

POST DATE: Thursday, September 20, 2007

POST TITLE: I Guess I'm Still on the STEEP Learning Curve

When I used to say I didn't know how to cook, I always assumed that I could if I wanted to — without any help. School has always been a walk in the park for me. I pick up a book, flip through the first and last page of each chapter, and ace the test. Cooking should be the same, right? Follow directions = cook like Emeril Lagasse.

Humph. Not so much.

Cooking is quite literally an art. I know what you're thinking — "Didn't you get a bachelor's degree in the fine arts?" Well, yes and no. Film is an "art," but it's a very technical art...I ride the short bus. Even with help, I had two pretty bad "cooking offenses" this week....

When looking for purple cabbage, I ended up with radishia (yup, I know I'm butchering the spelling of whatever it was I bought). What is radishia? I have

no idea, but it looks alot like purple cabbage, only smaller and a heck of a lot more expensive. I realized my mistake when the cashier had to ask a coworker what the cost code for radishia was. I was too embarrassed to admit that all I wanted was purple cabbage, so I took it home and it sat in the veggie drawer until it rotted and I guiltily threw it away.

Then I made dinner for everyone on Sunday. I nailed the Thai chicken (whew! — Nicole did help, though), but when I went to cook the rice, Nicole just about blew a top.

"Don't you have regular rice?" she asked

"This is regular rice!" I said as I stared at the box.

"Hey. Retard. That's instant rice!" She laughed.

"Aren't all rices instant?!" I questioned.

I honestly had no idea there was anything other than instant rice. *Really? And it takes 20 minutes to cook? Holy cow, that's a long time!*

That's pretty much why I don't speak up in class. I'm hideously

embarrassed. Just so ya know, I am getting better. I made a total kick-butt sautéed chicken with pasta last night. Sure it took me three hours to make it (when it probably should have taken an hour), but it was amazing!



POST DATE: Friday, October 5, 2007

POST TITLE: Lessons from a Wino

I'm really enjoying my wine class, even though it's far more difficult than I expected — turns out we aren't there just to enjoy a good glass of wine. We actually have to know *why* it's a good glass and dissect where it comes from based on totally obscure bits of information.

But I thought I'd share what I've learned so far:

1. *I'm better at blindly identifying what microwave meal my coworkers are cooking than the amount of lychee or anise in a Barolo.*

2. *When the people ask you what you smell and all you really want to say is "I smell wine," fake it.* For whites, say "apricots." For reds, say "cherry with a hint of vanilla and spice." Even if you're totally wrong, people will think you're brilliant — or at least my teacher thinks I am.

3. *There are such things as really bad wines. Trust me.*

4. *I may actually get participation points for the first time in my life.* In all my years in school, I haven't spoken unless called upon, and I generally get low points in participation. But in this class, toward the fourth wine tasting, I found myself raising my hand and saying I smelled tar and tobacco in the Nebbiolo. Since when?!

5. *Saying you're sorry is worth about 40 points.* I forgot about a test and bombed it. I wrote an answer for every question no mat-

ter how wrong I thought it was. For example, I wrote "pig's bladder" as a fining technique. Two days later, I wrote a long letter of apology to my teacher saying I had "no one to blame but myself," and "I hope this doesn't reflect poorly on me, as I am here to learn."

I passed the exam. I love this class.

POST DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

POST TITLE: The Dinner Dilemma

In light of the recent fires and the slightly less-than-stellar air quality, I've been sticking indoors and avoiding any extra stops between work and home. Our fridge, which was nearly empty in the first place, is now home to mustard and a molding bowl of sticky rice.

It's been a struggle to make dinner, to say the least.

Tuesday night, I offered Chris the following options: rice with powdered mashed potatoes, waffles with no butter or syrup, or Hamburger Helper...with only the "Helper" part.

His choice: Burger King. Whatever. He can't say I didn't try.

Last night I tried to make it up to him, so I made\* a roasted chicken with mashed potatoes.

Um, the asterisk is because the chicken was precooked from Albertsons and the mashed potatoes were technically made by the lovely people at Country Crock. Microwavable. You should try them.

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You would think that I hate Christmas because of the giant cars filling parking lots in miserable outlet malls across a nation now dirty and picked over, its citizens buying everything in arms reach to make themselves feel better, from plastic trees to digital dinosaurs. No, I don't mind you going credit crazy. A rampant consumption orgy can be overlooked for one day per year. Sure, you have to settle down afterward, but for today, go get the latest, light up, wham-o-dyne box of joy. Lord knows I wanted one when I was a kid.

I wish everyone could have one.

You might even think I hate Christmas to be edgy and cool; I'm the counterculture kid and I ride a contrarian's pony. But, no. When I was young, Christmas was so large and beautiful, you couldn't look at it; only wish it would be as good next year and after that and after that. And white once. Just once.

No. I hate Christmas because of the unerring, unswerving, unrelenting, rigid, predictable, repetition of it. Over and over and over. Silver bells. Silver bells. Silver bells. Frosty. Frosty. Frosty. Candy canes. Booze. Crying. Scotch tape.

Brenda Lee.

This will be my 31st Christmas, and since my 16th, I have cringed at each identical, uniform, individual piece of tinsel, green twisty wire of bulbs, and rosy-cheeked snowman.

People who love Christmas are exactly like the Down syndrome kid who has a favorite AA battery and will pet it 19 times a minute for the rest of his waking life, only observed on a much longer time line.

When the meteorologist says, "Looks like Santa's sleigh on Doppler and he's heading this way!" and the blonde behind the desk says, "Oh, well, all you kiddies out there better get to bed. Now, let's take a look at how retail sales are faring this shopping season," I will want to drive myself into the cold street, pulling my ears off and scratching out my eyes. IN THE NAME OF WANG CHUNG, LET'S DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS YEAR. ANYTHING! ANYTHING!

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

TOP 20 COUNTDOWN  
CMT 9:30 P.M.

Johnny Cash just emailed me on MySpace. His letter states, "Check out the official Johnny Cash General Store and buy cool merch!!!" Hmmm...The ghost of Johnny Cash has apparently taken a little course in "online marketing to tweens" and has expanded his vocabulary to include "cool merch!!!" For this upsetting turn of events, I shall put a shot of bourbon in my coffee this morn and softly weep. And softly weep.

CASOS DE FAMILIA  
UNIVISION 10:00 A.M.

In other news, I need to get out of this Mexican ghetto. Every time I think I'm going to settle in and watch a movie, one of my neighbors opens a door and a window and broadcasts his favorite eight-track of norteño music.

Which, as you well know, really explores the possibilities of what a tuba, a Casio keyboard, and an accordion can accomplish. Which is to say, not much except abject misery for everyone within earshot.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

BROKEN GOVERNMENT  
CNN 7:00 P.M.

At night, after dinner, lying in bed, I rub my belly. It relaxes me, and someday, when I've been good, a genie will pop out of my belly button and offer me a selection of Heidi Klum's pantyhose, Andy Warhol's leather pants, or a ride in a helicopter. "What about the wishes?" I'll ask, and he'll reply, "Times are tough all over, kid. Don't blame me. I voted for Gore."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

THE REAL WORLD  
MTV 11:30 A.M.

For my age, I should know more hip-hop language. Thirty-one is not so old that I am a foreign specimen to young people, like a three-headed cat or something. Although, I am past the point where anything I do now to be accepted by the next generation is going to come off as that retired guy who emphasizes "dude" when he incorporates it into a sentence — "Well, that is the cat's pajamas, isn't it...duuuuude?" And he crosses his arms like he's posing for the cover of a Beastie Boys album. That's me. My God, that's me now.

WAVE CHASERS

TRAVEL 8:00 P.M.

The best part of buying fish from a grocery store is that little green piece of plastic they put in the Styrofoam tray. It's oddly reminiscent of a tiny picket fence, but I think it's supposed to represent seaweed. It's my opinion that all items should be sold with some sort of green plastic garnish. Next time I buy tires, I want to pick them out of a giant mound of Easter grass.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

NFL FOOTBALL  
NBC 5:15 P.M.

For the first time in a year, I watched a football game on TV. My excuse is I was sick in bed and had no other option. What I learned about football that day is this: the Goo Goo Dolls are now old and fat. They were the half-time entertainment; I'm not sure what teams were playing. You can't see it, but I'm puffing my cheeks up with air and holding an imaginary inner tube around my waist. That's my Goo Goo Doll impersonation — chubby old farts.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS  
ABC 8:00 P.M.

I need to get my bedroom carpet cleaned. Last week when I was sick, I knocked a jug of cough syrup over and it spread out in a big purple puddle. I didn't have the energy to get more from the store so I sucked at the carpet fibers for the rest of the weekend. Now my carpet smells like the Dewey decimal system, wine, and enthusiasm. Mmmm...cough syrup. What was the question?



The Biggest Loser

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

THE BIGGEST LOSER  
NBC 8:00 P.M.

The definition for "crushing disappointment" in the dictionary should have a picture of that blonde guy from *Bosom Buddies*. You know, because his costar was a plucky, green Tom Hanks, who became the biggest actor in human history, and now blonde is a part-time orangutan washer in an off-brand circus. The high point of Tom Hanks's day is a Learjet ride to buy the crown jewels of a Balkan state, and what's-his-name's favorite 20 minutes is that pants-around-the-ankles nap he gets to take in a hot porto-john after lunch with the bearded lady, who is his girlfriend, who is a man.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

SANTA CLAUSE IS COMIN' TO TOWN  
ABC 8:00 P.M.

I'd like to light a mall Santa's beard on fire. Because that thing's attached to him and made of, I'm guessing, a wildly flammable material. I would stand there with a cup from Orange Julius as he thrashed about, and when he grabbed for it to douse himself, I would laugh, "The cup is empty! Ha! Sucker!" Of course, this would all be "movie magic." No Santas would be harmed during the production of the USA original movie *Anthony Olivieri's — A Santa on Fire*.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

SURVIVOR CHINA  
CBS 8:00 P.M.

Is this still on? If *Survivor China* were a feature at a party, it would be a tragically misplaced eye patch in the punch bowl. Everyone would know it's there, but no one would talk about it, and we're sure as hell not filling our cup again.

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